EVOLUTION OF THE VAGABOND

Transition Stage of Unemployed Thousands Who Enter Trampdom

Aujsance to Railroads.

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criticising other people but never them- mature men anywhere from 40 to 70. selves, seldom very happy or unhappy, and times urge that there are more than 1,000,. is all before them, they think, anyhow, and out-of-work who was not addicted 000 of them, but they probably do not really number over 100,000.

Not much is known about them by the general public, except that they are continually shifting from place to place, particularly during the warm months. In the winter they are known to seek shelter in the large cities, where they swell the ranks of the discontented and complaining, and accept benefits from charitable societies. They certainly are not tramps in the hobo's sense of the word. His reason for derisively calling them "gay cats" is that they work when they have to and tramp only when the weather is fine.

Many of them really prefer working to begging, but they are without employment during several months in the year, and are constantly grumbling about their lot in the world. They think that they are the repre centative unemployed men of the country and are gradually developing a class feeling among themselves. They always speak of their kind as "the poor," and of the ; copie who employ them as "the rich," and they believe that their number is continually increasing.

Studying the "Gay Cats."

For the last year it has been one of my doties to keep well in touch with this class At the request of a railroad official, who has been considering an innovation in railreading. I have made some special investigations regarding all who trespass on the stee thoroughfares.

both use the same methods of travel, but I have often wondered whether there are chough of those who claim to be merely unemployed men to justify railroad companies in experimenting with a cheap train a day, somewhat similar in make-up to the fourthclass in Germany and Russia, for their paironage. At present the trouble is that we can't tell whether they would support such a train, and I personally am not convinced that all of them are as honest out-of-works as they say they are, when arrested for

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this matter I should be glad to have it." "How do you manage it." this matter I should be glad to have it."

All told, I have met on the railroad, during the last year, about 1,000 men and boys easy enough. who claimed to be out-of-works and not "I should think a working professional vagabonds or tramps. In say-self would hate to do that," ing that I have met them I mean that I "I used to a little, b have talked with them and learned a good it. You got to help yourself in this world, SPECIALIST'S STUDY OF A STRANGE CASE deal about their history, present conditions in I'm learnin how to do it, ion."
and plans and hopes for the future. They "Gas Cats" Mostly America talked with me as freely as with one of made their acquaintance up to date in ten selves were born in this country, and there different states, and in cities like New York, are thousands whose families have been set-Philadelphia, Baltimore, Cincinnati, Pitts, tled here for several generations. I bring burg, Cleveland and Chicago, this out because it is a popular, but mis-

The most striking thing about them is that taken notion that the native Americans con-Scattered over the railroads, sometimes the majority are practically youths, the tribute very few recruits to the "army of traveling in freight cars, and sometimes average age being about 23 years, both west milling pensively around campfires, working and east. Of any 1,000 out-of-works fully it is the foreigners who cause most of our when the mood is on them and loafing when two-thirds were between 20 and 25 years labor disturbances and fill our poor houses they have accumulated a "stake," always old; the rest were young boys under 18 and and fails.

Beating Their Way. almost constantly without homes such as Youths of all classes of society have their the persevering workingman struggles for Wanderjahre and so much time during this as much the victims of wanderlast as are and secures, there is an army of men and period is taken up with mere roaming that boys who, if a census of the unemployed it is easy to understand how many of them certain special facts which go to explain were taken, would have to be included in must be without work from time to time. It their vagabondage. The older men are more the class which the regular tramps call "Gay is also true that young men are more hasty frequently confirmed drunkards than are the Cats," They claim that they are over 500,- than their elders in giving up jobs on ac- younger men. Occasionally during the 000 Strong, and socialistic agitators some- count of some real or supposed affront; life past year I have met an aged



"THE RICH HAVE THEIR JAGS, 'N' WHY SHOULDN'T WE WORKING MEN HAVE OURS.

meanwhile do not intend to knuckle down to The attitude of the company toward this any overbearing employer. In certain parts class of trespassers," he said in talking to of the country, on account of crowded condime about the matter, "must necessarily be the tions, it must be stated furthermore that it same as toward the tramps, as long as they is difficult for a certain number of young men to get suitable employment.

There is a sociological significance, however, about the present strikingly large number of young men who are "beating" their way over the country on the railroads. There is gradually being developed in the United States a class of wanderers who may be likened to the degenerated "Handwerks burechen" of Germany. They are not neces-

as little as he can, and travels in fourth- I'd have to crawl 'n' take what I could get. class cars as far as the rails will carry but seein' I ain't I'm goin' to be just as him. In a few years, unless there is some etuck up as any other man that's got somehome influence to bring him back, he generally wanders so far afield that he be mes a victim of "Die Ferne," a thing of romance and poetry to his sturdier aucestors of Luther's time, which for him has become a snare and a delusion. German vagabondage is largely recruited from Ger man apprentices. It is the same love of "Die Ferne," the desire to get out into the world and have adventures independent of parental care and guidance, which ac counts largely for the presence of so many young men in the ranks of the unemployed in this country. As I have said, they are not tramps or "hoboes," but neither are they victims of trusts, monopolists or

capital. Things that Develop the Class. Great public undertakings like the World's fair at Chleago, the recent war with Spain, a new railroad and the attractions of places like the Klondiko have a tendency to in-crease the number of these youthful outf-works. The World's fair stranded many thousands and there are already signs that the war with Spain has brought out a fresh crop of them. They have taken to traveiing on the railroads because they have be come inoculated with wanderlust and be cause they think that it is only by con tinually shifting that they are likely to get work. The same thing took place, only on a larger scale, after the civil war, and our present tramp class is the result. Some of the young men who took part in the Spanish war, and when mustered out joined the wanderers on the railroads, will eventually evitable. At present they are merely out-ofworks, and at times bonestly seek work.

Let me tell the story of one of my complumber by trade and had left a job only Ten years ago I was better off than I am a fortnight before I mot him. The weather had got too warm to work, he said, tit was hadn't been for one o' them trusts." in June), and he had enough of a "stake" to keep him going for several weeks on the

"The west is the only part o' this country thought a moment and then admitted that worth much, i guess," he said, "'n' I'm he might have squandered less money on east ev'rything is in the hands o' the rich. was not entitled to the "fun" that "booze" There's no chance for a young fellow here brings. Pennsylvania any more." I asked him : "'Course, we workingmen drink," he excountry's got to give me somethin' more'n runnin' my own life. When I wants work payers? to enjoy myself, 'n' when I want to go off refused to work? Couldn't go on at all, tions, is an absurd business fallacy

the road ev'ry now and then." "If I get a good one in the fall I generally rather bum." guess I change places ev'ry two or three he is probably still "on the road."

months. "How much of a loaf do you have between jobs?"

"It depends. Last year I was nearly monia I used One Minute Cough Cure and

"Well, I'm goin to size up the country, 'n' immediate results. Cures coughs, colds, cept from taxes. What they give to one has if I like it, why I guess I'll take a job for croup and throat and lung troubles. Moth- to be first taken from others by taxation. while. I got enough money to keep me ers endorse it.

SUPERVISION OF INSURANCE

"I hustle for grub the way hoboes do-it's "I should think a workingman like your. An Argument in Favor of National Instead of State Regulation.

"Gay Cats" Mostly Americans.

The nationality of the Gay Cats is mainly

What I have said in regard to the unem-

their youthful companions, but there are

nine-tenths of all the mature men were by

another of the causes which have brought

This type of out-of-work exists every-

where, in Germany, Russia, England and

am not sure that our particular civiliza-

Won't Work Outside Their Trades.

considered beneath their training and in-

It has been a revelation to me to as-

sociate with these men and to see how de-

shall have no opportunity to say "Ah, hat

road," with the idea that if they cannot get

what they want they will make the world

describe a man of this sort whom I trav-

THE END OF IT"

his country or in any other.

which I have explored.

"I used to a little, but I got over PERPLEX TIES OF PRESENT INDITIONS

> Pointed Reference to Nebraska Laws,

National laws and national supervision of life insurance companies is the slogan of unemployed," and the tramp class, and that progressive insurance men. The diversity o' state laws and the exactions of the tax gatherers check the growth of the business and impose unfair burdens on policy holders. These and other arguments are set out ployed young men applies also in a measure in the following paper, read by C. Z. Goula to the old men; the latter are in many cases at a meeting of the local association of life

As no man is a law unto himself, but as member of the social organization has respect unto his neighbors, so have the different states been organized upon the principle that every citizen is not only a member of his chosen state, whose law he to drink and who was penniless and obeye, but primarily a citizen of the United 'on the road" from other causes, but States and subject to its general governmental regulation.

their own confession hard drinkers. Whether Nothing, perhaps, could more plainly show their loose habits are also answerable for the respect we have for governmental regutheir love of carping and criticising and lation than the unanimity and good feeling their notion that they alone know how the world should be run, it is impossible for me with which we received the late internal revcaue laws which were imposed soon after to say, but certain it is that their continual the Spanish war had begun. grombling and scolding against those who

Everyone accepted the situation cheerfully have been more persevering than they is and paid the tax, feeling a personal interest in the collection of a proper revenue for them to their present unfortunate state. was expenses and indirectly having a Men who are unceasingly finding fault with their lot and yet make no serious attempt greater respect for a national government better it cannot "get on" very far in which could so easily set the machinery in motion.

It is thus that federal regulation of insurance would commend itself to the people of this country and by equitable laws create France as well as in the United States, but a respect for a business which now overtops all others in magnitude and importance.

ion, or rather our form of government, has As to the need of national supervision, no not a tendency to develop it here a little one who will consider the present magnitude more rapidly than in any other country of the interests involved will question its advisability. "In its importance insurance s pre-eminently at the head of all our It is furthermore to be remarked concerngreat business enterprises. In finance, in ing these aged out-of-works that pride and commerce it ranks among the first; in terriunwillingness to take work outside of their torial relations it is national and internatrades have also been causes of their banktional. It represents in the life branch ruptcy. The same is true, to some extent, alone over 15,000,000 policy holders, more of all sorts of unemployed men, young and than three times the population of the counold, but it is particularly true about those try at the beginning of the century. In the who have passed their 35th year. I have fire branch it carries \$19,000,000,000, or more known them to tramp and beg for months than twice the debt of the nation." rather than accept employment which they

However, the ideas now put forward on the general subject of national supervision are not new truths, but have been stated over and over again by prominent underwriters and students of insurance laws and termined they are that the employing class apply not only to life and fire insurance, but to all forms of the gigantic business of com-We told you so!" Many of them have given mercial intercourse to which the general up their jobs in a pet, and taken to "the name of insurance is given. What has been said has not lost its significance in the telling, for these facts, like lamps replenished

ledge and feed them for nothing. Let me with new oil, may light us on our way, and there was no such inducement as there is now to take long, unbroken trips. A few is now to take long, unbroken trips. A few is now to take long, unbroken trips. A few is now to take long, unbroken trips. A few is now to take long, unbroken trips. A few is now to take long, unbroken trips. A few is now to take long, unbroken trips. A few is now to take long, unbroken trips. A few is now to take long, unbroken trips. A few is now to take long, unbroken trips. A few is now to take long, unbroken trips. A few is now to take long, unbroken trips. A few is now to take all kinds o' jobs when I got hard up, but I've got over that. It's carpentering or nothin' with me from now on. You got to nothin' with me from now on. You got to put your foot down in this country or you won't get on at all.

This is not the case today. The contemporary "Handwerksbursch" works just as little as he can, and travels in fourth
I'd have to crawl 'n' take what I could get.

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I'm had to take all kinds o' jobs when I got hard up, but I've got over that. It's carpentering guments yet made and has been widely circulated. Other prominent exponents are guments yet made and has been widely circulated. Other prominent exponents are guments yet made and has been widely circulated. Other prominent exponents are guments yet made and has been widely circulated. Other prominent exponents are guments yet made and has been widely circulated. Other prominent exponents are guments yet made and has been widely circulated. Other prominent exponents are guments yet made and has been widely circulated. Other prominent exponents are guments yet made and has been widely circulated. Other prominent exponents are guments yet made and has been widely circulated. Other prominent exponents are guments yet made and has been widely circulated. Other prominent exponents are guments yet made and has been widely circulated. Other prominent exponents are guments yet made and has

ber of last year, is one of the strongest arguments yet made and has been widely circulated. Other prominent exponents are John M. Pattison, president of the Union Central; ex-Commissioner William A. Frieke and Robert E. Pattison, president of the Cuino Central; ex-Commissioner William A. Frieke and Robert E. Pattison, president of the Georgian Contral; the Land Life of Philadelphia. From the taxation point of view may be mentioned Jacob L. Greene, president of the Connecticut Mutual, and Henry C. Lippin-tent of the Fem Mutual.

Insurance suffers and must always suffer from lack of uniform laws. How much the business has been and still is harassed must be plain when it is shown that fifteen states have anti-compact laws; twenty-one have anti-rebate laws; twenty-one have anti-rebate laws; twenty-one have anti-rebate laws; tempthilit the coinsulation of the great and provided provided provided by Prof. Weltmer's Absent Treatment and in three days as cured.

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In the Control of the Fem Mut require special licenses. Municipal licenses are also required in some cities.

It is unnecessary to refer to the numerous show the need of national instead of state regulation, which would extend equal protection to the corporation of each state.

No good can come from setting the interests of one state against those of another. entrance to Prussian fire companies, and they by an additional tax upon a tax." were obliged to appeal to the United States government before the matter was settled. I A'IN'T GOIN' TO WORK ALL MY LIFE 'N' HAVE NOTHIN' BUT MONEY AT

pervision, and it was only last year that the | Field in the case of Paul against the State upon any attempt at fraudthrifty ways of obtaining revenue for their bowever, has become an indispensable arti- has for its object the preservation of the thin' to sell. That's what all men like us own pockets. Following this was the sorry cle of commerce and is a "subject of harter home merits the protection and support of develop into full-fledged tramps; it is in- in this country ought to do. The rich have spectacle of the state of Nebraska hung up and trade, as something having value." any government. It should therefore be the got it into their heads that they can have to the public gaze by the creation of two When congress has declared that railroads, earnest aim of every life underwriter to imus when they want us, 'a' kick us out when insurance departments, and only a ruling of telegraphs and banks can be regulated by press upon the people of this country the they don't want us, 'n' that's what they've the supreme court knocked out one depart- the federal government it is difficult to unpanions for a few days on a railroad in been doin' with the most of us. They ain't ment by declaring the Weaver act uncon-Pennsylvania. He was only 20. He was a goin to play with me any more, though, stitutional. Thus did our legislative mountain labor to bring forth a mouse. Oh, Nebraska land, Nerbaska land,

now, 'n' I'd be in good shape today if it "Are you not at all to blame for your present condition?" I asked, knowing that

and wender for our pains." road. He was on his way to the northwest. the man had an appetite for whisky. He pace," that is to say, may it rest in pieces. To keep the pot of state supervision boiling. however, the attorney general of the state when the people are strengthening the bands dressmaker. "Here's an item of \$20 for worth much, I guess, he said, he might have squandered less money on is now to ascertain whether the \$23.- which bind the states together into one that little border of fir around the hem of 000 in fees and taxes paid to an ex- mighty nation, can we not depend upon the state auditor of Nebraska and never turned over by him to the state treasurer can instruct their representatives in congress whether he was not able to make a good plained. "'n' a lot of us gets on our uppers. Could anything be more iniquitous, when it again be collected from the companies. living when he remained at work. "Oh. I but ain't we got as much right to get drunk is plain that this double tax must come, if can live all right," he replied, "but this 'n' have a good time as the rich? I'm paid, out of the pockets of the premium a livin' before I'll work hard month in and I'll work. 'n' when I don't I won't. What month out. I sin't goin' to slave for any-body. I got as good a right's the next man the devil 'ud become o' the world if we capital and earnings of the insuring corporaon a trip I'm goin'." I suggested that this That's what I keep tellin' my carpenter doubt that they are paid by the insured was hardly the philosophy of men who pals. 'Don't take nothin' outside o' your and are an element of the cost of insurance made and saved a great deal of money, trade,' I tell 'em, 'n' then the blokes with to each and every one who buys it in Well, I ain't goin' to work hard all my life no trades 'll have a better chance.' But policy contract is to question an axiomatic 'n' have nothin' but money at the end of it. you know how it is-you might as well tell business proposition. The tax, then, paid by I want to live as I go along, 'n' I like hittin' the most of 'em not to eat. I have had a the insured, as a class, for their sole benefit little sense knocked into me. You don't and protection, must in justice be limited to "How long do you generally keep a job?" catch me workin' outside o' my trade. I'd the actual cost of maintenance and disbursements of insurance departments. To go keep it till spring, but the year round I | And, unless he got the job he expected to, beyond this in the taxation of insurance companies as a source of state or local revenue becomes at once unequal and unjust taxation, alike repuguant to the constitu "After doctors failed to cure me of pneu tion and to reason.

Mr. H. C. Lippincott has recently stated four months on the hog once-couldn't three bottles of it cured me. It is also the "that taxes now needlessaly exacted by the get anything. As a general thing, hest remedy on earth for whooping cough, different states would support annually and though I don't have to wait over six weeks It cured my grandchildren of the worst pay premiums on over \$35,000,000 of life cases," writes John Berry, Loganton, Pa. Insurance." As President Jacob L. Greene "Are you going to look hard out west?" It is the only harmless remedy that gives has well said: "States have no income ex-Any tax on a life insurance company, or on

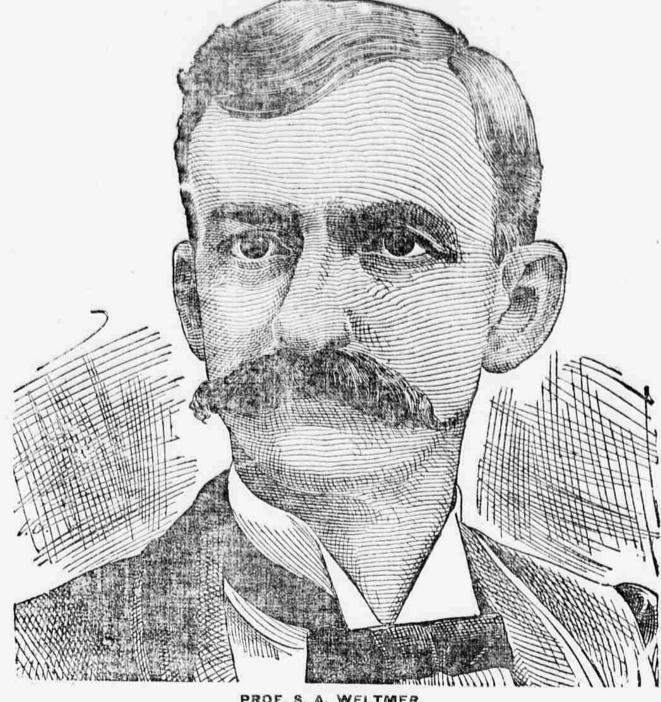
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bursehen" of Germany. They are not necessarily apprentices in the sense that the "Handwerksburschen" usually are, although the past in the great majority of them have trades and make some effort, in winter, at least, to work at them, but they are almost the exact when they are almost the exact counterpart of the "Burschen" in their migratory habits. Years ago the traveling apprentice was a picture-sque feature in German life and it was thought quite proper and useful that he should pack up his tools every now and then, get out his wheel-barrow and the key and there was no such inducement as there is now to take long, unbroken tribs. A few for last year, is now to take long, unbroken tribs. A few for last year, is now to take long, unbroken tribs. A few for last year, is now to take long, unbroken tribs. A few for last year, is now for flast year, is now for flast year, is now of the strongest arms. Nevada is a small town in Missouri, have tude have resulted to this fact. We pub-



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But federal regulation has been objected insurance companies, and the publicity given to as contrary to the spirit of the constitu- to regular and uniform statements demanded derstand why insurance also is not an article vision over insurance in all its branches of commerce and properly under the same said "that the constitution must be read and all counterfeits. The Weaver act is dead. "Requiescat in interpreted in the light of advancing years." At the dawn of the twentieth century, when the republic is taking on new life and as he glanced over a bill from his wife's

millions of insured men and women to so that they shall take measure to strike off dear," responded his better half. that they shall now harass the immense creditors see it and take it for granted that business of insurance, and by proper legis-

The benefits derived from governmental

National supervision would practically taxation would materially lessen the exdemonstrate that "the minimum of taxation penses of insurance to policy-holders and and the maximum of protection is of greater possibly disabuse the mind of the average findings. New York state recently refused itself a tax cannot be made to sell for less Second-Stability of national laws would react most beneficially upon the stability of

Nebraska does its share of state su- tion, and the famous decision of Justice by a national law would act as a scarchlight public was let into the secret methods of of Virginia has beretofore barred the way. Third-The strength of a nation lies in special examiners and their peculiar and to such regulation. A contract of insurance, the home of its people. A business which

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