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The United States has joined the International Industrial Union and great advantages to inventors are expected to be derived from this connection.

We wonder whether the next political campaign will give birth to any philological curiosity like the word "mugwump". The remarkable and amusing thing about this word is the persistency with which men of both parties have tried to make it a term of reproach, and the greater persistency with which it has refused to take on any such meaning. Now there is no member of that goodly company that had sufficient intellectual breadth to know that parties do actually outlive the principles on which they are founded and moral strength sufficient to act up to that knowledge, who does not feel a glow of pride in the ownership of the quaint title.

An item is going the rounds of the press that Leo Hartman, the Nihilist, makes a living in New York City by peddling soap. There is a grim irony of fate about this. For years Leo and his companions have been fighting the battles of Nihilism. Their motto has been "No Czar, no despotism, no rules of any kind, no landed proprietors, no law, no work, no clean shirts, no soap", and now here is this unfortunate man obliged to carry about with him every day the very badge and emblem of serfdom against which he and his noble fellow conspirators have so long struggled. Imagine the thrill of horror that smote the hearts of the nihilists, anarchists, socialists, &c., throughout the country at the dreadful news. This was probably what caused the disbanding of a socialistic organization recently in Chicago. The leaders shook their heads gloomily and said: "If soap has been introduced among us then indeed is our cause lost." The inscription over the entrance to our hall of conclave: "Leave soap behind all ye who enter here", may as well be removed and we will meet no more until we light on better times."

Thomas Falvey of Wrightsville, Pa., says "God is good", because he got \$15,000 in a recent drawing of the Louisiana Lottery. Tastes and opinions differ, but if we were in your place we would stop and think a moment before we ascribed to our Heavenly Father any part in the iniquitous scheme by which you got that \$15,000. *Where did it come from?* We do not suppose you are simple enough to suppose that the Louisiana

Lottery Company distributes as much money as it receives, or more, for pure love of humanity. Of course not. Well, the money they gave you they got from somewhere. Was it from the wealthy do you think? Men who are well-to-do don't bother with lottery tickets. No, sir. The money you are so piously thanking God for came out of the toil-earned wages of poor men. It represents, dollar for dollar, so much less food and fire, clothing and home comfort for them. *It is not yours.* It is stolen money, for the lottery company from which you received it did not give value received, and the receiver is as bad as the thief. In principle, too, it represents just that against which you and your fellow workmen are protesting, viz: The acquisition by the few of the results of other men's toil. You can't say anything harsh against Jay Gould now, friend Thomas, for you're a bloated capitalist yourself, living on wages that others have earned.

The steady growth of liberal views in the South is again illustrated by an interesting incident in connection with the approaching national militia drill at Washington. When entries were invited, several negro companies gave notice of their intention to participate. The fact was no sooner announced than protests were made from some points in the South, and it was at first threatened that all the white companies from that section would withdraw if the colored organizations were permitted to compete. But a discussion of the question showed that there was little popular sympathy with this sentiment. Governor Fitz Hugh Lee of Virginia, from whose state two negro organizations were entered, promptly declared that he could see no reason why anybody should object to their presence at Washington. He added that at the parade when President Cleveland was inaugurated, seeing some colored companies from other States marching about in search of a position, he made a place for them in his own command; and that when a riot was threatened at Newport News, some months ago, a company of colored militia was ordered out along with two white companies, "and discharged the duties assigned them as soldiers should." Adjutant-General Jones, of North Carolina justified the admission of the negro companies saying that "law, reason and justice are all on that side." Representative Southern newspapers took the same stand and ridiculed the sensitiveness of those who would make objection. The upshot of it is that all but four of the white companies from the South have decided to keep their engagements and compete with the black organizations. A more striking proof of tolerance in the New South could scarcely be imagined.—*Frank Leslie's.*