

WORKMEN SHOULD NOT JOIN MILITARY ORGANIZATIONS

During Recent Strike of Street Car Men "Troops" were Called Out to Beat Down Their Brothers - Citizens Jeered at Them and Big Business Used Them as Tools - Capitalists and Politicians Will Make People Pay the Bill.

INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY

By Jean Jaures.

For the twenty-fifth time May Day, this year, re-unites in one international demonstration the organized working class of the two worlds in their affirmation of solidarity without distinction of frontiers, and in a mighty declaration of their determination to overthrow the forces which plunder and murder their class, and endanger the peace of the world.

At this moment when Governments place more and more at the disposal of privilege and Capitalism all their forces, both military and police, in order to suppress the workers who are claiming a little more of their due -

At this crisis it is imperative that the organized workers everywhere should signify to the capitalist classes that they have tolerated long enough a regime founded on the bondage and subjection of the producers.

Let us be stirring, so that on May Day we may demonstrate in one body that the workers of all countries are ready to recover their rights: ready also to oppose the plots of Capitalism, and of Governments which endanger international peace.

Let us prove by our action that the working class will not rest content until it has secured the complete control of the means of production and exchange, the possession of which is the condition of its emancipation.

This didn't arouse your anger when you arrived down town during the street car strike and saw a lot of poor fools of working men dressed in military garb parading around in the County Jail building and other points where they would show to the worst advantage?

Well, if it didn't, it was because you were a dead one. Dead to your own interest. The International Railway officials told Judge Brown to order out the bullies and knew that the capitalist political mummies would see that the county paid the bill.

Think of the ridiculous position the working class place themselves in! They go on strike because of starvation wages and intolerable conditions, other members of the working class are called out to shoot and bayonet them, and finally the politicians put one over and make them foot the bill of expense of the enemy for protecting the property of the International.

This is only one phase of the craziness of the military. Many more are so plain to the ordinary thinking brain that it is a wonder how so many young men allow themselves to be kidnapped into joining these murderous institutions. It is true that many fall for the brass buttons and tinsel only to regret the act when a full realization of the purpose of the military is forced upon them.

GRIM ORGANIZING CAR SHOP MEN

A meeting of workers in the railroad car shops was held on Saturday night at Yax Hall, William and Shawney streets. Four hundred men packed the hall and a great impetus was given to the organization work which is being carried on by H. H. Grim, first vice-president of the International Association of Car Workers.

Mr. Grim is in charge of the strike of the 2,500 Lalgah Valley men. He has secured signed agreements with the Lake Shore and Nickel Plate covering the men on the entire system from Buffalo to Chicago, and has succeeded in organizing the majority of the men on the Pennsylvania, Lackawanna, Erie and New York Central.

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TREMENDOUS CROWD HEARS KIRKPATRICK

(Continued from page 1) ing Comrade Mahoney advised the striking street employees to leave the hall and attend a meeting that was being held for them at Kasting's Hall. Hundreds filed out, and it was well for those who came after. Many would otherwise have been unable to gain admittance.

The chairman briefly reviewed the strike car strike and the unprecedented epidemic of organization of the workers followed. His reference to Frank Cattell, prime mover and tireless worker in the organization work, evoked a mighty outburst of applause that shook the rafters of the building. Preceding the introduction of George Kirkpatrick, speaker of the evening, Comrade Mahoney's appeal for continued support of the striking street girls again brought down the house.

George R. Kirkpatrick is the ablest living exponent of anti-militarism. His book, "War—What For?", is a merciless indictment of the war lords. It was written after years of patient research and contains a wealth of overwhelming data from the archives of the war department at Washington. It is as good as he could make it without burning the paper.

As a speaker Comrade Kirkpatrick takes equal rank. Throughout the two hours and a half of his talk his ringing and withering invective, his humor that frequently recalled his hearers from the verge of tears, held the vast throng as a department store owner girds his hard-earned dollars.

After advising the strikers who might have remained to go to the Kasting Hall meeting, the speaker launched on his subject "The United Front." It interwove with it a masterly explanation of the class struggle, the mighty conflict between the wage-paying class and the wage-receiving class. In the whole range of social phenomena, nothing stands out so clearly as this class struggle. Educators, economists, all the proscribed apologists for capitalism have conspired by eloquent argument to belittle it. But the workers are rapidly coming to an understanding of its import for them and their awakening will sweep the capitalist from the face of the earth and end class rule once for all. And in emancipating itself the working class will make freedom possible for all mankind.

The speaker traced the history of war from its origin in the inter-racial conflicts of tribal society and brought home to his hearers the real meaning of the war in general in society as now constituted. He displayed a remarkable grasp of the recent street car strike when the militia were ready to shoot down their own fathers and brothers.

Speaking with the dependent street girls' strike it was shown how the millionaire capitalist, Christian or Jewish, chieftain or not, will take advantage of a little girl who gets her little corner and force her to work for \$2.50 a week. The struggle for the female was harder than for the male and the capitalist was able to get the little girl a corner because of her helplessness, because of her youth, size, lack of experience, poverty and hunger.

Our Civil War was reviewed with its exciting scenes and its and its and its long trail of misery and the horrors of present day warfare with electrically operated butchering machines were vividly depicted. The battle of Borodino in the Russo-Japanese war, where 125,000 were killed and wounded, was described, and so vivid was the picture that one could almost hear the shouting and the sound of the stream of blood that rushed down the far-away Russian hills.

The speaker appealing to the men and the women of the working class to avoid the army and navy as they would a plague. He showed how all wars have been fought by the working class for the capitalist class and wound up with this masterful peroration:

CAPITALISTS WANT wars! POLITICIANS DECLARE wars! PREACHERS PRAY FOR VICTORIES in wars!

WORKINGMEN FIGHT the wars! If the masters want blood let them cut their own throats.

Let those who want "great victories" go to the firing line and get them.

War is good enough to vote for or pray for, it is good enough to go to—up close where bayonets gleam, armor flash, cannon roar, rifles crash, steel, blood spatters, bones snap, brains splash—up close where men yell, sweat, freeze, starve, kill, curse, scream, pray, laugh, howl, curse, go mad and die—up close where the flesh and blood betrayed men and boys are ground and pounded into a red mud and hurled by shrieking cannon balls, by iron-shod hoofs of galloping horses and the steel-bound wheels of rushing gun-trucks.

What is war? They say "WAR IS HELL." Well, let those who want hell go to hell.

FIREMEN'S TWO-PLATOON

BILL PASSES LEGISLATURE. At the eleventh hour of the session on Saturday night the Senate's two-platoon bill passed the Legislature. The bill is now up to the Governor and his signature is confidently expected.

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THE STRIKE

Organized labor is in full sympathy with the striking street employees, no matter what some feeble-minded labor leaders—unable to lead—may say.

Whenever working people strike for better conditions, it is to the common interest of all working men and women to render them all the assistance they can.

It pays to advertise; or do you think that there is no connection between the attitude of the daily press toward the strike and their department store advertisements.

If it had been a "gruesome parade" of some "well society," or wealthy pillars of society, chief Regan would have deemed it an honor to head it on horseback. We have seen the "great ban" in that enviable role. But as it was only a parade of striking working girls, the chief saw no honor in leading it, on the contrary, he was on the look out for credit. And because of this, they are not so fortunate to turn the strike over to the United Trades and Labor Council. So remember, that from the first moment when the strike was called up to this time, the Socialists wanted to see you win your just fight.

Let no one discredit the Socialists. Those who did, and those who do, are in the wrong. A little thinking on your part will convince you of that.

Girls, it does not matter under whose direction the strike will continue. We want you to stick together and you win. Don't let any discourage you. Don't fear of getting your position back. Let fear give you to courage. Be on the look out for credit.

The Socialists of the city will give you just as much help as they have heretofore. Don't think for one moment that they will back out. They have no reason to do so. The Socialists handed over the strike to the United Trades and Labor Council, because that body said that they could win the strike for you and the Socialists could. We hope they will.

NOBLE BUSINESS FIRM MAKE THEIR EMPLOYEES PAY FOR THEIR ADVERTISEMENT.

It is undoubtably true that advertising pays, but it is also true that it costs a lot of money. Some people manage to get advertised for nothing, but they very seldom enjoy this kind of advertising. Yet the great and benevolent business firm of Siegrist & Fraley make their employees pay for an advertisement in their business.

The employees of, of course, did not enjoy it. I suppose they lack the necessary intellectual refinement or that sense of humor which causes people to laugh when they are ridiculed. The facts are as follows:

In Siegrist & Fraley's stores the employees used to work every Monday evening that is, they were compelled to, and the girls' eyesight and general health were not improved thereby. It was a hard task for many to work from early in the morning till late at night.

For many years the Chamber of Commerce has been advertising Buffalo throughout the country as a place where workers are contented with high wages and low taxes and therefore the conditions are ideal for exploitation.

They had gotten into the habit of thinking that poor old Buffalo was so completely in the grasp of the bosses that even the organized unions would eat out of the hands of their masters and feel grateful for the privilege of living on the face of the earth.

A new time has come and Buffalo will not rest until it takes its place among the freer cities of the country where being a workman does not mean being completely subject to the bosses' will.

If there are any so-called labor leaders in Buffalo who imagine that it is their business to stand in the way of progress and help the masters in keeping the workers down, they will speedily find their way to the junk heap.

"HONEST JOHN" MARTIN MADE TO "COUGH UP." Organization is in the air. The men working for ex-Alderman John Martin, who has the contract for cleaning Buffalo streets, are organizing a union recently and demanded an increase of "Honest John."

The Buffalo Times, with that degree of insipidity which ordinarily characterizes night-school journalism, has discovered that the Buffalo Socialist is "supporting the striking department store workers for political reasons." Dear Sir, just to think of it! On the other hand, the Times is supporting the masters in their effort to drive the girls back to the old conditions of union slavery for filthy virtues and practical business reasons! Take your choice.

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MISS NEUMAN WRITES FOR "HER GIRLS"

(Continued from Page 1) DONT BELIEVE THEM. YOU KNOW THAT YOU ARE NOT.

When the strike was called, and when the Socialist Union was organized, they had only one thing in their minds; and that was: TO HELP YOU. The Socialists KNEW that in order to better your conditions, raise your wages, and shorten your hours, you must HAVE TO ORGANIZE. This they advised you to do, and for this they deserve credit. For let it be remembered, that the NO OTHER ORGANIZATION IN THIS CITY, AND NO OTHER GROUP OF PEOPLE IN THIS CITY ADVISED YOU TO ORGANIZE, SO THAT YOU CAN USE YOUR UNITED EFFORTS TO BETTER YOUR WORKING CONDITIONS AND BY DOING SO, MAKE THE BURDEN OF LIFE A LITTLE EASIER.

It would be well for you to read the following: The writer of these lines was informed by some officials of the United Trades and Labor Council that the big girls who had been working would be willing to settle the strike with the Council, but that they would not have any thing to do with the Socialists. And the United Trades Council decided that it would not back the strike unless the strike was turned over to them. The Socialists want to see you win this strike. The Socialists are not, and were not on the look out for credit. And because of this, they are not so fortunate to turn the strike over to the United Trades and Labor Council. So remember, that from the first moment when the strike was called up to this time, the Socialists wanted to see you win your just fight.

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Girls, see to it that this strike is won. Build up a strong union which will keep on making demands upon your employers until they are ready to give in. Improve your conditions. This is the wish of the Socialists of this city.

Don't listen to misrepresentation. Inquiries are invited. Have faith in yourself. STAND TOGETHER. And your strike will be won.

Mail to all of you who are out on strike!

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THE SILENT AWAKENING.
The silent awakening is taking place in the minds of the women of this country. They are waking up to the realization that they are not only the backbone of the nation, but also the backbone of the Socialist Party.

THE ANTI'S AGAIN.
The Anti's were out again last Friday afternoon for the express purpose of paying a poor working woman from having the "burden" of suffrage placed on one already overworked shoulder. And they met, where? Just where we workers always meet when we have deep seated problems to solve and a nice clamy lunch afterward. At the Iroquois, of course.

FOR WOMEN MEMBERS.
The Progressive Women is out with the slogan "Half a Million Socialist Women Voters in 1916." Sounds well, doesn't it? Sounds cheering to the many men comrades who have worked steadily for equal suffrage even when the suffrage franchise of women would temporarily retard social aims. Sounds good to us women comrades who have worked along, under great disadvantages without the assurance that we will ever be able to register our protesting ballot against existing evil conditions. And it's not all a dream, either.

OUR OTHERS HAVE SIGNED GRANTED EQUAL SUFFRAGE.
In California and Washington the increase in our vote shows that a good percentage of the women voters who voted for the first time voted for Socialism. They did so well, proportionally. Our other states have since granted equal suffrage, and before 1916 doubtless there will be many others. We will get many adherents and franchisees from these states, and while we enlightened New Yorkers will probably not be counted in 1916, the vote will be near the half million. But it will not come without a struggle, folding the hands, or getting discouraged.

BLACKSMITHS AND HELPERS HOLD BIG MASS MEETING.
The International Brotherhood of Blacksmiths and Helpers will hold a mass meeting at the Ellicott Hotel, corner Ellicott and Huron streets, on Wednesday evening, April 30, for the purpose of organizing all men working in the blacksmith industry.

STRIKE FOR FRANCHISE.
The Belgian workers have won the first round in their battle with the reactionary government for universal suffrage. For ten days about 450,000 men and women were engaged in a general strike under the leadership of the Socialists.

WEST VIRGINIA MINERS ON STRIKE—KEEP AWAY.
D. A. Frampton and Edward T. Fitzgibbon, officers of the United Mine Workers, called at the office of the Buffalo Socialist Party on Monday, May 4, to discuss the coal miners' strike in W. Va.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO OUR READERS.
It usually takes about a week to place a new subscriber upon our mailing list. If you don't receive the paper the second week, drop us a postal.

GOOD TIMES COMING.
The annual picnic of Local Buffalo, Socialist Party, will be held at Tonawanda Park, July 20th.

FIRST DISTRIBUTION OF LITERATURE.
Last Sunday morning the first distribution of literature in the 1913 campaign took place. About 40,000 pieces of a special propaganda leaflet were distributed from house to house.

NOTED SOCIOLOGIST DEAD.
Lester F. Ward, the noted sociologist who has done so much to place social science upon a sound basis, died at Washington, D. C., April 18th. He was in his 81st year.

STEPHEN J. MAHONEY TO SPEAK.
Make no other engagements for Sunday afternoon, May 11th. On that date Comrade Stephen J. Mahoney will speak under the auspices of Branch Five at Franklin Hall at 3 p. m.

MISS MORMAND A SOCIALIST.
Miss Mabel Mormand, said to be the most popular woman in the "moving" acting profession, is an avowed Socialist. She is the leading woman with the Keystone Company and during the coming Los Angeles Municipal campaign she will take the stump for the cause.

THE SPEAKERS' CLASS.
The Speakers' Class has resolved itself into a study club. A library is being formed and all interested persons are invited to attend.

JAMES J. KELLY WELCOMED AT BRANCH THREE.
Comrade James J. Kelly spoke at the headquarters of Branch 3 last Sunday on the "Evolution of Industry."

AUTHORITIES INDICT STRIKE LEADERS.
The strike of the silk workers of Paterson, N. J., has put the authorities to their wits end as to what next to do to help the mill owners. As a last resort the grand jury is brought on the scene and indictments for all the leaders have been issued.

MACHINISTS UNION HOLDS BIG RALLY.
Last Wednesday evening a big rally of the machinists of this city was held at No. 270 Broadway under the auspices of the Machinists' Union of this city.

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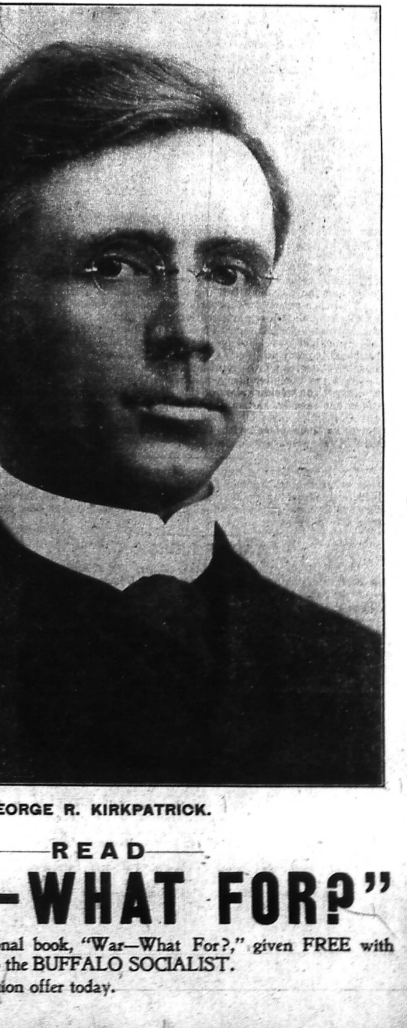
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A CALL TO ARMS

Now that a movement is on foot to organize the department store clerks let every Socialist, every labor union man, and every worker, lead a hand to these poor wage workers in their struggle for a chance to live.

It will be no easy task by any means, but we are confident that we will win in the end. The bosses will bully and cajole, some will lose all possibility, but the capitalist press will tell what horrible creatures these workers are, but if the girls have made up their minds that they will organize, nothing will thwart them.

All that is needed is a sense of solidarity and the confidence of having intelligent nerve enough to demand what is your right, and success is assured.

No one doubts that the clerks have the sympathy of every one in their right mind, and a strong, hard pull together will do the trick.

What will we do with the capitalist under Socialism? Put him to work.

While you are competing for wages the bosses are piling up profits.

A SOCIALIST VICTORY

How glad the capitalist newspapers are to drop the subject of the general strike for suffrage in Belgium! After all the advice our American papers have given those poor foreigners about not mixing politics with work the Belgians were too stubborn to listen and went right ahead and won.

At the beginning of the strike misinformation was published wholesale, and the number on strike was terrible to concede, yet finally the truth came out that about 500,000 were on strike, and "worse of all the amount of money lost was piling up in the millions."

Never mind the suffering. Our own Buffalo Times, in telling the Belgians where they were making mistakes, said: "Belgium's suffrage laws should be changed, but the strikers have made a mistake in identifying themselves with Socialism." It was the Socialists that started and conducted the strike, and the Times is advising them to keep away from themselves.

Yes, and it was the Socialists that won the strike, but you don't see the Times or any of the other capitalist papers coming out with full page headlines announcing the "Great Socialist Victory."

There is only one way to do away with the strife between capital and labor. Let those who do the work own the job.

Who do you think of Justice Brown's idea of justice? Roger Lee, an Indian, was sent to Auburn for a year and eight months for stealing a pie.

My but the Harvester trust is strong on Americanism. Just think of it, those foreign workers would not accept its offer of \$9.75 for a 54-hour week. Bull Moose wages.

THE COMING CAMPAIGN

To the observer the antics of the capitalist press in preparing the way for the coming campaign next fall, which a Mayor and numerous other city officials will be elected, are amusing.

It is an old scheme of the parasites to cook up an argument of some kind, now election time that will get the voters all worked up over the acts of some few individuals, and keep up a steady fire of scandal and abuse until the election is over. The unthinking worker becomes interested in one side or the other as a personal matter, forgetting entirely the effects that will result, and vote for the best man. After election he kicks himself for being so foolish, and says that next time he will do different, and vote for principle and his own class interest.

The capitalist newspapers have already started the work of fooling the voter by digging up personalities for the coming campaign, and the way they will dig this year will be a fright. There is a reason for this. The capitalist politicians are wise enough to make preparations. The contest for Mayor will be especially hard fought, for the reason that four parties will be in the field instead of two. Besides the Republican and Democrat parties the Socialist party will be on the campaign, and the United Labor party will be represented by a Roosevelt follower.

That the Socialist party will make things hum this year is a certainty. The working class of this city is learning fast that there is only one remedy, and in order to apply it remedy the capitalist political parties will be ousted, and the working class representatives elected in their place, with the ultimate end of establishing the Socialist co-operative commonwealth.

The Buffalo Express comments editorially and reprints an article from the Paris daily showing how it exaggerates the account of the Buffalo street railway strike. Back up, you were in wrong the Sunday after the first meeting was called, and had to crawl out as best you could two days after.

TARIFF REVISION

Last November the people of this country and of Buffalo entrusted the destiny of the nation to the care of a man about "winning with Wilson."

Among many other promises this party of Northern "back to competition" and Southern child slavery made was one to revise the tariff. So the tariff at the job labored and brought forth the Underwood bill. Immediately in various sections of the country and from certain interests came a wail: "Revise the tariff, certainly, but don't touch this or that industry for hereby we amass wealth and keep our shop going and give employment to thousands who may live, and all with one voice utter out about the space of two hours."

For a certain man named Demetrius, a silversmith, who made silver shrines for Diann, brought no small gain unto the craftsmen whom he called together with the workmen of like occupation and said, "Sir, ye know that by this craft we have our wealth... so that not only is our craft in danger to be set at naught, but also that the temple of the great goddess Diann should be despoiled and when they heard these sayings they were full of wrath... and all with one voice utter out about the space of two hours."

Buffalo had its protest meeting at which a Democratic Mayor presided, and the Republicans and Bull Moosers were much in evidence. The tried and true laborite was also present.

All of which goes to show that the tariff question in this country is a local question and can never be settled satisfactorily by the National Government. It also shows what a farce the whole thing is from the viewpoint of the laborer, who sees that while his wages go up under the protective tariff, he has to pay more for the product he himself produces. Is the working class as a whole any better off in high protective Germany than they are in free trade England? If they are it is not because of the tariff, but because of their superior organization. It is time for the workers to get next to this tariff buns and wipe it off the political map.

MAY DAY (By August Bebel)

The first of May, the feast day of the international working-class movement, is here. Throughout the civilized world the workers are uniting to propagate their ideals and to press forward their practical demands on present society. So close together...

Against this disastrous policy the workers must vehemently protest. May Day gives the desired opportunity of expressing to the full this protest. The working classes do not want a murderous war; they are fighting for peace, because they desire human progress. They are fighting for freedom and justice, even for the most lowly, because in this manner only can the proletariat fulfill its mission of bringing liberty to humanity.

The field of action will extend just so far as you identify yourselves more and more with the organized working class of all lands, united in the International, and carry on in common with them the struggle for the liberation of the workers from want, misery, oppression and exploitation, towards the highest aim of humanity.

May the watchword be liberty and equality and everything which makes for the realization of every human aspiration.

Let Us Conquer the World

The world ye saw, another rhaps; The seed ye sow, another reap; The robs ye weave, another wear; The arms ye forge, another bear.

Through the ages the working millions in every country and in every climate had no voice in public affairs, no more than the cattle which share their lot as beasts of burden, any more than the primitive tools and implements they worked with. They had no hand in the development of the world, no head and heart that lay dormant within them; they were deprived of the means of expressing any desire for higher accomplishments that might rise in their souls, they were denied the opportunity of mental and moral growth.

They were regarded by their masters as being of inferior composition, incapable of that finer differentiation of sensibility which distinguishes the civilized man from the barbarian. They should ever play a part in politics as a thought too ridiculous to be seriously considered for a moment. It was their duty to labor and to obey, and nothing more.

The history of the working people is a history of suffering, oppression and self-sacrifice; and even when their material conditions improved, the people were still denied the means of education, of participating in public life, and of exercising their own initiative and desires public expression.

Let us remember those things when on May Day we celebrate the emancipation of our class from the despotism of our eighteenth century oppressors and prejudices. Let us remember the fearful struggles our class had to go through in order to gain the position of citizens in the state. Let us remember the heart-breaking sacrifices

A NEW DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

Female workers in Chicago department stores are threatened with dismissal if they dare join labor organizations. Just think of it! Six score and seventeen years ago "our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal."

Don't you think it is a degradation of independence which is being demanded for the realization of its principles? You certainly do, and you know that this New Declaration of Independence has already been made, and that the struggle for its principles is going on for years. It is the Socialists who have framed the new charter of industrial democracy, and it is the labor movement in general, and the Socialist movement in particular, that are fighting for its realization.

The unalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness have been made illusory for the working people by capitalist class rule which is based on the private ownership of the means of production, and they will remain illusory, as long as this class rule will last. Therefore, in order to secure those rights to the people, there is no alternative for the people but to possess themselves of the economic powers upon which all political and social power is founded.

THE GOOD OF IT

Modern society is not all bad, and even the society of the working class is not wholly composed of unhappy, wretched and mentally stunted people. Capitalist society after all is an advance over every other society in history, and its greatest achievement is that it has made Socialism, that is, complete democracy, possible.

Capitalism has made Socialism possible, that means, it has developed means of production and processes of production which enable society to satisfy the needs of all men, and to do so in peace. Furthermore, it has developed sciences which enable man to make himself the master of his world, and the forces of nature his servants. And finally, capitalist society has developed a working class with intelligence, self-respect and self-reliance enough to take part in the responsibilities of public life, and the tendency to take possession of the economic powers of society in order to manage them so that misery of body and mind, material and mental poverty, of the kind of hunger will disappear from among human beings.

Capitalism has produced the elements out of which a new society and the foundation of a new civilization will be built, and the only thing that is lacking is the rule of the creature, capital, over the creator, man.

THOUGHTS OF THE WORKER

There must be a hitch somewhere about our prosperity, and we need not go very far to discover it. It is to be found in an innumerable fact, namely, in the fact that the production of goods is not carried on in the interest of the people, but in the interest of our ruling class to gratify their insatiable desire for profit.

The prosperity is theirs because they own the means of production, and the means of production are the hardihood. How long will the toilers stand for that kind of prosperity?

It is in the place of the present capitalist system Socialism proposes the new social order—the collective ownership and the democratic operation of the natural resources, and social utilities, upon which common people depend for the common good of all.

This the Socialist movement declares to be the supreme issue—the only possible solution of the question of relief—the only program worth while.

Compared to this everything else is unimportant. Without this everything else is useless. Henceforth, while holding firmly and steadily to the final goal the Socialist Party nevertheless offers a constructive program for the immediate future.

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Socialist News

FRED WARREN SUING FOR \$200,000. The editor of the Appeal to Reason, Fred D. Warren, has brought suit for \$200,000 damages against the Kansas City Star, a well-known progressive daily, for sending out the report last fall that the Appeal had suspended publication.

MORE SOCIALIST VICTORIES. In South America the Socialist movement is rapidly gaining. At an election held recently for members of parliament in Buenos Aires, Argentina, the Socialists elected a Senator and two Deputies.

SOCIALISTS DEFEATED. The capitalist press is heralding far and wide that the Socialists were defeated in Girard and Pittsburg, Kansas, which they carried last fall. A matter of fact the Socialist party increased its vote and it was only by the fusion of the two old parties that they did not elect their candidates.

HARRISMAN AGAIN. The Los Angeles, California municipal election takes place May 6th. John Harrisman has again been nominated for Mayor by the Socialists. The old party machines will combine, as usual, to keep the Socialist candidate out of office.

SPRING ELECTIONS. Reports continue to come in of Socialist success at the Spring elections. Hundreds of village presidents, school directors and other officials were elected on the Socialist ticket in the small towns in all parts of the country.

THE NEW REVIEW. The New Review, which, up to the present time, has been published as a weekly, will, beginning the first of May, be issued as a monthly.

HOLLAND SOCIALISTS. A national convention of the Socialists of Holland met at the new headquarters. The reports show the party to be in good shape. The dues-paying membership increased 20 per cent. in 1912. Almost 200 Socialist representatives sit in municipal governing bodies. The party controls one daily paper, 21 weeklies, a comic paper and a number of other journals.

ONE OF THE REASONS. People sometimes wonder how the German Socialists have built such a splendid organization. One of the reasons, and perhaps, the basic one is that they use every endeavor to educate their members. In Berlin a school is conducted for the purpose of educating workers in the principles of Socialism. Each student receives from the party funds \$37.50 every month for his support. One-third of the students are women.

NATIONAL SOCIALIST BUILDING. Considerable favorable sentiment has developed for the erection of a building to be owned nationally by the Socialist Party of the United States. The building to be used as headquarters for the national secretary and the various department organizations of the national office. At the present time it is costing the party \$2,500 a year for rent for quarters in Chicago, which are much too small.

CONVENTION OF FRENCH SOCIALISTS. The United Socialist Party of France held its annual convention a few days ago. Steady progress was reported. The Socialists have a minority representation in 400 municipal councils, and the number of Socialist Congresses exceeds 1,000. There are 297 Socialist Mayors in France.

UNITY OF POLISH SOCIALISTS. Dr. G. G. G. Polish Translator-Secretary, reports as follows: "April 1, 1913, the two separate Polish Socialist organizations in the United States ceased their existence. The Polish Section was organized in 1908 from the Polish branches of the Socialist Party. The Polish Alliance was started outside of the party about twenty years ago. Now two organizations have united and will be known as the Polish Alliance Socialist Party. The Polish Alliance's branches are coming one by one, to the party, but it will take some time until all are known."

LITHUANIAN SOCIALISTS TO MEET. The seventh annual convention of the Lithuanian Socialist federation of America will be held in Philadelphia, beginning May 13th, at 8 p. m., at the New Academy Hall, 124 South Fourth Street.

NOMINATED FOR CITY COUNCIL. John W. Brown and Charles H. Brown were nominated by the Socialists of Charleston, W. Va., for members of the City Council. Both men are well known Socialists and are at present in jail, where they have been thrown by the military department who are terrorizing the West Virginia coal fields.

THE AGE OF REASON. By J. W. Bennett. No, brother, this is not the age of reason. It is not reason when men, women and children are weighed down with the weight and power of useful, consumable things of their own make.

THE APPEAL FOSTERS ABROAD. The Appeal will note with joy that in last week's Appeal to Reason every state showed an increase in circulation. The OH Appeal has taken the lead for the manufacturers of Appeal and using all those papers and individuals who so fully slandered J. A. Wayland after his death.

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FUE TO BEAT SOCIALISTS. By a combination of the Democrats, twenty years ago Progressive, the Socialist ticket was defeated in the Illinois, at the recent election. The Central Socialist report that, although the Socialists increased their vote, it was not large enough to elect them, and a combined vote of the three parties and a \$5,000 slash fund.

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