

STRIKES NOW ON SHOW NEW LABOR SPIRIT

Working Class of the City Awakes to the Fact that Conditions in Buffalo Are Worst in the Country.

It has been the custom of the capitalists to boast that in Buffalo, the workers were so absolutely under the thumb of their masters...

After nearly a year of persistent hammering, the Buffalo Socialist has finally smoked out Chauncey Hamlin the Bull Moose leader...

When they speak of the delivery system of the stores operating under 'normal conditions,' the capitalist managers...

Anyone who would assist the bosses in grinding the faces of the striking girls by scabbing or buying at the stores during the strike...

Subscribe for the Buffalo Socialist.

BULL MOOSE PROMINENT IN THE WORST OF SWEATED INDUSTRIES

Crosby, Who is Being Groomed for Mayor, is Head of Plant Where Children are Exposed to Terrible Conditions, at Starvation Wages.

Rumblings of discontent and threats of the wrath to come are heard in practically every large industrial plant in Buffalo...

It is a curious fact that where the conditions are unusually cruel and vicious, the heads of those concerns are identified with "charitable" or "uplift" work of some kind.

For example, the Sweeney store, which is generally known to be the worst of the department store sweat shops of the city...

STRIKING BAKERS WINNING RECRUITS IN THEIR STRUGGLE

Brunner's Bakers Join the Collins Men in Fight for Better Conditions.

The strike of the employees of the Collins Bakery is now a full swing and is spreading to other hitherto unrecognized bakers.

The trouble was started by the bosses themselves, who evidently think that the men have an rights which the masters should respect.

On Saturday night last a mass meeting of the bakery employees was called at Harmonia Hall...

After the discharge of these two workers the rest of the decent, self-respecting men, realizing that their own discharge was a matter of perhaps only a few hours...

From the point of view of some bakery owning slave drivers it is a most reprehensible and improper thing for their employees to ever think of joining an organization to better their condition.

Even if you do not worry about the welfare of the bakers, you should at least take measures to protect yourself by refusing to eat unclean food.

I am a Socialist because I believe that the workers of all countries are brothers and sisters, and their only enemies are the capitalists.

WILL PRESSMEN GET THEIR RAISE?

The Pressmen of the city have been out for a raise of wages for several weeks. An answer from the bosses respecting their demands was expected last night and at their appearance...

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POLICE CATCH A "TAD-TAD" IN HELEN HORTON

Socialist Woman Promptly Swears Out Warrant for Brutal Police Captain Ward.

The seal of the police leaders in trying to break the strike of department store workers and others sometimes leads them to an act of brutality which, in any other city in America...

Wednesday, Mrs. Helen Horton, a trained nurse and sympathizer with the department store workers...

This evidently roused the ire of Captain Ward of the 13th precinct station who was in charge.

Mrs. Horton indignantly demanded that she be arrested if she had broken any law, which of course she had not.

Not being sure of her ground, she went away and secured advice as to whether she would have legal justification for picketing peacefully at that locality.

Mrs. Horton is not a Socialist, but she is not a member of the party.

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Notorious Burns Leads the Scabs

The express companies imported a small delegation of strike-breakers on Wednesday morning, personally conducted by William J. Burns.

Burns, it will be remembered, came into prominence as a result of his connection with the McNamara affair.

In a recent row with a rival gum shoe agency Burns is reputed to have said the private detective is the most vicious individual in the social organism...

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SCABENEY'S WEAKENING

LABOR AND LABOR FAKIRS

LISTEN, GIRLS! At yesterday's meeting something happened which ought to interest you very much.

Now, you heard me tell you that I came on here to help you in your noble and brave fight.

Let me just mention to you one more fact. Miss Datcher, who was here from the New York Women's Trade Union League to help you...

Girls, LEARN TO THINK FOR YOURSELVES. STRIVE FOR EVERYTHING THAT IS GOOD, HOPE, AND HAVE FAITH IN YOURSELVES.

My best wishes, and good cheer to you all, who are out on strike!

Victory Most Important. I am a Socialist, and I AM PROUD OF IT.

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FAILURE TO BREAK UNION BY TEMPTING ADS WILL PROBABLY MEAN VICTORY FOR STRIKERS.

The statement was given out from what is considered an authentic source last night that Chauncey J. Hamlin, president of the Sweeney store, has acknowledged that the conditions under which the girls had been forced to work previous to the strike were abominable...

The only condition demanded by Hamlin is that the strikers have some person other than John Coleman deal with the store.

A statement was published by Hamlin in the capitalist papers Wednesday, offering the girls practically all of their demands on condition that they betray their union and join a fake association organized by the bosses and scabs under the thumb of the owners.

The failure of this announcement to bring the girls back to work appears to have brought Hamlin to the point where he is willing to grant recognition of the union also.

The disruption of the bosses by the yielding of the Sweeney store will probably cause a rush of the other stores to follow suit unless some very bad breaks are made by the leaders who are in charge of the strike THE VICTORY IN WGN.

ELECTRICIANS SEEM TO HAVE STRIKE WON

The strike of the employees of the Federal Telephone and Telegraph Company goes on with renewed vigor. Yesterday, the second day of the strike saw every department of the company completely tied up.

Pickets were placed before the company's plant on Elliott street to ascertain if strike-breakers were being imported. During the day and evening many of the strikers were busy interviewing the girls who operate the neighborhood with a view of forming them into a union.

It is apparent that unless the company grants the demands of the strikers today, all the operators will leave their positions. This would of course leave the subscribers without service and the company would either have to go out of business or grant the just demands of the strikers.

The strike fever is spreading to the Bell Company. Last evening the employees of the New York Telephone Company were notified that there would be a meeting of all the employees of the plant department in the yard at 125 Erie street this morning.

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IT COST LESS THAN \$200 TO FORM BIG UNION OF CLERKS!

New Record is Established in Work of Organization.

In connection with the strike of the department store clerks a remarkable fact has been brought out. Never in the history of organized labor in this country has the cost of organization been so small.

The expense of organizing most unions has usually been very heavy. Well-paid organizers and big expense bills has been the rule.

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That the strikers were in fact shown by the action of President Speich of the strikers.

Below is given a complete account of the money received and money and receipts turned over to a committee of the strikers Tuesday afternoon:

EXPENSES.

Table listing expenses: Niagara Taxicab Co. \$3.00, Buffalo Printing Co. \$2.50, etc.

RECEIPTS.

Table listing receipts: Initiation Fees \$273.00, Sale of Tags 61.54, etc.

WHERE, OH WHERE ARE THE UPLIFTERS?

A noteworthy feature of the department store clerks' struggle is the docility of the philanthropic folk, social workers, welfare mongers and other devotees of the uplift game.

Where are the social workers? The social evil is born of the inhuman condition forced on the countless girls by Hamlin and his ilk.

Seab drivers on the J. N. Adam delivery wagons are now wearing police badges. This is another way Chief Regan is adding the bosses to win.

GET A MAN TO READING AND YOU'VE GOT HIM



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I am writing about those who are, not of those that are something good to be. In Rochester we have a fine new Literature Wagon for selling the stuff right on the street to those who have great need of it.

Is Rochester the first city to have such a means of selling Socialist literature? No, we cannot claim that worthy distinction.

Months ago our enthusiastic comrade, J. Harry Sager, who travels through many states every little while on his own business of automobile specialties, and who has an eye like an eagle for all new and progressive and interesting things, happened to be in Indianapolis, when to his great astonishment, he beheld a strange vehicle passing along the street.

It was pushed along by a man on the inside. Sager stopped the combination of wagon, man and literature and asked some questions. The man turned out to be a comrade named I believe, Jackman, who for some months had been making his living by selling Socialist literature to the people of the Indian city. Sager came home with an idea.

It's nothing new, by the way, for this Comrade Sager to get an idea. He's full of it. It is because he has so many that he tries to get the message to a good many people.

Well, this same comrade came home filled to the brim with the new idea. He let no grass grow under his feet before he had a subscription list going the rounds.

Our wagon was built by the B. J. Smith Company of the city of Buffalo. It is about the size of a graceful milk wagon and is, of course, red all over. The wheels are small and crisscrossed with rubber tires.

There's a lot of good shelter room on the inside, and it will all be needed. It is the warm days of the year that will remain outside for the most part.

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SOCIALIST MEETINGS OF WESTERN NEW YORK

In order to improve our Western New York branch we have decided to hold a series of meetings in this vicinity to select a representative of workers and the Socialist party to act as secretary.

On Tuesday evening, April 29th, Comrade George R. Kirkpatrick delivered his famous lecture, "The Iron Fist," and it turned out to be one of the most successful from every point of view.

It is always hard for any speaker to even reach the standard set by an audience under which such conditions will be very critical, but it must be said that Comrade Kirkpatrick more than filled every requirement.

Over seventy copies of "War—What It Is," by Mr. Kirkpatrick, were sold after the meeting which was a great impetus to the impression which the lecture made.

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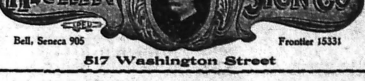
Outfit No. 3 Walnut finished coffin, polished and lined, six silver handles, engraved name plate, outside case of pine, burial suit in black or brown habit, black hearse, three coaches, embalm, burial permit, complete care and attendance. Total cost \$55.00

Outfit No. 4 Plain oak casket, covered with black cloth or imitation oak or rosewood, lined with white or cream lining, six handles, engraved name plate, outside case of pine, burial suit in black or brown habit, black hearse, three coaches, embalm, burial permit, complete care and attendance. Total cost \$60.00

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By a Veteran Labor Leader

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JOIN THE SOCIALIST PARTY

If you are a Socialist, but not a party member, we invite you to become interested in the Socialist Party. Without the organization which is carrying on the work of agitation and organization in this country, there would be no Socialist ticket for you to vote on election day.

There are 17 branches of the Socialist Party in the City of Buffalo. All are located in all parts of the city, and whether you are a party member or not, you are invited to attend these meetings.

The Central Committee of Local Buffalo meets at Franklin Hall, 53 West Eagle Street, the second and fourth Wednesday evenings each month.

Branch 1, composed of the 15th and 19th wards, meets every Monday evening at Leland's Hall, cor. Walden and Bailey avenues.

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Branch 56, composed of the 1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th wards, meets every Friday evening at Eyring's Hall, Franklin Street and Abbott Road.

Branch 57, composed of the 16th and 19th wards, meets every Monday evening at Leland's Hall, cor. Walden and Bailey avenues.

Branch 58, composed of the 21st ward, meets at Pavot's Hall, 2079 Niagara Street, every Monday evening at 8 o'clock.

Branch 59, composed of the 15th, 17th, 18th and 20th wards, meets every Sunday afternoon, 8:30 o'clock, in LaTouraine Hall, East Union and Verplanck Street.

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Women's Column

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ANSWER TO HOUSE-WIVES' LEAGUE

Call of the Housewives' League. Housewives, harken to our call. Oh, come, ye women, one and all. Unfurl banners flouting high, "Sanitary food" our cry. Each day we to market go, But that we order we must know. In the factory and store, Vanish dirt, allowed before, When midwives may fear Should they raise the prices here. Let the measure be reduced, Errors will our scales detect; And the prices fall must by, Goods of pure quality. Unfit for the home we stand, Every ready, hand in hand. —Somir.

Reply of Women's Socialist Club. BY EFFORT you seem to aim, While the CAUSE is all to blame, Help receive the cause, my dear, And effect will disappear. PROFIT is the mischief-maker Which inspires the wily knave. Get the net, then, and the snare, And with our us to banish greed. When our food is made for use, There'll be no profit in abuse. No scale nor measure incorrect, No toll which middlemen collect. Adulation will not be— Because there'll be no profit—see? When a postage stamp you buy, Postman doesn't cheat and lie, Because you get it profit-free— Besides, the stamp is best can be; The postage stamp, pure and nice, Nor do you get it profit-free. —COMRADE GEO. D. JONES.

ENGLISH SUFFRAGISTS

There has been so much condemnation of the English Suffragists that we have concluded to examine the evidence of all this violence (!) and give briefly the other side of the story. We do not wish to start you, you know, but you don't often hear their names, especially in this case, when it comes from the press that gets its revenue from the source that likes to have it appear that great damage is being done, and that the women are behaving in an "unladylike" manner. We wonder how much damage has actually been done by the suffragists. Let us take a local example. During the recent street strike very little damage was really done, and most of that little was done by strike sympathizers, boys, those who were not even in the strike, but who acted like hoodlums, and that but not least, by the scabs and thugs who did not know how to handle cars. Yet the press outside the city reported great destruction of property. This shows how distance increased the magnitude of the crime. Perhaps very little of the damage was done by the suffragists, but, be it noted, in fact, but that as it may be, it is not violence there is plenty of reason for it. A certain Englishman residing in this city said recently that we Americans are not competent to judge the case of the English suffragists because of the unlike conditions and because the average English law maker was such a pig, but he was wrong, for he could see nothing outside of his own little vision unless one used force to club him in. Reason number one, therefore, is that for forty years the suffrage bill, that for forty years the suffrage bill,

has not been allowed to come to a decisive vote in Parliament, whose members especially in later years, have been willing to give women the ballot. The bill has been passed through the first and second reading, but when it came to the third reading and final vote the Cabinet, which controls the time of the house, has always put it over on the plea that the time was needed for more important things. It is beginning to appear as though it would have been better to let the members vote on the question and put some of the "important" matters. Then the women began protesting from the ladies' gallery, and that gallery was closed. The women sought peaceful interviews with the Prime Minister, but was prevented from seeing him. Any peaceful tactics they might try always came to naught. Promises were made, but were broken, and excess after excess presented. Under such treatment that which would have seemed inevitable to any thinking mind came to pass. The women were reformers, the women began revolutionists. Men, under circumstances when their wrongs were of less import, have taken or tried to take the law into their own hands. Why not the women? What good would it do? As everything else had failed it could not do much harm. While we deprecate violence, we have not seen had a local illustration of what a little of it will do. Had the street car men allowed the cars to be operated by the imported thugs, there would have been enough said. It is in the city that the women would have used the cars to have kept traffic unimpeded. They would have been joined later by others who, while not so much in the street, would have had the moral courage to stand by them to the end. Finally, the strikers would have lost heart and the strike would not have been a stone crashing through the windows, entered those who think that anything is good enough for working people from riding in the cars. Not from principle, but from fear of broken cars was the strike lost. So the suffragists tried the game, and we wish them success.

There is another side of the violence game that we hear little or nothing about. It is that done to the women and their friends. Passing over the injuries done to the women, as only incident to the warfare in which they are engaged, we hear that many of their friends, men and women, have been maltreated for merely taking their side of the controversy. Are we sure that all the violence committed by suffragists? Oh, no, there is not always a cloak of suffrage literature, or a woman's cloak or something of like nature found near where the violence is committed. It is possible for someone not connected with the movement to leave these articles there to injure the cause, would it be so? It is true that this has never been done. Or, perhaps some sympathizer really did the work just as some friend of the car workers did the trick here during the strike. In any case we should not let our press fill us until we have all the facts before us, and in getting these facts it is well to remember how much truth there is in the words of the English Press if it is not the kind that they desire.

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HOW CAN A GIRL BE DECENT ON \$10.00 PER MONTH?

Thousands of letters are pouring into this office from men and women asking us to aid them in bettering their working conditions and wages. We need to print some of them and expose the people who are exploiting workers and driving them to desperation. The following letter speaks for itself. Buffalo, N. Y., May 3, 1913. Mr. Cattell, Business Manager, Buffalo Socialist. Dear Sir: I am a working girl and I am going to ask you a favor. I have been employed in the Cheltenham Hotel on Franklin street, and the conditions of work ought to be looked into. The proprietor of this hotel wants nothing but decent wages. He has been paying me only \$10.00 a month in the winter and \$18.00 a month during the summer. He wants the girls to dress in decent and to room out, and clothe themselves and be decent on the small sum of \$10.00 or \$18.00 a month. You can't see anybody else tell me how a girl can do it? I hope you will write me and also hope you will print this letter for his special benefit. I am, Dear Sir, Respectfully, A WAITRESS.

WHY I AM A SOCIALIST.

My money was earned by my own hands. Money and respect were in the hands of the laborer. The treasurer of the organizing committee, was turned over to a committee of the union yesterday afternoon. I understand that a report is being circulated, by some labor factor is that W. F. Cattell ran away with \$700.00 of the strikers' money. Mr. Cattell can go any day at the office of the Buffalo Socialist, and he will be glad to do with the handling of funds in connection with the work of organizing the clerks. All money and receipted bills are now in the hands of the strikers.

Socialist Party News

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

Branch organizers and secretaries are urgently requested to send all notices of meetings, etc., to the Editor of Party News, not later than the Sunday preceding the date of publication. Several comrades have complained that notices of card parties and meetings of their branch were not inserted in the Socialist. We have no way of learning of these affairs unless you notify us. We are only too glad to publish all notices sent by branch officials. A note on a card addressed to Party News Editor, Buffalo Socialist, will be sufficient.

"THE RIGHT TO LIVE"

Stephen Mahoney to Speak For Branch Five. "The Right to Live" will be the subject of a lecture to be delivered at Franklin Hall Sunday afternoon by Stephen J. Mahoney. This is a very interesting subject. Everyone is interested in the right to live.

Mr. Mahoney has recently returned from the Rand School of Social Science. Since his return he has spoken to two branches but there are many people who have not as yet had the opportunity of hearing him speak. You are urged to come and bring your friends to the meeting Sunday afternoon, May 11, at Franklin Hall, 52 West Eagle Street.

THE SPEAKERS' CLASS

The Speakers' Class has resolved itself into a permanent organization and has formed and all interested persons are invited to attend. The club will meet every Monday evening at Franklin Hall, 52 W. Eagle Street.

"THE BANKING GAME"

On Sunday afternoon, May 11, Fredrick Haller will address Branch Four. He will speak on "The Banking Game." An admission fee of 10 cents will be charged and tickets are being sold by members of Branch Four. The lecture will begin at 5:30.

Mr. Haller, it will be remembered, was the attorney of the striking carmen and likewise offered his services to the striking department store workers who have not as yet had occasion to avail themselves of his services. He has made a thorough study of the banking game and is well equipped to describe it in all of its ramifications.

MAHOONEY TO SPEAK FOR BRANCH FOUR

Branch Four Socialist Party has secured the services of Comrade Steve Mahoney for a series of speeches on the West Side on Sunday afternoon, May 12. The general subject of the speeches will be, "Your Job and the Fight to Organize." Inasmuch as Comrade Mahoney has been so actively identified with the street carmen and the department store workers in their strikes, his speeches will be well worth hearing.

Each day at noon, Mahoney will speak at factory gates on the West Side, and in the evenings will speak on street corners.

THE SPEAKERS' CLASS

The Speakers' Class, which meets at Franklin Hall, 52 West Eagle Street, every Monday evening, will take up a correspondence course of 12 lessons with the Rand School of Social Science. All interested persons take notice and attend the next meeting.

J. J. ETOR TO SPEAK IN BUFFALO ON SUNDAY

J. J. Etor is coming to this city to speak in behalf of Phillip Bochani, who was recently sentenced to a year's imprisonment at Sing Sing. Etor was arrested and charged with being accessory before the fact of murder as an aftermath of the Lawrence strike. He was acquitted.

Bochani, the man who is now in Sing Sing, was arrested during the Little Falls strike which was conducted by the I. W. O. M. He was charged with "treating" thirteen other members of the I. W. O. M. He was charged with treating the Horkner County Court being charged with the same offense. Etor was recently deported from Canada on the ground that he was an undesirable visitor. He will speak at St. Stephens Hall, Franklin and Swan Streets, Saturday evening, May 10th, 8 P. M. Under the auspices of Local No. 5, I. W. O. M.

MEETING OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE

(By J. L. English.) (Special Correspondence.) Chicago, Ill., April 30.—That the last two months have seen great growth in the activity of the Socialist Party will be the keynote of the numerous reports that will be submitted to the meeting of the Socialist Party National Committee which convenes in Chicago, Sunday, May 11.

It will be argued, for instance, that the time has now arrived for the establishment of a permanent headquarters for the party. It will be argued that the party buy and own a site and building of its own instead of renting headquarters as at present.

WHEN THE EXPRESS DOLES OUT WISDOM

Whenever the sage gent who presides over the editorial tripod of the Buffalo Express condescends to wrap his classic dose around a problem in simple economics, the result is usually mildly amusing, at the very least. Occasionally, his mental travel results in the birth of most interesting monstrosities. His wretched words of Tuesday morning, telling the working class that the alien land laws of California are "born of the class spirit" constitute a literary and economic gem of purest rare serenity. If he wanted examples of the "class spirit" he would have found them without going so far from home. For example, the class solidarity of the capitalist, which does not permit the newspapers to mention the department store strike on their first pages or editorial pages; the class spirit of the capitalist who sends them in a common cause against all of the strikes which prevail in this city today. The Express does not object to the class spirit. It only objects to the workers having any of it, as it objects to the workers having any of the other good things of life.

STRIKE NOTES

"Socialists demand for All of the Trouble," says one capitalist sheet in discussing the strike. We gratefully acknowledge the corn and rice to inquire if it was not about time that some trouble was caused these harpies of Deafware avenue who live off the labor of little girls. We imagine that when the smoke of this strike clears away, the union men of Buffalo will have a few earnest words to say to Mr. John Coleman for permitting the capitalist papers to use his name in their "statements" supporting to be the effect that organized labor in Buffalo is against the strikers. It would appear from the statements of the rank and file union men that Mr. Coleman has used organized labor as a tail to his personal kite about long enough. When he undertakes to help the capitalists break strikes which are so just and necessary as this one of the struggling girls, the limit has almost been reached. A new day is dawning for the Buffalo labor movement, so long borne down by this irksome incubus.

LABOR NEWS

(A. F. of L. News Service.) THE WIRELESS STRIKE. As the vessels bearing wireless operators touch the port of San Francisco, the keymen are joining with the wireless operators in their strike to secure an increase in wages and better conditions. It is said to be the intention of the National Committee will also elect a national secretary and woman's general correspondent, in addition to the National Executive Committee and the Woman's National Committee.

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BREAKING UP THE HOME

The home is in danger! some cry, because the Socialists realize that society has a duty to perform toward every child born in it, and insist that this duty shall be performed. Of course, Socialism is not the end of the world, on the contrary, it will enable those who today have no home to get one. But today the home is in danger; it is in danger because there is a battle of human passions and low instincts, of sordid interests and shameful deceptions, where men, women and children are sacrificed. And the root of the evil is money, or, as a rule, the absence of it.

BIG STRIKE IMPENDING

A strike of all clothing cutters is in prospect. The United Garment Workers are preparing to demand a weekly schedule of forty-eight hours work in effect. The United Garment Workers are preparing to demand a weekly schedule of forty-eight hours work in effect. The United Garment Workers are preparing to demand a weekly schedule of forty-eight hours work in effect.

POST IMITATOR

One of the woodworking firms in the city of Quincy, Ill., in its consuming desire to defeat the strike against its plant, has enticed by false pretense workmen from other cities to take positions at a higher rate than the union scale. But the firm has been unable to keep these workmen upon the true situation being disclosed. The manufacturers therefore are scouring the country for workmen, the latest move being to secure only aliens who do not speak the English language, although their presence along the line has not yet appeared. "Whom the gods would destroy they first make mad."

ORGANIZED LAUNDRY WORKERS

At a meeting of the employees of the various laundries in Tacoma, Wash., a Laundry Workers' Union was formed. The charter list estimates nearly 180 names. The wages paid here for this class of labor are extremely low, only averaging about one-half that paid to the same class of workers employed in San Francisco, where they are organized.

BOTTLENE THREATEN STRIKE

A strike of about 500 members of the Washington Bottlers and Privileges' Union of New York has been threatened. The union has demanded ten legal holidays a year and an increase of a 1/2 cent.

PLUMBERS ON STRIKE

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THE DEPARTMENT STORE STRIKE

The suddenness of the strike of the department store clerks and drivers is proof that conditions demanded immediate action of some kind. While it may be considered by many a hasty step, and that older organizations would have parleyed over for some months, or even years, conditions in the department stores were such that something had to be done, and done quick, and it is to the credit of the clerks and drivers that they lost no time in calling a strike.

The girls took to the picket line like ducks to water and were wondering what would the score was given them on the second day of the strike by John Coleman of the Trades and Labor Council that the A. F. of L. was not behind them.

We have no doubt that the girls would have succeeded in getting out of many of those cold footed, weak-kneed souls that love the boss and think more of a few days pay now than a substantial, lasting increase.

Mr. Coleman did not tell you that for years he belonged to the Amalgamated Carpenters, an out-lawed organization, instead of the regularly constituted union of the A. F. of L., the Brotherhood of Carpenters. He did not tell you that the Trades and Labor Council of Buffalo is not now affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, and that he is responsible for this condition of affairs.

As with the organization of the Car Men's Union and the Express Men's Union, was the intention of the organizing association to call in the proper representatives of the American Federation of Labor and make it part of that body, but Mr. Coleman became unduly excited over the successes of the Organizing Association.

W. F. Cattill and rushed to prevent others from doing work he could not and did not do even though he has had all kinds of opportunities.

If Mr. Coleman was really desirous of seeing the clerks win, which would mean another strong union, he would have stepped up to the front like a man and offered his assistance instead of crying out in the capitalist newspapers that "the United Trades and Labor Council is not back of this strike."

Notwithstanding the injury Mr. Coleman has done this strike the workers are still out and fighting with a determination that commands the admiration of every worker in the city.

The Organizing Association, composed of Socialists, rather than in any way injure the chances for success of the strikers, gracefully turned over the work to the Trades and Labor Council and will do everything possible to carry the strike to success.

We are out for the best that can be obtained for the workers, and are willing to sacrifice everything for their cause.

We will spend our time and money to this end, and if anyone stands in the way let them beware.

All the strikers need to do is to stick to their guns and victory is assured.

Just think of \$2.50 a week and paying for car fare and lunch out of that.

THE RADICALS

Within the last week we note that the capitalist press is taking extreme delight in referring to the Socialists as radicals and at the same time taking comfort with the old fogies of the labor movement as conservatives.

It is an old saying in the labor movement that when a labor man meets the approval of the bosses, then look out for him, and it is a true one.

Our exploiters are conservative when it means the paying out of wages, but they are very radical in their methods of handling men.

If a worker asks for a raise in pay it often takes months of deliberation, then the worker is informed by the boss that he can't afford it, even though it is known that he is spending money lavishly.

If you want something that you are entitled to demand it. Don't be a cringing, crawling serpent and plead and beg and cry for it.

It didn't take long for the stores to abolish the Saturday night work when it suited them to do so.

The most noticeable feature of the strike of the department stores is the lack of news on this subject in the capitalist press.

On the first day of the big strike the Buffalo Times had a head clear across the page telling what was going on in London.

IN THE AIR

We overheard a man say the other day: "Yes, it's a fine day, and strikes are in the air."

Yes, and why? In this beautiful city of ours the "business interests" have held complete control of the situation for many years.

The price of commodities have steadily risen from day to day without the least regard to whether the consumer could meet that price or not.

FATHERS AND SONS

The good old times were the times when our old people were young and full of energy and equal to any emergency they might have been obliged to encounter. The world in those days was the world of our fathers, and our thoughts, feelings, and our own self-expression.

The present times are the good times for those who fill them with their actions, and are determined to put the stamp of their will-power upon them.

Yet the old do not always understand the young, though they are of their own blood and have inherited the qualities which served them so well when they were young and faced the world ready to conquer it.

There is an incessant struggle going on through all the ages, a struggle which will probably never cease as long as our race preserves its intellectual vitality, the struggle between fathers and sons, the struggle between the old and the young, between those whose life's energies are depleted, and those who have just entered upon their course of life's responsibilities and possibilities.

However, not all fathers are fighting the battle against the youthful, promising advance guard of the future. Whosoever joins the Socialist movement and fights the battle of Socialism partakes of the life and ambitions and ideals of the young.

In the Socialist movement of our days fathers and sons are not antagonists but allies and comrades. But, of course, it is only those who have remained young at heart and in attitude who will be able to understand the insignificance of this grand movement and delight in its splendid fight.

WHAT HOME RULE MEANS

Home rule,—there is much talk of home rule nowadays, for the term lends itself readily to cover a multitude of political conceptions from which every one may select what suits him best. The public spirited citizen understands by it the rule of the people, his people, the well-to-do, respectable people, the people who pay the taxes and whose names make up what is called public opinion.

But what difference does it make to the ordinary citizen whether he is elected by a fellow citizen or by a stranger, and whether the law which authorizes his fleeing is home-made or

made at some distant sea capital? It is immaterial to the honest workman it is shown, the effect will always be the same: the sheep will lose its wool.

However, the well-to-do citizens can well afford to let the politicians have their way in regard to well-paying offices and spoils, because in the end it is they who reap the richest harvest from this kind of politics. Modern capitalist politics is merely the handmaid of modern capitalist profit-making, and the only losers are the masses of the working people.

Let us for the working people to decide how long this sort of politics is to be carried on at their expense. It is for them to decide whether home rule is to become a fact in the true sense of the word or remain a mockery and a sham.

Let them count their votes, and they cannot help realizing that they have the power to determine what our politics is to be: a game to be played upon the people in order the better to despoil them, or a means to promote their interest.

Representing the economic and every other interest of the working people, the Socialists have stood for home rule, that the people's welfare shall be the controlling factor in all social and political matters, and that the people shall be the dominating factor in politics everywhere.

POLITICAL POWER

A serious charge has been brought against the Socialist Party, namely, that its only object is to gain political power. Is it true? And if it is true, is it wrong for a political party to struggle for political power?

As far as we can see, and as far as history can teach us anything in this respect, it has always been the object of every party to secure the realization of the principles and interests those parties represent, advocate and strive for. The Socialist Party is no exception to this rule.

Its object is political power, not as an end in itself, but as a means to an end, and this end is the establishment of economic, social and political democracy.

But in order to conquer the state, the Socialist must first of all conquer the masses of the working people, that they may thus conquer the heads and hearts of the men and women whose material and intellectual interests find their most comprehensive expression in Socialism.

The desire of the Socialists to gain political power is identical with the desire of the working people to become the masters of their destinies, to become masters instead of being servants, to own their tools instead of being the tools of others, to be the masters of social existence instead of being compelled to sell themselves to those who now happen to control them.

It seems ridiculous to reproach the Socialists for aiming at political power, in a society in which nothing of importance can be achieved without political power.

EXCURSIONS INTO THE REALM OF REASON

So, my religious friend, you quarrel with us because we have ceased to sing "bye and bye" and are crying "the day is near" and you have been wrapped up in your other worldliness to such a degree that you have forgotten to apply reason to the conditions which have kept the great instinct of immortality.

Let us suppose that all you claim is true. We will allow your faith to take the place of reason. You believe that death does not end. Beyond the grave there is another life. In that other life there will be perfect identity. You say: "We shall know as we are known." If that is true, then that person must be the same in point of personality five minutes after he is dead as he was five minutes before he died.

Let us examine one case out of the millions. As an old man, still working in the mines at sixty-five, has a faith that shines undimmed. Every day he goes to his toil. His back is bent with the burden of his years. His legs are bowed and his body mis-shapen. He loves his church, his country, his fellow men, for special reasons because he is so very young the day a work that he must drag himself to bed. "The preacher says that the conditions which have kept him in this life will be made up to you in that glorious heaven in the skies."

But, my dear religious friend, this old man has been so badly treated, he is so weary, he has such a bitter feeling against the conditions which have kept him toiling when he ought to be spending the evening of his life amid the light of requited toil, that, in view of your own argument that his personality will be the same after death. HE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO APPRECIATE HIS OWN ENVIRONMENT THAT MAN-GIVEN IN THE SKY.

Did you ever see a miser enter his master's palace. Have you never seen a child of the slums in a rich man's home. It is most uncomfortable to experience they have ever passed through. The miser's share is no fit preparation for a mansion. The important thing for you to do is to try and make conditions so good in this life, that all men will be prepared for the best another life has to offer. We need not be concerned with what we shall be five minutes after our passing. The all important thing is what we shall be as men in this life. We shall be five minutes before we cross the threshold from whence there is no return.

PERSONAL LIBERTY

Personal liberty has its limitations as everything else in this world. In a society where the existence of every man depends on the existence of other men, where mutual service is the very law of life, where none can even hurt himself without doing injury to others—in a society of this kind the personal liberty of each is conditioned by the common interest of all. No individual act is permissible which endangers the interest and liberty of others.

Strike breaking, for instance, in a really civilized society is not regarded as a legitimate exercise of one's personal liberty because it is a violation of the eternal principle of solidarity; it is inconsistent with the best interest of society, inasmuch as it tends to demoralize our public life, and to lower the standard of living of the working people.

A man's conduct must conform to generally recognized standards of decency, righteousness and justice in order to be regarded as a legitimate exercise of personal liberty within the society of civilized men and women.

The Socialists are not at all opposed to capital; what they are decidedly opposed to is the present use of capital as a means of human exploitation, enslavement and degradation.

The open shop—the open shop to which the worker is invited to go to work and operated for the common interest of all.

Wealth, so doubt, covers much unhappiness, but what does it amount to compared with the misery, physical, mental and moral, which poverty creates and discloses. A man may easily rid himself of his wealth if he has it, but it is considerably more difficult to rid himself of his poverty.

It is likewise always to hear somebody talk and complain of the misery of the poor, is it not? It certainly is. But it is considerably more difficult to live in misery and waste your life in a constant struggle for the means of living.

Socialist News

ELDON, MO., GOING HOME. Not very many readers of the Buffalo Socialist have ever heard of the City of Eldon in the State of Missouri. But the Socialists of that town are patriotic and cheerful about their own self-expression.

Some of the branches of the Socialist Party in Pittsburgh are organizing baseball teams. All work makes any Socialist a pretty dull person.

HOW ABOUT THIS? A Socialist paper published in the West is guilty of the following: "Send me a copy of your paper. I have seen you before. Prisoner—You are, your honor; I judge—Thirty years."

ELBOT SOCIALIST MAYOR. For the first time in the history of the State of South Dakota the Socialists have elected a majority candidate. After a hot campaign John C. Knapp was elected Mayor of Sison, S. D.

COLORADO VICTORIES. At the recent municipal elections in the City of Baltimore the Socialists won a number of victories, among them the following: At Lafayette the Socialists swept the city, electing mayor and three trustees by a good margin.

THE RED WAVE. Socialdemokrat, the national organ of the Danish Socialists, says, regarding the results of the recent municipal elections: "The red wave is flowing out over city and country and our opponents already speak with fear of the 'red ocean' that is about to swallow up the existing social order."

CO-OPERATIVE DAILY PLANT. The Finnish Socialists of Fitchburg, Mass., have recently established a daily plant which is maintained and operated on the co-operative basis. The mill is said to have cost \$100,000.

WHEN GREEK HELMS GREEN. The Greek Socialists of San Francisco recently conducted a theatrical performance in aid of the Greek Socialist Party of Greece. Because of the war in the Balkans the Greek Socialists are very much in need of support.

ELLA BEEVE HOOB ARRESTED. The principal industry of Mechanicsville, Saratoga County, N. Y., is brick making. At the present writing over 500 brick makers are on strike.

SEIDEL TO DEBATE. With the assistance of the National Office, arrangements have been made for Emil Seidel and Adam Deid to conduct a series of debates on Socialism for fifteen weeks on the Chautauque platform, beginning the latter part of May.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S LEAGUE. The Y. P. S. L. of Chicago have started the publication of a paper—Journal of the Young People's Socialist League. It is to be published monthly, although it is hoped soon to make it weekly.

ACTIVE FOR ECONOMIC ORGANIZATION. All Socialists realize the necessity for economic organization and never were so active as at present in creating sentiment for organization. This is true not only in Buffalo but all over the country.

THE LARGEST UNION. The German Metal Workers' Union is the largest in the world. It is organized on the industrial basis. The membership of this union, 1913, shows a membership of 501,547, with over 27,000 women.

CONGRADERS SEND OFFERS. The Social Club met Sunday afternoon, corner Zeland and Post streets. Upon their ground the first Socialist picnic ever held in Buffalo took place.

INVENTORS WANTED. A congrader would like to know of other brilliant ideas. He has ideas in the line of patents or inventions that they would be willing to work out and contribute to the cause of Socialism.

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