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WOMEN AT THE MACHINES

MACHINISTS MAY STRIKE

REALIZE THAT TIME IS RIPE FOR ACTION

It is About Time These Skilled Workers Got Improvement in Conditions and Increase in Wages.

The machinists employed by D. H. Bell Co., 49 Lansing street, and the Contractors Plant, foot of Erie street, are out on strike.

A large mass meeting was held Wednesday night at 270 Broadway which was addressed by Joseph Sonnabend.

The International Association of Machinists will hold a big mass meeting Friday night at International Hall, Genesee street, which will be addressed by Joseph Sonnabend of the Machinists Union, and Steve Mahoney of the Buffalo Socialist.

Following is a list of the demands: First—That all men be reinstated who have been discharged during the past month for being members of the union by their respective employers.

Second—That the minimum rate for machinists be \$1.00 per hour. Third—That the minimum rate for tool and die makers be \$1.00 per hour.

UNION VICTORIOUS

The workers have won the first victory in the present series of strikes. The Buffalo Socialist has always urged the working class to organize. Only through organization and united action can the condition of the workers be improved.

Last Monday evening Local 45, I. R. E. W., declared a strike on the Federal Company. Tuesday morning the company's work was at a standstill, every man employed by the company with the exception of the office force had joined the ranks of the strikers.

The agreement entered into between the union and the company yesterday afternoon calls for a closed shop and an increase of wages for practically all men working for the Federal Company in this city.

The determined stand of the Federal employees has had a remarkable effect upon the automatic Bell Telephone Company. Yesterday morning the employees of the "Bell" were summoned to a meeting and an official of the company announced that in the future they would work 8 hours instead of nine and heretofore. But the New York Com-

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BULLETIN. We are informed that the Win Hengger Co. has decided to grant the demands of the strikers, they refuse however to recognize the union. The Hengger store is connected with undivided owners and they will no doubt, not only grant all the demands but also recognize the union, if the strikers hold firm.

PREACHERS CALLED IN-BY THE MASTERS TO HELP CONQUER WORK IN SILENCE

Ask that Nothing be Said of their Efforts to Help End the Strike.

A conference called by the Retail Merchants Association with a committee from the Buffalo Federation of Protestant Churches for the purpose of considering the strike situation in the department store. Lasted several hours yesterday forenoon. Just what agreement was reached, or the attitude the clergy would take toward the strikers, could not be learned.

"The meeting was called by the Merchants' Association," said R. C. Sellers, secretary of the Men and Religion Forward Movement, secretary to a representative of the Buffalo Socialists, "and its members requested that we do nothing for publication."

UP TO MASTERS TO PROTECT OUR CITIZENS

Thugs, Gunmen and Ex-Convicts Armed by Police to Browbeat Buffalo Workmen.

In Louis P. Fuhrmann the mayor of Buffalo or is he simply a lick-spittle of H. A. Meldrum and the rest of the bosses?

Who elected him to office? Who pays him his salary and his "expenses"?

Is he hired to import, or permit to be imported, thugs and gunmen for the purpose of helping the bosses to intimidate their workers and drive them back to a hateful slavery?

Would he permit the strikers to import an armed body of gunmen, and establish them in armed camps within the city limits to dash out upon unarmed people and browbeat and bully them?

Yet, the big capitalists of New York, who own the express company graft, are permitted to trap and inveigle men into their private armies of thugs, gunmen and ex-convicts and USE THEM TO INTIMIDATE THE WORKERS OF BUFFALO WHO PAY THEIR MANN'S SALARY AND "EXPENSES."

The police department headed by Mike Regan, PUTS CLUBS INTO THE HANDS OF THESE RECKLESS VAGABONDS AND SETS THEM LOOSE UPON THE CITIZENS OF BUFFALO.

Do you approve of this, Mr. Citizen? If not, what are you going to do about it?

Why does he not do as the Socialist Party demand? HEAVEN DONE IN SIMILAR INSTANCES.

But perhaps you do not know what Socialist mayors do in such cases. We will tell you. THEY DO EXACTLY WHAT MAYOR FUHRMANN, OF THE DEMOCRAT PARTY WOULD DO IF THESE THUGS, EX-BURG-LARS AND GUNMEN WERE EMPLOYED BY THE CITIZENS OF BUFFALO TO INTIMIDATE SCABS, INSTEAD OF BEING EMPLOYED BY THEIR NEW YORK MASTERS TO INTIMIDATE CITIZENS.

In such cases the Socialist mayors SIMPLY DRIVE THE THUGS OUT OF TOWN.

Very simple, isn't it? If Louis Fuhrmann really wanted to do something for the citizens of Buffalo—if he really were a friend of the working class as he pretended so loudly during campaign—would he not STAY TO HELP THE WORKERS TO WIN THEIR FIGHT, he can do it within 24 hours, simply BY ENFORCING THE LAW AGAINST VAGABONDS AND DEPRIVING CHARACTERS WHO ARE BEING BROUGHT IN BY THE BOSSES AS HE WOULD IF THEY CAME ALONE OR WERE BROUGHT IN BY THE WORKERS.

He thinks it isn't necessary to do anything. He has fooled you before with his air during campaign time, why should he not figure that he can fool you again. He knows that he can't fool the bosses. He was put into office by them to keep you in subjection. He is earning his keep. He will do nothing to help the workers. He will do everything to defeat them in their fight.

HELP! HELP! HELP! Help the Department Store Girls and attend the Women's Club Dinner at 22 W. Erie Street, Socialist Headquarters, Tonight, May 9th, 1913. ADMISSION 10 CENTS

POLICE IDLE; THUGS BUSY!

WE SHOULD WORRY!

The following letter tells its own story of how the Federal Government can be employed to shut down radical publications: BUFFALO, N. Y., May 7, 1913.

Complaint has been made to me that certain articles in the "Buffalo Socialist" dealing with the situation in the Buffalo stores come within the prohibition of Section 211 of the United States Criminal Code. Your attention is respectfully called to the law governing the character of publications admitted to the mails and warn you against its violation.

Incidentally, we might say to Mr. John Lord O'Brian and the others employed to do the bidding of the master class that they will probably be a good many things in the Buffalo Socialist which will be displeasing to the bosses.

It is interesting to know that John Lord O'Brian, United States Attorney, is the law partner of Chauncey J. Hamilton, whose exploitation of girls in the Sweeney store has been exposed in this paper.

NO WORKER WANTS TO CLUB HIS OWN FELLOW-CITIZENS

Lackeys of the Master Class Are Finding it Difficult to Get Cops.

The police of Buffalo, with the exception of the petty leaders who are directly under the eyes of Chief Regan and Mayor Fuhrmann, are showing themselves to be splendid men and Buffalo can well be proud of them. When they are not forced to abuse the workers at the direct commands of their leaders, they seem inclined to treat the striking workmen with the consideration due to citizens who pay their wages.

At best, however, the task of driving working men back to slavery does not appeal to men with human hearts and red blood, so that the local police department, for the first time in its history, is not able to secure enough blue-cops to satisfy the thirst of Mayor Fuhrmann and Chief Regan for the gov. of strikers.

Not only do the men on the extra list, who have passed their examinations refuse to report for duty, but in numerous cases, the few who have reported have thrown up their jobs, refusing to serve the fat capitalists any longer.

The call issued by police headquarters for 500 special police has become the laughing stock of the town. No workmen want to take the job, because it means that he would never be able to look his neighbors in the face after descending to do the dirty work of the capitalists.

The police heads evidently looked for trouble in this respect so that AS SOON AS THE EXPRESS COMPANIES ADVISED THEM OF THEIR INTENTION OF STARTING TROUBLE THE POLICE DEPARTMENT ISSUED THE CALL FOR SPECIAL MEN.

THIS CALL WAS ISSUED BEFORE THE STRIKE BEGAN, WHICH INDICATES THAT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT IS WORKING IN CLOSE HARMONY WITH THE SLAVE DRIVERS.

The heads of the police department, determined to club the striking citizen's back to their slavery, are ARMING THE EX-CONVICTS AND THUGS IMPORTED TO DO THE BIDDING OF THE MASTERS AND THEY ARE A CONSTANT MENACE TO EVERY WORKINGMAN IN BUFFALO.

STRAWBOS IS PINCHED

A warrant was issued Thursday for the arrest of one, Thor, strawbos at the Weissmann & Reis store on Broadway. Sporn, Klem, took it upon himself to roughly manhandle Miss-rick Schuler a striker, who promptly took action against him in police court. The case will probably close before Judge Maul Friday morning.

COPS WATCH MOB OF SCABS CLUB CITIZENS

Evidently, Police Have Been Told by Regan and Fuhrmann that Working Class Has No Rights.

If anything were needed to prove the contention of the Socialists that the police department is absolutely under the thumb of the master class, the recent developments in connection with the efforts of Buffalo workmen to improve their conditions labor would prove the infirmity of the police department.

The following item is clipped from Wednesday's issue of the Buffalo Express, which has always been one of the most bitter antagonists of organized labor:

"There was a row at the Well-Falls here at South Division and Cedar streets last yesterday afternoon. About 50 men, members of the police and scabs, were engaged in a fight of eight minutes. The scabs did not hesitate to use them."

"It will note that when the imported thugs were POLICE CLUBS FURNISHED THEM BY THE BUFFALO POLICE DEPARTMENT, THE POLICE ONLY 'ADVISE' THEM NOT TO DO IT. Isn't that a fine picture for you 'sovereign citizens' to look upon? NOT ONLY DOES BUFFALO'S POLICE DEPARTMENT LEND THEM THE BEANS OF BUFFALO CITIZENS BUT STANDS BY AND WATCHES THE IMPORTED GUNMEN, EX-BURG-LARS AND OTHER EX-CONVICTS DO THE JOB."

You are now seeing the effect of the votes you cast last fall to put into power the creatures of the master class who walk upon your faces. How do you like it!

TO FOOL UNION MEN WITH A FAKE LABEL

One of the most low-down, despicable pieces of work ever tried as a means of deceiving fair-minded people is the practice by certain scab moving picture theaters of showing on the screen a sign, similar to that used by union houses, announcing that the picture machine is run by a union operator. Owing to this fact, the Moving Picture Machine Operators Union, No. 229, has annulled the use of this slide on screens.

Every union theater displays the window sign, A. T. S. E. Local 229, in its box office window. Look for it there. If it can't be seen, there is nothing to prevent you from attending a decent 'movie'.

The Picture Machine Operators' Union meets at midnight the first and third Tuesday of every month at Council Hall.

GRIM SUCCESSFUL

International Vice-President Grim is having great success in his organization of the workers in the railroad car shops. He has brought home forcibly the need of organization among these unorganized and overworked victims of the system.

WOULD JESUS ACT AS THESE MINISTERS DO?

Reverend Sam Atkinson Makes Some Pertinent Remarks Anent the Strike.

By REV. SAM ATKINSON
If Jesus came to Buffalo, there would not be a church of any denomination in which he would be welcomed.

We should bear him cry to those who profess to bear his name and preach his doctrine, "O ye generation of vipers" as he did in the days of his flesh.

None of our preachers says, "I will deal with the question of the department store employees two weeks from tonight."

The other day two of the strikers met a clergyman upon the street. They spoke to him about their condition.

It is the painted beauties in such stores as that of J. N. Adam who would become the other support, who are not out on strike.

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IT COSTS 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 have been the rule.

The strikers realize this fact is shown by the action of President Speich of the strikers.

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

Table with columns for item and amount. Includes Niagara Taxicab Co., Buffalo Printing Co., and various individuals.

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LABORER BEHELD THE PROGRESS OF THE REVOLUTION

Veteran Union Man Expressed Satisfaction With Efforts of Local Socialists.

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Other improved conditions. The other stores may follow the Sweeney Co. They will have to, whether they want to or not.

Now this is itself a victory. For conditions from now on WILL BE IMPROVED, and YOU ARE THOSE who will have to give you better conditions. You have nothing to be sorry for. You have not lost anything; on the contrary, you have already won a great victory for yourself, and even for those who are now against you.

But you, who have the courage, the class-loyalty, the spirit, the will, the determination and the desire to better conditions, only you, and you only, for all those who are working for wages, you, I say, can never regret the fact of having been a striker.

Stand together, girls, and remain as loyal to your fellow workers as you have been until now.

Stand together, girls, and remain as loyal to your fellow workers as you have been until now. The writer of these lines participated in a strike that lasted over TWENTY-TWO WEEKS; that strike cost the union FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY-SEVEN DOLLARS.

These details can, and must, be straightened out. Such things must not, and should not interfere with the success of the strike.

At yesterday's meeting it was said that several girls came out and joined the strikers. Let us welcome them with open arms. We want them with us, not against us.

Let us all be willing to help you. The Women's Committee of the Socialist party is doing good work to help you along.

Stick it out, girls; show to the world that you, too like so many in New York and elsewhere, can fight for what is justly yours.

BOSS GIVES UP \$5 TO HELP STRIKERS! Two comrades visited several shops Thursday to invite the workers to contribute to the fund for the care of the striking clerks.

Another Sam Atkinson, 95 Waverly Street, Buffalo, Socialist.

Dear Comrade Editor: A saloon has been opened at the corner of Main and Glenwood under the management of Sam Atkinson.

A great many people have paid me the compliment that I have organized money to open a saloon.

I simply want my friends to know that I am too busy as a Socialist to devote any time to the saloon business.

Years for the revolution, SAM ATKINSON.

MONEY HANDED BY SOCIALIST WOMEN'S CLUB IS REPORTED

Total Expenditures Less Than Receipts, Showing Careful Management.

The following statement of receipts and expenditures in connection with the department store workers' strike is of interest:

Table with columns for name, address, and amount. Lists donors like Mrs. P. J. Harlan, Mrs. J. J. Harlan, etc.

Total amount \$92.50. Includes items like Donations, Exp. for Bread, Exp. for Fuel, etc.

Balance on hand \$8.41. Signed by the Committee of the Women's Club of Buffalo, N. Y.

While the statement is believed to be strictly accurate, there is always possibility of mistakes when records are kept under the stress of excitement such as has prevailed at the Socialist headquarters during the last two weeks.

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Outfit No. 4. Flat oak casket, covered with black cloth or imitation oak crosswood, lined with white or cream lining, brown habit, embalm, black hearse, three coaches, chairs, burial permit, complete care and attendance. Total cost \$60.00

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Address of Communications to Women's Council, Buffalo Socialist

ANSWER TO HOUSE WIVES' LEAGUE
 Call of the Housewives' League. Housewives, harken to our call. Oh, you join us, one and all. Urge husbands to read the paper. "Sensational" for us cry. Each day we market go. What we order we must know. Get the money and stop the waste. Vanish dirt, allowed before. Even middlemen may fear. Should they raise the prices here. Let the money be correct. Errors will our case correct. And the prices fair must be. Goods of pure quality. United for the home we stand. Every ready, hand in hand.

Reply of Women's Socialist Club
 At BUFFALO you seem to aim, While the CAUSE is all to blame. Help remove the cause, my dear, And effect will disappear. PROFIT is the mischief-maker. Which inspires the wary fakir. Get the money and stop the waste. Vote with us to banish greed. When our food is made for use There'll be no profit in abuse. No scales nor measures in fact. No toll which middlemen collect. Adulation will not be. Because there'll be no profit—see! Even a postage stamp you buy. Postage doesn't cost us here. Because you get it profit-free—see! Besides, the stamp is best to be. The mangle tested, pure and nice. Nor do the rollers beat the price. COMRADE GEO. D. JONES

ENGLISH SUFFRAGETTE
 There has been so much condemnation of the English suffragettes that we have concluded to examine the evidence of all this violence (1) and give briefly the other side of the story. There are two sides to every story, you know, but the other side of this story, especially in this case, when it comes from the press that gets its revenues from the source that likes to hear 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 car strike very little damage was really done, and most of that little was done by strike sympathizers, boys, those who take advantage of the women's helplessness to set like hoodlums, and last 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, and that the violence there is plenty of reason for it. A certain Englishman residing in this city said recently that we Americans are so stupid that we do not realize that the English suffragettes are doing the same thing under the same conditions and because the average English law maker was such a pig-headed individual that he could see nothing but what he saw. He had a limited vision unless one used force to club it into him. Reason number one, therefore,

number two, and principal grievance is 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 could get through the first and second readings, 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 there was needed for these affairs more time. It is beginning to appear as though it would have been better to let the members vote on the question and put off 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 made to them were broken, and scenes after scenes presented. Under such treatment that which would have seemed inevitable to any thinking mind came to pass. Tired of trying to be reformers, the women became 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 will it do? As everything else had failed it could not do much harm. While we deprecate violence, we have recently had a local illustration of what a little violence would do. Had the street car men allowed the cars to be operated by the imported thugs, there would have been enough trouble for the women to get on with. Had the street car men allowed the cars to be operated by the imported thugs, there would have been enough trouble for the women to get on with. Had the street car men allowed the cars to be operated by the imported thugs, there would have been enough trouble for the women to get on with.

There is another side of the violence question that we hear little or nothing about in that done to women and their friends. Passing over the injuries done to the women, as only incident to the warfare in which they are engaged, we learn that many of their friends and relatives have been maltreated for merely taking their side of the controversy.

It is reported to be all the violence that is done in England is done through the women's organizations. There is not always a bunch of suffrage literature, or a woman's cloak or something like that nature found in their case. It would be possible for someone not connected with the movement to leave these articles there to injure the cause, would it not? Had you not gentle reader, this has been done. It is possible that some sympathizer read the work just as some friend of the car workers did the trick here during the strike. In any case we should not know of it until we have all the facts before us, and in getting those facts it is well to remember how much truth there is circulated through the Associated Press if it is not the kind that they desire.

The Bakers' Union has taken steps to show its support of the strike of department store employees in a most effective and emphatic way. A resolution was adopted by the union in the terms of which any member of the union who patronizes any of the "struck" stores will be fined \$5.

Socialist Party News

Address of Communications to Party News, Buffalo Socialist

DEPORTANT NOTICE
 Branch organs and meetings 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 Buffalo 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 post card addressed to Party News Editor, Buffalo Socialist, will be sufficient.

"THE RIGHT TO LIVE"
 Stephen Mahoney's Speech For Branch Four
 "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. Mahoney has recently returned from the Reed 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 study club. A library is being formed and all interested persons are invited to attend. The club will meet every Monday evening at Franklin Hall, 52 West Eagle Street.

"THE BANKING GAME"
 On Sunday afternoon, May 11, Fredrick Haller will address Branch Four at Colgate University, 100 West 10th Street, on the subject "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 8:30.

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 eminently fitted to describe it in all of its ramifications.

MAHONEY TO SPEAK FOR BRANCH FOUR
 Branch Four Socialist Party has secured the services of Comrade Steve Mahoney for a series of speeches on the subject of the "Banking Game," May 12. The general subject of the speeches will be, "Your Job and the Right 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.

When the Express Does Not Do Wisdom

Address of Communications to Party News, Buffalo Socialist

Whenever the sage gent who presides over the editorial tripod of the Buffalo Express condescends to wrap his classic dome around a problem in simple economics, the result is usually mildly amusing, at the very least. Occasionally, his mental travails result in the birth of most interesting monstrosities. His winged 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 ray serenity. If he wanted examples of the "class spirit" he could have found them without going so far from home. For example, the class solidarity of the capitalists, which will not permit the newspapers to mention the department store strike on their first pages or editorial pages; the class spirit of the capitalists which tempts the Federal Telephone Company to connect a spy with the telephone service at Socialist headquarters; the class spirit of the capitalists which unite them in a common cause against all of the strikes which prevail in the city today. The Express does not object to the class spirit. It only objects to the class solidarity of the capitalists, which it objects to the workers saving any of the other good things of life.

STRIKE NOTES
 Socialists Blamed For All of the Trouble in the city, are capitalists in discussing the strike. We gratefully acknowledge the cork and rise to inquire if it wasn't about time that some trouble was caused these hordes of Delaware avengers who live off the labor of little girls.

We imagine that when the smoke of this strike clears away, the good men of Buffalo will have a few earnest men to say to Mr. John Coleman for permitting the capitalist papers to use his name in their lying statements purporting to 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 been organized for some time to his personal kick about long enough. When he undertakes to help the capitalists beat strikes which are not just and necessary in this one of the ongoing strike, the limit has about been reached. A new day is dawning for the Buffalo labor movement, so long borne down by this irksome incubus.

LABOR NEWS
 (A. F. I. News Service)
THE WIRELESS STRIKE
 As the vessels bearing wireless operators from the port of San Francisco, the keymen at the strike have the wireless operators in their strike to secure an increase in wages and better conditions. There seems to be a unity of feeling among the wireless operators against the low wages paid to this class of labor. While some nonunion men are being procured, yet the supply is not sufficient to do any appreciable effect in relieving the situation. The wireless all the transmission companies are assisting the wireless to the limit in its effort to defeat the union. Information has been received that there also is impending a strike of the wireless operators on the 200 trans-Atlantic and coastwise steamers as a result of the efforts of the wireless operators on this class of labor, the grievance being similar.

BIG STRIKE IMPENDING
 A strike of all the clothing cutters in New York City. The United Garment Workers are preparing to demand a weekly schedule of forty-eight hours work which would schedule the fifty-four hour work week. The local union has voted unanimously to make this demand, and efforts are now being made to secure the reduction in hours in an amicable manner. The reduction in hours is being demanded by the union because it is placed upon a more equitable basis with other clothing manufacturing cities.

POST EDITOR
 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 workers from other cities to take positions at higher rate than the union scale. But the firm has been unable to keep these workmen upon the true situation being disclosed. The manufacturer has been accused of sending money for workmen, the latest move being to secure only aliens who do not speak the English language, although their wages are not as high as they yet appeared. "When the time comes to destroy they first make mad."

ORGANISE LAUNDRY WORKERS
 In view of the employees of the laundry workers in Tacoma, Wash., a Laundry Workers' Union was formed. The charter list contains nearly 130 names. The wages paid here for this class of labor are extremely low, and averaging about one-half that paid to the same class of workers employed in San Francisco, where they are organized.

BOTTLES THREATEN STRIKE
 A strike of about 500 members of the Mineral Water Bottlers and Drivers Union of Buffalo, N. Y., is threatened. The union has demanded ten legal holidays a year and an increase of \$1 a week.

FLUMMERS ON STRIKE
 All the union flummers on business, numbering over 500, are on strike. The men demand 40¢ per day, an increase of 45 cents over the present scale.

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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.

The girls took a telling effect on the owners, who have been so accustomed to browbeat their employees that for a surprise party it had everything checked.

The girls took to the picket line like ducks to water and were doing wonderful work until the scare was given them on the second day of the strike by John Coleman of the Trades and Labor Council.

We have no doubt that the girls would have succeeded in getting out 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.

As with the organization of the Street Car Men's Union and the Express Men's Union, it was the intention of the organizing association to call in the proper representatives of the American Federation of Labor and to get behind that body, but Mr. Coleman became unduly excited over the success of the Organizing Association and W. F. Cattell 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, graciously turned over the work to the Trades and Labor Council and did 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 own 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 money and they are very radical in their methods of handling men.

If a man does not just suit, out he goes, immediately. No argument is tolerated. You are fired on the spot. Immediate direct action is brought to bear if you attempt it.

The worker who is not paid in his pay 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.

At the same time wages have remained practically stationary. This condition of affairs has existed for many years, and the success of the so-called "business interests" has made them bolder and bolder in their exploitation.

We have been advertised as a cheap labor town, and have been known as such for years. We have been ground down so hard that the dullest mind is stirred to revolt, until now every worker is ready to strike.

We must do something. When wages do not meet the absolute necessities of life, look out for trouble.

These conditions have long existed in this city, and the wonder is how we have stood it so long.

If we must live, we must change this condition; if we must change this condition we must organize.

We must organize in such a manner that when we make demands they must be conceded or trouble will ensue.

We must organize to win, not to request and be turned down like beggars.

We must elect men to office that will do OUR bidding instead of obeying the orders of our enemies, our exploiters.

We must teach our young men that capitalist political parties are organized to control us and for the interests of those who own them, and by the same token working class parties are owned and controlled for the workers.

We must organize on the political and economic basis. Both are absolutely necessary and we need both to win.

The cockroach capitalists have run this city in their interests long enough. Let us take it away from them.

Let Buffalo take the lead. We have a good start. Now let us keep it up, and show some of our comrades in other cities that we are not dead ones.

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 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 virility, the struggle between fathers and sons, the struggle between the old and those whose life's energy 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 of the past against the youthful, promising guard of the future. Whoever joins the Socialist movement and fights the battle of Socialism parades 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 mentally active 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 different meanings.

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 the masses of the people who will be the losers.

It is 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 hoodwink the people in order to booter to despoil them, or a means to promote their interest.

Representing the economic and every other interest of the working people, the Socialists alone stand for home rule, for to them home rule means the control of all social resources and powers of society by all of the people for the welfare of all the people in every single municipality as well as in the state and the whole nation.

The working people are at home everywhere, and their interest demands that their shall be practiced everywhere, that is, that the people's welfare shall be the dominating factor in politics everywhere.

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 hoodwink the people in order to booter to despoil them, or a means to promote their interest.

POLITICAL POWER

A serious charge has been brought against the Socialist Party, namely, that its only object is to gain political power.

And if it is true, it is 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 legitimate purpose of political parties to conquer the powers of the state in order to use them for the realization of the principles and interests those parties represent, advocate and strive for.

The Socialist Party is no exception in this respect. Its object, 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 Socialists must first of all conquer the masses of the working people, that is, they must conquer the heads and hearts of the men and women whose material and intellectual interests find their most comprehensive expression in Socialism.

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

(By Sam Ashburn)

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

Let us suppose that all you claim is true. We will allow the facts to be the place of reason. You believe that death does not end all. Beyond the grave there is another life. In that other life there will be perfect identity with the man you are now. "No man knows," if that is true, then man 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. 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 the years. His legs are bowed and his body mis-shapen. He loves his church, but he cannot visit it during the special seasons because he is so very weary after the day's work that he must draw himself to bed. The preacher calls upon him and offers him the usual consolation. "I realize that you have to work very hard, my friend, but you must not let your body get so weak and meekness. Remember the Master's words, 'In my Father's house there are many mansions.' There is a wonderful mansion prepared for you in Heaven. All that you have missed in this life will be made up to you in that glorious mansion in the skies."

But, my dear religious friend, this old man is not the only one who has had 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 required toil, that, in view of

your own argument that his personality will be the same after death. HE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO APPRECIATE AND ENJOY THAT MANSION IN THE SKY.

Did you ever see a miner enter his master's palace. Have you never seen a child of the slums in a rich man's dinner in the most unbecoming experience they have ever passed through. The miner's shack is no fit preparation for a mansion. The important thing for you to do is to try and make conditions 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 far as our characters and dispositions are 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.

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 first of all be 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.

THOUGHTS OF THE WORKER

Socialism means much more than the relief of material suffering. It means much more than the satisfaction of physical desires and appetites, it also means the redemption of man from the bondage of that ignorance which makes us waste life in useless toil and in harmful diversions.

TELLING THE TRUTH

Telling the truth is often less difficult than flattery or lying to bear it. Yet it is most encouraging and inspiring to know that the great and abiding truth has always found men and women ready to face the ignorance, prejudice and ill-will of the multitude.

It was the same in the days of conventional and institutional life. The pioneers of truth are the directing forces of building and rebuilding society, and to their work we owe the life that has been made in civilized society, passed the times when telling the truth was tantamount to sacrificing one's life, though we have in every age and in every land a constant struggle for the means of living.

Nobility is not a quality of the blood but of character, and character is not a quality of the blood but of refinement, and refinement is identical with real knowledge.

People generally have a natural desire to know the truth, and it is their good sides, to exhibit the most commendatory features of their characters. But they are not always successful in this, not because of lack of good-will, but because they are not always at their best. They are often ill-humored either because they are sick, or overworked, or dissatisfied with themselves and with life in general, because of their inability to fulfill the requirements of their positions. In such and similar cases they are entitled to our compassion and sympathy; and we should not be stingy with our sympathy, first, because sympathy is the bond that binds us all together into common brotherhood and tends to lighten the burden of all, and secondly, because we all need it so frequently that we are willing to admit.

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Socialist News

ELDON MO. GOERS SOME

Not very long ago the Buffalo Socialist has ever heard of the city of Eldon in the State of Missouri. But the Socialists of that town are putting it on the map. At the recent election all the old parties combined under the name of the People's Party. This didn't daunt the Socialists, however, for they buckled right down to work and elected two aldermen and lost a third by 14 votes.

THEIR SOCIALIST PARTY. The first annual report of the Child Socialist party brings good tidings; for it proves that the modern Socialist movement has at last found a firm footing in that country. The party was organized last year in Branch No. 52, branches of the old Democratic party broke away from that party to establish a Socialist party. The new movement is growing rapidly.

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

HOW ABOUT THEM? A Socialist paper published in the west is guilty of the following: Scene—A court room. Judge—It seems to me that I have seen you before. Prisoner—You have, your honor; I gave your daughter singing lessons. Judge—Thirty years.

ELECT SOCIALIST MAYOR. For the first time in the history of the State of South Dakota, the Socialists have elected a majority candidate at a recent municipal election. C. Klapp was elected Mayor of Sioux Falls, S. D.

COLORADO VICTORIES. At the recent municipal elections in and trimmers in the City of Baltimore Colorado, Socialists won a number of victories, among them the following: At Lafayette the Socialists, every the city, electing mayor and three trustees by great majorities. At Edgewater the full ticket was elected. H. J. Brown Socialist, was elected Mayor of Bozeman, Mont.

THE RED WAVE. Socialdemocracy, the national organ of the 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 Wave' that is about to swallow the existing social order. We laugh at their fears and tell them the red color of this ocean of mankind comes not from the sea but from the earth, and the ideal of militarism, but the reflection of the beams of light shed by the sun of human brotherhood."

CO-OPERATIVE DAILY PLANT. The Finnish Socialists of Pittsburgh, Mass., have recently established a dairy plant which is maintained and operated on the co-operative basis.

WHEN GREER HELPS GREER. The Greek Socialists of San Francisco recently conducted a party performance for the benefit of the Socialist Party of Greece. Because of the war in the Balkans the Greek Socialists are very much in need of support.

ELLA REEVE BLOOM ARRESTED. The principal industry of Mechanicville, Saratoga County, N. Y., is brick making. At the present writing over 500 brick makers are on strike. As usual the brick manufacturers control the police, the courts and the city officials. On the 26th inst. they sent a day to crush the strikers and bent them back to the private penitentiaries.

THE OTHER DAY Mrs. Ella Reeve Bloom, a Socialist, arrived in town from New York when she started to pass the city square meeting she was promptly arrested on the charge of blocking traffic. No has ever noticed more than five vehicles of any description on the principal street of Mechanicville at one time. A thousand angry people demanded her release at once. She was released on bail and continued her speech.

SEIDEL TO DEBATE. With the assistance of the National Office of the Socialist Party, recently conducted a party performance for the benefit of the Socialist Party of Greece. Because of the war in the Balkans the Greek Socialists are very much in need of support.

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

The first number (May issue) contains illustrations showing the library, gymnasium, women's rest room and billiard and pool room of the new headquarters of the League; descriptions of the work and study courses and social features of the League, and the constitution of the League.

According to this paper there are now 150 Y. P. S. L.'s in the United States.

A FROGANDA IDEA. Comrade R. C. McCabe of La Crosse, Wis., who has had a long and practical experience as manager of sign painting for some of the big American concerns, has a brilliant idea. He suggests that by getting a number of locals to cooperate, big signs can be printed, 110 feet long, to be put up in Socialism places along railroads and other points where thousands are sure to see and let them proclaim, "SOCIALISM IS COMING SOON GET READY!" or some similar wording. These signs will give the idea and would like to cooperate in carrying it out should write to Comrade McCabe at the above address.

THE LARGEST UNION. The German Metal Workers' Union is the largest in the world. It is organized on the industrial basis. The secretary's report for 1912 shows a membership of 561,245, of whom 27,878 are women.

COMRADE SELBERT OFFER. SOCIALISTS USE OF HALL. The Secular Club met Sunday afternoon, corner Zeller and Deot streets. Upon the agenda was the first Socialist picnic ever held in Buffalo took place.

INVESTORS WANTED. A comrade would like to know of other comrades who have any ideas in the line of patents or inventions that they would be willing to work out and invest in. Write to Information Department, National Office, Socialist Party, 111 N. Market St., Chicago, Ill.

WANTED—Young men who would like to teach Y. P. S. L. Drum Corps, or address of someone who would take up the work. Address, H. Brock, 52 W. Eagle Street.