



CULT OF MERE "LAW AND ORDER" IN COLORADO CONGRESS DELAYS SEAMEN'S BILL IN INTEREST OF BOAT OWNERS

MUST FACE COURT MARTIAL AND TRIAL BY CIVIL COURTS

To Disarm Tin Soldiers

Women and Children Found Buried in Hole After Devastation of Ludlow - Guards Join Militia and Receive Pay from Both Sources.

The name of Rockefeller will live long in the memories of the working class of the world for the dastardly deeds perpetrated on the striking miners of Colorado.

The Rockefeller's, with Bible in one hand and money with which to hire gunmen in the other, are carrying out the threat to spend even their last cent of the stolen billions to beat down the men who dig up the wealth for them.

At last President Wilson has found it impossible to stand out against the will of the people, and has sent U. S. troops into Colorado to remove and disarm the militia and thugs hired by these rich vultures.

With the Government taking a stand in the Colorado situation the state officers and politicians are running around like a lot of rats. A special session of the State Legislature is to be called, and secret caucuses are being held in the hotels of Denver.

The tide is turning against the powers that be in the Colorado district because they have gone so far in their nefarious work that it may prove dangerous to the capitalist class. It is rumored that plans are afoot to impeach both Governor Amos and Lieut. Gov. Fitzgerald!

The report submitted a few days ago by the Military Commission, a board created by Ammons himself, finding that the soldiers deliberately set fire and looted the tents where the women and children were crammed, will be used as the strongest evidence of Ammons' inability to govern the State.

When the Legislature assembles a body of women, at least 30 of them will march on the State House and demand an audience. These women, members of the Colorado Women's Peace League, sent a committee to Ludlow to investigate the situation. This committee has returned with the report that not half of the horrors of the massacre of the women and children has been told.

They will present their facts to the Legislature and urge that such action as seems necessary be taken immediately and that those responsible be punished to the full extent of the law.

Miners Great Federal Soldiers. When the two companies of troops of cavalry arrived at Louisville from Fort Robinson, Neb., they were met at the train by a great body of strikers and strikers' wives and children.

The strikers hired a brass band to lead the parade. Louisville is in the northern field, and this is the first appearance of federal troops there.

Maj. W. A. Holbrook, in charge of the federal troops in the Trinidad district, let it be known that he has construed Secretary Garrison's proclamation as to the disarming of all persons in the strike zone who are not in the active ranks of the United States Army to include members of the Colorado militia as well as strikers, mine guards and others. Many of the guards joined the militia and received pay from the mine owners. Consequently the order is being carried out on that theory.

Disarm Militia. Government soldiers have taken charge of the entire strike zone of the State, including the northern district of which Louisville is the center. The State militia have left the southern field, but there are still some in the northern district. They must leave of course.

Major Holbrook is ruling with an iron hand. Not only did he today put a strict embargo upon the shipping of arms into the State of Colorado and between points in the State, but he ordered that saloons remain closed throughout the disarming district. Arms shipped in violation of his order he declared, would be confiscated.

Mrs. Alma Lafferty, president of the Women's Peace League, and one of the committee that went to Ludlow, de-

clared upon her arrival here from Ludlow: "Killing Was Deliberate."

"As president of the Women's Peace Association, I shall call for 5,000 women to march through the streets of Denver to the Capitol to impress upon the Legislature and the public that the cost of this industrial war as reckoned in dollars and cents is not so much to be considered as the things that underlie it.

"The results of our investigation should horrify and arouse to activity every woman in the State worthy of motherhood.

"I am home firmly convinced that the militia and those they represented, I mean the men at the head of our State Government and the interests that own the mines, were entirely responsible for the battle at Ludlow and that the massacre of women and children was deliberate.

"As firmly convinced am I that the officers of the Colorado National Guard and many of the men under them came to the southern coal fields with the idea of protecting property, of keeping peace, but of killing the strikers."

COLUMBIA TURN VEREIN TO GIVE ENTERTAINMENT

The Columbia Turn Verein, whose Active Class took fourth prize at the National Gymnastic and Athletic Meet, held at Denver, Col., last year, are planning to send a class to Syracuse, N. Y., which will endeavor to bring back a first prize to Buffalo from the Eastern Athletic and Gymnastic Meet in June.

As this organization has no millions interested in, or backing it, and the Actives are not of the capitalist class; to the contrary, are workmen, and mostly Socialists, they must come to their own class for assistance.

To raise the funds needed to defray the expense of the team, the Actives will have an entertainment, followed by a dance on Saturday evening, May 9th, at the Turn Hall, Genesee and Keck streets.

Prominent artists will perform, including C. Heidle, baritone soloist; W. Lauer, bass; J. Turner, quartet; Schultz, Kuhn, the comedians; the Actives and others.

Special attraction, boxing contest by the well known heavyweights, Chas. Roesch, Jr., V. German Ludwig, for white hope championship.

LABOR FAKERS OUT WITH ANNUAL HOLD UP

John Coleman's Clique Again Banned - Baggins Merchants for Aged So-called Labor Day Souvenir.

Again it is being demonstrated that the business men of Buffalo are a lot of scoundrels.

It has been the custom of the labor fakers every year to go around to the merchants and hold them up for advertising in a book they call the "Official Program and Journal for Labor Day." It is for the purpose of which the merchants could feel safe from having their employees organized and asking for better wages.

It has been represented to the merchants that this book was got out for the benefit of organized labor and that John Coleman was the official representative, which he was until one year ago, when the working class of Buffalo decided that John and his clique had been in the saddle long enough.

The American Federation of Labor, having organized the Central Labor Council of Buffalo and vicinity, entirely eliminated John and his clique from representation among themselves and a few small independent unions. But it appears that the business men of Buffalo have not awakened to this fact yet. We

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(Courtesy New York Call)

Striker Defending His Family Against Rockefeller's Hired Gunmen and Militia

HOUSE WARMING OF NEW HEADQUARTERS OF SOCIALIST PARTY

There will be something doing every minute at the new headquarters on Saturday evening, May 9. This will be the formal opening of our headquarters and every comrade and sympathizer should be on hand to have a good social time on that evening. The house committee, Woman's Club, and the executive committee are all working hard to make this affair a success, socially and financially.

Cards will begin at 8 p. m. There will be six good prizes.

Later we will have good music for dancing. For those who do not play cards or dance some very good refreshments have been provided by a complete committee. We will try to please everybody. Do not forget the date, Saturday evening, May 9. This social evening is being held for the benefit of Local Buffalo. Admission 25 cents, including cards, dancing and warhorse.

ORGANIZE LAUNDRY WORKERS

(A. F. of L. Letter).

Toledo—Local unionists are assisting President Brook of the International Laundry Workers' Union in an organizing campaign in this city. Mass meetings are being held for this purpose, and it is shown that hundreds of women employed in Toledo laundries receive less than 36 a week. The Laundry Workers' Union has 250 members, and efforts will be made to increase the membership to 1,000. The union's agreement with proprietors expired May 1, and a new contract was submitted, calling for a 54-hour week and increased wages.

CAPITALIST PRESS ADMITS ABUSE OF MEXICAN WORKERS BY AMERICAN EXPLOITERS

At last the capitalist press has given one account of Mexican conditions which shows the reason for the hatred of American capitalists by the workers of our southern neighbor. Appearing in the Buffalo Times under the signature of William G. Shepherd, a United Press staff correspondent, the following article proves what Socialist papers have been stating since the beginning of the Mexican revolution:

Veracruz, May 1.—Do Mexicans hate Americans? They do; millions of them do. And during the past few months in Mexico I have learned why so many Mexican Indians wish to kill or abuse American mine managers and planters. I have heard, first hand, from Americans, more than one terrible story of how they abused their Mexican employes. These stories have been told me in boasting spirit. In the days when the rebels enter Mexico City, He is rich and influential and his fortune has been made in Mexico.

"I've ridden into a bunch of them and moved them down with a machete as if they were dogs," one American told me. I won't give his name because he is in his possession, at this moment, letters threatening his life when the rebels enter Mexico City. He is rich and influential and his fortune has been made in Mexico.

"It was the only way to treat them," he said. "Now and then some of them would get drunk on my ranch in Tampico. I found the best way to do was

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THE HAYMARKET TRAGEDY BEGINNING OF EIGHT-HOUR MOVEMENT

The eight-hour movement of 1886 and the Haymarket tragedy will be explained in detail by Robert Steiner, editor of the Arbeiter Zeitung, who will lecture in English at Columbia Turn Hall, 1261-62 Genesee Street, Sunday evening next, May 10.

Every Socialist wants to know the true meaning, the true cause and effect, the economic interpretation of historical events, and in this particular incident of the class struggle there is no one in this country so able to clear away the misconceptions in the minds of the people, and so capable to spread before you the real picture of that terrible tragedy than Robert Steiner. No student of the labor movement can afford to miss this opportunity, and a record breaking attendance is being arranged for. Admission is fifteen cents, a nominal sum to defray necessary expenses.

CENTRALIA CARMEN STRIKE

(A. F. of L. Letter).

Centralia, Ill.—The West Side street car line, operated by the Centralia Traction Company, was tied up because of a strike. The company cut wages from 20 to 17 1/2 cents an hour, and increased the working hours from 10 to 14.

Two more German journalists have been sent to prison for insulting the Crown Prince.

The paper wagon will start calling on the 11th; save your papers. Send in your name.

No Thought of Lives of Passengers - Cost to Owners is First Consideration of Politicians - Life Belts Would Drown Children.

Why does Congress delay the enactment of the Seamen's Bill? Over six months ago, October 23, 1913, to be exact, the United States Senate passed it and referred it to the House of Representatives for final action. As yet there has been no final action. Why not?

No one disputes that the conditions under which seamen now work and live are unjust and in many instances absolutely inhuman. Neither does any one deny that the present methods of manning and equipping vessels, particularly passenger steamers, are dangerously unsafe. There is no other bill before Congress that aims to remedy either of these conditions. Hearing after hearing has been held by committees of both houses of Congress. Many volumes have been filled with testimony regarding it. Why so much delay?

The reason is quite apparent. It is one that concerns the general public far more than it does the seamen. The bill is being delayed because of a dispute as to lifeboats on passenger vessels. Shall lifeboats be provided to take care of all passengers? Or is it sufficient to provide lifeboats for less than three per cent, as at present, on crowded excursion vessels and a little more on other passenger vessels? The seamen say that there should be lifeboat accommodation for all on board. The shipowners contend that the present rules are good enough.

Who is to select the three per cent of the passengers to go in the lifeboats, in event of disaster, and who is to determine the 97 per cent that are to be left to take care of themselves? The seamen have asked the question very bluntly.

With the courage that comes from safety in a snug office ashore the shipowners bravely reply in chorus. "Women and children first, of course! Women and children first! Women and children—"

"Hold on a moment, gentlemen." The chairman of the office force interrupted by practical seamen. "Your excursion steamers carry from 50 to 70 per cent of women and children. You provide actual lifeboats for less than 3 per cent of all persons on board. Even assuming that none of the men passengers become panic-stricken and rush for the boats, that means you have lifeboats for only 6 per cent of the women and children you carry on your ships. What about the others?"

"The shipowners reply that they have generally provided for them for 7 per cent more." A liferaft, by the way, is simply a lot of tin cans fastened together with strips of wood, and is not much more than the steamship's rafts. Finally they brought forward "life preservers"—canvas covered—let us hope they are cork things—to be fastened like a belt around the passenger. They say that each man, woman and child must carry one, and they cost only 75 cents each.

But the "unreasonable" sailorsmen, whom the phrase "women and children first" means more than the mouthing of words, brought forward a little child to answer that argument. A curly-headed little girl was placed upon the committee table before the congressmen, and a regulation "life preserver" was fastened on her. If he hung down around her knees. Float her!—yes, but will her head down?

What shall be done for the passengers? Lifeboats, which ride safely over the waves when handled by skilled seamen,rafts, over which every sea-walker is able to stand before the children? Of which of these shall it be? Congress is puzzled, very much puzzled.

In the meantime the entire Seamen's Bill, with its general provisions relating to the seafaring men in particular, remains a prisoner within the walls of the committee room largely because the seamen insist that the passengers ought to be properly safeguarded. What are the passengers doing about this? The great majority

of seamen work on freight vessels. It is their honesty towards the public, their regard for the lives of others, that impels them to demand proper safeguards on the passenger vessels. Is it fair to let the seamen fight this battle alone?

PAINTERS FIGHTING HARD FOR INCREASED WAGE

Councilman Coppins and Supervisor McElvina are going to the limit in their efforts to disrupt the Painters' Union. We wonder how many painters voted for these same men on election day. The paperhangers have signed agreements with all employers except Mitchell & Parker, 767 Main Street, who have a sign in their window "wanted, non-union paperhangers." We warn all our readers to stay away from this concern.

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MINISTER LEADS HIMSELF TO CHARTER ELEMENT

Monday's papers contained write-ups on a sermon delivered by Rev. Philip L. Friel of the Delaware Avenue M. E. Church, not because of any particular worth of the sermon, but simply because it could be used to boost the new charter.

Mr. Friel is quoted as saying that "when a city like ours has a tax rate of \$200 there is something obviously strange out of foot." Yes, there is, and it is not only of the immediate present, but of long standing. We would like to inform him that if this city made anything like the rate would be \$400. We have debts of over thirty years' standing on which we have already paid more than the original amount in interest. But that makes business for the members of the Delaware Avenue churches who happen to be in the banking business.

It is based on profits, and the men who hold office are elected through the efforts of those who will make money on contracts which the city officials can hand out.

With a commission government in this city we will inform Mr. Friel that the asphalt, electric, gas, street railway and banking gang, "all good, honest citizens," will have a free hand, and what will happen to the finances of this city would make a subject for anything but a sermon.

LONG HOURS FORCE WALK-OUT

(A. F. of L. Letter).

Atlanta, Ga.—"It's simply a strike, that's all," said the spokesman for striking steel workers employed by the Atlanta Steel Company. Requests to the management to shorten the ten-hour hours were not granted. "The men are as good as on their knees. If they want to quit, let them quit. As to the working boys, we have nothing to say about it."

SOCIALIST NEWS OF WESTERN NEW YORK

In order to improve our Western New York Socialist news service, we have every...

ROCHESTER SOCIALISTS TO GIVE ISEN'S "GHOST"

Rochester Socialists are not busy on the field of propaganda, but are adapting themselves to educating the public from behind the footlights.

Their first production will be ISEN's great play, "Ghosts." No doubt there are very few Socialists in Rochester...

"Ghosts" is one of the plays that the working class should see every day because it deals with the modern problems of life. It deals with a woman who married a fellow man against her will...

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The existence of all the other important features bring the result of his disease, which is softening of the brain, all the sooner.

The play is a very interesting one and shows the rebellion of woman against all superstition and ignorance.

LA SALLE, N. Y. Socialist La Salle held a very interesting meeting last Wednesday evening.

Y. P. S. L. Will Produce Play Written by W. F. Barnard. Great interest is being shown in the play, "The Woman of the Hour," which will be presented by the Young People's Socialist League...

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The plot hinges around the love of a aristocratic young man for a young girl who is very much interested in the economic problems of the day.

This is something new in the way of entertainment for the young people, and their friends, and tickets are out now and can be secured at the headquarters of the Socialist Party, Text Theatre building, or at the headquarters, Rodden's Hall, corner of Madison and Broadway.

Many women clerks employed in the Boston offices of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad are joining the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks, which has decided to admit to membership every woman working in this calling.

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Our Book Shelf

All books reviewed in these columns can be obtained at regular publishers' prices from the Buffalo Socialist Book Department.

"Socialism and Motherhood." John Spargo has written, and E. W. Hucker, of New York City has just published, "Socialism and Motherhood," a volume whose timeliness and truth all who read it will be well pleased to appreciate.

It is a completely satisfying utterance, and all in the space of 128 pages. Both a challenge, and a reply to critics, the volume makes it as clear as morning light under blue skies that equality of opportunity for humanity requires equality of opportunity for mothers.

The general philosophy of Socialism is here used in the interests of the mother and the problems of heredity and environment, marriage under Socialism, and all matters essential to the health of mothers and their offspring are put under the microscope.

The many-chambered mind of Chas. Edward Russell has given us no book more interesting than "These Shifting Scenes" a volume in which the past experiences of its author in the newspaper field are set forth in the kaleidoscopic colors of such experiences.

All the ambitions of the newspaper man; his difficult beginnings, his juvenile attempts, his first successes, his first heart-breaking failures...

Mr. Frank Sherwood gave a talk on the "Advantage of Advanced Education." John Chase of the N. S. State Committee has offered to give a "negro lecture" on the subject of "The Negro Problem."

Organize the Clerks and Make Them Close. "What do you owe to your fellow man? What in the world is the matter with you, merchants?"

What do you owe to your fellow man? What in the world is the matter with you, merchants? This is a whole page advertisement in the capitalist press last week.

Now let us ask just one question: If Mr. Merchant means anything in his high sounding words except more profit for himself, why does he so conveniently let out the economic or industrial rights?

But capitalism is capitalism, a system of society which divides the people into two classes. The masters or the owners of the job or wage slaves on the one side, and the workers on the other.

Mr. Merchant also states that "Working men who are treated with just consideration will be better, live longer and are of greater benefit to their employers."

Working men who are treated with just consideration will be better, live longer and are of greater benefit to their employers. How about working men who have back bone enough to organize a union and by the effective method demand all this and a little more wages besides.

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REGIONS OF CENSOR OF PICTURE SHOWS

Some time ago a report was circulated that the Buffalo police department had appointed itself censor extraordinary of the moving picture shows in our fair city.

Such an action seemed so incredible that it was given little credence, but recent developments prove that the big Chief actually thinks that he can put this bunk over on the citizens of Buffalo.

The result of this was the invention of a "taboo" system, consisting of weekly bulletins forbidding the production of certain films on alleged moral, religious and economic grounds.

A communication was received from the Allied Building Trades Section complaining that the Brewery Workers are infringing on the rights of the Electricians, Plumbers and Painters, etc.

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LACK OF GOOD ARGUMENT DOES NOT DETER ADVOCATES OF COMMISSION CHARTER

The commission charter work have been done well. That lesson is: Do not despair, if you haven't any brains, just use your gall.

This aggregation believes that to print a thing, fat-type makes it a more effective argument. No matter how absurd the thing, fat-type makes it go with the gullible.

In the pamphlet, "Additional Copies Free," is a list of the names of the interests that are pushing the "reform," there is an oblique passage that assails every passerby in these words.

The commission charter's success is due to two things, concentration of effort and accountability to the voters. Success for whom? Why success for the capitalist class as against the producing class, success for empowering a select few to build up their own machine and deal out the public pay to help their own interests.

"Concentration of effort" had accountability to the voters" is a high sounding phrase. But it is a lying phrase. It carries deception; its purpose is to carry deception; its aim is to "Surrender of power to an irresponsible body."

It is proposed to surrender all power to four men for a period of four years. These men can do, or not do, just as they choose. They can enact ordinances under which citizens can be sent to prison, they can set the police to club people, they can work on a strike or not on a strike. All this for the "peace, health or safety of the city." And for the same laudable purpose they can permit the city to be overrun with guns and rough-necks from the slums of New York, Philadelphia and other places.

The phrase "accountability to the voters" is an intended deception. There is not a word in the charter indistinctly any accountability to anybody. A smooth agent, after elected, has four years in which to feather his nest and then retire. No one can hold him accountable.

So long as the incumbent of office can manage to keep out of jail he is not answerable to anybody. He may retire on his laurels when he is through, and live with impunity on his fat. He will be more respectable besides. He will have more wealth by the time he retires than he has ever had. Paper riches respectability.

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LABOR FAKERS OUT WITH ANNUAL REPORT

The regular meeting of the Central Labor Council shows an activity among the delegates which is encouraging to the labor movement of Buffalo. There is plenty of room for good men to do something for their fellow workers, and it is only by organization that the workers can expect to keep pace with the ever-increasing demands of the employers.

Credentialed and approved of the following laborers: For Out Glass Workers, John Diddo, R. Eckert and Carl Bellissimo. For Plumbers, Local No. 36 John Schweizer, Chas. Schiffman and Ed. Bernier.

For Retail Clerks, No. 212, Thomas J. Henry, C. Danziger and D. C. McNeill. For Ice Peddlers, Local No. 106, E. Lacey, Charles Cummings and Harry Hard.

For Operative Plasterers Association, Local No. 9, George DeGroot and J. Cant hill in place of J. Storer and J. Edwards. For Stone Masons, Local No. 18, C. Sutzback and C. Berlinghoff, Jr.

For Amalgamated Association of Street Railway Employees, No. 653, J. J. Ross. A communication was received from the Allied Building Trades Section complaining that the Brewery Workers are infringing on the rights of the Electricians, Plumbers and Painters, etc.

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The Metal Trades reported that they were meeting on the proposition of an eight-hour day. The Printing Trades reported that a book on the street, by the name of Schottin, was paying his men under the scale and working nine hours.

Delegated Stier asked that the Secretary be instructed to write the Secretary of the Brick and Structural Iron Workers, asking them to have union musicians at their dances.

A resolution was received from Local Buffalo Socialist Party for H. Heider, asking permission to address the Council on the celebration of May Day. He was given the floor for five minutes.

The Legislative Committee reported that they had taken up the question of the Committee of Form of Government. They asked that all locals affiliated with the Council be invited to the next meeting of the Legislative Committee on May 12.

They recommended that a vote of thanks be extended to the Committee of the Central Labor Council and Supervisor Floro for the effort they made in preventing the establishing of a new union in this section of the state.

Delegated Cattell reported on the efforts of Organized Pledges and how they had succeeded in shortening their hours, increasing their pay and getting them a closer shop.

Delegated Pittari reported on the interview of the committee with the Supervisors regarding the Constabulary at Dewey.

Nominations were opened for the election of six members for the Organization Committee. Delegates Schott of the Musicians; Brooch, Street Railway; and Thomas J. Henry, Retail Clerks; Diddo, Out Glass Workers; Zobel, of the Carpenters, and George Hault, Machinists, were elected.

The question as to the advisability of taking steps to raise funds to assist the Council in organizing and bettering the condition of the working class in the city was taken up.

Delegated Cattell, Eiland, Mattison, Griffin and Lacey were elected. Delegated Lacey of the Ice Peddlers reported on the trouble their local had with the brewery. He also asked the delegates to go back to their locals and inform their members to ask their bosses for their union card.

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THE CLOSING OF THE SUMMER BELL TELEPHONE DIRECTORY. The next issue of this most useful book will close this year on May 20th. In previous years it has been customary to close the Summer issue on May 10th. May is a big business month. It has always seemed that everyone wants telephone service just about this time. To meet this rush of business we have made this arrangement to offer you 10 days more to get your name in the Summer Bell Book. If there's ever a season, Mrs. Housewife, when you need Bell Service, it's the Summer time. The steps it will save, the convenience of this most useful servant during the hot weather, will repay the small cost many times over. Just tell the man of your family to sign that contract today. Then your name will appear in the new book. Remember the date, May 20th. The 21st will be too late.

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WHY NOT UNCONSTITUTIONAL?

Anytime the capitalist class wish to stop action in any way they make the cry that it is "against the constitution," and they usually get away with it.

In the case of the war with Mexico we should declare it unconstitutional, and there is a good reason.

The Civil War was fought to free the negro slaves, and any attempt of outside interference was resisted by both sides.

Slavery exists in Mexico now just as much as it did in the United States up to the Civil War. Men are bought and sold at prices ranging from \$400 to \$1000. They are supposed to be "paying off a debt," but the masters have things fixed so that the debt can never be paid.

Notwithstanding the fact that the greater portion of Mexico is now owned by Americans, having been wrung from the people of that country through Porfirio Diaz, it is up to the workers of America to insist that the Mexicans be allowed to fight for their freedom, and that the workers of the United States, and all other countries for that matter, do all in their power to help free them.

If left alone the Mexican people will throw the masters off their backs and that is why the capitalist class of this country, England and Germany want the United States to interfere.

How can any nation calling itself free consistently interfere with the struggle of another nation whose people are fighting for freedom, especially in the face of the tyranny which has been imposed upon the people of Mexico?

Think of caring for your boy and giving him an education for years, then sending him out to be a target. Let the boss send his son.

SPIFFLICATED REPORTS

It has been necessary on different occasions to point out the slanders and ignorant statements of the "C" crowd in their references to Socialism and Socialists. We must do so again. It might be possible for the Courier to fool some of its readers most of the time but the majority get wise once in awhile.

The May Day Celebration and parade of the Socialist Party evidently did not please the drunk which was sent by that paper to write it up, and his write up was an attempt at a humorous jibe, showing clearly his biased opinion.

The poor intoxicated boob starts out to say that the parade was to begin at 7 o'clock, and that there were only three Socialists there at that time. He was forty-five minutes ahead of time, but he could just as easily have been three hours late as far as his ability to know that the time was wrong. He was next to unconscious. He was laboring under an heavy load.

He speaks of the "other half" "from the curbstones and autos, out to see the red dangers" smiled as the motley army filed by. "Yes," motley "if you like, but believe us, if any one in that 'motley army' could not tell more about what is going on in this country than he knows; then we apologize for them.

He speaks of the "hostile demonstration" of a crowd of boys with a banner labeled "Anti-Socialists." We bet he and the "owners outfit knew all about that little "demonstration" and that little cocked up at the regular meeting of the United States of Columbus.

Owing to the condition of the writer we might overlook anything he might say, but there is absolutely no excuse for the editor passing it.

This is a sample of the prejudice against the working class. This same outfit will be appealing to the honey-handed sons of toil as the bulwarks of the nation about election time.

This is what they think of the "dignity of labor." Watch these prostituted writers cringe and crawl as the Socialist movement grows into power.

SQUEEZING SMALL BUSINESS

"What's the matter with business?" This is the question on the lips of many of the cockroach business men at this time.

One asks the other, and he knows as little about the cause as his questioner. Sometimes one of them assumes a wise air and says that it is the tariff, and as soon as the other is speaking right business will boom. Another will put his thumbs in his vest and declare that it is the "unreasonable" labor laws which are being passed. Others lay it to the labor unions direct, claiming that the workers are demanding high wages that the poor business man has to pay out of his money, so the man, thereby preventing him from buying more yachts, automobiles and country houses, which according to his idea is making more work for the worker.

Of course too many agitators is another excuse that fits in anywhere.

Never once do these "wise" business men attempt to go to the bottom of the "business" system to find out the real cause. Instead they run around like a lot of stuck hogs squealing their heads off about what somebody has done to kill business.

The worst work of the capitalist class is the small business man is too good for the Socialists, and while the Buffalo Socialist realized that fact, and Socialists know that all laws passed under the present capitalist system are, at best, only of a palliative nature, yet we pointed out what would be most likely to happen to small business if the currency bill was passed.

How easy it was for the bankers to get the endorsement of the chambers of commerce all over the country. The small business men fell for the gold brick like a lot of farmers. When the big bankers asked for their influence to help get the bill through they were flattered to the very highest by the "meant."

The currency bill was passed, and almost immediately the financial capitalists began to withdraw from the directorates of the industries. They had no further need to bother their heads about the small business man, they had to get busy to handle the finances, and they are handling them in such a manner as to eliminate all else but that which brings in good profit for themselves.

Much of the small graft of the cockroach business man is already a thing of the past.

The currency bill is the work of the bankers of this country, of course a few had to dissent for appearances, and who would expect them to do anything which would be bad for their own.

The wise business man never thought of that.

This paper and the Socialist press throughout the country has shown the terrible extent of unemployment throughout the land, and the capitalist press, instead of telling the truth of the situation, has wobbled persistently in the news columns depicting crime and poverty galore and editorially telling the people that there is a job for all who are willing to work.

You business men who believe that we have always had rich and poor, and always will, who you believe that poverty is permanent and never changes, and that it is all right that some shall be masters and others slaves; you who have had a taste of what it is to be enough to live on at least decently—ARE YOU READY TO BECOME SLAVES?

That is where you are heading for.

What does your paltry few thousands of dollars mean where millions are necessary to stay in the business world?

For long sleepers the small business men have it all over Rip Van Vinkle. They are fifty years behind the times.

PROCLAMATION OF THE MEXICAN WAR BY THE SOCIALIST PARTY OF AMERICA

Again we are being lashed into by those who profit from war. Capitalist drums are beating, trumpets blaring and flags waving. All this that the nation may be goaded into war and the workers made to consent to shoot and be shot.

For centuries the resources of Mexico have been being looted by the country has been touched by the magic wand of capitalism and the same development is taking place there that always takes place when modern capitalism strikes with backward feudalism.

Ninety per cent. of her population are still landless and propertyless. For hundreds of years her people have struggled against almost insurmountable difficulties to overthrow tyrants who have ruled and ruled them.

For hundreds of years the Mexican people have been in a state of continuous revolt because the great majority are in a condition of prostration. The land in an agricultural country, the change from a feudal rule to an independent republic while the Mexican people little or nothing. So long as peonage remains, revolt must follow revolt.

In vain did the Mexican people elevate Madero to the presidency. They hope that he would recognize their need and reform the land and social laws not fulfilled. They are still fighting to win Mexico for the Mexicans.

In Sonora, Durango and Chihuahua, where the revolutionists are in control, the people are taking possession of the land. Now, when the revolutionists believe that victory is in sight, the great American people, who are the largest capitalist interests and with out a declaration of war, land as armed force on Mexican soil. No nation is more hated by the capitalist class than Mexico.

The war will inevitably unite all forces in Mexico and the workers of their country. Their resistance to the forces of the United States must fall, yet it will cost thousands of lives through bullets, beyond and disease.

War strengthens every force harmful to civilization, every force harmful to labor. While war lasts there will be no social legislation. Enough money will be used up in dealing death to human beings to provide old age pensions, accident, sickness and unemployment insurance for every worker in America for a generation.

Exploiting capitalism will meet every attack by wrapping the American flag around the plunder.

The Socialist Party is opposed, as a matter of principle, to every war of aggression. We believe that there is but one justification for war, and that is not for freedom. Our freedom has not been secured by the Mexican people. There is no reason why American workingmen should leave their homes and families to have their bodies mangled on the battlefields of Mexico.

In the name of two million American Socialists, in the name of thirty million Socialists throughout the world, we hereby declare that we are opposed to war, we protest against the war with Mexico.

BY THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY, Victor Berger, Secretary, George H. Gosbel, James H. Maurer, J. Stitt Wilson.

Attends: Walter Lanferick, Executive Secretary.

Socialist news

WOMEN DEFEND SOCIALIST CLEVERLY. At the recent election held in Ontario, Ill. the women voters were responsible for the defeat of Sangberg, Socialist, for Mayor. The Canton Socialist Party has issued the following account of the election:

"R. M. Klingland was elected as Mayor of Canton on last Tuesday by 300 votes out of 500.

"Sangberg had a majority of 100 men's votes and a man majority of 14 in the second, Klingland's home ward. The Klingland carried Sangberg's ward, the large by two men vote and 100 votes. "Whelan, in the fourth, and Cronin, in the sixth, were elected to the council by the Socialists. The total vote was 2168, and that of Sangberg 1751.

"Considering that all of the three capitalist parties combined to defeat Sangberg and waged the dirtiest campaign ever known in the history of Canton, the result looks more like victory than defeat for the Socialists."

CONNECTICUT SOCIALISTS DEFY DEMOCRATS. Hartford, Conn.—The Socialist party of Hartford has issued the following challenge to the Democratic party of the city of Hartford and the state of Connecticut.

"Resolved, That the Democratic party is responsible for the defeat of the social legislation and labor laws in the general assembly of 1913. This challenge is the result of a speech delivered by ex-Senator Thomas J. Spelacy, Hartford, during the city campaign in that city stating that a Socialist speaker had made false statements concerning the Democratic party's position on the city of Hartford. The Socialists state that they would prefer Spelacy as the champion of the Democratic party and have picked S. Sealander, state secretary of the Socialist party, as the representative of the Socialist party. Much curiosity has been aroused in Hartford as to whether this challenge will be accepted by the Democratic party.

SOCIALISTS ELECT ENTIRE TICKET. Sisseton, S. D.—The Socialists elected their entire ticket in this city in a straight fight, held on Wednesday. John C. Klingler was elected mayor and H. A. Morrill, F. P. Parker and E. W. Erickson elected aldermen.

There were two issues in the campaign. One was the abolition of the so-called municipal school and enforcement of prohibition law. The city went dry by a majority of 90.

The other was the abolition of the municipal schools. The fact of the operation in spite of the fact that \$30,000. The Socialists have adopted a policy of inviting all citizens to meet and advise the board of education as to what policy must come from Socialists alone.

SOCIALISTS OF FRANK SHOW EXPENDITURES OF POWERS OF ARMAEMENTS. London.—The French Socialist party has published a pamphlet recently giving the amount of money expended in forming the triple alliance on armaments.

In 30 years Germany, Italy and Austria-Hungary, Great Britain France and Russia spent \$2,500,000,000. In 1914 their expenditure on arms and navies reached \$1,955,500,000.

In time of peace, the Socialist pamphlet gives a point on the armaments of the powers employ the services of \$1,810,000,000, while \$5,629,986 are held in readiness in the event of war.

LABOR PRESS IN BOSNIA THROTTLED BY JAIL TERMS. Vienna.—According to news from Bognin, the editor of the paper of the Social Democratic party, Glas Slodobe, in Sarajevo, was sentenced to two months' imprisonment and two days' fasting, because he printed the speech of the member of the Austrian Reichsrath, which was delivered in the Austrian Parliament.

This speech had been circulated in thousands in pamphlet form—both in Bosnia and Bosnia, without having been impounded.

The sub-editors of Glas Slodobe have been condemned to one and one-half years' imprisonment, and the paper has been closed. It is believed that the editors will continue to be imprisoned for the last three months. In addition to this, there are the legal costs, counsel, etc.

Remember this renders the publication of a labor paper in Bosnia absolutely impossible. The judgment passed upon the Glas Slodobe called for the condemnation from all classes of the population.

The journalists of Sarajevo at once called a conference, at which a resolution of protest—to be submitted to the Parliament—was passed.

SOCIALISM BLOWS UP AMTI-TRUST BILL. Washington.—It is because the anti-trust legislation is believed to contain a germ of class-struggle dynamite that Democratic members are handling it so carefully, and trying to persuade Wilson to let it pass.

The bill after the fact would be postponed until after the falling election. The explosive is found in the proposal to add an exemption clause for labor unions and farmers' organizations.

Wilson is said to oppose this, at least so far as labor is concerned, and a lot of Democratic congressmen, viewing the swift growth of Socialist strength in their districts, are inclined to believe that if the bill goes through without such an exemption that there will be a terrible political death rate among Democratic congressmen in labor districts.

ATTEMPT WORKING CLASS SHERIFF. John Tarkington, Socialist sheriff of Crawford County, Kansas, refused to stand in deputies to beat up strikers during a strike. The old party boss has, therefore, preferred charges against him with a view of ousting him from office. The Socialists have refused to charge Tarkington's person.

Business and Politics. Promises are sufficient to satisfy fools. An American politician might have invented this phrase, were it not for the fact that it is the masses of the people who the politicians manage to satisfy with promises, and it will never do to say that the politicians are not so fools at all, they are merely ignorant as to the relation between politics and economics, which prompts them to regard politics as a kind of sport, without any real bearing on the serious business of life.

They take the promises of the politicians good naturedly, and make nothing of their breach of promise.

But this is the attitude of children, not of mature men, not of responsible citizens, not of people whose existence depends on the fulfillment of their problems that are the subject of modern politics as well as economics.

Watch, for instance, the policy of our present national administration. What does it consist of? Economics, and nothing else. The tariff, the money and credit system, the trust question, all of them economic problems pure and simple, and as you notice they are solved, not in the interest of the working class, but in the interest of capital.

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ROCKS AHEAD

For seven weeks, with one exception, the receipt of subscriptions has been less than the number needed to maintain the paper at its present cost. For four weeks "offs" have been greater than "ons"—twice greater.

Week after week we have set these facts before you and tried to show you why we were being kept. We had the warning was permitted to pass practically unheeded until last week the climax was reached with a total number of new subscribers less than any week since Jan. 16th.

Of course there was the Berger meeting to occupy the Comrade's attention. Subscription receipts invariably fall off one day to the work of the other. The receipts were already so low there really was no room for further decrease, and we hoped this week would prove an exception.

Nor was the loss made up by subscribers at that meeting. Due to the fact that the Lecture Committee decided against featuring the sale of cards, persons who were present at the meeting, following the lecture, only a half dozen were sold.

Of the total number of subscriptions, city and county, received last week, only one-eighth were new. The Comrade—Comrade Leslie of branch Three—in one day. Two comrades contributed almost one-fourth of the total, second batch coming from the Canal Zone where Comrade Polyanov is always ready with a sub-card.

When two comrades can put one-fourth of the weekly subscriptions upon the list, especially when one devotees one day to the work of the other, he is handicapped by being two thousand miles from the home of the paper, surely there is no reason for a declining circulation.

Nor can hard times, the season of the year, or any fault in the paper be argued as the reason. The reason must be apparent to anyone who will give an evidence. Money is not the cause. A large percentage of the comrades are not helping.

Some of you have done your best from week to week; many of you have done better. Even so, it is not this weekly statement of our circulation needs might impress the comrades with the necessity for action by the entire membership. It has not done so. If it is not productive of better results in the future we may as well discontinue it and return to stumbling along in the dark. We can be better employed and we can find better use for a half column of space, than by appealing to those who will not heed.

In the office here we all realize that you have much to do, there are many demands upon your time and energy. Even the Capitalists admit that under capitalism, "Life is only one damn thing after another," but damn your life! We do not regret your giving to the Buffalo Socialist, but at least let us see a week and do it regular. Give the Buffalo Socialist one sub a week—each of you—and your other work for the party will be greatly lessened. We've the Buffalo Socialist and your other work will be largely wasted!

CIRCULATOR.

GENERAL SHERMAN ON WAR

"I confess, without shame, that I am tired and sick of war. Its glory all moonshine. Even its most brilliant is over dead and mangled bodies, that anguish and lamentations of distant families appealing to me for missing sons, husbands and fathers. I have seen the dead, I have seen shot nor heard the shrieks and groans of wounded and lacerated that cry aloud for more blood, more vengeance, more dissolution."—General Sherman.

MAY DAY CELEBRATION AN INSPIRING OCCASION

Labor's International May Day was celebrated by the Socialists of Buffalo by the first of the most successful meetings ever held in Elmwood High School.

The gathering was presided over by Walter Lanferick, the Socialist author and lecturer. He said: "The Socialist movement in the United States is an expression of the Socialist movement of the world over, and is not a mere local phenomenon. It is a class everywhere irrespective of creed, race, or nationality."

And it was this spirit that prevailed and dominated the proceedings of the day. While we are not a political party, we are a social movement that sends the chill through the mental spinal cord of the master class.

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