

EFFORT TO HAVE SKULLFUL STRIKEBREAKERS

Capitalist Press Attempts to Aid Mine Owners to Establish State Constabulary in Colorado—Militia Too Clumsy.

The State Constabulary advocates are busy. The enrollment of gunmen in the state has been increased and the resultant massacre of helpless women and children has shocked the nation.

OUTLAWS IN UNIFORM

A captain in the Colorado national guard testified that there was no discipline among the militiamen fighting the battle of the mine owners against the workers, for some of the troops were almost wholly composed of hired mine guards and mine clerks.

WHAT A SOCIALIST REPRESENTATIVE COULD DO IN CONGRESS

(Washington Letter) Wanted! Socialist Congressman to make a national issue out of the abolition of poverty.

If there were at least one Socialist Congressman in Washington, he could do more to make the country and the powers that be sit up and take notice than any number of Bull Moores, Progressives of the Democrat or Republican stripe, or any other kind.

But what could a Socialist Congressman do? Could he be of any earthly value? Would it be worth the time and energy necessary to get one elected?

What could one brave man in the House of Representatives do, to make the ABOLITION OF POVERTY an immediate issue in Congress?

He could get publicity for his argument before that committee through thousands of newspapers and magazines, through the press associations and special correspondents at the capital.

He could force a definite acceptance or rejection of his measure from the country when his plea was published.

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BURNS A MENACE TO NATIONAL COMMITTEE PLANS GREAT THINGS IN CONGRESSIONAL CAMPAIGN

A scathing denunciation of William J. Burns and the methods of his call detective agency was delivered by Judge Ben Hill, of Atlanta, Ga., in a special charge to a grand jury investigating charges of bribery, coercion, and other irregularities in connection with the motion for a new trial in a murder case.

The judge characterized the laborer and strikebreaker as "an alleged great detective," and "a menace to the peace of the community, to the state and to the administration of justice."

The special committee of police commissioners who have been probing the work of Burns' detective agency have the names of ten persons, including Burns, against whom cases will be docketed in police court.

Word also comes from San Francisco saying: Every time the light is turned on by the act of the Hon. W. J. Burns, the infamous detective, the rottenness of his methods appear.

This is the great strike-breaking hero of a few months ago.

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE PLANS GREAT THINGS IN CONGRESSIONAL CAMPAIGN

The National Committee of the Socialist Party held its annual session in Chicago and transacted a large amount of business that had accumulated during the year.

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GOMPERS AND HILLQUIET BEFORE INDUSTRIAL BOARD

Hillquit Tells Aim of Socialist Party and its Fight for Labor—Gompers Represents A. F. of L.

New York.—With Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, in the role of examiner, Morris Hillquit, representing the Socialist party of the United States, laid before the United States Commission on Industrial Relations at the City Hall one of the most masterful oral expositions of Socialism and the relation of the Socialist party to trades unionism that ever has been presented in New York.

Throughout the two and one-half hour examination President Gompers sought to break down the case built up for Socialism by Mr. Hillquit, and time after time the Socialist demonstrated his quickness of mind and his fine command of facts.

During the questioning President Gompers grew so enthusiastic that Chairman Frank P. Walsh was compelled to direct his attention to the rules of procedure.

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But Gompers continued to quote the chairman's report, and his position on every occasion answering that those were Debs' personal views and not the expression of the party.

President Gompers was called as the first witness at the morning session, but he disliked going on the stand. He said that he understood the A. F. of L. to be the subject of investigation and said he wanted time to prepare on the matter, stating that he was ready to place the cards on the table.

When the afternoon session opened, the chairman announced that a radical departure would be made in the procedure and conduct of the session and that he would permit Gompers to question Hillquit.

"In your statement of the objects of the Socialist party, did you infer that it was the purpose of your party to bring the trades union movement in line with the Socialist party?"

"That was the policy of the party," Hillquit replied.

It was this that was done by the A. F. of L. in its fight for labor legislation. He said the A. F. of L. took up the fight for the passage of labor laws only after it had received valuable suggestions from the Socialist party.

"Wherever possible, the Socialist party has aided it. It took an active part in promoting workmen's compensation, state insurance, industrial legislation, old age pensions and child labor legislation," Hillquit replied.

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LAWS OF NO AVAIL WHEN PRIVATE OWNERS ARE THE DICTATORS

Pittsburg.—Deciding that corporate greed and corporate system were responsible for existing business depression, Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, stated the case for his organization before the United States Commission on Industrial Relations, sitting in City Hall.

As a remedy for the situation, as a preventive of further like situations at large, he advocated more stringent laws for the control of trusts and extended powers of enforcement.

COUNT YOURSELVES

In 1900, a total of 5,014 wage earners were employed in the manufacturing plants of the United States. Of this number, 1,200,380, or 19.5 per cent, were females sixteen years of age and over.

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CLEVELAND WILL FURNISH ELECTRICITY AT THREE CENTS PER KILOWATT

The City of Cleveland has opened its new municipal electric lighting plant and will furnish electricity at three cents per kilowatt hour.

The municipal plant, conceived by Mayor Tom L. Johnson and completed by his successor, was started October, 1911, and worked on the project has been delayed many months by the opposition of private lighting corporations.

It is figured that the plant will return six per cent, exclusive of interest on bonds, and after the latter is paid the city will have a surplus of \$1,000,000.

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BIG FISH EAT THE SMALL ONES

According to the census of 1910, 25.9 per cent of all manufacturing establishments in the United States were operated by corporations; but these large establishments produced 79 per cent of the total value of the products of all manufacturing industry.

The production of steel, of gas and of refined petroleum is practically all in the hands of large corporations. This is true of the United States and of other countries.

The nation will be compelled to take hold of the centralized means of production, for this will be the only means to escape economic slavery.

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BUSINESS MEN WANT TO TAKE CHARGE OF WARD'S PIE COUNTER

These lines are for the capitalist class. They work for money, may also steal them, if you resolve to do your own thinking.

Just at present, you, who through getting self denial on the part of your family, have not your own homes before your employers are ready to cast you on the industrial scrap heap, are near to the end of your rope.

They are deeply worried about the high tax rate—solely, of course, on the part of the worker.

As they are able to dodge most of their own, their concern revolves all most entirely around the poor who cannot do any of the burdens.

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BUFFALO SAMPLE OF MILITARY TRAINING

Canadian Followers of God of Slaughter Give Fine Exhibition of "Law and Order" on a Street Merely Practicing for War Orgies.

If the visit of the Canadian regiment over the week-end was a sample of military department, parents would do well to hesitate before sending their boys into such company to make men of them.

The visit afforded a good opportunity for the boys and girls to see what happens in any city that might be so unfortunate as to come into the hands of a military force.

We do not blame the poor misguided military men for their actions because of the fact that they are not old enough to know any better, but we blame their parents and the grown-ups who have taken them off their parents' shoulders for a pair of trousers and shoes for attire, except the jag, with which both native and foreign soldiers were well supplied.

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LOWERING THE STANDARD OF LIVING OF PREACHERS

The Legislature of the State of Kentucky has just passed a law that provides as follows:

"It shall be unlawful for any preacher for compensation or reward to solicit, persuade, entice, direct or induce other persons about to be married to go before any minister or other person authorized to solemnize marriage to be married, or to receive any part of any sum of money or other remuneration paid such minister or other person for solemnizing marriage."

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PREACHERS WRONG, I. W. W. RIGHT

A couple of New York preachers who somehow thought there must be something wrong somewhere after all the I. W. W. fusses in New York during the past few months, have written a little book to set the record straight.

What they saw gave them some new ideas. It showed them some new things. It showed them that such things as the unemployed people that is turning all our large cities into dangerous seething cauldrons of social unrest.

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DE LEON MEMORIAL

On Sunday evening, May 31st, there will be a memorial meeting at Miller's Harmonia Hall. This meeting will be held under the auspices of the Socialist Labor Party in memory of the late De Leon, long known as one of the foremost Socialist writers, having translated numerous books.

Among the many speakers on this occasion will be Mr. Charles of Rochester, Robert Steiner, Editor of the Arbeiter Zeitung, Local speakers of the Socialist Party and the Socialist Labor Party will also speak.

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BUFFALO SOCIALIST

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COMMISSION LEAKS

If things keep on leaking as they have for the last week or so some of our "estimable" citizens will be relegated to the back woods.

The members of the commission and the secretary have resigned with the exception of the suspected commissioner, who, it is said, is a particular friend of the mayor.

BUSINESS LEAKS

What in the tarantion tinkers is the matter with business? It has sprung a leak. Somebody has skuttled the ship.

Of what avail is all the denial that business is "on the bum" when that the fact is true, why not acknowledge it like real men and set to work to find out the cause, then apply the remedy.

The workers have listened to the confident talk of the capitalist politicians every year, and every year they have seen those who own the means by which they must make a worse mess of it, until now they are striking seeking a chance to earn enough to last them over the day.

FINANCIAL LEAKS

We are the wealthiest nation in the world! Hurrah! Rejoice! By that one would think that we are the best fed, best clothed, and the best housed, and that we are the happiest people in the country.

But "they," the capitalist class of this country, can boast of the greatest fortunes in the world. "They" can go to Europe and astonish the natives with their lavish expenditures.

But "they," the wealthiest nation in the world, it is "they." And we can refer you to the capitalist press for proof, in that often we read of how in foreign countries the people have a greater amount of money deposited to their credit.

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When the currency bill gets to working and the financial capitalists see the machinery running as they have planned, it will mean a constant stream of profits and interest rolling into their coffers.

If the people of this country fail to wake up and take an interest in the industrial and political welfare of the country their opportunity to apply the remedy will be gone.

One of the noticeable features in the speakers for the Commission Charter is their ability to make a speech on the subject without saying anything about it.

GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP OF THE CAPITALIST PRESS

In an editorial treating of the near approach of government ownership of railroads, the Philadelphia North American says in part:

"In 80 per cent. of the countries of the world government ownership of railroads is the rule and private ownership the exception."

The Free Press has since looked up the facts in reference to the Boston case, and has found that these statements were untrue.

EAST SIDE AND WEST SIDE AND OTHER SIDES

One of the daily papers of Buffalo predicts that with the inauguration of a commission government all distinctions between East Side and West Side, North Side and South Side will disappear.

We see it coming. The executive and executive powers of our municipal government into the hands of a committee of five, and William Street will become a Delaware Avenue.

The class struggles of the ages following the establishment of private property, and the consequent oppressors of all ages being identified under the generic title "the mogran."

"Surplus Value" Made Clear. The chapters on value are particularly noteworthy. In these chapters the Marxian theory of "Surplus Value" is treated in an altogether new and interesting way.

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PHILADELPHIA SOCIALISTS HAVE LIVE SUNDAY SCHOOL

PHILADELPHIA.—Instruction in religion and industrial conditions throughout the country is the main feature of the course of study of the Socialist school for children, which has headquarters at 605 Reed street.

The pupils are children of garment workers, mechanics, laborers and tool-tradesmen in the southern section. Mrs. M. Goldberg, the principal, explained that the children are receiving instruction in all matters relating to strikes and industrial questions of all kinds.

They are being taught the significance of the word "leak" and other things that the workers should know. Wage scales and the advantages of sanitary conditions for workers in factories are discussed.

SOCIALISM GAINS BY HIM STRIDES MADISON, Wis.—Socialism is coming by leaps and bounds," explained F. H. B. after his return from the New York conference on Training Public Service Experts.

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BOULMANIAN SOCIALISTS JOIN NATIONAL PARTY

The Roumanian Socialist Federation, which has been independent up to this time, decided to affiliate directly with the National Socialist Party on May 10 at a convention held in Milwaukee.

HOLLAND SOCIALIST WEEKLY. A new Socialist paper in the Dutch language has been started by Louis Holland, N.Y., called the "De Voorwaarts." This is the only Socialist paper published in North America.

AUSTRALIA GORGES PLANS ATTACK ON LABOR PARTY. PORT ADELAIDE, S. Australia.—At the present time the Labor Party has been making a strong showing in the city council, and a "Property Owners' Association" has just been formed to combine all other parties into a "non-partisan" movement in the city.

WE ARE NO BETTER THAN OUR FATHERS. The editor of the Buffalo Times devoted some space in a recent issue, calling attention to the habits of extravagance on the part of the working class.

He quoted from census reports to show that fewer than ten per cent of the people have money in the savings banks, and counsels them to cultivate habits of thrift.

It is this kind of twaddle with which the capitalist press is so fond of regaling the wage workers for a generation, say Mr. Mack's wiles sheet is a fitting medium through which to pass it along to the people who still have patience to read the responses of his satirical intellect.

Instead of living in comfortable homes (in which only a few of us even believe in), we are to be content with shacks. Our mothers were called. Our wives and daughters wait silk.

This, of course, should be severely rebuked. It is not our girls' work that silk is intended for. It is the work of the wife and daughters of the Editor of the Times, and their class!

Working girls are good enough to wear silk at "high wages," but how dare they aspire to the pleasure of wearing any of their own product? Our fathers were hump and cotton clothing. We want wool—but seldom get it.

This, of course, is all wrong, according to capitalist philosophy. "They" will tell you that the only way for our fathers-ought to be good enough for us—and a mass of other good for the man effect, which, however, we want the Times editor to wear silk.

DELAWARE SOCIALISTS PLAN GLOBE UNITY

BURBANK.—The national congress of the Delaware Socialist Party, which recently, devoted much of its time to the question of reorganizing the Party. The present party is really a combination of a large number of labor, social, educational and other working class organizations, federated in the party.

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