

JUDGE BROUGHT DOWN STRIKERS TO SHOOT DOWN STRIKERS

Soldiers at Main Street with Bayonets for Workers

Reign of Terror Established by Company's Armed Camps of Professional Gunmen Must Stop; Capitalist Newspapers Conceal Fact That Corporation Has Violated Franchise and Pleads for "Arbitration" by Capitalists.

Seeing that the working people of Buffalo could not be fooled by all of their ranting about the strikers, the capitalist newspapers are taking a new tack in trying to break the strike. They are beginning to whine about the loss of profits to the capitalists and urging interference by OTHER CAPITALISTS—the Chamber of Commerce and similar capitalist organizations, whose business it is to KEEP THEIR OWN WORKERS WHIPPED INTO SUBJECTION.

The capitalist newspapers have practically exhausted all of their customary weapons, and now they are falling back on what they call PUBLIC OPINION.

What they mean by public opinion, is the opinion of their fellow-capitalists—not the opinion of the great mass of hundreds of thousands of WORKING PEOPLE in Buffalo and vicinity. These people who support the capitalist newspapers, do not count against the advertisers who CONTROL the papers—with the exception of the papers owned and operated by working class organizations, such as The Buffalo Socialist and the Arbeiter Zeitung.

For example, the Courier on Tuesday contained a long whine from H. A. Meldrum, president of the Chamber of Commerce, and a noted exploiter of women-workers. He "wants the Chamber of Commerce to take a hand and arbitrate the trouble."

Mr. Meldrum does this because he says he is sorry for the poor working women who get only \$1.50 a day, working on the West Side and living on the East Side.

Of course, Mr. Meldrum is not a bit concerned about the way girls in his department store ARE WORKING FOR 80 OR 90 CENTS A DAY.

He is also too busy fussing about the poor washerwomen to think about the fact that WHEN PEOPLE CAN'T GET DOWN TOWN THEY CAN'T BUY GOODS AT HIS STORE.

This is a fair sample of the hypocritical tommyrot that the Chamber of Commerce labor skinner hands out to the working class.

They begin to talk about ARBITRATION when they see that the CAPITALISTS ARE LICKED, AND THEY WANT CAPITALISTS TO DO THE ARBITRATING.

COMPANY'S GUNMAN SHOOT A CHILD IN PRESENCE OF POLICE

Another child fell a victim Tuesday to the reign of terror instituted by the gangs of armed convicts which infest the city under the pay of the International.

The version of the affair given by the capitalist papers is intended to muddle the minds of the public and make them think that it was a result of a "riot" on Walden Avenue. It was nothing of the sort. A group of men were standing on the curb when a carload of the company's convicts went by. The ex-burglars, murderers, etc., fresh from Auburn and Sing Sing prisons, were eager to use the guns furnished them by the International, and doubtless were

being the effects of a high level of armament which is so plentiful at the bars and so necessary in keeping human beings kept up to the pitch where they are willing to help capitalists force workmen into submission.

Angered by the laughs and jeers of the public, one of the convicts fired from the car. The police, of whom there were four on the car, claim that they were unable to locate the convict who had done the job, and escorted ten of them to the police station.

The shot struck little Francis Murphy, a 12-year-old kid who happened to be standing on the sidewalk. The bullet was imbedded in his hip and he was rushed to the Emergency Hospital.

In trying to convey the idea that a "riot" might have fired the shot, the capitalist papers describe a fanciful "riot," which is always offered as an excuse whenever one of the thugs employed by the masters in breaking strikes does the thing he is hired to do under the cover of police protection.

In the meantime, nothing is being done by the police to break up the gangs of hired gun-men who infest the company's car barns and are in the pay of the International, not to run street-cars, but to bully the workers into submission to the tyranny of their masters.

These gangs are a constant menace to the peace of the city and are to be recruited from the state-prisons purely for the purpose of starting such a reign of terror that the politicians will be a good excuse for calling on the other professional killers who are in the pay of the state, the militia. If in this way, the company figures that it would not have to pay the food and whiskey which is incurred in trying to break the strike.

RESTAURANT WILL APPLY FOR INJUNCTION

In order to protect the interests of the International Railway and the strike-breakers, the police department ordered the cops to close up several business houses in the locality of the bars at Cold Spring on Monday evening.

The proprietor of Young's Restaurant, we understand, has applied for an injunction restraining the police from closing up his place of business. We will see if Judge Foley will be in a big hurry to grant this injunction as he was last Sunday to accommodate the International.

Chief Regan or Chief Regan could have heard some of the nice things said about them last night they would resign immediately and give some one else a chance.

INSPECTORS STRIKE I

Last night the car inspectors on the International Railway quit their jobs and joined the firing-line conductors and motormen, this means the complete tie-up of the street railway company of the entire vicinity.

WHAT THE WORKERS DID IN MILWAUKEE

"What would the Socialists do if they were in power?" is a frequent question being asked since the calling of the street car strike. The best answer will be found in the history of the German Workers' Party, which was made when Mayor Seidel was in office.

When the strike was called, the first thing the Socialist mayor did was to order the police to refrain from interfering with peaceful pickets.

The next thing he did was to order out of town, on pain of arrest, the thugs and gunmen hired by the bosses to break the strike.

COMPANY FORCE MEN TO STRIKE

In forming the carmen's union the men were not unmindful of the interests of the public. The mode of procedure was the same as adopted elsewhere. The men took the only course open to them—a strike.

Organization while they remained in the company's employ was utterly impossible. A system of espionage was constantly maintained, through the agency of spy-bugs and all men who were suspected of favoring a union were discharged. Just prior to the strike men were let out in droves.

The company fought the organization of the men with desperate boldness, the knowledge of the decreased profits that would ensue. No man was allowed to even think of his economic interests and some were brought on the carpet and reprimanded for reading the Buffalo Socialist.

COMPANY DOMINATE COURTS

The dominance of the courts by the International Railway company was again demonstrated yesterday. Three strikers were arraigned in Judge Keeley's court and enlargement of their case was sought by the district attorney. Mr. Moore, attorney for the International, didn't like this, so he took the cases out of the district attorney's hands and that official took up a position in the ranks of the spectators.

Several had appeared earlier, and their cases were put over to Friday. One was charged with making himself offensive to one of the thugs imported by the International. Another was brought up for unlawful assemblage, thought it appears he was alone when taken. Some assemblage! The others were charged with every minor misdemeanor in the penal code.

COMPANY INVENTS DYNAMITE STORY

The company tried to fix up a story dynamite story with which it expected to obtain the sympathy of the public. It was bragged that a stick of dynamite was found under the front Ave. bar. If the story has any foundation, it is a gross and glib lie. It would be impossible for anyone but those on the inside to put the police lines.

WILL YOU HELP TO FORCE ACTION BY CITY'S OFFICIALS?

Why should the workmen and women of Buffalo stand idle while their brothers, the street car men are being robbed of the right to work under decent conditions? If there was a Socialist city administration in Buffalo today, the International would have been whipped to a standstill, BECAUSE THE SOCIALISTS WOULD TAKE IMMEDIATE STEPS TO REVOKED THE FRANCHISE.

The old party heeler who are in power, were elected by the votes of the WORKING CLASS.

Now that the working class is in a pinch, they promptly go over to the ENEMIES OF THE WORKING CLASS, body, boots and breeches.

These men CLAIM that they represent you. What are they doing to help the citizens of Buffalo against the International's armed camps of thugs? Why don't you STRIKE THEM UP!

Make a copy of this letter and send it to the Alderman of your ward; then call him up every day until something is done:

Mr. John Blank, Alderman.

Since such as the International Railway Company has forfeited its franchise in failing to keep car running for more than 72 hours, we, the undersigned, DEMAND THAT THE FRANCHISE OF THIS COMPANY BE DECLARED FORFEITED.

We further demand that the armed thugs camped in the car barns of the city, and consisting of ex-convicts and other disreputable characters, BE DRIVEN FROM THE CITY AT ONCE, for the protection of the lives and property of the people of Buffalo.

We further demand that you, as an elected official, use your energies for the protection of the working people of Buffalo, instead of using them to assist the Morgan interests to drive 2,000 citizens of Buffalo back to conditions that are worse than slavery.

Very truly yours, (Signed) The city officials think you won't do anything about it, so that they can ignore your brother workers with impunity.

SHOW THEM THAT YOU MEAN BUSINESS. DEMAND THAT THE FRANCHISE BE REVOKED AGAINST THE INTERNATIONAL, WHICH HAS ALREADY FORFEITED ITS FRANCHISE.

Don't wait. Get this letter off today. One thousand such letters would wake them up.

LETTER TO CONNETTE

The following communication was sent to President Connette yesterday: Mr. E. G. Conroy, Secretary, President of the International Street Railway Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

Company Proved Guilty of Gross Charter Violation

Taking Over of Forfeited Franchise by City Administration Is Put Squarely Up To The Politicians; Will They Dare to Refuse to Bring the Company to Time?

Under the instruction of a considerable body of his clients, Frederick Haller, attorney for some of the strikers and strike organizers, has put squarely up to the "friends of the people" at the City Hall, the matter of conducting the franchise of the International Railway Company.

The company has been guilty of the grossest violations of the terms of its franchise, and if the city officials really want to end the strike, and if they really are the friends of the people that they claim to be, it would not be difficult for the city to regain the use of its streets so generously handed over to the capitalists a few years ago.

Attorney Haller's letter to Corporation Counsel Hammond is as follows: Buffalo, N. Y., April 8, 1913. To Clark H. Hammond, Corporation Counsel of the City of Buffalo.

I am directed by a number of clients, citizens of the United States and residents of this city, to bring to your official attention the fact that the International Railway Company has for a period of more than 72 hours, stopped the street car traffic on any of the lines of its subsidiary company, and that thereby the terms and conditions of its franchise, under which these companies make claim to the right to occupy our public streets have been violated.

You will pardon me if, in so intruding upon your official time, or in so disturbing you in the performance of your duties, with a matter of such moment to the people of this city, I permit myself to express some speedy action by your office directed against these public service corporations to make them either comply with the terms of their franchises or to have said franchises revoked.

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Just what the corporations counsel will do about it is a question to those who still have faith in capitalist politics. It seems to be up to him to make the next move.

CARS MANNED BY SCABS CRASH AT COLD SPRINGS. By the time the imported scabs get through with the cars the International will be compelled to leave a large order with Mr. Penny, president of the Nearctic Car Co., formerly president of the International, and a member of the board of directors of that benevolent corporation.

On Monday while one of the scabs was steering a car into the Cold Spring bars, another here came along Main street with one of Mr. Connette's palace cars, and not being able to control that beautiful and sanitary vehicle, smashed into the other car, injuring the would-be motorist to such an extent that he will die.

Under ordinary conditions the men must practice for ten days before they can run a car, nor any experience is required and as a result we expect to record the death of many people before this strike is over.

WE SHOULD HAVE A LAW WHICH MAKES IT NECESSARY FOR A MAN TO HAVE AT LEAST 10 DAYS' PRACTICE.

MAKE THE RICH WALK This would be a golden opportunity for Taxicab Drivers to strike for better conditions. Socialist Headquarters, 52 West Eagle Street, is always at the disposal of the Working Class for such purposes.

CONFERENCE HELD AT CITY HALL

Mayor Fuhrmann called a conference at the City Hall yesterday afternoon to which the International Railway and Union officials were invited. The International failed to show up and another attempt was to be made too meet at 10:30.

The fact that the company ignored the meeting shows the spirit which controls its officers, and the people of Buffalo should elect city officials that will teach them a lesson.

Let the people own the street railway lines and conduct them for the people instead of for the benefit of a few rich stockholders.

MEN SWEAR COMPANY LIED TO THEM

President Connette has given the public assurance that none but experienced street car men would be brought here to operate cars. The duplicity of Connette will be apparent from the following affidavit:

We, the undersigned, do solemnly swear that we were brought here to operate cars as motormen and conductors, that we have never had any experience and were not aware of the fact that there was a strike in Buffalo.

(Signed) THOMAS JOHN SMITH, EDWARD STARK, JOHN W. BOND, LEWIS MILLER, FRANK C. HOGAN, JOHN C. SMITH, CHARLES EDWARD JONES, FRANK J. O'BURKE.

Sworn before me this 8th day of April, 1913. FRANK H. KIMMINS, Notary Public for Erie County.

I, J. Fred Wilson, do hereby state that I am employed by the International Street Railway Company as conductor, and was hired by said Company in Philadelphia, Pa.; said Company paid my transportation to Buffalo, N. Y.

I do further state that I have never had any experience as street car conductor until I was employed by said Company. (Signed) J. F. WILSON. Sworn to before me this 8th day of April, 1913. E. A. KINGSTON, Notary Public for Erie County.

These affidavits were all made by men from Philadelphia, sent here by Thomas E. Mitten, president of the street railway, and, formerly president of the International. They are samples of the many in the hands of the carmen's union made by imported strike-breakers who have left the company's employ.

LABOR'S "FRIENDS" AT ALBANY ARE HELPING TO BREAK STRIKE

Just how much the capitalist politicians love the working men now that the election is over, may be seen from the reports from Albany on the subject of the Madden bill, which was buried by the Legislature, Monday.

The terms of the bill required that in case of strike, no man should be permitted to attempt to be a motorman on a trolley-car unless he had had 15 days' experience in the city where he so tried to work.

They THINK YOU WON'T REMEMBER until next election day—and history proves that they are justified in thinking so. For many years they have been doing the same trick to you, time after time, and you have always replied

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by electing the same gang over again. In every strike, when you hear the rap of the policeman's club on your head, IT IS THE ECHO OF THE BALLOT YOU CAST AT THE LAST ELECTION.

Chief Regan doing DEBIT WORK FOR THE INTERNATIONAL. Excitement was at fever heat in the vicinity of the Cold Spring bars Monday night. Chief Regan had policemen by the hundreds on the scene for several blocks surrounding the bars and nervous strikers were compelled to go several blocks out of their way in order to pass down Main street.

The residents and merchants in the locality of the bars are bitter in their denunciation of the high-handed methods employed by the city authorities.

SOCIALIST NEWS OF WESTERN NEW YORK

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y. A WARNING.

We desire to warn our readers against the intellectual chloroform which is being dispensed by the capitalist press...

There can be only one interpretation of this reactionary quietism, that the gazette is using its columns to help as far as possible in keeping the public's mind from thinking about the situation...

There are always more people than there are jobs and partly because of so many girls who have homes, being willing to work for a few dollars per week...

Newspapers, such as the gazette, are run in the interests of profits, the same goes for the schools and the churches...

A GERMAN LECTURE AT COLUMBIA TURN VEREIN

A large percentage of the population in this city is either German or of German descent. Through some reason or other the agitation and working programs amongst the German people has in the past been sadly neglected...

Recently there has appeared in the press a few items that show just where they stand and just where they stood last year, and it also points out the social conditions which will be the basis of the party stood for about what we stood for and give promise of getting it quicker.

The Hon. Wm. H. Hochkiss, prominent in the councils of the Moscovites, has fully realized that something must be done to arouse the German people from their lethargy.

With the aid of Franz LaSalle they have made elaborate arrangements for a German lecture which will be held at Columbia Turn Hall, corner Genesee and Kohr streets, on Monday evening, April 14th. Columbia Emili Seidel will be the speaker.

EMIL SEIDEL was candidate for vice-president in 1912 and the first Socialist to be elected mayor of an important American city. He was born in Pennsylvania of German parentage.

There is but one party that represents the masses of the people in this country, but because of so many Americans who are not of German ancestry...

DRY GOOD STORES. BLOCK PAVEMENTS.

We wish to call the attention of the "authorities" to the blocking of sidewalks by the department stores...

Anyone trying to pass down Washington street, especially at noon, will find the trip interrupted by the delivery wagons of J. N. Adams & Co., Wm. Heppner Co., etc.

GENERAL ELECTRIC WILL LOSE MONEY NOW? As we supposed, that awful institution controlled by the business element called The Public Service Commission has delivered a death blow to the profits of the electricity trust...

The Public Service Commission has issued its report to the effect that electricity will be sold to the consumer at his residence, at seven cents per kilowatt hour instead of nine cents as before for 60 hours use, four cents for the next 120 hours, 12¢ for the remainder.

The commission has taken great care to fix it so that the small consumer pays double the amount for electricity that the rich man pays. The average dwelling will use about 30 kilowatts a month at most which will cost at seven cents \$2.10 a month, 60 kilowatts will cost \$4.20.

For manufacturing purposes the small consumer will pay seven cents, the medium consumer 2 1/2 cents, the big industries, the real capitalist class, will pay just 1 cent per kilowatt hour, and we know of no case where they pay less than that amount.

What great things these high salaried politicians are doing for the poor people of the General Electric. The average treated something awful! No doubt the General Electric will lose a little money over this new price rate, but we know they will get back. They will extend the rate.

THE MASK IS OFF

During the 1912 campaign our friend of the Bull Moose, was quite friendly to the Socialists, very friendly, so friendly, in fact, that when they had gone we missed a goodly portion of our platform.

Among the pupils of the school were several boys dressed up as girls, and how sweet and fetching they were, too! Pora Waggles was one of them, and oh how she giggled! It was great.

You should have seen and heard the Jewish peddler. His name was Abraham Sellenkewitzky. He sold "hats down the middle of the street," neckties from Connecticut, coats from Dakota, vests from West Virginia, pants from Pennsylvania, and shoes from Shoorocanville.

Another the play was a "bull's thing," and were mightily glad we gave it, although it took a lot of time and money to produce.

There is a crime that should bring the criminal to the check of society, it is the unspeakable crime of child labor.

VILLAGE SCHOOL OF FOLKIN.—A ROCHESTER PLAY

A few words about our recent play entitled "The Village School of Folkin." We know it was good for it was written by ourself!

Before we decide what new financial laws the country needs it is important that we thoroughly understand the fundamental principles for a rational money system. The lack of such understanding is responsible for the chaotic condition of our present system.

Money is generally defined as a medium of exchange and the need of such money originally have been the only reason for its creation and the basis upon which our monetary system has been built.

The money paid for collective work and entitles the recipient to its equivalent in the form of SUCH PUBLIC WORKS IMPROVED FORMS THIS ONLY EQUITABLE, TRUE AND RATIONAL BASIS FOR THE ISSUE OF MONEY.

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STATEMENT FROM SOCIALIST PARTY

Buffalo, N. Y., April 7, 1913. In the Morning Express of this date appears statement purporting to come from an official of the Socialist Party to the effect that the Socialist Party wishes to have nothing to do with the strike.

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Outfit No. 3 Walnut finished coffin, polished and lined, six silver handles, engraved name plate, outside case of plain, black hearse, three coaches, chairs, burial permit, complete care and attendance. Total cost \$55.00

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