

CHALLENGE "CITS"

Some of the Citizens and Progressive Candidates Have Signified a Desire to Talk to and Debate With the Socialists. The Socialist Campaign Committee is Very Anxious to Gratify Their Wishes and Takes This Opportunity to Publicly Challenge Any and All the Citizens and Progressive Candidates to Meet Representatives of the Socialist Party in Debate.

The Socialist Party is the Only Party in the Present Campaign Which Stands Ready at All Times to Meet Representatives of the Old Parties or the "Cits" or Bull Moosers in Debate. Will the Citizens and Bull Moose Candidates Accept This Defy?

"NO ONE TO BLAME" FOR MILL EXPLOSION SAYS JUDGE BRENNAN

Same Old Answer to Same Old Question of Capital and Labor — Workers Killed by Neglect of Company But Proprietors are Not Held to Account.

"No one to blame, no one to blame," said Judge Brennan yesterday afternoon in handing down his decision on the Clover Leaf mill disaster. "No one to blame," decided the investigators of the Cherry Creek disaster with its 400 victims. "No one to blame," sighed the whitewashers of the Binghamton fire, which sent 27 workers to the great unknown. "No one to blame," decided the investigators of the St. Louis Slocum catastrophe and the hundreds of lives which were sacrificed on the altar of Capitalist greed.

"No one to blame?" No! No one but the workers themselves who stand by like sheep and see their brothers slaughtered. What does the Capitalist care for the lives of a few men? A dollar ad in the papers and hundreds will be recruited from the army of the unemployed to take the place of the murdered.

ALDERMEN MAY HEAD OFF GARBAGE MEN'S STRIKE

Whether the Board of Aldermen will be able to head off a strike of the Sanitary Wagon Drivers' Union by raising their wages will be "taken up" by the Aldermen at a meeting to be held next week.

At present the men are getting the princely pay of \$18 a week upon which to riot in luxury when they have work, which isn't always. When they have no work to occupy their attention they don't riot much.



THE VERDICT. "NO ONE TO BLAME" It Just Happened

How well everything works to the interest of the capitalist class is seen by the two recent explosions which have taken place in Buffalo, one at the Husted mill, with a death roll of over thirty, and the other at the Clover Leaf mill, with one death.

It is brazen and shamefaced manner in which the authorities have exonerated the proprietors is a disgrace.

The capitalist press after the first accounts of the disaster very cunningly allow it to pass by without further notice.

When such a case comes before the court the companies have

plenty of legal talent on hand to suppress the judge, and the prosecution lawyers go to dinner with the judge's legal talent, while the wives and families of the victims go hungry for a loaf of bread.

To look at some of the amaeited victims of the Husted explosion brings tears to the eyes. Burned, scarred and crippled, without any possible chance of earning a living, and with large families dependent upon them, it is enough to drive them insane.

But all this must be for the sake of the capitalists' profits. The capitalist class demands profits! profits!! and the expen-

diture of money for the purpose of safety devices interferes with profits.

The judges are elected through the influence of the capitalist class and they must make no decisions that interfere with profits.

The factory inspectors hold their jobs through capitalist politicians, and are compelled to put the soft pedal on anything that would cost the bosses money.

So all along the line the capitalist class has its finger on the button that makes the monkey dance.

And it is your votes that give them this power.

SOCIALIST MEETINGS SUNDAY

Main and Mohawk streets—Speaker, Sol Feldman.

Broadway Market, afternoon meeting, 3 o'clock — Speakers, Stephen J. Mahoney and W. Wojcickowski.

Broadway and Washington streets—Speaker, Max Sherover.

Winlow and Kerr streets—Speaker, James J. Kelly.

John O'Rourke, of Rochester, State Organizer of the Socialist Party, will also speak this evening, and Sunday evening at one of the downtown meetings. Come down town this evening, four of the best speakers in the Socialist Party will hold forth in the business section.

Epidemic of Suicide

"An epidemic is now raging in Russia," says a Moscow letter, "for which scientists have no remedy—self-destruction. Its victims are to a great extent young men and women students. In the last twelve months 600 students committed suicide." Commenting on the gruesome fact, Leonid Andrejev, the novelist, said: "There is, in my opinion, nothing wrong in taking this leap from misery when one knows that his struggles are in vain and that the gates of happiness are hopelessly closed. Where suicide is looked upon as a crime the belief in personal bondage still exists, and the state regards him who endures to escape slavery by the act like a soldier who would desert." In the United States the recently published statistics make Johnson, Peas, and San Francisco conspicuous.

TONIGHT'S MEETINGS

Briggs avenue and Tonawanda street—Speaker, Stephen J. Mahoney, Socialist candidate for mayor.

Main and Mohawk streets—Speaker, Sol Feldman.

Main and Erie streets—Speaker, Max Sherover.

Broadway and Washington streets—Speaker, W. H. Jacobs.

Liberty Hall, Landon and Wohlert avenues—Speaker, James J. Kelly.

So long as the masters run the political machine they will control the workers who run the physical machine, and work from them most of all they produce.

THREE GREAT MEETINGS OF SOCIALISTS MAKE OLD PARTIES WONDER

Socialist Speakers Hold Audiences with Logical Arguments for Cause of Workers — Every Hall Filled With Enthusiastic Listeners — Big Vote Predicted.

Three great meetings were held by the Socialist Party last evening, despite the weather. If crowds and enthusiasm count for anything, the size of the Socialist vote cast a week from Tuesday will exceed all expectations. The speakers were well received and as they make point after point they were interrupted by applause. Mayor Duncan was at his best and while he was describing the work of the Socialist administration in Butte the interest was so intense that one could have heard a pin drop.

The Socialist candidate for Mayor, Stephen J. Mahoney, made a great hit at all three meetings. Unmercifully he exposed the rottenness of local politics and the hollow pretences and promises of the old parties. The Hamlin candidate and his party came in for a good lambasting, much to the delight of the audience.

We have heard many orators in this city, but none more effective than Sol Feldman, of New York City, who spoke at three meetings last evening. From the start his audience was with him; they hung on every word and were loth to leave him go. A more masterly exposition of Socialism was never heard in this city.

Turn Hall Meeting.

The 16th and 19th wards have long been known as a Socialist stronghold and the residents of that section of the city proved the fact by turning out last evening despite the rain. Columbia Turn Hall was crowded, never has it held a more enthusiastic throng.

William H. Jacobs, of Wisconsin, who presided, opened the meeting with a short, ringing speech, winding up with an introduction of the Socialist Mayor of Butte, Lewis J. Duncan, and then the crowd broke loose. When the cheering had subsided, without and preliminaries, Mayor Duncan plunged into his subject and for 20 minutes, until he was compelled to leave for the next hall, Duncan had the crowd going. Sol Feldman was the next speaker. He handled the situation without flinching, and he proved so plainly the necessity of Socialism that some one in the audience said, "If that speech don't make a Socialist of a man his head must be made of reinforced concrete."

The last speaker of the evening was the Socialist candidate for Mayor, Stephen J. Mahoney may not be elected Mayor of Buffalo this year, but judging by the enthusiasm displayed last evening, if he is the Socialist candidate at the next election victory is certain.

La Touraine Hall Meeting.

La Touraine Hall, on East Union street, was well filled with a larger crowd than has attended any political meeting held in that

hall this campaign. The chairman, Max Sherover, caught the crowd at the start and immediately had the audience in rare good humor, despite the depressing weather. Mayor Duncan was the first speaker, followed by Stephen J. Mahoney and Sol Feldman. Judging by the reception accorded the speakers the Socialist vote in the Old Spring section will take a big jump this year.

Mizpah Hall Meeting.

The Socialists and progressive Socialists of the West Side were out in force last evening to greet the speakers at Mizpah Hall on West Ferry street. This hotbed of Republicanism will soon be a Socialist stronghold, judging by the interest and enthusiasm displayed. James J. Kelly, State Organizer of the Socialist Party, presided at the meeting. In a short ringing talk he introduced the speaker, Sol Feldman, of New York. A West Side audience is usually slow to respond, but such was not the case last evening. Feldman had the crowd on the jump after his first sentence. The Mayor of Butte was the second speaker. The audience was intensely interested in his recital of the doings of a Socialist administration and when he left the hall it was with cheers for the continued success of the Butte administration. The last speaker, Stephen J. Mahoney, although a little hoarse from his two previous speeches, held the crowd with his magnetic oratory. Never during the campaign has he delivered a better speech, and when the Socialist candidate completed his address with a powerful appeal for a working class government for Buffalo the crowd rose to their feet and cheered.

A Great Night.

It was a great night for Socialism in Buffalo. The elements were not with the Socialists by any means, but even this fact could not keep the crowds from hearing the new message. Each speaker treated the subject from a different standpoint. Duncan, "What the Socialists Have Done and are Doing," Mahoney, "The Local Situation," and Feldman, "The Capitalist System and Socialism." Election day will bring forth some surprises for the old parties and the "cits."

ROCHESTER SOCIALIST COMES TO BUFFALO

John O'Rourke of Rochester, state organizer of the Socialist Party, arrives in town this afternoon. For the last three months he has been touring the state under the auspices of the state committee. Mr. O'Rourke is an orator of ability. Come down town this evening and hear him.

WHERE SOCIALISTS STAND WITH LABOR

James H. Maurer, President of Pennsylvania State Federation of Labor Will Speak Here on November 1st—O'Brian Labor Fakirs Invited to Hear Him.

The lie that the Socialist Party is antagonistic to organized labor will be hurled into the teeth of the labor fakirs of this city Saturday evening, November 1st, at the Broadway Auditorium.

Despite the fact that largely through the efforts of the Socialist Party and the Buffalo Socialist over ten thousand men have been organized during the past year...

BIG MEETING OF SOCIALISTS AT LANCASTER

A very successful meeting was held in Lancaster last evening in front of the town hall, under the auspices of the local Socialists...

The meeting was called to order by Comrade Smith, who with a few well chosen remarks introduced Comrade Kelly.

From all indications the preparations were well timed, for just as soon as Mr. Kelly started to speak a number of "bright youngsters" were seen to "line up" on the opposite side of the street.

It shows that the church is hand-in-glove with the Protestant English aristocracy, exacting the approval of the authorities. It shows what desperate efforts will be made at all times by the church to aid its partners the capitalists—using force when possible, but force when necessary.

It shows all of these things—impression of the public health socialist dailies of Buffalo will print only a garbled account of the episode—or none at all.

INEXPENSIVE "PLEA" FOR CHILD SLAVES!

It has just occurred to the representative body of the Protestant Episcopal Church, known as the House of Deputies, that there are 2,000,000 children under 16 years of age working in the factories, mines, sweatshops, etc., and lest people should think them hard-hearted, has begun "talking over" doing something about it.

Feeling that any of these things would be rather strong, the idea was to make a "plea" for the two millions of babies. A plea doesn't cost a nickel, doesn't mention any pew-holder's names, doesn't cause any hard feelings among the "best citizens."

Socialist Party Municipal Platform

INTRODUCTORY.

The Socialist Party in the City of Buffalo is a part of the worldwide movement to abolish the exploitation of the workers by the capitalists, and to establish the Co-operative Commonwealth.

Having this unalterable purpose ever in view, the destiny of the Socialist Party is irrevocably merged with the destiny of the oppressed classes.

The workers are discovering in ever greater numbers that no political party which stands for the capitalist system of exploitation can at the same time defend the interests of the working class.

Long enough have the workers been the dupes and victims of the fraud and treachery of the Republican, Democratic and reform parties. The Socialist Party calls on all workmen and other citizens in sympathy with their aim to vote together on next election day for economic freedom.

The experience has amply proven that the ruling class will yield nothing to supplication or an appeal to justice. Only by a bold, aggressive attitude will the workers wrest from capitalism some material measure of relief.

The Socialist Party therefore presents the following program for this municipal campaign:

**MUNICIPAL PROGRAM.** We pledge ourselves to do our utmost to assist the workers to organize on the economic field. To help them to the full extent of our power in times of strike and to work with the organized and unorganized workers, for the establishment of a work day of not more than eight hours.

**PUBLIC WORKS AND CITY EMPLOYEES.** We demand the abolition of the contract system on public work, and the substitution of direct employment by the municipality under civil service rules.

We further demand: That the city establish wages and hours of labor distinctly better in every case than those prevailing in private enterprise.

That the organization of the employees be encouraged and their right to strike recognized, in order to give them a voice in regulating their condition and an opportunity for the statement and redress of grievances, and also to enter into technical knowledge and public spirit in democratic and efficient administration of public affairs.

**STRIKES.** We demand that the licensing of strike-breakers as special deputies be stopped, that the police power be used to the utmost to protect working people in their right to strike. To picket peacefully, singly or en masse, and to hold meetings and distribute literature in connection with labor disputes; and that the power of the Department of Health be used to prevent the housing of strike-breakers in factories or street cars.

PUBLIC EDUCATION.

The children of the working class are being robbed of their education. Thousands are driven by poverty to leave school at an early age and go into the overworked labor market.

The immediate erection of sufficient school buildings to accommodate all children of school age in all parts of the city. Provision for proper feeding and clothing of all pupils without charge; this to be a matter of right, protecting the children from the stigma of charity.

The school authorities to be empowered, in all cases where economic pressure would otherwise prevent pupils to leave school, to forego the right of continued attendance to that age.

**PUBLIC HEALTH.** The municipality is as remiss in caring for the public health as in providing education for the young.

Medical and hygiene science points out the causes of disease and shows how to prevent it. But no serious attempt is made by the city to apply its teachings.

**RECREATION.** Recreation and amusement together with popular self-education, being necessary to healthy and happy life.

**UNEMPLOYMENT.** We demand the establishment of municipal employment bureaus to take the place of the private agencies, now prey upon the needs of persons seeking work.

As a means of equalizing the burden of employment, which cannot be removed under the capitalist system, we demand the establishment of a system of unemployment insurance, conducted as far as possible through workmen's organizations, with liberal aid by the municipality.

**CONCLUSION.** The foregoing measures and all others that may be proposed for the benefit of the masses of the population will require the efforts not only of a city and county administration devoted to the interest of the working class, but also of a strong Socialist delegation in the State Legislature.

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The Socialist Party does not beg for votes. It does not put its candidates forward as individual good men, but as representatives of the party of the working class. It warns the voters that nothing can be accomplished by relying on individuals as such. It is the party that counts.

ANOTHER WALL FROM WILLIAM

William Howard Taft has emitted another wall. It was all because he senses the growth of a bitter class feeling. The place where he relieved himself was at that seat of reactionary dogmas and puritanism, in Princeton, N. J. The time was October 25, 1913.

At times we are discouraged about popular government in this country. We seem to find no recurring instance that the votes of a majority of the electorate are under the control of some who can seize upon some easily phrased slogan, while the specious reformers they propose, who can paint in gorgeous colors the millennium that they, if only given the power, can bring about.

**O'BRIAN AND THE BREWERIES.** John Lord O'Brian's idea of reform is the same of dole of reform as the wares of the dole store. It consists of fault finding, accusation of the other fellow, and self-laudation.

John Lord O'Brian gave a most characteristic sample of his reforming disregard for truth in his drive at the assessors' valuation of the breweries. He said they were assessed at \$1,500,000 although they were worth only \$400,000.

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# NOVEMBER 1ST



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JAMES H. MAURER, President Pennsylvania Federation of Labor

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## How To Vote On Amendments

Four amendments to the constitution of the State of New York are to be voted upon at the election, November 4th.

One of these amendments is of particular importance to every worker in the state. The courts have declared Workmen's Compensation Laws unconstitutional. This amendment is framed to meet the court decisions and enable Compensation Laws to be passed and enforced.

Every Socialist, in fact every worker should vote for amendment number two on the machine.

The State Executive Committee of the Socialist Party considered the four amendments to the Constitution of the State of New York to be voted upon at the ensuing General Election on Nov. 4th, and decided to issue the following as a guidance how to advise the voters of the different counties who may be in sympathy with the Socialist Party how to vote on these pending amendments:

**Amendment Number One.**  
This amendment proposes to change the manner in which the compensation for taking private property for public use shall be determined. The amendment seeks to extend and enlarge the powers of the State in taking private property for public use.

Imperfect as the amendment is, the Socialists should vote for it for the reason that:

(a) Referees and receivers are always and everywhere a source of graft and scandal.

(b) The enlargement of public powers is in line with the Socialist program.

Socialists should vote for amendment number one.

**Amendment Number Two.**  
This amendment is an enabling clause, authorizing the legislature to enact a Workmen's Compensation Law. It is intended to meet the Ives decision of the Court of Appeals.

Socialists should vote for Amendment Number Two.

**Amendment Number Three.**  
This amendment proposes to increase the number of county judges, specifically in Kings County from two to four and generally authorize the legislature to increase the number of county judges in any county.

A great deal may be said in favor of this amendment by pointing to law's delay. But in view that it has been proven that some of our \$18,000 a year judges, average one hour and one-half work a day, and also because of hostility of the courts to labor it demands, we should at least a vote of no confidence to the courts.

Socialists should vote against Amendment Number Three.

**Amendment Number Four.**  
This amendment proposes to authorize the use of not more than three per cent. of public land for parks, but the municipalities must have it.

Socialist should vote for Amendment Number Four.

**To Produce For Use**  
Capitalism has created a new civilization quite different from any other the world has ever seen, but most of its advantages are monopolized by the ruling classes, and its disadvantages have to be borne by the working class. We propose a readjustment of things by which civilization will be put upon a new basis so as to preserve all its advantages, and afford every human being a fair chance to make the best possible use of them, and eliminate those features of it that tend to bar people from the enjoyment of life.

In other words, our object is to make the material and social resources of life the property of all so that all may not only use them, but enjoy the fruits of their labor, without being compelled to pay for the privilege of making a decent living.

DO NOT FORGET TO BRING YOUR VOTING TICKETS TO THE MEETING

## COURIER RUSHES TO "RESCUE" SOCIALISM

Truly, a most amusing spectacle is that of the Buffalo Courier trying to save the Socialist Party from one Andrew Higgins, a well-meaning small-fry "politicker," who has been lassoed by Lord Jawn "O'Brien," and attached to the tail of the Bull Moose political kite.

Andrew, according to the Courier, perhaps because his grandfather used to know Lord Jawn on the Emerald Isle when Jawn spelled it in the good old-fashioned Irish way, "O'Brien," but more likely because of more substantial reasons, volunteered to go out and "line up the Socialist vote" for Lord Jawn, making speeches for hisanship at Socialist meetings. The Courier claims that Lord Jawn fell for it. When the Socialist Party obligingly offered to let him speak at Socialist meetings, Andrew claimed that "Penny Louie's" paper had misquoted him.

With that owl-like solemnity which characterizes the Courier's editorials, that journal of uplift now proceeds to upbraid Higgins and Lord Jawn for "entering" to the Socialists! Doubtless the Courier will be relieved to learn that things are not quite as bad as was feared by people like the editorial writer who believes what the Courier says.

Andrew goes right along, wagging a wise head and falling what a bully "friend" Lord Jawn is to the "law, earmon people, law Jove." Jawn feelingly admits it and adds a lot of stuff about his own virtues, which Andrew can't think of right off. The Socialist meetings continue to sizzle with enthusiasm, and the Socialist vote continues "unswung."

Only the sympathetic Courier is fussed.

His religion ought to be every person's private affair not to be interferred with by public institutions. But when religion is used as a club in the interest of capitalist exploitation and class-rule, it becomes a public affair which we have a perfect right to criticize, as we have an unalienable right to criticize all public affairs and institutions that affect our interests and well-being.

## "TOM", THE GREAT UNBOSSSED

"Unbossed," eh? Listen, Thomas, I would a word with thee. Who paid your campaign expenses? In your oratorical flights you say that you represent the people of Buffalo. Well, Mr. Stoddart, 90 per cent. of the population are wage workers. How much did they contribute towards your campaign fund?

You prate about the fact that you are a business man, Mr. Stoddart. That you want a business administration. Did you ever stop to figure out what an insult that is to the people of Buffalo? Business, business. What is business, anyway? Why did you go into the drug business? For your health? No! You went into the drug business for profit. You know that there is a profit in cocaine and morphine-soaked nutrons and you have the nerve, to offer your "business" experience to the people of Buffalo.

Why do you, Mr. Stoddart, and the rest of the men who put up the money for your election, want to go into "business" in behalf of the city of Buffalo? Are you and your associates accustomed to investing money in an enterprise which will net no returns? No! You are not. You are going into the Mayor's Business because you know it will provide excellent protection for the interests in which you and your friends have invested money. You will risk capital on the prospect of getting that job, just as you risk capital on a new drug store.

"Unbossed," controlled by no interests whatever. What rot! If the city of Buffalo decided to go into the drug business, Mr. Stoddart, would you advocate a dispensary located on Main street and distributing medicine at cost or even free as is done in some Socialist cities? It would be a great thing for the poor people of the city, wouldn't it, Tom? Since you are serving the city, the proper caper for you would be to give your hearty endorsement. Would you do it? Yes, you would not.

So you are going to "Grab the seat car octopus by the throat, jam its head against the wall and force it to put on more cars and

ventilate them." Go to the Tom! You have no stock in the International. "You should worry" about what happens to that company, so long as it does not reduce the profits on Coca-Cola. Sure you would prosecute the International if you got into office. You would keep it up, too (with our money), until you became a stockholder in the company or got a slice of the new company built from the debris of the International.

If the O'Brien-Fuhrmann-Stoddart bunch want the people of Buffalo to believe that they are represented by these candidates, let them publish their list of campaign contributions. Who paid for Fuhrmann's life likeportraits and O'Brien's electric-lighted signs? Somebody believed in advertising and is willing to pay for it. The working people of this city, through their organ, the Buffalo Socialist, defy the Capitalist parties to publish their campaign lists and disclose the interests which are seeking patronage in the name of O'Brien, Fuhrmann and Stoddart.

## MANY IMPROVEMENTS MADE IN SCHENECTADY

The Socialist city of Schenectady maintains a free pharmacy in which all prescriptions for city patients are filled free of charge by the city chemist. The city dispensary, together with the laboratory, furnishes all the bureau's and departments of the city with the necessary drugs at cost price.

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