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MILITIA SHOOT VOLUNTEER FIREMEN

TIN SOLDIERS PREVENT LOCAL FIREMEN FROM PUTTING OUT \$25,000 BLAZE

Drunken Soldiers Start to Beat Up Old Man But
Run for Fort Gould When Striker Comes to Aid—
Son of Gould Boss Held on \$4000 Bail for
Stabbing Strike Sympathizer.

Strikers of the Gould Company, who are members of the village voluntary fire brigade, were willing to risk their lives Saturday night to save property when the Lacawanna coal mine burst back by members of the National guard. Several men were injured by bayonets and clubs, but the men of the fire department, who had been called up, but the spirit of the rank and file of the brotherhood was not that of the soldiers. They were willing to help, but the pangs of poverty and hunger are driving the men to desperation. The men can stand for the suffering themselves, but it is the cry of the women and children for food which is expected by all to win the day. One of the daily papers in speaking of this says: "It is just this situation which George W. Hayden, general manager of the Gould Coupler Works, basis his hopes of defeating the former employees."

Every workman in this city should be willing to help these men in their struggle. It is hoped that the wives of union men and Socialists will report in sufficient numbers to make this tag day one which will show to the capitalist class that there is a growing solidarity among the this workers of this city.

The volunteers, some 25 strong, tried different ways across the company grounds, but were stopped by the enemies of the firemen. As it was on the other side of the Gould plant they endeavored to make a short cut across the company grounds, but were stopped by the enemies of the soldiers. They then proceeded to cross the tracks of the Lackawanna, but were stopped by the guard. A half mile up the tracks the fire developed into a nice, healthy conflagration. No amount of argument could entice the soldiers to cross the tracks, however, so the soldiers to cross the tracks, however, so the operation, the volunteers, joined now by a large number of citizens of the village, started to walk along the Lackawanna tracks to the head of the fire and attempted to cross the Lackawanna tracks on Transit road over a mile and a half away. Here they were confronted by the guard. One hundred soldiers who refused to let them cross the Lackawanna tracks in the middle of the fact that they were not wanted there, and when the ground, and that they had no right whatever to prevent anybody from using the highway.

The volunteers were in a dilemma.

If they refused to go for the fire they would be guilty of a militiaman in the eyes of the public, and if they did do their duty they would be chopped up and shot by the militia. They argued the matter with the guard, who were a mix of a crew from their rifles and slashes from their bayonets. J. Nelson and Bert Felt, fire volunteers, and others, however, fought with bayonets. A bullet passed thru the heart of one of the drivers. There were over 1,000 spectators at the fight, the result of the battle of Pensacola where the O'Grady thugs fired into a crowd of strikers, it is surprising that no more were killed.

The "huddle" was reported to headquarters in "Fort Gould," where the commanding officer, after a deliberation, decided to let the men put out the fire. What was left of the fire was extinguished by the volunteers, as directed from home. Charles Carlson of the local fire brigade called on Colonel Charles J. Wolf Sunday and protested against the action of the guard. It was agreed that if a fire were to start in the Gould plant, Wolf, the militia, prevent the village volunteers from entering.

A number of so-called soldiers went on a spear last Saturday night and struck the Lackawanna in Depew. As a result of the military's action itself, which is stronger than ever intended, the militia, and themselves, are on a number of occasions by imitating that which is stronger, have more influence, and are able to force the men who do duty along Transit Road adjoining the Gould plant have been sent a warning very recently that if a strike is disrupted, and they are taking advantage of this opportunity to drown their sorrows, a half dozen braves celebrated their victory by getting drunk and called to Depew by invading the saloons. They were promptly pulled in the Gould plant, beaten, and publicly vised, and penalized by hard labor.

The particular soldiers who invaded Lackawanna made themselves a public nuisance by getting drunk and using obscene language. An old man, over forty years of age, was taken into the militia, and prevented them from getting trouble. They answered his well intended proposition by starting him off. He was flogged until he fainted away, however, when one of the largest and huskiest of the striking miners happened to be passing by, and the soldiers suddenly remembered that they had an important engagement elsewhere. They left, lamely, and the men did not get into trouble, they were safe within the walls of the good old "Fort Gould."

The son of the malfeasant who supervised the misdeemeanor of the Gould plant was brought before Judge Gary at Depew Monday afternoon, and charged with assault upon a boy in Depew. The evidence against him was so conclusive that he was held for trial on a charge of \$4,000 bail which was paid by J. O. Gould, who attended the court hearing. Forty frames have refused to have anything to do with the Gould special

SOCIALISTS WIN IN GERMANY

Berlin.—The by-election in the Borna constituency of Saxon has ended in the loss of a seat by the Conservatives and a victory for the Socialists.

No by-elections have been held.

Stanislaus Smulski was born seventeen years old and has only been in this country for three years. He came to America to this, the land of the free and the home of the brave, where, according to the Constitution "every man has a right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." They took his life; the only liberty he found was an airplane, and when he died he was still entitled to pursue happiness, he found that it took an aeroplane to reach it in this country.

TAG DAY FOR DEPEW STRIKERS

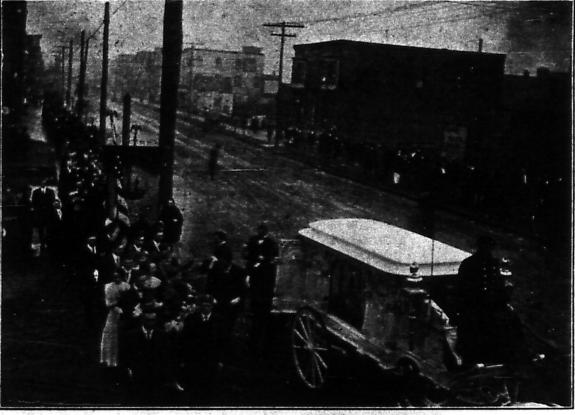
Are You Going to Let Gould and Hayden Starve the Strikers Into Submission?

The Central Labor Council of Buffalo and vicinity will hold a Tag Day next Saturday, April 4, for the benefit of the Depew strikers. The Committee in charge need the assistance of as many women as will devote a few hours of their time to help with the sale of tags on that day.

All those wishing to volunteer their services will kindly report to W. F. Cattell, 604 Mutual Life Building, on or before Saturday morning at 10 o'clock.

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Funeral of Striker Murdered by Gould Co. Thugs

SOCIALISTS ON BALLOT AT MILWAUKEE

The primary election in Milwaukee last week resulted in the nomination almost of all the Socialist nominees.

Non-partisan elections in Milwaukee are run on the elimination plan. For instance there were four candidates for mayor at the primary. Of these two received the highest number of votes going upon the ballot at the secondary election. This means that when a Socialist wins at the primary all his opponents combine to defeat him at the election.

Even with this handicap the Socialists nominated their entire city ticket and their ward ticket in 21 of the 25 wards.

The candidates for mayor at the election to be held April 7th are Emil Seidel, Socialist, who polled 21,182 votes at the primary, and G. A. Badin, polling master, who ran second, polling 20,144 votes.

PATRICK O'BRIAN WILL SPEAK FOR BRANCH FIVE

Patrick O'Brien, member of Branch Five of Local Buffalo, has returned to this city after successfully completing the course at the Rand School of Social Science, New York City.

This Sunday afternoon, April 5th, at 7:30 o'clock, Mr. O'Brien will deliver his first lecture since his return, and no doubt because of the popularity of the speaker a good crowd will be in attendance. The lecture will be held at Johnson Park Hall, South Elmwood Avenue and Johnson park, under the auspices of Branch Five.

"The Need of Industrial Freedom" will be Mr. O'Brien's subject. No admission will be charged and after the lecture questions will be invited from the audience.

The speaker is the Buffalo Socialist who is invited to come and bring more non-Socialist friends with them as they wish. Patrick O'Brien has a message for you.

WILLS ESTATE TO SOCIALIST CAUSE

Grand Junction, Colo.—William Sawyer, who died recently left his entire estate of \$20,000 to the Socialist party upon the death of his sister. In his will some small bequests are made to every Socialist newspaper and the national executive committee of the party.

SPECIAL ELECTION FOR CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

Next Tuesday, April 7th, a special election will be held in this state to determine if the electors are in favor of a convention to revise the state constitution.

Every person who voted last November at the regular election is entitled to vote at the special election.

Every Socialist is urged to go to the polls next Tuesday and vote "YES".

DENOUNCE TREATMENT TOWARD UNEMPLOYED ARMY

Resolutions denouncing the manner in which the unemployed are being treated in Sacramento, were adopted at the meeting of the Sacramento Socialists held at Oakland, Calif., arguing that legal steps be taken to secure redress for these unfortunate.

FIND SOCIALIST LEGISLATOR GUILTY IN STRIKE

New Westminster, B. C.—After a trial lasting all day, John Place, a socialist member of the Provincial Assembly, was found guilty of unlawful assembly at the special assizes here.

The charge against Place grew out of the meeting of members of the Nanaimo and Vancouver Island. The government conceded that he used "inflammatory language."

INDUSTRIAL CONDITIONS AT DUNKIRK VERY BAD

Word comes from Dunkirk that industrial conditions are very bad, there being about 2,000 men out of work at the present. The American Locomotive Company has laid off most of their men, some having not worked since last December. Our correspondent suggests that the Council build an interconnecting sewer and public dock so as to give the unemployed something to do.

"SPEEDING UP" CAUSES STRIKE

Baldersdale, Cal.—As a protest against the "speeding up" orders of foremen on the Standard Oil Company's tank farm, near here, 300 tank builders and their leaders now affiliated with the Brotherhood of Teamsters, went on strike.

These tank builders are skilled iron workers. Their strike began in January and is now in its third month.

The demands of the men include the employment of a woman worker, a demand for more money or a reduction of the amount of work required. The speed-up system has been placed on the tank farm, and the strike is now being enforced. These tank builders are skilled iron workers. Their strike began in January and is now in its third month.

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Mayor Joseph Konkel, attacked by this class element, was eliminated. Konkel had been the object of two recall petitions.

Judging from returns in the city election, it is probable that the city will take over the car lines.

Total vote was 5,383.

TRIM EIGHT-HOUR CLAUSE

St. Louis, Mo.—"Class legislation," was the argument by members of the Board of Freeholders in opposing the proposal of the eight-hour clause in the new city charter, which provides that "all persons employed by the city shall not receive less than \$1.25 per hour for each hour worked in the city."

One member said that the city would be required to main-

tain a work force of 2,000 men.

The clause was trimmed down to only make it applicable to mechanics and laborers.

Justice wears a bandage over her eyes, because she does not wish to see the crimes committed in her name.

SOCIALIST PLAN OF MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

Constructive and for the Benefit of the Great Majority —Includes the Initiative, Referendum and Recall—Universal Eight-Hour Day—Direct Employment and Abolition of Private Contracting.

Since the publication of the article in last week's issue on the Commission Form we have been accused of being against both the old charter and the proposed and having nothing better to offer. As one non-socialist expressed it: "You Socialists are always knocking. You are destructive, not constructive."

It was our intention this week to give an outline of the forces behind the demand for a new charter on the municipal government favored by the Socialists to include the following features:

1. The most complete home rule that is possible to obtain under the State laws.

2. A representative council elected largely upon the principle of proportional representation.

3. The abolition of appointed and salaried officials.

4. A Mayor elected by the council, to serve as president of the council and official head of the city government.

5. A city manager, elected by the council, to serve as head of the administrative departments of the city. This to apply especially to larger cities.

6. Departments, numbered, depending upon the size and requirements of the city. Each of such department to be selected by the city manager, subject to the approval of the council.

7. Sub-departments.

8. Committees.

9. Initiatives and referendum.

10. Recall.

11. Complete and adequate power for the regulation of all public utilities, pending the time of full public ownership.

12. Careful provision for complete municipal ownership of all public utilities as far and as fast as State laws and existing conditions will permit.

13. Not important franchises to be granted, except by direct vote of the people.

14. Direct contract and the abolition of private contracting in publishing works.

15. Recognition of the rights of municipal employees to organize and maintain union wages, the eight hour day, and other benefits.

The above are the chief features of the Socialist idea of a model charter. At this office is on file a complete charter based upon these features.

Next week we will take up the non-partisan election which comprises mainly part of most commission form charters.

SOCIALISTS MAKE GAINS AT SUPERIOR, WIS.

Superior, Wis.—Social Democrats showed a gain of 386 votes over 1910 in the balloting for mayors and put their candidate on the ticket.

John H. Rice, Social Democrat, received 1,029 votes, while E. B. Hile, non-partisan, received 1,629 votes, while Edwin T. Harris, Social-Democrat, received 1,157.

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Stockholders of Buffalo Socialist to Meet

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Buffalo Socialists will be held at the Florence Parlor, 307 Main Street, Friday evening, April 5th.

Every stockholder is urged to attend.

Shall We Call?

On Thursday, April 2nd, the Buffalo Socialist will collect old paper, rags, etc. If you have any, phone at once and we will call.

