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EMPLOYERS FAIL TO MAKE STRIKE A CRIME

Shea and Other Labor Leaders Acquitted by Jury in Short Time

Well, Levy Mayer failed to "put over" that which he undertook. The great lawyer retained by the brainless strike committee of the Employers' Association to put the teamsters' organizations out of existence failed.

BEBEL TURNS GUNS ON KAISER'S PLANS

Berlin, Feb. 27.—The Reichstag's first session centered around the speech of Bebel.

CHARTER IS MADE FOR REPUBLICANS

If Dunne or Koop Is Elected It Will Be Thrown Out by Legislature

IS A GRAFT MEASURE FOR THE MONEY MEN

Graham Taylor, D. D. and Reformer, Does a Turn On Forensic Stage for Men Who Will Give to His Institution

MONEY OWNS CONGRESS, SAYS ROOSEVELT

LUMBER COMPANY CAUSED MURDERS

Witnesses in Steve Adams Trial Tell of Rich Thieves Work

MILITARY UNIFORMS AND GUNS ON SHOW

\$125 A MONTH FOR THE UNION TRAITORS

Western Union Offers Bribes to Wire Chiefs if They Ditch Comrades

Methods Old

IT IS A CRIME TO PAY THE STRIKE BENEFITS

Charles Fred Woerner, Now in Jail for Law Breaking, Something of His Life and Wrong Doing

BITTER INDUSTRIAL WAR ON IN BUTTE

'CHEAP' SCHOOLS CAUSE DEATH OF 17 CHILDREN

'Taxpayers' Refuse to Give Up Money for Fire Escapes

SLAUGHTER CAUSED BY INCOMPETENCE

MINERS AFTER LAW TO BAR THE NON-UNIONIST

NATURAL ENOUGH

WALTER J. GIBBON, business agent Cab Drivers' Union. TIMOTHY FINN, saloon keeper and coal teamster. JAMES BLAKE, truck driver.

The other defendants probably will be freed shortly.

Pulls Money's Claws Attorney Langille, one of the attorneys who won the victory for organized labor, said that the result of the long trials means that the liberty of citizens can be protected against the attacks of rich men.

State's Attorney Healy said that he had not yet considered the cases of "Al" Young and Mike Kelly, the traitor unionist and self-confessed criminal, who is kept on the police force by "Friend of Labor" Dunne.

There is a smooth game going on in the charter convention, said a member of that body today.

"Chicago is not to have her 'new dress' unless Fred Busse is elected. The plan is now to hold back the charter until almost the last minute in which it will be introduced into the general assembly. Then it will be placed at rest in the committee, which, of course, is owned body and soul by the republican machine.

If Dunne is elected, the charter builder continued, "the charter will be killed or amended so that Dunne will have no opportunity to use the park boards to erect a democratic machine.

"If Koop is elected," the charter "con" member was asked.

Graham Taylor, a doctor of divinity, head of Chicago Commons and of the McCormick Theological Seminary, led at the last session of the convention, in the effort to destroy democracy in the public schools.

The same charter man that thought Koop's election would be a calamity explained Taylor's position as follows:

"You see, Prof. Taylor has to maintain Chicago Commons. That costs him about \$13,000 a year. Then he has the school for preachers, and he must raise money for that. Where is he going to get funds?

"Of course, he must get it from the rich, and they commonly look for results from even gifts, so Taylor had to stultify himself in the charter convention to get money for his reform institution and for the preachers' college.

Montreal, Feb. 27.—Criminal prosecutions for members of the school board responsible for their not being fire escapes in the Hochelaga school, which burned here yesterday, with a loss of seventeen lives, are talked of today.

Aside from Miss Maxwell, the head teacher, who died in an effort to save some of her little charges, the dead are all children, most of them of the primary class.

All died from suffocation. The first reports yesterday afternoon stated that twenty-four were dead and ten missing, but a count showed that the missing youngsters had scurried for home at the outbreak of the fire.

Systematic efforts are being made to spread the doctrine of Socialism among soldiers, policemen, firemen and other employees of the city, state and nation by circulating among them copies of The Public Servant, the bright little magazine published by Maurice E. Eldridge in Chicago. Copies of this paper handed to the soldiers at different posts in the United States already have stirred up considerable "intelligent discontent" and have brought down upon the head of the editor the wrath of officers who use the private soldier as their personal slaves during times of peace.

What may be accomplished by the result of this kind is shown by the result of the distribution of copies of the Dick Militia Bill in Florida, where several militia companies were thereby disrupted. Bundles of this splendid paper may be had from the publisher at the rate of \$1.50 per 100 but only large orders can make the paper pay at that price.

South Bend agitators are getting busy. Recent meetings have been well attended. Walter Huggins was among those who have addressed the gatherings. At one meeting last Sunday at which Mr. Huggins spoke all standing room was taken.

They say that Bradley goes on like mad since he inherited his vast wealth.

Melville E. Loggals, former president of the Big Four railroad system, in a lecture before the Economic club at Boston, declared that the United States has altogether too many millionaires for a republic.

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President Declares That "Statesmen" Are Punishing O'Neill for His Beef Muck-Raking

Washington, D. C., Feb. 22.—That the United States Congress is controlled by the packing houses of this country was discovered by President Roosevelt yesterday.

The packing lords of this country resolved to wreak their vengeance upon Labor Commissioner Swift for his adverse report on Chicago Packing house conditions made a year ago.

President Roosevelt at once perceived the influence of the packing houses back of this scheme and warned Secretary Strauss of the Department of Commerce and Labor.

The investigation into the condition of woman and child labor should, in my judgment, unquestionably be made by the bureau of labor. This is not merely a statistical investigation, and to entrust it to the census bureau is to frustrate the entire purpose of the investigation.

The proposed investigation is to bear fruit in legislation, if possible, by the national congress; if not, then by the state legislatures in consequence of the publication of the facts produced by the bureau of labor—always provided, of course, that the investigation shows the necessity of any legislation whatever. I cannot too strongly state that in my judgment the investigation will be shorn of a very large part of the good results if we have a right to expect from it if it is not conduced to the bureau of labor.

"Matters concerning labor conditions should properly be investigated by the bureau of labor. Any effort to minimize the functions of the bureau by taking away from it these investigations should not succeed, especially when the real objection to the bureau is that it has done the work allotted to it in its first year, as for instance, in the case of the packing house investigation last spring.

"It seems to me advisable for every reason to penalize the bureau of labor for the excellent investigations it has made (as for instance in this packing house matter) by taking away from it the right to make such investigations in the future.

"The bureau was organized to advance the legitimate interests of labor. It would not act for one moment to the detriment of any one, but as much as it is to the rights and interests of the capitalist who is acting decently as to those of the wage worker who is acting decently, but I have not seen the slightest symptom of any dereliction of duty by the bureau or its chief, Mr. Neill, and it does not seem to me wise to give the impression that we are penalizing the bureau because it has in proper fashion sought to represent the labor interests of the country."

"THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

Butte, Mont., Feb. 27.—Events here point to a struggle for the mastery of labor unions in Butte in the near future.

With the printing establishments and newspapers of this city still tied up, and with the possibility of a strike of the postoffice employes on March 1, the city is now facing another crisis.

The Butte Miners' union, which has a membership of about 7,000, voted yesterday to amend its constitution so as to make the daily wage \$4, instead of \$3.50. This increase will go into effect May 1.

Officials of the Amalgamated company practically began hostilities with the organization yesterday when it laid off between 2,000 and 3,000 miners and suspended all development and construction work. Officials of the company declared that by May 1 the miners will either have to surrender or face a prolonged strike. The companies, they assert, are in shape for a prolonged strike.

Another struggle like that in Colorado may result.

Contractors say that no building will be done in Butte this year, and that the city will be completely paralyzed. Many large buildings half completed will remain unfinished.

Can't Live on Wages The action of the miners in demanding an increase in wages is due to the large increase in the cost of living. Since last fall the cost of living increased here over 30 per cent. The Hod Carriers' union is receiving \$7 a day, the plumbers \$7.50, carpenters \$8 and common laborers on the streets \$3.50.

The miners, therefore, determined to get a little more of what they produce or bring the entire industrial life of Butte to a standstill.

It is getting lively in the Twentieth ward. The Socialist branch, which became somewhat disorganized because it had no regular meeting place and was obliged to meet at private residences for almost a year is on its feet again. Hygeia hall, Ogden avenue and Robey streets has been secured by the members of that branch and active work was again resumed. A series of lectures and speeches are being arranged and will be announced in the near future.

Charles Woerner is the candidate for alderman on the Socialist ticket in the Thirtieth ward, and there are good indications that he will be elected.

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OFFICIAL EXPOSE OF STORE GREED

J. F. Wengierski of Juvenile Court Finds Marshall Field & Co. Law Breakers

Following are some of the startling things discovered by Julius F. Wengierski of the juvenile court in an official investigation of labor conditions in State street department stores.

It was impossible to find the number that worked overtime but they received no extra compensation.

In Field's there were not stools as required by law. An estimate showed only one for every ten girls and they were not allowed to use these.

Scores of girls in Field's have no stools at all.

Minimum wages range from \$4.50 to \$6 a week.

It is needless to estimate the moral significance of the fact that from twenty-five to fifty per cent of the girls do not make enough to live on by store work and do not live at home.

One of the most scathing exposes of labor conditions in the department stores is the official report of Julius F. Wengierski, of the Juvenile Court.

OFFICIAL REPORT OF LAW BREAKING AND GREED

The official investigator found that every one of the big stores, from the magnificent Field institution to the cheap Lloyd store, do not have stools for girl-workers to use when not busy, as required by the law.

At Marshall Field's the smallest wage paid to an experienced girl clerk was \$6.

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A great many remained over after six to take care of the stock and make preparations for the next day.

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Field's store was lighted almost every night for two weeks before Christmas until after 10 o'clock.

The clerks at this store felt that they were being well treated by the employer and by the customer in general.

There is a lack of stools. The law requires that one stool should be furnished for every four clerks.

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For instance, in the new store, none were provided. Some of the girls stated that they were not allowed to rest on the stools at all until after 5 o'clock.

Behind the "squares" they have no stools at all; in fact there wasn't any room for them.

No rest-room is provided, but there is to be one in the new building when it is completed.

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Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes Rothschild's, Siegel Cooper, Hillman's, Stevens, Lloyd's.

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Many women were working in the first basement where it was cold at times, but air seemed to be good.

Conditions at Mandel Brothers and Carson, Pirie, Scott & Co.'s were similar to those at Field's.

Hours were the same, as at Field's, and the wage scale about the same.

The clerks in these stores earn a little more on their P. M.'s.

This originally meant "pin money" but is now used to denote a percentage that is paid upon the sales after a certain amount of goods is sold.

Big Store Has a Dirty Rest Room for Girls

There were not enough stools provided and the clerks were very much crowded.

At Mandel's there is a rest-room, which the clerks are allowed to use only if they have time left after their lunch period.

The basement was in fair condition as far as air was concerned, but the clerks were very much crowded.

At Carson, Pirie, Scott & Co.'s the rest room is directly off a packing room.

A Letter and Reply

Chicago, Feb. 13, 1907. Mr. Thos. Maxwell, Chicago, Ill.

My Dear Sir—Having announced my candidacy for re-nomination for mayor at the hands of the Democratic party, I come to you requesting your support at the Democratic primary election on Feb. 21.

Friends of Democracy assure me that my re-nomination can best serve, at this time, the cause of Democratic advancement.

Therefore, I come to you, as a Democrat interested in party success and municipal achievement, frankly asking your vote on primary election day—Feb. 21.

Believing that the people always are willing and eager to be informed as to the conduct of municipal affairs by their mayor, I beg to state, in rendering a brief account of my stewardship, that the following have been among the results accomplished under my administration:

1. Reduction of the price of gas from \$1 to 85 cents per thousand cubic feet.

2. Reduction of the price of electric light, my veto of an ordinance delivering the city from an impending electric lighting monopoly.

3. Reduction of water rates to meter consumers, corporations formerly favored with low rates and individuals now paying exactly alike.

4. Rapid and satisfactory progress toward a traction settlement.

5. Annihilation in the United States Supreme Court of the "99-year act," former intimidating weapon of the traction corporations.

6. Forcing of the reduction of the rate for unlimited telephone service from \$175 to \$125 per year.

7. Institution of negotiations which will secure still cheaper and better telephone service.

8. Repeal of the former "fake" smoke ordinance and the enactment of a law making possible effective abatement of the smoke nuisance.

9. Enactment of an effective and just gas meter inspection law.

10. Increased forces and efficiency in the fire and police departments.

11. Extermination of crime-breeding settlements such as formerly existed in Custom House place, LaSalle street and on "Whisky Row."

12. Stamping out of the selling of unwholesome foodstuffs and of the short-weight method of unscrupulous dealers.

13. Exaction of compensation for private use of sidewalk space.

14. Enforcement of the building laws and other ordinances toward every man alike, be he clothed in broadcloth or in rags.

15. Enforced additions to the tax returns last year alone of \$750,000 from corporations heretofore evading just taxation.

16. Eradication of "graft" in the public service.

On this record and as a Democrat I ask your support. Give me your vote at the party primaries on Feb. 21.

Success attending them, I trust I may have your aid throughout the campaign to the end that Democracy may gain a triumphant victory on April 2. With thanks in anticipation,

grateful for past assistance, and pledging my untiring, honest, best efforts to ever advancing the cause of Democracy, I remain Very truly yours,

E. F. DUNNE

Chicago, Feb. 17, 1907. Hon. Edward F. Dunne, Mayor City of Chicago, Chicago.

Dear Sir—Friday, Feb. 15, received your appeal to me to go to the Democratic primary to be held Thursday, Feb. 21, and would say in regard to the 16 clauses that your appeal contained that I would like to take exception with you on all of them as to why I could not conscientiously go to the primary to support you for the next mayor of the city of Chicago.

1. As to the reduction of the price of gas from \$1 to 85 cents. If you had kept your hands off the deal we would have had 75-cent gas, with the prospect of getting a rebate for four or five years from our bills, as every one was paying \$1 under protest, with the understanding of receiving a rebate of 25 cents per thousand when the case was settled by the United States Supreme Court.

2. The price of electric light is still plain robbery.

3. Armour & Co., Swift & Co., N. Morris & Co. and in fact all the big users of water are still stealing millions of gallons without any protest from you, and you know it.

4. A very beautiful settlement of the traction question—the Field estate and the Morgan syndicate given a clean present of \$100,000,000. You were elected on a M. O. platform. There were aldermen elected on the M. O. platform. Did you appoint M. O. aldermen on the traction committee? Should say NO, but put Field and Morgan aldermen on the committee.

5. After the 99-year clause was knocked out by the supreme court, did you proceed to take the streets away from the traction people?

6 and 7. If foreign countries can furnish telephone service for from \$25 to \$30 per year why didn't you have an ordinance prepared to that effect?

8. Schubert, the "florist," is still grafting on the smoke question.

9. Your gas meter system is a farce. Why is it that bills are larger with 85-cent gas than they were with \$1 gas? Because your inspection system is rotten and you know, and I know, that the gas company is sending through the mains more air than the gas will stand.

10. The fire department is in pretty fair shape, but the police department is in a deplorable condition. Probably more than half the holdups and robberies are committed by the wearers of the blue uniform and "W" star.

How about Lavin and the thing you has just testified in the Shea case?

11. Yes, you did well in regard to Custom House place and other districts of that kind. They are now scattered all over the city. Did you do anything to the rich owners of that class of property who are becoming wealthier on that class of vice?

THOS. MAXWELL

96,000 hours at 10c an hour ..... 9,600.00 This is one store's saving in wages: \$9,600.00. This is the story in one.

What of the others? What is the Clerk's Christmas Gift to Chicago?

Finally, a little passage may be appropriately quoted to employers from a manual that was published by Marshall Field & Co. in 1904 for their new help. It is as follows:

"To do the right thing at the right time in the right way."

Is it too late for them to do this? JULIUS F. WENGIERSKI, Juvenile Court, 260 S. Clark St.

Child Labor Problem

That there is a child labor problem in this country does not speak very well for free America. That people should unite in order to strike out competition and do away with the needless expense is no more than evolution, but when individuals and corporations employ little children in order to increase their dividends, it is an outrage upon humanity in general.

Millions of dollars' worth of manufactured wealth lies idle all over the land in stores and in warehouses, and there is demand for more of this wealth at remunerative prices after paying men good wages for producing it.

DOG FOOTWARMERS

The per dog is having his day right now. A few years ago he had to be content with a silk-lined basket to sleep in and a made-to-order blanket to cover him when he went out for a walk or a drive.

Since then several powerful strides forward have been made in fashions for dogs, says the New York World. The footwarmer is the latest.

This little article, which is said to be reaping a rich harvest for its inventor, is an adaptation of the old-fashioned hot-water bottle used for keeping the feet warm in bed.

It is filled with warm water and placed in the dog's bed so that he can curl himself around it and keep his feet cozy. It is also being turned out in the form of an electric heater with a small storage battery.

Last year pet dogs were supplied with rubber boots, manure sets, and other requisites of the toilet. Last Christmas many of them received footwarmers. It will be interesting to wait and see what they get next year.

"Man's business requires haste. The average business man and professional man eats in a hurry, and gets dyspepsia. He walks in a hurry, and gets apoplexy. He talks in a hurry, and gets the he. He does business in a hurry, and becomes a bankrupt. He votes in a hurry, and produces corruption. He marries in a hurry, and gets a divorce. He trains his children in a hurry, and develops speedbrifts and criminals. He gets religion in a hurry, and forgets it in a hurry. He makes his will in a hurry, and leaves a legal contest. He dies in a hurry, and goes to the devil. And his tribe steadily increases."—Kansas Journal of Public Health.

"Capitalism is the most terrible scourge to humanity; it fattens on the misery of the poor, the degradation of the worker, and the brutalizing toil of his wife and children. Just as capitalism grows, so grows also pauperism, that millstone round the neck of civilization, the revolting cruelties of our factory system, the squalor of great cities, and the presence of deep-seated poverty hard by the gates of enormous wealth."—Karl Marx.

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WOERNER DISCUSSES POLITICS WITH BANKER

Both are in Jail, the One for Giving Money to Poor and the Other for Stealing

Without a sound or jar the great portal of the county jail opens ahead of the visitor as he comes in from the street...

Herring and Socialist The mark is not there. These men differ not at all from the men outside the bars either in appearance or speech...

Charles Woerner's only crime was that he defended the rights of labor. "I am talking Socialism to Herring," Woerner remarked.

One Fine "Bunch" of Petty Parasites New York, Feb. 27.—Eighteen thousand lawyers are living more or less luxuriously because of the controversies of individuals and the results of crime in the metropolis.

Yet They Prosper Yet most of them have an opulent look that speaks eloquently of plenty and success in industry into the methods by which it has been acquired.

STORY OF THE TEAMSTERS

By MAY WOOD SIMONS

The teamsters' strike? What more can be said about it? Has not the subject been exhausted?

Stories of the strike are numerous. Papers and magazines are filled with them. One side only has been printed. The whole truth about that struggle has never been published.

During the strike, and since, the great daily press of Chicago and New York, controlled by the Employers' Association, has branded the strike of the teamsters in 1905 as a tremendous conspiracy to injure the business of Montgomery Ward and the city, and has characterized it as the "trail of the serpent."

Whatever offenses were committed by the strikers in that struggle those offenses were quadrupled in number and brutality by the employers. If sluggers were used by the strikers hundreds more were used by the employers.

The entire plutocratic press of the country came to the defense of the employers to read the trade union movement. No voice was raised for the striking teamsters. They were publicly condemned without a trial.

Magazines were brought into line. From the great Standard Oil university comes an article from John Cummings, a man who claims to be a scholar with a "scientific mind."

After a due process of law, in one of the hardest fought legal battles that has ever taken place in this country, where the prosecution was backed by the powerful interests of the State Street Stores, the trade unions of Chicago were exonerated.

There were two parties to this contest, the Employers' Association and the Chicago teamsters. That the conditions that existed in Chicago during the strike were caused by the failure of the employers to keep their contracts, by their refusal to settle difficulties through arbitration and that the Employers' Association then sent out word to throw the streets of the city wide open are facts that the people should be allowed to know.

For weeks the employers refused to consider any proposition that would lead to peaceable adjustment. Before a brick had been thrown or a blockade had occurred the employers and plutocratic press called for the federal troops. If this was not for the purpose of inciting to riot, what was it for?

Who are the teamsters and what brought them into this tremendous prominence? The teamsters of Chicago until 1902 were the under dog in the industrial world.

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The organization of teamsters that carried on the strike of 1905 was only three years old. In 1902 the old Hack Drivers' Union took in the livery drivers and the same year withdrew from the International Team Drivers' Union that had been chartered by the A. F. of L. in 1899.

Chicago teamsters, in that year, recognized their community of interests and refused to admit team owners unless the man drove the team himself. The new union included only teamsters and their helpers.

The Coal teamsters, the Laundry drivers and the Department Store drivers were each organized in a local by itself. Trade autonomy was introduced. Within two years the organization had 47 locals and 46,000 members.

The organization was controlled by a joint council. This joint council was made up of seven delegates from each of the locals. They now amalgamated with the International Brotherhood of Teamsters with 821 locals in 300 different cities of the Union.

Up to the time of the organization of the union, teamsters worked indefinite hours and never received pay for overtime. Teamsters were required to report at the barns at 3, 4 and 5 o'clock in the morning, and did not leave work until 8, 9 or 10 at night.

All teamsters were required to care for their teams before and after work and to the wagons and harnesses. This non-union driver was as near a slave as any man in the industrial world today.

They grew, as population came, And Mary raised the rent, With common food and raiment now, She could not be content.

She built her up a mansion fine— Had bric-a-brac galore— And every time the prices rose, She raised the rent some more.

"What makes the lot keep Mary so?" The starving people cry— "Why, Mary keeps the lot, you know," The wealthy would reply.

And so each one of you might be— "Wealthy, refined and wise"— If you had only bogged some land And held it for the rise.

For prices still to grow.



THE TOOLS OF THE SAVAGE

By MAY WOOD SIMONS

Stone tools were never used universally. The stone age was never a period of time; it was a stage of culture.

All people have not passed through the same stages in the making of tools. Many localities do not furnish stones suitable for tools, and other material was used instead, such as horn, hard wood and bones.

The stone age is used to denote a time when a people had no knowledge of the smelting of metals from ore. This early stone age, the stage of culture in which the American aborigines were when this country was discovered, and in which some Esquimaux tribes are today, involves two periods.

The first tools made were those used for cutting purposes. These early knives were made of stone, the teeth of sharks and beavers, or of shell or bamboo. The shears of the savage do not consist of a pair of cutting edges, one working on the other.

The tribes that first used these improved tools were the ones that could best survive in the struggle of life with its environment.

The history of the evolution of tools shows that with the advent of certain inventions the mode of life of whole tribes of men was changed. Just as the discovery of steam thousands of years later revolutionized society, so the discovery of the process of smelting ores and the making of bronze revolutionized early society.

Environment played the large part in the life of these early men. The materials to be found determined the tools. The steps of social advance are marked by improved ways of doing things, by inventions.

Defeating a Conspiracy

With the acquittal of the eleven men who were charged with conspiracy in the teamsters' strike one of the most far-reaching plots ever laid in this country was defeated.

For almost the first time the State Street stores with their attorney, Levy Mayer, and the combined press of Chicago have been routed.

They selected Montgomery Ward to lead the fight, because it was recognized that his great mail order trade was practically outside the reach of any boycott or other attack by union labor.

Their imported thugs and strike-breakers could not succeed in inciting the teamsters to riot.

The city government was called in. Dunne responded by putting the police on the wagons to act as guides for the strike-breaking delivery drivers.

Finally it was announced that the strike had failed. But it was desired to completely smash the ranks of organized labor.

A packed grand jury brought in the indictments against the men for CONSPIRACY.

THIS IN THE FACE OF THE FACT THAT THE LABORERS WERE REALLY RESISTING ONE OF THE MOST DAMNABLE CONSPIRACIES EVER PLOTTED IN THE CITY OF CHICAGO.

By this time still another force had come into the field. A daily paper had appeared upon the scene that was not owned by its advertising obligations to the department stores.

The rest of the story is known to every reader of this paper. BUT THE BATTLE IS NOT FINISHED.

Having failed to control the jury system, the power of organized capital now seeks to destroy it.

Already, as we have repeatedly pointed out, the plot has been laid to make it impossible for a workingman to serve upon a jury.

A law which will practically have that effect is already before the Illinois legislature.

While every member was elected by the votes of workingmen, yet when the workers desire to secure justice or prevent further attacks, they must humbly crawl as lobbying petitioners to the representatives of their enemies.

Such crawling will do little good. It never has done any good. The only thing that will have any effect upon the plotters at Springfield is publicity of their schemes and the threat of revolt by labor.

THE ONLY PAPER THAT HAS DARED TO EXPOSE AND DENOUNCE THIS ATTACK ON THE JURY SYSTEM IS THE DAILY SOCIALIST.

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What Socialists Want

We are constantly asked to explain the philosophy of Socialism in a few short simple words that can be read in a few minutes and easily understood.

This is impossible. Socialism is an elaborate system of thought that touches every phase of human life. It has a literature of tens of thousands of volumes.

The same thing is largely true of every great system of thought. None of them can be understood in a moment. There is no royal road to knowledge.

Yet there are certain fundamental principles of every philosophy and science that can be explained so that anyone can understand them. The same thing is true of Socialism. Its basic principles can be stated in plain simple words.

This is what we propose to do in this editorial. First let us state some plain facts. Indeed, nearly all there is to Socialism, as to science in general, is a system of arrangement of certain facts.

Men are working today with wonderfully productive machines. The user of a modern locomotive transports a thousand times as much each hour as the driver of an ox-team could move in a month.

This is the story that meets us everywhere. With relation to these wonderful machines the members of society are divided into two classes—those who OWN and those who DO NOT OWN the machines.

The class that own the machines do not need to work. They may be, like the owners of the great Marshall Field estate, wards of a court. They may be insane, infants, in jail. This does not interfere with their ownership.

The class of owners does not need to do any work, yet its income flows in. This is because of the existence of the other class—the class that DOES NOT OWN anything.

This non-owning class cannot live unless it can use the property of the owners. It cannot even set foot on the earth unless it uses the land that belongs to the owning class.

The non-owning class cannot live unless it produces wealth. In order to produce wealth it must use the land and machines of the owners. For the opportunity to use the property of the possessing class long enough each day to produce a subsistence for itself, the propertiless class agrees to keep on producing wealth with these wonderfully productive machines all day.

The portion which the propertiless producing class creates for itself and is allowed to keep is called WAGES and all the remainder flows into the pockets of the possessing class as RENT, INTEREST AND PROFITS.

In return for this the owning class do nothing but hang on to their legal titles to the property. This possession makes it possible for them to lay tribute upon the organizing, directing, managing labor as well as upon the most menial, unskilled manual toil.

The Socialists point out that since no function is performed by these owners, and since it requires neither brains nor ability of any kind to hold titles, therefore it would be easy for the workers collectively to hold these titles. The workers could just as well appoint the state as their agent to hold the titles as the capitalists can appoint banks, corporations and trust companies for that purpose.

Since it is only this private, legal title that prevents the propertiless working class from gaining access to the wonderfully productive machines, and using them to produce wealth for the producers, when once the title was transferred to the working class government, then all could use the tools and land and retain the product.

The present title is a law-made one. It can be unmade by changing the laws. Therefore the workers are asked to make use of their political power, their overwhelming majority to gain control of the government and use it to transfer the title of the means by which wealth is produced and distributed from the present title-owning class to the working propertiless class.

Unlike the present private ownership, the collective ownership to be established by the victorious Socialist working class will not be EXCLUSIVE but INCLUSIVE.

There will be none shut out from ownership. All will be owners and all will be users.

THIS IS WHAT THE SOCIALIST PARTY IS SEEKING TO ACCOMPLISH.

Trade Unions and Politics

For the last year the trade unions of Chicago have been seeking to better the conditions under which their members work, and to secure for them a larger share of the wealth they produce.

To secure this end some of them have been out on strike, and then members have sacrificed and suffered to gain their objects.

During the next few weeks the majority of these union men will be considering the question of voting.

HOW MANY OF THEM WILL THINK ABOUT USING THEIR VOTE TO HELP OUT THEIR UNION?

Many union men will not see any connection between striking, black-listing, wages, hours of labor and the way that workmen vote.

Yet the question of how workmen and especially union men VOTE at this election will have much to do with the conditions under which they will WORK in the future.

During the year that has just passed the trades unions have been fighting the capitalist class. They have been seeking to force him to pay more for labor power.

The union, which was formed to fight the capitalist, did not invite



THE END OF A COSTLY SPREE

him to become a member. Still less did it permit him to write the union constitution and platform.

Yet these same union men will go to the ballot box and work for the success of a party whose platforms are written and whose candidates are nominated by the employing class.

The Socialist believes that the union man ought not to forget his principles when a campaign is on.

The Socialist sees that through the negligence, or ignorance, or worse of the union man on election day, the union loses much that it gains in its fight during the remainder of the year.

The unions of Chicago are now taxing themselves to defend the teamsters who struck last summer. Yet how many teamsters voted for the men who ordered those teamsters clubbed, for the judges who are prosecuting them, and the whole list of officials that these same unions are now gathering money to fight.

WOULD IT NOT HAVE BEEN CHEAPER TO HAVE ELECTED MEN WHO WOULD HAVE DEFENDED LABOR'S INTERESTS?

The Socialist does not ask that the union as a body go into politics. Still less would he make any political test of membership.

So long as workmen are foolish enough to let the capitalists divide them on the political field, it is far better that these divisions should be ignored in the union.

SOLIDARITY IN THE UNION IS BETTER THAN NO SOLIDARITY AT ALL.

If the Republican or Democratic workingman can be made to see that he has interests in common with his fellow-workers at any point it is something gained.

Neither do the Socialists care to have the unions endorse the Socialist party. Such an endorsement would not make Socialists of the members, and would rather tend to disruption of what solidarity the union had created.

YOU MAY BE ABLE TO MAKE REPUBLICANS OR DEMOCRATS BY RESOLUTION, BUT YOU CANNOT MAKE SOCIALISTS THAT WAY.

It takes brains and the use of them to make a man a Socialist. Socialists do ask that union men use their brains to consider the facts with which they are confronted, that they discuss among themselves the best method by which to use their ballot to help themselves.

We know that the result of such discussion is always that the workers finally vote the Socialist ticket.

They will do this because in no other way can they be consistent with union principles.

Socialism and Women

Women, ordinarily, are easily interested in anything which certains to social reform. So it is all the more remarkable that, in general, the Socialist revolutionary movement is treated by women with such profound disregard. Of men, only the workers are enslaved. But all women are in bondage. Perhaps too little has been done by those conducting Socialist propaganda work to arouse womanhood to a sense of the obligation to themselves and to the race.

The conditions governing the contest are as follows:

- 1. The essay shall contain not less than 15,000 and not more than 25,000 words.
2. It shall be submitted in typewritten form, not later than Dec. 31, 1907.
3. It shall contain no partisan reference to any particular political or economic organization, nor shall its contents be designed to benefit any particular organization.
4. The argument shall have for a basis the usual thesis of the modern scientific Socialist movement. It must briefly and concisely trace the economic and social evolution of woman, with special reference to her place in the industrial history of capitalist society. It must describe her present position and prove that only through

the abolition of capitalism and the development of Socialism can she be emancipated.

Where authorities are referred to, or statistics are quoted, exact data as to sources must be included. The essay, being designed for the widest possible distribution, must stand the most rigid tests as to logic of argument and scientific accuracy.

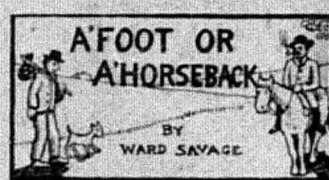
It shall be written in popular language, such as may be comprehended by the average woman.

Contestants will sign their essays with fictitious names and forward same to the secretary, accompanied with a sealed envelope bearing the corresponding fictitious name, and containing a slip of paper bearing the contestant's own name and address in full.

Mrs. Charlotte Perkins Gilman, the distinguished lecturer and author; Mr. Frank Bolin, national secretary of the Socialist Labor party, and Mr. W. J. Ghent, secretary of the Rand School of Social Science, have kindly consented to officiate as the committee to read the manuscript and award the prize.

The urgent need of the work here undertaken need not be emphasized. It is intended that the essay, upon publication in pamphlet form, shall be distributed by the hundred thousands. Funds are needed for this purpose. Cherishing the hope that very marked results may follow this effort, the Socialist Women of Greater New York invite the co-operation of all Socialists.

All Socialist and labor papers are requested to copy. Address all communications to the secretary, Anna B. Touroff, 598 St. Mary's street, New York City.



Ante-Election Ode.

In a clean and smokeless city, Riding in street cars sublime, We'll pass a graft-less city hall, And never hear of crime.

Oh, many, many other things Are in store for us, if we Will mark a cross beside the name Of the slick-tongued nominee.

It must be terribly annoying for the "peace-loving" capitalists, who are trying so hard to "simply ignore" the Daily Socialist, to have it haunt them like a rare-bit dream everywhere they go. Poor fellows; how they must long for a little local application of Russian press censorship.

The excuse presented by the telegraph companies for raising the price of telegrams between all stations is that the cost of construction material has advanced. This will come as a shock to the old patrons of the companies, who thought the telegraph lines were built years ago.

An Unimproved Opportunity. Having exhausted their regular supply of descriptives, the yellow jour-



nal "experts" will probably next accuse Stanford White of being a Socialist. This would be a good "scoop" for some safe, sane and conservative editor of a capitalist paper.

Times that Try Men's Souls.

Nothing can be more distressing than the problems that confront the poor, over-worked editor of the aver-



age blood and thunder daily paper. With a new Thru sensation and the ravings of Chicago's millionaire murderer hitting the office at the same instant, you can readily see the job of getting two pages of three-foot wood type into one small page is enough to make a perfect editor mad.

No doubt the wage slave who works all day in a muddy ditch, producing ten times the amount of his pay for a gas franchise grabber or some other gentlemanly holdup man, is surprised beyond description when he sees for the first time a big daily paper that is published for working people only.



Turn On the Light

A deed of darkness is being attempted in the West. It began with a midnight kidnaping, and it is proposed to go on to murder.

All this has been and is to be done under the forms of the law by men who have sworn to obey and enforce the law.

Yet from the beginning they have paid small heed to these forms and none at all to right and justice.

Such a deed as this can be consummated only in the dark. The light of day or the glare of publicity is fatal.

But in this case, just as those who were elected to enforce the law and prevent violence and murder, are themselves kidnapers and prospective murderers, so that which should have shed light upon the scene has become a source of darkness.

The daily press of the United States, supposed to be the most powerful organ of publicity, has closed its columns to all the facts that would really illuminate the situation.

"IF THEREFORE THE LIGHT THAT IS IN THEE BE DARKNESS, HOW GREAT IS THAT DARKNESS."

This darkness has been maintained in spite of one of the most widespread uprisings of the people of this country ever known.

The trampling feet of thousands of workers marching in protest, the words of hundreds of orators speaking to mighty mass meetings, the falling of millions of leaflets and labor papers like snowflakes through the land, all have found no echo, roused no response in the daily press.

Around about that scaffold that is being built in Idaho there rises a wall of newspapers that hope to shut out the dark deeds being done behind their silent concealment.

If that veil can be maintained, if the workers can be kept from knowing the perfidy of officials, the criminality of capitalism, the murderous vengeance that is planned by the plutocratic powers of America, then Charles Moyer, William D. Haywood and George Pettibone will dance on empty air, while the ghouls of capitalism rejoice because they have landed another blow upon the body of resisting labor.

If that veil can be torn aside, if the blazing light of publicity can be poured in upon the spot where the criminal plot is being hatched, then we shall see a scattering as of bats and owls when a blast tears aside the walls of some ancient cavern.

The only power that can tear aside that veil, that can pour in the flood of life-saving light, that can send the murderous gang cringing away into the outer darkness, is the Socialist press of the United States.

The Socialist press can do it because that press alone is a creation and the instrument of millions of workers.

Those workers can carry the message which the Socialist press bears, can direct the light which it sheds, into every home in this country.

LET US TEAR ASIDE THAT VEIL AND LET THE LIGHT BEAT WITH SUCH BLINDING, BURNING FORCE UPON THAT IDAHO SCENE THAT ITS RAYS SHALL BE REFLECTED INTO EVERY TOWN, VILLAGE AND CITY IN THE UNITED STATES.

To do this will require such a spontaneous uprising, such a widespread co-operation in work as has never been known before.

WE ARE GOING TO DO THIS. We are going to see to it that every man, woman and child has a chance to know the truth that shall make them and our brothers free.

We will place the facts of this trial into the hands of working men in every nook of America, until there will arise such a shout of indignant protest as shall stop this foul murder.

We must do this in our own self-defense. Not alone that the spirit of solidarity, which is the one great weapon in the workers' warfare for liberty, may be strengthened and made more effective, but in order that we may preserve those fundamental rights for which the race has striven these many centuries and which constitute the foundation upon which labor must stand in its battle for further progress.

Every man, woman or child who reads this can help to turn the flood of light upon this conspiracy and direct the attention of his friends and fellow workers to the contemplated crime.

When the story of that battle is written none will care to have their names inscribed among those who skulked in the rear and left others to bear the brunt of the fight.

ARE YOU ENLISTED IN THIS FIGHT? IF NOT, WHY NOT?

NOW AND FOREVER

An old patriarch recovering from intoxication said of his second son, "Cursed be Canaan; a servant of servants shall he be to his brethren," and so through the centuries, in accordance with this curse, a dominant race justified the inhumanity and injustice of chattel slavery. Any thread, however slender, supporting any theory, however absurd, will justify the exploiter in robbing his brother.

The slender nature of another thread is emphasized in recent published investigations of the Indian Bureau. The Kaw tribe were given their lands in fee simple, lands of immense value, flowing in oil, which is better from the utilitarian standpoint than the proverbial milk and honey. What has become of their lands?

One case illustrates all. A squaw named Betsy Gallieatcher possessed a tract which Chauncey Depew has estimated to be worth \$300,000. A typical child of our civilized system obtained the land from this typical child of nature for \$2,350.

This swindler now has a "title" which cannot be questioned by any power in the heavens above or the earth beneath. It is his to control through life, and by will and testament forever and ever. "Till the sun grows cold, and the stars grow old, and the leaves of the judgment book unfold," and hades freezes over, no man can trespass upon it or utilize it, be it half an acre or half a continent.

Unborn generations may starve for want of land, but he cheated a poor, ignorant squaw out of this and it be-

longs to him, "his heirs and assigns forever."

And it is by just such threads, or even more slender or rotten, that all private titles to land are hanging, if the abstract only goes back to the beginning.

The question was once asked, "On what meat hath this our Caesar fed that he hath grown so great?" And well may we now ask, On what dope have the owners fed us that we have grown such mental imbeciles?

It is this deep rooted idea of the fixed and sacred character of private title that makes us "conservative" enough to be slaves, and even to see our children enslaved. In the second chapter of "The Descent of Man," Darwin gives his authority for the statement that the children of the working class of England are born with larger hands than the children of the "gentry."

Look, oh working father, at the precious little mite of humanity in the cradle, boppe of your bone and flesh of your flesh. Examine the tiny hand and see if he has come into the world carrying the brand of slavery.

What have you done or what are you doing to give to him and all the workers' children a chance to breathe the air of freedom, and to take the place of independent equality true men and women should enjoy in an enlightened and educated community?

Does your present course hold out any promise for the future for yourselves or your children?

The Age of Ignorance is passing. "Think on thy chains; how came they on thee?" R. J. C.