

PAINTERS ARE GAINING CERTAIN VICTORY OVER UNWILLING CONTRACTORS

More Employers Are Signing Up With Unions in Building Trades Council

Conferences today are expected to terminate the strike of the painters of Chicago in favor of the Painters' Conference board, which called out the men in a demand for 60 cents an hour for the coming year. In a meeting with the executive board of the Painters' brotherhood, the officials of the Conference board adjusted all difficulties between these bodies growing out of the insurrection of the painters' lo-

calls from the "Skinny" Madden Painters' District Council. The executive committee of the international brotherhood has restored the charters of the insurgent locals, thereby also sanctioning their demands for an increase in wages of five cents an hour. With all the difficulties between the international brotherhood and the local painters' body at an end, the demands of the Chicago painters can be put up directly to the bosses, who have hitherto found a refuge behind Madden's unauthorized contract for 55 cents an hour. This will be done at a meeting this afternoon, when it is expected that the bosses will give in to the demands of the men. The executive board will not meet with the men and contractors jointly unless both sides request this line of action, which, however, is likely. The charters of the insurgent locals have been restored to them, which, according to International Secretary J. C. Skemp, also a member of the executive board, will mean a reorganization of the painters in Chicago, into which the Painters' Conference board will be merged.

HOFFSTOT HITS AT LEGAL ACT

Steel Car Crook Will Fight Extradition As a Criminal

Pittsburg, Pa., April 12.—Armed with all the advantages of the law that money can buy, Frank N. Hoffstot, the banker and steel car maker who has been indicted for bribery and conspiracy, from his home in New York, openly defied District Attorney Blakely, refusing to come to Pittsburg to appear for trial in response to the capias issued against him. Plans for a trip to Europe, his Pittsburg friends assert, are also being developed for him by his New York friends. The prosecution has announced that it will take legal measures to prevent his disappearance and to bring him to court at an early day.

Statement of Counsel

Colonel W. B. Rodgers, counsel for Mr. Hoffstot, issued the following statement: "It is manifest on the face of the indictment that the object of the indictments recommended therein is to endeavor to compel Mr. Hoffstot to appear before the grand jury and submit to an examination as to the very transactions concerning which they found the indictments. We think that in advance of trial such a proceeding is improper. The indicted magnate will not be kidnapped as were Meyer, Haywood and Pettibone."

HYDE TRIAL TO BE PUSHED NOW

Kansas City, April 12.—With thirteen temporary jurors chosen, attorneys for both the prosecution and the defense in the case of Dr. B. C. Hyde, accused of the murder of Col. Thomas H. Swope, came into court here today determined to select a final panel before night, if possible. Thirty-four more men will be selected, tentatively, for service. Thirty-five of the entire forty-seven will be peremptorily challenged, and the jury will be ready to hear the evidence. More than 100 veniremen were present when court opened. About seventy-five of them had passed the night in a hotel, guarded by the county marshal. Judge Ralph S. Latschaw issued orders yesterday that no venireman should be permitted to leave the marshal's jurisdiction until he had been finally excused by the court.

LEATHER MEN WINNING IN DECATUR, IND.

Decatur, Ind., April 12.—One of the factories here signed the agreement with the Leather Workers on Horse Goods for an eight hour day. The other two factories will also give in to the strikers before very long. The strike in this city, as well as in other cities of the United States and Canada, has been on for several weeks. The only demand of the union is an eight hour day. As a result of the settlement in Decatur ten men have gone back to work. Ten others are still out. A special meeting was held by the local branch, which is 196, L. W. on H. G., at which it was decided to fight the battle in the other two factories to a finish.

'JAG' HAS NEW PRETTY NAME

"Gassed" Is Latest Excuse; How About President Urion's Souze?

Chicago vernacular has been enriched by a new word. It fills a long felt want, especially in these days of wet and dry struggles, and in the digging of sewers and city sewer investigations. It has done much toward a solution of the cause of President Urion's condition recently, when some one cruelly asserted that Mr. Urion was "not drunk but simply gassed." "Gassed" is the word; participate, "gassing." It was introduced before the civil service commission, yesterday, at the trial of William E. Quinn, ex-superintendent of sewers. Investigators for the Merriam commission reported last fall that employees in the sewer department were getting drunk on duty and wasting time. Ward foremen, however, rallied to the support of Mr. Quinn and testified that in many instances the men were not drunk, but were "gassed." A man is "gassed" when he is overcome by fumes from sewers, it was explained.

A Good New Word

It is expected that scientists will apply the new word to all instances of momentary paralysis. In Mr. Urion's case the "hot air" that was generated during the morning session of the board of education at the trial of Mr. Perkins, had a "gassing" effect. Viewers of the comet at 4 a. m. will probably be "gassed." Habitual "drunks" will present a strong defense on the following morning. In fact, the community unites in thanking the ward foremen for their ingenuity.

U. S. 'JUDGE' IS CAUTIOUS NOW

Congressional agitation for reform in bankruptcy proceedings in the federal courts was met half way by Judge George A. Carpenter of the United States District court. He made it known that hereafter he will not appoint receivers for bankrupts except when necessary and after a full exposition of the facts in the case. In pursuit of his determination, he refused to grant three requests for receivers, thereby causing surprise among lawyers who have been accustomed to obtain appointments without difficulty. Judge Carpenter's innovation was considered especially interesting in view of the action of Congressman A. J. Sabath in demanding an inquiry into federal court methods in bankruptcy proceedings. The Grosscup scandals are said to be back of Carpenter's action.

WILL EVIL SMELLS GO?

The stockyards smell must go. This is the ultimatum that Commissioner of Health Evans will today deliver to the big packing houses. "We can't have Chicago flooded with nauseous odors," declared the health commissioner yesterday, "and the stock yards people have got to realize this. There is no reason for it. It can be prevented, and we are going to stop it." The stockyards smell must go. This is the ultimatum that Commissioner of Health Evans will today deliver to the big packing houses. "We can't have Chicago flooded with nauseous odors," declared the health commissioner yesterday, "and the stock yards people have got to realize this. There is no reason for it. It can be prevented, and we are going to stop it."

MORE MINES TO SUSPEND WORK

Policy of Delay to Be Met With New Drastic Measures

"The tactics of the operators in storing up coal during the last few months of the existence of the contract, and then the fighting of the union because of the reserve supply on hand is making it increasingly difficult for the officers of the United Mine Workers to influence the membership to work up to the expiration of the contract term. It is making the international officers doubt the wisdom of working till the contract expires," said Duncan McDonald, secretary-treasurer of the United Mine Workers of Illinois. Coal operators of Illinois will be up against a real strike if they do not change their attitude toward the workers, preparations being made today to have the pumps at the mines stop running if some of the demands of the men are not granted. If the pumps are stopped from running the mines will be flooded, with the result that the machinery will be greatly damaged and other losses suffered by the obstinate bosses.

Tired of Dilly-dallying

Up to this time the strike of the miners has been more in the nature of a "suspension," but the dilly-dallying tactics of the mine owners has about exhausted the patience of the men, who are prepared to take extreme measures to secure a living wage, compel the operators to pay the shot-firers according to the law on the subject, and grant other demands which are considered just under the circumstances. For the last two or three months the operators have been storing coal in great abundance, so that they can easily stand a suspension of sixty or ninety days without great loss to themselves. During this time they hope to tire the men and force them to agree to concessions which they would not listen to at first.

Joint Committee Meets

Duncan McDonald, secretary treasurer of the Illinois mines, acted as chairman of the joint executive committee meeting of the miners and operators held at the Fisher building today. The conditions under which the mines are to be run during the suspension were considered today, preparatory to taking up other matters later. A settlement of the points at issue is not expected this week.

"I don't think any one is capable of making an accurate prediction as to the length of the suspension," said John Walker, president of the Illinois miners. "It depends altogether upon whether both committees assume a belligerent attitude. The operators declare they will not agree to pay the shot-firers, and that is what we are trying to get them to do. I have said that the controversy may last until August, but I may be greatly mistaken."

Coal Prices Rise

St. Louis, Mo., April 12.—As a result of the strike of the coal miners the price of coal to consumers in St. Louis was advanced 50 cents and \$1 a ton. The increase in price, according to an operator, is said to have been made to cover the extra expense of storing the coal in anticipation of the mines closing.

Miners Wait Orders

Terre Haute, Ind., April 12.—The Indiana operators who have agreed to an advance of 5 cents a ton to coal miners have appealed to President Lewis of the United Mine Workers of America to compel the miners to return to work. Under the Cincinnati resolution the operators claim the miners should return to work as soon as the advance is conceded and that all other questions should be discussed and decided while the men are at work. President Van Horn of the Indiana district refuses to send the men back into the mines, and the operators have appealed to Lewis. The miners cannot go to work without an order from their officers. The question as to whether or not the engineers shall be allowed to continue to work in the mines which have suspended operations pending final negotiations between the operators and the union, was considered today. This question was taken up for decision in secret session.

Some Have Signed Up

During the meeting Secretary-Treasurer Duncan McDonald of the Illinois miners and President John H. Walker of the same district stated that there are some companies which have agreed to the payment of the new wage scale and desire to work their mines. This coal is, however, not put on the market, but is used by the companies in the operation of their own plants. The international organization of the United Mine Workers has already signed with some of these companies. The Marcellus Manufacturing company is one such concern, McDonald said.

Harry Taylor of the operators said that McDonald is trying to force the operators to sign by favoring the class of companies just mentioned.

The miners presented a proposition to the operators in regard to the installation of the electric lights and telephone apparatus, under the new safety laws, passed after the Cherry disaster. Work on the installation of such devices shall be equally divided between the miners employed in each mine, wherever the miner is competent to do the work. This is to prevent the practice of playing favorites.

THAW TALKS VAGUELY AS HARBIDGE WITNESS

New York, April 12.—Harry K. Thaw, on the stand in the suit brought against his mother by C. W. Harbridge, for counsel fees, gave prolonged and vague answers. He denied knowledge of Harbridge's allegation that he spent money to prevent women from spreading stories hurtful to the Thaw interests.

BERGER TELLS CITY SCHEMES

Bonds Will Be Used for Improvements, Declares Alderman-at-Large

"We are not making any great effort to secure a large number of new and untitled members in the Socialist party in Milwaukee," said Victor L. Berger, when reached by the long distance telephone this morning. "We are going on steadily increasing our membership by the adherence of working men, but we have put up a screen to catch the grafters if they try to climb into the band wagon. We have always had a plan of 'keeping on ice' for a year or so those whom we had reason to believe

RAILMEN TAKE STRIKE BALLOT

Eastern Roads Face Tieup; New York Central Storm Center

New York, April 12.—The New York Central strike situation is growing tense. Through their highest national officers a grievance committee representing the conductors, trainmen, yardmen and switchmen presented to President W. C. Brown and General Manager A. S. Smith a proposition for increasing their wages to the standard adopted by the Baltimore & Ohio some time ago. President Brown and General Manager Smith rejected this proposition and submitted a compromise. The compromise proposal was sent to

"NEVER AGAIN!"



were joining the party for the sake of the 'loaves and fishes.'

What Bonds Are For

"The bond issue which was indorsed at the recent election provides for an interurban station to be owned by the city," he continued. "This will give the beginning of municipal control over the lines coming into the city."

Miss E. H. Thomas, state secretary, was asked concerning the action of the Socialist members of the present council at the last meeting, when they postponed action on all important matters until the next meeting, when the Socialists will have a two-thirds majority. "One of the measures which was postponed for future action was a permit for the Western Milwaukee interurban electric to enter the city. The Socialists felt that they wished to have an opportunity to consider that ordinance and frame it to suit themselves."

Seidel Returns Today

Mayor-elect Seidel, who has been out of the city since election, trying to recover his strength after the strain of the campaign, will return today and the work of planning the program of action to be undertaken will begin at once.

One of the things which will be done, according to Miss Thomas, will be to make the great Auditorium a free institution open to the public for concerts and entertainments. This building, the largest in Milwaukee, was built partially with public funds, but has been managed up to the present time as if it were a private profit-making establishment. The Socialists aim to make it a great public gathering place where all meetings of general interest can be held, either with no charges for admission, or at least with the rate as low as will simply pay expenses.

BOOST PRICE OF JOHN D., JR. BIBLE CLASS DINNER

New York, April 12.—Members who attended the dinner of John D. Rockefeller, Jr.'s Bible class paid 10 cents extra, owing to the advanced cost of living. Hitherto the price has been 50 cents a plate. Mr. Rockefeller was elected vice president of the class.

WEATHER INDICATIONS

Chicago and vicinity—Fair tonight and Wednesday, continued cool; moderate to brisk northeast winds.

SPECIAL MILWAUKEE EDITION

On April 19th the Socialists will take charge of a large American city for the first time. This will be an historic event. It will be one that will fill the columns of every paper in America. Experience has already shown that most of the stuff with which the non-Socialist press will be filled will be carefully altered to injure Socialism.

Yet this will offer a splendid opportunity to get the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, to the workers of the United States. Realizing this opportunity, the Daily Socialist will issue a special Milwaukee edition on April 19th. This issue will contain an article by Miss E. H. Thomas explaining how "Every City Can Be Made a Milwaukee," so far as control by the workers is concerned. It will contain in full the platform upon which the Milwaukee campaign was made. It will contain announcements of the work which the Socialists propose to accomplish.

By this time the plans will have been worked out so that much more complete outlines can be given than have hitherto been published. This will be an excellent issue for propaganda work, and by rapid action it will be possible to secure a bundle order. It will be sold at the rate of fifty cents a hundred and five dollars a thousand.

LAST COUNCIL OF OLD REGIME ADJOURNS IN SOCIALIST MILWAUKEE

Deathknell of Privilege Is Sounded in the Killing of a Special Ordinance

(SPECIAL TO THE DAILY SOCIALIST) Milwaukee, Wis., April 12.—Socialist aldermen in the Milwaukee city council sounded the death knell of special privileges at the last meeting of the old council on Monday. The death of the "rights for the few" came when the ordinance granting the right to erect a bay window on the Westside building was laid over for two weeks, with the purpose of killing it in the new council, which will be dominated by Socialists.

Ordinance Is Halted

The action at the last meeting of the old council was possible as the result of the unanimous vote of the Socialist members. When the ordinance came up for consideration, Socialist Alderman Louis Arnold moved that the action be deferred until the next regular session. The motion needed a one-fifth vote, and all the Socialist aldermen, with the exception of Mayor-elect Emil Seidel, who was absent, voted for it. The Socialists are unalterably opposed to granting special privileges and it is

Council Adjourned

Under the law the council adjourned until next Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock when it will assemble and adjourn sine die. The new council will meet an hour later to elect a president, a city clerk and hear the inaugural address of the mayor-elect.

HUGHES SEEKS FURTHER FAME

New York's Head Wants the State Legislature Purged of Graft

Albany, N. Y., April 12.—Remembering that the Armstrong investigation into life insurance methods sent no one to jail, but sent Charles Hughes to the governor's chair, Governor Hughes wants the legislature to open a general graft probe, as it might land the same Charles Hughes in the presidency. The governor says in his message: "It is the high privilege of the legislature, in the discharge of its obligations to itself and to the people of the state, to follow the salutary action already taken in its upper branch by appropriate steps for the exposure and destruction of combinations and conspiracies against the just use of the lawmaking power, and by providing suitable protection against the recurrence of such abuses. This is a promising opportunity to pursue the opening trails of corruption, to reveal illicit methods and agencies, to uncover the perfidious influences which have dishonored the state, and thus to aid in securing the wholesome exercise of its beneficent authority."

Grafters Got Theirs

"The moneys so paid were disbursed for traveling expenses of individuals and delegations, annual and special retainers of regular counsel, so-called retainers of legislative lawyers, contributions to political committees, gifts or payments to men of political prominence and influence, and entertaining legislators and others at times in a lavish manner. The aggregate of disbursements of this character, as the record now stands—such disbursements being largely from the treasuries of fire insurance companies—approximately and probably exceeds \$150,000."

TWO HELD IN SAYLER CASE

Watska, Ill., April 12.—After a trial lasting more than four weeks the jury in the Sayler murder case returned a verdict finding Dr. W. R. Miller and Mrs. Lucy Sayler guilty of manslaughter and fixing their imprisonment at two years and three years, respectively. John Grunden, the aged father of Mrs. Sayler, who was one of the three defendants accused of the killing, was acquitted. The crime for which Dr. Miller and Mrs. Sayler stand convicted was the shooting of John Byron Sayler, the banker, in his home at Crescent City last July, following a card game in his home in which Dr. Miller, Mrs. Sayler and Grunden were the participants.

Eugene Quirk Starts a Suit

Eugene Quirk, a newspaper man, yesterday sued Joseph Medill Patterson, author of "The Fourth Estate," for \$50,000 damages, alleging plagiarism. He asserted in his bill that he believed the play was based upon a novel, "Drifting," written by him six years ago. He said the book had been sent to Mr. Patterson, and that the playwright later told him that he had read the book. The bill included a copy of a letter in which Mr. Patterson said he had not found time to read the book. "And I never did find time," said Mr. Patterson last night. "I never read it or any part of it."

understood that no more requests will be granted while they are in power. The defeat of the ordinance by deferring action was so significant that a number of aldermen, who intended to introduce similar ordinances, decided otherwise and did not make them part of the official records. The report of the canvassing board, consisting of Alvin Henry Smith, August E. Braun and Max Gratz, was adopted. The names of the successful candidates were read. They will be notified of their election through official channels.

Concerts Provided

A resolution was adopted which appropriates \$5,000 from the general city fund to the board of park commissioners for band concerts during the summer months. The money will be added to the \$2,000 set aside by the board, which will insure the same number of concerts as last year. At the same time the resolution introduced by the committee on water works appropriating \$450 for concerts in Kilburn park was acted upon favorably.

The resolution of Mayor-elect Seidel providing for free water to widows who do laundry work for others at home and have dependent children was amended by Ald. Henry Smith and referred to the city attorney for a legal opinion.

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LOW HAS BIG FAKE SCHEME

Reformer Has Plan to Wreck Unions by 'Friendship' Plan

Philadelphia, Pa., April 12.—Seth Low, president of the National Civic Federation and former mayor of New York, has found the best method to crush labor yet devised. He confided it in an address before the "Contemporary Club" of this city. It is this—that all employers should recognize labor unions—but that labor unions at the same time should recognize the principle of the "open shop."

The "open shop" would gradually

mean the wiping out of all labor organization, so there would ultimately be nothing for the employers to recognize, which would serve their purpose very well. Mr. Low gave out this scheme in a talk on "Strikes and How to Prevent Them."

Makes Diagnosis

"If I am right in my diagnosis of the industrial situation," said Mr. Low, "both employers and employees must change their policies in important respects before we shall reach such a settlement of the industrial problem that to use Mr. Lincoln's phrase, one may say of it, 'it will stay settled because it is settled right.' The employers, in my judgment, cannot hope for industrial peace, in the largest sense of the word, so long as they demand for themselves privileges of combination which they will not grant to their employees. The employees, on the other hand, cannot expect a relationship between themselves and their employers which is satisfactory so long as they strike to bring about this relationship, not on their merits, but by coercing the community to take their part."

Mr. Low predicted that if employers and unions should become so reconciled that union labor was generally used by preference, it would not be long before workers would become stockholders in the enterprises employing them.

Family Has Narrow Escape

Louis Nelson, his wife, and their three children narrowly escaped suffocation today when fire partly destroyed their home, a one-story and basement cottage, at 212 North Drake avenue, causing a loss of \$2,000. The flames started in the basement and had spread into the first floor when they were discovered by Nelson, who aroused his wife and children and assisted them from the burning building. The hoiling over of a kettle of hot tar caused a small fire in the plant of the F. J. Lewis Manufacturing company, 2505 South Robey street.



SETH LOW

DEFICIT CUT; PRESS FREED

Hitchcock Bows to Protest and Does Not Attack Radical Papers

Washington, D. C., April 12.—The press muzzling stunt by the administration has fallen through and Postmaster General Hitchcock announces that reductions can be made in the expense of the postoffice department that will lower the deficit by nearly \$12,000,000.

Popular and widespread protest against the press muzzling schemes has apparently had its effect. And now Postmaster Hitchcock comes with the soothing news that perhaps the United States will soon enjoy a one-cent letter postage.

Based on Figures The postmaster bases his view on the auditor's return of postal receipts and expenditures for the first half of the current fiscal year.

STEEL MAGNATE DESIRES PEACE

New York, April 12.—Elbert H. Gary, chairman of the United States Steel Corporation, returned from Hot Springs, Va., where he had spent two weeks. After asking about general business conditions, he expressed pleasure at the decision for a re-hearing of the Tobacco and Standard Oil cases.

Meanwhile the government prosecutors are embarrassed in their cases against the trusts.



ELBERT H. GARY, Judge Gary, who won that title as judge of the county court of Dupage county, Ill., has been virtual head of the United States Steel corporation, "the steel trust," since its organization, although he is not its president.

President Taft has practically decided upon a successor to the late Justice Brewer, who will be one of the judges to re-hear the Standard Oil cases and the American Tobacco company's cases.

Gas Trust Steals Space? The People's Gas Light and Coke company have appropriated not only sub-sidewalk space, but are digging eight feet out under the street outside of the sidewalk line.

Butter War Is On Elgin, Ill., April 12.—Elgin speculators in milk products or producers and Chicago South Water street merchants, fought a battle on the floor of the board of trade, with the result that the Chicago merchants gained a reduction of a cent on butter.

Prof. John Curtiss Kennedy, of the University of Chicago, will be the speaker at the Wednesday evening meeting of the Twenty-first ward, at its headquarters, 18 West Ohio street.

NO AUTOMOBILE FOR JOE CANNON

Speaker Gives Vent to Spleen on Floor, Gesticulating Pathetically

Washington, D. C., April 12.—"Uncle Joe" Cannon will have no automobile furnished him by the government. The house voted it down. This made the Danville czar so hot, that he flung down his gavel and strode down to the floor to let off some steam in a peroration.

More Dignity for Speaker "I believe that the speaker of the house of representatives, whoever he may be, should in all matters be of the same dignity as the vice president of the United States, who presides over the co-ordinate branch."

"And while I do not ask and have never asked the appropriation for transportation to the speaker of the house, if you vote it I will use it as I use it now."

Attacks Press "Now I have said all I desire to say," continued the speaker, "in reply to my friend, Mr. Clark, but I realize that the revenue bill we enacted at the special session of congress already has brought an increase of revenue in comparison with last year of over \$50,000,000."

"It is some months until November. By the aid of a critical press, with the assistance of dispatches and headlines which rarely tell the truth, and headlines which frequently give the lie to the dispatches themselves, our friends expect to achieve success at the polls. While the press is powerful as it affects public sentiment, my observation has been that both the press and the minority thunder in the index. There is more than an even chance, when November comes, that you Democrats will walk up the day after the election and find that the intelligent citizenship of a great republic has proved you to be a false prophet ever two years for the last decade."

WAYMAN OUGHT TO BE WISE!!

The West Hammond jail was robbed of \$1,000 worth of slot machines Sunday night. The machines, which had been confiscated in a recent raid of Cook County authorities, had been locked in a cell in the prison.

"It seems to be time for another cleanup of the villages and towns near Chicago," said State's Attorney Wayman yesterday. "There are periodic raids on these gambling places, and they stay closed for a day or so, and then open again."

KENNEDY TALKS IN 21ST WARD

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DEMAND END OF MANSLAUGHTER

Philadelphia Citizens, Enraged at the Murderous Scabs, Ask for Drastic Probe

BY J. A. FISHER (Special Correspondent for the Daily Socialist.)

Philadelphia, Pa., April 12.—Philadelphia citizens are demanding an investigation into the killing of John Ocker, 337 North Fifth street, a little girl identified as Minnie Goldstein, 330 Ninth street, and an unidentified girl, who are the latest victims of scab manned street cars.

Ocker was driving a wagon when a car smashed into it demolishing the wagon and crushing his skull. The unidentified victim was killed as she stepped off a Market street car. The conductor gave the signal to start the car before she was barely off the last step, and the car hurled her to the ground under the wheels.

John H. Massey and Lewis Thompson, imported scabs from St. Louis, who gave their addresses at the Forty-ninth street and Woodland avenue car barn, were held without bail for the killing of a baby 15 months old, at Eighteenth and Eastwick avenues.

Another explosion of dynamite took place under an Olney street car up Fifth street. The crew was blown out into the street. It was necessary for the wrecking car to take the victims to a hospital, before they undertook to remove the debris of the demolished car.

Dynamiters blew up a car at Kensington and Tioga streets. The bottom of the car was torn to pieces, but no one was injured. The crew were shaken out into the street.

The scabs are laughing up their sleeves at the ease with which they have strikers arrested and fined. Magistrate Scott imposed a fine of \$5 and costs upon John Finley, Gustave Birch and David Meagher for making, what he called "insulting remarks." The defendants denied the charge, but the judge punished them, anyway.

Before leaving Philadelphia Gompers admitted holding conferences with C. O. Pratt, Peter Driscoll, president of the local union of the street car men, and Dennis Haas, fourth vice president of the American Federation of Labor.

"There is nothing new in the car strike as far as I am concerned, but I will say that I am heartily in favor of the trolley men in their fight with the 'Transit Company.' They are certainly justified in resenting the effort to crush the union."

"I cannot say that the conference this afternoon has made the outlook for a cessation of the struggle any brighter. As a matter of fact I made a move to bring about an adjustment of the difficulties before the strike call was issued. I telegraphed to the Transit company before the strike, tendering my offices to settle the dispute, but Kruger, of the company, declined it."

"Following the adoption of a resolution by the Central Labor union calling for the arrest of Mayor Reuburn and President C. O. Kruger of the Transit company, on charges of manslaughter because of the large number of persons killed by inexperienced motormen, it was announced at strike headquarters that counsel would be engaged to take up the matter."

Byesville, Ohio, April 12.—The Socialists of Guernsey County elected W. H. Crawford chairman and H. B. Pearce secretary of their county organization. They also placed in nomination the following county ticket:

State representative, E. S. Balke of Byesville. Prosecuting attorney, W. H. Crawford, Pleasant City. For commissioners, George Swick, Kipping; Samuel Peyton, Byesville; Charles Wheatley, Byesville.

WHY I SELL CLOTHES ON CREDIT

Years ago retail business was done two ways. First was the cash in advance system, which merchants then and still insist upon for those of limited means. Second, was the giving of credit to those who were known to be wealthy and what the old school retail merchants were pleased to call "responsible."

When I started in business I expected to do business in just the same old way. But I made it a rule to study my customers—to know their wants and their needs. It didn't take me long to find out that I and other merchants were working an unnecessary and unjust hardship on the people who were deserving and honest by asking them to pay all cash in advance, while giving credit to those who really did not need credit.

GET THE CLOTHES YOU NEED NOW--- PAY ME LATER.

Every one ought to be well dressed, and there is no reason why you should not. You're honest, aren't you? Then credit is your right and I will trust you. You can come to either of my two big stores, select the clothes you need. Choose terms of payment to suit your income.

Don't deny yourself the clothes you want, the clothes that you need, and the clothes that you can have—to-day—if you say so. Come in and look through my stocks. All the newest and most desirable Spring styles are here, everything for men, women and children—ALL SOLD ON MY WONDERFULLY CONVENIENT CREDIT PLAN.

Both Stores Open Evenings for the Accommodation of Those Who Can't Come During the Day.

BERNHARD'S TWO BIG STORES 131-133 South Clark St. 723-25-27 West Madison

UNION PLANS A 700,000 STRIKE AGAINST MEAT

New York, April 12.—One-seventh of New York's population turned vegetarians today—at least 700,000 persons did without meat in protest against the high prices that have ruled in the kosher shops where the Hebrews have been buying their food.

The meat strike of the Jewish housewives spread to an extent its most ardent agitators scarcely hoped for. The women made house-to-house canvasses. When necessary they took meat from the hands of non-strikers and throw it into the streets.

Every shop in Brownsville, Brooklyn's Ghetto, was forced to close up after a dozen of them had been attacked and their proprietors assailed with stones. One man was badly stabbed in a melee started by a couple of hundred housewives who had ordered him to cut down his prices or shut up his place.

Paper Strike Near End New York, N. Y., April 12.—The strike of the paper makers is drawing towards a settlement. The manufacturers may concede practically everything demanded by the workers.

LEATHER WORKERS GAINING Strikers Get Into Other Trades Pending Settlement of Trouble

A little over two weeks ago the leather workers of the United States and Canada struck for the eight-hour day. Throughout this enormous stretch of territory the union members of this craft promptly responded to the call for better conditions.

ONE CENT A DAY buys the best paper in Chicago. THE CHICAGO DAILY SOCIALIST is free to the news and editorials.

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HEARST DREAM IS DISPELLED

Jefferson Club Says "Thom- as" Did Not Invent "Milwaukee Socialism"

Milwaukee, Wis., April 12.—William Randolph Hearst's newspapers, especially the Chicago Examiner, may profit by taking notice of the post mortem election meeting of the Jefferson Club, and then decide whether Milwaukee Socialism is Jefferson democracy and the Socialist platform a thing stolen from the old political parties.

Vilas Stirred E. P. Vilas "started something" at the democratic wake when he began denouncing the democratic city platform and stated that he heard many democrats, as well as republicans, say that if they were going to vote for Socialism they might as well vote for the Socialist candidates.

"Wave Was Too Strong" Vincens J. Schoenecker, arriving late, was given a warm reception, every one present rising and applauding heartily. Mr. Schoenecker in a short speech urged the necessity for better organization. In explanation of the defeat he said: "The wave was too strong and we could not stop it."

The denunciation of the Initiative and referendum in the Democratic platform by Mr. Vilas caused a clash between him and President Adolph G. Schwefel of the club, who admitted he had something to do with that plank and said he would debate the question with any speaker at any time. Mr. Vilas retorted that he thought the challenge thrown out by the president was not dignified.

Most of the speakers tried to throw the burden of the defeat on the general spirit of unrest. Matthew Regan aided with Mr. Vilas and said it was due to the failure of the Democratic administration in the city.

The municipal platform of the Socialist party in Milwaukee was planned and built months before the election last week. In an effort to foil the voters the old parties hastily built platforms of their own about a week before election by selling numerous planks from the Socialist platform and not vice-versa as the Chicago Examiner would have its readers believe.

PULLMAN SEEKS LEGAL DEFECTS

Legal loop holes are sought by the Pullman company to evade prosecution in accordance with the ruling of the commission, which reduced rates on Pullman cars.

"It is a grave question whether the commission has any jurisdiction over the Pullman company," said Mr. Mitchell. "It is a manufacturing company, which rents its cars to railroads. The commission has jurisdiction over transportation companies exclusively."

"We haven't decided yet just what we shall do," said Mr. Russell, "but we probably will know in the morning. We refer have admitted to jurisdiction of the commission and there has been no decision on the question. I shouldn't care to commit myself, but I think there is a good chance of a contest in the courts."

"We probably shall not quarrel with the commission as to the reasonableness of some reduction in the rate for upper berths, but I think the reduction made is too great, and that does not mean that we may not contest the order as a whole. I have felt for years that there ought to be a differential between the upper and lower berths. The upper berth is more, but it is of less value to the public and the value of the service, not the cost, should be the measure of the rate."

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The Hustlers' Column COMING WITH A RUSH

Just keep up the RATE OF INCREASE in hustling that started last Friday and we will make the \$2,000. That sounds good. Yet it is true.

It would mean that on Friday next there would be nearly one thousand dollars in the mail, and the rest would be made up by letters mailed that day that would arrive later.

The Socialist party locals have just woken up to the opportunity this special offer creates. Onemee, North Dakota, grabbed that opportunity and put a diamond hitch on it by sending \$30 for cards. It gets \$45 worth of subscriptions for its money.

Memphis, Tennessee, was another that took advantage of this chance by sending in \$4, for which it will secure \$6 worth of subscriptions.

There are but a few days left to get in on this offer, and there is no intention to ever repeat it.

Some hustlers gained the idea that MORE than one dollar's worth of cards could not be purchased at this rate. That is a mistake. The sum of one dollar was mentioned so as to give everyone who REALLY WANTED A DAILY PAPER a chance to help.

If you want to buy more at that rate you can do it until April 15th.

By that time every real, LIVE hustler will have heard from. It was stated above that next Friday's mail should contain one thousand dollars to make this effort a success. That sounds big. It sounds impossible. Yet contrast it with what has been accomplished in the past. Contrast it with the time we raised \$18,000 in ten days to get the plant.

We can surely RAISE ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS NOW TO KEEP THAT PLANT GOING.

THE LEAGUE OF TWO THOUSAND (Continued from Yesterday.) C. T. Henshaw, Hennepin, Minn. Fred H. Thomas, Charlesville, Mich. R. E. McClure, Kokomo, Ind. Mary E. Merrill, Stockton, Cal. J. H. Gamble, Newport, Ky. J. M. McLaughlin, Jackson, Miss. Henry Zink, Minot, N. D. Comrade Edwards, Sheppard, Ill. A. A. Bennett, Reading, Pa. Arthur L. Seuer, Minot, N. D. G. G. Lee, Roosevelt, Okla. Marc Thode, Mattoon, Ill. J. W. Taylor, Hennepin, Minn. F. Dendroff, Denver, Colo. J. C. Griffiths, Nederland, Colo. R. E. Powell, Jackson, Miss. B. T. Thomas, Bowling, Ark. A. H. Broking, Waldron, Ark. Abel Cadney, Jackson, Miss. Arnold Zander, Two Rivers, Wis. W. F. Sutton, Warrensburg, Mo. D. J. Ryan, Elston, Ill. Grant Smith, Arnold, Kan. John M. Harper, Oakley, Kan. Ernest Hoar, Willoughby, Ohio. William Eberhard, Charleston, S. C. F. L. Branford, Chillicothe, Texas. Gus Magnus, Davenport, Iowa. John Vaughn, Bath, N. Y. H. B. Steinmeyer & Co., Springfield, Mo. John T. Baillie, Alpine, Tex. George A. Rath, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. G. A. Benson, Alta, Iowa. F. T. Harvey, Onemee, N. D. William Mutton, Kinshine, Mich.

It's YOUR turn to join this league of two thousand. Look at the results in Onemee, N. D. The boys got together and concluded to send in thirty dollars. What is your local doing to do?

A friend, Chicago, donates five dollars. Guess that's proof enough that it was a friend.

Two new ones come in from Dr. L. West, Monett, Mo. Milwaukee evidently has 'shown them.

A two-dollar picture rag is handed in free of charge by Comrade A. Pearson, Chicago.

Maybe that Milwaukee victory hasn't got the plutes guessing and worrying. The capitalist sheets haven't got through having a fit over it yet. They don't seem to know what struck them. Give them some more of the same stuff, hustlers. It is in the sub and they will be paralyzed.

Another two-dollar donation from Chicago. Maybe you don't know who E. D. is, but you may rest assured that he belongs to the great working-class rebellion.

Ring in the new comrade W. B. Bell sends in as a tip-top from Valparaiso, Ind.

PAPER FIGHT NOW SETTLED

Oklahoma, Okla., April 12.—The state executive committee of the Socialist party, meeting at Oklahoma City recently, took under consideration the rivalry between two Socialist papers, the "Oklahoma Pioneer" and the "Industrial Democrat." Arguments on both sides were carefully considered, and it was decided that both publications would receive recognition.

The final decision The finding of the committee is as follows (in part): "We regret and deplore the unfortunate misunderstanding that has brought about the necessity for this action upon the part of the committee, but deemed it our duty to take action in this matter in the interest of party harmony. After careful examination, we pronounce them both excellent propaganda sheets conducted by able, conscientious, red-card Socialist editors and to look as they refrain from quibbling personal criticism and abuse of individuals, and opposition to party policy, we believe that they should and will receive the support of the Socialist comradeship."

Asks Use of Vote The committee recommends further that any one who is dissatisfied with the action of the state convention or committee and is a Socialist should inaugurate a campaign of opposition, criticism and abuse.

"The Oklahoma Pioneer" at the time of its establishment had secured the consent of C. H. Armstrong, who was in absolute and complete control and management of the "Industrial Democrat," to turn over his shares of stock in his paper to the Pioneer company, and arrange for the transfer of the subscription lists. "The Oklahoma Pioneer" was prepared and issued for the first time on the 1st of April, but the arrangements were completed with the "Industrial Democrat company," but Mr. Armstrong failed to keep his appointment and his forgotten agreement. This led to the decision of the executive committee of the party to recognize both papers.

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CHERRY HORROR GROWS WORSE

Thirty-six Dead Bodies Are Found; Had Been Alive for Thirty Days?

Cherry, Ill., April 12.—Amid heart-rending scenes around the fatal mine shaft, strong evidence was shown that victims of the holocaust in the mine on November 13, lived in the sealed caverns for more than thirty days, and that if the coal company had not been over anxious to protect its property, most of them could have been rescued alive.

The Tell Tale Message The evidence appeared in a chalk written message of the entombed which was found on one of the walls in the lower level, 300 feet below the surface. It reads: "All alive, 2 p. m. Dec. 14." This was thirty-one days after the horrible fire. The victims, thirty-six of whom were recovered yesterday near the place where the message was written lived in an improvised shed with a rudely constructed fan. One of the bodies was found standing at the handle of the fan, obviously having clung to it for life to the last moment.

Lived on Mule Fodder The men lived on corn and water they had access to in the mule stables not far from where their bodies were taken. There was a plentiful supply of this provender to maintain the men for thirty days the mine workers now remember. The entombed produced a current of air evidently, each of them taking a turn at the fan. The mine was sealed right after the fire broke out and was resealed permanently November 25, twelve days after the first man fell a victim to the greed of the St. Paul Coal company.

Out of the thirty-six bodies that had been recovered, but seven were identified. Recognition of the bodies was established by articles found attached to them. Seventeen bodies are said to be still in the caverns. When these shall have been found the company will resume operation of the mine.

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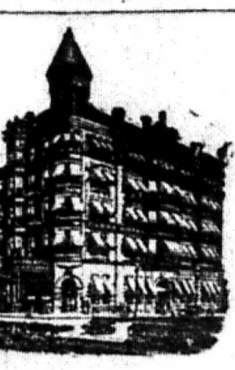
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There Will Be No Graft

It is interesting to note that the one question which is raised over and over in the comment of the capitalist press upon the Milwaukee victory is, "Will the Socialists abolish graft?"

To the person trained in the mental attitude of modern business the possibility of a government without stealing is the highest ideal of municipal management of which he is capable.

In view of these facts it is not a cause for surprise that the question is repeatedly asked, "Will the Milwaukee Socialists graft?"

On the other hand, the working class is not so directly interested in the graft question as it is in many others. It is true that indirectly graft is one of the great pillars of graft rule and the greatest obstacle to working-class betterment.

Consequently, the Socialists do not boast much of their intention to abolish graft. Yet for the benefit of these inquiring ones we can assure them that there will be no graft in Milwaukee.

This assurance is not based upon the superior moral qualities of the Socialists. Unfortunately, the only material from which Socialists can be made is composed of Democrats and Republicans, and recognition of the truth of Socialist philosophy does not wholly change human nature.

There are other and deeper reasons why the Socialists do not graft. There is no doubt of the fact. Hundreds of thousands of Socialists have been elected to office during the last quarter of a century.

One of the reasons for this universal honesty is the close supervision exercised by the organized political movement. The officeholder elected by the Democratic or Republican parties is also under supervision.

There is a still deeper reason for the honesty of Socialist officials. They are elected for the purpose of representing the interests of those who live by their labor.

From the very beginning the Socialist official is cut off from all connection with the forces that make for official corruption. He is pledged to wage war upon these forces.

He will not be dishonest, because the work which he must do, and which if he fails to do it will mean his political death, is such as to cut him loose from all connection with the powers that feed upon corruption.

For these reasons the Socialists of Milwaukee will not graft.

The Berlin Police and the Socialists

The Socialists of Germany have certainly succeeded in making an international joke of the famous Berlin police.

When the stern officers of the law forbade a Socialist meeting in one place the Socialists only advertised it the more, and THEN MET SOMEWHERE ELSE, while the police held a meeting on the advertised grounds.

After this had been done a few times, and the police had charged the innocent spectators who had gathered to observe the exhibition of "Berlin's finest," and especially when the police found that about the only persons not to be found in the crowd they were so enthusiastically clubbing were the Socialists, this method of "suppression" was dropped.

The Socialists were given full permission to hold a meeting. Then everybody prepared for the horrible riot that the authorities had been assuring the public would result if these terrible persons were permitted to gather.

Some two hundred thousand Socialists met in a great public park. No police were present, but the gathering was far more orderly than any ever held under police supervision.

Suddenly the chief of police, the most hated man in Berlin, appeared in the crowd. He could have had no other purpose in doing this save the hope of starting a riot. For a few moments there was a little excitement. Then the Socialist marshals surrounded the head of the police department, asked that a road be made for him through the mass of human beings in whatever direction he desired to go, and then escorted him in safety to the outskirts of the crowd.

The assemblage listened to many speeches, cheered, sang songs, passed resolutions denouncing the unfair suffrage system and went home.

There are a large number of lessons in this occurrence for Chicago policemen to ponder.

Socialist Women of Finland

BY META L. STERN

The fifth national conference of the Socialist women of Finland was held in Helsinki during the late fall of last year. Much of the discussion was devoted to problems of modern education and a unanimous resolution was passed favoring obligatory school attendance.

The conference declared against the employment of women at night and de-



META L. STERN

manded a rigorous restriction of child labor. To be admitted was again declared for and the Socialist women issued a special appeal to working class mothers urging them to teach their children to abstain from all intoxicating beverages.

In a long series of animated speeches the women bitterly condemned militarism, denouncing it as the strongest tool of the government of fear and aristocracy for maintaining the people in subjugation.

One practical result of the conference was the decision to dissolve all separate women's organizations and to place the work of agitation among women under the direct control of the party.

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From the Diary of a Striking Waist Maker

BY THERESA MALKIEL

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NEEDED--A CHANGE OF TACTICS

BY OSCAR LEONARD

The other day I had an opportunity to hear a young woman tell of the good work she and a few others are doing in behalf of their striking comrades.

How the employers love to deal with their employees individually. How they want them to have "personal liberty."

Fortunately many of the employees of the firm under consideration prefer the "slavery" of the union to the "liberty" of individual dealing.

The firm is aided by the Manufacturers' Association. Mr. Van Cleave has made several calls on the firm before the strike and since.

The workers know better. Their committee secured \$5,000 from friendly organizations only a few days ago. This means that the fight is on and will be on until the workers win.

It had grown rich as a result of selling union garments. Its manager knew that without the union label no goods could be sold.

Of course, this kept the workers in Chicago busy. It worked harm on their brethren and sisters in St. Louis, however.

Here is the rub. This is the thing we want to think about and talk about. Surely this kind of unionism is impractical to say the least.

It means union men scabbing while other union men are striking.

It means that the employers can use the workers of one city against those of another and have the label in the label time.

Of course, it was the business of the workers who went out on a strike to have their eyes open. They should have employed the means of their ene-

my. The enemy spies on them all the time. They should have spied on the enemy.

A Sacred Call to Action

BY MOTHER JONES

To the men and women of the United States: There are in our federal prisons some eight or ten Mexican revolution-

Some humane congressmen have introduced a bill of inquiry asking the attorney general to explain why, as revolutionists, these men are held in

No pigeon holing, or your hands will be dripping with the red blood as Diaz' are. Don't fail; the cause of justice falls on you.

Whether Socialism is good or bad, wise or foolish, the proper thing is to know what it is and what it is not.

Who is there in this world more entitled to the full value of what they produce, than they who produce it?

Capitalism recognizes no law--human or divine. No contract is too sacred not to be broken if its interests can be better served.

Don't you think it a sad commentary upon our industrial system that it must be made a veritable hell for the many, that it may be made a heaven for a few?

If it is the cause of poverty, why is it that in this country may be found thousands of people who never touch liquor in any manner, yet who are wretchedly poor?

BRESHKOWSKAYA

BY ELSIE BARKER

How narrow seems the round of ladies' lives And ladies' duties in their smiling world.

The day this Titan woman, gray with years, Goes out across the void to prove her worth.

Mother of power, my soul goes out to you As a strong swimmer goes to meet the sea.

Where are those others whom your deeds inspired To deeds and words that were them- selves?

OPEN FORUM

Advertising in the Daily Socialist

"In our town," as William Allen White would say, we have an anti-Socialist who takes great delight in picking flaws in our doctrine, and he soon noted your "booze ad," as he called it, making great sport, laughing and showing it about until I finally came to your defense by saying:

"I don't think the editors of this paper would have printed that ad if they were not forced to. They are having a hard struggle to keep the paper alive. Their subscribers and supporters are mostly poor people and can't aid them; so they are forced to grasp any relief they can. You must remember we are living in a world under laws and customs we didn't make. We can't change them in a day, either, so individuals and publications, Socialist and non-Socialist, are forced to do things they don't like to do."

Before I became a Socialist I looked upon alcoholism as the cause of all poverty, disease and crime. My opinions underwent a change when I began to travel around a little. I saw, as Dr. Gustafson says, rich people drink and poor people drunk. In Japan, China and the Philippines, I saw more poverty, disease and misery than any place I had ever been and among practically a temperate people, so far as alcoholic beverages were concerned. I began to think there must be other causes of human misery and Socialism pointed them out.

While Socialism has taught me the cause of many evils, I have never given up the fight against liquor and never expect to as long as it causes the misery it does mankind, as long as it is such an efficient tool of capitalism in helping as it does, to keep the workers docile.

I overheard an official of the Union Pacific Coal company say a few years ago, in speaking of Rock Springs, Wyo., that "Every saloon in that town is worth a carload of strike breakers. In case of a strike the miners gather in the saloons and pound on the bar and talk about what they are going to do, while sending their money, and in a few days are ready to go to work again."

I heard a labor leader say once, during a strike, that he hoped there would be no violence. Another man spoke up. There wouldn't be if the men would stay sober. Nearly every lynching that occurs in the mob usually forms around the saloons, before making their attack on the jail, and a large per cent of them are under the influence of liquor when they start their work.

I have often heard laboring men abuse the scab for taking his job and those same men never had a word to say against the saloon that robbed them of their money, their health, and their job. You can see from the above that I hated to find that ad in our paper, even though I defended it.

I can endorse every word of the letter in Open Forum by H. M. W. in your issue of March 17. Can't we have at least one Socialist publication free of advertising?

Profits are the foundation of every business and if a Socialist paper is going to be true to its principles they must attack the foundation that the advertising patronage rests on. Advertising is one of the schemes of capitalism to have their cake and eat it, too. If they bought an editor outright they have no assurance that he would stay bought, but advertising patronage places a ring in his nose so they can lead him when they will and at the same time swell the profits of their business.

Chicago and the Milwaukee Victory The great success of the Milwaukee comrades at the polls April 6 has surely given the comrades over the country many conflicting thrills and emotions.

The first effect was a genuine rejoicing with them at their triumph, the greatest the Socialist party has had in this country. The second result was a sad reflection on our short comings, evidenced by the backward condition of Socialism in all other parts of the United States as compared with Milwaukee.

Do you own your job? If so, for how long a time do you own it? If the man who owns the job at which you are permitted to work, tells you that "your services are no longer required," what are you going to do about it?

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"Great Scott, Doctor!" exclaimed the father as he saw the pointer go to "thirty-seven and a half pounds!" "Everybody."

Those who have believed in life have gone with life To the red halls of spiritual death. And you? But what is death or life to you? Only a weapon in the hand of faith To cloave a way for being yet unborn To a far freedom you will never share! Freedom of body is an empty shell Wherein men crawl whose souls are held with gyven; For Freedom is a spirit, and she dwells As often in a jail as on the hills. In all the world this day there is no soul Freer than you, Breshkovskaya, as you stand Facing the future in your narrow cell. For you are free of self and free of fear, Those twin-born shades that lie in wait for man When he steps out upon the wind-blown road That leads to human greatness and to pain. Take in your hand once more the pilgrim's staff-- Your delicate hand misshapen from the nights In Kara's mines; bind on your unbent back, That long has borne the burdens of the race, The exile's bundle, and upon your feet Strap the worn sandals of tireless faith. You are too great for pity. After you We send not sob, but songs; and all our days We shall walk bravelier, knowing where you are. --New York Times.

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