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THE OFFICIAL CONTROL OF THE RAILROAD SYSTEM

J. T. BUTLER AT INDIANAPOLIS

Distict Attorney Charges Perjury Without the Slightest Evidence - Butler is the Victim of Capitalist Lawyers - Raising of Bail without Precedent in Such a Case.

The performance of Indianapolis one of the courts... only for the purpose of strengthening the strong-hold of the monsters of capitalism.

John T. Butler when first arrested was required to give a bond of ten thousand dollars. That was subsequently increased to a fifteen thousand dollar bond.

THE BREAKING DOWN OF THE RAILROAD SYSTEM

The railroads of the country are in a horrible condition. They have all been so overcapitalized to yield up enormous private fortunes that practically the whole of the country is held up by the railroads.

Furthermore, this District Attorney is stretching his power when he says that a man suffering from too much drink... The District Attorney knows that it occurs hundreds and thousands of times in our courts and legal procedures that both judges and juries are influenced by the effects of drunken debauches, and that many a proceeding in court has been adjourned on that account, and that the reason stated always has been that of sickness.

We are giving the District Attorney the benefit of presuming that his statement that Butler had been drinking heavily is true, though we have our serious doubts as to the whole truth of that statement.

STREET CAR SERVICE ON THE EAST SIDE

The street car service on the East Side at workmen's hours is almost criminal.

That the people of the great East Side of the City of Buffalo are a law-abiding, easy going lot of citizens is proved beyond a doubt by what they stand for from the International Railway.

Standing at the corner of Michigan and Genesee streets a few evenings ago we had the pleasure of being attracted to a Genesee car that was loaded to the brim with men and women returning from their daily work.

Not only was the car loaded inside, but back and front platforms were filled to the limit and no less than ten men and boys hanging on to the steps and to the coupler and back beam, all exchanging their lives in their effort to get a ride home through the kindness of the International's complete system of collecting nickels and giving rotten service.

However, for the safety and comfort of the working class passengers of the Genesee line we offer a remedy. We know that the company will say they "can't afford it" and that is supposed to be enough said, but nevertheless we suggest that an ordinance be passed to read like this:

"Every public vehicle carrying passengers for a fee, must place a sign stating the seating capacity of same in plain English and in large letters. It is forbidden to carry a greater number of people than can be seated, under the penalty of a fine of \$100 for every offense. The failure to obey this ordinance of vehicles to properly observe this law is equivalent to forfeiting the right to operate."

It is ridiculous to see the number of cars crowded on to one car in the night and morning rush hours. No limit is placed on the number of passengers to be carried and a car with 115 passengers will stop on the corner, on one more where possibly another car is close on its heels.

The reason why the commission is "not prepared," etc., is not hard to find. It is simply this: The commission will stipulate that it is formed to uphold the very kind of capitalist exploitation that has produced the results complained of.

NEW CHIMES FOR THE CHRISTMAS BELLS

Hear, oh hear. The Christmas bells are ringing peal upon peal, chime upon chime! Fall and clear their ring, and the air quivers with joy.

The bells and I are strong with a new hope, vibrant with expectancy of the Great Change. Already men and women are working and thinking and living for this Great Change, and their efforts are mighty with the might of God.

Will be at the Army on New Year's Eve. The following is the official tabulation of the vote of the State of New York:

William Sulzer, 649,550; Job E. Hill, 510,638; Charles E. Russell, 55,917; Oscar S. Straus, 303,183; T. Alexander MacNichol, 1,890; John Hall, 4,461; Blank, 40,644; vote, 3,792; scattering, 213. Total, 1,611,672.

Intelligence and good will. For them the bells of a world-Christmas are ringing, and shall not cease with the brief hours of one glad day. Every day, every year these men and women plan, work and dream, and their works are the heavenly message of the sweet-tempered bell.

What did the Queen of Sheba say to the King of Hearts? Probably the same thing that the Governor of North Carolina said to the Governor of South Carolina.

Not only will the Queen of Sheba and the King of Hearts be there, but also we will look for Karl Marx, Francisco Ferrer, Abraham Lincoln, Wilhelm Liebknecht, Ferdinand Lassalle and maybe that "rascally fellow," as the Buffalo Express says, who is always stirring up the working class to revolt—Bill Hayward.

When you consider that 2,000 ingenious women and 2,000 ingenious men are scheming and planning for striking, historical or amusing effects in the way of costumes when you consider that these men and women are out to win \$100 in gold for the best costume, and when you consider that every corner shop in Buffalo is being asked to provide pleasing effects for the big annual ball, you will begin to

HOW THE "MONEY TRUST" CONTROLS OUR (?) INDUSTRIES

Now, here and now, the bells and I will be heard! Not once a year, but from morning to morning we will be heard singing exultant, sure of our message. Let us sun pour its flood of light upon the land, or let the whole sky be dark, we have a plan.

The Pujio Committee is bringing out some startling information in regard to the control of the means of production and distribution in the United States.

For they were dull of understanding, and they diligently brought water to the tank for many days, and for every bucket which they did bring the capitalists gave them every man a penny but for every bucket that the capitalists drew forth from the tank to give again unto the people, behind the people rendered to the capitalists two pennies.

And when the capitalists saw that the water overflowed, they said to the people: "The water is the Market, but do not overflow! Sit ye down, therefore, and be patient, for ye shall bring us no more water till the tank be empty."

But the people answered, saying: "How can we buy unless ye hire us, for how else shall we have wherewithal to buy? Hire ye us, therefore, as before, and we will bring you the water, as our first, and ye shall have no need to advertise." But the capitalists said unto the people: "But shall we hire ye to bring water when the tank is the Market, doth already overflow? Buy ye, therefore, first water, and when the tank is empty through your buying will we hire you again?"

And the thirst of the people was great, for it was not now as it had been in the days of their fathers, when the land was watered for them, for every one to seek water for himself, seeing that the capitalists had taken all the springs, and the wells and the water wheels, and the water wheels, and the buckets, so that no man might come by water save from the tank, which was the Market. And the people murmured against the capitalists and said: "Be ye not angry with us, for we have hired them to bring water, and the saying went abroad, 'It is a crisis.'"

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SECRET OF J. PIERPONT MORGAN'S CONTROL OF MEANS OF PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION - PUJO INVESTIGATION CAN DO NOTHING TO MAKE CONDITIONS BETTER FOR WORKERS - PANICS, STATIONERY AND CRIME A PRODUCT OF THE CAPITALIST SYSTEM.

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THE QUEEN OF SHEBA WILL BE ON DECK WITH THE KING OF HEARTS

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Women's Column

Over in Cleveland the newly organized housewives are not having many on their adopted its constitution, after a grim battle lasting for hours. It is especially interesting to the working women of Buffalo for two reasons. First, because the Buffalo Housewives' Union organized on the same plan, and second, because the battle over its constitution reflects the struggle that is now being waged against Socialism and the anti-Socialist suffragists.

The struggle between the Socialist women and the non-Socialist women at the Housewives' Union meeting was sharp and decisive. The Socialist won, and it changed the whole complexion of the new organization.

Some of the Suffragists, of the Bull Moose stripe, were the leaders of one side. They were not housewives themselves, but had joined the organization at the start, simply for the purpose of dominating it. In fact, some of them were employers of housewives.

They advanced a constitution by the terms of which the mistresses, employers of the housewives, could join the union, exercise a dominating influence, and by means of the "prestige" which always attends to a "boss" who controls the means of life, control in the interest of the employing mistresses, the organization of the workers.

It is an old story in working class struggles, and is especially well illustrated by the Civic Federation which has actually drawn the fangs of the American Federation of Labor, even having employers get control of the unions.

The Socialist faction fought from the start for the adoption of the constitution on straight class-conscious lines. They were overwhelmingly successful and the new Housewives' Union of Cleveland will be a revolutionary organization.

No employers of labor will be admitted to membership.

Truly, one would think that the working class would begin to realize that the admission of the rich to the councils of their economic organizations simply means to admit the cat to the mews of the mice. If we are determined to be a truly powerful fighting force, it must be careful to organize on revolutionary lines and to restrict its membership to those whose interests are in common.

If the employers of housewives desire to form a club, they do not invite their housewives to join it. As one of the speakers in the debate at Cleveland put it, "The first thought of the housewife is not how many on their butter and eggs, but to this down the wages of the maid."

The constitution proposed by the "pure and simple Suffragists," proposed for the purpose of the Housewives' Union, "to promote good-will, harmony, co-operation and efficiency," which simply means to make a kind of a "pact" between the employers and the women, because she is an employer of housewives.

The victory of the Socialist women means that the original organizer must be told, because she is an employer of housewives.

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Owing to an oversight, the names of several contributors to the Fair were not printed last week. One of the checks containing the list was mislaid and has not been recovered up to the time of going to press.

We sincerely trust that those contributors, whose names were on the list but who will truly appreciate our failure to mention their names and donations is not due to any lack of gratitude.

VERSES ASKED FOR.

At the request of one of the comrades, we reprint herewith those beautiful verses of Charlotte Perkins Gilman, which have revealed the workers in many a hard fight.

Shall you complain who feed the world?
Who clothe the world, who house the world?
Shall you complain who are the world,
(if what the world may do?)
As from this hour you show your power,
The world must follow you.

The world's life lies in your right hand,
Your strong right hand, your skilled right hand—
Or hold the whole world in your hand,
So to it with you do
Or dar'ling! let wrong or right,
The world is made by you.

Then rise as you never rose before,
Or hoped before, or dared before,
And show as was never shown before,
The power that lies in you,
'Till as one dies, just justice done;
Believe and dare and do!

THE CAUSES OF SELFISHNESS

Usefulness has been lauded as one of the greatest virtues since time immemorial.

The teachings of Confucius, Buddha, Christ and the other great moralists have continually appealed to the heart of man to be useful to his fellow man. But in spite of the teachings of these men, selfishness has always been one of the chief causes of engendering crime and violence and of violating the golden rule.

And the reason for making usefulness such a laudable virtue can, by a little investigation, be made clear.

In the early days, when man was man, he depended entirely upon himself, when he had no control of the forces of nature as he has today, his crops were very uncertain.

If it rained and everything else was favorable, his crops were sufficient to produce the necessities of life. But when the elements were not favorable; many times, during dry seasons, he could not raise enough to supply the indispensable necessities to keep his body nourished, so that it would not be able to pay its respects to the teachers of Time and time again there was nothing to go around. It was in these times when the teachings of those men, who taught that usefulness was absolutely necessary, because if there were only a hundred bushels of grain, and there were mouths for five hundred bushels, this great virtue manifested itself and self-denial made it a possibility to get along on the hundred bushels.

The ruling class has always been ready to pay its respects to the teachers of this doctrine. It has always contributed gladly to the institutions who propagated these virtues. But how about itself? Has it denied itself when there was not enough to go around for all? No! While the poor slaves of the past (and today) were literally starving for want of these necessities, while these slaves were exhibiting examples of usefulness which reach the highest point of heroism, what were they doing? History shows us that they have always taken great care to have their store houses filled to overflowing; that they always took part of the slaves and gave them food and guns, to keep off the other poor starving slaves, with instructions to shoot to kill.

As an example of usefulness the workers of all times have been a fine object lesson.

But now the face of the immense productivity of modern machinery, with the introduction of scientific application to the soil with the fear of overpopulation, threatening us, it is not time that we rise and declare that we have been usefulness long enough? Is it not time that we say that the removal of selfishness is a pos-

Socialist Party News

THE SPEAKER'S CLASS.
The next meeting of the Speaker's Class of the Socialist Party in Buffalo will be Monday evening, Jan. 6th, in Franklin Hall.

If you wish to spend an enjoyable evening, you can do so by hearing the speeches made by the disciples of Demosthenes.

The seasons are open to the public and the fee for membership is only ten cents per week.

NEXT MEETING OF GENERAL COMMITTEE.
The next meeting of the General Committee will be held at the headquarters, Franklin Hall, 52 West Eagle street, Wednesday evening, January 8.

NOTICE TO BRANCHES.
The attention of the Branches is called to Article 17, Section 8, of the local by-laws, which provides that the branches shall elect officers, delegates and committees at their first regular meeting in January and July of each year.

In accordance with this provision you will accordingly elect officers, standing committees and delegates to the General Committee at your first regular meeting in January.

JOSEPH BALL,
Secretary.

FINNISH YULE FEAST.
A Yule Feast, which includes entertainment and good things to eat, will be held at Franklin Hall next Saturday evening under the auspices of the Finnish Branch of Local Buffalo.

There will be two sketches. The first, entitled "The Burglar," will be played by a number of the Buffalo comrades, while the second will be played by a number of comrades from Niagara Falls, who will journey from the Cataract City enroute for this event.

There will be dancing and good music. An admission fee of 20 cents will be charged, which includes supper. Everybody welcome. Come and have an enjoyable time among sociable people.

BRANCH ONE WILL HAVE STUDY COURSE.
Branch No. 1 will begin a class in economics on the second Monday in January at Leland's Hall, corner Bailey and Walden avenues. Class will begin at 8 o'clock. All Socialists and sympathizers are invited to attend and take part.

BRANCH NO. ONE SUNDAY SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT.
The Sunday School of Branch No. 1 will give an entertainment at Ambrose Hall, corner Genesee and Bailey avenues, on Sunday, December 29th, at 7:30 o'clock. Admission is 10 cents. A good evening's entertainment is promised.

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ROTTEN EGGS FOR ALLEN.
The price of eggs is rather high, but Ben Allen, Socialist lecturer, was served with free eggs at Morristown, Tenn., on his recent trip through that state.

Allen had offered \$25.00 reward to anyone who would beat him in debate on Socialism. No one was accepted, and when Allen mentioned the platform he was greeted with a shower of hen fruit.

HAMILTON, OHIO, TO HAVE SOCIALIST DAILY.
One of the bright spots for Socialism in Ohio is the City of Hamilton. The workers in that city have been on the job for some time. To voice their views a weekly paper, the Hamilton Socialist, was founded about 8 months ago and now after the election, flushed with success and utterly disgusted with the capitalist alphas, the Socialists of Hamilton are planning for a daily.

LABOR NEWS
Am. Federation of Labor News Service

RUMORS OF BIG STRIKE.
New York.—Rumors are to the effect that a big strike is imminent to eliminate sweat shops and to obtain better working conditions and shorter hours day for approximately 100,000 clothing makers.

PRISON-MADE AUTOS.
Albany.—It has been announced that the manufacture of automobiles there will soon be undertaken on a large scale at Sing Sing. It is reported that a recent test of an auto truck made at the prison was a success, and that an order for a large number of the prison-made trucks is expected shortly from the New York State Cleaning Department.

WOMEN REPLACING STRIKERS.
In a strike of the Iron Molders against a casting foundry in East Toledo 100 men and boys are idle. Immediately about thirty Hungarian women took part in the work, and the bored employed at the foundry were brought to the foundry and commenced to receive instructions in the art of operation in this field. It is apparently the policy of the company to displace all male workmen with foreign women.

ORGANIZING CAMPAIGN.
Organizers for the Western Federation of Miners are actively engaged in an effort to organize the Johnia district. For many years efforts have been made, but only varying success, to secure organization in this field. Some success has been achieved recently, however, but the Mine Owners' Association has taken active steps to thwart the organization of men. Efforts are to be made to have the vigorous campaign kept up to bring the mine mines into the fold of unionism.

COMPREHENSIVE MEETING.
Representatives of the United Mine Workers, having charge of the contest in the Cabin and Paint Creek and Kanawha districts of the West Virginia coal mining fields are making preparations for a mass meeting in this city immediately after the first of the year. The conditions which obtain in the districts mentioned are of such a character as to warrant a very detailed description. The mine operators in that section apparently have no regard for the methods usually employed by citizens of a civilized country, and it is the purpose of the representatives of the United Mine Workers to go to the people of Washington and to Congress on an attempt to become acquainted with at least a portion of the terrible outrages that are being committed by the coal mine operators of West Virginia.

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20 SOCIALISTS IN CHINESE PARLIAMENT.
From Pekin, China, comes the news that 20 Socialists will hold seats in the new Chinese parliament. And some people say that the Chinese are one of the backward races. Enlightened Americans do not Socialist representatives in Congress. Backward China twenty.

THE LAUGHING DUTCHMAN.
Oscar Ameringer of Oklahoma, the laughing Dutchman, is now touring the State of Pennsylvania. Ameringer is a very versatile individual. In the summer, with five Socialists who are instrumental in the election of the Chautauque entertainment company organized and Socialist wit and logic are interperred with the melodies of bygone days. The stunt makes a hit wherever played. Ameringer will open the National Socialist Lyceum Course in Buffalo this winter.

REBS PERBY BY WY.
Last week we told of the presentation The aldermen would not dare intere of W. F. Riez of North Dakota for street speaking. The news comes that

WHO?
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