

ORGANIZED LABOR RALLIES TO AID EMBATTLED STORE EMPLOYEES

Workers Sweeping All Before them in Gigantic Struggle

Despite Tricks of the Employers; Despite Slugging of the Thugs Despite Lies of the "Kept Press", Hundreds Flock into the Fight and Victory is only a Matter of Hours.

Conquering all of the entrenched forces of the masters, the victorious ranks of the striking department store employees leads straight and unswerving to quiet and complete victory. Although the strikers are weak as individuals, their solidarity in the mass is showing the bloated capitalists that the greatest power on earth resides, not in armies or in uniformed bullies posing as guardians of the law, but in the hosts of LABOR.

One after another, the employees of the various stores are falling into line, and new members are trooping into the newly organized union by scores and hundreds. The additions to the ranks of the strikers on Friday, the second day of the strike, numbered well over 1,000 bringing up, the total number of strikers to approximately 5,000.

It is hard to appreciate the mighty strength of 5,000 organized and determined men and women. Even an appreciation of their numbers is staggering. The number is so great that they are finding difficulty in getting enough large halls to accommodate them. At present four big halls are required for the business meetings of the union—Harmonia Hall, seating 1,500; International Hall, seating 2,000; Franklin Hall, seating 600, and Engineers' Hall, seating 500. ALL OF THESE HALLS ARE PACKED AT THE SAME HOURS TWICE EACH DAY—PACKED TO THE DOORS AND STILL THE CRY IS FOR MORE ROOM.

Myriad Hosts of Labor Awake. These comprise the army of brave men and women who are in the front rank of this fight, BUT BEHIND THEM ARE THE MYRIAD HOSTS OF THE WORKING CLASS OF BUFFALO, ORGANIZED AND UNORGANIZED.

Pledges of assistance are coming in hourly from other union organizations, despite the lying tales in the capitalist papers, which are doing their utmost to discourage the strikers and to save the plutocrats' few dollars.

REGARDLESS WHAT IDLE LIES THE CAPITALISTS PAPERS PRINT, THERE ARE 40,000 LOYAL UNION MEN IN BUFFALO STANDING SHOULDERS TO SHOULDERS WITH THEIR EMBATTLED BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF THE DEPARTMENT STORES UNION.

They are grim fighters, these veterans of the labor movement, and they are not to be swayed by the garbled statements of so-called "leaders" real and imaginary, which the capitalist newspapers print. The national organizers of the American Federation of Labor promptly spiked one yarn to the effect that the A. F. of L. was against the strike by appearing at the strikers' meetings Friday and cordially assuring the embattled workers of the support of the body.

THE REASON WHY THE STRIKE WAS NOT CALLED BY THE A. F. OF L. ORIGINALLY, was because there has heretofore been no such thing in America as a union of department store employees. "THE BUFFALO WORKERS ARE MAKING HISTORY. THEY HAVE ORGANIZED THE FIRST UNION AND CALLED THE FIRST DEPARTMENT STORE EMPLOYEES' STRIKE IN THE HISTORY OF AMERICA. That it will not be the last is a moral certainty."

TO THE WOMEN OF BUFFALO

The fight of the department store girls and men of Buffalo is more than a fight of workers for more wages. IT IS A FIGHT FOR THE RIGHT TO LIVE PURE, DECENT LIVES, and every woman in Buffalo who believes that working girls should have the right to LIVE IN DECENCY should be actively interested.

Do you think it is more important that S. H. KNOX SHOULD BUY ANOTHER MARINE BANK? Or is it more important that 5,000 Buffalo girls—your daughters or your neighbors' daughters—perhaps, SHOULD BE FREE FROM THE TEMPTATION TO SELL THEIR BODIES FOR FOOD?

Buffalo has recently seen much splashing in the mire of the underworld. The police have fussed and the district attorney has fumed and the Buffalo Times has nearly burst a blood-vessel trying to saddle the "blame" for such conditions of vice upon certain politicians whom it does not like.

Just as though they are any different from the Times brand of capitalist heels!

YOU KNOW THAT THEY HAVE NOT TOUCHED THE ROOT OF THE EVIL, WHICH RESTS ENTIRELY UPON THE OUTRAGEOUSLY LOW WAGES AT WHICH THE GIRLS IN THE STORES ARE FORCED TO WORK. THE GREAT WONDER IS THAT SO MANY OF THEM HAVE WITHSTOOD THE BATTLE INSTEAD OF THAT A FEW FINALLY SUNK INTO THE SINK-HOLE OF DESPAIR.

What are you going to do about it? Which side are you women of Buffalo going to take in this tremendous battle? Are you going to patronize the vultures who live upon the blood and tears of your sisters? Or are you going to help the courageous fight of the embattled workers?

THE OUTCOME OF THIS STRUGGLE RESTS LARGELY IN YOUR HANDS. HELP THE GIRLS WIN. KEEP AWAY FROM THE BIG STORES.

PICKETS ARE SLOGGED BY THUGS

Girls Beaten up to Please the Masters of the Bread.

Not content with licking the hands of their masters by staying on the job when their fellow-workers are striking for the right to a living wage, some of the straw-bosses employed by the department stores are willing to sell their manhood as well.

We are printing herewith a couple of affidavits which will show what kind of treatment the striking girls are forced to submit to at the hands of the managers of the stores—evidently with the full consent of the police department.

These affidavits are by no means all of the cases of dirty work and law-breaking on the part of the bosses. They are only samples. To print all of them would fill the entire paper and weary the readers.

STATE OF NEW YORK, County of Erie, ss. Viola Kingston, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

While in the rear of the J. N. Adam store on Friday morning, May 2d, without our any provocation whatever, I was struck in the neck by Mr. Murphy, an employee of the J. N. Adam company.

WILLIAM F. CATTELL, Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City of Buffalo, N. Y. County of Erie, ss. City of Buffalo, Miss Elizabeth Walker, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

KLEIN STORE PLEADS FOR SETTLEMENT

Rush of Others Expected to Follow Their Lead in Yielding.

The management of the Klein store appealed to the strike managers yesterday for a settlement. They signified their willingness to meet all demands of their striking employees.

It's simply a matter of economic determination with our contemporaries. And when Socialists say economic determinism they mean that the things men do, the sides they take, are determined by economic reasons—by the way they get their bread and butter.

THE JOURNALISTIC PANDERS OF THE kept press are dependent upon the stores for their bread and butter. Hence their covert support of their masters.

LABORERS ARE ORGANIZING

The fever for organization is by no means confined to the English-speaking workers of Buffalo, as was evidenced by an incident of Friday morning.

When Joe Polon, organizer for the Socialist Party, arrived at Socialist headquarters, Franklin Hall, at 6:30 P.M. yesterday morning, he found a group of about 80 Italian laborers there. They pleaded with him to organize them into a union.

WOMEN FROM BURNS' NEST BUM CLERKS

Only "Private Detectives" will Steep to Task of Greasy Scab.

Burns' private detectives were employed in several of the department stores in the efforts of the bosses to ever check the full support of the Socialist party.

While they were doubtless able to wait on the few customers that were willing to stoop so low as to help break the strike of the struggling girls who are trying to earn enough wages to keep from peddling their chastity on the street, they were a long way from being the neat, tidy, active clerks that the patrons are used to having in the big stores, and several wealthy dames were inclined to be peevish with them.

LUNCHES SERVED TO PICKETS BY SOCIALISTS

No working class organization has ever looked the full support of the Socialist party. The party's resources—preparations, speakers and funds—are at all times at the command of the workers.

TODAY'S MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AT HARMONIA HALL AND INTERNATIONAL HALL

STRIKERS, ATTEND THESE MEETINGS.

National Leaders Spike Lying Tales Of Tricky Press

National Leader Flett, Together with W. B. Fitzgerald, and Pauline Newman, All High in the Councils of the A. F. of L. "Show Up" the Treachery of the Capitalist Newspapers.

Quick to resent the implication that the embattled department store employees of Buffalo are being deserted by the American Federation of Labor—the national organizers and other noted figures of the American Federation of Labor who are in the city volunteered their services as speakers at the various strike meetings, and others of national reputation are coming.

Last night R. H. Grim first vice-president of the International Association of Car Workers, volunteered to give his assistance. He arrived from Chicago Friday afternoon, and lost no time in getting into touch with the local situation.

Other national leaders, fortunately, chanced to be in town in connection with the settlement of the street car workers strike, and they did not hesitate to stamp the report said to have been given to the newspapers by a local labor "leader," as wholly unwarranted. Among these were William B. Fitzgerald, member of the General Executive Committee of the Carmen's Union, and John Flett, organizer of the A. F. of L.

In the meantime, Pauline Newman, another general organizer of the A. F. of L. arrived last night from New York City and immediately took charge of the girls in the union.

Five great enthusiastic meetings were held yesterday by the strikers. In the morning meetings were held at Miller's Harmonia Hall and International Hall on Geneva street. Four thousand men and girls jammed both blocks and listened to the speeches of their leaders.

W. F. Cattell presided at the Harmonia Hall meeting and after a brief speech introduced William B. Fitzgerald, member of the general executive committee of the carmen's union, and the man who led the recent Buffalo car strike. Mr. Fitzgerald told the strikers that it looked to him as if the strike was won for all ready the store managers were beginning to concede the demands of the strikers. He urged the strikers to hold firm and not let themselves be divided on any pretext for an injury to one is an injury to all.

John Flett, organizer of the American Federation of Labor, was the next speaker. Mr. Flett was one of the leaders of the recent successful strike of the Rochester garment workers. He said that he had seen that their cause was just one and that if they held firm they would surely win the battle. Sam Atkinson was the third speaker and in an eloquent speech put new life and new hope in the heart of the strikers.

Fitzgerald, Flett and Atkinson spoke at both the Miller's and International Hall meetings. They were received with enthusiastic cheering by their speakers who were continually interrupted by rounds of applause. James J. Kelly presided at the International Hall meeting.

Franklin Hall Meeting. At five o'clock in the afternoon Franklin Hall, 52 West Eagle street, was packed in anticipation of the striking girls and men. Sam Atkinson and Stephen J. Mahoney were the principal speakers. Both speakers laid strong emphasis on the fact that there is no identity of interest between the employer and the workers—that it is to the interest of the store owner to have them work long hours for small pay while the workers demand higher wages and living working conditions.

"Individually, you can do nothing to improve your conditions," said Mr. Mahoney. "It is only through organization that you can fight a common cause and you can secure improvement in working conditions."

Mr. Atkinson pointed to the victory of the car men as an example of what can be done through organization. "Formerly," he said, "the car man was afraid to say that his soul was his own, but finally conditions became so bad that they revolted and today they have an organization that protects its members and will vastly improve their working conditions."

Because of lack of room in Franklin Hall, the strikers adjourned to the large open square surrounding the McKinley monument at Niagara Square.

Niagara Square Meeting. The strikers' meeting at Niagara Square last yesterday afternoon was the most inspiring demonstration ever held in Buffalo for years.

W. F. Cattell, Stephen J. Mahoney, George R. Kirkpatrick and James J. Kelly spoke to the girls and men.

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Kelley spoke to the gathering. A crowd of about four thousand strikers assembled, to which was added about two thousand workers who were returning home from their day's toil. The spirit of solidarity ran strong and the cheers of the strikers could be heard for blocks. While the meeting was in progress Pauline Newman of New York City, who had been wired for, arrived at the meeting and was introduced to the strikers. Although fatigued by the day's travel, Miss Newman immediately took the platform and in a ringing speech denounced the magnates who own Buffalo's stores. She stated that some of them reside in New York and have no regard for the welfare of the workers other than to see that their Buffalo managers send them an ever-increasing profit from the Buffalo stores. Miss Newman told the strikers that she will be with them to the finish.

Broadway Market Meeting. At noon four thousand people gathered at the Broadway Market to listen to addresses by James J. Kelly, Miss Hurley, George R. Kirkpatrick and W. F. Cattell. Stephen J. Mahoney acted as chairman.

Workers were there from all the east side stores in addition to many of the uptown strikers. The crowd was so large that many were unable to get near enough to the speakers to hear. It was a meeting that put fear into the hearts of the east side store owners who have been holding their workers under their heel for years. In stores blocks away men and girls heard of the meeting and left the stores to join the strikers. The longer the meeting lasted the larger the crowd grew and it is estimated that five thousand persons were in attendance at the close of the meeting.

Famous Girl Strike Leader Here. Pauline Newman, strike leader, who led sixty thousand girls to victory in the big New York white goods strike, arrived in town late yesterday afternoon, just in time to speak at the Niagara Square meeting.

Of course, all that the Sweeney Company wants to do is to break the strike, after which it would be an easy matter to reduce such "fancy" salaries to the regular \$4 level.

When she refused the offer, he swore that she would never get her job back again. But when she goes back, she will go back as a member of a union which will protect her job.

Miss Brown says, "I should verify and acquire a furrowed brow!" That's the kind of spunk that wins.

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WORKING MEN SHOULD ORGANIZE MILITARY ORGANIZATIONS

During Recent Strike of Street Car Men "Troops" were Called Out to Beat Down Their Brothers — Citizens Jeered at Them and Big Business Used Them as Tools — Capitalists and Politicians Will Make People Pay the Bill — Hear All About it at Elmwood Music Hall Saturday Night.

INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY

By Jean Jaures.

For the twenty-fifth time may Day, this year, re-unites in one international demonstration the organized working class of the two worlds in their affirmation of solidarity without distinction of frontiers, and in a mighty declaration of their determination to overthrow the forces which plunder and murder their class, and endanger the peace of the world.

At this moment when the struggle between Capitalism and Labor is at its height—

At this moment when Governments place more and more at the disposal of privilege and Capitalism all their forces, both military and police, in order to suppress the workers who are claiming a little more of their due—

At this crisis it is imperative that the organized workers everywhere should signify to the capitalist classes that they have tolerated long enough a regime founded on the bondage and subjection of the producers.

Let us be stirring, so that on May Day we may demonstrate in one body that the workers of all countries are ready to recover their rights; ready also to oppose the plots of Capitalism, and of Governments which endeavor to prevent international proletarian solidarity.

Let us prove by our action that the working class will not rest content until it has secured the complete control of the means of production and exchange, the possession of which is the condition of its emancipation.

Didn't it arouse your anger when you arrived down town during the street car strike and saw a crowd of poor, ragged men dressed in military park parading around the Erie County Park building and other points where they would show to the worst advantage?

Well, if it didn't, it was because you were a dead one. Dead to your own interest. The International Railway of Seneca told Judge Brown to order out the militia and knew that the capitalist political machines would see that the money paid the bill.

Think of the ridiculous position the working class place themselves in! They go on strike because of starvation wages and intolerable conditions, other members of the working class are called out to shoot and bayonet them, and finally the politicians put over and make them foot the bill of expenses of the enemy for protecting the property of the International.

This is only one phase of the craziness of the soldier. Many more are so plain as the ordinary thinking man that it is a wonder how so many young men allow themselves to be hoodwinked into joining these murderous institutions. It is true that many fall for the brass buttons and tinsel only to regret the same when a full realization of the purpose of the military is forced upon them.

One of the generals of the Civil War said: "War is hell." George R. Kirkpatrick, author of the wonderful book, "War, What For?", says, "let them that want war go hell." One attempt to force those who create wars to go to war, and the tune is changed.

George R. Kirkpatrick will be the speaker at the greatest Anti-War demonstration ever held in Buffalo, which will take place at Elmwood Music Hall, Elmwood avenue and Virginia street, on Saturday evening, May 3rd, and every working man in this vicinity should be present. Mr. Kirkpatrick has a message and will tell you a number that will open the eyes of many of our city officials if they accept our invitation.

Remember the meeting is at the Elmwood Music Hall, Saturday evening, May 3rd.

NEXT?

We understand that the newspaper writers are anxious to organize a union. If that is so we will have to stop meeting them, but we will await developments.

WORKING MEN SHOULD ORGANIZE MILITARY ORGANIZATIONS

Organized labor is in full sympathy with the striking street car employes, no matter what some feeble-minded labor leaders—unable to lead—may say.

Whenever working people strike for better conditions, it is to the common interest of all working men and women to render them all the assistance they can.

It pays to advertise; or do you think that there is no connection between the attitude of the daily press toward the strike and their department store advertisements.

If it had been a "grotesque parade" of some "swell society," or wealthy pillars of society, chief Beegan would have deemed it an honor to head it on horseback. We have seen the "great man" in that enviable role. But as it was only a parade of striking working girls, the chief saw no honor in leading it, on the contrary, he saw fit to break it up. Why? Simply because working girls and working people in general, do not, and in fact cannot, "appreciate" the work done by the police in the way department store owners can.

Those are the times which teach people the meaning of the class struggle between the well-filled money bag and the empty stomach.

All the department stores advertise in the Labor Day book published annually by the United Trades and Labor Council of Erie County, and Mr. Coleman solemnly declares that the United Trades and Labor Council of Erie County has nothing to do with the strike of the department store employees. Maybe the members of the unions represented in the United Trades and Labor Council of Erie County will have something to say to Mr. Coleman as soon as they get a chance. If representatives of organized labor do not wish their duties as—besides drawing salaries—it is time to teach them.

In connection with the vice investigation carried on by a committee of the Illinois State Legislature, the fact was brought to light that the low wages paid to department store girls had much to do with girls being led astray, and this revelation, we were told, had awakened public conscience. Now we are here engaged in a movement to improve the conditions of several thousands of department store girls, women and men, in order to enable those workers to lead a decent and pure life. What position does the above-mentioned public conscience take toward this practical movement? Here is an opportunity for that public conscience to manifest itself in the most effective way, to send the organizers of a few thousand human beings, and to banish temptation from many a good and pure soul. Here is an opportunity to show to the world that the department store employees were shamefully ungrateful and very much abused as regards working hours. It was their miserable condition which compelled them to organize and strike, and since nobody else appeared to be willing to help them, it was simply an act of human sympathy and solidarity on the side of the Socialists to render them all the assistance within their means. But the principal question is not who organized those people, but are you going to assist them in their struggle for a decent living. Are you going to help them win their fight for a little more bread?

This is an era of wonderful prosperity, and the department store employees are simply asking for a very modest share in it.

SOLID WITH THE BULL MOOSE. Sometimes the petty officials among the police are more than ordinarily ambitious to serve the masters. Such a case is that of Sergeant O'Brien, who is reported, without a shred of truth, very woman with his club because she happened to be near a group of strikers who were passing the Sweeney store in connection with the new campaign. We are the chief of the Sweeney store is controlled by Chassey Hamilton, the Bull Moose leader who was hoping so loudly for social and industrial justice during the last campaign, Sergeant O'Brien probably figures that Hamilton will do something handsome by him in case the Bull Moose should ever get a stranglehold on Buffalo.

I am a Socialist because I believe in organization, and believe that organization is the secret of success.

WHY CAPTAIN COLLINS' POLICE BEATS DOWN THE INTERNATIONAL RAILWAY? Police Captain Timothy Collins Altogether too Energetic in His Work — Takes Orders from Street Car Company and Beats up Poor Strikers at Central Park.

One of the rankest pieces of police servility and brutality combined is that which took place Friday, April 25th, at Central Park.

It should mean the dismissal from the pay roll of the people of Buffalo of one police captain who has proved that he is working for the International Railway.

We have information from an eye witness that the attitude of the police was an outrage on the rights of humanity, and we print the information as given us:

POLICE BRUTALITY. Who Gave Orders to Police to Break Strike of Foreigners?

A case of the most unnecessary brutality of workmen by the police occurred in this city Friday, April 25th. A group of Italian workmen employed by the International R. R. Co., on Grand street went on strike. Just what occurred at that point is not known to us.

The workmen, about 200 in number, came down Hertel avenue toward Central Park in a very orderly manner, evidently on the way to other groups of men similarly employed, to try and induce them to join them. Before they reached the park they were overtaken by the police who drove them back in the direction from which they came. They were literally driven like sheep or cattle, and if one of them attempted to force them to go down the street he received a whack across the shins from a policeman's club.

Now the points are: From whom did the police get their information as to the intention of the workers and their instructions to head them off? What right have they to interfere with the group of men going down a street to force them to go down the street? Were they a crowd of foreign workmen that they consider them of no importance and to treat them like slaves? It is a pretty safe bet that the policemen were all pleased if these same workmen—who are generally renters and thereby actually pay their part of

the taxes—signed their petition for better pay.

You will see very little, if any, account of this in the daily press; you will never see the workman's side of it, or any other similar case, unless it is the popular side. We workers must do every effort, use every means, to build up our own paper so that it will be not only the organ of the Socialist party, but of the entire working class of Buffalo.

We will use as proof of our argument that Capt. Collins has changed his boss, the following, clipped from Saturday's Express:

"The officials of the International Railway Company learned of the men's intentions and notified police headquarters. Timothy Collins, chief of the Central Park station rounded up all his subordinates and instead of doing their duty like men, became brutes and beat up a lot of poor foreign workers because they could get away with it. It is time the people of Buffalo dispensed with servants that forget who says them, and who are too ready to act as bullies for those who rob and exploit the workers to a degree that makes life intolerable in Buffalo.

Who gave Captain Collins instructions to take orders from the International? If he is working for the International why not let him off the job and put someone on that knows enough to put force for the people who pay him? The working class are in the great majority in this city and they protect themselves by getting rid of our enemies. Think of this next fall and vote this bunch of scoundrels out of existence.

ONE SET AN EX-FOGEL. It is reported that one of the spies in the employ of J. N. Adam was formerly a forger and had served time on that charge. At any rate, none of them are very choice in their language. The police permit them to do all sorts of foul language in insulting the pickets who are trying to get the other girls to stop scabbing and get into the fight for better conditions.

DESPERATE MEASURES. Even the managers-in-chief of the department stores are being pressed into service for such humble tasks as dragging the legs of pickets and only half-socialized employees from the streets into their stores and forcing them to work. The strikers report that frequently when the groups of pickets have ventured into the entrance of the stores where they formerly worked, that the managers, under cover of police protection, have seized girls and forced them into the store, locking up their wrists and forcing them to work.

ROBBING THE HELPLESS. Not the least detestable of the tricks resorted to by the petty bosses in the big stores is that of "borrowing" money from the few girls who receive more than \$5 or \$6 a week. One case is reported, that of a manager at the Sweeney store, who owes one striking worker \$20, gathered in bits of a couple of dollars at a time on pay-day. A demand that this form of petty graft will stop, will have weight when the girls go back AS MEMBERS OF THEIR UNION.

A GOOD WAY TO CLEAN UP MILITIA. While out shopping a few nights ago one of our comrades noticed a sign in a store window which read "Men Wanted to join the 68th Regt." He called the attention of his comrade to the form informed the merchant that she did not think he was in good business advertising the militia after the part it took in the street-car strike, and further that it was nothing but a murdering organization at best. The merchant saw the point immediately and removed the sign. The same method was used in several other stores and with the exception all the signs were taken out. Get after this gang of strike-breakers. If we can keep the workmen from joining, the regiments will be composed of officers only, for surely no one could expect any of the capitalist class to be common ordinary privates.

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The men who think that the entrance of women into politics will be inimical to the Socialist movement must be shown that we are coming in anyway...

BLACKSMITHS AND HELPERS HOLD BIG MASS MEETING

The International Brotherhood of Blacksmiths and Helpers will hold a mass meeting at Council Hall, corner Elm and Huron streets...

BEHAVIOR HALL JOHN UNVERZART SAMPLE ROOM

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THE ANTI'S AGAIN

The Anti's went out again last Friday afternoon for the express purpose of saving us poor working women from having the 'burden' of suffrage placed on our already overworked shoulders...

FIRST DISTRIBUTION OF LITERATURE

Last Sunday morning the first distribution of literature in the 1913 campaign took place... NOTED SOCIOLOGIST DEAD

STEPHEN J. MAHONEY TO SPEAK

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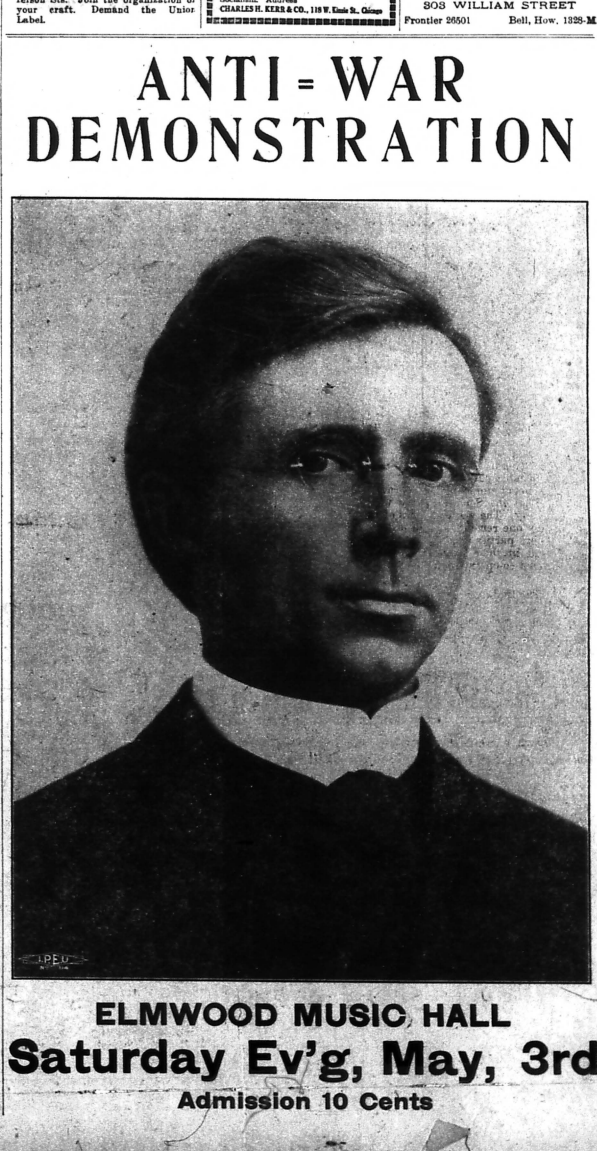
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MAY DAY (By August Bebel)

The first of May, the feast day of the international working-class movement, is here. Throughout the civilized world the workers are uniting to propagate their ideals and to press forward their practical demands on present society...

FRED WARREN BUENY POB \$500.000. The editor of the Appeal to Reason, Fred W. Warren has brought suit for \$500,000 damages against the Kansas City Star, a well-known progressive daily...

MORE SOCIALIST VICTORIES. In South America the Socialist movement is rapidly gaining. At an election held recently for members of parliament in Buenos Aires, Argentina, the Socialists elected a Senator and two Deputies.

SATURDAY, MAY 3, 1915

A CALL TO ARMS

Now that a movement is on foot to organize the department store clerks let every Socialist, every labor union man, and every worker, lead a hand to these poor wage workers in their struggle for a chance to live.

It will be no easy task by any means, but we are confident that we will win in the end. The bosses will bully and cajole, some will lose their jobs possibly, and the capitalist press will tell horrible cretures these workers are, but if the girls have made up their minds that they will organize, nothing can thwart them.

All that we need is a sense of solidarity and the confidence of having intelligence and nerve enough to demand what is your right, and success is assured.

No one doubts that the clerks have the sympathy of every one in their right mind, and a strong, hand pull together will do the trick.

What will we do with the capitalist under Socialism? Put him to work.

While you are competing for wages the bosses are piling up profits.

A SOCIALIST VICTORY

How glad the capitalist newspapers are to drop the subject of the general strike for suffrage in Belgium! After all the advice our American papers have given those poor foreigners to not mixing politics with work the Belgians were too stubborn to listen and went right ahead and won.

At the beginning of the strike misinformation was published wholesale, and the number on strike was terrible to concede, yet that is the truth, and it is only 500,000 more on strike, and "worse of all the amount of money loss was piling up in the millions." Never mind the suffering.

Our own Buffalo Times, in telling the Belgians where they were making mistakes, said: "Belgium's struggle shows how the change is being made. It was the Socialists that started and conducted the strike, and the Times is advising them to keep away from themselves. Yes, and it was the Socialists that won the strike, but you don't see the Times or any of the other capitalist papers coming out with full page headings announcing the "Great Socialist Victory."

There is only one way to do away with the strife between capital and labor. Let those who do the work own the job.

What do you think of Justice Brown's idea of justice? Roger Lee, an Indian, was sent to Auburn for a year and eight months for stealing a pie.

My but the Harvester trust is strong on Americanism. Just think of it, those foreign workers would not accept its offer of \$9.75 for a 54-hour week. Bull Moose wages.

THE COMING CAMPAIGN

To the observer the antics of the capitalist press in preparing the way for the coming campaign next fall, at which a Mayor and numerous other city officials will be elected, are amusing.

It is an old scheme of the parasites to cook up an argument of some kind near election time that will get the voters all worked up over the acts of some few individuals, and keep up a steady fire of scandal and abuse until the votes are cast. The unthinking worker becomes interested in one side or the other as a personal matter, forgetting entirely the effects that will result, and vote for the best man. After election he kicks himself for being so foolish, and vows that next time he will do different, and vote for principle and his own class interest.

The capitalist newspapers have already started the work of fanning the vote by digging up personalities for the coming campaign, and the way they will dig this year will be a fright.

There is a reason for this early start, and the capitalist politicians are wise enough to make preparations. The contest for Mayor will be especially hard fought, for the reason that four parties will be in the field instead of two. Besides the Republican and Democrat parties the Socialist party will have a strong candidate and undoubtedly the department stores will be represented by a Roosevelt fellow.

That the Socialist party will make things hum this year is a certainty. The working class in this city are learning that there is only one remedy, and in order to apply the remedy the capitalist political parties must be ousted and working class representatives elected in their place, with the ultimate end of establishing the Socialist co-operative commonwealth.

The Buffalo Express comments editorially and reprints an article from a Paris daily showing how it exaggerates the account of the Buffalo street railway strike. Back up, you were in wrong the Sunday after the first meeting was called, and had to crawl out as best you could two days after.

TARIFF REVISION

Last November the people of this country and of Buffalo entrusted the destiny of the nation to the care of the Democrats. We heard a great deal of loose talk from working men about "winning with Wilson."

Among many other promises this party of Northern "back to competition" and Southern child slavery made was one to revise the tariff. So they went at the job, labored and brought forth the Underwood bill. Immediately in various sections of the country, and from certain interests came a wail: "Revise the tariff, certainly, but don't touch this or that industry for hereby we mean our wealth and keep our shop going and give employment to workmen that may live." And the same time there arose no small stir about that way.

For a certain man named Demetrius, a silversmith, who made silver shrines for Diana, brought no small gain into the craftsmen, when he called together with the workmen of like occupation and said, "Sir, ye know that by this craft we have our wealth... and when they heard these sayings they were full of wrath... and all with one voice cried out for about the space of two hours."

Buffalo had its protest meeting at which a Democratic Mayor presided, and two Republicans and Bull Moose were much in evidence. The tried and true laborite was also present. All of which goes to show that the tariff question in this country is a local question and can never be settled satisfactorily by the National Government... the tariff, but because of their superior organization... it is time for the workers to get next to their tariff bunce and wipe it off the political map.

Let Us Conquer the World

"The seed ye sow, another reaps; The wheat ye find, another keeps; The robes ye weave, another wears; The arms ye forge, another bears." (Shelley)

A NEW DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

Female workers in Chicago department stores are threatened with dismissal if they dare join labor organizations. Just think of it! Six score and seventeen years ago 'our fathers brought forth on this continent a new charter of industrial democracy... that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

THE GOOD OF IT

Modern society is not all bad, and even the society of the working class is not wholly composed of unhappy, wretched and mentally paralyzed people. Capitalist society after all is an advance over every other society in history... it has made it possible for the people to raise the rent, the theatre manager the admission fees, the taxicab owners the fares. We will have recourse to arbitration... Ceteris paribus, the workmen will surely no longer oppose compulsory arbitration. That's what we should call equality before the law, equal rights to all, and special privileges to none.

THOUGHTS OF THE WORKER

We, too, are for compulsory arbitration, provided, however, that it is made general and obligatory upon all sellers and buyers of commodities, not only upon those dealing in labor power. The reforms interest and raise the wages. Let the question be settled by arbitration. The coal mine operators intend to raise the price of coal. Let the question be decided by arbitration. The rulers of the sugar market, the meat market, the flour and butter market, intend to raise the price of their goods. Let the matter be adjusted by arbitration. The landlords intend to raise the rents, the theatre managers the admission fees, the taxicab owners the fares. We will have recourse to arbitration. Ceteris paribus, the workmen will surely no longer oppose compulsory arbitration. That's what we should call equality before the law, equal rights to all, and special privileges to none.

UNIT OF POLISH SOCIALISTS

Unit of Polish Socialists. The Polish Section of the national Socialist Party of the United States was organized in 1908 from the Polish branches of the Socialist Party. The Polish Alliance was started outside of the party about twenty years ago. Now the organizations have united and will be known as the Polish Alliance Socialist Party.

FUSE TO HEAT SOCIALISTS

Fuse to heat Socialists. By a combination of the Democrats, Republican and Progressive, the Socialist Party was defeated in Canton, Illinois, at the recent election. The Canton Socialist reports that, although the Socialists increased their vote, it was not large enough to overcome the combined vote of the three parties and a \$5,000 shunt fund.

THE WORKMAN AS KNOWN BY HIS VOICE

The workman as known by his voice. "This assistant" saying needs some qualification if he is to find modern industrial conditions. Where the machine does the work, and the worker is but an attachment to the machine, the finished work does not tell us anything either of the character of the worker or of his skill. Most modern work is done collectively, and it is the composite product of the efforts of many men. We know to us, that the individual characteristics of the worker, but the social characteristics of society.

THE CHINESE SOCIALIST

In Shanghai, China, there is a Socialist paper called the "Chinese Socialist." It is printed partly in Esperanto, which will be good news for the students of the universal language.

THE SOCIALIST PRESS

The National Committee of the Socialist Party compiled statistics after sending reports from many thousands of Socialists. These statistics show conclusively that the Socialist papers made twice as many Socialists as any other method of propaganda.

FOR UNIVERSAL SUFFRAGE

Plans for taking an active part in the national campaign for securing universal suffrage in the United States by constitutional amendment will be presented to the Socialist Party National Committee at its meeting in Chicago next month.

SPRING ELECTIONS

Reports continue to come in of Socialist success at the Spring elections. Hundreds of village presidents, school directors and other officials were elected on the Socialist ticket in the small towns in all parts of the country.

WE MOURN OUR LOSS

A rumor is persistently floating about that the "Common Cause" an anti-Socialist magazine, has ceased its checks and passed to the great beyond. We are beginning the first of May be issued as a monthly.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE WILL MEET

The National Committee of the Socialist Party of the United States, its representatives elected by referendum in the various states, will meet at Chicago May 11. The session is expected to last about two weeks. Among other things to come before the body will be the Election of an Executive Secretary, Executive Committee, Woman's National Committee and General Correspondent Woman's National Committee.

A FARSING FANFUY

Last November the Bull Moose polled 144,000 votes in Chicago. In the Spring municipal election, just over, they polled 47,000.

At the recent election for Mayor in St. Louis, the Bull Moose candidate polled 65,000 votes and the Socialist candidate over 6,000.

LIBERATION CREATES AN OBSESSION

Dr. Karl Liebknecht, the well known anti-militarist and Socialist member of the German Reichstag, created a sensation by declaring in a speech on the hour of the Reichstag that German armament funds had bribed high officials of the German Army and the Jungo-French papers to create sentiment for which would mean increased profits for the manufacturers of guns and other munitions of war. Liebknecht backed up his statements with documentary proof.

THE APPEAL FORGING AHEAD

Every Socialist will note with joy that in last week's Appeal to Reason every state showed an increase in circulation. The Appeal has taken the aggressive and is now going after and using all those papers and individuals who so farly slandered J. A. Wayland after his death.

LITHUANIAN SOCIALISTS TO MEET

The seventh annual convention of the Lithuanian Socialist Federation of America will be held in Philadelphia, beginning May 21st, at 8 p. m., at the New Academy Hall, 528 South Fourth Street.

NOMINATED FOR CITY COUNCIL

John W. Brown and Charles H. Beatty have been nominated by the Socialists of Charleston, W. Va., for members of the City Council. Both men are well known Socialists and are in jail, where they have been terrorizing the West Virginia coal fields.

THIS AGE OF REASON

No, brother, this is not the age of reason. It is not reason when men, women and children are crucified under the weight and power of useful, consumable things of their own make.

This is the age when steel and oil and beef and railroads rule; and these things do not make sense. In private hands they corrupt and debauch their possessors and debase and brutalize the workers.

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THE WORKMAN

There has long been need of a good Socialist Party in the United States for the farmer. The national party is now meeting this need. The Farmer, by Clyde J. Wright, is a sixty-four page booklet written in a style that makes it very easily understood. It is a very valuable book to use among the farming population. Single copy 10c. One dozen \$9c. One hundred \$4.00. Send orders to Socialist Party, 113 North Market Street, Chicago, Ill.