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## LET'S GO TO WORK FOR NEXT TO GOVERNMENT

### EVERYBODY IS EAGER TO GET INTO ACTION

Some Interesting Developments May Shortly be Expected in Buffalo.

Which will be next to organize and help to put Buffalo on the labor map? Petitions are pouring in to the Buffalo Socialist from all quarters pleading for organization and help in improving their conditions. Will Larkin's gigantic private penitentiary be next? Will the striking Big Pierre-Arrou slave-peon on Elmwood Avenue? Will the big box factories, where children are driven to give up the last gasp of their energy in providing surplus value for the masters, be next? Will the silk mills with their horrible child labor conditions which rob the little ones of their right to the fresh air and the opportunity to play, in order to provide motor-cars and European trips to Delaware Avenue? The Buffalo Socialist is not making any announcement of the next strike. Those who are in charge of the organization campaign of this paper are content to win one strike before taking on the next. No hint of the department store strike was given. The street car strike had been fought and won.

### MEN DEMAND ELIMINATION OF COLEMAN

But it would be just as well to watch developments. Buffalo is in a fever of organization excitement. Everywhere the workers are enthusiastically welcoming the coming of labor organization, with its higher wages and human living conditions. At the height of the excitement, comes George R. Kirkpatrick with his magnificent speech on "The Iron File," rousing to still higher anticipation, the hopes of the workers and inspiring them with a new zeal for the struggle which will ultimately free the workers from their fetters. While it was designed purely as an anti-women demonstration, Kirkpatrick's address fitted perfectly into the situation and with rare tact and brilliant oratory, he brought home to the aroused workers the Socialist hope of an emancipated working class. Yet, withal, he did not fail to show them that this present struggle is only an engagement in the great class war which rages throughout the world and will rage until industrial peace is established by the superiority of the working class with the resultant elimination of the loafing class. In the revolution of working class conditions in Buffalo, the workers owe much to the oratory of George R. Kirkpatrick.

His oration at Elmwood Music Hall has done a great deal toward showing the workers that the struggle of the workers in the department stores is only a part of a great revolutionary development which is going on throughout the city as well as throughout the world. As one result, the workers everywhere in Buffalo are dreaming of the new time, when all classes or workers will be thoroughly organized. The realization of that dream is rapidly approaching.

Knowing that there is absolutely no chance of getting the truth from capitalist sources, the Cleveland Press, one of the few capitalist papers which tries to be fair to the working class, when its own interests are not directly involved, has sent a special representative, John W. Raper, to report the progress of the department store strike for the Press and the Scripps-McGraw League, of which the Press is the leading member. The strike is everywhere recognized as of national importance,—except by the originating capitalist newspapers of Buffalo.

It's really too bad, when you consider how this strike may upset Mr. Knox's plan for buying another bank out of the hands of the street car men and blood of the children in his 10-cent stores! Mr. Knox must have more banks, regardless whether his employees strike or not.

### PUBLIC GETS AFTER SCABS ON WAGONS

While Strikers are in Session, Attempts are Made to Start Deliveries.

Attempts were made on Monday to run the wagons of several of the big department stores with imported scabs, protected by Buffalo police, who were very kindly loaned by the city administration. The attempt was a failure. Indignant citizens, angered by the determined attempts of the department store barons to force the girls back to work at their misdeeds wages prevailing before the strike, did not hesitate to show their disapproval of the gentle application of "sabotage." While the strikers were engaged in their usual meetings the attempts of the wagons was the signal for the simultaneous appearance of over-thusiasm crowds of people, who of course were not to do anything of the strike, but are perhaps over-zealous in showing their sympathies. The frenzies of the newspapers over the fact that the scabs were frightened from their jobs by the indignant populace did not tempt them to print anything on their front pages in defiance of Mr. Meldrum's strict orders, however.

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Rank and File of Unions Will not Stand for Treachery of Leaders.

The time has come for a complete reorganization of the Central Trades and Labor Council of Buffalo, and the rank and file of the unions comprising that body are insistently demanding that this body revise its ways and get into harmony with the great forward movement of organized labor in Buffalo. For a long time the Central Trades and Labor Council appears to have neglected its functions, under the leadership of John Coleman and the clique of which he is the presiding genius, and while the rank and file have long been patient, the straw was finally loaded onto the camel's back, when Coleman attempted to disorganize the department store workers in their splendid struggle.

Murmurs of discontent have long been heard through the Buffalo labor movement and all that was needed to fan this discontent into a flame of revolt against the tyrannical conditions which have prevailed was the actions of Coleman in connection with this strike. In the meantime, in spite of the actions of Coleman and his ilk, the strikers have held firm, being guided by the counsel of the Socialist speakers of which he is the presiding genius, and for their demands, regardless who may be in control of the central body.

The Socialists desire only co-operation with the Central Trades and Labor Council, and will be glad to see the gruffers eliminated. The question, "Why has Buffalo been a scab town for so long, when its workers are crazy for organization?" is answered when it is announced that Coleman will be ousted from his post on the facts of the workers' seems assured.

The reorganization of the Buffalo Trades and Labor Council will not be in any way interfere with the winning of the department store workers. Any attempts of the trapped "labor fakirs" to sell out the workers will be instantly blocked. The Socialists are on the job. Patrolize our advertisers, and tell others to do likewise.

### HOW TO ORGANIZE A UNION

If you are employed in a department store and wish to get the workers of that store into the union, first talk it over with a few of them and see whether they will join you in a walkout. If they are agreeable, then, IMMEDIATELY, CALL UP THE SOCIALIST HEAD-QUARTERS, FRANKLIN HALL, THE FEDERAL TELEPHONE NUMBER IS 31424. Anyone who answers the phone, if told what you desire, will quickly put you in touch with TRAINED ORGANIZERS who will help you to form or join the union. If you do not work in a department store, but if you and your fellow-workers desire to organize a union, follow the same program as laid out above. THE SOCIALIST PARTY IS ALWAYS READY TO ASSIST THE WORKERS IN FIGHTING THEIR BATTLES.

### PROSECUTES ARE TRIED TO BREAK STRIKE

Painted Ladies of Underworld Masquerade as "Clerks" and as "Customers".

Even the newspapermen are laughing at the ludicrous attempts of the Buffalo newspapers to make it appear that the strike of the department store workers is broken, when, as a matter of fact, the strikers' ranks are being increased every hour by new members. They coax, cajole and threaten, and failing in these arts, as they invariably do, they subject the girls to vile abuse. Miss Ida Starck bitterly yesterday's treatment at the hands of one of these pandering clerks. She appeared before Commissioner Cattell and tearfully made affidavit to a shocking story.

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If there are any so-called labor leaders in Buffalo who imagine that it is their business to stand in the way of progress and help the masters in keeping the workers down, they will speedily find their way to the junk heap. Buffalo has been a paradise for the blood-suckers long enough. The new time is here and now. Subscribe for the Buffalo Socialist.

### INSULTS AND VIOLENCE FOR THE STRIKERS

Harpies of the Rich do not Hesitate to Abuse the Determined Workers.

In addition to the brazen women employed in the effort to pull the banking store girls into the deserted slave pens, men emissaries of the millionaire exploiters are everywhere on the same mission. They coax, cajole and threaten, and failing in these arts, as they invariably do, they subject the girls to vile abuse.

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### EVERY DAY'S "PICNIC DAY" AT THIS PLACE

Aided by Socialist Women in the Struggle, "We Should Worry" is Slogan.

Franklin Hall is a busy place these days. Crowds of striking department store workers are continuously coming and going, to and from their meetings, many of them putting in much of their spare time at that place.

The Socialist Women's Club are doing a splendid work. Many of the girls, trying to subsist on wages of \$2 and \$4 a week, have been taken to the homes of the Socialist women and given free lodgings until the end of the strike. In other cases room rent has been paid by the Socialists. Meals are served during the day to the pickets and to those who may chance to be in need as a result of their unemployment.

Many of the Socialist women have worked almost continuously since the organization of the strike, and their devotion to the cause of better conditions for the workers finds ample reward in the gratitude of the strikers, which the girls by no means slow to express.

Every day there is something like a picnic in the big Socialist Hall, with refreshments, music and dancing for those who desire such enjoyments, and the capitalist dream of the workers being starved into submission seems a long way from being fulfilled.

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### EXPRESSMEN GO ON STRIKE FOR FREEDOM

When Sixty Union Men Are Fired, All the Rest Go Out.

The drivers and transfer men employed by all the express companies except Buffalo Postmaster declared a strike at a meeting held at Peterson's Hall last evening.

At a meeting of drivers and transfer men held at a meeting at Peterson's Hall, many of the men paid their dues for the month of May and received a "May button" to wear upon the lapel of their coats as a receipt. The night of the button so infuriated the bosses when the men reported for work yesterday morning that they immediately discharged about sixty of the drivers from the United States and Wells Fargo Express companies. A special meeting of the union was called last evening to discuss the situation and after some discussion a general strike was called on all the express companies. A strike committee of fifteen was elected to take charge of the situation. Pickets are out this morning.

While only the United States and Wells Fargo companies discharged their men yesterday the men of all the companies realized that as soon as scabs could be secured all the union men working for all companies would be discharged and for that reason they were compelled to strike at once. The strike includes Drivers, Transfer men, Barn men and all the employees of the express companies entering Buffalo. Any man working for an express company today is a scab.

### J. J. ETOR TO SPEAK IN BUFFALO ON SUNDAY.

J. J. Etor is coming to this city to speak in behalf of Philip Bochini, who was recently sentenced to a year's imprisonment at Sing Sing. Etor was arrested and charged with being a member of the Herkimer County Grand jury as an aftermath of the Lawrence strike. He was acquitted. Bochini, the man who is now in Sing Sing, was arrested during the Little Rock strike which was conducted by the I. W. O. He was charged with rioting. Thirteen other members of the I. W. O. were now awaiting trial in the Herkimer County Court being charged with the same offense. Etor was recently deported from Canada by the immigration authorities on the ground that he was an undesirable visitor. He will speak at St. Sebastian Hall, Franklin and Swan Streets, Saturday evening, May 10th, 8 P. M. Under the auspices of Local No. 5, I. W. O.

### FOUR HUNDRED WILL STRIKE AT THE FALLS

The organization of Buffalo's street car men had a far-reaching effect, but more particularly is the revolt of the workers apparent on the Niagara corridor and the nearby towns. Organization is rife in all of them. At Niagara Falls 900 employees of the U. S. Heating and Lighting Company walked out on Friday afternoon after futile effort to obtain a conference with the bosses. The night crew also failed to show up and all the 1,100 men in the company's employ are now on the streets. The Falls machinists have been unable to adjust grievances as to wages and intolerable working conditions and all 400 of them will strike this morning.

### MAHONEY TO SPEAK FOR BRANCH FOUR.

Branch Four Socialist Party has secured the services of Comrade Steve Mahoney for a series of speeches on the Good Luck, beginning Monday, May 12. The general subject of the speeches will be, "Your Job and the Right to Organize." Inasmuch as Comrade Mahoney has so actively participated with the street carmen and the department store workers in their strikes, his speeches will be well worth hearing. Mahoney will speak at factory gates at the West Side, and in the evenings will speak in street corners.

### "SOLIDARITY AND VICTORY" IS THE SLOGAN

Pauline Newman says Girls Will Win if They Stick Together.

By PAULINE NEWMAN. Courage, my sisters! courage, my brothers! The fight is on! And the fight MUST BE WON UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES. You are fighting for a cause that is worth while. You are fighting for something that you want, something that you need, something that you can get PROVIDING YOU WILL STAND TOGETHER UNTIL THE BIG DEPARTMENT STORE OWNERS WILL COME TO TERMS.

Don't "request," but DEMAND, for you have a right to. The "owners" have been giving you your time, your health, your energy, in short, all that is best within you FOR NEXT TO NOTHING. The wages you have been receiving were not enough to live on. You gave SO MUCH, but you received very little in return. And now you have realized all that. You know now that you have been wronged. KNOW THAT YOU ARE THE ONES WHO CAN RIGHT THAT WRONG. Now, you don't want to go. You want to demand, and get it, too.

The United Trades and Labor Council has full control over your strike. If the strike continues, there is no doubt but that organized labor of this city, will back your fight.

See to it that this paper is spread, and put in the hands of every man and woman in the city of Buffalo. The other papers do not say anything in your favor. They can't. THEY ARE PAID FOR KEEPING QUIET, AND YOUR "DEAR" EMPLOYERS ARE THOSE WHO PAY THEM. I appeal to you, my sisters, and my brothers, and to all those who sympathize with you, to make your power felt in this strike. Never before has there been so great an opportunity to strike, and to win! Keep up your spirit, girls. Don't get discouraged. DON'T LET any one discourage you. The people of Buffalo are with you in your fight. Stand together and the victory will be yours! Only you have the power to do it. Show no weakness, for ALL TOGETHER, YOU ARE A POWER. And that power, you must learn to utilize for your own benefit. Good luck, and good cheers to you, in your noble fight!

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WORKING MEN SHOULD JOIN 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.

INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY

For the twenty-fifth time May Day, this year, re-unites in one international demonstration the 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 gaining 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 instigate and incite.

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 lot of poor folk of working men dressed in military garb parading around the Erie County Bank building and other points where they would show to the worst advantage?

JAMESTOWN CAR MEN HAVE SYSTEM TIED UP

The Jamestown strike of the car men seems to be progressing favorably. Only a few cars are running during the day and none after six o'clock in the evening. The strikers have signified their willingness to meet with the officials of the company with a view of discussing their differences, but this Mr. Broadhead, president of the company, refuses to do. He has taken a very arbitrary stand and refuses to have anything to do with the strikers.

Several men have been arrested upon various charges. The men are holding a meeting with J. Thorne of Pittsburg, first vice-president of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees of America, in charge of the situation. The men are displaying the spirit and the more that the company becomes the more determined they are to stay out until their demands are granted.

Buffalo street car men are taking great interest in the Jamestown situation and giving the strikers every possible assistance. The Jamestown correspondents of the local capitalist press are sending highly colored dispatches and to read them one would suppose that the strikers could not last another day and that the men surely would lose. But the next day sees the conflict going on with renewed vigor and the men more determined than ever to make the company grant their demands.

The Jamestown public are with the strikers and soon the summer traffic will compel the demoralizing officials of the company to come to terms.

A POINT OF INFORMATION.

Most people suppose the United Trades and Labor Council of this city is a part of the American Federation of Labor. Such, however, is not the case. The charter of the local body was withdrawn March 12th. The Council at this time is not a part and has no regular connection with the A. F. of L., although many of the locals affiliate to the A. F. of L.

Patronize our advertisers, and tell others to do likewise.

GRIM ORGANIZING CAR SHOP MEN

A meeting of workers in the railroad car shops was held on Saturday night at Cox Hall, William and Shunway streets. Four hundred men packed the hall and a great interest was given to the organization work which is being carried on by R. H. Grim, first vice-president of the International Association of Car Workers.

Mr. Grim is in charge of the strike of the 2,500 Lehigh Valley men. He has secured signed agreements with the Lehigh Shore and Nickel Plate covering the men on the entire system from Buffalo to Chicago, and he has succeeded in uniting the majority of the men on the Pennsylvania, Lackawanna, Erie and New York Central.

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BREAD CONSUMERS OF BUFFALO!

Don't be deluded by the crooked methods of the BREAD TRUST.

Butter Krust, Little General and Cip-Cop is Non-Union Bread THE BRUNNER BAKING CO. AND COLLINS SOLD OUT TO THE GENERAL BAKING CO.

This Firm was very interested to break the Strike of the Street Car Men.

BUY UNION BREAD, BEING MADE

TREMENDOUS CROWD HEARS KIRKPATRICK

Anti-War Demonstration Under Auspices of Socialists a Big Success.

The Socialist anti-war demonstration in Elmwood Music Hall on Saturday night packed the vast auditorium to the doors. Even the hiberto unused stage was brought into requisition. It was a striking manifestation of the awakening of the working class to an understanding of the horrors of the age-long scourge of war. It was evil in its start for the master class, which maintains its power by the possession of the armed guard-cozacks, soldiers and militia.

The meeting was presided over by Stephen J. Mahoney, late graduate of the Rand School of Social Science in New York. Before opening the meeting Comrade Mahoney advised the striking store employees to leave the hall and attend a meeting that was being held for them at Kasting's Hall. Hundreds filed out, and it was well for those who came after they would otherwise have been unable to gain admission.

The chairman briefly reviewed the street car strike and the unprecedented epidemic of organization of the workers which followed. His reference to Frank Cattell, prime mover and tireless worker in the organization work, evoked a mighty outburst of applause which shook the rafters of the building. Preceding the introduction of George R. Kirkpatrick, speaker of the evening, Comrade Mahoney's appeal for constant support of the striking store girls again brought down the house.

George R. Kirkpatrick is the ablest living exponent of anti-militarism. His "What's What?" is a most excellent indictment of the war lords. It was written after years of patient research and contains a wealth of overwhelming data from the archives of the War Department in Washington. It is as hot as he could make it without burning the paper.

As a speaker Comrade Kirkpatrick equals rank. Throughout the two hours and a half of his talk his scathing and withering invective, his humor that frequently recalled his hearers from the verge of tears, held the vast throng in the most complete grips his hard-won dollars.

After advising the strikers who might have remained to go to the Kasting Hall meeting, the speaker expounded the whole range of social phenomena, none standing out so clearly as this class struggle. Educators, economists, all the postulated apologists for the war, were shown their slender argument to belittle it. But the workers are rapidly coming to an understanding of its import for them and their awakening will sweep the capitalist from the face of the earth and class cease to exist. And in emancipating itself the working class will make freedom possible for all mankind.

The speaker traced the history of war from its origin in the tribal conflicts of tribal society and brought home to his hearers the real meaning of the armed guard in society as now constituted. He displayed a remarkable grasp of the recent street car strike when the militia were ready to shoot down their own fathers and brothers.

Dealing with the department store girls' strike it was shown how the millionaire capitalist, Christian or Jewish, charlatan or not, will take advantage of a little girl when he gets her in a corner and force her to work for \$2.50 a week. The struggle for the female was harder than for the male and the capitalist was able to get the little girl in a corner because of her helplessness, because of her youth, size, lack of experience, poverty and hunger.

Our Civil War was reviewed with its ghastly toll of money and life and its long trail of misery and the horrors of present day warfare with electrically operated butchering machines were glowingly depicted. The battle of Borjino in the Russo-Japanese war, where 100,000 were killed and the summer was described, and so vivid was the picture that one could almost hear the soul-sucking sound of the streams of blood that rushed down the far-away Russian front.

The speaker appealed to the men and boys of the working class to avoid the army and navy as they would a plague. He showed how near we are to being fought by the working class by the capitalist class and wound up with this masterful peroration:

Capitalists WANT wars! Politicians DECLARE wars! Preachers PRAY FOR VICTORIES in wars!

WORKINGMEN FIGHT the wars! If the masters want blood let them get their own throats.

Let those who want 'great victories' go to the firing line and die.

If war is good enough to rote for or pray for, it is good enough to go to - up close where bayonets are welded to the fish, cannon roar, rifles crash, deafening, blood spurts, bones snap, brains are dashed - up close where men toil, sweat, freeze, starve, kill, pray, and are killed.

TALKING TO THE STRIKE

Organized labor is in full sympathy with the striking store employees, no matter what 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 Began would have deemed it an honor to head it on horseback. We have seen the "grotesque parade" in this country. 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 lead it in the streets. Why? 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 run.

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. May the members of the union 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 know what their duties are - besides drawing salaries - it is time to teach them.

MAKE THEIR EMPLOYERS PAY FOR THEIR ADVERTISEMENT.

It is undoubtedly true that advertising pays, but it is also true that it costs a lot of money. Some people manage to get advertised for nothing, but they very seldom enjoy this kind of advertising. Yet the great and benevolent Sir Ernest Sigmund & Frayley made their employees pay for their advertisement of their business, and enjoyed it immensely. The employees, of course, did not enjoy it. I suppose they lack the necessary intellectual refinement and that sense of humor which causes people to laugh when they are skinned. The facts are as follows:

In Sigmund & Frayley's stores the employees used to work every Monday evening, that is, they were compelled to, and the girls' eyesight and general health were not improved thereby. It cost a law suit to take effect by which the working hours of store employees were to be reduced to 54 a week, and Sigmund & Frayley saw their chance to get a little money at other people's expense. They abolished of their own accord, that is, ahead of the law, the long hours on Monday, the hard work in the evening, but they refused to have the advertisement of the firm, Sigmund & Frayley were shabby enough to make poor working girls pay for a published vote of thanks of which they knew nothing, and which was simply a business advertisement.

FIREMEN'S TWO-PLATOON BILL PASSES LEGISLATURE.

At the evening hour of the session on Saturday night the firemen's two-platoon bill passed the Legislature. The bill is now up to the Governor and his signature is confidently expected.

pray, laugh, howl, cough, go mad and die - up close where the flesh and blood of betrayed men and boys are ground and pounded into a red mush of mud by whirling cannon balls, by iron-shod hoofs of galloping horses and the steel-bound wheels of rushing gun-trucks.

"What is war?" They say "WAR IS HELL!" Well, let those who want hell go to hell.

MISS NEWMAN WRITES FOR "HER GIRLS" A Plain Talk by Woman Organizer to Department Store Strikers.

By PAULINE M. NEWMAN This is written to you girls who are out on strike. Read it and after you have read it, think it over. After that, you can draw your own conclusions.

Beginning today the United Trades and Labor Council will assume full charge of your strike. Keep this in mind.

We hope that the strike will lead to a successful ending. We want to see you come out the victors. You deserve to win your battle, for it is a just battle you are fighting. Your demands are reasonable. And if any one tells you that you are demanding too much, DON'T BELIEVE THEM. YOU KNOW that you are not.

When the strike was called, and when the Socialists offered you their assistance, they had only one thing in their minds: to get you to HELP YOU. The Socialists KNEW that in order to better your conditions, raise your wages, and shorten your hours, YOU WILL HAVE TO ORGANIZE. This they advised you to do, and for this they deserve credit. For, let it be remembered, that NO OTHER ORGANIZATION IN THIS CITY, AND NO OTHER GROUP OF PEOPLE IN THE CITY, ADVISED YOU TO ORGANIZE, SO THAT YOU CAN USE YOUR UNITED EFFORTS TO BETTER YOUR WORKING CONDITIONS AND BY DOING SO, MAKE THE BURDENS OF LIFE A LITTLE EASIER. It would be well for you to remember these facts.

The writer of these lines was informed by some critics of the United Trades and Labor Council that the big department store owners would be willing to settle the strike with the Council, but that they would not have anything to do with the Socialists. And the United Trades Council decided that it would not lack the strike unless the strike was turned over to them. The Socialists want to see you win this strike. The Socialists are not, and were not, on the look out for credit. And because of this, they advised your committee to turn the strike over to the United Trades and Labor Council. Remember, that from the first moment when the strike was called up to this time, the Socialists wanted to see you win your just fight.

Let no one discredit the Socialists. Those who did, and those who do, are right. It is a little thinking on your part. It does not matter under whose direction the strike will continue. We want you to stick together until you win. Don't let any discouragement you meet with get you off position back. Let fear give you to courage. Be the Socialists. Be on the job.

The workers of this City will give you just as much help as they have heretofore. Don't think for one moment that they will back out. They have no reason to do so. The Socialists handed over the strike to the United Trades and Labor Council because they felt that they could win the strike for you sooner than the Socialists could. We hope they will.

Girls, see to it that this strike will keep on making demands upon your employers each year; demands such as will improve your conditions. This is the wish of the Socialists of this city. Don't listen to misrepresentation. Investigate for yourselves. Have faith in yourself. STAND TOGETHER, and your strike will be won. Hail to all of you who are out on strike!

"HONEST JOHN" MARTIN MADE TO "COUGH UP."

Organization is in the air. The men working for ex-Alderman John Martin, who has the contract for cleaning Buffalo's streets, organized a union recently and demanded an increase of their wages. One of the men who has been compelled to grant them an increase of one dollar a week. This man employed by the Paving Company and was getting the contract on city work are talking of organization. They will shortly get together and make the graft ring "cough up."

COUNCILMEN WISH TO ABOLISH BOOTBLACK STANDS.

The Councilmen propose to put the bootblacks on the downtown street corners out of business on the ground that they obstruct traffic. Few of the bootblacks' stands offend to any appreciable extent, but if the solons are really bent on going gunning for obstructionists they will have to be more particular.

Washington and Pearl streets in the rear of the department stores are made almost impassable by delivery wagons and boxes of merchandise on the sidewalks. The street will be made utterly impassable by the public. But while the Councilmen may displace the senseless bootblacks, it is safe to assume they will waste no energy getting after the millionaire exploiters who pollute the girls.

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Outfit No. 4 Plain oak casket, covered with black cloth or imitation oak or rosewood, lined with white or cream lining, pillow, six handles, engraved name plate, outside case of pine, brown hable, enameled, black hearse, three coaches, chairs, burial permit, complete care and attendance. Total cost \$60.00

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# Women's Column

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**THE VIOLET'S AWAKENING.**  
From under a heavy white blanket  
I awoke, and found myself  
And called to his sister Violet.  
For the legs and the feet  
And I was dressed in the new  
For springing your summer array,  
The dress is coming to play.  
From her long winter's nap  
Miss Violet with modest demer.  
To her maker with love  
The dress is the most great spring  
And she wanted the eye  
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Contented and happy to bloom.  
Where the birds make their nest.  
And the butterfly sing their droll tune.  
How long must it be.  
Ere the latter is free  
From the shackles of this life,  
And break the sweet air,  
And these this mad street and city.  
-Miss H. Taylor.

**FOR WOMEN MEMBERS.**  
The Progressive Women is out with  
the slogan "Half a Million Socialist  
Women Voters in 1916." Sounds well,  
doesn't it? Sounds cheering to the  
many new comrades who have worked  
steadfastly for equal suffrage even  
when told that the enfranchisement of  
women would temporarily retard Social-  
ism. Sounds good to us women com-  
rades who have worked along under  
great disadvantages without the assur-  
ance that we will ever be able to  
register our protesting ballot against  
existing conditions. And it's not all  
a dream, either.

In California and Washington the  
increase in our vote shows that a good  
percentage of the women voters who  
are out for the first time voted for So-  
cialism. They did as well, proportion-  
ally, as the men.

Other states have since granted equal  
rights before 1916. Doubtless there  
will be many others. We will get  
many adherents to our cause from  
these states, and while we enlightened  
the suffrage, will probably not be  
counted in 1916, the vote will be  
the "half million." But it will not come  
about by wishing, fiddling the hands,  
or getting discouraged.

It is no use to think that the enfranchisement  
of women into politics will be inimical  
to the Socialist movement but be  
shown that we are coming in anyway,  
and the only thing they can do is to  
accept the men working at this time  
educating all the women they know in  
the principles of Socialism.

The women who already understand  
most work harder getting more of  
the men.

## BLACKSMITHS AND HELPERS HOLD BIG MASS MEETING

The International Brotherhood of  
Blacksmiths and Helpers will hold a  
mass meeting at Council Hall, corner  
Elliott and Huron streets, on Wednes-  
day evening, April 30, for the purpose  
of organizing all men working in the  
blacksmith industry.

Stephen J. Mahoney, of the Buffalo  
Socialist staff, will be one of the speak-  
ers, and the meeting will be held in  
the evening. It is requested to be present as it  
is important.

The Blacksmiths and Helpers Union  
takes in all branches of the industry  
includes the blacksmiths, hammersmiths,  
carriage and wagonmakers, smiths,  
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helpers, heaters, die temperers, drop  
forgers, tool dressers and granite tool  
sharpeners, structural ironworkers, bolt-  
dasher men, machine forgers, machine  
bolt-makers, acetylene welders, and  
machine blacksmiths.

## BELGIAN WORKERS WIN STRIKE FOR FRANCHISE

The Belgian workers have won the  
first round in their battle with the re-  
actionary government for universal  
suffrage. For two days about 450,000 men  
and women were engaged in a general  
strike under the leadership of the So-  
cialists.

The strike was especially marked for  
the little violence or bloodshed that  
occurred. An effort was made by the  
government to incite the workers to  
desire degradation during the early  
days of the strike with no result. Many  
of the troops who were called out open-  
ly sympathized with the strikers, divid-  
ing their rations with them and cheering  
them at their meetings.

That the workers of Belgium have ob-  
tained political power is practically a  
certainty. The government has been  
forced to give up the strike, and the  
whereby steps are to be immediately  
taken to equalize the parliamentary  
franchise.

## WEST VIRGINIA MINERS ON STRIKE - KEEP AWAY

D. A. Frampton and Edward T. Pin-  
gibbon, officers of the United Min-  
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of the coal miners' strike in W. Vir-

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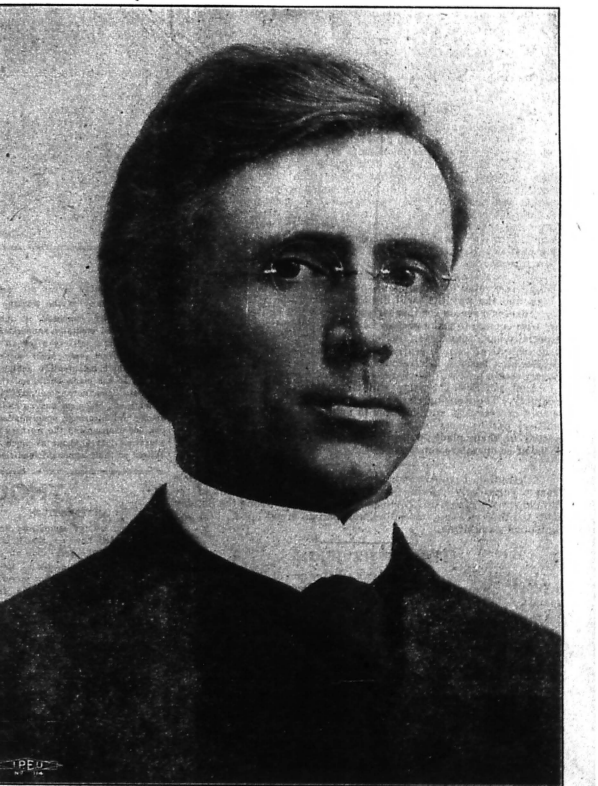
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