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WORKERS MADE EAGER TO JOIN THEIR CLASS

Urging Their Leaders to Let Them Help Clerks and Expressmen Win.

Forty-four thousand working men and women in Buffalo are impatiently waiting the call to help their fellow-workers who are on strike. They are eager for a chance to show their class solidarity—just as eager as the masters are to show sympathy with the masters of the strike-bound shops.

THE THREAT OF A GENERAL STRIKE PROPOSED BY THE CARMEN'S STRIKE FORBID THE INTERMEDIATE TERMS WITHOUT DELAY.

Why should it not be used as a means of helping the striking department store workers, expressmen and others who are struggling for the betterment of their slavish conditions EVERY VICTORY FOR ANY PORTION OF THE WORKING CLASS IS A VICTORY FOR THE ENTIRE CLASS. EVERY DEFEAT IS A DEFEAT FOR THE ENTIRE WORKING CLASS.

It is the policy of the capitalist class to keep the workers divided up into small unions and to have those unions so bogged with "agreements" that only a fraction of them can strike at one time. They know as well as we do that the working class UNITED is invincible.

THE TIME FOR THE WORKERS TO FIGHT THE GENERAL STRIKE IN BUFFALO WILL BE THE BATTLE OF THE DEPARTMENT STORE WORKERS, THE EXPRESSMEN, THE CARMEN WORKERS AND ALL THE REST WHO ARE STRIVING TO BETTER THEIR CONDITIONS.

They will probably win minor victories in the general strike; BUT WITH IT VICTORY ALONE THE LINE IS PRACTICALLY CERTAIN.

The small victories are likely to think that the only victories will be the Buffalo Socialist agitation for the betterment of workers' conditions in Buffalo are the victories won by the carmen and the Federal Telephone Company's employes.

A HUNDRED VICTORIES HAVE BEEN WON THROUGHOUT THE CITY. In scores of places the employers have voluntarily raised wages and have advanced their terms and have done working hours, BECAUSE THEY FEARED THE WRATH TO COME. No capitalist ever raised wages because of the goodness of heart or his friendship for workers. That is all but BUSINESS IS BUSINESS—and charity is general rise in wages in Buffalo is the immediate result of the agitation of working class mass action against the bosses.

EVEN IF BY ANY CHANCE THE DEPARTMENT STORE CLERKS SHOULD BE BEATEN IN THEIR STRUGGLE, THEY WILL HAVE WON SOMETHING. CONCESSIONS IN CLOSING SATURDAY NIGHT SHOPPING, which was promptly offered the girls as a sop when the masters saw that they were determined to win. In laundries, bookstores and other factories, a general rise is noticeable. To be sure, the amounts are small, pitifully small, but it is something, AND IT SHOWS THE POWER OF THE UNITED WORKING CLASS.

The workers can have more of their product when they RISE UP AND DEMAND IT. The workers are the only socially necessary class. The capitalists are absolutely helpless when the workers fold their arms.

HOUSEWIVES MAY ORGANIZE A UNION

In Cleveland and Other Progressive Cities, the Housewives Have Powerful Unions Which Have Won Many Concessions From Mistresses.

It is generally known that the life of the average "servant girl" is not much better than that of an absolute slave.

The subject: "How to manage our servants," is often discussed at great length by the esthetic dames of the "bethab classes" at club meetings; pink teas and other occasions when idlers congregate.

The girls having grown tired of eating left-overs, sleeping in attics and spending their spare moments either in the kitchen or on the street in return for the miserable pittance doled out to them in the form of wages, are now considering the most effective way to "manage the mistresses."

It might be advisable that the delicate ladies of the master class practice scrubbing the floor, waxing the broom, preparing stews and other forms of "manual labor" because from present indications they will soon be compelled to get on the job themselves or else close up shop.

In Cleveland, a very progressive city, the housewives have a strong union. Since the formation of their union the girls' conditions have been greatly bettered.

Households of Buffalo, get wise! Socialist Hall can be had for the asking.

UNION MEN URGED AGAINST BUYING ANY SCAB GOODS

A Vigorous Show of Class Conscience Will Bring Bosses to Time.

Working people of Buffalo are seriously considering the advisability of conducting a campaign of education for the benefit of grocers and others who persist in dealing in scab-made goods.

A good healthy boycott of these unscrupulous chaps who imagine they are much superior to the workers upon whose patronage they depend for a living might possibly have the effect of putting them in a more reasonable frame of mind.

NO SCAB ADS ACCEPTED BY THIS PAPER

Buffalo Socialist Cancels Contract of Restaurant Which Feeds 'Em.

Since issuing daily the Buffalo Socialist is unable to print enough papers to supply the demand and this vastly increased circulation has brought offers of advertisements of a character which could not be taken.

Ruffing ads have been thrown out and contracts revoked, notably that of My Lunch restaurant opposite Socialist headquarters on Niagara street.

In addition to the loss of much other business, Socialists kept out of this January. And the "Pie House," as the place has been known among the comrades since the establishment of the party at Franklin Hall, has had no one sheltering Socialists of international reputation. Almost every speaker who has come to town has been snubbed there.

PINCHED

James J. Kelly, the well-known local Socialist speaker, was arrested yesterday at the corner of Niagara and Main streets, because for two days he had been advertising the department workers' strike, driving a wagon about the city with a big sign on it, urging the public to help the strikers.

His arrest was in defiance of the law. He had applied to Mayor Fuhrmann for a license, which had been refused. In investigation developed the fact that no license was needed.

SCHOOL CHILDREN STRIKE

The school children of Buffalo are getting the strike fever. Yesterday afternoon about 2 o'clock the children of public school No. 35 on Swan street left their classrooms and paraded over State street and marched out Social Division street carrying banners in honor of "Less Work and Shorter Hours."

It is reported that the children of public schools 31, 32 and 34 did likewise.

METAL TRADES READY TO QUIT

A mass meeting of machinists was held at International Hall, Genesee Street, Friday night with an overflow accommodated at Miller's Hall across the way.

Voting on the proposition of a general strike in the city was begun, and will extend until Sunday morning. The strike, if called will undoubtedly reach out and cover the entire metal trades. The men's grievances and demands were published in yesterday's Buffalo Socialist.

The meetings last night were addressed by Joseph Seaman, business agent of the Machinists' Union, and Stephen J. Mahoney of the Buffalo Socialist. Mr. Seaman is an organizer of parts and a talker no less. With Steve's assistance the men were aroused to the highest pitch of enthusiasm and are determined in their demands for better wages and working conditions.

THE PRICE OF VICTORY

By PAULINE NEWMAN

In order to win a strike, SOME THINGS MUST BE DONE, something that will encourage the girls; something that will keep the seals away from the stores. And there are times when we have to use impetuous means in order to win a strike.

In the first place, CONSTANT PICKETING MUST BE DONE. Not only once, or twice a day, but the whole day long. In the second place, every thing must be done to arouse the sympathy of the public; to create a sentiment for the justice of the strike. And particularly in this strike there are many more advantages than in any other strike. For the following reasons:

When a strike takes place in a factory there is no chance to get into the factory and talk to the sales; there is practically no possibility of finding out where the goods are being shipped; there is no way in which to get at those who are buying the scab-made goods so as to try to prevent them from doing so; in short, it is a hard proposition to win a strike against factory employers. But it is EASY to conduct a strike against store employers. It is easy, and it ought to be won in your case, PROVIDING SOMETHING IS DONE.

HOW MINISTERS HELP BOSSES

George P. Bokman, editor of Christian Advocate of New York, while attending a conference in Evanston, Ill., talked on the possibility of securing a fund for aged ministers. Among other things he said, "Men of wealth should see that they can do much work in Christian ministry. Christianity is the only thing that keeps the great masses of poor people from assaulting the rich and tearing from them their riches. An endorsement will be a charity. It would be a small payment on a debt."

Why doesn't Carnegie or Rockefeller snow any aged preachers? Why should aged preachers be endorsed when telling the large gifts made for service to the world are left to die in poverty and want? This is the first time a minister ever came out honestly and gave to his number. They have at least admitted that there is an institution of the capitalist class. If there are any in Buffalo at present who belong to his class, don't be afraid to speak up. The Buffalo Socialist will talk your statement.

HEALTH BOARD WON'T DOTHER FILTHY SCABS

But Housewives Must not Shake Rugs in the Open Air!

What is the Board of Health going to do to protect the public against infection consequent upon the importation by the express companies of the scum of the earth in the way of strike-breakers?

These diseased, vermin-covered thugs, plug-uglies and prison birds are sleeping in the companies' barns with the horses. They are handling the people's footstuffs, perishable stuff of this nature being all that can be moved now.

Health Commissioner Fronczak is active enough in other directions. He has just promulgated an alleged health regulation prohibiting housewives from shaking rugs and carpets in their back yards and out of windows. This would mean an extreme measure when it is taken into consideration that rugs are usually shaken on sun-shiny days and germs lurk in them are destroyed by the sunlight.

Has the regulation anything to do with Dr. Fronczak's alleged interest in the Allen Carpet Cleaning Company and will his connection with the Chamber of Commerce have any bearing on his action or inaction in the matter called to his attention here?

ROCHESTER IS FALLING INTO LINE!

Organization Fever Stir Up Buffalo's Rival City.

The organization fever has extended to Rochester and the old town is hard hit. She has determined to vie with Buffalo for ultimate first position on the industrial organization map.

On Thursday night W. F. Cattell and James J. Kelly of Buffalo affected a preliminary organization of the expressmen of the Pioneer City at the Socialist Lyceum. The completion of the work was given over to A. F. de L. Organes Dowd and the support of the Central Council was guaranteed.

This is the province to a general movement looking to uniting the whole town and the department stores will be next dealt with.

Commie Cattell sent down an request and it was sought to prevail upon him to remain and assist in the cleaning up of the town. He may return to Rochester.

56 Stores Quit Selling Bread Made by Scabs

Thugs and corner loafers are being engaged as strike-breakers by both the scabs and the Bronze plants of the General Baking Company. It is sad enough that ex-convicts are being used to "preserve order" but when scab concerns use this dirty lot to make bread and other baked goods which they expect people to eat, it seems as though the limit of indecency has been reached.

Since a storm of protest has been raised by people who have got wise to the use of these bums in the bakeries that fifty-six retail dealers have decided to refuse to handle filthy bread. (It is encouraging to note that there are some retailers who have some consideration for their customers' health.)

It is reported that most of the bread sold to retailers since the strike was declared has been returned because customers refused to use it.

It will be very effective boycott in its progress.

It is also remembered that at least one citizen of Buffalo contracted small pox. Just by riding on a street car with scabs. What will be the result if people eat bread which they have handled?

BOSSES HIRED SCABS BEFORE STRIKE BEGAN

Affidavit of William Ennis Proves Companies Lie in Their "Statement".

The expected appeal for public sympathy on the part of the express companies came yesterday in the form of the stereotyped advertisement in the capitalist's best press. Annular himself could not do any better job.

When the express companies say men were not discharged they lie, and lie deliberately to prejudice the public against the strikers. About 50 men were discharged on Monday morning.

These men wore their union buttons and were let out in an attempt to break the newly formed union. Forseeing a general lockout and failing in an effort to adjust their differences with their employers, the men struck on Tuesday morning.

The companies sought to prepare for the lockout and had sent advertisements broadcast for strike-breakers. As early as Saturday of last week, three days before the strike, they recruited scabs in New York. One of them made this affidavit:

STATE OF NEW YORK. I, WILLIAM ENNIS, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

I am a resident of New York City and on the 30 day of May 1913, I saw an advertisement in the New York World calling for teamsters and express drivers to go out of town to work for the Buffalo Express Board and transportation. I went to No. 137 Bleecker street, New York, and secured a car to come to Buffalo as driver for an express truck. My trip was made on Friday, May 10th, and was taken to the Wells Fargo Hotel. I will testify.

Sworn before me this 10th day of May, 1913. WILLIAM F. CATTILL, Notary Public in and for the City of Buffalo, N. Y.

The significant feature of this strike is the denial of the men's right to organize, while the express barons have an exceedingly compact organization, or labor union in effect, themselves.

And so have the labor shoverers everywhere. What Socialists seek to bring home to the workers is the necessity for his organization on their part for the protection of their economic interests. They must stand together on both the political and industrial field.

The express companies would make it appear that the only aggrieved parties are the public themselves. Well, they pay their drivers from \$50 to \$70 a month. What chance has a man with a family on this wage? What chance has a man to marry and raise a family on this wage?

The continued exploitation of the workers to further enrichment of financially swollen corporations can have but one outcome—revolution. And Socialism is the only agency that is seeking by education practically to save the world from the red horror of anarchistic vengeance.

SCABS ATTEMPT TO MURDER HOSTLER WHO DEFIES BOSS

Thugs Shower Bricks on His Head; No Arrests Are Made.

A Anderson Co. of thereby vickstraff It is reported a hostler in the employ of the Adam, Madras & Anderson Co., and who recognized that he belonged to the class on strike, refused to hitch and un hitch horses for the scabs and murders brought in by the department store to take the place of the striking delivery men and boys.

While standing under the bay working with a horse at 1130 Thursday the thugs showered bricks on his head, necessitating eight on one side of the head and six on the other side.

He was not asked to go on strike drivers. Up to this time has been made and keep see suppressed by the apt

WOULD JESUS ACT AS THESE MINISTERS DO?

Reverend Sam Atkinson Makes Some Pertinent Remarks Anent the Strike.

By REV. SAM ATKINSON
If Jesus came to Buffalo there would be a church of his denomination in which he would be welcomed.

Yet one of our preachers says, 'I will deal with the question of the department store employees two weeks from tonight.'

How different from the disposition of this preacher's Master who sat at the well side for hours talking to a prostitute.

It is the painted beauties in such stores as that of J. N. Adam who sought because they have other supporters who are not so devoted.

Another prominent Methodist minister was approached by a woman who had worn herself out in working for the strikers.

To Hell with such narrowness! To Hell with such preachers! That is the natural attitude of a woman who has the strike ended the working class.

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IT COSTS LESS THAN \$200 TO FORM BIG UNION OF CLERKS!

New Record is Established in Work of Organization.

In connection with the strike of the department store clerks a remarkable fact has been brought out. Never in the history of organized labor in this country has the same organization been so small.

None of the speakers from the Socialist party who worked night and day and gave all their time to the strikers were paid from the money taken in for initiation fees.

Below is given a complete account of the money received and money and receipts turned over to a committee of the strikers Tuesday afternoon:

Table with columns for EXPENSES and RECEIPTS. Includes items like Niagara Taxicab Co., Honor Printing Co., and Initiation Fees.

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Only by a bare majority of six did the Council decide to hear the ridiculous charges at all, and it is believed that when the word is passed among the members of the Council who are not tied to Coleman's machine, that the machine will feel the wrath of the working class.

Total Expenditures Less than Receipts, Showing Careful Management.
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Clever Frame-Up to Oust Progressive Labor Leader in His Absence.

That a tremendous change has come over the face of the Central Trades and Labor Council of Buffalo was evidenced at Thursday night's meeting of that body.

An attempt was made by the Coleman clique, which has hitherto been in absolute control of the organization, and which has won success in causing the central body to lose its standing with the A. F. of L., to disrupt the Central organization by expelling the progressive members, beginning with W. Frank Cattell, whose success with the organization of the street carmen and the department store workers has given him a national reputation.

The word was quietly passed to those who could be depended on to support the machine; to be on hand Thursday night, when Cattell was in Rochester. In his absence, charges were preferred against him with reference to the exposure of Coleman, and an attempt made to railroad the charges through while he was in Rochester.

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"MOTHER JONES" IS AGAIN AT LIBERTY. "Mother" Jones who, on account of her activity in assisting the striking miners of West Virginia, was arrested February 10th and held in the hands of the soldiers as a military prisoner, has been freed.

Get on the Picket Line. The striking expressmen, as on strike, should remember that strikes are won on the Picket Line. The strikers in spite of anything the masters might do.

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Women's Column

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ANSWER TO HOUSE

WIVES' LEAGUE

Call of the Housewives' League

Housewives, hasten to our call.

On the 10th inst. we were notified

of the following resolutions:

Urdu! banish floating hair.

"Sanitary food," or cry.

Each day we to market go.

What we order we must know.

In the history and story

Vanish dirt, allowed before.

Even middlemen may fear

Should they raise the prices here.

Let the measure be carried.

Errors will our scales detect.

And the prices fair must be.

Goods of pure quality.

Unfit for the home we stand.

Every ready, hand in hand.

—Somir.

Reply of Women's Socialist Club

AT EFFORT you seem to aim,

While the CAUSE is all to blame.

Help remove the cause, my dear,

And effect will disappear.

PROFIT is the mischief-maker

Which inspires the greed of all.

Get the ballot, then, indeed,

Vote with us to banish greed.

When our food is made for use

There'll be no profit in abuse.

No scales nor measure incorrupt

No toll which middlemen collect.

Adulation will not be

Because there'll be no profit—see?

When a postage stamp you may,

Postman demand of chest and lid.

Because you get it profit-free—

Besides, the stamp is best to be;

The mucilage tested, pure and nice,

Nor do we measure incoherently.

COMRADE GEO. D. JONES.

ENGLISH SUFFRAGETTES

There has been so much condemnation

of our sisters in "The Suffragette"

that we have concluded to examine

the evidence of all this violence (1) and

give briefly the other side of the story.

When a woman writes to you, you know,

but you don't often hear both of her

views, especially in this case, when it

comes from the press that gets its re-

venue from the source that likes to be

it appears that great damage is being

done, and that the women are behaving

in an "unladylike" manner. We wonder

how much damage has actually been

done by the suffragettes. Let us take a

local example. During the recent street

car strike very little damage was really

done, and most of that little was done

by strikers' sympathizers, boys, those who

take advantage of the opportunity to

act like hoodlums, and last but not

least by the scabs and thugs who did

not know how to handle cars. Yet the

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has not allowed to come to a decisive vote in Parliament, whose members especially in later years, have been willing to give women the ballot. The bill was carried through the first and second reading, but when it came to the third reading and final vote the Cabinet, which controls the time of the house, has always put it over on the plea that the bill is needed for more important things. It is beginning to appear as though it would have been better to let the members vote on the question and put off some of the "important" matters.

Then the women began protesting from the ladies' gallery, and that gallery was closed. The women sought peaceful interviews with the Prime Minister, but was prevented from seeing him. Any peaceful tactics they might try always came to naught. Promises made to them were broken, and excuse after excuse presented. Under such treatment that which would have seemed inevitable to any thinking mind came to pass. Tired of trying to reformer, the women became revolutionaries. Men, under circumstances when their wrongs were of less import, have taken or tried to take the law into their own hands. Why not the women? What good will it do? As every thing else had failed it could not do much harm. While we deprecate violence we have recently had a local illustration of what a little of it will do. Had the street car men allowed the cars to be operated by the imported thugs, there would have been enough to send a study to the city which would have used the cars to have kept traffic uninterrupted. They would have been joined later by others who, while they are not so good as we think we are, have had the moral courage to stand by them to the end. Finally, the strikers would have lost heart and the strike would stop. But a stone crass-ly came to pass. The women who think that anything is good enough for working people from riding in the cars. Not from principle, but from fear of broken heads was the trick used.

So the suffragettes tried the game, and we wish them success.

There is another side of the violence game that we hear little or nothing about. It is that done to the women and their friends. Passing over the injuries done to the women, so only incidental to the warfare in which they are engaged, we hear that many of their friends, men and women, have been maltreated for merely taking their side of the controversy.

Are we sure that it is the violence that is needed to bring about the success of our sisters in England? Is there not always a bunch of suffrage literature, or a woman's cloak or something like that found near where the women who are being persecuted are? Is there not always a bunch of suffrage literature, or a woman's cloak or something like that found near where the women who are being persecuted are?

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Socialist Party News

Address of Communications to Party News, Buffalo Socialist.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Branch organizers and secretaries are

urgently requested to send all notices

of meetings, etc., to the Editor of Party

News not later than the Sunday pre-

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Several comrades have complained

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THE DEPARTMENT STORE STRIKE

The suddenness of the strike of the department store clerks and drivers is proof that conditions demanded immediate action of some kind.

The girls took to the picket line like ducks to water and were doing wonderful work in the score was given them on the second day of the strike by John Coleman of the Trades and Labor Council.

We have no doubt that the girls would have succeeded in getting out many of those cold, foot, weak-kneed souls that love the boss and think more of a few days pay than a substantial, lasting interest.

Mr. Coleman did not tell you that for years he belonged to the Amalgamated Carpenters, an out-lawed organization, instead of the regularly constituted union of the A. F. of L., the Brotherhood of Carpenters.

As with the organization of the Street Men's Union and the Express Men's Union, it was the intention of the organizing association to call in the proper representatives of the American Federation of Labor and make it part of that body.

Mr. Coleman was really desirous of seeing the clerks win, which would mean another strong union, he would have stepped up to the front line like a soldier.

Notwithstanding the injury Mr. Coleman has done this strike the workers are still out and fighting with a determination that commands the admiration of every worker in the city.

The Organizing Association, composed of Socialists, rather than in any way injure the chances for success of the strikers, gracefully turned over the work to the Trades and Labor Council and will do everything possible to carry the strike to success.

We are out for the best that can be obtained for the workers, and are willing to sacrifice everything for their cause.

We will spend our time and money to this end, and if anyone stands in the way let them beware.

All the strikers need to do is to stick to their guns and victory is assured.

Just think of \$2.50 a week and paying for car fare and lunch out of that.

THE RADICALS

Within the last week we note that the capitalist press is taking extreme delight in referring to the Socialists as radicals and at the same time taking comfort with the old fogies of the labor movement as conservatives.

It is an old saying in the labor movement that when a labor man meets the approval of the bosses, then look out for him, and it is a true one.

Our exploiters are conservative when it means the paying out of wages, but they are very radical in their methods of handling men.

If a man does not suit out he goes, immediately. No argument is tolerated. You are fired on the spot. Immediate direct action is brought to bear if you attempt it.

If a worker asks for a raise in pay it often takes months of deliberation, then the worker is informed by his boss that he is spending money lavishly, after even though it is known that he is spending money lavishly.

If you want something that you are entitled to demand it. Don't be a crawling, crawling serpent and plead and beg and cry for it.

It didn't take long for the stores to abolish the Saturday night work when it suited them to do so.

The most noticeable feature of the strike of the department stores is the lack of news on this subject in the capitalist press.

On the first day of the big strike the Buffalo Times had a head clear across the page telling what was going on in London.

IN THE AIR

We overheard a man say the other day: "Yes, it's a fine day, and strikes are in the air."

Yes, and why? In this beautiful city of ours the "business interests" have held complete control of the situation for many years.

The price of commodities have steadily risen from day to day without the least regard to whether the consumer could meet that price or not.

At the same time wages have remained practically stationary. This condition of affairs has existed for many years, and the success of the so-called "business interests" has made them bolder and bolder in their exploitation.

We have been advertised as a cheap labor town, and have been known for many years. We have been ground down so hard that the duldest mind is stirred to revolt, until now every worker is ready to strike.

He must do something. When wages do not meet the absolute necessities of life, look out for trouble.

These conditions have long existed in this city, and the wonder is how we have stood it so long.

If we must live, we must change this condition; if we must change this condition we must organize.

We must organize in such a manner that when we make demands they must be conceded or trouble will ensue.

We must organize to win, not to request and be turned down like beggars.

We must elect men to office that will do OUR bidding instead of obeying the orders of our enemies, our exploiters.

We must teach our young men that capitalist political parties are owned and controlled by and for the interests of those who own them, and the same token working class parties are owned and controlled for the workers.

We must organize on the political and economic basis. Both are absolutely necessary and we need both to win.

The cockroach capitalist has run this city in their interests long enough. Let us get it away from them.

Let Buffalo take the lead. We have a good start. Now let us keep it up, and show some of our comrades in other cities that we are not dead ones.

FATHERS AND SONS

The good old times were the times when our old people were young and full of energy and equal to any emergency they might have been obliged to encounter. The world in those days was the world of their own thoughts, of their own ambitions, and of their own self-expression.

However, not all fathers are fighting the battle of the past against the young, and those who are determined to put the spirit of their will-power upon it.

Yet the old do not always understand the young, though they are of their own blood and have inherited the qualities which served them so well when they were young and faced the world ready to conquer it.

There is an incessant struggle going on through all the ages, a struggle which will probably never cease as long as our race preserves its intellectual virility, the struggle between fathers and sons, the struggle between the old and the young, between those whose life's energies are depleted, and those who have just entered upon their course of life's responsibilities and possibilities.

In the Socialist movement of our days fathers and sons are not antagonists but allies and comrades. But, of course, it is only those who have remained young at heart and mentally active who will be able to understand the insignificance of this grand movement and delight in its splendid fight.

WHAT HOME RULE MEANS

Home rule, there is much talk of these days, and it is interesting to observe how itself readily to cover a multitude of political conceptions from which every one may select what suits him best.

The public spirit citizen understands by it the rule of the people by its people, the well-to-do, respectable people, the people who pay the taxes and whose views make up what is called public opinion.

But what difference does it make to the ordinary citizen whether he is to be ruled by the heads and hearts of the man who controls the home market of offices and spoils.

It is for the working people to decide how long this sort of politics shall be carried on at their expense. It is for them to decide whether home rule is to become a fact in the true sense of the word or remain a mockery and a sham.

Let them count their votes, and they cannot help realizing that they have the power to determine what our politics is to be: a game to hoodwink the people in order to use them for their interest.

Representing the economic and every other interest of the working people, the Socialists alone stand for home rule, to them home rule means the control of the whole nation and of the welfare of all the people for the welfare of all the people, in every single municipality as well as in the whole of the state in order to use them for their interest.

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POLITICAL POWER

A serious charge has been brought against the Socialist Party, namely, that its only object is to gain political power.

As far as we can see, and as far as history can teach us anything in this respect, it has always been the legitimate purpose of the workers to gain the realization of the principles and interests those parties represent, advocate and strive for.

But in order to conquer the state, the Socialists must first of all conquer the masses of the working class, the men and women whose material and intellectual interests find their most comprehensive expression in Socialism.

The desire of the Socialists to gain political power is identical with the desire of the working people to become the masters of their destinies, to become masters instead of being servants, to own their tools instead of being controlled by social existence instead of being compelled to sell themselves to those who now happen to control them.

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ELDON, MO., GOING SOBER. Some of the members of the Socialist Party in Eldon in the State of Missouri. But the Socialists of that town are putting it on the map. All this recent election all the old parties combined under the name of the People's Party. This didn't daunt the Socialists, however, for they buckled right down to work and elected two aldermen and lost a third by 14 votes.

SOCIALIST BASEBALL TEAM. Some of the members of the Socialist Party in Pittsburgh are organizing baseball teams. All work makes any Socialist a pretty dull person.

HOW ABOUT THIS? A Socialist paper published in the west is guilty of the following: Scene—A court room. Judge—It seems to me that I have seen you before. Prisoner—You have, your honor; I gave your daughter singing lessons. Judge—Thirty years.

ELDT SOCIALIST MAYOR. For the first time in the history of the State of North Dakota, the Socialists have elected a mayoralty candidate. After a hot campaign John C. Knapp was elected Mayor of Sison, S. D.

COLORADO VICTORIES. At the recent municipal elections in Salt Lake City the Socialists were victorious, among them the following: At Lafayette the Socialists swept the city, electing mayor and three trustees by great majorities. At Edgewater the full ticket was elected. J. Brown, Socialist, was elected Mayor of Buena Vista.

THE RED WAVE. Socialdemocrats, the national organ of the Danish Socialists, say, regarding the results of the recent municipal elections: "The red wave is flowing out over this country and our opponents are already up with fear of the 'red ocean' that is about to swallow up the existing social order. We laugh at the strike of the factory politicians who from blood that has been shed in sacrifice to the ideal of militarism, but is shed by the reflection of the beams of light shed by the sun of human brotherhood."

CO-OPERATIVE DAIRY PLANT. The Finnish Socialists of Pittsburgh, Pa., have recently established a dairy plant which is maintained and operated on the co-operative basis. The milk is sold at five cents per quart while the farmer's share is eight cents in Pittsburgh. The next undertaking of the Pittsburgh Finnish Socialists is the establishment of a co-operative ice plant.

WHEN GREEK HELPS GREEK. The Greek Socialists of San Francisco recently conducted a theatrical performance for the benefit of the Socialist Party of Greece. The important thing in the Balkans the Greek Socialists are very much in need of support.

ELLA REYNE FLOOR ARRESTED. The principal industry of Mechanicville, Saratoga County, N. Y., is brick making. At the present writing over 200 brick makers are on strike. A thousand angry people demanded her release at once. She was released on bail and continued her speech.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S LEAGUE. The Young People's League of Buffalo has started the publication of a paper—Journal of the Young People's Socialist League. It is to be published monthly, although it is hoped soon to make it weekly.

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INVENTORS WANTED. A comrade would like to know of other inventors who have any ideas in the line of patents or inventions that they would be willing to work out and contribute to the cause of Socialism. Write to Information Department, National Office, 111 N. State St., Chicago, Ill.

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Strike breaking, for instance, in a really civilized society is not regarded as a legitimate exercise of one's personal liberty because it is a violation of the eternal principle of solidarity; it is inconsistent with the best interest of society, inasmuch as it tends to denationalize our public life, and to lower the standard of living of the working people.

A man's conduct must form to generally recognized standards of decency, righteousness and justice in order to be regarded as a legitimate exercise of personal liberty within the society of civilized men and women.

THOUGHTS OF THE WORKER

The Socialist is not at all opposed to capital; what they are decidedly opposed to is the present use of capital as a means of human exploitation, enslavement and degradation.

The open shop—the shop open to all who wish to earn a decent living—is the ideal of every intelligent working man. It is the open shop that is demanded by the workers and operated for the common interests of all.

Wealth, so doubtless covers much unhappiness, but what does it amount compared with the misery, physical, mental and moral, which poverty creates and discloses? A man may easily be rich in his wealth if his burden become unbearable, but how will the poor get rid of their poverty?

It is tiresome always to hear somebody talk and complain of the misery of the poor, is it not? It certainly is, but it is considerably more tiresome to live in misery and waste your life in a constant struggle for the means of living.

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ACTIVE FOR ECONOMIC ORGANIZATION.

All Socialists realize the necessity for economic organization and never were so active as at present in creating sentiment for organization. This is not only in Buffalo but all over the country. In this city beginning with the inception of the Socialist League, new unions are being organized almost every evening. The workers of Buffalo have been doing the Rip Van Winkle thing for many years, but the mist before them is clearing. They are beginning to find out what they need and are going after it.

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