

Wagon Drivers Demand Re-Organization of Council to be Affiliated With A. F. of L.

CATARACT POWER FRANCHISE SHOULD BE REVOKED

Buffalo General Electric Officials Commit Perjury

Millions of Dollars of Fines Due Under Public Service Commission Law.

Frank C. Perkins, as Consulting Mechanical and Electrical Engineer, supplying the Electrical data in this issue of THE BUFFALO SOCIALIST, and other facts in the following issues on Municipal Problems and Abuse, wishes to state that he holds himself responsible ONLY for statements made over his own signature.

The contract between the Cataract Power & Conduit Company and the Buffalo General Electric Company shows discrimination and is an agreement to restrict competition, and thus violates the terms of the franchise granted the power company by the city, and which can be revoked by giving ninety (90) days' notice.

The wording of the franchise—Section 12, is: "Said company shall not consolidate or merge with any other company or corporation or enter into any agreement to prevent competition or to prevent the reduction of the price of electricity."

Section 8 of franchise prohibits discrimination which has been proven in the following wording: "And shall not charge therefor a greater proportionate price or a higher rate per horsepower than it shall charge other consumers in said city."

The penalty for the violation of the terms of the franchise is specifically stated in Section 14 of the franchise: "If the said company shall willfully violate or fail to comply with any provisions of this grant for ninety days after notice, it shall forfeit all rights hereunder, and this grant may be revoked and annulled by said common council."

The details of discriminating evidence given by the officials of the electric companies, as to rebates, should be immediately submitted to the District Attorney and the Public Service Commission be urged to at once proceed to collect fines of \$1,000 for each of the many violations of the Public Service Law as to discrimination in electric rates proven in the recent electric investigation.

There were hundreds of separate violations, and the penalty of \$1,000, not only for each and every violation, but for each and every DAY of such violation. If the full fines were collected the amount would exceed the entire six million dollars of capital stock and bonds of the Buffalo General Electric Company.

The Grand Jury will find evidence of perjury in the minutes of the Public Service Commission, as to rebates, checks and rebate contracts as signed by the Buffalo General Electric officials.

Usually a financier who swears falsely on the witness stand is considered as simply having "a lapse of memory," while a poor man goes to jail for the same offense.

Any compromise might make the city a party to, or commit the city to the submission of such contract to the courts, which go in its face is a violation of the franchise.

There should be no compromise of 10 years by the city or the setting of any time, limiting the city, morally or otherwise, from urging a reconsideration of the electric rates of either company other than that provided by the Public Service Law.

In case of appeal of either of the electric companies of the courts, to set aside the decision of the Public Service Commission, on the strength of the contract between the Cataract Power & Conduit Co. and the Buffalo General Electric Co., the city should immediately take action, giving notice of ninety days, revoking said franchise.

FRANK C. PERKINS, Consulting Electrical Engineer.

HOW THIS AFFECTS THE WORKERS OF BUFFALO

If electricity was sold at anything like its proper cost of production every house in this city could be lighted and heated with electricity very much cheaper than at the present cost of coal or gas. At the time the Public Service Commission gave out its decision, we stated that there would be nothing to it but an investigation, and it has proven true. The same with the investigation of the International railway system which the Public Service Commission also investigated, we hear no more of it. It is dead, and the International goes on its way unmolested.

The fact that the terms of the franchise state specifically that if the company willfully violates or fails to comply with any provisions of the grant gives an opportunity to the city officials to take steps toward revoking the charter of these companies should be impressed on these men.

If the city officials and the Public Service Commission wish to do their duty and serve those whose votes placed them in office, notice will be given to the Buffalo General Electric Company and their charter revoked.

Let the city take over the plant and run it for the benefit of the people. We understand that the International railway pays 1-3 of a cent a kilowatt for what it uses. Why wouldn't it be a good thing thing for the people to get it at the same price?

Let us own our own electric plant and produce electricity for us instead of for profit. It can be done. The Buffalo Socialist will take up these questions in the future and some of our city officials will be forced to do their duty.

MEN TRIED EVERY MEANS TO MEET BOSSES

All Attempts to Arbitrate Turned Down by Department Stores and Express Companies.

The strike of the drivers for the express companies is driving the men to desperation. Every reasonable man has been used to bring about a meeting with the proprietors, but these autocrats have denied the men the opportunity to talk over the matter with them.

If a general strike is called it is the fault of these men and a general strike will be called soon if conditions do not clear up.

Thomas J. Farrell, who, the other day, was quoted as being against the radicals, has fallen into line, and, according to his utterances, he is getting a good backbone in him. He is quoted as saying:

"I am sick and tired of this situation here in Buffalo regarding the teamsters' strike in the city of Buffalo. This morning they refused an audience to the committee. Now that I have exhausted every means within my power to arrange an amicable settlement, I am going to try another and more stringent method.

"If the department stores do not settle by Wednesday, I am going to call a general teamsters' strike in the city of Buffalo. I will stop every coal wagon and transfer cart taking goods into the department stores. Patience has ceased to be a virtue. The teamsters are to hold a meeting on Tuesday night at which I expect 1,500 drivers of wagons to be present. These men are impatient. It is all I can do to hold them in now. They will take a strike vote on Tuesday night, if the differences are not settled by that time."

Back this up with quick action and keep every man on the picket line and the strike will soon be won.

MEN REFUSE TO BREAK EXPRESS STRIKE

It is a good sign when the authorities have to admit that 50 men employed as special policemen "going property" during the strikes now going on quit their jobs.

No doubt that these men had work and accepted the job at \$30.00 a day not at first realizing what they were doing, but when they were put to work at protecting strike breakers and scabing on their fellow workers they were only too glad to quit.

We must teach our policemen that they belong to the working class, and that they are employed to protect human life instead of private property.

STREET CAR STRIKE TIES UP CINCINNATI

That the street car men of other cities are following the example of the Buffalo street car men is shown by the strikes in Jamestown and Cincinnati.

As the city is moving in Cincinnati, although nearly 300 scabs have been brought in. Every attempt to move a car means a riot, and the citizens are there to see that the company will not succeed in bringing the strike to an end.

A movement is on foot to take away the franchise of the company. It seems that the citizens of that city did not allow the city officials to sell them out for 999 years as in Buffalo.

One attempt to move cars resulted in a crowd of 3,000 people making an attack and taking the controller from the business district away. The police decided it would be best to take the cars back to the barn. Hurrah for Cincinnati!

WAGON DRIVERS DEMAND RE-ORGANIZATION OF COUNCIL TO BE AFFILIATED WITH A. F. OF L.

COLEMAN FAILED TO REFUTE CHARGE THAT HE IS A FAKIR

Cattell Answers Charges and Compels Coleman to Explain His Visits to Department Stores Before the Strike — Tricksters Convict Themselves of Crookedness on Their Own Testimony — Workers Demand Re-Organization of Council to be Affiliated With A. F. of L.

It is time that the Labor Movement of Buffalo wakes up and gets into harmony with the International Labor Movement or not?

The Socialists in the movement say "YES"—in an uncertain terms. Some of the Democratic politicians who have saddled themselves upon the labor movement of Buffalo, say "NO."

It is up to the rank and file of the movement to decide.

The Labor Movement, like every other great movement, has in its ranks, people who are eager to LINE THEIR POCKETS at the expense of the working class. It is the purpose of this article to SHOW UP these people.

A magnificent opportunity is presented for the workers of Buffalo, not only to get back into their standing with the American Federation of Labor, but also to UNIONIZE BUFFALO. For fully 25 years, ever since John Coleman has been riding the Labor Movement of Buffalo, the Labor Movement of Buffalo has been the laughing stock of America. EVERY UNION MAN IN BUFFALO KNOWS THIS.

Various excuses have been brought forward by the clique which has managed to ride the movement during these years. Some of them said that it is because "Buffalo is so near to Canada that the Canadians come into Buffalo and scab on the American workers, thus keeping down wages, and keeping the unions weak."

But, when you come to look into the matter, you find that the unions in TORONTO AND HAMILTON, CANADA, are stronger than they are in Buffalo!

Friends, the reason why the union movement in Buffalo has been weak during these years is BECAUSE THE UNION MOVEMENT HAS BEEN BETRAYED.

It is time for the UNION WORKER TO WAKE UP.

The crafters could not maintain their hold on the throat of the union movement for one minute if the workers would pay more attention to their own affairs and less attention to the base ball games and similar devices to keep them asleep.

The working class movement is clean and pure at the base. But like every other form of organization, it can be TRICKED by clever fakirs, who are willing to stoop to any kind of scheming to do it.

The chief trouble with the workers of Buffalo lies in the fact that THEY ARE SO HONEST THEMSELVES THAT THEY BELIEVE IN THE LABOR FAKIR'S HONESTY. The labor fakir may be detected in this—he is always ready to APPEAL TO AGREE WITH EVERYBODY, in order to get himself elected to office. When he is once in office, he uses that office to BETRAY THE WORKERS, SELLING THEM OUT TO THE CAPITALISTS.

There are many means of betraying the workers, besides selling them out when strikes are called. One very common way is TO PREVENT STRIKES BEING CALLED.

John Coleman and John Clark boast that they have prevented many strikes. AND WAGES IN BUFFALO ARE LOWER THAN THEY ARE IN ANY CITY OF THE SAME SIZE IN THE UNITED STATES OR CANADA!

The role of these men over the Labor Movement in Buffalo is growing to a close. The workers are waking up as never before and UNLESS WE ARE VERY MUCH MISTAKEN THE LABOR MOVEMENT IS DUE FOR A REORGANIZATION WHICH WILL LEAVE OUT THE FAKIRS.

As a matter of fact, THE LABOR FAKIRS ARE NEITHER STRONG NOR NUMEROUS. They have been able to make a show of strength by using the power given them by the workers.

The United Trades and Labor Council of Buffalo has ONE CHIEF FUNCTION IS TO ORGANIZE NEW UNIONS AND KEEP ALIVE THE UNION SPIRIT.

THE CHIEF OBJECTION BROUGHT AGAINST THE PROGRESSIVES IN THE UNITED TRADES AND LABOR COUNCIL IS THAT THEY HAVE ORGANIZED UNIONS IN BUFFALO INSTEAD OF SITTING LIKE BUMPS ON A LOG AND LETTING THE CAPITALISTS RIDE OVER THEM.

Many comical "reasons" have been given by the dead ones in the Council for not doing anything. One of them, Fred Bohan, gives, as his reason, "that his grandfather was the first union sailor in the world, and so his father has done enough in the way of organizing unions."

Maybe his grandfather was a good union man; but WHAT BUFFALO NEEDS RIGHT NOW IS NOT GRAND FATHERS WHO WERE GOOD UNION MEN, BUT A FEW MEN WHO WILL ORGANIZE THE WORKERS INTO UNIONS RIGHT NOW.

MAYOR FUHRMANN SHOULD BE FORCED TO DO HIS DUTY

Doesn't Know When Department Store Proprietors Turn Him Down.

Mayor Fuhrmann is injuring the strike of the express and department store drivers by continuing to provide policemen for the wagons.

The express companies and department stores are fighting the men, and the city is paying the bill, through the inability of the mayor to cope with the situation.

Mayor Fuhrmann has shown his lack of backbone at every opportunity when a question between labor and capital is to be dealt with.

If the mayor took the police off the wagons the bosses would settle up with the men in short order, but he is afraid to do his duty, fearing the wrath of the Chamber of Commerce and his political losses who are interested in these schemes.

It is up to the working class of Buffalo to do his duty. The department store owners refuse to deal with the men, also the express companies. These men are citizens and law fighting for food enough to live on, and the mayor is doing his level best to defeat them by furnishing policemen to these companies.

Every union should pass resolutions condemning his action and send committees to his office demanding the removal of the police protection and the eviction of the professional scabs from our city limits.

The scabs working on the wagons have been recognized to be the same set that were driven from our city a few weeks ago when the street car strike was settled.

When the men won, then these scabs were condemned as thugs and huns and overruled that men vile. They have not returned in these few weeks, but the mayor is looking at it differently now.

Every general strike is called to win the strike for the drivers, Fuhrmann is to blame.

If a general strike is called it should also demand the immediate removal of the mayor as part of the program.

STRIKER KILLED BY SYRACUSE POLICEMAN

Giuseppe Vasta, one of the striking building trades laborers, who was shot during the attack of the police on the strikers, on May 6, died a few days later.

The police of Syracuse were driving the strikers through the streets slugging and shooting as they ran, and during the melee Vasta fell a victim of a policeman's bullet. Some day we hope that the working class will wake up to the fact that the policeman that orders the police to shoot down the workers are our enemies and vote them out of office.

BARBERS STRIKE IN NEW YORK CITY

The strike of the barbers of New York City resulted in the arrest of 85 men of the union men. They were charged with disorderly conduct and held in \$100 bail.

The membership of the union has jumped from 1,000 to 4,000 since the strike was called and no scabs can be obtained. The workers have the shops tied up completely.

SOCIALLY NEWS OF WESTERN NEW YORK

In order to improve our Western New York socialist news service, we have very recently... Liberator, Emancipator, Proclamation, Revolution, Opportunity, Hope, Solidarity, Brotherhood, etc.

May Day was celebrated at Erie, Pa., by a parade of the workers. This is the first time we ever attempted to celebrate in this way.

Mayor Stens announced in the Times that the men were mostly foreigners, and informed us that red tags were to be carried...

We marched for one hour and then took street cars to Four Mile Creek. The street car company used as rotten tactics...

F. C. CLARK, Erie, Pa.

ROCHESTER Y. P. S. L. AND SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTES. By Kendrick P. Shedd. Today is the 5th of May. Last evening we heard Kirkpatrick on "The Iron Fin..."

WAR, WHAT FOR? Dedicated to George S. Kirkpatrick. It is the Sunday School scholar...

WORKERS, WORKERS, CAN'T YOU SEE THE SHIRTLESS. How they're fooling you they're fooling you. It's all a bluff...

BOSSSES DUANE IN FEAR OF UNIONS

The bosses of the large industrial plants of the city are less than themselves with the fear of the organization of the work slaves. With the help of their lickspittle subordinates they are doing all they can to prevent the spread of threatened discharge being held over the workers and men who have joined unions or are suspected of thinking of doing so...

CONDITIONS IN DAYTON, OHIO Commission Form of Government Plooted on the People—Suspicious That Reservoirs Were Tamped With.

By Wm. Thornton in The New Times. In the name of Local Dayton I want to express to you and the comrades of Minneapolis our heartfelt thanks for the collection of \$14,000 which was taken at your Lyceum lecture...

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SWENEY STORE SETTLES WITH UNIONS Our old friend Chauncey Hamlin has settled with the drivers and, no doubt, will concede to the demands of the clerks. The Sweeney Co. with Hamlin as president, issued the following statement:

The Class War Song

By F. Z. Grant, Silver Creek, N. Y. The Masters pray to Allah, beseech Him that He send the slave the law that will keep his hand from his neighbor's pocket...

CAPITALIST NEWS-PAPERS AND THEIR STRIKE NEWS

How reluctantly the capitalist press prints the news of the local strikes is the talk of the town. Strikes in other cities can be written up without fear, but those in Buffalo, especially where the strikers are interested, must be handled very gingerly.

BRADY IN PRISON WHILE OTHERS GO FREE

Additional reasons why George Brady should be immediately discharged from the penitentiary where he is serving a sentence of 60 days inflicted upon him by Judge Hager on the charge of dumping garbage on street car tracks during the street car strike...

BUDD MOORE CROSBY'S MEN ON STRIKE

About two weeks ago a delegation from the Crosby Company's plant came to Socialist headquarters and asked to be organized by the Socialists. Just then Socialists were too busy to handle the proposition, but later Joseph Pelon took the matter up with Joseph Sonnabend, Machinists' business agent and secretary of the Metal Union section of New York State...

CHIEF REGAN SHOWS WHICH SIDE HE IS ON

Among the many breaks made by our city officials, the Mayor and chief of police, during the past week, the chief showed one true statement to date unconsciously, but it shows just where he stands.

MUST DO SOMETHING The working class of Buffalo are rising in revolt. Their conditions have been intolerable...

Rev. Waldorf preaches to organized murder. Last Sunday Brother Waldorf, who seems to have a special friendliness to capitalism, and her land maiden, standing array, paraded a most lobeesome sight before the eyes of all present.

COLEMAN FILES CHARGE

of the department store workers AND THAT CHAUNCEY HAMLIN HAD REFUSED TO PUT THROUGH A "DEAL" WITH THEM. ALL OF THE CAPITALISTS ARE NOT SO FINICKY ABOUT MAKING "DEALS" WITH COLEMAN. A good many of the workers are still asking questions about Coleman's "deals"...

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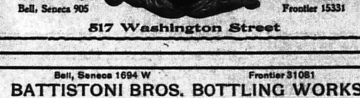
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Women's Column

Address of Contributors to Women's Column, Buffalo Socialist

"PIN MONEY" GIRLS

The department store girls have been out on strike, their places being filled in a measure by almost any kind of a female that could be induced to stand behind the counter...

There is a labor movement among women in the presence in the store shops, in office of the girl who has no need to work, who lives at home, paying nothing, or practically nothing, for food or shelter.

You must not think that because your girl is not involved that it is not your fight. Only by the strength of the solidarity of the working people was the street car strike won.

What we do! Obviously as long as present conditions exist it is going to be hard to make a complete success of an endeavor to improve the lot of the working woman.

What are we going to do about it? What can we do? Obviously as long as present conditions exist it is going to be hard to make a complete success of an endeavor to improve the lot of the working woman.

HOW WORKING PEOPLE BREAK A STRIKE

We stood in front of one of the department stores recently and observed the people who went in to make purchases. Over one-half were working people.

There is a good portion of this to be done unthinkingly or without knowledge of its consequences is certainly true, and for this lack of knowledge laboring men, and particularly unskilled labor men, are responsible.

If we know of a Socialist who entered a store to make a purchase at the time of a strike we would vote for his expulsion from the party.

Let all begin at once a campaign of instruction. Begin by teaching our children and friends that the cause of labor is the concern of us all.

STATEMENT OF MONEY HANDLED BY THE SOCIALIST WOMAN'S CLUB.

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CORRESPONDENCE

Editor Buffalo Socialist: How large a part did the grafters at the city hall play in having James McChicle railed out to the music asylum when he went from Buffalo to Wash...

The paper named "Truth," called it pie day when the deal was pulled off, and it certainly was pie day for the grafters. If Mr. McChicle can be kept a pitiless few hundred miles from home the Niagara river, and the foot of George Street and Jersey Street, and the man who had been taken to the...

A. HERBE, 62 Tracy St., Buffalo.

DO YOU WANT YOUR DAUGHTER TO BE A SERVANT?

With a double half column picture of a Miss Beeks, advertised as the welfare secretary of the National Child Federation, the capitalist press writes her as saying: "The reason for the present scarcity in domestic servants is because the average girl prefers working in the factory or office, rather than occupying a seemingly menial position in a household."

Too bad that such as Miss Beeks are discontented through the unwillingness of our daughters to do the drudgery of such low good-for-nothings as hang around the home and hotel, assuming that they are of different elite, and that others must bow to their wishes and do their work.

Servants, indeed; it should not be too much for any woman or man to keep themselves of their homes clean.

Socialist Party News

Address of Contributors to Party News, Buffalo

SPECIAL MEETING OF BRANCH ONE

A special meeting of Branch One is called for Sunday, May 18th, at 3 p. m., for the purpose of electing a committee of building a home for the Branch.

WHAT OTHERS THINK OF THE BUFFALO SOCIALIST

The best way to show your appreciation of the work of Buffalo Socialist is to send in a few subscriptions.

FOR SUBS.

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WILSON YENNARD, Niagara Falls, N. Y.

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J. H. HALLMANS, Dunbar, Ill.

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W. M. WILSON, Dunkirk, N. Y.

MEETING PLACE.

Headquarters and further notice of the Buffalo Branch of Local Buffalo Street, corner Wollers Avenue, the first and third Sunday of each month at 6 p. m.

Y. P. S. L. NEWS.

The next regular business meeting of the Young People's Socialist League will be held on Saturday evening, May 15, 1913.

THE DRUM CORPS.

The Young Socialist League Drum Corps held their first rehearsal...

A WORD OF INFORMATION

To those who do not know why the capitalist press is so eager to take the side of the conservative and ran against the radicals during the past week, we have a word to say.

For years the department store clerks have suffered long hours and low wages at the hands of their employers, without any sign of relief.

While some of the stores were ready to give up the Saturday night business, others, backed by the Chamber of Commerce, insisted on keeping open.

The Socialists of Buffalo realized this condition of affairs and knew that the only way to remedy the evils was to organize the clerks into a union that would DEMAND a reduction of hours, an increase of pay, and the abolition of Saturday night work.

We also realized that others had made feeble attempts to organize these workers; others had tried to do away with the Saturday night work, but had FAILED.

We knew that it would be years before any relief could be obtained. Next day the same plan adopted by those who style themselves as conservatives; in fact, this element had proven positively that they did not expect to ever accomplish much.

The Socialists, as radicals, saw that the opportunity was at hand and called a meeting of the clerks for the purpose of forming a union. When the clerks one together in a hall it did not need a mind reader to tell the tempo to which they had been wrought.

Every one in the hall cried out for a strike, and a strike was called. Next day the majority of the stores were closed, completely, many of them not even attempting to open their doors.

On this day, Friday, of the strike, when the girls got down on the picket lines, they found that the capitalist class had prepared a bomb and used a labor "leader" to throw it, in the person of John Coleman.

Mr. Coleman knew that these poor girls were not acquainted with the labor situation in Buffalo, and that it was easy to deceive them. As a result a large number of the girls were intimidated and to get busy and explode the bomb, and they lost no time in telling the pickets what Mr. Coleman had said.

Had Mr. Coleman been in the employ of the department store owners he could not have aided them better in breaking the strike. As a result a large number of the girls were intimidated and to get busy and explode the bomb, and they lost no time in telling the pickets what Mr. Coleman had said.

A WORD OF ADVICE TO OFFERMANN

The East Side News invested in a half column of news outside of its regular boiler plate edition for the special purpose of taking a slam at the Socialists, and at the same time making a bid for the patronage of John Coleman.

The East Side News is owned by Frank Offermann and is published as an excuse for the existence of his real business carried on in the establishment, which is gambling. Dozens of letters were written with his place of business and a secret room maintained for the purpose of receiving bad news which is used to extract cold cash from those who are innocent enough to believe that they can beat the race.

This man believes he has a perfect right to take other people's money and give away with it in most cases, but when he is threatened with the loss of a couple of dollars is ready to cry like a baby.

What's the matter with the District Attorney and Sheriff taking this tip!

NO SPORT

Socialism is no sport for idle minds, it is for the beginner a hard and difficult study and, when once understood in its true sense and full significance, a philosophy of life to live and to die by.

Let us not fear that the working class will be used as a mere tool of the bourgeoisie. We are not afraid of the bourgeoisie. We are not afraid of the bourgeoisie. We are not afraid of the bourgeoisie.

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