

BUFFALO SOCIALISTS CONTINUE TO DISREGARD EIGHT-HOUR LAW

Men Work Twelve Hours a Day While Law Calls for Eight — Lives of Passengers in Constant Danger.

A short time ago the Buffalo Socialist published articles showing where the railroads in this city utterly disregarded the law as to the question of hours.

We had been informed that men working in the towers were working twelve hours a day instead of eight as the law requires, and called the attention of the U. S. District Attorney and other officials to the facts, but evidently these gentlemen were too busy with the work of the capitalist class to have any time for the workers' interests, or that of the safety of passengers whose lives are constantly endangered through some mistake of overtired men working on these lines.

At this point we take opportunity to point out that there are many men among our office holders in the case of Engineer Schroeder, whom the railroads wish to make responsible for the loss of lives in that fatal wreck last summer. It is different there, where they paid workmen merely ask to have laws already on the statute books enforced.

The same condition still exists as when we published our last article. Men are still working twelve hours a day seven days a week on this job, and the officials are still sleeping. Wait till election approaches and watch these same people wake up. They will be telling what they did for the workers and the 'people'.

For the benefit of some of our sleeping politicians we print a letter received by us:

"Dear Sir: As you are acquainted with the existing condition of this railroad line, the long hours and the small pay, you will readily understand that despite the fact of being a force in the industry, we were well pleased with the fact that the Buffalo Socialist regarding tower men, signal men and other employees who use the telephone in their respective work, under the U. S. Government

Civil War's Good Workers are Sequal in Courts

Socialist Attorney Will File Suits Against Those Responsible For Killing, Wounding and False Imprisonment.

Civil war in the Cabin and Point Creek coal fields of West Virginia is to find its sequel in court as the miners are suing the coal companies for damages against those directly responsible for the killing and wounding of miners and their wives and children and for their false imprisonment.

Two typical cases are those of Mrs. Maude Estep, and Mrs. John Hall, growing out of the attack on Holly Grove by the armored train known as the "Bull Moose Special" last February.

Mrs. Estep is the widow of Susco Estep, the young miner who had his head blown off by a dum-dum bullet while seeking to find a place of refuge for women and children in the cellar beneath his home. He was bringing out the beds of the women and children from the tents situated in the open and was hurrying them in to the cellar under the heavy fire of the armored train's machine guns, when he was shot.

Mrs. Hall was shot through both feet on the occasion of the death dealing visit of the "Bull Moose Special" to Holly Grove. Both feet had to be amputated.

Suits approximating hundreds of thousands of dollars will be filed by Harold W. Houston, attorney for the miners and former state Socialist party secretary, with Seymour Stodman, Socialist representative in the Illinois legislature, Houston presenting the case of the miners to the Senate investigating committee.

The suits will be brought against the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad, which furnished the armored train; Bonner Hill, the supervising sheriff of Kanawha County, and Quinn Merdon, one of the big game warden of the Big game, both of whom were aboard the armored train on its journey of death, in addition to former Governor Glasscock and the butchers of the state militia, who were implicated in the false termination against the 474 white miners.

\$15,000 OF PEOPLE'S MONEY FOR CLUB HOUSE

The working people of the City of Buffalo are the easiest lot that ever lived. They vote men into office that in a few months refuse to pay \$500 for a series of lectures to be given at the schools which would be a means of education to the workers, yet these same city officials without even a blush, vote the magnificent sum of \$15,000 for a clubhouse for the special accommodation of a lot of would-be aristocrats and haters of the working class that have nothing better to occupy their spare time than chasing golf balls over the park meadows.

Five! The clubhouse is to have shower baths and lockers and every accommodation for the guests at the city's expense. The architect says the locker rental will pay for it—and he thinks people believe it. It will be for the benefit of tennis players, lawn bowlers and golf players, all such people that should be paying for their own clubhouse but are wise enough to bounce the city out of the money. No the city is said about lockers for baseball players; some of the working class might get into the building and contaminate it.

Imagine what would happen to Bill Smith the molder, or Jack Brown, the plumber, or Tom Johnson the tinsmith if he attempted to use the exclusive facilities created with the taxpayers' money, especially for a lot of fresh books who believe other people have no right to walk across the meadow just because they happen to be playing a game.

You voted for capitalist politicians, and you got just what you voted for.

NEW COUNCIL TO MEET AT KASTING'S HALL

The next meeting of the new Buffalo Central Labor Union will be held at Kasting's Hall, 383 Elliott street, on this Thursday.

Owing to the increased number of unions declaring their intention to send delegates to this meeting, it was found necessary to secure a larger hall.

ELLA REEVE BLOOR.

Ella Reeve Bloor is one of the most eloquent and forceful speakers in the Socialist movement. As one of the speakers on the Lyceum Course she spoke in Buffalo three times last winter and made a lasting impression on all who heard her.

The powers that be at Mechanicville, N. Y. decided some weeks ago that the Socialists were no longer to be allowed to speak on the streets. Mrs. Bloor came to Mechanicville and she spoke on the streets, and in addition stayed a few days to organize a number of unions.

Her first stop in Buffalo at three open air meetings early in the week.

COLEMAN'S COUNCIL SINKS TO DEATH

John Coleman's Trade Council held a requiem service at Council Hall last Thursday evening. It was a gathering of the clans around the corpse of what was once The Central Council of this city, a master of ceremony. Many of them never had a thought of their own. The politicians have been doing their thinking for years.

John Clark, president of Coleman's Trade Council, assumed the roll of High Grand Pot Boh at the Thursday evening service. He was ably assisted by William A. Grant, Meagan of the Iron Workers and John Coleman himself.

They all took the floor and talked the

DETECTIVE O'GRADY—STRIKE BREAKER

Taking Active Part Against Workers During His Leave of Absence From Police Force.

Detective Thomas O'Grady is on a leave of absence for four months and during the time he is in fine business. He is a whole strike breaking agency all by himself, and uses the police doing his regular duty as his tool, at the city expense.

He goes around among the strikers and finds a new, different way of doing his job and has the men arrested. He is certainly a lovely specimen and should be promoted when he gets back. Here is a sample of his work. Size it up and let us know if you think he is a fit man to ever be placed on the pay rolls of the city.

Last Wednesday morning about seven o'clock O'Grady had a man at the Striving Engine Works, at Auburn avenue and Niagara Street, instructed to start trouble with the men, which he did, and during the trouble Policemen McGowan and Kera appeared on the scene and arrested one of the strikers, who was afterwards released by the city. Another one of the strikers has been out, a woman, for one of O'Grady's men.

O'Grady believes he is a very slick fellow but when he attempted to have two other policemen on the scene at Auburn Avenue for prearranged trouble the police captain got wise to him and refused to allow the cops to go.

Mayor Fuhrmann should invite the Police Commissioners to investigate this matter, if he isn't too busy with matters pertaining to the capitalist class.

SUPREME COURT CLOSES CITY GROCERY

Justice Henry T. Kellogg of the supreme court has closed the municipal grocery store at Schenectady, by his issuance of an injunction, that peculiarly American instrument which perhaps more than any other enables the capitalist class to keep the workers in line.

The city grocery was one of the most interesting features of the Socialist administration. It was the outcome of the buying at wholesale of the supplies for the city institutions.

When the Socialists assumed office in Schenectady they found that their predecessors had been paying two prices for city supplies, and that for inferior goods they were paying the same price.

Their plan for buying at wholesale embraced the supplying of the post at cost price. An ever-increasing business resulted and the city grocery came to afford relief to many with whom pennies count.

Prices were cut away under the charge by the bourgeois grocers, whose profits of course were curtailed. Mrs. Bloor was the whole trouble. The sacred and vested right of profit-taking must be maintained. Judges are hence on the bench to this end, and please the injunction.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE PARADE BEAUTIFUL DEMONSTRATION

Most of the natives of this vicinity who were so hostile to woman suffrage, and were inclined to ridicule the idea of the women voting or parading are now in line, but have taken on a different tone entirely.

The parade last Saturday proved a surprise to most of the people in point of numbers and the beautiful appearance of the women in their white costumes trimmed with yellow.

It was evident that the police were taking every precaution to prevent hostilities from interfering with the parade, and all along the line of march the people looked on the affair with interest. The capitalist press spoke of no one as making any remarks along the line with the exception of Alderman Sullivan when they for some reason or other never felt to get into print.

Many banners were carried, among them one carried by a Socialist woman bearing the women in their white costumes had advocated Votes for Women for Years.

JAIL TWO-YEAR-OLD IN FREE SPEECH FIGHT

(Special to The Buffalo Socialist) Neagunne, Mich, June 16.—A fight for free speech has broken out in this town and weekly Socialist speakers have been arrested up to the present time by the chief of police. An appeal to Mayor William Haggston, who is superintendent of the steel trust's plant here, elicited the information that all street meetings would be prohibited in the future.

James McFury of Chicago was the first speaker taken. He was reading the bill of rights of the United States Constitution. Frank Aetorius, national committeeman of the Socialist party there attempted to read the Declaration of Independence. He was immediately arrested as were eighteen others who followed.

Two girls were among the police chief's victims and a two-year-old boy was jailed along with his father. A crowd of 3,000 had gathered to hear the speakers.

Full charge of the fight has been assumed by the Marquette County Socialist Party and funds are needed to meet the expenses involved in the arrest of the speakers and to pay the cost of future court fights. Send all money to Oscar Knapel, secretary, Marquette County Socialist Party, 213 First Street, Ishpeming, Mich.

The people of the town are with the Socialists and if proper support is given by the Socialist Party, they will place on the "red map." The principal agency in stopping the street meetings is the steel trust, which has employed every method to prevent any attempt at agitation or organization among its employees.

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Senator Borah, who dominated the situation in the West Virginia inquiry, sums it all up thus:

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Turn-out Proves a Surprise to Those Who Believe that Things Will Always Be the Same.

in the parade a large number refused to do so because they were not allowed to parade as an organization, but only as individuals. Many Socialist men were in line, but for some reason or other did not take part.

The Socialist Party is composed of men and women on an equal basis, and the women take their place on committees and as candidates in our movement all over the world.

The Socialist Party stands not only for political reform, but for economic equality. Women have taken their place in the industrial field and are being used as wage slaves, and are being shot only by allowed to vote for political preferences, but organize themselves into unions and have a say as to what conditions they shall work under.

One thing we recommend to the women that wish to vote is that they pay enough attention to the subject and educate themselves sufficiently to prevent the capitalist class using them as a means to keep up the present system of exploitation which the men have so long been battling against.

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Policeman Martin Brutally Beats Striking Teamster

Striking Teamster Speaks to Scab on Wagon and Brave (?) Policeman Beats Him into Insensibility — Police Use Russian Methods and Drive Them Down Seneca Street with Guns in Hand.

Scenes were enacted on Seneca Street in Buffalo last Wednesday almost unbelievable, but nevertheless true, even though the capitalist press did not tell of it.

Whether through lack of proper information or purposely, the account of the trouble between strikers and police being, Policeman Martin, as a hero. A. Martin is no hero.

He is a coward and a brute. Hundreds of men, women and children who saw him beat up a defenseless man with his club, even while he was insensible, are willing to testify that Policeman Martin whose badge number is 274, did so unnecessarily and while he was in no danger of being

Last Wednesday afternoon, about 3 o'clock, a striking teamster called to a scab driver on a wagon to take his rig back to the barn, and stand with the other workers who were on strike. The policeman James Martin, who was the policeman and no doubt was very anxious for a chance to make a hero of himself, seeing visions of some day being chief of the department before him if he did some heroic stunt for the capitalist class.

Martin jumped from the wagon and attempted to arrest the man and a little scuffle ensued, which was nothing more than often happens when a man is being roughly handled. But Martin was so anxious to use his club that he was not satisfied with beating up a man until his head was terribly

BURNS NOW HOLY STRIKE-BREAKER

The following gem is culled from a capitalist newspaper agent Burns, detective and operator of strike-breaking agencies:

"Bore, June 13.—William J. Burns, the famous American detective, was highly pleased with his audience with Pope Pius. The aged Pontiff gave the detective special blessing and commended him on his great work in the cause of justice."

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CITIZEN'S PARTY HAS PLENTY OF MONEY

Look over the names of the new citizens' party and pick out the working men. There is evidently no lack of funds in this new scheme, judging by the size of the ads in the daily press. Another thing to remember is that the men behind these names never do anything that costs money unless they expect to get it back a thousand fold.

swollen, but again attacked him and beat him until he was insensible.

While the man was on the ground (he) put his revolver to the man's head and shouted that he would blow his head off if he even moved.

During all this time a crowd was watching and the sight of such cruelty, women and children cried until tears rolled down their faces, and begged the inhuman beast to desist, but this brave hero, as the capitalist papers speak of, continued to use his club. The man was knocked down three or four times, until he lay on the ground insensible.

In the meantime a squad of police appeared on the scene and the victim was picked up like a rag and thrown into the patrol wagon. Even then Martin was seen to strike him on the head twice with his club.

Think of the people of Buffalo paying a man like this for preserving the peace!

The fifteen or twenty policemen that appeared on the scene evidently were bent on trouble also, and entered into the rough work as though they were working for some private show wishing to display a terrible riot of the workers. The police drove the people up and down the street like so many cattle, swinging their clubs and many of them with revolvers in hand.

Here is a trip down Seneca Street and ask any of the people living near Chicago Street what kind of a police man Martin is.

Realizing that organization is their only hope of obtaining better conditions the milk drivers are quietly but surely organizing themselves into a union.

We are informed that these workers have come to the conclusion that it is time they did something to better their condition, which without any exaggeration, is nothing less than slavery.

Our informant says: "We are organizing to secure more time for rest and pleasure, and most important of all more money with which to purchase food, clothing and shelter."

"Put a note in your milk bottle telling the driver that if he does not see a union button, you will get one that does."

Follow workers, help these men to organize. If the union men of this city insist on having a union driver deliver their milk it will not be long before these men are organized so that they can demand at least a nine hour work day and \$18.00 a week.

Don't put this job off till tomorrow; put a note in your milk bottle tonight, and keep it up. If a man persists in staying outside the union, patronize a driver that has seen enough to know his own interests.

Subscribe for the Buffalo Socialist.

SOCIALIST NEWS OF WESTERN NEW YORK

In order to improve our Western New York Socialist area services, the party will hold a picnic in this vicinity to elect a steering committee...

LOCKPORT, N. Y. "Suffer Little Children to Come Into Me." In the last mayoralty election...

COLEMAN'S COUNCIL SINKS TO DEATH (Continued from Page 1) same old man in the same old way...

WANT SIX-HOURS DAY (A. F. of L. News Service.) Columbus, Ohio.—At the International Joint Conference to be held next year...

SOCIALISTS SWEEP NAUGATUCK, CONN. In the municipal elections just held at Naugatuck, Conn., the Socialists carried the entire ticket in a hotly contested fight.

COMING NATION SURRENDERS The Appeal to Reason announced that it will be the last to come out...

Socialists Will Hold Biggest Picnic of Year

The monster picnic of the Socialist Party of Buffalo will be held at Tenison Park Sunday, July 29th.

It will be the biggest and the best picnic ever held by a Working Class organization in Western New York.

Form a New Central Body For the benefit of those interested in the formation of the new labor council...

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THE ALMIGHTY DOLLAR It does not pay to harbor tender feelings in a society whose goal is the almighty dollar.

THE BANKING GAME Nothing Ever Equalled the Banking Business for Getting Easy Money.

Of all the gambling schemes, dice, roulette, and the three-card Monte are the least...

The ordinary run of commercial banks furnish them with capital in the shape of loans of money...

The commercial banks pretend to lend money to business men and the business men are fooled into believing that they are borrowing money.

This system of bookkeeping called "commercial banking," which has grown up as a part of the practice of economics...

It is extremely interesting to observe here that the gambler and the thief...

ONE OF THE ABANDONED HOLD-UPS

That famous labor leader and vendor of the labor day book hold-up, Joe Wild, ran amuck the other day while attempting to separate the Victor Co. from a few of their hard-earned dollars.

Walking to California in Search of Health The Weston family of Schenectady, father, mother and seven children...

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MY ANSWER That you see this advertisement and at any time I refuse to furnish them...

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GOOD FOR \$1.00 TO JULY 2nd Men's Oil Grain All Solid Work Shoes

IMMIGRATION (A. F. of L. News Service.)

Washington, June 14.—The Bureau of Immigration, Department of Labor, has just issued its immigration bulletin for the month of April, 1913.

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MARCHING TOWARD THE SUNRISE

By Eugene V. Debs

"The emancipation of labor is essential to the freedom of humanity. The struggle for freedom is the history of the race; the fruit of the struggle, the development of man. The civilization of Egypt, Persia, Babylon, Greece, Assyria and other ancient nations and the royal robbers and privileged parasites that ruled over them, had their day and passed away with the wretched slaves who built the pyramids and obelisks along the tracks of the early centuries of the race. The feudal nations of medieval Europe, who locked and chained man at all the virtuous and baseless characteristics of the ancient ruling class, especially their parasitic disdain and brutal contempt for their outraged slaves, have followed in the wake of the conquerors, and nothing remains but the memory of their bloody reign—the midnight horrors of history."

"poor dumb mouths" to bear witness to the crimes it has suffered, but its majestic march continues towards the sun. The master and slave, the lord and serf of past ages, are gone, and the capitalists and wage-workers of our day must soon follow them. It is the historic mission of labor to free the human race. To free itself is to free mankind. Labor is life. Society would perish without the working class. The degree of labor's servitude is the degree of society's tribulation, and the same. There can be no morals in any society based upon the exploitation and consequent misery of the class whose labor supports society. There can be no freedom while workers are in fetters. Wage servitude is fatal even to the freedom of its most favored capitalist beneficiaries. They must be distressed to help themselves and they are not free. They cannot sever the ties that bind them to their slaves and soar alone into the realms of freedom.

"Whoever enslaves his fellow-man forces fetters for himself. When labor is emancipated, humanity is free. The master and slave, the lord and serf of past ages, are gone, and the capitalists and wage-workers of our day must soon follow them. It is the historic mission of labor to free the human race. To free itself is to free mankind. Labor is life. Society would perish without the working class. The degree of labor's servitude is the degree of society's tribulation, and the same. There can be no morals in any society based upon the exploitation and consequent misery of the class whose labor supports society. There can be no freedom while workers are in fetters. Wage servitude is fatal even to the freedom of its most favored capitalist beneficiaries. They must be distressed to help themselves and they are not free. They cannot sever the ties that bind them to their slaves and soar alone into the realms of freedom."

"To Party Members: To the Comrades: I wish to speak for me and for the Socialist Party of Western New York your most cordial cooperation. His position is a most difficult, responsible and exciting one. The way to inspire him to judge for himself is by boasting. Yours for the cause, JOHN M. WORK."

SOCIALISM IN YALE: That our conservative Yale is awakening to the tremendous import of the Socialist movement is evidenced by the closing meeting at that University in May, at which Dean Brown of the Yale Divinity School, debated against George Willis Cooke, a well-known publicist and Socialist. "Resolved that Socialism provides for moral values in life."

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NOW IS THE TIME

Do not think that because you have succeeded in extracting an increase of an extra dollar a week from your exploiters that all is settled. The capitalist class is not so easily beaten. Whenever increase in wages you have received through the recent strikes and the revival of the working class of labor will place you in a position to have any more of the necessities of life than you need because of any surplus over and above your wages after all your bills are paid, but will just about be enough to place you on the basis of five years ago. In other words, the price of living has gone a long way above your wages and a slight raise is a step in the direction of catching up, but like the wise man that tied a bundle of hay on the end of a stick so that it would dangle just out of the reach of his mule, it will keep you going and that's all.

The point is, Mr. Workingman and Mrs. Workingwoman, that so long as one class is dependent on another for the right to live, the worker will be robbed of so much of his labor that he will always be the loser at the game. You cannot beat the capitalist at his own game, but you can change the game.

The capitalist system of industry is based on the competitive wage system, and as long as the capitalist class can keep the workers fighting for a job they will keep the price of wages down to a mere living.

The mission of the Socialist Party is to teach the workers that there is two classes in society under our present system—the capitalist class and the working class—and between these two classes there is a constant struggle.

The position of the capitalist class is maintained by exploiting the working class. We permit the capitalist class to own and control all the means of production and distribution. Under such a system thousands must work and live in poverty, while a few assume the right to the ownership of everything and reap the benefit of others labor.

The working class is the working class because as a class they do not know enough to control what they produce and, by all rights, own. If the working class would take on a little of the assumption of the capitalist class and work for their own interests it would be better for them. The difference would be that the capitalist class has stolen what it controls, while the workers are the rightful owners of what they have produced.

Every struggle for more pay and better conditions is proof of the Socialist contention that the only relief is the overthrow of the present system now conducted for profit, and replace it with the collective system conducted for the comfort of the people. Every such struggle convinces thousands of workers that the Socialists are right, and recent developments have proven no exception.

Everywhere workmen are talking about Socialism. Everywhere there are new books, new lectures, and new papers being published, and thousands of books are being sold on the question. It is no mushroom growth, but an actual necessity.

Now is the time to get busy with these students of our philosophy and get them into the Socialist Party where they will have an opportunity to study and discuss the Socialist program and to work with the work. Those who stay outside and look on and criticize are more of a hindrance than a help, even though they believe as we do.

Come in with us and do your share of the work.

Many men belong to unions and pay dues all through the year to protect their economic interests, and on election day go to the polls and vote men into power whom they have been paying out their money to fight.

Mayor Fuhrmann was no sooner placed as the third arbitrator for the settlement of the street car strike than he found it convenient to have a date somewhere else. We advise the street car men to keep an eye on each other.

Have you noticed how favorably the capitalist press now speak of John Coleman and his trades council. Talk our trip for it, John suits that bunch all right, for the particular reason that he never loses anything that is detrimental to their interests.

To Buffalo Express takes particular delight in roasting the union. It is not surprising that the Express is in the opposition the circulation of that paper would soon show a falling off. And just as a hint we wish to remind our readers that the job room of the Express is decidedly non-union.

MILITARY DESPOTISM

It does not require a great brain to understand the purpose of military powers as they are now used. Any working man can see plainly now what a short time again needed arguments and explanations to convince. Since the work of the military powers of West Virginia has been so exposed no man working for a living should be so foolish as to be misled by the luring arguments of the militia officers in securing men to act as strike breakers. The old attractions of a gymnasium and club rooms has always been used by the militia to obtain members by the means of fostering and financing the militia. And just as a hint we wish to remind our readers that the job room of the Express is decidedly non-union.

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Honest Politicians and Class Rule

Champ Clark, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, assures us that he is not a dishonest man among his colleagues.

They are all honest men, and if the laws they are enacting betray an indubitable bias in favor of the lords of industry and commerce, it is not because the lawmakers are dishonestly influenced by them, that is, bought to do their bidding, but because they believe that by serving the interests of the majority they are serving the interests of the country. They identify the well-being of the whole people with the well-being of the whole party, and so they will not let them think to see, because they themselves belong to this class, they share the interests of this class, their view of moral life and its needs is that of this class.

We earnestly wish all our capitalist lawmakers and public officials and politicians were honest men, and not one grayer among them, so that the class character of our present social system would be brought out in its true light, free from the stain of individual crookedness and personal rascality, and people might be cured of the error that all would be well in our modern society if politics were purified.

The fact of the matter is that political corruption is but a by-product of capitalist class rule, not its source and mainstay. The root of the social evils we are complaining of is capitalism itself, the interests and practices of which are incompatible with the interests of the working people.

Capitalism rules by virtue of its economic power, and not because capitalists sometimes find it opportune to buy the votes of legislators. Our legislators serve the capitalist class, not because they are bribed to do so, but because they are the political representation of this class. Our lectures are always held in the right of existence from that class, they are the political agencies of the men who own or control the material forces and resources on which society depends for its living.

You need not buy men to do that which their own interests and social positions bid them do. From this it follows that no matter how honest personally our politicians and public officials may be, they will always serve the class to which they belong, and the working people, in order to have their class interests represented, are compelled to elect politicians of their own, a party such as the Socialist Party, the purpose of which is the abolition of capitalism and the establishment of industrial democracy.

Demand Justice

Charity begins at home. When will the masses of the people come to grasp the real meaning of this maxim? When will they learn to understand that their first duty is to themselves, and that all their charitable inclinations and efforts are pure waste of sentiment and energy so long as they allow themselves to be the victims of the means of a really evil life?

If the working people would take care of their own interests as they ought to do, if they would devote the product of their labor to their own betterment, there would be no longer any need for what they are called charity.

The self-respecting, thinking man will never ask for charity as a means of relieving his poverty, and his demand is for social justice; for justice realized means the extermination of those social institutions, privileges and conditions which create poverty and intellectual and moral pauperism.

Be charitable to yourselves, workers, and abolish social conditions which make beggars of many of you, and improve your own lot, and you will be in order to provide means for that part of those who have been rendered incapable to support themselves. Prevent the accumulation of millions and you will prevent the production of millions more. Prevent the accumulation of wealth in the hands of the few, as the joint product of your toil for the common good, and you will have no grief and worry will no longer rise.

What Law Can Do

You cannot make man moral by law. You cannot legislate brotherhood into people.

What wisdom! The fact is that no law is any value unless it is enforced, and in a democratic community, a law must have the backing of the people if it is to be made effective. Granted, however, that you could make law by law, it is still possible by law to abolish social conditions which promote immorality, and to establish or strengthen institutions which make it easier for people to lead a moral life.

And if you cannot legislate brotherhood into individuals and nations, you may legislate in favor of social justice and by doing so prepare the soil in which brotherhood may germinate and thrive.

Morality and brotherhood are results, not primary causes, of social conditions, and there is no doubt that social conditions can be changed by law whenever the need of such changes is realized by a sufficiently large percentage of the people.

Abolish child labor, protect working women from occupations which are injurious to their health, and you will insist on sanitary workshouses and dwellings, and legalize rather than antagonize or hamper the efforts of trade-unions to bring about better working conditions for their members. And the same may be done by law, and you will see the standards of morality rise and brotherhood among men increase.

Independence

"Have the courage to be independent, but only when you are right." (Exchange.)

"Certainly, we want the bright side of things without their dark sides. We want summer without oppressive heat; we want winter without too severe cold; we want industry without hardship; we want money without the old party class may be, they will always serve the class to which they belong, and the working people, in order to have their class interests represented, are compelled to elect politicians of their own, a party such as the Socialist Party, the purpose of which is the abolition of capitalism and the establishment of industrial democracy.

Independence is the capacity to act on one's own judgment and responsibility, and to be free from all obligations, commitments, the conclusion is inevitable that the price of intellectual and moral independence is the risk to make mistakes and to be occasionally in the wrong.

If one were sure always to be in the right and never to be liable to make mistakes no courage would be required to act independently. Courage is needed because we are apt to do the wrong thing, no matter how careful we may be to do right one. The courage to be independent is the courage to be wrong, and the inevitable consequences of error.

No righteous man ever intends to do wrong, but every one knows that it is impossible for him to be wholly unpremeditated and well informed and courageous, always to be right and to do the right thing at the right time.

You are never sure of an act until it is done, but the right thinking man is always sure of the motives that prompt his actions. We can only do the right as we see it.

Do not waste any time on imaginary things; it is the real we have to deal with, for the real is the world in which we live and have our being, on which we depend for our life, and we cannot alone we may influence and shape according to our interests and needs.

The well-known phrase, "help your neighbor," is not a call to help ourselves, for individually they are helpless against the mighty powers of the organized social forces which control their destinies. Combining their forces they can do all, and have no power on earth so weak as they.

Point of View

You do not expect the ruling class of society voluntarily to surrender their positions of power to the working people. If you understand human nature, which is your own, and have an adequate conception of the history of our race, you cannot help realizing that the only way to get a good thing when no self-respecting man or class of men will give up to a weak man or a weak class of men. And weak is the man who is not prepared to stand up in content with existing conditions is an ineffective protest. Weak also is any class of men who, while protesting against the conditions, is unwilling and unable to endure, cannot find courage and self-reliance enough to fight for what they claim to be their rights.

That is that class of men who in dense at every election a social system which thrives on their humiliation and exploitation, and who at the same time complain of the natural and inevitable results and consequences of that very system.

You must prove yourselves the stronger if you expect your masters to yield to your demands. It is not enough for you to be numerous, you must also show that they are intelligent enough to realize the true relations of things and act accordingly. It is not enough to be possessed of social and political power, one must also possess the insight and foresight and energy to use them properly and effectively in order to reap some benefits from them.

Until the working people come to understand those truths, the ruling classes will laugh at their demand for unconditional surrender. They will know, first, that at present they are in the wrong; second, that there is a long cry between your demand and your ability to enforce it, and third, that there will be no unconditional surrender of power in all human history, and probably never will be.

The changes of entire social systems have always been very slow processes, interrupted by violent outbreaks of public passion. There has never been a sudden ending of an old and an equally sudden beginning of a new one. The development of a new society is an uninterrupted, continuous process. The old institutions die off as their usefulness loses its objects, and while they are dying a new one is growing up as the new institutions which they are to serve.

Therefore, prepare yourselves for a prolonged struggle and stubborn resistance on the part of the ruling classes and their beneficiaries. And this is greatly to your advantage, for it gives us the necessary time and opportunity to bring ourselves to the new order of things growing out of the old. The social world does move, indeed, but we move desperately slow.

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CANADA GROWTH

The Social Democratic party of Canada is growing. At the close of 1911 the party had 47 locals, or branches, with a membership of 1,608. The report for 1912 shows that the party has grown to 125 locals, with a membership of 3,834—an increase of 78 locals and 2,128 members. The party is now well organized and 835 new members joined since last report.

ALBERTA ELECTION RESULTS. Alexandria—Anderson (S), 207; Conservative, 478; Liberal, 813. This is the first time a Socialist has run in this constituency.

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THE GERMAN PRINTERS. Of the 74,000 workers employed in the German printing trade, 67,273 belong to the Printers Union. There is also a "Christian" organization, which in spite of all the efforts of its spiritual patrons numbers only 3,296 members.

CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES IN ENGLAND. According to the report of the Federation of Co-operative Societies submitted to the annual conference at Whitehead, 1,320 co-operative societies existed at the end of the year 1912, of which number 1,512 societies report a total membership of 2,576,922.

BULGARIA. A manifesto has been issued by the Social-Democrats of Bulgaria protesting against the granting of territory without regard to nationalities, and in consideration against efforts to continue the fighting "in the interests of dynamic ambitions and capitalist aggrandizement."

BREAD IS FREEDOM. There are people who are ever ready to do battle for the inalienable right of the workman to drink whatever and have whatever he likes, which cannot be taken away from him, but who are not induced to fight for their right to work and life for the working class. Personal liberty is a beautiful thing, it is a necessary thing, it is essential to the abundant life, physical, mental and moral, which is the ideal of modern civilization. But its foundation is economic freedom, and this the masses of the people can never attain under the present economic system, the tenancy of which is the concentration of the material and social resources of life in the hands of a class of men. No man is really free who is constrained to sell himself in order to get bread. No man can enjoy personal liberty whose means of existence are controlled by another man. The German poet, Herwegh, was on the right track when he said: "Bread is freedom, freedom is bread."

THE PURPOSE OF A NEWSPAPER IS TO reflect the real facts of our social life. If these facts are ugly, you would not blame a paper for the way it presents them as ugly, are. If the mirror reflects an ugly face, it is surely not the fault of the mirror, and you would not improve matters by smashing the glass.