



DEBATE WAKENS VILLAGE SEERS

Strickland Wins Argument in Strong Capitalist Town

(Special to the Daily Socialist.) Warsaw, Ind., June 11.—The people of Warsaw and Kosciusko county heard the first Socialist speech ever delivered in this vicinity when Frederick G. Strickland of Anderson, candidate for secretary of state on the Socialist ticket and a Christian minister, took the platform at the court house in a debate with Prof. William McAlpine of this city.

Question of Discussion. The question for discussion was: "Resolved, that the Socialist order is preferable to the competitive system."

Time after time Strickland's words were drowned out by the applause of his hearers who responded to every good point made by either orator, but particularly those of Strickland, who throughout gave evidence of being entirely sincere in everything he said.

Workers Win Then. "I am more than ever convinced that we can win, and when we do win, an organized body of workmen have won, and you know what that means," said Strickland.

On taking the stand, Strickland launched immediately into his subject by telling his hearers that Socialism is not a difficult subject.

At the present time there are not less than 3,500,000 men hunting work in the United States and they are find-

ing none. All of these facts should prove to us that we are living in an age of the world's history when justice is not being done.

Each speaker was given 40 minutes in presenting his side of the question. Prof. McAlpine started in by informing his hearers that he was opposed to and condemned the trusts.

The system under which we are living is a reality. Socialism is a theory," he said. "Many beautiful theories have been built up in the history of the world that have not passed out. Many and many a theory has died, but actualities are round about us."

Apparently the audience did not see the question in McAlpine's way, for when Strickland rose to his feet to present his rebuttal he was obliged to wait until the cheering for him had ceased.

The decision was unanimous in favor of the Anderson man.

Organizer for Eight Years. Frederick Strickland has been a Socialist organizer much of the time for eight years past.

The contest was the result of a challenge issued Monday in a Warsaw business house, where Strickland and McAlpine met and engaged in a somewhat heated discussion for and against Socialism.

As soon as Strickland saw that the audience was leaning his way, he brought out the fact that there had never before been a Socialist speech in the county and promised that Warsaw and the other cities and towns of the county would not be untouched by the leaders of his party in the future.

Every day we see on the front page of the newspapers the story of the terrible conditions that are existing in the East Side and extending to the west side," said McAlpine. "We read that Miss So and So has given a whole week to visiting the congested, poverty-stricken portions of the city, or that Mr. So and So gave one hundred dollars this morning to the relief fund to establish soup houses and kitchens. Now there is a reason for this."

While it is true that the subscription lists disclose certain names and while it is true that some of those philanthropists are not actuated by ulterior motives, still the working people of New York City do not want charity which gives their children scanty nourishment; they want work and employment, by means of which they may buy food and clothes at a reasonable price and educate their children in a self-respecting manner."

MAY YET SAVE BILLEK'S LIFE

Supreme Court Has Case and a New Trial May Result

Herman Billek, sentenced to die Friday, has one last hope. The Supreme court today at Springfield, according to a special dispatch transmitted to Billek, decided to reconsider the advisability of reopening the case.

The court took under advisement a motion made by Attorney F. E. Hinckley, in behalf of Billek, that the case should be remanded to the Criminal court of Cook county, with leave to that tribunal to entertain a motion for a new trial.

The Supreme bench authorized the statement that it would hold the motion under advisement until 9 a. m. tomorrow, when announcement of its final decision would be made.

10,000 Sign Petition. Ten thousand persons in less than twenty-four hours responded to the plea of the Rev. Peter J. O'Callaghan and sent letters, postals, telegrams and petitions to the rectory of St. Mary's Roman Catholic church, Wabash avenue and who maintain that they would erode Deffen to stop the execution of Herman Billek, the negro sniper, which is set for next Friday, for the murder of Mary Vrazal.

Among those urging the governor to give Billek another chance for his life are six of the jurors who convicted him and who maintain that they would never have done so if Jerry Vrazal had not given the testimony which he now swears was rank perjury at the instance of the police and the prosecution.

"Billek's hanging would be a blow at the liberty of all men," sets forth one letter. "The spilling of innocent blood will be a curse and a blight upon the lives and careers of all those who have it in their power to give Billek a square deal, refuse, neglect or failed to do so," is another quotation from one of the communications.

Child Makers' Plea. Edna Billek, the 11-year-old daughter of the man doomed to hang on next Friday, confidently expects that her letter to Francis Deffen, Governor Deussen's daughter, will not fail to help her father. The letter, which was sent to the governor's daughter by special delivery, was as follows:

Dear Little Friend: Won't you please ask your papa to save my poor, dear papa? I love my papa just as you love your papa, and he is to die on Friday. Please help my papa and I will pray for you and your papa. EDNA BILLEK.

The prayer meeting of the prisoners of the Cook county jail which, in response to the petition of 250 signed prisoners, Jailer Will T. Davies permitted to be held last night not only was one of the most remarkable meetings of its kind, but its effect still showed upon the prisoners today.

Now in Death Chamber. Billek, who was placed in the death chamber today, began by praying and receiving the holy communion at the hands of the Rev. P. J. O'Callaghan, after which he received a visit from his wife and children.

Records of Cook county, now proclaimed Mayor Buse a married man. The license has been entered on the books and stored away in the county clerk's vault. The entry was made Monday afternoon, although the license was returned to County Clerk Joseph Elias May 27, after that official had issued it April 29 in such a manner as to prevent its becoming public.

The license is No. 481,394 1/2 and the record placed opposite that number in the record books.

"Fred A. Buse and Josephine M. Lee. Ceremony performed by Theodore Brentano, Judge of the Superior court. License issued April 29 and returned May 27."

New York, June 10.—O. H. P. Belmont died at his home at Hempstead, L. I., at 6:30 o'clock this morning.

Belmont had been seriously ill less than two weeks. He had not been in the best of health for some time, but his condition was not such as to cause alarm until appendicitis developed June 1.

Oliver H. P. Belmont was the son of the late August Belmont, the present August Belmont and Perry Belmont are his brothers.

WOULDN'T BEG OR STEAL BOY TRIES TO END LIFE

LABOR TO WRITE G. O. P. PLANK?

Will organized labor seek to write the labor plank in the Republican platform, and will the National Civic Federation act as a buffer to soften the recoil that will hit organized labor in the nose?

Ralph M. Easley of the National Civic Federation is here to offer his services to the executive committee of the American Federation of Labor, which meets at the Kaiserhof next Saturday, and Seth L. W., president of the Civic Federation, a delegate to the National Republican convention, will be here within a few days.

Offers "Good" Offices. Whether the American Federation of Labor will or will not be tempted to use the "good offices" of the Civic Federation cannot be learned just now, but the past experience of organized labor with these representatives of the employing interests will probably cause such offers to be regarded with suspicion.

It is intimated, however, that Seth Low will be the man that the American Federation of Labor will depend upon to present the labor demands to the Republican convention.

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KANSAS CITY NEAR ISOLATION

Kansas City, Mo., June 11.—With the flood waters from the Kaw reaching within one block of the Union station, covering one fourth of the lower part of the stockyards, rendering useless some of the railway tracks from the west and beginning to creep into the basements of the wholesale houses in the west bottoms, Kansas City today found itself in the midst of the most serious flood since that of 1903.

The stage of 1904 was passed last night. There is no possibility, however, of the flood record of 1903, when millions of dollars' of damage was done, and there was every indication this morning that the crest of the overflow would be reached this afternoon and that in another 24 hours both the Kaw and the Missouri at this point would fall as their waters drained off above Kansas City.

This overflow is expected to cause trouble east of here as far as St. Louis, as it reaches into the Mississippi and north along the banks of the Missouri as far as Omaha. To the west the Kaw is falling rapidly at Lawrence and Topeka.

Under a recent decision of the state supreme court, frontage consents which were purchased are declared void and under this decision the city is empowered to push the suit against the Northwestern Elevated road regarding the extension of certain platforms in the loop.

The trial of this suit would jeopardize the existence of the entire loop, many of the frontage consents for which are declared to have been purchased.

These measures have been explained to the companies and they were warned that in case they further resist the demands of the city they will find themselves involved in a legal battle.

The Chicago and Oak Park road is facing a suit, instituted by City Collector Magersdorf, which if pushed hard at this time, would be highly injurious to the road, which will soon seek an extension of its ordinance.

An Immediate Campaign. It is understood that the corporation counsel's office is whipping the matter into shape for an immediate campaign in the event of the roads interposing further delay.

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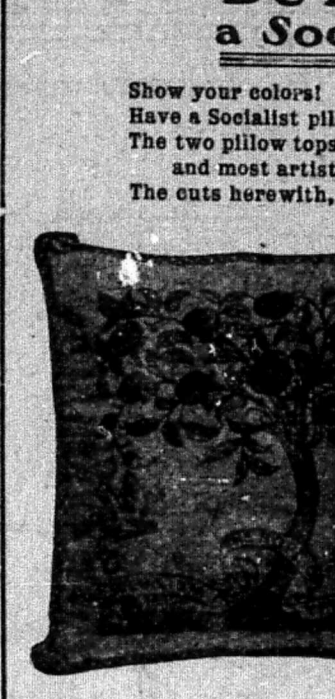
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