

## APPEAL TO AMERICA TO AID THE SWEDISH IN DEATH STRUGGLE

### Delegates From Striking Toilers Issue Statement on the Situation

### WHAT CONFLICT MEANS

### Struggle Was Started by Employes in Effort to Crush the Toilers

Fully explaining the causes that have led up to the present general strike in Sweden, C. E. Tholin and John Sandgren, the two Swedish delegates sent to this country to gather funds to support the strikers and their families, are sending out circulars all over the country which will be followed by personal visits later on.

They point out that the strike is not for increased wages or shorter hours, but that it involves the maintaining of labor union principles against the attempt of the employers to maintain an open shop and lower wages at will.

The text of the circular is as follows:

"THE GENERAL STRIKE IN SWEDEN, 1909.

A Short Statement of Its Causes and Its Development.

The general strike now in progress in Sweden since August 4, 1909, is not to be considered as a strike in the common sense of the word. This strike has not been commenced in order to secure to the workers increased wages or shorter hours, but it is the inevitable result of the aggressive tactics adopted by the 'Swedish Employers' association.

Ever since the financial and industrial depression that set in in conjunction with the last great economic crisis in America—a depression which for the workers carried in its train many difficulties besides the lack of employment—the organized employers in Sweden (and they are better organized than in any other country) have made it their special business to try to break to pieces the national organization (the landsorganisation) of Swedish workers.

Their method has been to threaten with unlimited lockout in case their terms are not accepted.

Employers Take Offensive

"Thus, during the course of the year 1903, the organized employers put the Swedish workmen and the whole Swedish people before the possibility of a complete lockout and a general suspension of work not less than four times. In their attempt to bring about a destructive and final struggle with the organized workers.

"These conflicts were, however, solved, mainly to the satisfaction of the workers, and on the basis of previously existing conditions, through the arbitration of a commission appointed by the government, which evidently feared and wanted to postpone the struggle planned by the employers.

"Through these constant struggles

under threats of mass lockouts, the resources of the workers' organizations were deplorably decimated, and for this reason the employers placed great hopes and expectations in a renewal of the attack. Profiting by the favorable circumstances they again began their assaults upon the national organization of workers this year, with the determination of dealing it a blow, after which it should no more raise its head.

Wage Reductions Ordered

"In order to accomplish this they used the following method: In three different industries and in rather insignificant places wage reductions of a slashing character were dictatorially ordered, reductions so large that, in view of the continually increasing cost of living, it would have been entirely out of question for the workers to submit to them.

"In order to enforce an acceptance of the reduced wages in these out-of-the-way places, the Employers' association on July 5 declared a lockout against all the workers in the three industries concerned, announcing at the same time that if their demands were not acceded to, on July 26 the lockout would be extended to include 50,000 men, and on August 2 to 80,000 men. "As the workers could not possibly recede from their defensive position, these hard decisions were carried out, and on August 2, 80,000 men and women were shut out from work in such industries as the employers could shut down with the least injury to themselves. These workers were informed that they could not come back to work except after an unconditional surrender, and, furthermore, the association empowered its officers, in case of necessity, to extend the lockout to include all organized workers. These facts throw a lurid light upon the woful lamentations of the employers over the workingmen's 'attack on society,' since they themselves had planned the same kind of 'attack.'

Life and Death Struggle

"It was in the face of this situation that the representative assembly of the organized workers was convoked. It was now plainly to be seen by the workers that not only was the result of more than 25 years of struggle for a human existence endangered, but also the very existence of their organization. They could not escape the fact that the employers' ultimatum was a challenge to a life-and-death struggle.

"In order not to be slowly ground to pieces between the millstones of the successive lockouts, the workers were compelled to speedily resort to the last and most powerful means of defense—the general strike.

Use Wages to Aid Strike

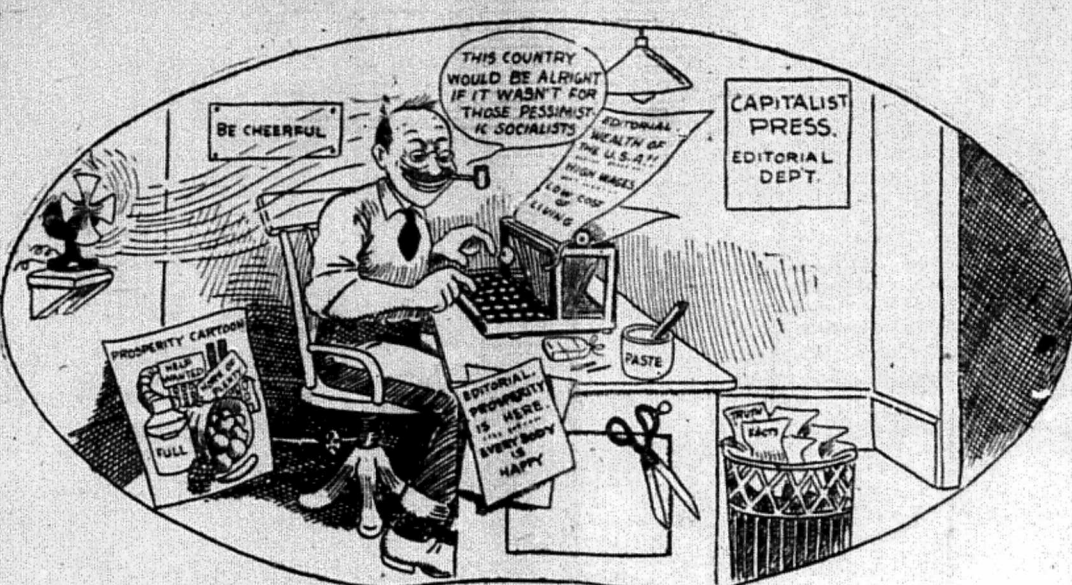
"All these governmental and municipal employes, who are also well organized, are assessing themselves heavily to support the strikers, and will, in all probability, go out on strike at the proper time if it is found desirable.

"It may consequently be said that the Swedish working people, almost to a man, have stood up in defense of their organization and for all its high and noble aspirations. Strike breakers are next to impossible to find within the ranks of the actual workers.

"But equally strong and united stand the employers, with determination to

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## WHEN PROSPERITY SEEMS LIKE A GOLD-BRICK



## NEW YORK SOCIALISTS HOLD ROUSING RATIFICATION MEET

New York, Sept. 1.—One of the most enthusiastic Socialist gatherings ever held here was that which filled Cooper Union to ratify the municipal ticket of the Socialist party. The affair took on the nature of a big propaganda meeting in which the principles of Socialism relating to municipal life were the subjects of discussion.

of its rottenness and corruption into every corner of life in this great city, he dwelt upon the educational character of the Socialist party and its campaign. "What good are our universities?" thundered London. "What good are our libraries? What good are our educators when poverty teems everywhere?"

publican party, for a so-called reform party or a 'clean government' party, you will have the same government, the same conditions and the same misery. "When the Socialist vote shall be strong enough to sweep the grafters from political power and to enthroned the working class, then and then only, will the people have gained a sublime political victory."

## COSTS \$100,000 TO GET AIR RACE

Aero Club of America Demands This Sum of the Successful City

New York, Sept. 1.—A number of western cities have already submitted attractive offers to the Aero Club of America for the international aviation contests which are to be held next year in this country.

## ONE MAN ROBS TREASURE TRAIN

Lone Bandit Carries Out Daring Act in Mountain Fastness

Lewiston, Pa., Sept. 1.—One bandit stopped a west bound express train on the Pennsylvania railroad at "the narrows," eight miles east of here, at 2 a. m. today, and robbed the express car of \$25,000, but was compelled to drop most of his booty and escape to the mountains.

## ARREST VOLIVA FOR CONTEMPT

Wilbur Glenn Voliva was arrested shortly after 9 a. m. today at his home in Zion City, Sheriff Griffin of Lake county took the prisoner in an automobile to the Waukegan jail on a contempt of court proceedings.

## STILL TIME IF YOU LIVE NEAR

There is still time for those who live close to Chicago to order copies of the Labor Day edition of the Daily Socialist.

## WITH STRIKE AS ONLY ALTERNATIVE, FISHER TO OFFER NEW PLAN

Arbitration Not Possible, So Last Resort Is Taken in Car Crisis

PROVES SHE IS NOT INSANE BECAUSE SHE SMOKES "PILLS"

Manufacturers Do Not Want Park Built by Unionists

Year's Cotton Crop Smallest

## SOCIALISTS TO SCATTER 25,000 PICNIC PLUGGERS

Twenty-five thousand "pluggers" are to be distributed to the vast throng that will watch the Labor Day parade next Monday advertising the fact that the Daily Socialist and the Socialist party of Cook county is giving a picnic the same day at Riverview Park.

## FIGHT ON FARWELL SHOWS WAYMAN UP

State's Attorney John E. W. Wayman, who has been wearing blinders on both sides of his head so that he could not see vice or grafting on the south side, where Hinky Dink and Bath House John rule, and on the north side, where John O'Malley, Mont Tennes and the gambling kings hold full sway, has seized with great avidity upon a chance to attack the Chicago Law and Order League because the president of that league accepted a contribution of \$25 from a man for whom the league had spent hundreds of dollars in investigations and legal processes.

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Work for a Compromise Men and Traction Heads to Reopen the Question of Wage Agreement

With an impending crisis which involved the submission of certain points to the companies for arbitration, with a refusal to arbitrate those points as a certainty, with a strike as the sole alternative, union officials this morning called Walter Fisher to the Briggs house and negotiations will be opened by the men and the companies at 3:30 this afternoon in Walter L. Fisher's office.

Crisis Is Reached Matters had reached a crisis. Following the above chain of events, which all foresaw, a strike referendum followed by a strike was looming up. Either unsuccessful negotiations or an unsuccessful strike would be fatal to Mahon's hope of re-election at the union convention to be held in October.

Will Offer Compromise Plan Fisher at this meeting is expected to offer a compromise plan for the new men. He refuses to divulge the figures of the new plan. Late yesterday came a split which broke negotiations. A plan of Fisher's, regarded as a panacea, was rejected by the men in the morning. A modified plan submitted by the men was rejected by the companies in the afternoon, and the conference adjourned with arbitration as the sole alternative to a strike. It was then announced by Fisher that he was through unless called on by Mahon.

League Does Hard Work Abraham Rosenthal, who came to the Chicago Law and Order League complaining that he was being blackballed by Detective Charles McShane of the Maxwell street station, is the man who has caused the trouble between the state's attorney and the league. Rosenthal gave the league a good five months' work, according to Farwell, with investigators, documents and other expenses coming in pretty heavily, but because they believed him they went

## \$16,000,000 BOND STEAL STIRS GANG

The precious crew which has been looting the city hall, yesterday began throwing straws up in the air to see which way the public sentiment was blowing about that \$16,000,000 bond steal which was authorized through the efforts of Busse at the last legislature.

Gang Preparing a Wall

On the contrary, in jockeying for the start of the big steal which will be asked next spring, the city hall gang is preparing a wall, showing how the city needs money in nearly every department for absolute necessities. The attempt will be made to educate the voter up to the fact that unless this crew is given more money to squander the city will go to the bow-wows, the city hall cannot be finished, the condemned bridges replaced, the water works repaired, or any of the improvements which the city so sadly needs carried out.

City Comptroller Calls Meeting

The meeting was called by City Comptroller Wilson, who has been close to Busse all along and who went down

## REPAYMENT IS ARRANGED

Last Saturday morning Rosenthal made his appearance at the offices of the Chicago Law and Order League and declared that he had loaned Detective Robert Parenteau of the league the sum of \$100 and that he wanted his money. "This was news to me," said Farwell, "but I assured him that I would see that if Parenteau owed him \$100 he would get it. I told him that a payment would be ready for him Monday morning. I collected \$5 from Parenteau Saturday and held it for Rosenthal."

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PLAN ENDING OF LABOR DISPUTES

Settlement Looked For in Mix-Up in Building Trades War

A settlement is looked for today in the first pitched battle waged for the control of the building trades situation in Chicago...

Plan Different Action Efforts will be made in future to settle jurisdictional troubles without strikes and without the spectacle now presented of union machinists trying to break a strike of union elevator constructors...

The jurisdictional disputes, a prolific cause of strikes under the Madden regime and notably of one at the Corn Products Refining company at Argo, Ill., will be things of the past...

To End Personal Bitterness The Hodcarriers' and Building Laborers' union is the only organization in the building trades movement which has not an international organization affiliated with the American Federation of Labor...

Drawing Arbitration Plan An arbitration plan for disputes is being drawn up by a committee composed of John J. Brittain, Charles M. Rau, and James G. Hannahan for the union men and the contractors' representatives...

AMUSEMENTS Riverview 10 A.M. to 10 P.M. Western, Belmont, Clynburn and Rescue. From today you've got but 20 more days to visit the glory of old Riverview...

U. S. PHILIPPINES' CONSTABULARY BAND! 80-STRONG-68 The greatest musical organization under the control of the U. S. Government...

Rleck & Pixley's BOSTON BAKED BEANS AND BROWN BREAD. Now served in over 127 Lunch Rooms in Chicago. More than 10,000 people eat them every day...

HOMES FURNISHED COMPLETE. EVERY REASONABLE ARTICLE OF HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE IS CUT TO COST DURING AUGUST SALE. THE HUMBOLDT S. I. FRANK, Prop. 709-711 W. NORTH AV.

ALOIS SPACHMAN Best Equipped RESTAURANT, SALOON AND PICNIC GROUNDS. 3194 N. 40th Ave., Chicago. PHONE IRVING PARK 3084

PAROLE FOR DOUGHERTY HINGES ON SUITS IN PEORIA

July 13, Sept. 1.—On motion of the prisoner's attorneys yesterday, the board of pardons in session here postponed the hearing on the petition of Newton C. Dougherty for parole until after the civil suits in Peoria...

It is believed by counsel for the prisoner that these cases, which were thrown out of court last spring and later reinstated, will either be nolle prossed or defeated...

SWEDES APPEAL TO AMERICANS

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crush the organization of the workers. In its origin the general strike is entirely void of political and revolutionary aims, and is of a purely economic character...

Over Million Dependent

"As it is, more than 300,000 workers are striking, which means that over a million men, women and children are now actually starving, or on the verge of starvation..."

"In spite of this desperate condition, the strikers are observing perfect order. Not even the rattling of arms, gibes and insults on the part of their adversaries, or the machinations of 'agents provocateurs,' have so far been able to deceive the workers into committing the dearly longed for follies that would create an occasion for the use of rifles and machine guns..."

Alien Workers Send Cash

"The workers in other Scandinavian countries immediately came to their assistance, assessing themselves heavily. Germany and other countries have also made large contributions, and from all over the world come messages of cheer and promises of help..."

Ward Branch in Donation

The first contribution to be made by an English speaking branch of the Socialist party in Chicago was made last night by the Twenty-first ward, which donated \$5 to the Swedish strikers...

WOMAN WHO DESERTED HOME RETURNS AND IS FORGIVEN

Uniontown, Pa., Sept. 1.—The wife of W. A. Stone, the wealthy coke operator and banker, has come back to her home after an absence of nine months. Her return is shrouded in even greater mystery than was her disappearance...

REOPEN CAR WAGE DISPUTE

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Gets "Bob" Burdette's Pulpit

Los Angeles, Cal., Sept. 1.—Rev. J. Whitcomb Broughter of White Temple, Portland, Ore., has been chosen pastor of the Baptist church here. He succeeds Rev. Robert T. Burdette, the noted humorist, whose illness has been fatal...

McKEES ROCKS MEN ARE CONFIDENT AS RELIEF FUNDS COME

Pittsburg, Sept. 1.—There was a truce in the industrial struggle at McKees Rocks today. The strikers are more confident of success than they have been since the strike began...

With several investigations being directed against its "slaughter house," the officials of the Pressed Steel Car company still keep up a semblance of their previous defiant attitude...

Outrages Come to Light

"In the meantime the horrors of the 'last chance,' as the car works are called, and the brazen outrages practiced by the strike troopers and the deputy sheriffs are coming to light continually..."

Vuk Tells His Story

"The story of his arrest and confinement, as told by Vuk, is a revelation of the disgraceful and brutal treatment of inoffensive and innocent men..."

Is Seized by Troopers

"Take him down," was Smith's command, and the trooper seized me and told me I was under arrest. He refused to tell me what I was charged with, but I learned that the man told them I was mixed up in Sunday night's trouble...

ELOPES WITH WRONG TWIN, TAKING MA'S \$20 ALONG

Pittsburg, Pa., Sept. 1.—Cecilia Curran is 15 years old, and, naturally, so is Mary, her twin sister. If it becomes necessary to tell them apart, Mrs. John Curran, their mother, looks at the teeth of one, the single point upon which they are dissimilar...

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THE WAGE SCALE OFFERED

The scale affecting the men who have already served one year at 27 cents an hour is as follows: First year - 27 cents, Second year - 28 cents, Third year - 29 cents...

Definite Action Looked For

Definite action, long postponed, is looked for this afternoon. All parties are maintaining silence as far as possible. After the negotiations with Fisher this morning, Mahon came down from his room to write a letter. Reporters gathered round him to learn the details of the Fisher plan...

DIVORCEE, DYING BY OWN HAND, ACCUS'S FRIEND

"May you never find rest or peace in this world and may my death be avenged, is the dying request of the girl whom you have so dreadfully disgraced..."

This was one of the sentences in a letter written by Mrs. Bernice Horn, 25 years old, 547 Park avenue, to Harry Mayer, 376 Berlin street, before she turned on the gas in her room last night and ended her life...

Mrs. Horn also wrote a letter to Mrs. Joseph Bertram, 547 Park avenue, in which she accused Mayer. Despondent over his illness, Sigmund Mysocck, 47 years old, 977 Milwaukee avenue, committed suicide last night by shooting himself in the right temple...

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Advertisement for Ruppert shoes, featuring an illustration of a man in a suit and a shoe. Text includes 'Of Co'srse Everyone Knows This Man Is RUPPERT' and 'Who not only makes sensible shoes for sensitive feet, but also shoes for feet that are not sensitive'.

Advertisement for 'THREE SHOPS' including 'McVicker's Theater Building', 'Van Buren & La Salle Sts.', and 'Harrison and Clark Streets'.

Advertisement for 'SOCIALISTS OF GOTHAM RATIFY' with a logo and text: 'NOTE TO NEW SOCIALISTS. READ SOCIALIST BOOKS. Nearly 1,000 described in our new catalogue...'.

Advertisement for 'Central Drug Co.' with text: 'Largest Stock of Toilet Articles in Chicago at LOWEST CUT RATES. 100 STATE STREET. Diagonally across from Marshall Field & Co.'

Advertisement for 'Broken Lot Sale' featuring 'Continental' tires for \$8.85 and 'Exceptional Values'.

Advertisement for 'MOYER'S SONGS OF SOCIALISM' with text: 'Special Propaganda Prices - Prepared Single copies 10c; First copies, 5c; Second copies, 3c; one hundred copies, 25c; one thousand copies, 50c.'

Advertisement for 'Advertise In THE DAILY SOCIALIST. CLASSIFIED' with 'HELP WANTED' and 'AGENTS' sections.

Advertisement for 'REAL ESTATE FOR SALE' with text: 'BEFORE BUYING Come and see our new five-room houses; all modern improvements; 1600 sq. ft. blocks to Milwaukee av. car line; \$1,250 and up; \$150 cash balance to suit.'

Advertisement for 'FOR SALE - A COMPLETE STEREOPTICON' with text: 'OUTFIT for Socialists; propaganda work; can be used in any hall or outside; two illustrated songs and others; forty slides, with lecture; will sell cheap. Call evenings or address J. R. BORN, 361 Michigan avenue.'

Advertisement for 'SPECIAL NOTICE' with text: 'VISITORS WHO TO SEATTLE WILL FIND their home paper at the northwest corner of First avenue South and Washington st. and southeast corner of Second av. and Cherry st. near the Alaska Building. INTERNATIONAL NEWS AGENCY, Seattle, Wash.'

Advertisement for 'PIANOS' with text: 'TEN NEW PIANOS, REGULAR \$20 VALUE, offered special week at \$12; easy payment. SAMUEL BLOK, 23 Wabash av.'

Advertisement for 'BUSINESS PERSONALS' with text: 'SIGN BANNERS WINDOW LETTERING. Call Ring, 261 Wabash av. Estimates furnished; part trade if desired.'

Advertisement for 'MISCELLANEOUS' with text: 'BARNS, sheds, etc., ground by Albert M. 147 N. Ashland st.; open evenings.'

Large advertisement for 'LABOR DAY!' featuring 'The Party and the Paper The Paper and the Party' and 'Riverview'. Includes text: 'The proceeds of this picnic will be equally divided between the Socialist party and the Chicago Daily Socialist.' and 'JAMES CONNOLLY, the Irish orator, and editor of the Harp and author of "Erin's Hope," will deliver the oration of the day.'



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There is No Escape

Tyrants have always imagined that if they could keep their subjects from expressing discontent that contentment would reign. Each tyrant, furthermore, was always certain that HIS subjects would not complain if they were not stirred up from without.

THE MENACE TO UNIONISM
BY ROBERT HUNTER
Britain has enjoyed for centuries an enviable reputation.

CRIMINAL LABORING MEN
(Editorial by T. J. Thompson, in Carthage Democrat.)
It is amazing how criminal the American laborer is. At Pittsburg and McKees Rocks, Pa., and later at Kenosha, Wis., the "authorities" have found it necessary to shoot laboring men, their wives and children.

Some of you have done all you can—the rest have not done anything yet.
We have some hard facts to tell you.
For several weeks now we have been trying to clean up the old debt.

Legal Advice

R. B. wants to know whether a tenant has a right on his removal to take out any repairs he has put into a place in which he is living, and what action a landlord may take to protect himself.

THE FINAL RUB-DOWN

Your Uncle Reub—thet's me—hez knowen a man thet smells uv lie. A mister Rockefeller, fur quite a leetle while.

Big Business

The Big Business school board continues to blunder. It elected a superintendent of schools in secret in violation of the law, but its members are of a class in society that care very little for laws.

Teddy, the Strenuous, in Africa Monkeydom

And it came to pass, in the year of our Lord 1909, that the strenuous Teddy, after a day's hunt in search of the fierce rhino, felt inclined to repose and deep philosophy, so he hid himself to a quiet spot to watch the antics of a crowd of monkeys.

Original amount ..... \$5,300.00
Previously reported ..... \$1,398.29
Received today ..... 50.55
Total so far ..... 1,448.84

TO THE EDITOR
On Land Amendment
I have never thought there was much in the land amendment to the platform—not enough for the trouble to vote on.

THE WRONG BOX
Smiling, Pat strolled into the examination room, where candidates for the police force underwent their physical test.
BOTTLING HIS RAGE
The Happy Harriet was crowded with passengers for it was Regatta Day at Redpudde. The water was full of craft and fog, and skilful handling was very necessary.
MOVING—VERY!
With a dramatic gesture, the moving van man confronted the fair woman.
THE DOCTOR'S DILEMMA
He was a thin, anemic looking man, but the suspicious specialist spared him not.

BUNKERED
"Teddy night. Swiftly through the summer darkness swung the long mail train, every joint a-creak as the meretricious steam forced round the unwilling wheels.
WANTED—THE BOSS!
"I want to see the boss of the house," announced the insurance agent to the little man who had opened the door to him.
THE DOCTOR AND THE NURSE
"Ah, nurse," said the flippant young doctor to the old, grim appearing nurse at the patient's door, "has the patient's fever dropped since I was here yesterday?"
THE SPUR OF THE MOMENT
The coroner adjusted his pince-nez. "You say," he queried, "the victim was shot in the head?"

As Socialism cannot be inaugurated all at once collectivism will have to demonstrate its superiority by covering some field of industry in which all departments of industry furnishing material for the making of shoes were operated by the collectivity—this would remain an indeterminate proposition. Hence the confusion inseparable from the period of transition. Pending the time the price of commodities, from the Socialist standpoint, can only be approximated.