

PHILADELPHIA BOMB PLOTS FAKES

STEEL TRUST VALUES CATTLE HIGHER THAN WORKINGMEN'S LIVES

Men Whose Fellows Are Being Shot in Bethlehem Issue Stirring Plea for Aid

Bethlehem, Pa., Feb. 28.—At this place where the striking steel workers are being shot down by steel trust controlled constabulary, the forces of organized labor have issued the following appeal:

"BIG STRIKE OF STEEL WORKERS AGAINST THE SOUTH BETHLEHEM STEEL COMPANY FOR BETTER CONDITIONS.

"Financial Aid is Needed.

"For years the thousands of men employed by the Bethlehem Steel Company have suffered under the Iron Heel of the most crushing institution known to the civilized world. Its chief owner, Mr. Charles M. Schwab, has boasted and advertised the world over that he owned and controlled the lives of human beings as though they were mere cattle, willing to obey and suffer under the lash of an intolerant master, without rights which the autocratic power of the giant institution is bound to respect.

WOMEN DEMAND RIGHT TO VOTE

Garrick Theater Filled With Vast Throng; Need of Suffrage Told

Showing the economic interdependence of women and men in social progress, women workers of the Socialist party, at the second annual women's day meeting at the Garrick, demanded yesterday the ballot for the "disfranchised" sex, and urged working women to unite with the Socialist organization to secure economic emancipation.

The 1,500 assembled women were wrought up over the ridiculousness of a refusal of the ballot.

Attendance Large

The attendance was larger than that of any previous meeting. A collection made during the session will more than cover the expenses of the day. The question of the woman's right to participate in the affairs of government received treatment from various speakers.

The chairman of the meeting, Laura Dainty Peilham, in opening the meeting, stated the position taken by Socialists on the question of woman's economic and political equality. She said:

"In the first platform ever drawn up by the Socialist party the demand was made for the right for woman to be the political and economic equal of man."

She then introduced Lida Parce, who presented a set of resolutions and spoke on the relation of the woman question to the Socialist party platform.

She said in part:

"The ablest men in the Socialist movement have drafted our platform and they have decided that the woman question cannot be detached from the economic question. The suffrage agitation is a part of Socialist philosophy, which demands equality for all.

"The relation of woman's political condition to the economic question ought to be clearly defined. Women are being forced into the industrial world, where they are the most exploited of the workers. They are most exploited because being without the ballot they are without means of political self defense, and their helpless condition makes them disastrous competitors of the enfranchised wage workers."

Vote in Finland

"It is not an accident that in Finland, where the largest number of Socialist delegates sit in parliament that there woman has political equality. More strikes have been lost by women not understanding the great struggle we are in than through any other means.

"We belong to a propertyless class. How could it be otherwise when a Morgan controls one-ninth of the wealth of the country and the results of the labor of three million persons."

Alice Henry was then introduced to the audience and spoke on the "Working Woman and the Ballot."

"The conditions in this country differ materially from those in Europe," she said. "This country possesses all the resources of an untouched country. But a few men control the products, and the only way we can remedy the existing conditions is through giving women the ballot.

Music a Feature

One of the most pleasing features of the meeting was the music. The violin solo by Einar Hendrichsen, who was accompanied by Emma Pischel, aroused the audience to a warm response, and the vocal solo by Hester Hall Schoeninger was received with much enthusiasm.

A large committee of Socialist women was present at the Garrick to distribute literature. This committee was made up of Josephine Hendrichsen, Stella Gilham, May Walden, Katherine Kerr, Dorothy Madden, Anna Anderson, Eirene Benziger, Flora Boeselach, Laura Toepfer and Florence Twining.

The statement published by the Recorder Herald that there was a disturbance over the singing of "America" is untrue.

Jokers Kill A Small Boy

St. Mary's, O., March 1.—Loren Walker, 12 years old, died in a few minutes after companions had poked the end of a compressed air hose in his mouth and turned on pressure while playing jokes in the foundry department at local machine shop.

His body, neck and face were inflated almost to the bursting point, and remained so after the body was removed to the undertaking rooms.

Woman Hunter is engaged on the case.

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FARMERS' UNION WIELDS POWER, SAYS J.T.GRAVES

Working With A. F. of L., the Soil Tillers Teach Duty to Congress

The power in legislation to which the Farmers' union has developed is pointed out by John Temple Graves. Mr. Graves has found this unostentatious organization back of some of the great movements in this country.

But although it is a working power, its influence is of the most salutary kind. The members of the organization don't seek political preferment, but bend all their efforts to secure progressive laws.

"The Farmers' union is a little more

Presence of Corps of Detectives Throws Light on "Dynamite Plots"

Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 28.—Paying venturesome men and women to ride the street cars and substituting Pinkerton thugs for the regular policemen and guards, the Rapid Transit company is making a desperate effort today to show that it is able to operate its cars in spite of the strike conditions that prevail.

CARELESS SCAB KILLS

This stage of the strike had a tragic beginning when a strike breaker ran a car over an open switch, killing two of the passengers, injuring two others fatally, while others suffered minor injuries.

In spite of the orders issued by Commissioner of Public Safety Clay, wagons are still being used to carry the public about the city. The Acme Tea company has warned its agents against selling its goods to the Rapid Transit company or any of its employees.

The Socialists of Philadelphia have entered the street car conflict, issuing a set of resolutions calling for the municipal ownership, and operation of the

CITY PLATFORM DRAFTED; HITS AT BUSSE GANG

Socialists Declare for the Workers Against Big Business Grafting Ring

The Socialist Cook County Central convention adopted yesterday a city platform for the present campaign.

Deprecating the lack of representation at the city council for the workers, who constitute nine-tenths of the city population, the delegates outlined a program upon which the candidates of the party will demand admission into the city council.

The declaration of principles calls attention to the fact that every candi-

SLAVERY ON THE SEAS TOLD TO CONGRESSMEN BY ANDREW FURUETH

President of Seamen's Union Grills Vessel Owners for Inhuman Acts

Washington, D. C., Feb. 28.—"Give your name, occupation and address," said the fat, white-faced chairman of the committee on merchant marine and fisheries to the gaunt, sunburnt sailor-man who stood at the opposite end of the long committee room table. Spight's bill, H. R. 11193, for the better protection of seamen, was under consideration.

"I am Andrew Furuseth, president of the International Seamen's Union of America," commenced the speaker, "and three things the sailors are now asking for—regulation of the hours of our labor—a man may now be compelled to stand eighteen hours on watch and twelve hours of this at the wheel; law compelling ship owners to stop underrunning their vessels; and abolition of the old law which allows a sailor to be imprisoned for what is called violation of contract. It is the truth that today sailors get more protection on foreign vessels than they do on American ships, and it is my purpose to show—"

Are Workers

"The Socialist party of Chicago, in convention assembled, calls attention to the fact that practically all its members and candidates for office are actual workers. Every candidate of the Socialist party is pledged, if elected, to serve faithfully the working people. Our ultimate goal will be reached only when every important industry is controlled and operated by society, and production is carried on to promote the general welfare rather than for private profit. Every measure that tends to bring us nearer to complete social democracy, and every measure that tends to improve the condition of the working class will receive the hearty support of the Socialist party and its representatives.

"Among the measures favored by the Socialist party of Chicago are the following:

1. The abolition of the city contract system.
2. The free use of the means of production in the city fire department.
3. Ownership and operation of all subways and wharves by the city.
4. The abrogation of all public franchises obtained by corrupt practices and the enforcement of the eight hour day and union conditions for the employees of all public service corporations.
5. The appropriation of sufficient funds to the school and health departments to enable them to perform their work properly.
6. Political suffrage for women on equal terms with men.
7. The general establishment of the initiative, referendum and recall.
8. Freedom of city employees to organize into trade unions.
9. The free use of the means of production for social, educational and political meetings.
10. A further development of our system of parks, playgrounds and public baths.
11. The establishment of public comfort stations at suitable points throughout the city.
12. We hold that the evils of intemperance are due fundamentally to social conditions, to low wages, bad housing, lack of public meeting places, and, above all, to the profits that flow from the private ownership of the means of manufacture and distribution of intoxicants. We believe that the solution of the liquor problem is to be found in improving the working conditions of labor and in the destruction of the profit element in the manufacture and sale of liquor.

Woman Suffrage

"The present city administration has well been called a business administration. It went into power as a result of the alliance of the boulevard and the slum for the benefit of the former. Business men and their agents have handled it from the beginning. All shades of business have been represented and have shared in the graft and special privileges. Contractors' rings and coal companies, gambling and vice trusts, telephone and street railway corporations all have developed and prospered at the expense of the working class. The business men in control have had a free hand, and they have helped themselves to everything in sight, as several grand juries, the Merriam investigating commission and the Chicago Daily Socialist have proven beyond a doubt.

Nine-tenths Workers

"Although nine-tenths of the people of Chicago belong to the working class they have not a single representative in the city council. Is it any wonder, then, that while the big business interests have flourished as never before, the interests of the working class have been neglected and despised? There has been plenty of money to distribute among capitalist politicians, contractors and business men, but no money could be found to carry through measures benefiting the working class. The city council will not appropriate a cent toward giving the city firemen a two-platoon system that would enable them to spend a reasonable time at home with their families.

Unearthed Tin Can Holds \$482

Huntington, W. Va., March 1.—While digging into a hole to capture a rabbit Grant Bennett and Gordon Farrow of Grayson, Ky., unearthed an old tin canister containing \$482 in gold and silver coins. A cabin near the place where the money was found was occupied a quarter of a century ago by John Stevenson, hermit, who died suddenly.

CAUSE FOR EXULTATION



CHANGE OWNERSHIP

"Whereas, The ownership and operation of Philadelphia's traction system by a private corporation—the Philadelphia Rapid Transit company—has resulted in the merciless exploitation of its men, poor service for the public, and general dissatisfaction, culminating in a reign of legalized anarchy on the part of the city officials, in league with the company, in an effort to beat down public protest; therefore, be it

Working Compact

"Resolved, That we, the Socialist party, call upon the city councils to dissolve the contract between the city and the company, and proceed to take the streets out of the control of the company; and be it further

Squandering Bad, Says Hill

St. Paul, March 1.—In an address before the Minnesota Hardware Association James J. Hill gave some of his ideas on frugality. He said in part: "I don't believe in hoarding money. It has its uses for doing good, but I do not believe it is respectable for people to squander money that other people have earned for them. For the present year 400,000 automobiles have been ordered for the people of the United States. At an average of \$1,500 an automobile this would amount to \$600,000,000. Not one cent of this \$600,000,000 is invested in anything that will produce one bushel of grain."

Vote General Strike

Union labor in this city has voted to back up the striking motorists and conductors in their fight against the Philadelphia Rapid Transit company.

Will Defend Accused

The members of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees admit that Copeland is a member of the union, but deny that he was implicated in any bomb plot and will do everything they can in his defense. The plot is considered a bold attempt to discredit the union.

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