

SOCIAL NEWS OF WESTERN NEW YORK

In order to improve our Western New York Socialist news service...

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y. This city is about to give birth to a new city hall and the excitement is intense...

ROCHESTER EVENING

There's always something from Rochester, as it seems. Of course! How can you expect anything else from a town where there are so many wise men and fools combined as in our burg?

THE DEBATE

First a few words about the Young People's League of this town and local. Our debaters went to Schenectady to win the trophy from the Young Comrades down (or up) there. It's a humdinger, that cup in. You just ought to get a look at it. If you really desire a better look to see it, why come to Rochester, for it is here for safe keeping after the 1st of March.

Who are our debaters? Oh, here are lots of them, but the particular bunch we sent to Schenectady this time was composed of Comrade "Jimmy" Surridge, Ross Ginsburg, Cecil Jacobowitz, and Garson Brenner. Julian Pogorover went along, too, just to keep them company, and to extend over their heads, so to say, the paternal blessing. The other "eventual" debaters were "Fred" on the dog, so to speak. They wanted to feel beforehand the ecstasy of "going on the stage," and so they got up before the Young People and tried it on us. You all turned out to regular Edwin Booth and Sarah Bernhardt. It was a sight!

O'Rourke Speaks

Comrade John O'Rourke, one of Rochester's best speakers and debaters, addressed the Young People the other evening. He discussed three points: (1) Is Socialism an Industrial Republic? (2) Will an Industrial Form of Organization Be Established Through Political Action? Of course the speaker did his work ably. He always does. There were numerous questions asked and answered. When you floor him, you've got to get up early and stay up late.

PRESIDENT OF YASSAR QUITS BECAUSE GIRLS ARE SOCIALISTS AND SUFFRAGISTS.

We have it from the capitalist press that on account of the growth of Socialism and woman's suffrage among the students of Yassur College, Dr. Taylor has tendered his resignation as president. It is stated that Dr. Taylor, an authority on political economy, has long been annoyed by the enthusiasm of his students. He says that nine-tenths of the students are either Socialists or suffragists.

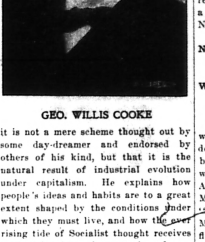
SECOND LECTURE OF LYCEUM COURSE

George Willis Cooke, author, lecturer and one of the most prominent speakers in the Socialist field, is the second speaker on the Lyceum Course. He is widely known as a writer of sociological and historical papers for current periodicals and is especially prominent as the author of several valuable expositions of the works of famous men.

Comrade Cooke has lectured extensively on literary and sociological subjects at the Concord School of Philosophy, Chautauque assemblies, colleges and clubs. He was formerly a lecturer at the Rand School of Social Science, in New York and is now the regular Sunday lecturer of the Boston School of Social Science.

What is Socialism?

The subject of the second lecture is "What is Socialism?" The lecturer deals with Socialism as a philosophy of social progress. Mr. Cooke shows that Socialism is not a new religion, but a new social order...



Geo. Willis Cooke

It is not a mere scheme thought out by some day-dreamer and endorsed by others of his kind, but that it is the natural result of industrial evolution under capitalism. He explains how people's ideas and habits are to a great extent shaped by the conditions under which they must live, and how the rising tide of Socialism thought receives its impulse from the struggles of contending forces on the industrial field.

WHO IS PAYING FOR FIGHT AGAINST WORKMEN'S BILL

Isn't it wonderful how many "public spirited business men" there are when the insurance companies wish to block a bill like the Martineau-Jackson bill? Why, even Henry W. Killen was recruited for the occasion and "almost" said something, and even went so far as to mention the word "Socialism" - we know what an effort that must have been for one so far from the working class. We wonder who furnished the money for the trip to Albany; maybe it was donated by the Chamber of Commerce by some thrifty manufacturer who took advantage of the hard times and reduced the pay of his employees.

FAMILY LIVE ON REFUSE FOR SEVERAL MONTHS

Frank Tomens of Lackawanna was sentenced to the penitentiary for ninety days last week for neglecting his family. It was brought on in the testimony that the family had lived six weeks on refuse because the oldest son was discharged from his job for refusing to work on a holiday.

EDUCATIONAL LECTURES

BY FREDERICK HALLER THURSDAY, FEB. 27. 3. Capital, Its Nature and Origins. THURSDAY, MARCH 6. 4. The Nature and Measure of Wages. THURSDAY, MARCH 13. 5. The Claims of Superior Brains. Discussion After Each Lecture. Every Part Member and Synthesizer Should Attend. These Lectures Beginning Thursday Evening, Feb. 27, at 8 O'Clock. FRANKLIN HALL, 52 W. Eagle St., cor. Franklin. ADMISSION, FREE.

WAITING TO PEOPLE OF ROCHESTER

We note that officials of the Rochester Street Railway Company are paying Buffalo a visit for the purpose of studying the 18-cent rate system. If the people of Rochester know when they are well off they will not take pattern after our slow transit, ill-ventilated cars.

FRED D. WARREN COMING TO BUFFALO.

That Fred D. Warren, the fighting editor of the Appeal to Reason, is coming to town is enough to stir the blood of every member of the Working Class.

Eugene V. Debs and Fred D. Warren are now under indictment upon charges we have every reason to believe are trumped up. Both Comrades are now out on bail. The trial will be called here in April, or early in May.

The fighting editor of the Appeal has been approved before a Buffalo audience and it was only after much urging, that Comrade Warren consented, to speak here next date of his trip. The meeting will be held at the Elmwood Music Hall, Elmwood ave. and Virginia st.

NOTED SOCIALISTS COMING TO ROCHESTER

Will Speak on Five Saturday Evenings in March. The five Saturday evenings in March will be marked by Socialist lectures under the direction of the Rochester branch of the Lyceum Course.

The direction of the Rochester branch of the Lyceum Course will be as follows: March 1st, Oscar Ameringer, "The Socialist Challenge"; March 8th, Rev. George Willis Cooke, "What is Socialism?"; March 15th, Mrs. Ella Beech Blosser, "The Class Question"; March 22nd, Emil Seidel, "What Socialists Want?"; March 29th, George H. Goebel, "The Practical Program of Socialism."

AMERINGER LECTURES WONDERFUL SUCCESS.

One of the greatest treats ever enjoyed by Buffalo audiences was the first of the speakers on the Lyceum Course. Ameringer has the gift of a natural comedian. He can tell you things in a humorous way that hits your brain and stays there. He never allows his audience to lack interest for an instant, and all the time you are laughing he is also impressing on your mind the theory of economic determinism.

RAILROAD FIREMEN AND ARBITRATION.

That the Locomotive Firemen are experiencing difficulties in their efforts to obtain better conditions and more wages via the arbitration system is readily observed. We believe these men should be properly paid for their labor; we believe the railroads can afford to do it, but so long as they expect capitalist politicians on boards of arbitration to help them they are doomed to suffer.

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THE STRIKE DIRECT FROM THE FIRING LINE

Albert J. Richards Will Show Pictures of Striking Garment Workers at New Germania Hall.

A great meeting will be held at New Germania Hall on Sunday, March 2, at 3 p. m. for the benefit of the striking Garment Workers of New York and Rochester.

There is a terrible struggle now going on in these two cities between the workers and employees of the garment trades, but very little of the facts of

THE STRIKERS AND THE KITCHENS

Everybody knows that there is a strike on in Rochester, and a good healthy one. We are all hoping that it may be a successful one. The news from New York ought to encourage us all.

SAUTER THE MURDERER

The land of the free, the "home of the brave," This motto was interpreted in our city beautifully that a boss should have enough to shoot on a crowd of workmen and working-women, to kill a girl, to injure five, and be set free. So has the grand jury decided.

FINE METHODS OF CLOTHIERS COMBINE

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Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 2, 1913. Dear Gen. Del., Rochester, N. Y.

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Socialist Party News

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BRANCH 9 WILL HOLD FEBRUARY PARTY.
A Pedro party will be given by Branch 9, at Eyring's Hall, Abbott and Triangle streets, on Friday evening, Feb. 28. A good time is assured.

BRANCH 3 CHANGES PLACE OF MEETING.
Hereafter Branch 3 will meet at La Touche Hall, E. Union and Verplank streets, instead of Kingston Hall. This hall is more centrally located, and it is expected that the branch will build up its membership by the change.

NOTICE MEMBERS OF THE SPEAKERS' CLASS.
Our instructor, Com. Sam. Atkinson, will be with us Monday evening, March 3, and all members of the class should make it a point to be present without fail.

CARD PARTY.
There will be a card party at the home of Com. Dan Foster, No. 234 Riley Street, Thursday, March 6, at 8:30 p. m., for the benefit of Branch 3. All Socialist women and their friends are invited.

CARD PARTY FOR STRIKING GARMENT WORKERS.
Com. Mrs. Dora Weintraub will give a card party at the home of her sister, Mrs. Partrach, 157 Cedar Street, Friday afternoon, February 28, at 2:30, for the benefit of the striking garment workers. Admission, 25 cents.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING FEBRUARY 12.
Heiser chairman and O'Brien vice-chairman.
14 applications for membership approved.
The May Day Committee and the Building Committee reported progress. The minutes of the Executive Committee were approved.
The report of the Investigation Committee was received.
The office of literature agent was combined with that of the financial secretary.

The following officers were elected: Organizer, Joseph Pelon; Recording Secretary, Leary; Treasurer, Joseph Ball; Executive Committee, O'Brien, Alexander, Elliott, Heiser, C. Ball, Meschery, Kresler, Leary, Steed, Kaiser, Palmgren.
Referendum Committee, Storier, DeBath and W. Taylor.
Credentia Committee, Ehrenfried, Perry and Weintraub.

VOYE OF LOCAL BUFFALO ON HAYWOOD REFERENDUM.
Total number of ballots received by referendum committee, 307; of voters number 9 were marked abstaining from voting.
Total number of votes cast, 298.
Voting 'Yes' 216. Voting 'No' 82.
Vote by branches follows:
Branch. Yes. No.
One 28 3
Two 7 8
Three 15 5
Four 22 31
Five 16 2
Six 13 1
Seven 33 9
Eight 1 9
LaSalle 16 2
Jewish 12 2
Bohemian 0 16
Italian 2nd. Wd. 23 0
Polish 7th. Wd. 9 1
Polish 2nd. Wd. 20 2
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No report received from Finnish branch.

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Ida Brayman is dead, and her body is at rest in the old Jewish Cemetery on the Stone Road down toward the village of Charlotte. She lived her life as best she could with the murderous restrictions laid and forced upon it by the hellish system of anarchy under which she had to live her few years, and in an attempt to show interest in the cause of striking humanity by being present with her fellows in misery before the shop of one of the employing class, whose slaves the workers would help to see the light as they (the workers) should see it, she was shot down like a dog. But it was only an accident. An employer can do no wrong. Strikers do wrong every time they strike, you know. But a manufacturer - he's a "different breed of cats," so to speak. His own property - sacred property, and property, private property, is far above humanity in value, you know? Anybody with half an eye could see that about a human being down. That's all right - provided she belongs to the class that ought to be shot down. (You see the point of course). But don't say you're dirty working-class hands on a manufacturer's private property! That's different.

Yes, the Grand Jury let the murderer go scot free this time. When it gets hold of a striker it will take a different course. Listen. The foreman of this particular Grand Jury was one of Rochester's best known rich bankers. But this fact means anything to you, reader? Has it any bearing on the class struggle? Or didn't it have any peculiar significance that the disposal of Ida Brayman's murderer lay within the power of such a man? Do you think there may have been men on that jury who understand the working class and believe in it, and love it. I am sure there were a few. But the majority must have been of another color. The result proves it.

What that jury would have done to a striker, if, for example, he or she had killed one of Rochester's big clothing manufacturers? The electric chair would have been your name in what it is. No talk of accident in that line. No palliation of any sort. It would have been a straight open, clear-cut case as well as I do. Oh, no, sir, there is no class government here in this land. How lovely it all is. Just perfect. So nicely and fairly arranged. Everybody treated with equal respect and equal justice. Sure thing! Why a dead man could see that. You foolish foreigners, how insanely you do talk! You are a disgrace to this country. Why don't you go back home! Who wants you here anyway!

But this article is waxing too serious. The death of Ida Brayman makes a fellow think that this is a fellow with believing enough to have them off our backs, no matter how it may jolt them. Then Ida Brayman shall not have died in vain.

EXPULSION.
State Secretary Justus E. Taylor of Nevada, reports that Local Union No. 1000, at Carson, Nevada, for violating party rules and signing old party petitions.
Also that Local Fallon has suspended Fred C. Standen for a term of two years for creating disturbances and waiting to fight in local meetings.

Also that Local Winnemucca has expelled H. K. Davis for violating party rules and signing old party petitions.
By some mischance, Davis was permitted to run for the legislature as an independent candidate and to receive membership in the local at the same time. He was elected, and was reported as being a Socialist member. He voted against the equal suffrage amendment, and this was the immediate cause of his expulsion from the local.

MONTANA.
Comrade Klinger had to face a contest of his older son had to face a contest of his kind, however, and is now ready to take up his work.

PAINTERS, Decorators and Paper Hangers.
The wages of the painters and paper hangers are being held at a standstill by the union. The union is demanding a 10% increase in wages. The employers are refusing to pay it. The union is threatening a strike. The employers are threatening to call in the police. The union is demanding that the employers should not employ any more workers until their demands are met. The employers are refusing to do so. The union is demanding that the employers should not employ any more workers until their demands are met. The employers are refusing to do so.

THE "INTERCOLLEGIATE SOCIALIST."
The Intercollegiate Socialist Society has just made an announcement of its equipment for this month of a new quarterly. "The Intercollegiate Socialist," which the Society trusts will be more effective in carrying the message of Socialism into the colleges, than is possible through the medium of the quarterly Bulletin, its official publication of the last three years.

The material, like the Bulletin, will be edited by the organizer, Harry W. Laidler. The first issue contains a graphic drawing by Art Young, called "The Struggle." Compressed in its pages are articles by Ellen Hayes on "The New Political Alliance," by Jessie Wallace Hughan, Ph. D., on "What is Socialism?," by William English Walling on "Government Ownership vs. Socialism," as well as short excerpts from the writings of W. J. Ghent, Prof. Lester F. Ward, and others.

A SOCIALIST BAND.
One of the best band masters in California is William De Largo of San Diego. He has organized a band of twenty-eight men, all the members of whom are socialists. Arrangements are being made to have the band tour the Pacific Coast.

NEW MID-WEST SOCIALIST DAILY.
The new mid-west Socialist Daily that the Socialists of Hamilton, Ohio, have been working on for the past month made its appearance on Saturday, February 22nd. It will be a one cent paper and will contain all the telegraphic news of the day. Special feature articles of interest to the workers, telling of the great class struggle, will appear daily.

SOCIALISTS GAIN IN ITALY.
The Socialists of Italy have decided to put candidates for the coming elections in all of the 508 Congressional districts.

At the municipal election at Lago-santo, near Ferrara, the Socialists gained a striking victory. They ousted the conservatives and elected all their candidates.

TWO WORDS.
President Taft is said to have made about a thousand speeches during the four years of his administration, yet of all this flood of words, two only will be remembered by the working people of the country, the two given in answer to the question of unemployed workers: Where are we to find work and bread? Taft's answer was: "God knows." It will go down into history as one of the wisest phrases ever uttered by a man's character, economic conditions and social institutions.

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Yes, the Grand Jury let the murderer go scot free this time. When it gets hold of a striker it will take a different course. Listen. The foreman of this particular Grand Jury was one of Rochester's best known rich bankers. But this fact means anything to you, reader? Has it any bearing on the class struggle? Or didn't it have any peculiar significance that the disposal of Ida Brayman's murderer lay within the power of such a man? Do you think there may have been men on that jury who understand the working class and believe in it, and love it. I am sure there were a few. But the majority must have been of another color. The result proves it.

What that jury would have done to a striker, if, for example, he or she had killed one of Rochester's big clothing manufacturers? The electric chair would have been your name in what it is. No talk of accident in that line. No palliation of any sort. It would have been a straight open, clear-cut case as well as I do. Oh, no, sir, there is no class government here in this land. How lovely it all is. Just perfect. So nicely and fairly arranged. Everybody treated with equal respect and equal justice. Sure thing! Why a dead man could see that. You foolish foreigners, how insanely you do talk! You are a disgrace to this country. Why don't you go back home! Who wants you here anyway!

But this article is waxing too serious. The death of Ida Brayman makes a fellow think that this is a fellow with believing enough to have them off our backs, no matter how it may jolt them. Then Ida Brayman shall not have died in vain.

EXPULSION.
State Secretary Justus E. Taylor of Nevada, reports that Local Union No. 1000, at Carson, Nevada, for violating party rules and signing old party petitions.
Also that Local Fallon has suspended Fred C. Standen for a term of two years for creating disturbances and waiting to fight in local meetings.

Also that Local Winnemucca has expelled H. K. Davis for violating party rules and signing old party petitions.
By some mischance, Davis was permitted to run for the legislature as an independent candidate and to receive membership in the local at the same time. He was elected, and was reported as being a Socialist member. He voted against the equal suffrage amendment, and this was the immediate cause of his expulsion from the local.

MONTANA.
Comrade Klinger had to face a contest of his older son had to face a contest of his kind, however, and is now ready to take up his work.

PAINTERS, Decorators and Paper Hangers.
The wages of the painters and paper hangers are being held at a standstill by the union. The union is demanding a 10% increase in wages. The employers are refusing to pay it. The union is threatening a strike. The employers are threatening to call in the police. The union is demanding that the employers should not employ any more workers until their demands are met. The employers are refusing to do so.

THE "INTERCOLLEGIATE SOCIALIST."
The Intercollegiate Socialist Society has just made an announcement of its equipment for this month of a new quarterly. "The Intercollegiate Socialist," which the Society trusts will be more effective in carrying the message of Socialism into the colleges, than is possible through the medium of the quarterly Bulletin, its official publication of the last three years.

The material, like the Bulletin, will be edited by the organizer, Harry W. Laidler. The first issue contains a graphic drawing by Art Young, called "The Struggle." Compressed in its pages are articles by Ellen Hayes on "The New Political Alliance," by Jessie Wallace Hughan, Ph. D., on "What is Socialism?," by William English Walling on "Government Ownership vs. Socialism," as well as short excerpts from the writings of W. J. Ghent, Prof. Lester F. Ward, and others.

A SOCIALIST BAND.
One of the best band masters in California is William De Largo of San Diego. He has organized a band of twenty-eight men, all the members of whom are socialists. Arrangements are being made to have the band tour the Pacific Coast.

NEW MID-WEST SOCIALIST DAILY.
The new mid-west Socialist Daily that the Socialists of Hamilton, Ohio, have been working on for the past month made its appearance on Saturday, February 22nd. It will be a one cent paper and will contain all the telegraphic news of the day. Special feature articles of interest to the workers, telling of the great class struggle, will appear daily.

SOCIALISTS GAIN IN ITALY.
The Socialists of Italy have decided to put candidates for the coming elections in all of the 508 Congressional districts.

At the municipal election at Lago-santo, near Ferrara, the Socialists gained a striking victory. They ousted the conservatives and elected all their candidates.

TWO WORDS.
President Taft is said to have made about a thousand speeches during the four years of his administration, yet of all this flood of words, two only will be remembered by the working people of the country, the two given in answer to the question of unemployed workers: Where are we to find work and bread? Taft's answer was: "God knows." It will go down into history as one of the wisest phrases ever uttered by a man's character, economic conditions and social institutions.

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TO ORGANIZE THE CAR-MEN

The degree of degradation to which those people whom we are pleased to call our 'liberty-loving, free people, the American workmen,' are reduced, cannot be better illustrated than by the work of the International Railway Company in its effort to suppress the growing union of Buffalo street car men.

Spies of the corporation are everywhere, and the situation is such that the men dare not speak of union to their most intimate friends without fear of exposure and of being robbed of the right to earn a livelihood for themselves and babes by the vengeful masters. One of the employees of the company, whose names is withheld for obvious reasons, writes to suggest a new plan of organization for the workers. In a letter he says:

'I am thrown in with the men of the International and find them more favorable to us than the generally supposed, even by those who are organizing the new union. All they lack in my estimation is proper handling and advice. You cannot get them to hazard their positions by coming out in the open to mass meetings. I will not do that myself, but if you will advocate silence through our paper, and tell them of our work through our paper, I know we can get more results than we realize.'

'Tell us what you will advocate and demand when organized, for the men themselves. Caution them against talking, even among themselves. If one approaches another regarding unionism, look upon that one as someone who is putting a wire through our paper, I know we can get more results than we realize. Make each man a detective against the spies the company has out. Get them roused in this way and communicate only through the mails to the union heads. Have them keep away from headquarters as spies are sure to follow them. Send them no application blanks except through the mails to their homes. Tell them their names will be guarded from members as well as outside parties except the direct heads of the union.'

'Tell them how other unions will come to their assistance as soon as they make an approach to us. Tell them that the most loyal citizens would stand for a tie-up of the lines, under the usage they are now getting. Tell them you will have Italian organizers get the trackmen through the same methods as you use. Appeal to the extra men first, because they as a rule have less at stake than the older men. THE ONLY WAY TO ORGANIZE THEM IS BY THE USE OF THE EXTRA MEN AND ARE NOT GETTING OUT THE NUMBER OF RUNS THEY WOULD OTHERWISE.'

'Tell us these things and how other car-men are profiting through their unions. Show us how we can get a square deal when once we are organized. Tell them how there are men working for this union now who have the name of being the ones who joined the old union and after learning the names of the others, turned in the names to the company and all except the informers were fired for the good of the service.'

Advocate silence, and then keep on advocating silence. We will get the paper to the men. The company cannot stop the paper nor keep the men from reading it. The company cannot fire any reader who only tips another off to read it. When they read they will find from the Buffalo Socialist what would be common talk. Can you imagine anything worse than this in Russia? The 'fratern' whom we love to spout about on the Fourth of July, forced to report to secrecy to the extent that they do not dare to attend a public mass-meeting, for fear of the vengeance of the masters of their breed.'

The suggestion of this earnest worker for the progress of the car-men is respectfully referred to the union heads. The columns of the Buffalo Socialist are at their service.

There are about 30,000 enrolled Socialists out of 80,000 city voters. That means about 37 per cent of us are active. Get busy!

Working class solidarity may find its expression in any or all of three forms: Political action, industrial action, or co-operative action. The supreme thing is SOLIDARITY.

OLOWEN HOOF IS REVEALED

The Buffalo 'Chamber of Commerce' is thoroughly believes in 'working men's compensation.' To be sure, they don't say what kind they believe in; but, judging from the frenzied columns of slush in the daily organs of the masters, it's the kind that won't cost the bosses anything to speak of.

The Murtagh-Jackson bill now before the state legislature is by no means perfect. In fact, it would be considered as a rather lame and wishy-washy proposal, if proposed by anybody with the interests of the workers at heart.

'BUT IT IS 100 TIMES AS GOOD AS ANY OF THE OTHERS THAT ARE BEING OFFERED. IT IS AS GOOD AS YOU CAN EXPECT FROM EVEN THE MOST LIBERAL OF THE MASTER CLASS IN OFFICE.'

Last week every member of the Chamber of Commerce got a hurry-up call to go to Albany and prevent the passage of the Murtagh-Jackson bill. In the 'call to arms,' the manufacturers were told that if the bill passed, the employers would have to give their employees in certain cases 'half-baked treasures' and 'bird's nest' like New Jersey, which are tied hand and foot to the bosses' chariot.

Of course, in the article in the masters' newspapers they do not come out openly and say, as they do in their private communications, one of which we have on file in this office, just what they mean.

'Oh, no. In the capitalist newspapers they antagonize the proposed Murtagh-Jackson bill because it isn't safe enough.' You see, they are worried about the workers' 'safety,' according to the harpies of the press. 'BUT IN THEIR PRIVATE COMMUNICATIONS THEY CALL A SPADE A SPADE, AND FRANKLY DEMAND ANTAGONISM TO THE BILL BECAUSE IT WILL COST THE MASTERS MORE TO WALK AND MURDER WORKING PEOPLE than it would cost under the Foley-Walker bill which they propose as a substitute.'

Note how eagerly the capitalist newspaper supporters of their attack upon this measure to console the workers of the state. Note how they whip into line the professional editor folk like Fredrick Albay. Note how they gather in swarms about the legislative halls in Albany prepared to fight to the death for their blood-money.

It is only another indication of how the workers themselves will have to fight even to gain HALF-BAKED TREASURES and 'bird's nest' like New Jersey, which are tied hand and foot to the bosses' chariot which will be suited to their purpose.

The chances of the workers getting the worst of it in this matter is not lessened by the lethargy of the workers themselves.

VICTIMS OF SOCIAL CONDITIONS

'Where there is suffering there is sacred ground. Some day humanity will understand what this means.' This is a poet's thought, of course, and the kindly description of the social ills which he has so nobly set forth in his noble, level-headed, rational thinker; nevertheless it is more suggestive than many an indubitable bare fact. We certainly cannot wish to depreciate the value of clear logical thinking, for it is the foundation of all sound and correct action; but we find that the poet's vision is not without its use in explaining man's experiences.

You must have a sufferer yourself and become conscious of the fact that you were committed not only to your penalty for your own folly, but also to other people's ignorance and other people's misdeeds, in order to grasp in some way the poet's meaning. It depends largely upon the particular way in which you are looking at things, and this is determined by our conception of life in general.

Regular government, that is, a government of the people by the people and for the people, has until now been a dream, and will remain a dream, so long as men are ignorant of all the means by which the people remain in the possession of a class of men. No matter what political rights the people possess, their existence does not depend upon it, and all that is accomplished by their daily bread is produced. Therefore, all their political and economic efforts and activities must be directed toward getting

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their control, and retaining under their control, the economic forces and resources of society which constitute the basis of all human existence, well-being and happiness. The most important step toward this is the control of the material means of existence. He who holds this power is the real master and law-giver, and the property of his hand is what makes this day has been the retention of this power in the hands of the classes that possess it. The object of the Socialist movement is to conquer the powers by

THE PASSING WEEK

Not the least of the services rendered by the opening lecture of the Lyceum course of lectures, was the lesson forced home upon Socialist party members that this is not the socialist movement, that the more matter of voting and getting others to vote the Socialist ticket.

Comrade Ameringer pointed out that there are three distinct factors in the Socialist development. One of these is the organization of the working class into industrial unions, which shall be competent to deal with the situation brought about by the use of the collective tool. The second is the organization and development of co-operative use of the purchasing power of the working class by means of co-operative stores, working class purchasing clubs and the like. The third and crowning feature, is the seizure of political power by the working class movement.

Many of the Socialists, through familiarity with the phase of the Socialist movement, are very likely to jump to the conclusion that this particular section is the whole movement. This is particularly true of those who see only the political aspect of the question. So long as a man connects to vote the Socialist ticket, and to take no part in the other activities of the Socialist movement, he is developing only one side of the triangle. The same thing is true of industrial action and of co-operative action.

While the political organization is aiming at the nose of Capitalism, it should not be forgotten that the Socialist union and the co-operative clubs are kicking at the shins of the same antagonist. A healthy rivalry among them, as to which shall most effectively combat the common foe, means the perfect working organization.

As gracefully as the circumstances will permit, we yield the palm to the ladies. They edited the Buffalo Socialist, in toto, last week, and we may whisper in confidence that every man-jack of the Board of Directors is anxiously awaiting the annual meeting to see whether they will be fired to make room for a body of women-edited.

While the Socialist women of Buffalo may not be any great shakes as fence-climbers or javelin-throwers or hard-yard-daashers, they can surely sing the link and we bow to their attainments. If the best of us were to compare ourselves to some extent and plug hard, we might, in time, come to admit that we class with the women folk as 'molders of public opinion.' In the meantime, will back the women, and stand pat on the assertion that the last issue of the Buffalo Socialist, conducted by the women, was the best. If anybody disagrees, we're ready to engage him in mortal combat, weapons, hairpins at 100 paces.

Mr. Woodrow Wilson, that eminent peacemaker who has been elevated by the bourgeoisie to the position of an Caterer to the capitalist class, advises confidentially through all of the newspapers of the country, that the 'honest' business men have nothing to fear from his administration.

By the 'honest' business men he evidently means those who stick to the 'highly profitable' business of robbing their own workers.

By 'honest' and 'dishonest,' Mr. Wilson does not wish to be understood as differentiating between the robbers who force women and children to slave long hours in order to enhance their fortunes, and those who force men only to slave.

His the difference between 'honest' business men and the 'dishonest' business men is the difference between those who violate the ethics of capitalism and those who do not violate the ethics of capitalism.

It is not 'dishonest,' for example, to skin down the wages of girl employees by the use of a machine in order to avoid paying them living wages, but it is 'dishonest' when they are forced to sell their bodies to keep their despairing souls from forsaking them.

That isn't 'dishonest?' That's business. The only people who have anything to fear from the Wilson administration are those who sometimes skin the sheep-keepers.

Many of our readers have assumed, from our discussions of the practice of local merchants promoting the schemes to satisfy girl employees with 'working girls' homes in order to avoid paying them living wages, that this is a condition peculiar to Buffalo. Nothing could be farther from the fact.

In Cleveland there is a notorious department store establishment, whose hundreds of girls are employed by day at a wage running from \$0 to \$6. What they do at night is, of course, their own affair; but it's almost a certainty that they don't have decent food, clothes and carfare out of their pitiful little salaries to keep them going.

The manager of this store is promoting, with the help of other Cleveland blood-suckers, who are engaged in the same business, which might well be called the 'respectable' division of the white-slave traffic,—a Cleveland working girls' home.

They're a bit more brazen about it in Cleveland than we are in Buffalo, however, because they openly admit that its purpose is to enable the slaves to get going on \$3 a week.

To be sure, they point out that the usual shop-keepers' swap hypocrite, assuming, of course, that the girls 'are not worth more'; but on the whole, it's the same gag that is being worked in Buffalo.

Just when we think we've got a line on the tortuous mental processes of the average capitalist editor, he ups and gives us a job by shifting his style.

We had just been reading in one of the morning papers about what a daring, thrilling, exciting, heroic and wholly admirable thing a Mexican schmeer had done in causing the death of several thousand of working nuts in his eagerness to get into a position where he could copper the swag which Wall street pays for continued poeage in that country. Of course, there was the usual 'the men' 'about his neck' of the politician in Mexico were 'fighting for their liberty' and all the rest of it.

And so, when we turned to the European news and learned how the English suffragettes had used a few favorite capitalist tricks, such as the explosion of dynamite in the case of Mrs. Pankhurst, we were all prepared to read how they were 'heroines' and the like.

Nothing doing. It seems that in order to be heroic for doing murder, it must be done in the sacred name of Wall street. And so the women who resorted to the very same tricks as those put on by the American 'heroines' are not 'heroines' either; they are criminals of the deepest dye, if we may believe the local boot-lickers.

We dare say that all of the bombs thrown by the English suffragettes has not murdered very many people, compared with the poisoned foods, the small wages, the malaria working class tenements and the other things which the capitalist papers so rationally defend.

WHAT SOCIALISM OFFERS

What has Socialism to offer the man who can never expect to see it realized? It offers him a rational conception of life based on facts, a correct interpretation of history, and a sound, logical explanation of the phenomena of our present social order. It offers him all the tools which he needs to cope with his environment, of forces beyond his control, criminals are no exceptions in this respect.

We believe ourselves free from all illogical sentimentalism in regard to criminals, but who can hide from himself the obvious fact that as every criminal is being physically and mentally and morally degraded by the environment, of forces beyond his control, criminals are no exceptions in this respect.

THE ROCHESTER STRIKE

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Government by law is better than government by man; but we do deplore a situation where the natural operation of the law protects machines and leaves sweet, white human flesh to be starved and starved in the nature of a nation of hungry men, and a woman against inhuman and galling conditions are used as a pretext to bring out the machinery of the law, police and, if necessary, the military forces, and the man beings to observe a condition that they will make them actual slaves.

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