



TRADING UNION MEN DEMAND THAT OFFICIALS CALL GENERAL STRIKE

Soldiers Forced Into the Fight by Maddened Plutes

Cringing Lackeys of the Bench Always Subject to Crack of the Master's Whip, Disregard Duty to Public; Many Soldiers Mere Schoolboys.

Simply to suit the whims of ONE MAN—President Connette of the International Railway—the whimpering politicians of the Republican, Democrat and Bull Moose parties have exhausted every effort to drive 2,600 citizens of Buffalo into slavery. They played their trump card on Wednesday morning, when about 3,000 men and boys, wearing the state uniforms, paid for out of the sweat and blood of the workers, were paraded about the streets, to threaten murder and frighten the workers into submission.

We are fond of boasting of our "freedom"; but a little analysis will show us that we are "free" only to the masters' bidding. Judges, elected by corporation contributions to their campaign funds, are ready, even eager, to join in crushing the workers at the mere suggestion of pouting capitalists. Other judges rush to the fore with injunctions forbidding the workers to even THINK they have a grievance against the scoundrels, strutting asses and mammonists of Delaware Avenue, who rule us with a rod of iron.

WORKERS' FOES IN POWER.

That is our boasted "freedom," and it will continue to be until the working class gets over the notion that it can elect its enemies, the lackey lawyers of the plutocrats, to office and expect anything different. The betrayed workers of Buffalo have handed over the policeman's club, the militiaman's bayonet and the injunction power to their enemies at the last election. What can they expect in case of strife with their ancient foes, except betrayal?

And yet WITH ALL THE GUNS OF THE MILITIA; WITH ALL THE WHISKEY IN THE CAR-BARN; WITH ALL THE JUDGES, LAWYERS, POLICE AND IMPORTED THINGS, THEY CAN'T RESTORE STREET CAR SERVICE.

The solution is in the hands of the workers themselves. It rests with them whether the working class will WIN THIS STRIKE or not.

DEMAND GENERAL STRIKE.

The great mass of the workers in organized industries are insistently DEMANDING A GENERAL STRIKE.

The great public of which all workers are a part, and which, with the exception of a few lords and their lackeys, IS THE PUBLIC, demands that the city officials DO THEIR PLAIN DUTY AND DECLARE THE FRANCHISE OF THE INTERNATIONAL RAILWAY FORFEITED.

Will they do it? NOT UNLESS THE WORKING CLASS PUTS INTO THEIR PETTY 24 MINDS THE FACT THAT IT MEANS BUSINESS AND WILL NO LONGER SUBMIT TO BEING FOUL.

The plan for a general strike in all trades, organized and unorganized; combined with an insistent demand that the free franchise so cheerfully given the robbers BE REVOKED offers the best opportunity to bring this truth home to them at the present time.

When next fall comes, the workers can still further drive home the truths of their solidarity and determination, by THROWING OUT ALL OF THE RICH MEN'S LACKEYS AND TIME-SERVERS AND REPLACING THEM WITH CLASS-CONSCIOUS SOCIALIST WORKMEN.

SOLDIERS ARE VICTIMS ALSO.

Some of them are young that they look like Boy Scouts. In a couple of years, though, they are the Boy Scouts now will be wearing the uniforms of the militia. The young men are getting wise to the purpose for which armories are being fitted up like club-rooms AND THEY REFUSE TO BE TRAPPED. Therefore it was necessary to begin with them a little younger, and train them to be soldiers while they are still children. THAT IS THE ONE AND ONLY PURPOSE OF THE BOY SCOUTS. IF YOU KNOW A BOY SCOUT OR THE MOTHER OR FATHER OF A BOY SCOUT, WARN HIM AGAINST THE TRAP.

The calling of the militia by Judge Brown was done AT THE REQUEST OF THE INTERNATIONAL S. LAWYERS. IT SEEMS THAT THE IMPORTED GUNMEN OF THE COMPANY COULDN'T KILL BUFFALO WORKERS FAST ENOUGH.

SOLDIERS WON'T KILL FOR PROFITS' SAKE.

However, it is one thing to call out soldiers and quite another thing to get them to kill their neighbors, friends, brothers and fathers. Some of the soldiers do not hesitate to say that they WILL NOT KILL IN DEFENSE OF THE ROBBER.

Drawn almost wholly from the ranks of the workers, the militia have no stomach for killing men who are struggling for living wages. Just as the policemen refused to beat up and murder workers at the behest of Connette, Regan and their ilk, EVEN SO THE MILITIA WILL REFUSE TO DO IT.

The militiamen were TRAPPED by pleasing promises, into joining the murderband. DON'T BLAME THEM. YOU, ALSO, WERE TRAPPED INTO HANDING OVER THE POWERS OF GOVERNMENT TO SUCH MEN AS BROWN, POOLEY, SULZER, BECKER AND THEIR LIKE at the last election. They were all "friends" of the people, weren't they?

When they trap you into voting them into office THEY DON'T TELL YOU WHAT THEY WILL DO WITH THEIR POWER IN CASE OF STRIKES. And when they trap school-boys into the militia, THEY DON'T TELL THEM WHAT THEY WILL HAVE TO DO IN CASE OF STRIKES, EITHER.

It was hoped by the masters that the show of troops would discourage the strikers. It has had the opposite effect BECAUSE NEARLY EVERY MILITIAMAN IS SECRETLY WITH THE STRIKERS.

THIS STRIKE IS WON. It was won on Monday morning when the company failed to move cars with an army of ex-convicts. THE ONLY THING WHICH CAN ROB THE WORKERS OF THE FRUITS OF THEIR VICTORY WOULD BE COLD FEET ON THE PART OF THE WORKERS THEMSELVES.

THE TRUMP CARD OF THE CAPITALISTS HAS BEEN PLAYED, AND PLAYED IN VAIN. THE INTERNATIONAL IS ON ITS KNEES. The vicious vindictiveness of the company is the LAST DESPERATE SCURM OF DEFEAT.

BOY A "HERO" OF COMPANY K! HIS FATHER IS ON STRIKE

One of the most pathetic cases on record in connection with the calling out of the troops is the case of young Christie Schreiber of Tonawanda, an 18-year-old youth who was trapped into joining Company K of Tonawanda, lured by the pleasant prospects of having a beautiful club-house to lounge in. That is all he looked for in the Army.

His father, Motorman John Schreiber of the Falls line, true to his comrades of the working class, is on strike!

At any minute, whenever called upon by the fanatical thirst for blood on the part of the masters of the bread, the lad may be called upon to strike the steel to his father's heart SUBJECT TO COURT-MARTIAL AND DEATH IF HE REFUSES!

Tuesday morning, the lad was taken from school and brought to Buffalo as a part of Company K, 74th Regiment, dressed in the uniform of a state killer.

Imagine his feelings as he tramped the streets, with gun on shoulders, his lessons forgotten in the serving of the masters!

Imagine the feelings of his courageous old father: his grief and despair in the home which depended upon the victory of the men in their struggle to provide comfort, education and decent living conditions for the soldier-boy as well as the rest of the family!

But the capitalists are not concerned with such things. They are concerned only with beating down and crushing the hopes of the workers, and they will not stop at setting father against son and brother against brother in doing it!



PICKLED "HERO" MAKES A SPEECH TO MAIN STREET CROWD

Tuesday afternoon a big crowd of people were much entertained by the spectacle of one of the "defenders of our national honor," a member of the 74th Regiment in uniform, who stood up in Lafayette Square and gave a speech to the crowd.

The soldier, who was so drunk that he could hardly stand up, was having the time of his life. Apparently, he did not realize that he was put into the uniform to kill strikers and not to entertain the public!

After a little good-natured chaffing on the part of the crowd, and just as the time of his life, apparently, was over, the soldier, a squad of his comrades-in-arms led him away to the guard-house.

INTERNATIONAL DEFIES LAWS AT EVERY TURN

At the Heriel Avenue barn the company could not get a man to fire the boiler who had a license, so they hired a man without license. They do not care about the safety of their hires, even at a time like this, and are defying the city ordinances without any protest.

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SAY THAT SMALL POX HAS BROKEN OUT IN COLD SPRING BARN

Persistent report, apparently well founded, as they come from within, come from the Cold Spring barn to the effect that small-pox has broken out among the scabs herded in the big barn. The typical scabs and gunmen, filthy with vermin and deprived of the usual means of attending to their physical wants, prove easy victims of the dread disease, and the close confinement enforced by the company in order to prevent the scabs from deserting and going over to the strikers, gives every reason to believe that the reports are correct.

While it is reported that the cases of small-pox and typhoid number 46 in all, it is probable that the number is exaggerated, since the serious illness of so large a body of men would unquestionably cause a determined revolt from the inside.

STRIKERS' MEETING TODAY

A mass meeting of the strikers will be held at 2 P. M. today (Thursday), at Schreiber's Hall, 321 Broadway. The meeting will be addressed by W. D. Mahon, president of the Amalgamated Association, J. J. Thorpe, first vice-president, William B. Fitzgerald, organizer, a representative of the American Federation of Labor, Sam Atkinson of the Buffalo Socialist, and others.

AMATEUR SCABS ARE HELD PRISONERS IN WALDEN BARN

A policeman, sympathetic to the cause of the workers, reports from the Walden Avenue barns, that a number of the amateur strike-breakers camped in the barns, are trying to get away but are forced to remain by the professional gunmen, police and militia under the control of the International.

The company refuses to give up the men's suit-cases. The cases in question are those of men who have been deceived into coming to Buffalo, without any knowledge that a strike was in progress.

The company will resort to desperate measures, before it will permit any of them to escape.

REGAN'S A FINE PUBLIC SERVANT, ISN'T HE, NOW!

The next official to meet his political doom at the hands of the people of Buffalo will be Michael Regan. Unlike the rank and file of the police he has shown clearly that he is on the side of the company. HIS ADMISSION THAT THE POLICE COULD NOT COPE WITH THE SITUATION IS AN INSULT TO THE POLICE UNDER HIM, AND A BARE-FACED LIE.

United Trades and Labor Council to Take Up Question

Militant Workers Will Not Permit Newly-Organized Union of Carmen to be Crushed For Lack of Help in Time of Need.

Why are we helping the capitalists crush our brothers by remaining at work while the police, the soldiers, the judges and the other forces at the disposal of the masters are being hurled upon by the courageous street railway men?

This is the question which the organized workers are asking one another whenever a little knot of them is gathered together.

The agitation for a general strike of all organized workers in aid of the street car men is probably only a question of the day and the hour. Every moment that is lost would be valuable in helping the carmen win, if the electricians, the engineers, the teamsters, carpenters, and all other organized trades would go out in sympathy with their fellow-workers.

It is said that the newspaper printers are especially eager to help the carmen men. They have an exceptional good opportunity to see how all of the forces

of capitalism are being used against their brothers.

"The capitalist class shows its solidarity right from the start," said a union printer last night. "We see the Chamber of Commerce, the newspaper publishers, and all of the employers of labor on a large scale lined up solidly with the International in its effort to crush the newly-organized carmen's union. Now is the time for the working class to stand together."

It is believed that a general strike of the organized trades would not last over 24 hours, by which time the capitalists would be forced to surrender.

The question of calling a general strike will be taken up at tonight's meeting of the United Trades and Labor Council, and from the statements of the members of that body, it seems very likely that the general strike will be called at that time if the strike is not won before then.

COMMITTEE TELLS MAYOR OF UNION CARMEN'S GRIEVANCES

Headed by President Mahon, Committee Waits on Chief Executive and Asks His Co-Operation in Bringing Corporation to Time.

After sending the following statement to mayor Fuhrmann, the strike committee waited on him at 3:30 yesterday afternoon:

Buffalo, N. Y., April 9, 1913.
Hon. Louis Fuhrmann,
Mayor, City of Buffalo.

In compliance with the promise made you last evening, we hereby submit to you a statement of the men's complaints and will substitute this with an oral statement of the committee of the men themselves.

First—We have asked the right to organize into the trade union of our craft in order that upon the labor we will be this company's right and we are now absolutely denied. We are employed to work, and especially so many hours, we are not paid to sit in the work of the broken runs, for which we receive no pay. Many of our men work at 5 o'clock in the morning and are compelled to report and begin their day's work at 6 o'clock in the morning, thus covering a period of eighteen (18) hours for which we receive only 40 cents an hour to ten hours. Many of our fellow workers are compelled to report as early as 4:30 A. M. and remain on duty during the entire day. In some cases they only receive 40 cents an hour's pay while in many cases they do not receive any pay but are held on duty throughout the entire time.

The committee will further explain this point to you.

Under our complaint of the long wages that are now paid to us. The wage scale of the company being as follows: First year in service... 22 cents an hour; Second year in service... 23 cents an hour; Third year in service... 24 cents an hour; Fourth year in service... 25 cents an hour; Fifth year in service... 26 cents an hour; Sixth year in service... 27 cents an hour; Seventh year in service... 28 cents an hour; Eighth year in service... 29 cents an hour; Ninth year in service... 30 cents an hour; Tenth year in service... 31 cents an hour. Under this graduated wage scale the men and individual companies are charged upon any little pretext that may be made to purchase our clothing in the open market and take this place. After this man has been hired and started in again at a low rate of pay he is held on duty for an additional period of the above there are a number of smaller grievances that we are addressing.

Under the rules of the company we are compelled to buy our uniforms from one company which is operated by the Street Railway officials, and by this act we are denied the right to purchase our clothing in the open market and free market.

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As to a settlement, we are willing if the company will agree to give us the right to organize into a union of our craft in order that upon the labor we will be this company's right and we are now absolutely denied.

W. D. MAHON,
President of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electrical Railway Employees of America. (Representing the men.)

HAMMOND "LOOKING INTO" MATTER OF DOING HIS DUTY

Corporation Counsel Hammond, when asked by a reporter for The Buffalo Socialist what he proposed to do about the demand made by Attorney Haller, representing a large number of clients, to the effect that the city proceed at once to confiscate the franchise of the International Railway, said:

"We are looking into the proposal suggested by Mr. Haller with reference to revoking the franchise of the International Railway. The task of examining the franchise in all of its aspects is a considerable one; but we are at work on it and as soon as the matter reaches a point where there is anything to announce in the way of news on this point, it will be given out."

While the previous experiences of the workers of Buffalo with Mr. Hammond (striking his franchise for four days, isn't what you could call a legal heavy-weight.)

A corporation counsel who doesn't know it when a corporation has been striking its franchise for four days, isn't what you could call a legal heavy-weight.

SCABS DESERTING

Strike-breakers are still deserting in numbers and despite the extravagant claims of the company it is probable few of the imported thugs remain to man cars.

THE "GOOD SOLDIER"

(By Jack London.)

Young Men: The lowest aim in your life is to become a soldier. The good soldier never tries to distinguish right from wrong. He never thinks; he only obeys. If he is ordered to fire on his fellow citizens, on his friends, on his relatives, he obeys without hesitation. If he is ordered to fire down a crowded street when the poor are clamoring for bread, he obeys, and sees the gray hairs of age stained with red and the life tide gushing from the breasts of women, feeling neither remorse nor sympathy. If he is ordered off as a firing squad to execute a hero or benefactor, he fires without hesitation, though he knows the bullet will pierce the noblest heart that ever beat in human breast.

A good soldier is a blind, heartless, soulless, murderous machine. He is not a man. He is not a brute, for a brute only kill in self defense. All that is human in him, all that is divine in him, all that constitutes the man has been sworn away or washed away in the enlistment roll. His mind, his conscience, eye, his very soul, are in the keeping of his officer.

No man can fall lower than a soldier—it is a depth beneath which he cannot go. Keep the boys out of the army. It is hell. Down with the army and the navy. We don't need killing institutions. We need life-giving institutions.

SOCIALIST NEWS OF WESTERN NEW YORK

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y. A WARNING.

We desire to warn our readers against the intellectual chloroform which is being dispensed by the capitalist press...

2 MORE VICTIMS

The reign of terror instituted by the International Railway Co. in calling out its murderous militia from Buffalo...

Both man and woman were innocent bystanders, and were felled by the hands of the youthful and unscrupulous "soldiers" of the "gallant" 74th.

DRY GOOD STORES BLOCK PAVEMENTS

We wish to call the attention of the "authorities" to the blocking of sidewalks by the department stores...

Anyone trying to pass down Washington street, especially at noon, will find the trip interrupted by the delivery wagons of J. N. Adam & Co., Wm. H. Henshaw & Co., and others...

Why not force these companies to provide proper places to load delivery wagons on their own property...

GENERAL ELECTRIC WILL LOSE MONEY NOW?

As we supposed, that awful institution controlled by the business element called the Public Service Commission...

The Public Service Commission has issued its report to the effect that electricity will be sold to the consumer at his residence...

A GERMAN LECTURE AT COLUMBIA TURN VEREIN

A large percentage of the population in this city is either German or of German descent. Through some reason of fate the agitation and mixing of the two groups amongst the German people...

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EMIL SEIDEL

of this kind. He was candidate for vice-president in 1912 and the first Socialist to be elected mayor of an important American city.

MR. CONNETTE THINKS BUFFALO'S IN RUSSIA

The officials of the International Street Railway are very hard put to it for methods and so they have resorted to an attempt to scare the strikers.

LAWLESS CONDUCT MADE CONSTABLES AT COMPANY'S BEHEST

The strike breakers have been ever in as special constables. This is a case where the law makers are law breakers. No man ought to be sworn in as a special constable unless he is and has been a resident of the city.

WHY SHOULD BUFFALO'S CARMEN GET SO LITTLE?

Civic pride demands that we stand by the street car men in their strike. Who says Buffalo is not as good as any other city?

HOW THE CAPITALIST PAPERS SUPPRESS IMPORTANT FACTS

The following dispatch was received by the Buffalo News and Times Wednesday, April 3rd.

SUPERINTENDENT COONS DEBERTS SINKING SHIP

It is rumored that Superintendent Coons has left the city. It is surprising how a little brief authority makes a man forget the condition of the workers.

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THE MONEY QUESTION

By KARL F. M. SANDBERG, author of "The Money Trust." New Laws Needed

Before we debate what few financial laws the country needs it is important that we thoroughly understand the fundamental principles for a rational money.

Money is generally defined as a medium of exchange and the need of such a medium is the basis of the money system.

The main purpose of an up-to-date financial system must be to secure an equal distribution of the burdens as well as the benefits of collective action.

First, that the money in every form be issued by the government only.

Second, that the money paid out for work performed for the government only be subject to the government again.

The money paid for collective work forms a receipt, or certificate of credit, and entitles the recipient to its equivalent in the form of goods.

WORK PERFORMED FORMS THE ONLY EQUITABLE, TRUE AND RATIONAL BASIS FOR THE ISSUE OF MONEY.

A SOCIALIST MAYOR WON THIS STRIKE

When a street car strike was called in the city of Buffalo a couple of years ago, the mayor of the city happened to be a Socialist.

Second—to protect life and property he swore in as a deputy EVERY ONE OF THE 300 STRIKERS.

Third—the company said that it could not continue in the face of terror with hired gunmen, and when it saw its striking employees comfortably walking up and down the streets, swiping their "protection" fee.

Adopted by the Executive Committee of the Socialist Party at a special meeting held Monday evening, April 7th.

STEMENT FROM SOCIALIST PARTY

In the Morning Express of this date appears statements purporting to come from an official of the Socialist Party to the effect that the Socialist Party would have nothing to do with the strike and will not allow its hall to be used by the striking carmen.

Statement. The Socialist Party has long been aware of the intolerable conditions under which the employees of the International Railway Company were working.

Under its direction the preliminary work of organization was carried on and when the proper time had arrived, in response to many requests, organizers of the Almagamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees of America were called to Buffalo.

The Socialist Party is an organization which is working for the people and has always stood ready to do all in its power to assist the workers to organize and help them win in their struggles with the employing class.

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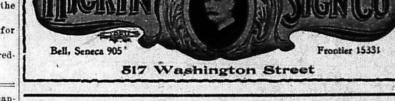
Outfit No. 2 Walnut finished coffin, studded and lined with moogram, embalm, black horse, two coaches, burial permit, complete care and attendance. Total cost \$43.00

Outfit No. 3 Walnut finished coffin, polished and lined, six silver handles, engraved name plate, outside case of pine, burial suit in black or brown habit, black horse, three coaches, embalm, burial permit, complete care and attendance. Total cost \$55.00

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"MOTHERING" THE MOVEMENT

That brave little company of three-score class-conscious women, who make up what is known as the Buffalo Socialist Women's Club...

Not the least of the things which they have taught us is the value of social fellowship. Since the organization of the Women's Club, it has been a constant source of pride and strength to Local Buffalo.

The Buffalo Socialist owes its very existence to these women comrades. It was their energy which raised the first funds needed to bring it into being.

Even as the mothers of men may rise to the heights of heroism, yet scorn not to render the tender, common-place services every-day life just so to the mother instincts, the Women's Club renders to the Socialist Party a thousand services each year—services which none but women can render.

Knowing full well the broad-value of every nickel so grudgingly doled to the toilers by the master-class, and eager to bring together for their common purpose those that love the freedom of their class, the women have hit upon a plan by which, at practically no expense, the workers can be brought together for a delightful evening; the treasury of the Buffalo Socialist replenished, and the work of education promoted.

On the evening of April 9, a social will be given at the Socialist Headquarters, under their auspices. The admission fee will be—a bundle of old rubbers, which you would otherwise throw away!

Tell us, you half-awakened pseudo-Socialists, who think to rouse a nation, and cannot rouse your own wife; who boast of spreading Socialism across a continent, and will not yourself extend it across a back-fable, tell us what the Socialist Movement in Buffalo would amount to without the ingenuity of the women, to say nothing of their courage and steadfast purpose!

Let it be a cause of shame to us if their every effort on behalf of Socialism be not met with such a term of grateful greeting as will carry them to the heights of pleasurable pride, and cheer them on to renewed efforts, in the full assurance of our appreciation and support, in the lesser things as well as in the greater!

Why should a Buffalo public school teacher's pay average only one-third the joy of the average ward-healer who merely decorates the city hall with his ornate presence?

The Kaiser's cousin invented an aeroplane—but the emperor would not let him fly with it because he reserved for a working man. You see the life of the Kaiser's cousin was valuable.

We have yet to see a capitalist paper which is not actively engaged, day in and day out, in fooling the working class in the interests of the masters. We respect our owners realize their class interests much better than the working units.

One-tenth of the money spent by the United States Government last year on war, past, present and future, would have prevented the great floods in the Middle West. But the capitalist government thinks it is more desirable to support J. P. Morgan's bonds. The motto of the old parties is: "Let's help the rich—the poor can beg."

Capitalism is always hypocritical. The most daring schemes of chloroforming and robbing the workers are carried out under the guise of "charity" and "helping the little." Their scab-laborers are masked under the name of the Y. M. C. A., and killing is taught under the cover of Boy Scout "charity."

Thirty young women of a Scranton, Pa., suburb are appealing through the papers for husbands. They will marry "any nice young man WHO CAN PROVIDE A HOME." Why, bless our prosperous land forevermore, we supposed that only the wicked Socialists thought there is somebody in this country who doesn't have a good home!

CAPITALIZING THE DEATH-RATTLE

A company has just been organized for the avowed purpose of exploiting the terrible "wages" of tuberculosis. The germ-warfare nickel, which is used from the trembling fingers of those afar down the path to the Valley of the Shadow of Death is none the less sweet to the profit-mongers on that account.

What if it does mean added privations to those already sorely pressed? What if it does mean a precious bread and the blessed milk, torn from the lips of the suffering? What if it does mean death to the populace in companies, regiments and brigades? Does it not mean PROFITS also?

According to the capitalist newspapers, who hide the naked truth as best they can, last an organized working class rise in their might and w-rook its vengeance on these vultures, "a syndicate has been formed for the purpose of buying up the rights to the serum for the treatment of tuberculosis, discovered by Dr. Friedman. It is proposed to give free treatment to those who cannot afford to pay for it."

And thus the ghoul of capitalism would hide their purpose, as usual when it is unusually base, under the hypocritical cloak of "charity."

The working class knows what it means, this ghastly joke about "free treatment for those who cannot afford to pay for it." It means the same thing as "free" anything else to those who cannot afford to pay, just as much as the capitalist's "strong-box."

Whether Dr. Friedman has truly discovered a serum which will save society from this awful scourge, we know not; but we do not hesitate to say that the capitalization of his claims offers another golden opportunity to squeeze still further the wretched victims of capitalist mismanagement which has made every American city a breeding place for tuberculosis germs.

Already, patent medicine fakirs are fattening by the score upon the quivering bodies of these hundreds of thousands of helpless gasping creatures, aggravating their agonies a thousand fold with their seductive siren song: "A cure, a cure—pay, pay, pay!" The dread music faces of the despairing meet our eyes in every path and by-way. We know that there is no hope for them, save in the overthrow of capitalism, and yet we let precious days pass by without spurring our fellow workers to unite; we waste our golden moments when with our friends in countless groups of the kind that when the only message worth while is still to some unsaid, "Workers of the world unite, you have nothing to lose but your chains."

And in the meantime, capitalism huris into our teeth the taunt that it may asphyxiate the very dying gasps of those of our class whom it has robbed of health!

THE BEST IS GOOD ENOUGH

We are told that something is better than nothing, that is, that it behooves us to be satisfied with little if we cannot get all we desire.

It is, however, only the poor, the humble, the common people who are satisfied. The rich are never satisfied with little. For them it is always more and more, and no end to the getting.

Prosperity is not measured by the number of contented people in the country, nor by the number of intelligent people, of noble-minded people, of good-

mean to be satisfied with little in any field of effort. It means to strike out for the highest, for the best, for the most nearly perfect.

It is the abundant life, mentally, morally, physically and spiritually. And the abundant life, the realization of the divine in man, is possible only upon the basis of wholesome economic conditions. Therefore, we cannot be satisfied with anything; the best is only good enough for the civilized man and woman.

A WORLD BUILDER IS MAN

Man is the creator of his own social world, he can make it or mar it, beautify it or tarish it, make it a pleasant home or an abominable hell, and in shaping it he follows his interests or what he believes to be his interests.

To be sure, it is not the individual man that can do this. The individual is more or less the slave of his environment, and only a very few minds acquire the strength to rise above them. This matter of the world as we know it, the collective man can accomplish, namely, to change his social conditions, to adjust his environments to his interests and desires.

This matter of the collective man over his social conditions has made civilization possible. And all are called to develop the potential powers of the working people as social powers.

I propose to take part in the collective work of improving the conditions of social life, of humanizing the structure and superstructure of society, by uniting their individual forces and powers into one great movement under the impersonal leadership of their common interest that we should, at least, attempt to realize some of our ideals of the abundant life here!

It is just as important to educate the masses of the working people as it is to improve their material conditions; for if a poor man's ignorance and pitiful, well-to-do man's ignorance is detestable because it shows that he cared more for his pocketbook than for his mind, more for his stomach than for his head.

Life is hardly worth living if it consists of nothing but bread earning and bread getting, an evering about the possibility of losing one's job. Yet to millions of people life is little more than this tedious process of working in order to eat and eating in order to work. But they cannot live without an ideal of a better life which shall be the fulfillment of life's purpose, they seek the realization of this ideal beyond the grave and the next world.

We certainly do not wish to deprive any man of the hope he may entertain as to the realization of his life dream; yet would it not appear reasonable to suggest that we should, at least, attempt to realize some of our ideals of the abundant life here?

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WHAT SHALL IT BE?

If life is a joy to him, he owes it to the world to work for the progress of our race before he was born. By helping others to enjoy life, he pays back the services others have rendered to him. He who does not work for the benefit of his race, but only for his higher nature, which is not a sentimental phrase, but an inexorable fact. Of course, we have in mind the civilization that we are not content to eat, and eat but to live, and nothing more. We seek the man to whom life is more than merely a struggle for bread, as it is for the brute. We speak of the man who takes part in the social struggle, who is not content and wishes to be an active factor in the great work of the world.

This work must be done and will be done. It is the duty of every man who wishes to be one of the workers who by their activities shape the destinies of human society, or are you satisfied with being an insignificant portion of the material world of the active workers in building up a new, more human civilization. You cannot escape this alternative, for the world will not stand still on your account.

THE DOCTRINE OF ENVY

We are against these things; we have an international movement of millions of workers of the world, of scientists, physicians, teachers, and, also, many men and women who have a greater respect for the social movement, who have realized the enormity of the injustice that has been, and is being, done to the working class and have resolved to end it. This is not the doctrine of the Kaiser and his lackeys. It is the principle of absolute justice.

The Socialist party has no place in its ranks for the individual who is a hater of men, which would be very apparent to our opponents if they took sufficient time to study our literature intelligently.

It is the age of reason; but it is reasonable for the masses of the people to worry in order to save their masters the trouble of earning their own living by useful productive labor?

THOUGHTS OF THE WORKER

How are you going to convince people that Socialism makes for a higher form of civilization and for a nobler kind of manhood than the average of today? There is but one effective method to do this, and that is to practice as we preach, and to give the humanitarian principles you profess, practice them in your daily intercourse with your fellow men. You can not well afford simply to wait for the new man to come; you may not live to see him. You must prove by your own example that you are worthy to be the pioneer of a new and more human society.

This is the most important woman's question today: what will become of my children under capitalist rule? In the eyes of the capitalist, the woman, or the iron that bands between them?

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This is one of the most crimes committed by our present civilization, founded on profit, that it undermines, and often completely destroys, the sense of responsibility in the worker. He is made to work for the profit of the science dictates him to work, but according to the order of his employer whose conscience as a business man lives only in his ledger.

It is well to remind people occasionally of their mental and spiritual nature, for this distinguishes them from the brute. Capitalism is a system of profit-making, has no need for complete human beings. What it wants is tools

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THE PASSING WEEK

With a degree of amused curiosity, we have watched the antics of the capitalist newspapers in reporting the death of J. Pierpont Morgan. There were no exceptions to the rules which we expected to see in operation and which were in operation.

All of the capitalist newspapers indulged in faltering eulogies of the dead Emperor of America. Was it because of the time-honored adage to "speak no ill of the dead?" Certainly not! It was because the heirs of Morgan control banks from which the capitalist newspapers expect to get the necessary credits to continue business.

Page after page and column after column were allotted to lavish eulogies of the man, by reason of the super-development of that subsection of the brain called animal cunning, had succeeded in bestripping the top-wave of capitalist industry and robbing the working class of a larger proportion of its product than any of his fellows.

That feature, was, "How he got his start." Those of us who have read Comrade Gustavus Meyer's splendid "History of the Great American Bourgeoisie," published by Kerr & Co., the Socialist co-operative publishing-house, KNOW, he got his start during the Civil War when working class hoards were raking in the front to get shot either in defense of the Southern's chattel slaves, or in defense of the Northern's demand for wake-always. Morgan did not do any "rushing to the front" that could be noticed. What Morgan "the philanthropist" did was to sneak into the "market" in New York city and buy an \$800 CONDEMNED stock. They were in such rotten condition that even a government with a depleted treasury and a broken army would not use them after buying them. Morgan got them at \$3.75 each, shipped them to St. Louis and SOLD THEM back to the government, TO THE ARMY OF THE WEST, AT \$22 each. He recently collected the last 67 per cent of the blood-money of the soldiers, through his loyal courts.

So you see, there are features of Mr. Morgan's life which are not brought out in the capitalist papers. Mr. Morgan was a good deal like the rest of the robbers. He got away with a little more than the rest,—that's the only difference.

BACK TO 1865, GO THE AGILE COURTS!

Driven to desperate measures by the onrush of the embattled working class, the lackeys of the masters called judges often to go to great lengths to save the capitalists from embarrassments. At Paterson, N. J., last week, one of the judges tried Comrade Haywood, an I. W. O. leader, on the charge of "leading an unlawful assembly," and a convicted him in order to secure one of their precious "precedents," it was necessary to go back to the year 1865, when, in the reign of King Charles I, a judicial lackey handed down a similar decision.

Did this faze the "honorable" court? Not so you could notice! Flushing the court was obliged to put the fighting mirror out of the way, the New Jersey judge went all the way back to King Charles' time to turn the trick!

When the bosses want to get a fighting leader of the working class they resort to many devious means.

This attack could not be a better time, had assuming that because the Socialist Party, for reasons of its own, had decided to recall Haywood from office back to the ranks, the capitalists evidently assumed that this would be a good time to strike!

This character upon a militant working class leader, whichever wing of the party he may prefer. Socialists are not of the stripe to put tactics above principle. The Jersey judge may be reckoning without his host.

ONCE MORE, WE ARE "IN BAD."

Just after we had settled down to the comfortable feeling that we had been freed from the approval of the Buffalo Express by recalling William D. Haywood from his job as National Committeeman, along comes Fred D. Warren,—and,—bingo,—and we slump into the direfist mire of wicked radicalism! The Express, evidently, had fondly hoped that we would not make any more headlines for the Socialist Party,—and another prop to capitalism, perhaps! You can just imagine the keen disapproval of the Express when you pops the Fighting Editor of the Appeal, and tells "em, without a blush, that the Socialist Movement really means something besides electing an occasional dog-catcher, and that the election of Socialist officers hereafter is simply a step in the end,—in fact, that when we say "revolution," we MEAN REVOLUTION.

To say that the Express was pained and grieved would be putting it very mildly, indeed,—especially, when Warren went on to say that the "end" is the destruction of capitalism and the confederation of the blood-stained tools of production, for the sake of man shall produce for themselves the necessities and the luxuries of life, instead of producing them for the masters.

To cap the climax in this "orgy of insolence," Warren actually "poked fun" at "patriotism." No wonder the Express depairs of the Socialist Party ever again. He is a truly and lastingly "respectable." The Express has all along assumed that it was only the "hot-heads" and the "direct actionists" who really meant business and here we find an audience of several thousand people wildly cheering such "inflammable" speeches!

Altogether, but perhaps the most amusing of the Socialist Party's "making fun" of the Socialist Party, for only by the most strenuous efforts can we win back the blessings of the capitalist papers upon our suffering Cause!

THE STRUGGLE ABROAD.

We on this side the Atlantic find it difficult to realize the tremendous struggle that is going on in Europe between the forces of reaction and the forces of the working class. In Germany, for example, the Socialist Party numbers fully a million dues-paying members and casts approximately four and one-half millions of votes. The labor unions are closely affiliated with the party, and they are by no means without active opposition. This opposition is chiefly at the expense of the Kaiser and his lackeys, who are the most ardent advocates of the party, to speak more accurately, the lack newspaper writer in New York who hasles over the German papers and writes the "Berlin correspondence," who let the cat out of the bag a few days ago.

It appears that only by the utmost vigilance of the most ardent exercise of the will of the Kaiser and his lackeys. In addition to the standing army, the Kaiser depends upon the so-called "military organizations," consisting of ex-soldiers to the number of 2,500,000 to keep the working class in subjection. Socialists are carefully kept out of these military clubs, in the fear that anything like open discussion would speedily win them also over to the party of freedom.

They are engaged, with the active aid of all government officials, in hampering and harassing and brow-beating the Socialists; but the work of education and organization goes steadily on,—just as the work of organizing the working class in England, France, Italy, and elsewhere, in spite of the bullying vigilance of police, newspapers, preachers and courts of Buffalo.

Of a truth, Comrades, who can know of the world-wide fight for economic freedom, without a thrill of joy and delighted anticipation for the brave days just ahead, when we come to grips with world-wide capitalism!

CHADP JUICE VS. FREEDOM.

At last the working class are going to be saved from the evils of capitalism! Right from the grand old Public Service Commission we have it, and don't you forget it!

The route to be followed on the way to salvation is not three-cent fare, government ownership of railroads or 50-cent gas. Nope. It's 7-cent electricity! Wasn't that lovely!

The capitalist papers have printed glowing accounts of the delightful times in store when "our" light bills are not down to \$1.40 a month instead of \$1.80, six cents more expensive are always gone steadily on, in spite of the fact that we have bread a month! We used the word "our" rather recklessly in the above sentence. It has just dawned upon me that the proletariat doesn't use electric light to any appreciable extent!

However, let it pass. Come we now to the effects of this most glorious hour. Let us see how it has worked out elsewhere. In Cleveland, the electric light rate is even lower than "our" new rate of 7 cents per kilowatt, 5 cents, if our memory serves.

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And yet, strange to relate, they have poverty in Cleveland! Yes, sir,—regular human poverty,—and brand as we have in Buffalo. Likewise they have that glorious "bread" in Cleveland.

When the landlords see that the working class can pay a little higher rent by reason of a slight decrease in their light bills,—it goes the other. Same way on 3-cent fare. Simple, isn't it?