

BREAKERS AS HOME BREAKERS

Miss Wechter, Teacher at Lafayette High School Aids Cunning Priest of Holy Angels in Luring High School Student from Mother and Denies Parent Right to See Her Child — Lies and Deceit of "Lowly Fathers" Prejudice Girl Against Her Family.

One of the favorite charges which the Catholic Church brings against the Socialist Party is that it intends "breaking up the family." During the past few weeks we have listened to two of their said mouthpieces rant about this line from the public platform. One of them was David Goldstein, who played upon the superstition and prejudiced ignorance of his audience to such an extent that a number of them hired a Socialist away from his comrades after the meeting and beat him into unconsciousness. This is called Christian charity.

The Catholic Church has failed to show by a single typical example or by any sound process of reasoning that their accusation has a foundation. We do not mean to say that they are conclusively that the Catholics are using the public schools of Buffalo to recruit members for their church and other questionable purposes, but that they have no scruple whatever in turning a girl against her mother by lies and concealment. Breaking up the family? The next time a Catholic throws that rusty chestnut in your face tell him the story of Isabelle McCoach which we present herewith as typical of the attitude of the clever tricksters that "button their collars behind their necks" towards the preservation of the family.

The victims of the conspiracy are Mrs. Caroline McCoch, of 197 Fifteenth street, Buffalo, N. Y., and her daughter Isabelle, a girl but 12 years of age, who was held unlawfully a prisoner in St. Joseph's Academy, Lockport. The story as told to a representative of the Buffalo Socialist by Mrs. McCoch as testified by court testimony is as follows:

"My daughter was in her third year at Lafayette high school and lacked one year of graduating because of extra studies. She was only two months away from graduation when she came to the school as a student in English and elocution, and she immediately took a fancy to my daughter Isabelle, who had just come to functions at the Holy Angels Academy. During the latter part of June, shortly after the high school term closed, I went to Valparaiso, Ind., to take a course in the Valparaiso school."

"On July 18 I received a letter written by my daughter in which she stated that she had been christened at Holy Angels Academy, and that she was a Catholic. I have subsequently found that the letter was dictated by Father Kirwin of that church. I immediately wrote 'Daisy,' as we call her, to come to me at once, but she refused to do so a short while after she arrived. I found from her that she had been talked into joining the church and tried to interest her in her own religion."

"She told me that she had done so, but on the following Sunday morning she expressed a desire to attend the Catholic church of Valparaiso. I was tried to induce her to attend the Presbyterian church, because she was a member of that denomination, but she remained obdurate, and I saw that she had been turned away from her religion by the remedy she had used. For a few days, and one night, when I returned from the institute she was missing. I became alarmed and called the matter to the attention of Professor Kinsey of the school. He told me to report the matter to the chief of police of Valparaiso, and I did so. The chief became angry with me, but finally said he would insist a search. Three days of delay in the matter that I went to Mayor F. W. Spooner and was openly insulted by him. I found that both men were parishioners of the local Catholic church and they told me conflicting stories of my daughter's departure. They said that she was seen in company of other girls of tough character, going to Indianapolis, and again that she had gone to Ft. Wayne."

"I wrote and telegraphed to Holy Angels and to my friends in Buffalo and to the superintendent of police, Kinsey of Rega. I finally, when consisting in listening to a storm of abuse, was handed a telegram from Superintendent Rega in which he stated that my daughter had been safe at home. After Mayor Spooner had a telephone conversation with Professor Kinsey and found that I was not a friendless, his

SOCIALIST WOMEN'S CLUB TO THE RESCUE

Last week we made an appeal to the comrades and sympathizers of the Socialist movement of Buffalo to give us a hand. We told them that we must have a continual stream of subscribers coming into this office every day in order to keep this paper alive. We have suffered severely from the unemployment among the workers, and it is up to the loyal supporters to stir up those who have failed to do their duty.

The first money raised for the purpose of publishing a paper which would represent the working class of Buffalo was raised by the Socialist Women's Club, and it has been principally through the efforts of 'the Socialist

STRIKE BREAKING HEROES RUN AMUCK

A party of strikebreakers on route to St. Louis to break the strike of the shoe workers there created a riot on a New York Central train near Utica the other day. The rioters engaged in a gentle cut-up to the discomfort of the other passenger when some naughty detectives interfered and held them at the point of the pistol until assistance was obtained.

When the train arrived at the depot a free-for-all took place and a number of the intelligent independent workers volunteered to silence those who were sending strikers into their homes.

CHAUFFEURS WHO STRUCK FOUND GUILTY OF OBSTRUCTING MAILS

In the case of the chauffeurs of New York City who went out on strike against a private company which had contracted to handle the United States mail, eleven of the fifteen were found guilty by the Federal court of conspiring to obstruct the movement of the mail.

The eleven men it found guilty were Frank Gillette, David Hockberg, Timothy Kennedy, William Knall, George McGrath, James Parnell, William J. Simpson, William F. Doolittle, Louis Terry, Charles McCaffrey and Patrick Johnston.

Those found not guilty were John O'Hair, William H. Olo, Patrick Braunigan and George O'Connell. As soon as the foreman of the jury had announced its findings, the wives of the convicted men, who occupied front seats in the courtroom, became hysterical. Some of them tried to force their way to the group of prisoners, but were restrained by court attendants.

Eight of the eleven convicted were sentenced to terms of imprisonment ranging from two to eighteen months. The other three were given a year and one day each, but sentence was suspended.

SAME QUESTION WOULD PUZZLE TIMES STAFF

Last Saturday's Times contained a special article from Dunlap's selling of the ignorance of some applicants for naturalization in that city, and quoted one of the questions given by the examiner and the answer, as follows: "What are the duties of a citizen?" "Representations!" one applicant was asked.

Because Tully Roosevelt is out of the country, but when he comes back everything will move," was the startling answer. At that, we wonder that the same question put to any one of the Times staff would bring forth an equally foolish answer. Judging from some of the puns on the tariff and other questions published in that paper.

We dare you to show your knowledge of economics.

The latest international war is a war against the tango. It is waged especially or perhaps exclusively by those who are too old to learn. They have seen it, but we cannot blame the young people if they insist on doing their own dancing, and doing it the way they like best.

VICTORIOUS SHARPSHOOTERS

The February Review contains the story of how the miners won in Colorado placed machine guns and other striking miners' tent colony and hired gunmen to send shot after shot, from mountain ridges into the tent homes of the miners.

At Berwind Canyon a band of gunmen perched upon an almost inaccessible ridge watched the comings and goings of the miners constantly by the aid of a powerful searchlight and kept the families of the strikers in fear of their lives by a constant stream of shot through day and night.

These are the kind of men capitalists use to take the jobs of their regular employees who happen to be striking for a few more pennies a day in order to catch up with the increased cost of living.

RUSSELL PREPARING FOR BUFFALO LECTURE

Again the lecture committee urges you to get your tickets for the Russell meeting now.

The capacity of the hall is limited to 200. Bring the non-Socialist to this 'Making Business Good.'

There will be no reserved seats for this lecture. The admission has been placed at 15 cents, and it will be first come, first served.

Russell is now in Washington keeping tabs on Congress and gathering material for this lecture, which will be held at the Hotel Hamilton on Saturday evening, February 22nd.

We would like to get a larger hall. But they won't let us hold a paid meeting at the Elwood Hotel. Hall on a Sunday, and all the theatres are running motion pictures that evening.

Our temporal and spiritual rulers all believe that God rules the world, but they also believe that He could not do so without their kind assistance. Sometimes it seems as if they did the ruling all alone—as if they— and expect the Lord to submit to their decisions.

BABY FEWSBOYS PEDDLE PAPERS A NIGHT FOR FEW PENNIES FOR PARENTS

Newsboy Waifs Routed out of Bed at Two O'clock in the Morning to Sell Papers in Violation of Child Labor Laws — Unemployment of Fathers Forces Children on Streets in Snow and Wind to Earn Bread for Family — Police Say that Hundreds of Destitute Families Are Kept Alive by Child Workers of the Night Who Sell Papers and Run Errands Along Main Street and in the Tenderloin.

In the fullness of their wisdom the lawmakers of the State of New York passed a law that no child under sixteen years of age shall not be allowed to sell newspapers or engage in other labor which takes them on the streets of the city after 8 o'clock at night or before 6 in the morning. This law, like many others would be all right if enforced or if conditions were such that the children concerned could remain without breaking it, but such is not the case.

In order to ascertain what conditions actually do exist a representative of the Buffalo Socialist wandered about town after 4 o'clock on Saturday morning and studied the life of the "workers of the night." He found on Main street a number of children many of whom carried trays that they were less than sixteen years of age. With papers under their arms these poor waifs braved the cold and snow of the night, consciously endeavoring to wrest from society the few pennies necessary to keep them alive or save a sick parent from starvation. Dodging from doorway to doorway, finding peddlers in some friendly souls or lunch room, and again, as heartlessly driven into the cold, these little victims of the capitalist system are trying to solve the problem of existence. Past them while in luxurious ease, the automobiles of the rich men returning from the revelry of the cafes, every throbb of the engine echoing the misery of the "workers in some workshop where the sweat which they lavish is produced.

CHARITY FAKERS PUT OUT OF BUSINESS WHILE SALVATION ARMY IS KALSO MINED — CASE SHOULD BE CARRIED HIGHER AND CITY PURGED OF INSTITUTIONS THAT ARE DISGRACE TO CIVILIZATION — PAY NO TAXES ON \$35,000 PROPERTY ON COTTAGE STREET.

Little Charity Fakers Put Out of Business While Salvation Army is Kalso Mined — Case Should be Carried Higher and City Purged of Institutions that are Disgrace to Civilization — Pay No Taxes on \$35,000 Property on Cottage Street.

LATEST — Chamber of Commerce has withdrawn endorsement of all Salvation Army institutions.

The investigation of Buffalo charities which resulted from an expose made in The Buffalo Socialist was brought to a close last Friday and it now remains for Judge Harrell to render his opinion on the case. It is probable that an appeal will be made to a higher tribunal by the district attorney in view of the sudden breaking off of the case when it began to involve the Salvation Army. The judge allowed but one day for testimony to be given relative to the S. A. whereas the Volunteers of America were brought into court for two weeks.

The last session of the John Doe probe brought out some interesting facts relative to the sale of furniture, clothes, etc. on second hand men by employees of the army. Witnesses admitted that this was a common practice and also testified that a drunken debauch occurred at the Hotel Hamilton on Saturday night, terminated somewhat when the superior officers were present.

The most interesting witness was a former solicitor for the S. A. named Major Stevens, who worked for the army for four months ending in December, 1913. He testified that the S. A. officers are in no way particularly interested in the welfare of the poor, so long as they "bring home the bacon" in the form of good furniture and other negotiable articles which can be disposed of at a profit. The S. A. officers are more than "black" — "black," as they call it, which is supposed to take care of men who are caught stealing from the wagons. Economic determinism caused Major Stevens, the officer in charge, to disregard this rule, as well as one which was supposed to prevent the S. A. officers from taking "industrial men" with them from one city to another.

Stevens and other witnesses showed that Maj. Sammons fired one man three times for drunkenness and other offenses, but his hand heard, and afterwards him because he was one of the little collectors of the "flock." Sammons and other officials also admitted that they took efficient industrial workers from one city to another, which scarcely tallies with the avowed object of the S. A. to take men in temporarily.

In brief, it was proved beyond a doubt that the Salvation Army exploits labor which it pays a wage of from 45 cents to three dollars per week in addition to board. The only charity it does to its own officers and practices which are enable it to live by taking advantage of the starving condition of the down-and-out men who come to their doors.

On the same question, Major Sammons and the other officers were unable to give Attorney Lee a single case of a man in Buffalo whom they had lifted up out of the mire and aided by charity to attain a good position. On the contrary, many cases were brought to court to prove that the S. A. refused charity even of the most trivial sort and that on forty beds which they had in their industrial quarters were never all occupied, only those necessary to take care of the men working on the wagons being occupied.

His sermon was recognized as a direct blow at mass suffrage, although he did not mention the term. In conclusion, he said: "My friends, I have said that the double standard of conduct may remain always, for, when the barrier is destroyed, our women will not have raised the man to their standard, but will have dragged themselves down to the man's lower level."

And while his men are breaking up the homes of our sisters and daughters, the women are supposed to be moralistic. Questions of right and wrong, justice and patriotism are only toys for the masses of the people to play with and excite themselves about.

THE SUFFERERS

The Mexican trouble is at bottom a conflict between competing capitalist interests. Questions of right and wrong, justice and patriotism are only toys for the masses of the people to play with and excite themselves about.

FRIEND OF CAPITAL "BOOSTS" SOCIALISM

Milwaukee, Wis.—"That Socialism is slime and ought to be suppressed, as you would any other disorder or treason," was part of the bitter arraignment of Western Federation of Miners delivered last night by Milo D. Campbell, United States marshal for the eastern Michigan district, at the fifty-first well equipped by the Michigan State Association at Bauser's fashionable dining rooms. Senator Townsend of Michigan was toastmaster and voiced opposition to the strike investigation. Representative Macdonald did not attend. Here are some of Campbell's sentiments:

"The line 'leave,' he declared, 'is well defined between men who worship the red flag and those hearts but faster and prouder under the flag of our country, and it is a branch of this organization, forming and teeming with bitter hatred of the government of yours and mine that the nine officers have said they would never allow in submission."

"The conflict is between justice and wrong; it is a conflict between order and violence.

"My friends, let the heavens fall between, we will see the flag to be treated in the slime of Socialism. I exhort the employers of labor into recognition of it. But you ask how may it be suppressed? Why, suppress it as you would any other disorder or treason anywhere. It needs no new machinery nor new laws."

SOCIALIST SCORES COMMISSION RULE

Columbus, O.—At the convention of the Ohio Municipal League, Fred A. Hinkel, Hamilton, O., the one Socialist mayor present, took exception to the continuous argument in favor of the commission and city manager plan of municipal government.

The whole sentiment of the non-Socialist office-holding delegates to the convention had been that municipal government is simply a business and that the lawless methods of the mine owners through the forms of business in the most effective manner was the most desirable.

"I want to issue a warning note to the delegates of this convention," said Mayor Hinkel, "and that is that government is not always business, it sometimes becomes the expression of a few selfish interests, as in the case of cities and the party rule must prevail if we are to preserve our cities. The commission form of government defers the various groups of men of different political views the most expression in the representative body of the people."

METHODS OF THE COPPER BARONS

What cannot a \$200,000,000 corporation do in the "land of the free and the home of the brave" in the age of diagraphs in the offices of the Western Federation of Miners, the arrest and intimidation of the ex-guards who signed affidavits in New York exposing the lawless methods of the mine owners, the employment of a gun-show system that would do credit to the Czar of Russia, the control of grand juries and the control of the universal press now particularly engaged in spreading the impression that some of the miners have gone back and that the strike is over, its mobs of petty property holders terrorizing the officers of the mine owners' leagues, all these a but the parts of its gigantic mesh with which it hopes to crush labor. If ever we were to see the present age, it is now. It will take the combined power of all the unions and the Socialist party to win this fight in Michigan, and if we lose now, what will the labor movement derive the power to meet an aggregation against—later—Mountain Worker.

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which are responsible for his cynical view of life. Little wonder that he grows up with few delusions as to the real condition of society, and, knowing the game, resolves to play it as he sees it played.

Determined to at least bring the situation to the attention of the authorities, representative of The Buffalo Socialist took two of the writers in custody and proceeded with a much disturbed copper to Police Station No. 1.

Monday afternoon, before the judge of the Children's Court at 44 Breckenridge street, the real cause behind this condition of child labor was revealed. It was the old, old story of poverty, the failure of the fathers to secure employment and the alternative of going to their children on the streets or starving to death.

This and other similar cases are not unusual in the underworld. It remains to find the remedy. A way to take care of these children so that they will develop into useful members of society.

There are large sums of money appropriated to take care of the poor in this city. Surely after the salaries of our "charitable" officers are paid there must be a few hundred dollars left to investigate the conditions which exist so openly and formulate the corrective measures.

CARD PARTIES FOR BUFFALO SOCIALIST

The women of Local Buffalo are planning a series of card parties for the benefit of the Buffalo Socialist. They will be held in different locations of the city and a notice of who is hostess and the date will be published in the Buffalo Socialist each week.

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COMPERS CALLED DOWN AT MINERS' CONVENTION

Indianapolis, Ind.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, paid a visit to this city last week for the purpose of appearing before the convention of the United Mine Workers of America in defense of himself and his administration.

Both MacDonald and Moyer spoke in reply to the defense entered by Gompers. The appearance of the American Federation of Labor president before the admittedly hostile miners was dramatic.

He tried to ridicule MacDonald's statement that because wages had increased only 20 per cent while the cost of living had jumped up 60 per cent, the workers today are 40 per cent worse off.

Gompers asserted that the A. F. of L. had done all within its power to help the copper miners on strike, but that the affiliated unions could not afford to be assessed specially for the copper miners' strike.

That \$250 each had been voted the Executive Council members and that the A. F. of L. was unable to do what it could to supply the penal institutions of the state and were forced to lease a mine to the state to produce its own coal, they made no effort to explain the shortage.

Only when Gompers was preparing to quit the tumult in the hall without replying did the delegates subside. It was a general position that he paid him more than his salary as president of the A. F. of L.

"Booze holer," was the charge that MacDonald hurled at Gompers. "Liar, slanderer," Gompers shouted, pounding a table.

The convention was in an uproar. Countering Gompers' claim before the convention yesterday, MacDonald, a big, fearless Scotchman, repeated his charge that Gompers and the Executive Council of the A. F. of L. were "boozeholers, reactionaries, fossilized and dead."

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MEN FORCED TO WORK IN COLORADO MINES BY MILITIA AND GUNMEN

Denver, Colo. (Special)—"No better attest of the success of the coal strike could be had than the operators' own figures furnished the state coal mine inspector for December which show that the production of coal in the strike zone was only 30 per cent of the tonnage taken from these same mines in December, 1913," said John K. Lawson, National Board Member of District No. 15.

"Probably the most surprising thing about the operators' figures is the fact that they absolutely prove that former newspaper statements made by them were absolutely false.

"Every scheme possible was used by the operators during the latter part of November to get scabs into the state. Hundreds of men were brought from the East on the promise that they were to work in a mine near Denver where there were no union troubles.

"Another large bunch of men were brought from Joplin, Missouri, on the pretense that they were buying 20 acres of land in the San Luis valley near Alamosa, and then taking up military protection into the Delagua mine several hundred miles away.

"With the aid of militia and hundreds of non-union guards these men were forced to work in the mines against their protests. At Terico the guards took the men's shoes from them every night to prevent their escape.

"Those citizens who have had any doubts about the success of the coal strike can find excellent food for thought in the figures for December.

"The non-union mines of Las Animas county produced 120,188 tons of coal in December, 1913, as against 39,248 tons in December, 1912.

"The operators' figures, therefore, prove that while non-union men were able to produce but 30 per cent of the normal tonnage, the union coal miners mined 112 per cent of the normal output."

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THE MARCH TO FREEDOM

A few people were inclined to criticize the few leaders of the "March to Freedom" because they thought we had more than adequately defended ourselves against the attacks of the Catholic Church upon Socialism and the Socialist movement.

Religion of any description, theoretically at least, is supposed to be for the purpose of preparing the individual soul for a so-called life after death. This is a man's personal belief which the Socialist movement does not concern itself.

But any movement, religious or otherwise, which tries to prevent the awakening working class from doing its own thinking in regard to the daily needs for life on this earth has as Catholics are anathema.

The following is what greeted us on the front page of the Catholic Union and Times, dated Jan. 14th, 1914: "A movement to secure religious instruction for public school children has been started by New York teachers who are Catholics."

Our best wish for this fight is won. The public schools are the greatest mass public sacrifices on the part of those who fought bravely in days gone by.

The Buffalo Socialist came into existence to voice the hopes and fears, yes, the demands of the working class of Buffalo. The Buffalo Socialist is the product of workmen who toil during the day for a master.

No doubt we may lose a few readers but we insist that the public schools be free from all religious teaching. Surely we will not lose any fair minded men or women who appreciate this wonderful gift, greater than anything else, knowledge.

These statements surely explain what we mean by the "march to freedom." We do not mean to basely abandon this noble struggle for knowledge, we must here and now make up our minds to do

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Socialist News

SOCIALISTS WEED OUT POLICE FORCE

One of the first acts of the Socialist Party of Hamilton, Ont., when they got control of the city was to reduce the police force, which had been raised to a disproportionate size by previous administrations. The Socialists provided means to reduce the police force even more effective for legitimate purposes than the old and larger one.

VETERAN STATE SECRETARY RESIGNS OFFICE

Milwaukee, Wis.—Miss E. H. Thomas, Socialist State Secretary since the union convention in 1901, has resigned, owing to the fact that her duties as president of the Social-Democratic Publishing Company make it impossible to longer do justice to the state work. Miss Thomas always served without pay. She is known almost all over the country as one of the hardest workers of any era.

A NEW MONTHLY NEWS PAPER

Beginning March 1st, "Common Sense," a paper devoted to the propaganda and especially suited to educating the proletarian will be issued.

COLLEGE STUDENTS ISSUE SOCIALIST MONTHLY

The Triangle, a monthly published at Bunks, Florida, a college town, and which is edited by C. E. Greig, declared that this was not an attempt to utilize the city. He said labor did not ask that any man be discharged or that none but union men be hired.

SOCIALIST INITIATES BILL FOR AN EIGHT-HOUR LAW

Olympia, Wash.—W. H. Kingery, Socialist Representative in the Legislature, has filed an initiative bill with the Secretary of State here, to give an eight-hour work for men and women to eight hours out of any twenty-four, and forty-eight hours during any week, excepting only agricultural labor.

RECALL THE SOCIALIST WHO FAVORS ARMY

Stockholm.—The Social-Democratic representative from Helsingborg, Christian Carlsson, who was expelled from parliament because he finds himself at variance with the party organization on the military question.

CROWDS OF GERMAN TAKE OUT RED GARDS

Hundreds of new members are being added to the rolls of the German Socialist Group of the Socialist Party of New York state, due to the innumerable work of Emil Seidel, former Socialist Mayor of Milwaukee, has been doing here.

DARROW PRAISES SOCIALIST PARTY

Speaking before the New York United Hebrew Trades at a concert and celebration held on January 24th, celebrating their twenty-fifth anniversary.

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The Socialist Party will be the first political organization in any republic to nominate its candidate for President and Vice-President in a national referendum.

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CALIFORNIA TO VOTE ON EIGHT-HOUR LAW

The Eight-Hour Law bill will go on the ballot for a referendum vote of the people of California, except signatures.

RECALL THE SOCIALIST WHO FAVORS ARMY

Stockholm.—The Social-Democratic representative from Helsingborg, Christian Carlsson, who was expelled from parliament because he finds himself at variance with the party organization on the military question.

CROWDS OF GERMAN TAKE OUT RED GARDS

Hundreds of new members are being added to the rolls of the German Socialist Group of the Socialist Party of New York state, due to the innumerable work of Emil Seidel, former Socialist Mayor of Milwaukee, has been doing here.

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TOO MUCH ENTERTAINING

As a result of the attack on President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor at the Miners Convention, one evil which has done more harm to the labor movement of this country than any other, might possibly be eradicated.

That there has been too much entertaining and "boozing-hoisting" is a certainty. Conventions many times have resolved themselves into orgies. This has not just happened but has been part of well laid plans in many cases.

The fact of the matter is that a few men at the head of the banks and public service corporations with one or two "leading lawyers" can put over anything they can squeeze dollars out of.

Result: The city borrows \$25,000 from the bankers, the bankers receive interest on the money, the city pays for investigating the gas company's bill is paid just as though nothing had happened and the Mayor and Public Service Commission are lauded to the skies for spending the city's money without accomplishing any results.

SOMETHING MUST BE DONE

We have heard that recently the head of the Health Department undertook to investigate the ventilation of the street cars of the International Railway. It is said that he actually took a trip in one of the cars in order to learn for himself.

But the everyday patron of the street cars of this city has a different opinion. Crowding over one hundred people into one of these poorly ventilated cars is a nuisance, and it is not belonging to the city.

It takes a stomach of cast iron to withstand it and if the head of passengers are often compelled to leave the car from the effects of the foul air.

THINK FOR YOURSELVES

The capitalist class and those who profit by supporting it, or rather, keep their job in that way, are an alert lot. They are always on the job, never letting a chance slip by to get the wind to cover the backs and wherever they go they are caught together there you will find some slick tool of the capitalist class with a slippery tongue to put it all over the easy ones who seem to be ready with their mouths wide open to swallow the bait whole.

This is a sample of the high art circumentation which is constantly doled out to south the fellow who goes to the convention with the idea in his head that labor produces all wealth. These "great" men, men who live on the best in the land and enjoy every comfort are there with words of overpowering knowledge to lead you to a realization of their position as mere animals of toil, and they get away with it to a great extent.

President Tobin of the Teamsters' Union was present and objected to the addresses of welcome and said: "I am not going to stand by and hear these speakers tell you how well the people of Indianapolis labor organized labor without giving you the facts."

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SAMPLE OF SOLIDARITY OF CAPITALIST CLASS

Chicago.—The class consciousness of the public workers and the unwillingness of capitalists in one locality to exercise capitalistic elsewhere through appeals to the almighty dollar, are illustrated in the refusal of the John A. Farrell Company, wholesalers, to deliver to the Socialist national office here \$776 worth of merchandise for the relief of the striking miners in Colorado and northern Michigan, after having definitely agreed to do so.

Immediately he heard of it, the company's representative in Hancock, Mich., wired his president, but January 24th the head of the credit department, Mr. French, assured Mrs. Winnie Brantner, national woman's correspondent of the Socialist party, that the order was only a mistake and would be shipped at once, half to Colorado and half to Michigan.

"On the day following Mr. French called me on the telephone, and told me that because of the pressure in the Hancock district they would be compelled to cancel the order," said Mrs. Brantner.

"The reason given was that they could not do a retail business. This was the only excuse for not shipping. It has been agreed that the goods were not to be shipped. So yesterday I took a reporter of the Day Book, a radical daily here, to accompany me to Mr. French's office, Mr. French said in substance:

"Our agent in Michigan has told us that there is a struggle in the Calumet district which has favored the merchants, and that if we wish any of the business in that district we have got to keep our hands off."

LEARN HOW TO VOTE

It has now become a habit with our state legislators to introduce legislation on us every year. These make-shifts are of very doubtful value. But the most excellent election laws will do us no good as long as the working class do not learn how to vote for their own interests intelligently.

As long as they continue to vote for the political hirelings of their exploiters, the material for the new set of them they vote, and under what conditions the voting is done. What a power they would be in the community if they would make up their minds to make their economic interest the basis of their habitual action!

Tamed Down

President Wilson's trust message indicates that the "barking dogs" of the Democratic kennel, which have been snapping and raving at the feet of the chains in a vain endeavor to break loose and nab the trusts by the legs and claw 'em up, have calmed down.

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TOBIN EXPRESSES HIS OPINION OF INDIANAPOLIS

In the address of welcome to the United States Socialist Party in Indianapolis, the mayor, a priest, a bishop and a rabbi told of the great joy it gave them to greet the delegates of the miners to their city.

"Only a few days ago the same old men were beating the heads of the poor teamsters and street car men who were on strike. This same spreading joy too much for the president of the Teamsters' Union, Daniel J. Tobin, and made a speech in which he said that conditions in Colorado, in West Virginia and in Michigan are such as to be duplicated here a few weeks ago."

"I am glad you are here in January," he said. "If you had been here in December you could not have met in this hall. This hall was a military barracks."

"I am not going to stand by and hear these speakers tell you how well the people of Indianapolis love organized labor without giving you the facts."

"I don't want them to tell you they love organized labor when the fact is they hate us."

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THANK OF THE POOR

"In these wintry days, think of the poor who suffer more now than at any other season of the year." But while we are talking of the poor, let us think of the poor who are suffering from poverty year by year without stopping to think of means by which this terrible scourge might be taken away from us. The amount of the suffering which we endure, at the same time the poor become more numerous, and the slums more hideous, emitting that social poison which corrupts the lower strata of society.

"I once heard a man who swore like a pirate every day in the week, and whose habit it was to become beastly drunk each night, beat his wife and smash the furniture, while his terrified children covered in a corner and trembled at every move of the brute, declared that he was opposed to Socialism because it was contrary to his religion, and he feared it would break up the home."

"I once heard an exploiter of labor brag that he was giving half his fortune, in the name of religion, to the poor. He was wasting his ill-gotten gains in wild extravagance; and he was giving the poor a good deal of money, but he was not giving them the means to win for themselves, and he was not giving them the means to prevent the private debauchery of himself and family from becoming public, declare that, 'Socialism was a man-made scheme designed to keep the poor from rising to the high moral and ethical standard of the people.'"

ITALIAN WOMAN AIDED IN SOCIALIST VICTORY

Milan.—That the Italian women are becoming a real live force for civilization was demonstrated in the electoral battle which resulted in the Socialist, Amleide Cipriani, being sent to the Chamber of Deputies by a vote of 16,743 against 885 for Cesare Presni, his bourgeois opponent.

All day long the polls in the sixth district were surrounded by crowds of young women, busy working for the opposing parties and on one side were the "aristocratic ladies," decked out in the national tri-color of red, white and green, urging the voters to vote the monarchist by electing Presni, while on the other hand hundreds of the flower of the female proletariat of this industrial center of Italy, dressed in their Sunday best and with red sashes pinned to their breasts, were sending Cipriani to the Chamber and how the ruling class that the workers of Milan knew how they should be represented in the national law-making body.

When the result of the day's battling became generally known, the enthusiasm of the people could not be restrained. Tens of thousands of the militant proletariat of both sexes formed a mighty procession of triumph the objective point of which was the famous Duomo.

Now he will return in triumph as the fifty-fourth straight Socialist deputy in the Italian Chamber.

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