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The Worker

AGENTS, ATTENTION!

TWO LEGAL DECISIONS AND WHAT THEY MEAN.

Employer Responsible for Injury to Another Capitalist, Not for Injury to an Employee—How Capitalist Judges Construe the "Labor Contract" and How Socialist Judges Would Construe It.

New York newspaper reports, in the same column of the same issue, two legal decisions, one by the New York State Court of Appeals and the other by the Appellate Division of the New York Supreme Court, both of which bear on the responsibility of an employer for the acts of an employee, and which, when taken together, throw a vivid light on the "equality before the law" which is supposed to be a fundamental principle of American institutions.

Here are the two cases: I.—A telegraph operator forgot to... II.—The engineer on a steamboat found that a water gauge glass was cracked and ought to be replaced.

Why This Distinction? The cases are, in many respects, so closely parallel that it is pertinent to ask: Why is the employer held responsible for the consequences of an employee's act in the first case and not in the second?

The Real Explanation. And here lies the real answer to the question. All the principles of law, established by several generations of judges, are based on the fact that the workingman must get a job or starve, while the capitalist can retire from business, if he pleases, and live comfortably on his accumulated profits.

WOMEN IN THE PARTY.

Socialist Organizations Based on Differences of Sex Should Not Be Encouraged.

The fact that there are some women working for an organization of women into a separate body, from men in the Socialist Party, is a thing that has still lingered in the minds of some Socialists.

How It Cannot Be Changed. IT CANNOT be done by begging capitalist politicians to pass better laws. We have tried that. The politicians smile and promise—but they never follow up.

How It Can Be Changed. IT CAN be done by putting in the legislative halls and in the executive chairs and on the judicial benches men of our own class—men chosen by us from our own ranks.

DOES HE REPRESENT LABOR?

Conduct of Frank Foster, Labor Lobbyist, in Massachusetts Legislature.

In Committee Hearings Fails to Support Any Labor Bills Introduced by Socialist Members—A Record for Bay State Unionists to Read and Act Upon—No Settlement of Boston Teamsters' Strike.

It has come to pass, during the legislative experience of the two Socialist representatives in Massachusetts, that they have had not only the open antagonism of the capitalist members of the Legislature, but also the antagonism of the labor class.

Child-Labor Bill. Naturally, when the child-labor bill came up, Carey expected Foster to speak in its favor. Instead of that, this is what happened: Foster asked Carey if he thought the child-labor bill would come up.

MacCartney's Measures. On Tuesday the Committee on Games and Fishing held a hearing on the three bills of Representative MacCartney seeking to abolish the Sunday fishing and game laws.

Carey's Eight-Hour Bill. The hearing on the three first mentioned bills of Carey was held before the Committee on Labor on Thursday.

The Tramp. Comes now the tramp. And all conclusions may be anticipated by saying at once that he is a tramp because some one must be a tramp.

THE CLASS WAR AND CLASS CONSCIOUSNESS. A class-conscious Socialist is one who is conscious of the identity of interest of the proletariat, the solidarity of the working class, and the necessary antagonism between that class and the capitalist class.

Theory of "Free Contract". The law assumes that the contract between employer and employee is a perfectly free and voluntary contract on both sides. It takes no note of the fact that the workingman must get a job or starve.

Brine Company is increasing its force of teams every day. The company claims that 90 per cent of its former business has been recovered and the strike has absolutely lost effect.

Strike Advertisement Bill. Next followed the bill on advertisements for workmen during strikes. Carey, in presenting his argument, showed, by citing numerous instances, how workmen were deceived and drawn into strike localities in ignorance of existing conditions.

A Harmonious Caucus. The Socialist Party in the Legislature held a caucus during the week of the Socialist caucus.

Plan of the Paper. Alexander Jones then made a report on the estimated expenses of the proposed paper. He explained that in order to succeed the paper must give the news of the day fully, fairly, and promptly.

AN "IMPARTIAL" COURT. Speaking of the Arbitration Committee of the Civic Federation, the "Plumbers' Journal," in general a very conservative trade-union paper, says:

THE OFFICE SLAVE. The hunch-backed bookkeeper, the sore-eyed clerk, the dyspeptic accountant, in short the office slave, what a pitiable sight to behold.

SOCIALISTS IN THE DUBLIN ELECTION. In spite of intimidation by Priest, Irish Socialist Republican Party casts a Good Vote.

Catholic priests took the field against Comrade Connolly, and announced that no Catholic could vote for him, declaring that any man or woman who voted for Comrade Connolly would be recognized by the Church.

THAT DAILY IS COMING.

The Movement is Formally Launched at Last Saturday's General Meeting.

Enthusiasm and Determination to Win Manifested at Brevort Hall—Organization Discussed and Estimates Presented—\$50,000 Must Be Raised Before Paper is Started—Fund is Already Started.

Last Saturday's meeting of Socialists of New York and vicinity, held in Brevort Hall, to consider the question of starting a Socialist daily paper in the English language, was well attended and full of enthusiasm.

Report on Organization. Merrie Hillquit made the report on organization. In introducing the subject he declared that it had now become evident that a daily paper was not only desirable, but absolutely necessary.

Organization Committee. It was then decided to elect on the Committee on Organization and Incorporation seven comrades from Manhattan, two from the Bronx, three from Brooklyn, and three from New Jersey, Richmond and Queens not being represented in the meeting.

THE SOCIALIST REPUBLICAN PARTY. Our comrades of the Irish Socialist Republican Party made a very good showing in the recent municipal election in Dublin.

Do you own or rent the house in which you live, or do you board or live with your parents? How many persons in all are dependent on you for support?

GENERAL COMMITTEE. Special meeting of General Committee will be held on Saturday, Feb. 15, 8 p.m., at the Labor Lyceum.

BROOKLYN LABOR LYCEUM ASSOCIATION. Public lecture under the auspices of the Brooklyn Labor Lyceum Association on Sunday, Feb. 16, at 3 o'clock p.m.

THE TEAMSTERS' STRIKE. The hearing on the temporary injunction against the Teamsters' Union drawn along in the Superior Court, with no sign of a decision being reached before the latter part of the week.

