

WAIST BOSSES
OFFER BRIBE TO
DEFEAT STRIKE

Union Exposes Treacherous
Methods Being Employ-
ed in New York
Fight

"UNION" MAN IS TRAITOR

Offers to "Sell Out" Strik-
ers or Start New
Union for
\$500

New York, Dec. 17.—All the treach-
ery and double-faced methods from
bribery to "fixed" court injunctions are
being invoked against the striking
waist makers of New York by the As-
sociated Waist and Dress Manufactur-
ers, according to Morris Hillquit, in-
ternational secretary of Socialist party,
who with John Mitchell, is serving on
an arbitration committee, in an effort
to bring the strike to a peaceful set-
tlement.

The exposé of the methods being
used by the oppressors of the women
rollers was made at a mass meeting
that packed Grand Central palace. The
audience, composed of strikers, re-
ceived the disclosures with astonish-
ment. They were in effect that:
First—The Associated Waist and
Dress Manufacturers, that august body
with offices at the fashionable Hoffman
House, whose president, I. B. Hyman,
had said that it represents between 600
and 700 manufacturers, had, in fact,
never enlisted more than sixty bosses,
and represented no more than 10 per
cent of the trade.

Second—That this association met
behind closed doors and while discuss-
ing how to break the strike decided
to bribe a "well known" union man
who promised to either deliver the
strikers, or, if not successful, organize a
rival union for the agreed price of
\$500, to be paid at the time of the ini-
tial meeting, and \$2,500 when the new
organization would be launched.

Third—That an injunction—being
planned restraining the strikers from
picketing.

The information disclosed by Hill-
quit came from substantial sources and
had been brought from the very midst
of the bosses by one who participated
in the scheming and was present at
the meeting.

Bosses Are Weak
"This shows how weak your em-
ployers are to bribe the known to me.
I know his union; I know his name,
and when the time comes I'll give it
to you," said Hillquit. "This labor
man gave advice to the employers how
to break the strike. He advised them
to break the union. How? By bribing
their leaders. If they cannot be
bribed he advised them to spread the
rumor that they had been bribed. This,
he told them, would discourage the
strikers and they would lose faith and
return to work."

The injunction of which I spoke,
continued Hillquit, "is being prepared
right now. I know the lawyers who
write it, I know the plan, and I
know the woman who figure in it."

Went Recognize Union
"At first the officers of your union
inserted a provision that the union
should be recognized," he said. "To
this the employers objected. We took
the matter back to your union, and
after a meeting of the executive com-
mittee it was decided to allow this
question also to go to arbitration. To
this the employers agreed."

SOCIETY AIDS GIRL STRIKERS
Women Pass the Hat and Gather \$1,300
for Waist Makers
New York, Dec. 17.—Women of wealth
lunched at an afternoon tea at the Col-
ony club yesterday and listened to the
story of the struggle of the striking
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WOULD OWN A TAFT
INJUNCTION BLANKET

Guileless Reader Misinter-
prets Foot Note to Daily
Socialist's Cartoon

The Daily Socialist cartoonist in a
moment of inspiration drew a picture
of President Taft addressing an audi-
ence at a Bowery mission. Taft was
in the midst of that famous exclamation
"G—K—!" It was the reply
which Taft made in his Cooper Union
speech at New York, when he was
asked:

"What shall a man do who is out of
work in a financial crisis and is starv-
ing?"

The following reply was received to
the cartoonist's offer of a blanket in-
junction to anyone who should fill the
blanks in "G—K—!"

"Dec. 15. Dear sir—I am a reader of
the Daily Socialist and seeing on the
first side of the paper the words of
Taft, which were to be filled out, I
have made out the words 'God
Knows.' Perhaps my answer may not
be correct, still I have tried. If my
answer should prove correct please
send the prize."

WIDOWS ATTACK
RELIEF POLICY

Bicknell Reaches Cherry
and Starts 'Moral Uplift';
Children Hungry

Cherry, Ill., Dec. 17.—The brutal slur
which Ernest P. Bicknell, head of the
Red Cross society, cast on the miners'
widows at this place has been followed
by an influx of ministers, by whose
aid Bicknell is attempting a "moral up-
lift." Instead of attending to the relief
work which is his proper concern, the
St. Vincent De Paul society, a chari-
table organization of the Roman Cath-
olic church, is looking after the people
of that faith, because the Red Cross
has failed to do its duty. The town
has several ministers who came in re-
sponse to the vicious attack which
Bicknell made on the women of this
town when he declared that a "moral
relapse" is taking place here and that
"conditions are deplorable."

The widows of the dead miners at a
mass meeting last night denounced the
plan of pensioning them as they say
the money which is coming to them
so that they can plan ahead in pro-
viding for their children.

Bicknell likes the local store keepers
and the company stores, for he said:
"Our chief concern now is to close
up the relief store and throw all busi-
ness back into normal channels. We
cannot close the relief store until the
stock of provisions now on hand shall
have been exhausted. Until then we
are holding up the order recently is-
sued by the relief committee to issue
none but weekly store orders to des-
titute families, and will continue the
present method of day relief."

The People Are 'Saved'
The need of missionary work among
the people of Cherry in order to fore-
stall a general moral relapse was taken
up today by the Rev. A. J. Dedera,
pastor of St. Ladmila's Bohemian Cath-
olic church of Chicago. John P. Ready,
treasurer of the St. Vincent De Paul
society, and Commissioner Edell, com-
mander of the Salvation Army at Chi-
cago, Father Dedera and Mr. Ready
visited Cherry and after a full day of
inspection stated that they found that
the material wants of the people had
been well provided for.

"We will take action on the problem
of moral and religious work among the
people immediately upon our return to
Chicago," said Father Dedera. "There
appears to be urgent need for a strong
moral force among the people. They
should be provided with wholesome en-
tertainment followed by moral and re-
ligious instruction of an attractive na-
ture. My plan would be to fill the win-
ter months with musical and literary
entertainment, supplemented by lec-
tures by members of the clergy and
other persons."

THIEVES STORM SUBURB

SERIES OF DARING DAYLIGHT
ROBBERIES AROUSES CITIZENS
OF WOODLAWN

A climax to an unprecedented series
of robberies and burglaries in Wood-
lawn was reported to the police of the
Woodlawn station by Harry W. Dreis,
1029 East 62d street, a department man-
ager for Mandel Brothers. An ex-
haustive inventory and search of the
premises was made by burglars, who
"jimmied" open the front door and left
with several hundreds of dollars' worth
of what was most valuable in the
apartment. The burglary occurred at
3 p. m. yesterday, and in time as well
as other features resembled a series or
more of burglaries which have been re-
ported to the police of the immediate
vicinity during the last three weeks.

STRIKE REVEALS
RAILWAY INFAMY

Burlington Tries to Bunco
Scabs Out of Wages;
Forced to Pay

Railroad infamy in dealing with hired
scabs is shown by the Burlington sys-
tem, pet institution of Jim Hill, which
is acting as procurer of strikebreakers
for the Great Northern railroad in the
switchmen's strike now in progress
from St. Paul to the Pacific coast. The
tactics are revealed in the treatment of
the scabs revealed to United States
Commissioner Mark A. Foote by the
men themselves.

George Williams, 55 St. Clair avenue,
Cleveland, O., shipped from Philadel-
phia with eight other men willing to
aid in breaking the switchmen's strike,
at the behest of Jim Hill's millions. So
did George Kolberg, of Wilmington,
Del. These men told Commissioner
Foote that twenty-six good capitalist
heroes had been sent from Cleveland,
fifteen from Baltimore and fifty from
Cincinnati, O.

How to Avoid Wrecks
In order that they might not cause
too many wrecks while on the jobs of
the men they were about to displace,
the scabs were given an initial exami-
nation as to their eye sight. They
were all able to distinguish between
red and green balls of yarn. They
were then compelled to sign long con-
tracts, after which they were shipped
to Chicago over the Nickel Plate rail-
road. The plan was to have each crew
of scabs shipped on one ticket bill to
44 St. Roman street, this city, a building
which has been used as scab head-
quarters in many strikes.

According to the stories of the vic-
tims told to Commissioner Foote, they
were to receive \$2 a day waiting money,
except during the time they were en-
joying the cushions on the railroads
for whom they were to do jackal ser-
vice.

In Chicago the stumbling block for
most of the would-be scabs was found.
Whether the railroad conscience had
been affected or not by the prospects
of numerous smashups is not known.
But the willing strikebreakers were
submitted here to another examination
more rigid than the first. So incompetent
were the men secured by the
strikebreaking agencies that twenty-
two of those from Cleveland did not
come up to the requirements, which
consisted of the mere rudiments of the
knowledge demanded of a switchman.
Half of those from Philadelphia were
also rejected.

Railway Breaks Faith
This wholesale failure of the scabs to
fill the role the railroads had mapped
out for them, must have discouraged
the hirelings of Jim Hill considerably,
for they immediately failed to live up
to their promises made to the scabs.
One of the most important of which
was that the scabs were to receive \$2
a day. The result was that the men
were stalled in Chicago with the prob-
ability of adding to the arrest record
of some policeman for failure to show
any visible means of support. Com-
missioner Foote was the last resort and
he was called upon.

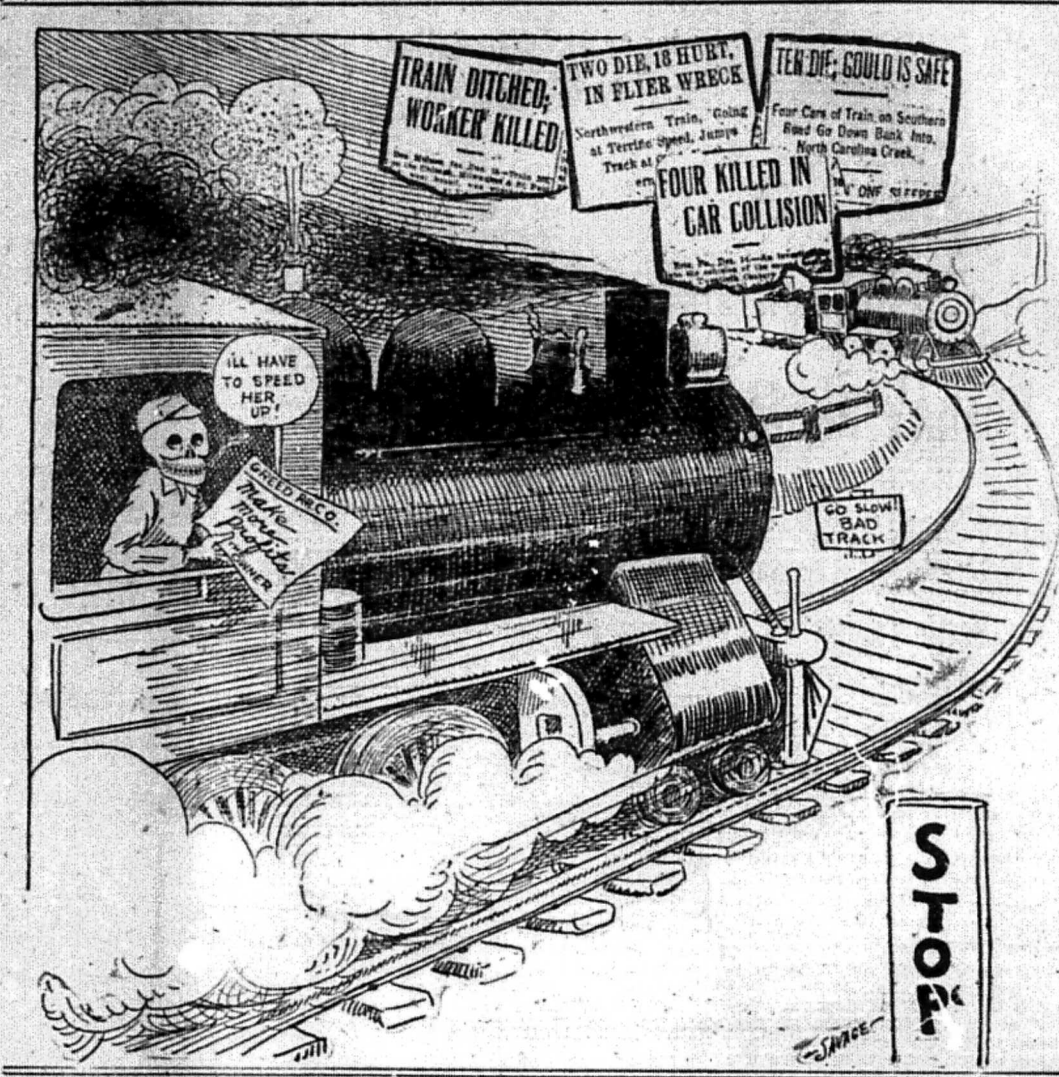
From Foote's office in the federal
building, J. P. Kildner, general manager
of the Burlington system, was com-
municated with over the telephone and
told of the plight of the men his un-
derlings had procured for Jim Hill.
Kildner admitted that the men had been
procured by the Burlington to do
strikebreaking service on the Great
Northern and promised to do what he
could to silence their complaint.

Minnesota Prohibits Scabs
It is now certain that the men direct-
ly concerned in the present complaint
will have their troubles adjusted and
that they will be sent back to the places
from which they were originally
shipped. No provision is made for the
hundreds of other scabs called to the
northwest to break the strike who
doubtless received similar treatment.
Williams and Kolberg claimed they
were to receive \$5 a day while robbing
the union men of their jobs.

There is a law in Minnesota making
it an offense to import strikebreakers.
It is not thought that Foote will press
any charges against the self confessed
Burlington system.

Politician Is Assassinated
East Las Vegas, N. M., Dec. 17.—
While seated at his bedside reading in
the presence of his family, Serapio Men-
derson, a wealthy politician of Gonzales,
was assassinated Tuesday night. Two
brothers named Torres have been ar-
rested. It is believed political foes in-
spired the murder.

HIS ORDERS



BAKERS SLUGGED
BY POLICEMEN

Entrance Forced to Execu-
tive Session of Union;
Prosecution to Follow

New York, Dec. 17.—The police forced
their way into the executive session of
the executive board of Bakers' Union
No. 100, at 287 Grant street, with no
excuse whatever. Sam Schwartz-
berg, sergeant-at-arms, refused to ad-
mit the cops, but they knocked him
down and forced their way into the
hall.

Max Kazimirsky, chairman of the
meeting, appealed to the police to ex-
plain what they wanted, but they paid
no attention to his request. Kazimirsky
asked them to show a warrant for
the arrest of any member of the board,
and when they did not produce any
warrants he ordered them to leave the
hall. After noisily around and slung
up every man in the hall, the police
left without making arrests.

Union Men Indignant
The bakers are highly indignant over
this unwarranted invasion of their
headquarters by the police, and they
will lodge a complaint with Commis-
sioner of Police Baker.

One of the members of the Bakers'
Union, No. 100, was badly beaten up
while passing the bake shop of L. Ge-
vitz, at 111 Madison street, yesterday
morning. It is alleged that Gervitz is
very sore against the union because his
scab bread is not selling well.

TO END STRIKE
ON CITY HALL

Dispute Between Rival Or-
ganizations in Building
Crafts Near Close

This afternoon may see the settle-
ment of the strike troubles at the city
hall, which resulted in the calling out
of about 100 building trades' workmen,
is the belief of Business Agent W. E.
Francis of the bridge and structural
iron workers, who is conducting the
negotiations with the contractors.

"It all depends on just how far Mad-
den goes," explained Francis, in dis-
cussing the probability of a spread of
the strike, which confirms the belief
that the strike is directed against
"Skinny" Madden and business agents
of unions affiliated with the ex-labor
car's associated building trades' con-
cil.

"No Strike On"
There is no strike at the city hall,
was the claim made at the carpenters'
headquarters. It being denied that any
carpenters would be called out.

UNIONS WAR ON
SALOON AGENTS

Mass Meeting Will Be Held
Friday Night; Fitzpat-
rick to Speak

War on illegal saloon employment
agencies, which the state officials claim
they are unable to reach, is to be start-
ed jointly by the Chicago Waiters' as-
sociation, the Chicago Cooks' union,
the Cosmopolitan Cooks' club and the
Chicago Waiters' union, Local No. 336,
at a mass meeting to be held Friday
night at 158 South Clark street.

These unions embrace a membership
of over 2,000. Among the speakers
who have promised to address the mass
meeting are John Fitzpatrick, presi-
dent of the Chicago Federation of La-
bor; Louis F. Post, editor of the Pub-
lis; S. D. Ricardo, business agent for
the vaudeville performers, who have
just won a signal victory, and Miss
Elizabeth Maloney, secretary of the
Waitresses' union.

Parker to Preside
The meeting will be presided over by
Ben F. Parker, president and business
agent of the Waiters' union, with F. M.
Mahoney, representing the Waiters'
association, acting as secretary.

"We will have a resolution passed,
asking the commissioner of labor to
order the superintendent of employ-
ment agents to take immediate steps
against saloons conducting employment
agencies as an adjunct to their busi-
ness," said Mr. Parker in an inter-
view. "We have a large amount of
evidence which we are willing to place
at the disposal of the authorities if
they will make the proper use of it."

"We have just secured information
against a saloon that is making a spe-
cialty of securing cooks and sending
them to Minneapolis, St. Paul and the
northwest to take care of the strike
breakers in the switchmen's strike now
going on there."

May Ask A. P. of L. to Aid
"If the commissioner of labor fails
to take the proper action in the mat-
ter, or should he not satisfy us that
he is doing all in his power to remedy
this evil, we will secure the co-opera-
tion of the Chicago Federation of La-
bor and carry the matter to the gov-
ernor of the state."

Freed From Jail; Killed
CHICAGO BOY GROUND TO DEATH
UNDER WHEELS OF
BOX CAR

Leavenworth, Kan., Dec. 17.—A few
minutes after he had been paroled on
condition that he leave town immedi-
ately, Charles Schultz, twenty years
old, fell from the top of a box car
on which he was riding out of town
and was ground to death under the
wheels.

In the boy's pocket was a letter from
his mother, who lives at 2518 Lowe
avenue, Chicago. He had just received
the letter, which read:

"Today is your twentieth birthday,
son, and myself and your brother John
wish you good luck. We want you to
come home for Christmas. If you want
me to I will send you the money to
bring you back to us."

Schultz had been in Leavenworth
three or four days.

Woman Is 103 Years Old
Norristown, Pa., Dec. 17.—Surround-
ed by relatives and friends, Mrs. Mar-
garet Rush Gasselberry, the oldest
woman in Montgomery county, cel-
ebrated the 103d anniversary of her
birth here.

BUILDING TRADE
DISPUTE SETTLED

Convention Orders Chicago
Painters to Join A. F.
of L. Council

BY W. E. RODRIGUEZ, LOCAL 180
Cincinnati, O., Dec. 17.—Chicago's
building trades' dispute has bobbed
up in the convention of the Paint-
ers, Decorators and Paperhangers, now
in session here. It caused a strenuous
debate during the consideration of the
recommendations in President Balhorn's
report.

Balhorn recommended that wherever
building trades sections exist, it shall
be compulsory for all local unions and
district councils to become a part of the
same, and that a clause to that effect be
inserted in the constitution.

The debate lasted over an hour. De-
legates Lucas and McDonald, of Chicago,
taking a prominent part, both speaking
against the recommendation. President
Balhorn, of Detroit, and W. E. Rodri-
guez, of Chicago, spoke in favor of its
adoption. At the conclusion of the
struggle the convention almost unani-
mously voted for the adoption of the
recommendation.

It should be remembered at this time
that all amendments and changes in
the constitution must be submitted to
a referendum vote of the membership
for endorsement. Another change in
the constitution which shows the trend
of events, was the adoption by the
convention of a new section in the "code
of business" for local unions, to be
known as section 19, and to read as
follows: "Legislation and economic
questions."

To Discuss Economics
It is explained by Delegate Lammert,
of St. Louis, Mo., that the constitution
committee considered it vital to the
organization, that legislative and eco-
nomic questions be more freely dis-
cussed, in order that the membership
may become better acquainted with
the political situation. Its adoption,
with very little opposition, is encourag-
ing.

The election of five delegates to the
American Federation of Labor build-
ing trades section convention for 1910-11
resulted in the selection of Delegates
Hedrick, Doherty, Murry, Kemp and
Lucas.

Police Rescue
3 FROM FLAMES
Mrs. Margaret Kay and her two chil-
dren, 7 and 9 years old, were overcome
by smoke and carried unconscious from
their burning home at 1612 North Hal-
stead street, by policemen of the Hud-
son avenue station, who had to break
open a door to reach them. The woman
and her children were taken into the
home of a neighbor, where they were
revived by physicians.

Shortly after 4 a. m. Sergt. John
Reich and Policeman William Evers of
the Hudson avenue station found the
front of the building in flames and
smoke pouring from windows on the
second floor. The front door was bolted
from the inside. The policemen
broke it open and groped their way up
the stairway through the dense smoke
to the second floor, where John Kay,
his wife and their son and daughter
were sleeping.

SWEAT-SHOPS IN
CHICAGO OUTDO
RUSSIAN ARMY

Benjamin Novak Exposes
Slavery Practiced by
Hart, Schaffner
and Marx

TOILERS ARE SPIRITLESS

Submit to Treatment That
Would Not Be Toler-
ated in Euro-
pean Shops

Fresh from the slave pen of Hart,
Schaffner & Marx, Market and Van
Buren streets, Benjamin Novak, a Pol-
ish Russian, who lives at 1239 Four-
teenth street, scores the willing servitude
of the wage slaves toiling under
the lash of the big men's clothing es-
tablishment and berates the industrial
system of Chicago as one of the worst
in the world.

"I served in the Russian army for
two years," said Novak to a reporter
for the Daily Socialist, "but never in
all that time did I receive the treat-
ment, nor did I see any one treated in
the manner the workers at Hart, Schaf-
fner & Marx's are handled."

From Tyranny to Tyranny
Novak came to America three years
ago to escape the political tyranny of
Russia, only to face the industrial ty-
ranny of the new world. After living
in Canada for two years he came to
Chicago. He has been an experienced
seam presser, but went into the Hart,
Schaffner & Marx establishment as a
cutter apprentice.

As a result of the sweating ap-
prentice system in vogue at the clothing
establishment Novak was compelled to
agree to work for three months with-
out pay. That was three weeks ago.

After he had been initiated into the
slave rules of the sweatshop and was
expected to have become perfectly serv-
ile, Novak claims that the foreman
sought to make an ordinary drudge
out of him. He says that they wanted
to take him away from his work and
have him perform the service of a com-
mon laborer, to fetch and carry at
their command.

Novak says he objected and tried
to make it understood in his broken
English that he had come to the fac-
tory to learn the cutter's trade and not
to do janitor's work. That is where he
made his mistake. The result of his
objection was that he became the butt
of a volley of oaths and was discharg-
ed on the spot. Novak says that he
was perfectly willing to go.

Chicago Workers Slaves
"What astonishes me most is the serv-
ility of the workers of Chicago," says
Novak. "They submit to conditions
that I thought would not be tolerated
by workers anywhere. They are worse
than animals in their submission."

RISKS HIS LIFE
BUT SAVES 100

Clarkston, Ga., Dec. 17.—Engineer
Seab Davis of the Georgia Central fast
mail, while hanging to the outside of
his cab, running 50 miles an hour, stuck
his hand through scalding steam, found
the emergency brake and stopped his
train, thus saving the lives of a hun-
dred passengers Tuesday.

Before the train reached here a driv-
ing rod of the engine broke, knocking
the fireman unconscious and almost de-
molishing the cab.

Escaping steam poured out of broken
pipes into the cab. Before Davis could
reach the emergency brake he was
driven from his seat by the heat. Nev-
ertheless he clung to the outside of
the cab until he stopped the train, when
he fell unconscious.

SCHOONER SINKS; 13 LOST

SOLE SURVIVOR OF WRECK IS
RESCUED FROM RAFT BY
A STEAMER

Charleston, S. C., Dec. 17.—The five-
masted schooner Governor Ames has
been lost with all of the fourteen on
board except one man. News of the
disaster was brought here by the
steamer Savannah, which arrived here
from Philadelphia.

The Savannah picked up the sole sur-
vivor, John Spearman, when, exhaust-
ed and nearly frozen, he was about to
slip from the raft he had improvised
when the Ames went down.

The Ames grounded Monday night
on the Whittle Shoals, and was quickly
beaten to pieces.

SOCIALIST TURNERS WILL
HOLD CHRISTMAS EXHIBITION
The Socialist Turnverein will give its
Christmas exhibition Saturday, Dec. 25.
A social was held last night at which
Julius Vahleisch discussed "The Pro-
hibition Movement."

180 Washington Street

