

ASSAULT ON THE DESPERATE STAND OF THE STRIKING WORKERS OF LABOR

Strikers Have a Complete Victory In Their Hands

Attacked on All Sides, Department Store Workers Prove the Power of Working Class Solidarity by Holding Fast; Will not Weaken with Victory in Sight.

Monday morning comes the crucial test in the struggle of the department store employees for freedom from the grinding conditions which the intrinsched masters have imposed upon them throughout the last few years. All of the heavy guns of the capitalist class were brought to bear upon the workers on Saturday and Sunday to force them back into line. Previous efforts, of a desultory nature, were found to be useless and the lines of the strikers held firm and steady as a rock. Saturday, the high-spirited press, whose reports of the strike are said to be reviewed by H. A. Meldrum before they are permitted to be set in type, opened with their broadside of abuse intended to discourage the workers.

At the same time, a series of cleverly worded letters from the bosses direct to the strikers at their homes were streaming through the mails, threatening them with dire loss,—for example, such "loss" as is implied by the loss of a four-dollar-a-week job,—in case they failed to return to the slave-pens on Monday morning. Meanwhile, the spies of the bosses, some of them inside the very lines of organized labor itself, were setting aside rumors that the strike was lost, when as a matter of fact, the STRIKE WAS PRACTICALLY WON.

On Saturday and Sunday fanning advertisements were published in the capitalist papers telling how "fair" the bosses would be to them if they would only betray their comrades and seah upon their fellow-workers. In several instances, even offers were pressed into service and dark hints were thrown out which were intended to influence the strikers into treachery to their comrades. As we go to press, the fate of the union rests upon the strength of the workers to withstand these various attacks upon their honor and their solidarity. IF THE SPIRIT SHOWN BY THE STRIKERS SO FAR TRULY WILL COME THROUGH ON THE ORDEAL, WITH FLYING COLORS AND THE FIGHT IS WON.

On Monday's results hinge the issue of the battle. The masters have reached the end of their rope. THEY ARE FIGHTING DESPERATELY TO WIN MONDAY. ALL OF THEIR AMMUNITION IS BEING POURED OUT ON THE LAST DAY. BOLD FAST TODAY AND THE FIGHT IS PRACTICALLY OVER WITH VICTORY PENDING ON THE BANNERS OF THE WORKERS.

STAND FIRM. NEVER MIND THE LIES IN THE CAPITALIST PRESS. YOU HAVE WORKED TOGETHER. YOU HAVE FOUGHT TOGETHER. YOU HAVE WON TOGETHER.

NOTES OF THE STRUGGLE.

This strike of the department store employees of Buffalo is attracting the attention of the whole United States, it is the beginning of a general movement throughout the land, the object of which is the abolition of the worst features of department store slavery. The strikers are fighting not for themselves alone, but also for their brothers and sisters in Chicago and New York, in St. Paul and in San Francisco. These workers are fighting for the conscience needs, a strengthening of the back-bone, and needs it very badly. The workers are providing what is needed in this respect.

The labor movement of Buffalo is on trial these days. The eyes of America are turned this way to see how organized labor of Buffalo is dealing with the department store problem as far as the labor question is involved therein. From the Atlantic to the Pacific the question is asked, to what degree does the labor movement of Buffalo represent the public conscience, the awakening of which has been announced to the world a few weeks ago? Everybody, or practically everybody, in modern society is interested in the rise of the workwoman's and the working-woman's pay envelope. If the wages of the workers show a sinking tendency, their purchasing power is diminishing; if wages are rising, the wage earners are able to spend more in the store. The small business man, as well as the large one, depends for his trade on the purchasing power of the working millions. The rise over their wealth is the measure of the vitality of the dollar of it is the product of human labor, and without some useful labor not a dollar's worth of value is created. The department store owners owe every dollar of their possessions to their employees, who do all the work necessary to run the establishments. Why, then, should these employees be treated as slaves, at least so much as wages so to enable them to find life a joy rather than a burden. The employees are absolutely necessary to the operation of such a large business, but the owners, the exploiters, may easily be spared. The workers do the business, the owners simply harvest the profits, and this the employees would be perfectly willing also to do.

Can you mention any sane argument in favor of starving the workers for the benefit of the employer and capitalist? Can you tell any reason why those who do the world's work should be treated like seapled slaves whenever they take courage to ask for an increase in wages?

If it were the daughters of the department store owners and millionaires, the owners and the capitalist press would fall over one another in their anxiety to serve them, but the daughters of the working people, they can afford to slight, and to misrepresent the cause they are fighting for. Why? Because the working people are still foolish enough to kiss the hand that strikes them, and support a press which is nothing but the hired agent of their exploiters.

If the working people would be respected they must respect themselves, and show their self-respect by insisting on, and fighting for, decent conditions of labor and life.

TREMENDOUS CROWD HEARS KIRKPATRICK

Anti-War Demonstration Under Auspices of Socialists a Big Success.

The Socialist anti-war demonstration in Elmwood Square held on Saturday night packed the vast auditorium to the doors. Even the historic stained glass was brought into requisition. It was a striking manifestation of the awakening of the working class in an understanding of the horrors of the approaching scourge of war. It was well in its purpose for the master class, which maintains its power by the possession of the armed guard—mercenaries, soldiers and militia.

The meeting was presided over by Stephen J. Mahoney, late graduate of the Board School of Social Science in New York. Before opening the most

MANY APPLY FOR HELP TO FORM UNION

Socialists Will Help Workers to Organize Wherever Possible.

During the tremendous success which has attended the efforts of the Buffalo Socialist in organizing the street cleaners, department store employees, street laborers, and others, many applications are coming in for the Socialists to take charge of the organization of unions in many industries. For the most part these plans are in the form of secret petitions in which the signers appeal for money until proper organization can be effected which will protect them against the bosses.

All will be given due attention at the proper time and every effort made to assist the workers to organize themselves into unions to get on large a scale as possible of the wealth which they and they alone create.

It should be borne in mind that the Socialist Party has nothing to do with unions of sentiment, agreements between employees and employers, etc. These are left to the American Federation of Labor leaders and the workers concerned. While the fight is on, every resource at the command of the Socialist Party and the Buffalo Socialist will be at the command of the workers; but when the victory is won, it is for the workers who are directly affected to dictate their own terms to the bosses.

SCHOOL CHILDREN ASKED TO ACT AS STRIKE BREAKERS

A new and original phase of the strike is the effort of the department store owners to get school children to act as strike breakers. Department of education is apparently heading the enterprise to help their masters, but as yet they have had little success.

On Friday at school No. 55, where a teacher in Mason Park High school is maintained, the teacher was instructed to ask all pupils who wished to work in the stores to remain after school.

How many children were secured has not been learned, but the evident capitalist control of the department of education is additional to the other powers of government is significant. And it is very little doubt that such a move will have the full condemnation of the public.

"Work, Together, Strike Together, Vote Together and Win Together" is the motto of Socialism. It means a working class triumph.

STATEMENT OF ORGANIZING ASSOCIATION

After the street car strike was over in response to a large number of requests, the Department Store Employees Organizing Association was formed. This association was composed of about one hundred persons, most of whom were members of the Socialist Party. All finances used for printing and the other work of organization among the employees was contributed by members of the Socialist Party. Members of the Socialist Women's Club of Local Buffalo, Socialist Party, took charge of the work of distributing literature among the girls in the stores. Many of them were insulted by the floor workers and managers and threatened with arrest.

A meeting of all the store employees was called for Wednesday evening, April 30th, at Miller's Harmonia Hall. We were perfectly willing to work in harmony with the proper officials of the American Federation of Labor and John Flett, General Organizer of that body, was summoned from Niagara Falls to attend the Harmonia Hall meeting and take charge of the work of organization. Mr. Flett, on his arrival at the hall in conference with officials of the organizing association, informed them that while willing to address the meeting with regard to the Retail Clerks International Association, that he did not have the necessary or full data to give that information regarding formation of a local of the Retail Clerks International Protective Association, and he did not care to make any statements with reference to the cost of forming a union and the carrying on the work of the union, which he would have in a day or two.

Mr. Flett immediately wired to International President Conway at Lafayette, Ind., to come to Buffalo if possible and perhaps some special arrangement might be made to take in the whole body that went on strike. Up to date he has heard nothing from Mr. Conway. Mr. Zeibold, president of the local retail clerks, who was also invited to take part in the work of organization, on his arrival at the hall stated to Mr. Henry Roscoe, "I am working at the J. N. Adams store and if I were to speak or if I was known to be up here I would be discharged, and I wouldn't want that to happen." After making this statement Mr. Zeibold could not be found in the hall.

The proper officials of the American Federation of Labor having either refused to speak or thought it would be best if they did not speak, the work of organization devolved upon the organizing association. The meeting was called to order and amid great enthusiasm a strike was declared. Thursday morning over three-quarters of the employees of the big stores were on strike.

The strike progressed very favorably and the first day the retail merchants' association began to grant concessions by abolishing night work in the stores. The organization was being rapidly perfected, and Pauline Neuman of New York was summoned to help lead the strike. Up to Friday afternoon the Drivers had been working hand in hand with the other strikers, but on Friday afternoon officials of the Buffalo United Trades and Labor Council, an organization NOT affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, by misrepresentation succeeded in dividing the strikers by organizing the drivers into a separate local union. Immediately friction appeared between the officials of the Trades Council and the strikers and not caring to whom the credit for the strike was going it was decided Friday on the invitation of the Executive Committee of the Trades Council to turn the organization over to them.

This was done for the sake of unity among the strikers, for with the drivers in one organization and the other strikers in another there would be no chance of winning the strike.

When the strikers left our hands they were a good fighting body with every prospect of winning all their demands. The strike is now in the hands of the United Trades and Labor Council. We will continue to fight for the department store employees on matters which organization they may like. We are confident that had they remained with us the strike would have been won. We are also confident that if they stick together now they will win.

All moneys received for initiation fees and donations are now in the hands of Mrs. C. O. Baird, Treasurer of the Organizing Association. The names of the members and other records are also in our hands. We stand ready at any time to turn over to the officials of the Department Store Employees Union or a properly elected committee all moneys, receipts and other documents now in our hands.

Strikers, stand firm, and victory is yours.

The Department Store Employees Association W. F. CATELL, President.

STRIKE HANDS OF BUFFALO TRADES AND LABOR COUNCIL ASSUMED COMPLETE CONTROL OF STRIKE LAST SATURDAY. WELL ORGANIZED BODY OF WORKERS FILLED WITH DETERMINATION TO WIN TURNED OVER BY SOCIALISTS.

Commenting last Saturday the strike of the department store clerks and drivers is in the hands of the United Trades and Labor Council.

Notwithstanding this fact the Buffalo Socialist will continue to aid and the strikers in their struggle for shorter hours and better wages.

The strikers have been organized into a good fighting body ready to do battle with the proprietors and win their demands. The work of organizing was taken up after many requests from clerks for a union, and we began to secure names of those who wished to join. Letters came in by the hundreds, and finally a meeting was called for last Wednesday night. The meeting was jammed to the doors and every department store worker was ready for a strike and when a motion was put it was voted to go out immediately.

The drivers for the department stores at this meeting went on the stage and decided to go out with the clerks.

When the proprietors of the stores saw the strength of the organization they immediately got busy and circulated the talk that the labor movement was not back of the strike. This had the effect of scaring a few of the weak ones back to work, but those who had sense enough to see the game of the bosses stuck to their colors.

The drivers are already a regularly affiliated body belonging to the A. F. of L. and are a well-organized body of men.

The clerks are well organized and will prove to be a good fighting organization of girls and men that will surprise many of the older unions in their activities.

MISS NEUMAN WRITES FOR "HER GIRLS"

A Plain Talk by Woman Organizer to Department Store Strikers.

By PAULINE M. NEUMAN

This is written to you girls who are out on strike. Read it. And after you have read it, think it over. After that, you can draw your own conclusions. Beginning today the United Trades and Labor Council will assume full charge of your strike. Keep this in mind. We hope that the strike will lead to a successful ending. We want to see you come out the victors. You deserve to see your hands for it is a just battle you are fighting. Your demands are reasonable. And if any one tells you that you are demanding too much.

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WHO BOSSES NEWSPAPERS OF BUFFALO?

H. A. Meldrum Forces "Buffalo News" to Suppress Strikers Extra.

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KEEP 'EM DIVIDED IS MASTERS' AIM

It has ever been the policy of the capitalists to keep the workers divided. The more divided the workers, the more power, even though in numbers they are only a handful. Occasionally, self-seeking states appear in the labor movement, and these are willing to betray the workers into the hands of the capitalist, simply to promote their own selfish interests. They lead themselves to the schemes of the masters, and create divisions in the ranks of the workers. We would earnestly advise the workers not to be misled. Above all things, solidarity is necessary in winning a strike. The labor union can really do nothing, if that they usually work in harmony with the masters and have the support of their masters' newspapers in promoting their schemes for dividing the workers.

STRIKERS WILL HOLD IMPORTANT MEETING

There will be an important meeting of the striking department store workers at the meeting of the Buffalo Trades and Labor Council, at 5 o'clock today, Monday. Every striker should be present.

TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION LAUNCHES IN ITS AID

At its meeting yesterday afternoon Typographical Union No. 222 met and elected to the aid of the striking storeworkers. A check for \$100 was voted and a five-week boycott announced was levied on the five hundred men of the union.

No person who patronizes struggling stores should let his big brother's face without shame.





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A CALL TO ARMS

Now that a movement is on foot to organize the department store clerks let every Socialist, every labor union man, and every worker lend a hand to these poor wage workers in their struggle for a chance to live.

It will be no easy task by any means, but we are confident that we will win in the end. The bosses will bully and cajole, some will lose their jobs possibly, and the capitalist press will tell what horrible creatures these workers are, but if the girls have made up their minds that they will organize, nothing will thwart them.

All that is needed is a sense of solidarity and the confidence of having intelligence and nerve enough to demand what is your right, and success is assured. Remember that the clerks have the sympathy of every one in their right mind, and a strong, hard pull together will do the trick.

What will we do with the capitalist under Socialism? Put him to work.

While you are competing for wages the bosses are piling up profits.

A SOCIALIST VICTORY

How glad the capitalist newspapers are to drop the subject of the general strike for suffrage in Belgium. After all the advice our American papers have given these poor foreigners about not mixing politics with work the Belgians were too stubborn to listen and went right ahead and won.

At the beginning of the strike misinformation was published. American papers have given these poor foreigners about not mixing politics with work the Belgians were too stubborn to listen and went right ahead and won.

Our own Buffalo Times, in telling the Belgians where they were making mistakes, has given them good forewarnings about being misled. The strikers have made a mistake in identifying themselves with Socialism. It was the Socialists that started and conducted the strike, and the Times is advising them to keep away from themselves.

There is only one way to do away with the strife between capital and labor. Let those who do the work own the job.

What do you think of Justice Brandeis' idea of Justice? Roger Lee, an Indian, was sent to Auburn for a year and eight months for stealing a pie.

My hat the Harvesters trust is strong on American soil. Just think of it: those foreign workers would not accept its offer of \$3.75 for a 54-hour week. Bull Moose wages.

THE COMING CAMPAIGN

To the observer the action of the capitalist press in preparing the way for the coming campaign next fall, at which a Mayor and numerous other city officials will be elected, are amusing.

It is an old scheme of the parasites to cook up an argument of some kind near election time that will get the voters all worked up over the sins of the candidates. The candidates are then to be seen and asked about the votes are cast. The unthinking worker becomes interested in one candidate or the other as a personal matter, forgetting entirely the efforts that will result, and votes for the best man. After election, he looks himself for being so foolish, and vows that next time he will do himself, and vote for principle and his own class interest.

The capitalist newspapers have already started the work of fooling the voter by digging up personalities for the coming campaign, and the way they are doing it is very interesting. There is a reason for this early start, and the capitalist politicians are wise enough to make preparations. The contest for Mayor will be especially hard fought, for the reason that four parties will be in the field instead of two. Besides the Republicans and Democrat parties the Socialist party will have a strong candidate and undoubtedly the department stores will be represented by a Roosevelt follower.

That the Socialist party will make things hum this year is a certainty. The working class of this city are learning fast that there is only one remedy, and in order to apply the remedy the capitalist political parties must be ousted and working class representatives elected in their place, with the ultimate end of establishing the Socialist co-operative commonwealth.

The Buffalo Express comments editorially and reprints an article from a Paris daily showing how it manages the account of the Buffalo street railway strike. Back up, you were in wrong the Sunday after the first meeting was called, and had to crawl out as best you could two days after.

TARIFF REVISION

Last November the people of this country and of Buffalo entrusted the destiny of the nation to the care of the Democrats. We heard a great deal of loose talk from working men about "winning with Wilson."

Among many other promises this party of Northern "back to competition" and Southern child slavery made was one to "revert the tariff to us, so that there shall be no tariff on goods from the United Kingdom." Immediately in various sections of the country and from certain interests came a wail: "Revert the tariff, certainly, but don't touch this or that industry for hereby we amass wealth and keep our shop going and give employment to workmen that they may live." And the same time there arose no small stir about that wail.

For a certain man named Demetrius, a silversmith, who made silver shrines for Diana, brought no small gain into the craftsmen; whom he called together with the workmen of like occupation and said: "Sir, ye know that by this craft we have our wealth. . . . and when they heard these sayings they were full of wrath. . . . and all with one voice cried out for about the space of two hours." Buffalo had its protest meeting at which a Democratic Mayor presided, and the Republicans and Bull Moosers were much in evidence. The tried and true laborite was also present.

All of which goes to show that the tariff question in this country is a local question, and that it is not a national question. The National Government. It also shows what a farce the whole thing is from the viewpoint of the laborer, who sees that while his wages go up under the protective tariff he has to pay more for the product he himself produces. It is the working class as a whole any better off in high protective tariff than they are in free trade England? If they are it is not because of the tariff, but because of their superior organization. It is time for the workers to get next to this tariff humbug and wipe it off the political map.

(By August Bebel)

The first of May, the best day of the international working-class movement, is here. Throughout the civilized world the workers are uniting to propagate their ideals and to press forward their present demands on present society. So close your ranks.

This universal feast has become an annual holiday in the course of the twenty-four years which have elapsed since the International Congress of Paris in 1889 decided to celebrate it. The number of countries that are celebrating the first of May is increasing. May Day is becoming more and more a worldwide event; the day of international demonstration on which the solidarity and unity of the demand for the social betterment of the workers express itself in the strongest possible terms.

Be on the alert! Fatal things are unfolding themselves. The capitalist classes are persistently endeavoring to conquer new markets for their goods and to crush out their competitors in the world's markets, and they are using their dominion in all civilized lands to increase armaments both by land and sea. They thus lay terrible financial burdens upon the people, as a result of which the progress and the misery of the social conditions of the workers are not neglected.

Against this disastrous policy the workers are protesting. May Day gives the oppressed opportunity of expressing to the full this protest. The working classes do not want a murderous war; they are fighting for peace, because they desire human progress. They are fighting for freedom and justice, even for the most lowly, because in this manner only can the proletariat fulfill its mission of bringing liberty to humanity.

The field of action will extend just so far as you identify yourselves more and more with the organized working class of all lands, united in the International, and carry on in common with them the struggle for the liberation of the workers from want, misery, oppression and exploitation, towards the highest aim of humanity.

May the watchword be liberty and equality and everything which makes for the realization of every human aspiration.

Cheers for the International!

Let Us Conquer the World

The seed ye sow, another reaps;
The wealth ye find, another keeps;
The pains ye wear, another bears;
The arms ye forge, another wears.

Through the ages the working class has been struggling for the liberation of the workers from want, misery, oppression and exploitation, towards the highest aim of humanity.

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A NEW DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

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THOUGHTS OF THE WORKER

ARBITRATION

We, too, are for compulsory arbitration, provided, however, that it is made general and obligatory upon all sellers and buyers of commodities, not only upon those dealing in labor power.

SOCIALISM THE WAY OUT

In the place of the present capitalist system, Socialism proposes the new and better system of the democratic operation of the natural resources, and social welfare, upon which the coming life and labor of the people depend for the common good of all.

UNITY OF POLISH SOCIALISTS

The Polish Socialist Party of France has its 10th annual convention a few days ago. The program was reported. The Socialists have a minority representation in 400 municipal councils and the number of Socialist Councilors in France are 507 Socialist Councilors in France.

PROPERTY

Property is a fact, so don't doubt that it is a fact greatly modified, however, by the incessant struggle of the laborer for bread and comfort.

THE FARMER

There has long been need of a good Socialist booklet at a reasonable price to the farmer. The national office is now sending a "Good Book" to the Farmer.

FIELD WARREN HUNTS FOR BURGERS
The editor of the Appeal to Reason, Dr. D. Warren, has brought suit for \$50,000 damages against the Kansas City Star, which has known "progressive" daily, for sending out the report last fall that the Appeal had suspended publication.

MORE SOCIALIST VICTORIES
In South America the Socialist movement is rapidly gaining. An election held recently for members of parliament in Buenos Aires, Argentina, saw the Socialists elected to nearly two thirds of the seats.

SOCIALISTS DEFEATED?
The capitalist press is howling for aid and while the Socialists were defeated in O'Hara and Pittsburg, Kansas, which they carried last fall. As a matter of fact the Socialist party increased its vote and it was only by the fusion of the two old parties that they did not elect their candidates.

HARRISMAN ABASH
The Los Angeles, California municipal election takes place May 28th. Job Harrison has again been nominated for Mayor by the Socialists. The old party increased its vote and it was only by the fusion of the two old parties that they did not elect their candidates.

SPRING ELECTIONS
Reports continue to come in of Socialist successes at the Spring elections. Hundreds of village presidents, school directors and other officials were elected on the Socialist ticket in the small towns in all parts of the country.

THE NEW ARRIVAL
The New Review, up to the present time, has been published irregularly, weekly, beginning the first of May, be issued as a monthly.

HOLLAND SOCIALISTS
A national convention of the Socialists of Holland was held a few weeks ago. The reports show the party to be in good shape. The dues-paying membership increased 20 per cent in 1912. Almost 800 Socialist representatives met in municipal governing bodies. The party controls six daily papers, 21 weeklies, a comic paper and a number of other journals.

ONE OF THE REASONS
People continue wonder how the German Socialists have built such a successful organization. One of the reasons is that they set every endeavor to educate their members. In Berlin a committee was formed for the purpose of giving party workers a change by the study of Socialism. Each student receives from the party funds \$37.50 every month for his support. One-third of the students are women.

NATIONAL SOCIALIST BUILDING
Considerable favorable sentiment has developed for the erection of a building to be owned and controlled by the Socialist Party of the United States. The building to be used as headquarters for the national secretary and the various departments connected with the national office. At the present time the cost of the party \$2,200 a year for rent for quarters in Chicago, which are much too high.

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THE AFFAIR FRENCH ABROAD
Every Socialist will side with joy that to last week's Appeal to Reason every state showed an increase in circulation. The 1913 Appeal has taken the appearance of a new, more attractive and more up-to-date journal.

LITHUANIAN SOCIALISTS TO MEET
The seventh annual convention of the Lithuanian Socialist Federation of America will be held in Philadelphia, beginning May 15th, at 8 p. m., at the New Assembly Hall, 225 South Fourth Street.

NOMINATED FOR CITY COUNCIL
John W. Brown and Charles H. Dowell have been nominated by the Socialist Party of the City Council. The members of the City Council and individuals who are well known Socialists and are at present in jail, where they have been thrown by the military despots who are terrorizing the West Virginia coal fields.

THE AGE OF REASON
No, brother, this is not the age of reason. It is not reason which men, women and children are crushed under the weight and power of wealth, coarsely things, and the power of the money power.

TO BEAT SOCIALISTS
By a combination of the Democrats, Republicans and Progressives, the Socialist ticket was defeated in Canton, Illinois, at its recent election. The Canton Standard reports that the Socialists surrounded their vote, it was not large enough to overcome the combined vote of the three parties and a \$2,000 stack fund.

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