







MILWAUKEE WATER SYSTEM A SUCCESS

Rate Remarkably Low—Poor on Equal Terms With the Rich.

By CARL D. THOMPSON, Socialist City Clerk. MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 26.—For fifteen years the city of Milwaukee has owned and operated its water works system.

The results are splendid. In the first place, the cost of water, which is one of the necessities of life, has been reduced to a most remarkable degree.

And, after supplying the city of Milwaukee with its nearly 400,000 population with water, not only for private uses, but for the sprinkling of streets, for the care of its numerous parks, for flushing of its sewers, and for fire protection, the rates like the above, the city has cleared a handsome surplus every year.

Plant Shows Profit. The profit on the water plant has amounted to \$52,000 per year during the entire period of public ownership.

The secretary of the water department some time ago gave out a very carefully prepared report in which he showed that comparing the work of the water department of the city, taking everything into consideration, with prices that were current under private ownership and operation, the plant has saved the city and its people \$17,852,618.87.

Truly a splendid showing in this department. And one of the striking features of the municipal control of this public utility is that the poor man is given equal show with the rich.

Under private ownership it is the other way. The man who buys enormous quantities of water is given a lower rate. And thus the rich have the advantage of the poor.

In the Milwaukee plant, owned by the city, the rich are charged the same rate as the poor.

This does not seem so significant until the fact appears that on this basis 38.80 per cent of the total cash receipts of the water department is paid by thirty of the largest consumers. This leaves the remaining 60 per cent of the expense to be divided among 45,600 consumers. And it is this feature of the plant which, after all, is the only equitable basis for the operation of a public utility that lightens the burden of the cost of living upon the poor man.

It results like this and the application of principles of this sort that the present administration in the city of Milwaukee is trying to carry out in all the public utilities of the city. This, of course, cannot be accomplished at once, but steps are being taken in that direction as rapidly as possible.

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TO TEACH WOMEN ABOUT SOCIALISM

Socialist Woman's National Committee to Make Active Campaign in 1911.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 26.—The woman's national committee of the Socialist party is preparing for an active campaign among the women throughout the United States.

They have prepared a series of twelve monthly programs, which will serve either as a lesson for home study, or for a public, propaganda entertainment.

These programs consist primarily of a brief lecture, especially prepared for this work by Anna A. Maley, woman's national organizer. About this lecture as a center are grouped songs, recitations, and readings, selected from the best Socialist literature. Each month leading Socialist writers will contribute articles upon the subject under discussion, and these will be printed in the Socialist papers.

To assist in this educational work among the women, the woman's national committee has prepared special leaflets for free distribution, not only at these public entertainments, but from house to house. Each of these leaflets appeals to a distinct portion of the working class women. One leaflet appeals directly to the girl in the workshop and factory; another to the teacher; another to the housewife, the domestic servant, the woman on the farm, and so on. In this way, hundreds of thousands of women will be reached during the next year.

The subject of the January program is "Universal Peace." The leaflet for this month's distribution is entitled "To the Working Woman." All of the programs will be printed in the Progressive Woman, the official organ of the woman's national committee.

Every Socialist local is vitally interested in this special campaign among the women. The national executive committee of the Socialist party is sending out thousands of notices to the party membership, calling their attention to this activity among the women, and urging their hearty support.

Report on Work to Be Done. At the meeting of the national executive committee of the Socialist party on December 10, Caroline A. Lowe, general correspondent of the woman's national committee, presented a report outlining the work to be done, which, in part, was as follows:

It is an encouraging and significant fact that despite the lack of any well directed effort to bring the women into the party, so many have entered it because of their earnest desire to be of service to the cause of Socialism. This deficiency in the organization of the Socialist party no longer exists. The party organization has been provided with a central directing force, whose duty it is to enlist women into the movement. The coming year will test the value of this special provision.

From a circular letter sent to the locals, explaining the necessity for educating the women, I quote the following: "To accomplish this end, we must have a well organized body of women. We now have a woman's national committee composed of seven women, which has elected one of its members as its general correspondent. We should have each state organized in similar manner with a woman's state committee, which elects one of its members as its state correspondent."

Each party local is instructed to elect a local woman's committee, and this committee is to elect its local correspondent. A list of one hundred and fifty-six such committees is now on hand. Doubtless many of these committees are no longer existent, but those remaining give us a good nucleus with which to start our work for the coming year.

New Plans for 1911. The woman's national committee has been seriously at work devising the most simple, direct plans for accomplishing the greatest possible results from its work in the year 1911. The plans are prepared along two lines, the distribution of literature and the giving of monthly programs. Each line will be discussed briefly.

1. The Distribution of Literature. As our party literature to a large extent is written in a style that does not at first appeal to the average woman, the woman's national committee has prepared the following leaflets: Woman, Comrade and Equal. A Word to Working Women. Reply to Anti-Suffragists. Why You Should Be a Socialist. The Crimes of Capitalism. Underfed School Children. Work Among Women. The Worker and the Machine. Boytowns Railroad. Cheap Motherhood in America, and an Appeal to Working Women. It is now preparing the following: Woman as a Housewife. The Emancipation of Women. Woman Upon the Farm. Industrial Education Among Women. Women as Domestic Servants. Women as a Teacher, Propaganda and Organization Among Foreign Women.

Through these leaflets we are reaching the women in every walk of life. Regular distributing days have been selected, though as far as possible it is desirable that these days coincide with the distributing days of the local. In January we shall distribute a leaflet appealing especially to the working girls in the factory, store, etc. In February a suffrage leaflet shall be distributed. This is the month for the special Women's Day demonstrations, and we hope that

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POLITICAL MASSACRE IN JAPAN.

The Japanese rulers have been praised far and wide for their wonderful practical sagacity.

For centuries they successfully resisted the opening up of their country to the predatory operations of European commerce...

The Japanese rulers at once realized the profound significance of these changes. It may be that they were not the first Oriental rulers to appreciate its full extent...

This profound and many-sided social revolution, imposed upon the people of Japan by its rulers, received its triumphant vindication in the wars against China and Russia.

The immense success of the narrow oligarchy ruling in the name of the Mikado that effected the transformation in Japan of the feudal state into the capitalist state was due chiefly to its fearless consistency...

But along with these unsavory and depressing products of Japanese capitalism, there have also arisen the beginnings of a labor movement and of radical thought.

The best and most unselfish children of Japan are to be massacred in cold blood, in order that the ideas they have championed may be stamped out.

THE NEW YORK CENTRAL DISASTER

By MARY S. OPPENHEIMER.

Poor Father Knickerbocker! His favorite saint, St. Property, has just received a dreadful blow.

The explosion was hard upon St. Property. Of course, several people were killed outright, and some women were made widows and some children orphans.

But the hurt to the Central's own property and to the adjoining houses, the innumerable panes of glass shattered for many blocks, the fallen ceilings, the broken furniture, the wrecked and ruined goods in the little shops along Lexington avenue...

Father Knickerbocker shakes his head sadly over the trouble. Poor old fellow! He is stupid enough, and he accepts confidently whatever explanation his officials and the lawyers choose to give him.

But to have the working people of the city, who have given an example of intending to change this state of affairs, like Father Knickerbocker, they are content to believe whatever the capitalist press tells them about such accidents...

and these things they do in clearest fashion during campaigns and at all times as occasion offers.

No wonder that the Socialist campaigns in Milwaukee grieve the spirits of those who would like to believe the vote there is merely "a protest against corruption in the old party."

A RETROSPECT AND PROSPECT.

By WILLIAM EDWARDS.

After getting my supper at the end of a day's work in a cold shop, I drew up to the fire—I mean radiator—with my pipe and The Call, which I had not been able to read while strap-hanging and supporting two or three straggling fellow passengers.

The fluctuations of the political movement were many and wide. At one time a town or state would make a decided advance to be followed at the next election by a reverse.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

FEAR OF SOCIALISM AND COMMISSION GOVERNMENT.

Editor of The Call: We trust you will find space for some of the following matter relative to commission form of government...

While the Keystone party is nominally second party, the fact that it is not well organized holds out hope for the business interests dividing the Socialist vote by means of it.

This explains why the business interests have greatly increased their propaganda for commission form of government since the election.

Since the plan for commission form has gotten well under way the business interests are now proposing the annexation of the rest of Allegheny county, which would make it a city of over a million ruled by a commission of nine men.

We are circulating petitions against amending the city charter of Pittsburgh to this end, and this will be presented by Comrade Maurer in the state legislature when the plan comes up for commission form of government for Pittsburgh.

It is known that in New Castle and other places attorneys for the steel trust approached business men's organizations and delegates to this convention with a view to getting their support of the commission plan.

Many of the delegates to the convention did not suspect that there was a "red" among them and before they became acquainted with this fact disclosed their hostility to socialism and their endorsement of the commission form.

"By God," said he, "we have got to do something before the next election or they will carry the city. If we give the people commission form of government, I believe that will head it off."

It is to be noticed that McKeesport voted for the commission plan. Mr. J. Van Baman, of New York, said: "The Manufacturers' Association and the Merchants' Association of this city had gone on record as favoring commission form."

The time has arrived in New Jersey for the party membership to ask why the state committee does not confine itself to its legitimate function of carrying on a year round systematic, effective campaign of education and organization that will make the membership and sentiment immune to the Capitalist Woodrow Wilson, by whatever name called.

That Coroner's Verdict. Editor of The Call: As a citizen of this "trust ridden state," I wish to render, through your valuable little paper, a most vigorous protest against the disgraceful verdict handed down by the coroner's jury with regard to the "High Street fire."

What's in a Headline? Sub Editor—A correspondent sends us a full account of a cock fight, with photographs of the steel spurs used, the cock pit, spectators, birds in battle, etc., with every round described.

POTPOURRI

LOST, STRAYED OR STOLEN

IN THE PLACE DE LA BARRIÈRE. On a clear day in Paris, walking a century ago and riot least a century ago down the streets, I am aware how far on the horizon rim, crest pale, ominous clouds, and dim, unmistakable, a muttered

WHAT THE WAITER THINKS. If that old gent in the corner could see the birth certificate of that chicken, what would he say?

THE N. E. C. Editor of The Call: As a party member in New Jersey, I ask space for comment on the letter in your issue of today wherein Comrades Killingsbeck, Hopping and Walker, presumably for the state committee of this state, offer an amendment to the national party constitution.

They start out by saying: "The state committee of New Jersey, according to constitutional requirements as per article XI, section 1," etc.

Callers—There's one question should like to have answered, "What thought flashes across the intellect does it effect any molecular change in the cellular or muscular tissue composing the material substance of the cerebral mass, or does it operate merely in the realm of the spirit, ego, thereby leaving no trace subject to detection or classification in the domain of substantiality?"

HE NEEDED A DRINK. A stinky angler was fishing on a Scottish loch on a dreaching day. He had been consulting himself from flask and forgetting his gillie.

ENGLAND LOOKING UP A BIT. We have often wondered what was the meaning of the expression "high school," and now we know.

DISCRETELY THE BETTER PART. She—Yes, we are all quite desperately in love with the new currant.

A SHAME. Warden—No'm: the guy that killed his family ain't here no more. The guard pardoned him.

AFTER THE BATTLE OF THE BATTLE. Customer—Confound it all, gall! this place a restaurant? Why, your forget to lay the dynamite—see Bulletin.

WE BEG TO DISSENT. Sowhere did the news of Roosevelt's defeat cause more satisfaction than in Africa among relatives of the animals killed on recent expedition—Funch.