







WISCONSIN FLOUTS CLAIMS OF LABOR

Socialists Alone Fight for Legislation Bettering Workers' Lot.

By ANNA MERCY.

MADISON, Wis., April 7.—While many important Socialist bills have passed in the Assembly, the great majority of the bills, which were far-reaching and of vital importance, were defeated outright or indefinitely postponed. A provision for the safeguarding of dangerous machinery, and another bill calling for doors that swing outward in public buildings and factories, received the approval of the Assembly. An amendment to strike out the words "that doors remain unlocked during working hours" was inserted by a conservative Assemblyman, who undoubtedly cares little for the welfare of the workers.

The following bills relating to the betterment of the working people passed in the Assembly: The improvement of the housing conditions of employes working on railroads and in logging camps, so that sanitary conditions would prevail and pure food and water be supplied; a provision of an eight-hour workday for workmen on public buildings; the mandate that when a firm or corporation advertises during strikes or labor disputes that it mentions the fact that there is a strike or a labor dispute; the making of private contracts between employers and employees whereby the employer is held responsible for the observance of rules and regulations to be illegal.

A trick often played by manufacturers has been the retarding of the workers on the days of election to work overtime, so that the polling places are closed when the men leave the factory. To remedy this evil a bill declaring half holidays on all city elections was passed by the Assembly, but was referred and re-referred to the Committee on Elections.

SLIPPERY SAM

By J. RUGER.



CARNEGIE TRUST SMASH NO FINANCIAL ACCIDENT

By ARTHUR I. STREET.

If the workmen do not wish their present servitude to capitalism to become worse than it is, one place or which they had better keep a wide-awake eye is Wall Street. For things are doing in that great gambling pit, things that have to do with the lives of every man, woman and child in the United States. Outwardly, Wall Street looks uninteresting to those who do not know anything about stocks and bonds, or "call money" rates, or "surplus reserves," and who care less. But inside the pale, it is a regular boiling cauldron, and human beings are being tossed into it as carcasses are tossed into the vats in the Chicago stock yards.

For instance, there is that Carnegie Trust Company affair. Most workmen look upon it merely as a large piece of not uncommon bank stealing. But as a matter of fact, it is so much more than that that Wall Street is moving heaven and earth to hush the whole thing up. It is putting rocks on the lid and jumping on with both feet and trying to seal it down hermetically. For, if it doesn't succeed, it is barely possible that a working girl, going home in the subway at 5 or 6 o'clock at night, might have a seat. That is, if Wall Street doesn't succeed in corking the scandal.

GREED AND DISEASE CRUSH MUSCATINE

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roommate was in even worse condition—had to be waked at night for fear she would choke—and her year-old baby was born with throat trouble.

"Wages, which were formerly fair, have been gradually cut throughout the year until at the time of the lock-out the average man had been cut anywhere from 20 to 40 per cent by the indirect method of underweighting or undercounting, and the girls were not allowed in the room where their weighing was done. Men's wages were cut more than women's, as women do the finishing, which requires great skill, and they cannot be so easily replaced.

"During my stay in Muscatine there was no trouble of any kind and no throwing of eggs. The talk of requiring troops there is for the sake of creating an unfavorable public opinion. A young boy threw a snowball at a plain clothes man and called him names, near the McGehegan, one afternoon, whereupon the man whipped out a revolver and fired into a crowd of curiosity seekers. The bullet lodged in an opposite building about six feet from the ground. The plain clothes man had formerly been a spy upon the union. This man was locked up. There was no other disturbance during my stay.

LETTER FROM JAPAN ON KOTOKU MURDER

Writer Shows That a Hard Struggle is Ahead of Radicals.

The letter below was written in Japan by a party, whose name for obvious reasons has to be kept secret, to Mr. Leopold Fleischman, of Pasadena, says the People's Paper of Los Angeles, Cal. The letter gives a good insight into the Japanese psychology and reveals plainly what tremendous obstacles are to be overcome by the brave little band of our comrades.

Japan, Feb. 12, 1911. My Dear—Your letter dated January 10 reached me today after some wandering, and I hasten to answer at once, though I don't feel myself a competent person to answer all of your questions. I never met the Kotokus, though I have heard more or less of them. Their sad fate, perhaps also the details of their trial, have doubtless already come to your knowledge. I believe the trial was conducted with all possible secrecy in Japan, but I understand that the Japanese Government, fearing outside criticism, sent a report of the details of the trial to various foreign countries.

General Feeling Against Them. You ask what is the popular feeling toward them. I should say the general feeling is against them. People say: "Yes, we are sorry for them, but as they did a wrong, even a monstrous one, of course they had to be punished," or, "Well, if they had attacked some rich man like Iwasaki or one of the Mitsui family, or if they had attacked some bad official, we might understand it. But to attack our beloved Emperor! Nobody could pardon such a thing." Almost all Japanese are loyal to the Emperor, and as for Socialism and anarchism, they are the newest Western importation, reflections of Western sentiment.

Truc, a few of the learned people of Japan, especially some who have studied in American and English universities, are Socialists and anarchists. Kotoku was an educated man, but as for his followers I am told that they were a poor, ignorant rabble, ready to follow any leader. How is the press disposed toward them? The press is strictly censored in Japan. Hard to tell how the members of the press individually feel about it. One of them, an A. M. from an American college, rather conservative, said to me: "Many people who are not Socialists, even I, am disgusted with our present government. Why, they are afraid even to allow a lecturer on sociology in the colleges. Stupid things! They don't know the difference between 'Socialism' and 'sociology,' as the two words sound alike."

In fact, the officials, I mean the lesser officials of Japan, are for the most part well-meaning people recruited from the half-educated classes. Of course the pay of an official is too meager to call any brilliant minds to the service.

Books Which Are Suppressed. This army of officials are wonderfully busy to suppress the following classes of books: Those having mention of Socialism, anarchy or any revolutionary doctrine; those that strike at the family system and parental authority; those of an immoral tendency. Very good. But, alas, they class together under tabooed books Ibsen, Shaw, Tolstoy, De Maupassant, Wedekind, Zola, many French writers of realistic or decadent school together with advanced, earnest thinkers like Ibsen. I believe immoral students are even forbidden to act in love scenes of Shakespeare, but are encouraged to act scenes from historical plays like Julius Caesar. (One recital of the tabo is that students are very eager to read these books.)

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STRIKEBREAKING LAW IN MONTANA Bill Fortifies Militia—Officers Empowered to Arrest Without a Warrant.

In the last session of the Montana Legislature a bill known as House Bill No. 226 was introduced by Dr. Donahue, of Dawson County, a Democrat. Its object was to recognize the State Militia of Montana. Perhaps not in the history of Anglo-Saxon civilization, since the days of Charles Stuart, has so drastic a measure been introduced in the legislative halls of any English speaking country. But it was passed by the Legislature of Montana without any opposition except the few members belonging to organized labor.

Section 109—If any person, upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$500, or by imprisonment in the county jail for not less than ten days nor more than six months, or both such fine and imprisonment.

Section 107—Any person who, either by himself or with another, willfully deprives a member of the national guard of his employment, or prevents his being employed by himself or another, or obstructs or annoys said member of the national guard in his employment, or prevents his being employed by himself or another, or obstructs or annoys said member of the national guard in his business, or employment, because said member of said national guard is such member, or dissuades any person from enlistment in the said national guard by threat of injury to him in case he shall so enlist, in respect to his employment, trade or business, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$25 nor exceeding \$500, or by imprisonment for not less than ten days nor more than six months in the county jail, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Section 108—No association or corporation, constituted or organized for the purpose of promoting the success of the trade, employment or business of the members thereof, shall by any constitution, rule, by-law, resolution, discriminate against any member of the national guard because of such membership.

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CATHOLICS AGAINST PARTY

Politics in St. Louis Opposition to Socialist Candidates.

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MAY DAY CELEBRATION OF SOCIALIST SCHOOLS

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SOCIALIST NEWS OF THE DAY

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Business Meetings

Manhattan and Bronx.

Business meeting of Irish Socialist Federation at 112 East 19th street.

Jewish Socialist Notes.

The second conference of delegates from the Jewish Socialist party branches of Greater New York and the Executive Committee of the Jewish Socialist Agitation Bureau will be held tomorrow evening, April 11, at 177 East Broadway.

Brooklyn May Day Conference.

The Brooklyn May Day Conference will meet this evening at the Labor Lyceum, 949 Willoughby avenue.

Syracuse, N. Y.

Syracuse is to have a big mass meeting in the City Hall this evening to protest against the sending of the United States troops to the Mexican border.

New Jersey.

6th and 14th Ward Branch meets at the Labor Lyceum, 16th street and Eighteenth avenue.

Massachusetts.

Tonight Fred Johnson, of Providence, R. I., well known throughout New England as a lecturer, will address the Scandinavian Naturalization Club.

Michigan.

I can't refrain from telling you what we have done here in old Kalamazoo.

France.

An old Comrade, Auguste Michon, has just died at Geneva, where he took refuge at the age of 67.

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