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MASSACHUSETTS LEGISLATURE.

Three Socialists Have Opponents "on the Run."

Put Up a Strong Fight for Aid for Unemployed, Public Ownership of Mines and Fuel Yards, and Life-Protection on Railways—Republicans and Democrats on the Horns of a Dilemma.

BOSTON, Mass., April 6.—The past few weeks have been busy ones in this state for our Representatives in the Legislature; the mornings have been devoted to committee hearings upon the various bills introduced by them.

This calls to mind the days of 1894, at the time of the great industrial panic, when meetings of the unemployed were held daily upon the Common, presided over by Herbert N. Casson and Morrison I. Swift.

The present bill was reported ten minutes before adjournment of the House on Thursday, and they entered into an immediate discussion of it in the expectation that it could be disposed of in ten minutes.

When he concluded, the capitalistic interest in the body to some extent applauded him. Carey instantly arose, and said: "Stand up, you members who applaud. Stand up, you who applaud this sentiment of anarchy as expressed by this Republican leader."

It is conceded that MacCartney's bill, known as the Legate petition, for memorializing Congress to take over the control of coal mine industries, will be favorably reported by the committee.

The hearing on the constitutional amendment enabling towns and cities to establish municipal fuel yards will be before the committee and this also, it is thought, will be reported favorably.

DIVIDE AND SUBJUGATE.

Haverhill Capitalists Rejoice in Workers' Strife.

Old Party Politicians Making the Most of Union Rivalry—By Fostering Discord and Exciting Race Prejudice They Hope to Defeat Socialists.

Haverhill, Mass., April 4.—A fight between two rival unions of shoemakers has been going on for about two months in Haverhill. It is the policy of The Worker not to take sides in affairs of this kind, but when the fight is between the workers and the capitalists it is necessary to take the side of the workers.

There are about 150 men on strike, most of whom reside in Ward 5, the Socialist stronghold. The politicians consider this to be their chance to defeat Representative Carey, if he should be re-elected.

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TAFF VALE LAW FOR VERMONT.

The Bosses Get Damages Against Strikers.

Union Members' Property Attached—Must Indemnify Employers for Cost of Private Police and Scab Boarding House—British Precedent is Quickly Followed.

RITLAND, Vt., April 5.—The damage suit of the F. R. Patch Manufacturing Company against Protection Lodge, No. 215, Independent Association of Machinists, was decided to-day, the jury returning a verdict in favor of the manufacturers.

The New York "Evening Post" adds the following information to that given in the dispatch: "The strike began on May 12 last. The company secured enough non-union men to do the work of the 200 or so men who struck, and continued to fill orders.

When the suit was brought, over one hundred writs were served on the members of the union. Every piece of available property belonging to any member was attached, and the lawyers say that the Patch Company can recover the judgment from this property.

Another Labor Law is Killed. Indiana Supreme Court Takes Its Turn. Law Fixing Minimum Wages on Public Work Declared Unconstitutional—Violates Freedom of Contract.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., April 2.—The Supreme Court of this state yesterday knocked out one more labor law obtained by the trade unions through weary and humble petitioning and lobbying. The court decides that the Minimum Wage Law of 1901, providing that unskilled labor employed on all work done for counties, cities, and towns shall be paid for at the rate of not less than twenty cents an hour, is unconstitutional.

McGRADY AT WORKERS. Father McGrady will lecture in Tompkins Hall, Tenkers, N. Y., on Tuesday evening, April 14. His subject is: "The Economic Question and Its Solution." All Westchester and New York courtesies are invited to help in making this meeting a big success.

VICTORIES IN MONTANA.

Other States Also Send Inspiring News.

Socialists Carry Anaconda, and Elect an Alderman in Butte and Two in Battle Creek—Hartford Shows a Big Gain—Other Election Reports.

BUTTE, Mont., April 6.—Socialists elect Mayor, Treasurer, Police Magistrate, and three out of six Aldermen in Anaconda.

Gain in Connecticut. HARTFORD, Conn., April 7.—The Socialist Party polled 529 votes in the city election to-day. A year ago we had 337 and two years ago 126.

Yet Another Victory. SHEBOYGAN, Wis., April 8.—The Socialist Party carries the city of Sheboygan. Letter follows. Hurrah for Socialism! E. S.

Chicago's Vote. CHICAGO, Ill., April 7.—Unofficial reports give Charles L. Breckon, candidate of the Socialist Party for Mayor, 11,212 votes in the city election to-day. This was in spite of the presence on the ballot of an "Independent Labor" candidate, who got 10,000 votes.

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GREAT STRIKE IN HOLLAND.

All Transportation Industries Affected.

Primarily Intended as a Protest Against the Proposed Legislation to Penalize Striking—Similar Strike Won Suffrage Extension in Belgium.

Sunday at midnight the Workmen's Committee of Defense at Amsterdam, acting under authority given it by the labor organizations throughout Holland, declared a general strike of all labor employments in transportation by land or water.

Government Alarmed. The government is evidently alarmed and at once entered into conference with the Workmen's Committee.

The Army Disaffected. One of the most interesting features from the capitalist point of view, the most serious—is that the government is doubtful whether it can depend on the army against the strikers.

Case of the Strike. The present strike is the result of three bills introduced by the Dutch Government in the States General on February 25, of which some account has already been given in The Worker.

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A LIVING INDICTMENT OF THE PROFIT SYSTEM.

Hardly could there be imagined a more terribly dramatic indictment of capitalism than the pitiful figure of Engineer Barcliffe.

Consider why that man kept a position that, to his certain knowledge, meant daily peril of death in its most fearful forms and of much worse than death. Ask yourself, Why?

Remember not only that grade crossings are always preventable, but that experts of high authority maintain that all collisions are absolutely preventable—and that all that is needed to save these lives in the spending of a certain amount of money.

Then turn to the railway capitalists and see how satisfied they are. They are large and growing larger all the time. Their lives are not in danger.

Then turn to the courts and, in the pauses between injunctions issued at the suit of railway companies, hear how gibbly—those capitalist judges talk of "the free contract between employer and employed," and of "the assumption of risk by the employee."

Let us do away with profit. Let us substitute public good as the motive of industry. We need not have daily holocausts in order to carry on industry. It is only in order to carry on profitable industry that we need them.

THE GLOBE FAIR. Net Proceeds Probably between \$7,000 and \$9,000—Announcements. The Daily Globe Fair is over, for which so much work has been done during many months past.

UNIONS AND POLITICS. Cigarmakers' Delegate Deposed in Cleveland for Taking Republican Nomination. CLEVELAND, O., April 4.—The Cigarmakers' Union last night withdrew Sol Sontelmer as its delegate to the United Trades and Labor Council of this city.

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PARTY NOTES.

Soi Feldman of New York is spending two weeks, April 7 to April 21, speaking in the city campaign at New Haven, Conn.

The New Jersey State Committee sent Comrade Firch to Vineland on March 21 and 22. During the last six months three branches have been organized in Cumberland County.

The "Mines Magazine," organ of the Western Federation of Miners, prints in full Comrade Chase's reply to the Hearst papers' infamous false reports about him.

Local Yonkers has ordered three hundred copies of this issue of The Worker for distribution at the McGrady meeting in Teutonia Hall on Tuesday, April 14.

Local Naugatuck, Conn., at its last meeting elected officers as follows: Organizer and Recording Secretary, Wm. T. Walsh; Finance Secretary, David J. Leary; Literature Agent, Ernest D. Hull.

Comrades Frank and Kate O'Hare have planned their spring and summer lecture tour. They will spend May 5 to 19, inclusive, in Ohio.

Every barber shop, hotel, and public reading room in Haverhill, Mass., has been given a subscription to The Worker or "The Coming Nation," or both.

Two debates on "Socialism and Prohibition" were held recently in Los Angeles, Cal., between Carrie Nation and Comrade John A. Morris.

The State convention of the Socialist Party of New Hampshire will be held on East Day in Concord, at Socialist Hall, 90 North Main street.

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The Ohio State Committee now consists of nineteen members out of a possible twenty-one.

There are a thousand harking at the branches of evil to one who is striking at the root.

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