

Are Socialists Bankrupting Milwaukee?

By CARE D. THOMPSON, City Clerk

The other day we received a letter in this office with the following inquiry:

"I have been informed that the Socialists have not been able to meet the city's finances, and have plunged the city into debt more than ever. I would be pleased to know if this is the case, and to get any information possible along this line."

Press dispatches have gone out everywhere with statements that give rise to such inquiries.

In reply to all this we wish to say that the situation about finances in Milwaukee is as follows:

1. The city was \$217,000 in debt when the Social-Democrats came into office.

2. Whatever financial conditions prevail in the city at the present time are due entirely to the former administration. The expenditures of the city and the revenues of the city during this year were fixed positively in the budget by the preceding administration. The Social-Democrat administration under the law has no power whatever, either to improve or change these conditions until next year. And furthermore, the policies which have impoverished the city and its finance will continue to effect the city for years to come, and can only gradually be corrected.

However, the present administration is taking a number of very important steps in the direction of putting the city for the first time in its history on an absolutely sound and scientific basis financially.

Among the financial measures being advanced by the Socialists are those which will be put into operation just as far and as fast as the charter provisions of the city, and the laws of the state will allow, are as follows:

1. Very rigid and carefully considered economies. For example, the comptroller reports that during the first six months of the Socialists' administration the expenditures of the city were on an average \$22,000 per month less than under preceding administrations. Then again, the reorganization of the purchasing department has systematized the city buying in such a way as to have effected already many thousands of dollars of saving. A number of unnecessary and high-salaried employes have been dispensed with, thus saving several thousand more. Several very clever graft schemes have been blocked that have saved the city in one case alone over \$30,000. A number of fake damage suits against the city have been beaten, and thus the city saved still other thousands of dollars. The total of these savings will not be less than \$100,000 per year.

2. But still more important, the present administration is going after the tax dodgers. It is not at all impossible, as shown by the experience of other cities through the use of the Somers system, that in this way two or three hundred million dollars worth of property may be brought under assessment which now escapes taxation. And in that case the revenue of the city from taxation alone would be increased by hundreds of thousands of dollars per year.

3. The present administration is establishing the unit cost system. All efficient business organizations are using this system. Milwaukee is the only city in America so far that is officially adopting it. By doing this the administration will know exactly what every piece of public work and public service should cost, and will therefore be in a position to bring the expenditures of the city down to an absolutely economic basis. Overcharging and grafting will then be impossible.

4. Cutting down bond issues. The bonds of the city bear 4 per cent and 4 1/2 per cent interest and run for twenty years. On this basis every dollar that is raised by issuing bonds costs the tax payers of the city \$1.40. In other words, every dollar's worth of material or service that the city gets by the method of issuing bonds, costs the city \$1.40. The present administration wants the city to avoid every dollar of bond

issue that is possible for it to avoid, and especially on non-revenue producing expenditures, such as the pavement of streets, and the like.

This policy can only be gradually introduced, of course, but, adhered to, will mean the saving of millions of dollars to the people of the city in the course of ten or fifteen years. It would put the finances of the city on a cash basis with all the advantages that result from cash dealings.

5. Revenue producing enterprises. And most important of all, the present administration stands committed to a policy of the ownership and operation by the city of revenue producing enterprises. The only important public utility which the city now owns is the water plant. It has been producing for years a revenue to the city over and above all expenses on \$53,000 per year.

In European countries many of the cities are actually rich, simply because they own not only their water plants, but municipal lighting plants, gas plants, heating plants, telephone systems, street car lines, slaughter houses, and other public necessities, all of which produce revenues for the cities. For example, Manchester, England, cleared in 1905, \$733,820 on its municipal gas plant, Berlin, Germany, cleared \$114,000 on its public slaughter houses in a single year. Other cities have made even better records.

The present administration wants the city to own more of these revenue producing utilities. It will establish them as far and as fast as the charter provisions of the city and the laws of the state will allow. And as fast as they are established, they become a source of revenue to the city.

In fact, it is claimed by the administration that they have the most comprehensive program for financing the city government in Milwaukee that has ever been attempted in any American city.

JOY MAKES THE MUSIC.

F. L. Stanton in Atlanta Constitution: Even though we no longer play grace with little chance to say it. There is one band on the place, but Joy is going to play it. Don't care for shadows. Joy'll pick the banjo every day!

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LICENSED TUGBOAT PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION, Zenith Lodge No. 1—Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month during the winter season at Rowley's Hall. President, Chas. McEachen, 111 East Fourth street; first vice president, Arthur Carroll; second vice president, J. J. Dunbar; financial secretary, Jas. A. Walsh, 25 Fifth Avenue west; recording and corresponding secretary, Albert Jones, 215 West Third street; treasurer, C. H. Green, 1615 E. Fourth St.

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Order of Hearing on Petition for Probate of Will. STATE OF MINNESOTA, COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS, In Probate Court. In the matter of the estate of Gustave A. Schulze, Decedent.

Let notice hereof be given by the publication of this order in the Labor World at a public hearing to be held at the Court House at Duluth, Minn., on the 15th day of December, A. D. 1910.

By R. E. JOHNSON, Clerk. (Seal District Court, St. Louis County, Minnesota).

THOMAS A. GALL, Attorney for Applicant. L. W. Dec. 17, 24, 31, 1910.

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bate Court Rooms in the Court House, in Duluth, in said County, on Monday, the 9th day of January, 1911, at ten o'clock A. M., and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified that they are hereby cited and required at said time and place to show cause, if any, why said petition should not be granted.

Ordered Further, That this order be given publication in the Labor World according to law, and that a copy of this order be served on the County Treasurer of St. Louis County not less than ten days prior to said day of hearing.

Dated at Duluth, Minn., December 14th, 1910. J. B. MIDDLECOFF, Judge of Probate.

Summons in Application for Registration of Land. STATE OF MINNESOTA, COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS, Eleventh Judicial District. In the matter of the application of Agnes S. Reed to register the title to the following described real estate situated in St. Louis County, Minnesota: Northern half of lots one (1) and two (2) in block fifteen (15), Banning and Ray's subdivision in Duluth, according to the recorded plat thereon on file and of record in the office of the Register of Deeds in and for St. Louis County, Minnesota.

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On the sixth day of July, 1909, the following mortgages were filed in book 254 of mortgages on page 8; such default consisting in the non-payment of the principal sum of \$250.00 secured by such mortgage and of the semi-annual installment of interest which became due July 1st, 1910, amounting to the sum of \$25.00, and interest on the principal sum from said first day of July, 1910, to the date of this notice. The sum of \$250.00 and interest on the principal sum from said first day of July, 1910, to the date of this notice, is secured by said mortgage and note as above mentioned, and that no action or proceeding have been instituted at law or in equity to enforce the payment of said mortgage or any part thereof; that the property described in and covered by said mortgage is situated in the County of St. Louis, State of Minnesota, and is described as follows: Lot numbered thirteen (13) in Block numbered fifty-four (54), Lester Park, Fourth Division, according to the recorded plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Register of Deeds in and for said county.

Notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed and said premises sold by the sheriff of said St. Louis County, Minnesota, at the Court House in Probate Court, in the City of Duluth, County of St. Louis and State of Minnesota, on the 24th day of December, A. D. 1910, at 10 o'clock a. m. of said day to pay the amount due upon said mortgage with interest thereon to date of sale, together with the costs of foreclosure and sale, including an attorney's fee of \$25.00 as provided for in said mortgage, and to the highest bidder for cash, subject to redemption within the time provided by law.

Dated this 17th day of December, A. D. 1910. EMILE PETERSON, Mortgagee.

THOMAS A. GALL, Attorney for Plaintiff. 501-502 First National Bank Bldg., Duluth, Minn. L. W. Dec. 17, 24, 31, 1910, Jan. 1 and 15, 1911.

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Whereas default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage, bearing date which was duly executed and delivered by Rudolph Landolt and Kunigunda Landolt, his wife, to and in favor of Daniel Kohs, mortgagee, bearing date June 14, 1907, and which was duly recorded in the Register of Deeds' office for St. Louis County, Minnesota, on June 26, 1907, at 9 o'clock a. m. in book 246 of mortgages, on page 121

Notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed and said premises sold by the sheriff of said St. Louis County, Minnesota, at the Court House in Probate Court, in the City of Duluth, County of St. Louis and State of Minnesota, on the 24th day of December, A. D. 1910, at 10 o'clock a. m. of said day to