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## WITH THE PLAYERS.

### MRS. FYE MAKES IDEAL HELEN

#### Amateurs Do Excellent Work

Interpreting "Call of Conscience"

Owing to the fact that no paper was issued the week following the production of Shipley's "Call of Conscience", and the confusion incident to the troublous days following, no mention has heretofore been made of the excellent work done by the comrades who interpreted some of the difficult roles of the play.

First of all should be mentioned the splendid work of Mrs. Letelsia Fye in the character Helen Foster, rebel department store employee. None but a real revolutionary Socialist could have delivered the message from the girl employees to their heartless employer C. H. Deacon in the fiery spirit of Helen Foster, as impersonated by Mrs. Fye. All through the play her rendering of the lines showed clearly that the words spoken were but the expression of her own personal experience in the class struggle. Her every word carried conviction and reached deep into the hearts of every listener. Her work as an actress measured fully up to the highest standard of histrionic art.

F. G. Crosby, the ever-gentle advertising manager of the Commonwealth, interpreted with signal success the role of Mike Casey, the Hibernian policeman, who was so fearful lest the Socialists "break up the home," whilst he himself picked up no little small change from the demi-monde. Comrade Crosby never failed to bring the laugh where it was due, and fully realized in every particular the author's ideal New York "bull."

Comrade John Warwick and Ed. McLaughlin brought down the house with their realistic impersonations of newsboys having scrap over "who'd be a Socialist and divide up!" No professionals could have gotten more out of their respective parts. They were ably assisted by Ed. Critchley, with mouth-organ and dancing.

Little Iris Fye took the audience by storm with her talented impersonation of the flower vender in the second act, and of James Fairbanks in the third act, where she recited with most remarkable effectiveness and expression "A Fool There Was," etc. This was one of the unforgettable events of the play.

Comrade Miss Sadie Crosby was called upon at the last moment to take the part of Mrs. Fairbanks, "mother of six," the lady who had been assigned the part being too ill to play. She did very well indeed under the trying circumstances.

Mrs. Addie Kosbab and Dr. Keyser created no end of fun with their parts in the soap-box scene in the tenement district of New York. Their work was highly appreciated by the audience at every performance.

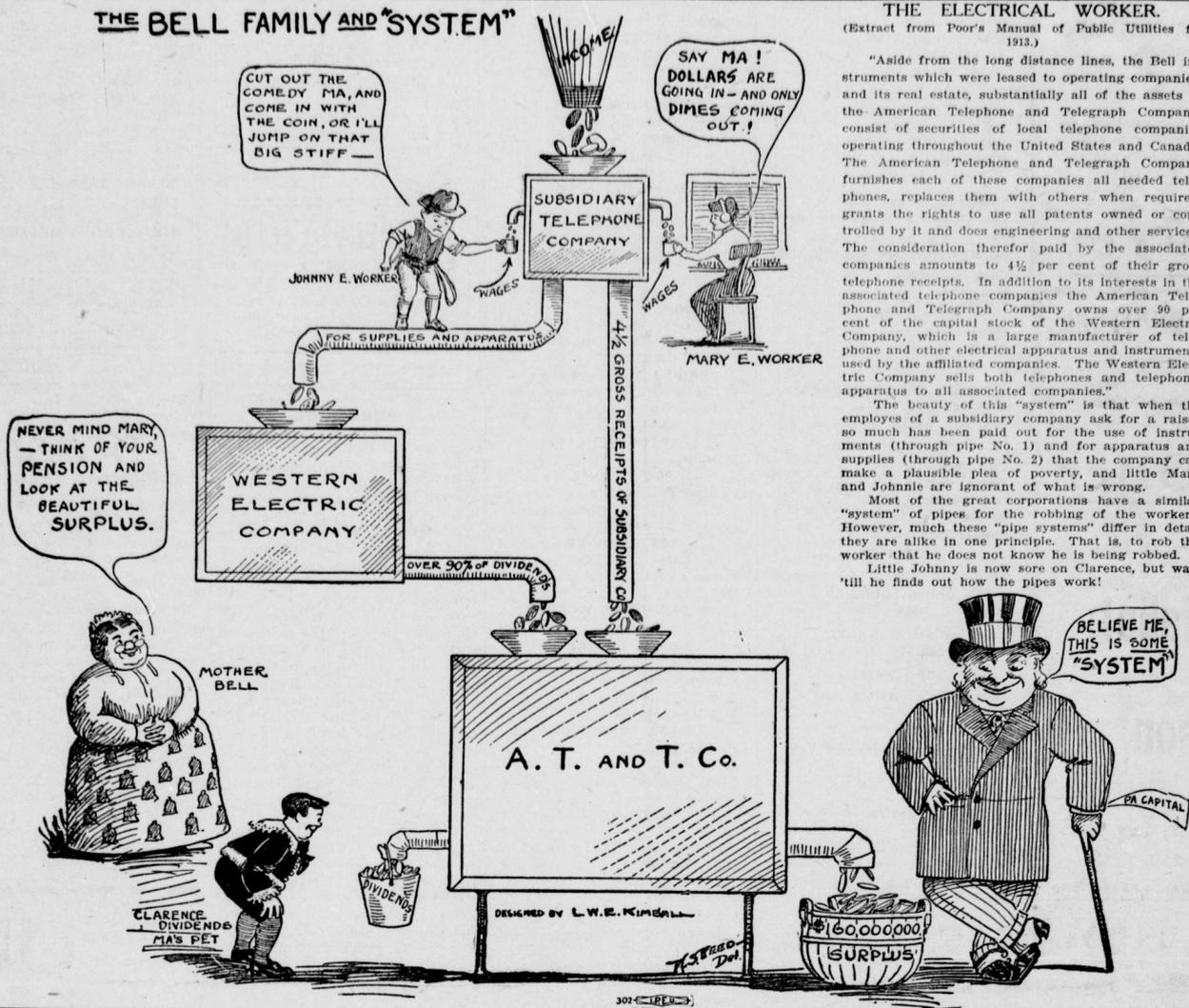
Comrade Charles Morrison, in the role of "laboring man," left nothing to be desired, unless it be to see him in a more prominent part. He was the ideal for the part assigned him.

We have space to mention now no more of the amateurs who took part, but we cannot close this account without recognition of Miss Inez Graybell, one of the professionals, but a Socialist, and therefore entitled to special mention in these columns for her faultless interpretation of "Mable, an unfortunate girl." This is perhaps the most difficult role in the play, though "Mable" is seen only in the second act. It is a part which tempts one to overdo the emotional, especially in the closing scene with C. H. Deacon, on which the curtain falls. Miss Graybell handled her difficult lines with most artistic self-restraint, while losing nothing that was effective in deep, yet reserved emotion. Her rich, melodious voice and charming personality added much to her profoundly sympathetic portrayal of the heart-broken, despairing, yet rebellious "woman with a price." We predict for this comrade a brilliant future in the Socialist drama that is so soon to be.

A word for the non-Socialist professionals. It would be nothing short of rank treason to conscience for us to close this account without at least a word or two of appreciation for the regular members of the Griffith Stock company.

Space limits us to the mere statement that the work of this well and favorably known stock company was most conscientiously and artistically performed. Each and every member of the company won well deserved praise and applause from an audience many of whom were taking their first lesson in the class struggle and

## THE BELL FAMILY AND "SYSTEM"



## THE ELECTRICAL WORKER.

(Extract from Poor's Manual of Public Utilities for 1913.)

"Aside from the long distance lines, the Bell instruments which were leased to operating companies, and its real estate, substantially all of the assets of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, consist of securities of local telephone companies operating throughout the United States and Canada. The American Telephone and Telegraph Company furnishes each of these companies all needed telephones, replaces them with others when required, grants the rights to use all patents owned or controlled by it and does engineering and other services. The consideration therefor paid by the associated companies amounts to 4 1/2 per cent of their gross telephone receipts. In addition to its interests in the associated telephone companies the American Telephone and Telegraph Company owns over 90 per cent of the capital stock of the Western Electric Company, which is a large manufacturer of telephone and other electrical apparatus and instruments used by the affiliated companies. The Western Electric Company sells both telephones and telephonic apparatus to all associated companies."

The beauty of this "system" is that when the employees of a subsidiary company ask for a raise; so much has been paid out for the use of instruments (through pipe No. 2) that the company can make a plausible plea of poverty, and little Mary and Johnnie are ignorant of what is wrong.

Most of the great corporations have a similar "system" of pipes for the robbing of the workers. However, much these "pipe systems" differ in detail they are alike in one principle. That is, to rob the worker that he does not know he is being robbed.

Little Johnny is now sore on Clarence, but wait 'till he finds out how the pipes work!

## EDITORS OF MASSES

### WILL NOT BE TRIED

Suit of Associated Press Called Off - Probably Feared Mass of Evidence Gathered.

The indictments against Max Eastman and Art Young, editor and artist of The Masses, a Socialist monthly of New York City, have been dismissed.

Young and Eastman were charged with libeling the Associated Press. They had secured a great mass of evidence to prove the Associated Press had suppressed and distorted news in a great number of cases. It is thought the Associated Press feared to have this evidence made public.

## IMPORTANT!

I am taking this means of urging all who are interested in the work of the Socialist Educational Bureau to send in to the secretary all the vacancies in the schools that you know of, together with the names of the clerk and political affiliations of all the directors.

An almost open state-wide move is on foot to discharge every Socialist teacher in the state, regardless of how competent or efficient he or she may be. Let us do all we can to aid those noble men and women who at the risk of their very means of subsistence are boldly and openly espousing the cause of the workers.

J. M. SALTER,  
Secy. Educational Bureau,  
Silvana, Wash.

## BIRMINGHAM SCHOOL ELECTION.

Following the recent school elections the Everett Herald devoted considerable space to the defeat of Socialist candidates for school directors. There was one place that they failed to connect with, or perhaps as a news item the result of the election at Birmingham and the methods employed at said election, were not so gratifying as that of the localities recorded in the news columns of the Herald.

At Birmingham two directors were to be elected. One for three years and one for one year.

The Socialists placed in nomination Mrs. Keitel for three years, and Mr. Foiden for one year. The opposition placed Mr. McCoy in nomination for three years, and Mr. Horter, whose term was about to expire, was placed in nomination for one year.

From the opening of the polls until the final dispersion of the voters only the cooler heads of both factions prevented violence.

The result of the ballot showed Mrs. Keitel with 43 votes, for three years, votes for 3 years, 11 votes for 1 year; Mr. Foiden, 46 votes for 1 year, 3 votes for 3 years; Mr. Harter, 47 votes for 1 year, 11 votes for 3 years.

This plainly showed that the Democrat, Bull Moose, Republican, Catholic and Protestant combination had the largest number of voters on their side. But it also showed that they did not have sense enough to properly cast their ballots.

The Socialists claimed that Mrs. Keitel was elected by a clear majority of four votes.

Two on the election board agreed to this, but the third member, a woman, who is a good Catholic, and an ardent Socialist-hater, refused to issue Mrs. Keitel a certificate of election.

After the result was thus announced, the leader of the Protestant church and Sunday school rushed joyously forward, threw her arms about the neck of her good Catholic sister and implanted the Judas kiss of victory.

But the joy of the victors was short lived, as it was shown that a certain William Wiseman, who is not a citizen of the United States, had voted. Mr. and Mrs. Watkins, parents of the principal of the school, who have been in the state but seven months, also cast a ballot against the Socialists. The question of Mrs. Keitel's election was carried to the county superintendent, who referred the matter to the prosecuting attorney.

He at once decided that Mrs. Keitel was legally elected school director. Whether the Socialist local will proceed against those who unlawfully voted has not yet been decided.

Lizzie again showed her hand by personally writing to Mr. Watkins that Mrs. Keitel was declared elected.

Besides, if the President doesn't nullify the Baltimore platform in a few particulars as he goes along there will be no precedents for doing so when the question of a candidate for 1916 arises.—Kansas City Journal.

Marxian economics. No small share of the success of the season of six performances in Everett was due to the hearty co-operation and high ability of the talented members of the Griffith Stock company.

**Splendid Work of J. W. LaMar.**  
Besides the excellent work of those already mentioned, we are happy to acknowledge our deep indebtedness to Comrade J. W. LaMar, who favored us during each performance with a between-acts specialty which convulsed the audiences with laughter. His act was literally "a scream," from start to finish. Made up as a country Swede, Comrade LaMar would nominate Knute Nelson for president of the United States, and his dialect and his argument very nearly put the audience into hysterics.

No, we're not through yet.  
We have still to mention the music. Comrade Theodore Boer rendered a most beautiful clarinet solo between the first and second acts of each performance, which was most heartily applauded by an appreciative audience.

Owing to an objection raised by Mr. Wagner, secretary of the Musicians' Union, the volunteer Socialist orchestra was not permitted to play before the stage; but they rendered excellent music in the wings. Naturally this arrangement necessitated a great deal of useless irritation and inconvenience but in spite of that the music added greatly to the success of the play. Those who contributed their services were Neils and I. T. Svarrow, Mrs. Derring, Carl Mahngnan and F. R. Jenkins.

No opportunity for propaganda was lost. The time usually wasted before the curtain rises was utilized by throwing upon the screen about eighty of Comrade Shipley's lecture slides, dealing with the evolution of the machine and the class struggle. Many of the pictures brought down enthusiastic applause. This was effective preparation for the drama which was to follow.

If the Interstate Commerce Commission is given supervision over issuance of railroad securities, it will be but the Government further extending its control over waterways.  
—Nashville Southern Lumberman.

Carnegie spends \$2,000,000 for peace. The nation spends perhaps \$3,000,000,000 a year for war.  
—New York World.

## DID YOU GET YOURS?

When the concern which took over our property returned our mailing list we found that it had been emptied indiscriminately into a box. It required three experienced comrades two days to untangle the mass, even partially, so if any one did not get the paper as usual last week it is not to be marveled at. Under the trying circumstances the remarkable thing is that ANYONE received a paper.

For these reasons we particularly request any subscribers not receiving a copy of any issue to notify us and we will at once mail the missing number. We desire to do this in justice to ourselves as well as to our readers. This week we feel certain that our list is again perfectly classified. But if you find any error, or shortcoming in it, please let us know AT ONCE.

## CALL FOR COUNTY CONVENTION S. P. SNOHOMISH COUNTY, WASH.

The county convention of the Socialist Party of Snohomish County, will be held at Socialist Headquarters, 1612 California St., Everett, Wash., on Sunday at 1 P.M., May 10, 1914, to nominate party officials and to endorse county candidates for the fall election as well as to transact such other business as may come before it.  
By order of the Co. Ex. Board,  
FRANK CORT, Secy-treas.

## HOW THE RICH GET RICHER.

In its latest report the steel trust informs us that it was able to find a foreign market for 375,000,000 tons of steel last year. At ten dollars a ton this would net the steel trust the tidy sum of \$3,750,000,000. Out of this sum the generous magnates paid in wages to those who produced this colossal wealth \$157,000,000. And the gentlemen are very proud of their philanthropy in thus "giving work" to the poor wage-earners, and giving them back in the form of wages a little more than four per cent of the value of the product of their arduous and dangerous toil.

The capitalists are very kindhearted thus to give work to the workers. Very kind, indeed.

Colonel Roosevelt is examining a large tract of land in South America. Maybe it is his intention to start a little country of his own.  
St. Louis Globe Democrat.

## HELEN KELLER TELLS GUS PILZ WHY SHE IS A SOCIALIST.

Helen Keller has come and gone! The world does well to pay its homage to so wonderful a personage. In all the history of the world there has been but one Helen Keller, thus disproving the maxim that "there is nothing new under the sun."

The bourgeois press has filled so many columns about this marvelous child of darkness and eternal silence, that we need say no more here than to congratulate Miss Keller in being able to comprehend in her wonderful way the profound truths of Socialism and Marxian economics. And we rejoice to call her "comrade," to welcome to our ranks one of the world's greatest living personages, an inspiration to those who have ears that hear not, and eyes that see not.

At the conclusion of her lecture at the Everett theater, Gus Pilz, the Red Terror of Mukilteo, got on his feet and asked Miss Keller why she is so much interested in Socialism.

Miss Keller quickly replied: "I am interested in Socialism because it is the only movement in the world that will emancipate the working class; the only movement that can bring true happiness to the human race."

## SOAP-BOXERS IN SNOHOMISH

Last Sunday, Comrade Ulonska accompanied by Comrade Crosby, Adv. Mgr. of the Wash. Socialist, made a trip to the ancient metropolis of Snohomish county for the purpose of pulling off a street meeting. The City Marshal was hunted up and the proposition broached to him. After consulting with his Honor the Mayor, he reported back that they did not think it the proper thing to talk politics on the street Sundays, but any other day or evening the Comrades were welcome to go to it.

After consulting over the matter it has been arranged for them to make another trip next Sat. evening, April 18th. All Snohomish comrades are requested to lend their ears for the occasion, incidentally any spare change the system may have left in their pockets.

The suffrage sisterhood might take this occasion to ask Mr. Wilson if there is anything in the Baltimore platform about repealing the Panama free-tolls law.—Boston Transcript.

## HELEN KELLER.

Mute, sightless, visitant,  
From what uncharted world  
Hast voyaged into Life's rude sea,  
With guidance scant;  
As if some bark mysteriously  
Should hither glide with spars afloat  
And sails all furled?

In what perpetual dawn,  
Child of the spotless brow,  
Hast kept thy spirit far withdrawn—  
Thy birthright undefiled?  
What views to thy sealed eyes appear?  
What voices mayest thou hear  
Speak as we know not how?  
Of grief and sin hast thou,  
O radiant child,  
Even thou a share? Can mortal taint  
Have power on the unfeeling  
The woes our sight, our hearing,  
Learn from Earth's crime and plaint?  
Not as we see

Earth, sky, insensate forms, ourselves,  
Thou seest, but vision-free  
Thy fancy soars and delves,  
Albeit no sounds to us relate  
The wondrous things  
Thy brave imaginings  
Within their starry night create.

Pity thy unconfined  
Clear spirit, whose enfranchised eyes  
Use not their grosser sense!  
Ah, no! thy bright intelligence  
Hath its own Paradise,  
A realm wherein to hear and see  
Things hidden from our kind.  
Not thou, not thou—'tis we  
Are deaf, are dumb, are blind.  
—Edmund Clarence Stedman.

## SOCIALIST PARTY OF NORWAY IS GROWING.

The annual report of the Social Democratic party of Norway shows that the membership of the party has increased from 43,000 to 50,000 during the last year. In spite of the difficulties of communication caused by the snow and ice that hinder communication in that country during much of the year, the party organization has reached almost into every section of the country.

The press now includes 32 journals of which 24 belong to the party. Nine of these are dailies.

At the last municipal elections the party elected 1803 members of municipal councils, of whom 45 are women.

The high cost of living seems to be unaffected by the law of gravitation.  
—Houston Chronicle.

## ARMY DESERTIONS.

The ratio of desertion to enlistment in the United States army in 1913 was 17 to 100, and the total number of desertions during the last ten years was 46,689. Since our army is made up of picked men—of the one hundred and fifty thousand who applied for enlistment in 1912 only twenty-six thousand were accepted—these figures suggest that there must be discrepancy somewhere between the realities of army life and the rosy pictures of it held up before the public by the recruiting service.

Japan can't fool Hobson by cutting \$15,000,000 out of her naval estimates.  
—New York World.

## LITERATURE DISTRIBUTION.

The first distribution of literature for the 1914 campaign will be held on April 19, 1914. The organization committee has ordered 2,000 copies of "The Hand of the World" by Helen Keller, to start the city distribution. This leaflet should be placed in the hands of every non-Socialist and sympathizer in Everett and all distributors should get their literature at the Socialist party headquarters, 1612 California street, before Sunday. Don't fail to get your literature for distribution!

CARL ULONSKA,  
Chairman Organization Committee.

## THE RIGHT SPIRIT!

Box 282, Charleston, Wash.  
April 11th, 1914.  
Editor "The Washington Socialist."

Comrade,  
Enclosed find M. O. for \$1.00 for "The Washington Socialist's" first year.

We had decided to drop several papers including "The Commonwealth". As owing to protracted illness we are hard pressed for cash, but this is our reply to any attempt to kill our party press.

We must keep our papers going or we have no show for advancement. Yours for the cause  
G. W. and E. L. ARMSTRONG.

Gutzon Borglum says the sculptors whose names are on them never really made most of the statues in New York and Washington. That is equivalent to a verdict of not guilty.  
—New York World.