

# SOCIALIST PROPAGANDA

Specially Edited for Those Young in the Study of the Principles and Doctrines

OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIALIST MOVEMENT

## So Goes the World

How goes the world? With wrong and wrath  
To lead her on her blinded way;  
To stain her weary brow with dust  
And clog her feet with clay.

How goes the world? With want and care  
And drudgery to dim its hours,  
And nettles growing where should be  
A multitude of flowers.

How goes the world? With crime and greed  
To harry and oppress the poor—  
Masters with pelf and pride inflamed,  
And bread and life unsure.

How goes the world? With toil and sweat,  
While the unscrupulous and strong  
Expound the ancient error yet  
That kings can do no wrong.

Upon the cradle and the grave  
Men lay the curse of tithe and tax;  
Nor fear of God nor love of man  
Will make their clutch relax.

Trodden by tyrants iron-shod  
And trampled on from shore to shore,  
The poor are only the grain  
Upon the threshing floor.

## THE INDEPENDENT FARMER

The ordinary farmer does not live as well as the average mechanic. He works longer hours and his wife works still longer; he does not have as good a house; is not accessible to any amusements or recreation. The farmer works twelve to fifteen hours a day and his wife works eighteen. The mechanic works eight, or ten at most, and the wife of the mechanic dresses better, has more leisure, more neighbors, attends more theatres, entertainments and socials than the farmer's wife. The children of the mechanic have better opportunities to develop, to see and learn, than the children of the farmer, whose isolation leaves them undeveloped as to the meaning of the great world they live in. The "independent farmer" has not kept up with the procession. He is a slave to capitalism. The capitalist class puts the price on everything he raises and puts the price on everything he buys. He is given a mean living for fifteen hours work for himself and his whole family. The mechanic by organization gets as good or better living for not over ten hours' work. The tenant farmer or the hired farm-hand does not get as good a living as the common laborer of the cities, except in the matter of food alone. Great is the independent farmer! I would not own a farm as a gift and take his long hours

## SOCIALISTS BELIEVE

That the earth belongs equally to all men.  
That no one can show a warranty deed for a foot of land signed by God.  
That opportunities should be equal to all.  
That rent, interest and profit should be abolished.  
That whosoever makes a thing should have it or its equivalent.  
That Socialism deals with earthly things—man's present life.  
That Christianity deals with heavenly things—man's future life.  
That Socialism does not interfere with any man's religion.  
That there are two distinct classes in the world—the working class and the capitalist class.  
That all should be useful workers and not idlers.  
That the Initiative, Referendum and Recall—direct legislation—is right.  
That this would restore the power of governing to the people.

Comrades are often asking if there is any reduction in bundle rates. We answer not yet. It is all we can stagger under to produce this paper for fifty cents. But, if you put us in a position where our sub list will warrant facilities for putting out a paper on up-to-date methods, the club rates will come.

## SOCIALISTS CONTENT

That the working men will never get what they want by voting for what they do not want;

That when a man steals a loaf of bread he is sent to the penitentiary;

That when he steals a railroad he is sent to Parliament;

That what the people use in common they should own in common;

That what the people use privately they should own privately;

That this is associated labor—is co-operation, is Christianity, is brotherhood, is Socialism;

That so long as the capitalist system remains compelling the many to do the work and permitting the few to rake in the profits, there will be idlers, panics and distress;

That the capitalist system, not the men are to blame;

That so long as it is a case of "ride or be ridden," that he is a fool who is ridden;

Socialists say that all those who believe in the foregoing facts and principles are Socialists—Are Men.

## A Senseless System

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All over the world to-day, thousands of men and women are trying to arouse discontent in the minds of the workers, striving to make them think for themselves, telling them their true position in society and showing them the way out of the rut into which they have been put, by this present system of wages.

These people are doing a greater work for the human race, than even the agitator of old, who strove for the emancipation of the chattel slaves, for after all the workers were only released from one form of slavery to be suppressed by another which has developed into something worse, namely, wage slavery. For whether the wage-earner to-day realizes it or not, he is a slave and a slave of the worst type, who is lower down in the social ladder than the chattel slave of old.

Very true the chattel slave was bound by chains so that he could not escape from his master. True, that he was driven to work by the stroke of the lash. Although the worker of to-day is not compelled to work for any one master, he is forced to grind out profit for some money lord or other and is driven to it by a greater power than the lash. Because the masters own the job and a job is necessary in order to get a living, because they have a hold on his stomach and thereby have the life of the worker in their hands.

The chattel slaves were sure of a living always, be they sick or well and even when they became too old to work, and these are the things that the workers to-day are yet striving for.

This is the condition they are in because they do not as yet know their true position in society; because they are not class conscious; because they allow themselves to be fooled and cajoled into supporting a system which is based on the exploitation of the worker. A senseless system, which drives children from school into the factory, which drives men to suicide and women to the brothel.

KRUPP

## EDUCATE

The best way to make good Socialists is by education; educate the voter to a realization of the tremendous power he can wield when he acts in his own interest in co-operation with his fellows. Have you been as persistent in your work of education as was the comrade who first called your attention to Socialism? Why not resolve this very day to do for some one what one enlightened friend did for you? You owe it to you and you owe it to the comrade who started you right. Now, we are to make a suggestion! Ask the proprietor of the barber shop where you shave to subscribe for Cotton's, and then see that it is kept on file. In this way a hundred people will see that one copy of Cotton's every week. Your barber will subscribe because his customer—you—ask him to. If he doesn't, put him on the list, any way! We have been piling up a list of barbers in Canadian towns, but can only send an occasional copy. The good work is done by every issue being on the table. Figure up the education 50 cents will accomplish.

## SOCIALISTS SAY

That the means of production, distribution and exchange should be owned by all the people for the benefit of all who labor and not for the idle few.

That modern machinery can produce a hundred times as much as hand labor, and since we can produce more than we can use, it is all unnecessary and wrong for people to starve.

That the man who owns the machinery owns the jobs.

That the man who owns the jobs owns the man.

That the man is finding that out, and when he "gets wise," then look out.

That it should be impossible to starve, if willing to work.

That it is wrong to produce eight-eighths, keep one-eighth and give seven-eighths to the idle owners for the privilege of using the machinery.

That if one gets only one-eighth he can buy back only one-eighth.

That this seven-eighths remains on the capitalist's shelves and gluts the markets.

That this seven-eighths remaining on his shelves is what the capitalists call "over-production."

That this surplus in reality is due to "under-consumption."

That this glut closes factories, causes panics, poverty, crime, tramps and paupers.

## PLEA FOR SOCIALIST PRAYER

British Premier Was Asked About Restoring It to the Prayer Book

The seriousness with which England is interesting itself in social reform finds an illustration in the question which Sir John Bann, a Liberal member of Parliament from Devonport, put forth in Parliament recently. Sir John asked the Prime Minister whether his attention had been called to the prayer in the liturgy of Edward VI. dealing with the equitable distribution of land and within the country, and whether he will consider the advisability of recommending to the convocation the restoration of the petition to "The Book of Common Prayer."

The convocation, which is the ecclesiastical governing body of the Church of England, is now in session, engaged in a revision of the Prayer Book. A very large proportion of the English clergy are in full sympathy with Socialism. The prayer referred to was composed by Archbishop Cranmer. It opens by ascribing the ownership of the earth to the Lord, and implores that its possessors may be led to remember that they are but the Lord's tenants, and may not "rack and stretch out rents, nor yet take unreasonable incomes."

It is not an unimpressive nor an insignificant fact that members of Parliament should concern themselves with a devout expression of sentiments like these: "Give them grace also to consider; they are but strangers and pilgrims in this world, and that they may be content with that, that is sufficient, and not join house to house nor couple land and land to the impoverishment of others, but so behave themselves in letting out tenements, lands and pastures that after this life they may be received into everlasting dwelling places."

A fool demands much, but works and votes for little.

## EASY LESSONS

### In Socialist Doctrines

#### No. 1.—THE CLASSES

GERALD DESMOND

Socialism teaches that there are two classes in existence in the Industrial World to-day, the Capitalist class and the working class.

What is the working class? The working class is composed of all whose incomes are derived from useful labor performed by themselves. The capitalist class comprised of all whose income is derived not from useful labor performed by themselves, but from the profit extracted from others; from the tribute, the industrial blackmail, which they are able, through their ownership of the machines of production, to levy upon others.

The capitalist class may be roughly divided into two sections; the plutocracy and the middle class. The plutocracy is that part of the capitalist class which has acquired very great wealth and is enabled thereby to dominate over the industrial life of the country, and, by corrupting legislatures etc., to shape law and politics to its own ends. John D. Rockefeller, Jas. Pierpont Morgan, the Guggenheims, are names of plutocrats which come to our mind readily. Strathcona may be cited as a Canadian plutocrat.

The other division of the Capitalist class, the so-called middle class.

The middle class is sometimes figured as a separate class. But from an industrial and economic standpoint it is only a division of the capitalist class. It is necessary for the beginner to be very careful and remember that we are looking simply from the economic standpoint. A doctor or other professional man have acquired a higher education than a plutocrat, yet he will be in the same class industrially as the section hand, since both of them, the doctor through his fees, and the section hand through his wages, derive their income from useful labor performed by themselves. Always remember that it is not the amount of a man's income that determines his class, but its source. The fashionable M. D., may and probably is an overpaid worker and the section hand is without doubt an underpaid one, yet they are both in the working class.

The small employer, on the other hand, may be running his business almost at a loss and may have only a small income. Yet he is a capitalist and will be one until the trust or corporation puts him out of business.

So far as the middle class division of the capitalist class is concerned, the tendency of modern industrial evolution is to eliminate it, by raising an odd member to the ranks of the plutocracy and sending the rest into the ranks of the working class. The interest of the middle class is in competition which gives them a chance, but they have no chance against industrial evolution, which inevitably tends towards monopoly and plutocracy.

The working class has many minor sub-divisions, such as skilled and unskilled laborers, professional workers, etc., but the interest of each and all of these is identical.

Certain divisions of the working class are, however, more progressive, and at the present time, more discontented and revolutionary than others. The word "proletarian" used by socialists is generally understood to apply to the unskilled laborer more particularly.

The tendency of industrial evolution is rapidly developing the working class as a class of wage workers, without homes, tools, or anything upon which they can rely save their labor power or working strength which they are forced to sell to the capitalist class. The working class is finding its ranks swelled by the numerous members of the middle class which are being forced down to working class level.

Next week the subject will be "Class Consciousness and the Class Struggle."

Questions:—How many classes are there? Define "Capitalist Class" and "Working Class." Name divisions of capitalist class; describe and define. What is the tendency of modern industrial development as regards both classes? What class are you in? If you are in the middle class, how long before the trust will get you?

Books especially recommended—"The Working Class" by Karl Kautsky; "The Capitalist Class" by Karl Kautsky. Order from Cotton's Book Department at 10 cents each.

The Kautsky Pamphlets

Karl Kautsky is without exception the ablest living exponent of scientific socialism. Anything that he writes is

worth reading six or seven times. Three of his principal pamphlets, translated from the German, may now be obtained in the English language. They are "The Class Struggle," "The Capitalist Class" and "The Proletariat." No one claiming to be a socialist should fail to read them. The entire three, can be obtained from Will R. Shier, 314 Wellesley St., Toronto, for eight two cent stamps.

## Civilized Nations

The larger and more costly they build their churches the bigger and more expensive they build the battle ships.

The larger and more elaborate they make the bibles to save souls the larger and more deadly they make guns to destroy human life!

"Consistency" is a jewel not to be found among civilized nations, where they build up with one hand, and slaughter and destroy with the other!

This farce and mockery has been going on for thousands of years in the name of "God" and "Justice!"

When two hours work a day is sufficient to earn the wages you get by which you support yourself and family and you work the other six to ten hours per day to help support the boss and his family, you cannot expect to have plenty of good food and clothing and a comfortable home like your boss has. Stop working for your boss! Join with the Socialists and help put the bosses to work to earn their own food clothing and shelter.

## Socialism Defined

It ought not to be necessary in this age and generation to explain what Socialism is. However, for the benefit of new readers, to whom this paper is continually traveling, and who want to know the underlying principles of Socialism without tedious search, we present a few definitions from standard authorities:

The ethics of Socialism are identical with the ethics of Christianity.—ENCYCLOPEDIA BRITANNICA.

The abolition of the individual action on which modern societies depend, and the substitution of a regulated system of co-operative action.—IMPERIAL DICTIONARY.

Socialism is the ideal and hope of a society founded on industrial peace and forethought, aiming at a new and higher life for all men.—WILLIAM MORRIS.

The citizens of a large nation, industrially organized, have reached their happiness when the producing, distributing and other activities are such that each citizen finds in them a place for all his energies and aptitudes, while he obtains the means of satisfying all of his desires.—SPENCER

## A VISION

WILLIAM DEAN HOWELLS

Within a poor man's squalid home I stood;

The one bare chamber, where his workworn wife

Above the stove and washtub passed her life,

Next to the sty where they slept with their brood.

But I saw not that sunless, breathless lair,

The chamber's sagging roof and reeling floor,

The smeared walls, broken sash and battered door;

The foulness and forlornness everywhere.

I saw a great house, with the portals wide

Upon a banquet room, and from without

The guests descending in a brilliant line

By the stair's riches; and beside

The loveliness of the gemmed and silken rout,

The poor man's landlord leading down to dine.

Autos rode by the non-producers cause the producers to have to walk.

More enjoyment!

STAG

BRIGHT PLUG

CHEWING TOBACCO

The new plugs are bigger than ever.

## SURPLUS VALUE

From time immemorial the vast majority of the human race who labored with hand and brain produced the world's wealth. This wealth in some form or other has always been appropriated by the owners of the economic essentials, save what was necessary to feed, clothe and shelter the actual producer and his progeny.

This is equally true under chattel slavery, feudalism and capitalism. The major portion of the product of labor, the surplus product has accrued to the slave owners, feudal barons and capitalists. This "unearned increment" is the product of labor applied to the natural resources.

As labor (that is, human energy applied physically or mentally) creates all wealth, it follows that the production should go to the producer. The fact that the producer does not receive the full social value of his labor proves that he is exploited.

This exploitation of labor accounts for the "idle rich" on the one side and the "deserving poor" on the other side and other social paradoxes such as progress and poverty, millionaires and tramps, monkey dinners and bread lines.

This "irreducible surplus" is the direct cause of "panics" or industrial stagnation and the army of unemployed. All the above mentioned facts are simply natural effects, the causes of which are inherent with our system of production and distribution.

The power of levying tribute rests upon the ownership and control of the means of life upon which the majority of the people depend.

As long as the powerful few own and control the essentials of life, so long will the vast majority be exploited and dependent.

## THE REAL REVOLUTIONISTS

"The man who is looking after himself is useless for revolutionary purposes. The man who believes that he is only a fly on the wheel of Natural Selection, of Evolution, or Progress, or Predestination, or 'some power, not ourselves, that makes for righteousness,' is not only useless but obstructive. But the man who believes that there is a purpose in the universe, and identifies his own purposes with it, and makes the achievement of that purpose an act, not of self-sacrifice for himself, but of self-realization; that is the effective man and the happy man, whether he calls the purpose the will of God, or Socialism, or the religion of humanity. He is the man who knows that nothing intelligent will be done until somebody does it. And who will place the doing of it before all his other interests."—GEORGE BERNARD SHAW.

Try a copy of "Men and Mules" on your neighbor. It is the best brain food for the unenlightened. Shows it as plain as abc. Only ten cents from Cotton's.

Socialism will remove the riders from the backs of the workers and give the world the first real freedom it has ever enjoyed.

Don't make the faux pas of being born poor; it is considered very vulgar.

## Definitions of Socialism

Some people have queer ideas about Socialism. They think it is anarchy, disorder, dividing up property, etc. A few definitions are here given:

Socialism is simply applied Christianity. The golden rule applied to every day life.—PROF. ELY.

Socialism being the product of Social evolution, the only danger lies in obstructing it.—REV. F. M. SPRAGUE, the great divine.

The answer of Socialism to the Capitalist is that society can do without him just as society now does without the slave owners and the feudal lords; both were formerly regarded as necessary to the well-being and even existence of society.—PROF. W. CLARK.

Government and co-operation are in all things and eternally the law of life; anarchy and competition, eternally and in all things the laws of death.—JOHN RUSKIN.

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What do we have an equal opportunity? We have an equal mean less than other words, has an equal quality of opportunity?

But children chance in life chances before equal chances also seems very

For example, there are two men, each of whom has a precious burden. One mother lives in a hovel, light

facious, light hand she is surrounded by beauty and comfort, watched and supplied, and denied. She is nities a woman for motherhood

But the other that is a hovel, squalid. Beautiful sent from this life. She may from early morning after day. The fort which ought woman in the

babe's first cry And when the will be born in and fit for the of a mother who mind has not been of poverty; upon restful. The dark, close room ty and wholly to be born in. It mother who has

ury of rest; who been haunted by hunger.

Do you think will have an well? Are they start life with?

And after the equalities be re opportunities are frank and answer O Reader! Do

phrases! And yourself you know must be No!

Which child itself while its milk and suffer which scourge

Which child one of our green underfed school

Which child school and the work, to become of America?

Of course, the wer. The children are handicapped grave. The children of the much higher, of the master

adults is great class. To talk tunity existing the extreme!

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GOVERNMENT

Competition the most none run. The gov borrow money people. A g only borrow m It thus follows

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