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It has always been the opinion of broad minded statesmen that to take away the liberties of subjects is to incite the license of rebels.—G. F. Stirling.



No annexation, no indemnities? Well, what are we fighting about anyhow?

The dove of peace is now hovering over the world. Let us hope that she will be able to find a landing place. The screeching war eagle has held away long enough for the present.

While the capitalist press throughout the world is vehemently denouncing Socialism and Socialists, the thing itself is coming so fast that it makes it hard for the most hopeful Socialist to realize it.

The great war, now fast coming to a close, was the result of accumulative capitalist and landlord mismanagement in the various countries. It is the mission of the Socialists and organized workers to bring about a world peace which will really make the world "safe for democracy" in all lands.

The Socialist slogan principal for peace on the basis of "no annexation, no indemnities" will likely put an end to great international wars for all time to come. Who can imagine capitalists or feudal lords going to war if there are to be no annexations or indemnities? As for the working people of the different countries, they have nothing to fight about. An equitable exchange of the products of their toil always proves mutually beneficial to all concerned.

The newspapers received a large portion of their reward for supporting the so-called Union Government during the Victory Loan Campaign and the late election, and now the railroad magnates have had between thirty and forty millions handed to them as double compound interest on the campaign funds supplied for use in the great camouflage which is now passing into history. Talk about Sammy Gompers' policy of rewarding your friends and punishing your enemies, he is only small potatoes compared to the magnificent way the capitalists reward themselves and punish the simps they deceived into returning the public powers to their keeping.

There are indications that the big capitalists and their political henchmen throughout the industrial countries of the world see the inevitability

of Socialism coming swiftly as one of the aftermaths of the war. Their principal concern now will be to bring it about in such a form as to leave them on the backs of the workers as collectors of interest on government bonds, etc., instead of as profit-takers. They will succeed in doing this unless the Socialists and organized workers are alive to what they are up to. They will do anything ostensibly for the people but get off their backs and earn their own living, to use the late Leo Tolstoy's epigram when discussing this subject.

The contest for Mayoralty honors in the city of Toronto is between a hardheaded, closefisted, typical "business man" and a "good fellow." At the present writing it looks as though the "good fellow" will win, but as the late Sir John A. McDonald said so often: "Horse races and elections are very uncertain in their results."

## CALLS THEM HARPIES OF CORRUPTION

### Miss Levinsky Condemns Incompetent Enumerators in the Recent Election.

Because of the incompetence of enumerators in disqualifying some of her relatives from voting in the recent Federal election merely on account of their foreign-sounding names Miss Ray Lewis Levinsky expresses her sentiments in the following:

"A man's a man for a' that,"  
Thus sang a Scottish bard—  
And Europe's fields are wet with blood,  
For men are fighting hard  
For universal brotherhood,  
For equal rights and freedom,  
For justice and good government,  
For women, little children.

"For England, France, for Belgium's slain,"  
This is the battle-cry  
That urges our men forward,  
The pilots of the sky,  
That steadies the march of Death  
Amid the burst of shrapnel,  
That tears the gun from its fixed place,  
And builds in hell a chapel.

Look to your laurels, Canada;  
They've seen the Holy Grail.  
The Cross of Tau on their damp brow,  
Reward for scourge and fail.

Their spirits hover o'er us;  
Kneel Lady of the Snow

## YOUR DUTY TO THE "CANADIAN FORWARD."

January 3rd will long be remembered by the Social Democrats and anti-militarists of this country as a "black letter" day. On the other hand, the conscriptionists and reactionists will herald it as a day of triumph—for on this winter day all men between the ages of 20 and 34 (who are not married and who are not exempted) become a conscript in the army. Canadians who "never would be slaves" surrender for the first time in their history the Freedom which has caused Canada to be sought after for many years. The home of liberty, where all the races of the earth could live in a melting pot as it were and develop into free loving Canadians.

Many believed that conscription was impossible without the consent of the workers. It is now asked: Why then have the workers consented? They have been cajoled, deceived and lured to by the public leaders. And as yet they do not know what conscription means. If they had been properly organized; if they had been educated; if they had not been led on by the ruffians of the press, then this thing would not have been. All this points to the importance of a party press which shall in and out of season agitate, educate, and organize. How then is it possible for us to get on without the Canadian Forward.

Surely readers of the paper to save our organ, in the dark days that are yet to be, and in the days that follow the war, we must organize our forces, and this is impossible without our party press and without the only organ of Democracy and anti-militarism in Canada—the Canadian Forward. Therefore we ask one and all our readers: What are you doing to help the paper at this critical hour?

If you are an anti-militarist you must aid the "Forward" to spread the light.

If you are a radical Trade Unionist, here is your journal.

If you are a Social Democrat the "Forward" needs no recommendations from me.

If you are a Democrat, remember the the "Forward" is the only Democratic paper in Canada.

If you are a follower of Christ you will find the "Forward" affords you the best reports of the activities of true Christians and is in every sense your paper.

If you disbelieve in war, read the "Forward" and help it at this critical time of need; you will never regret it.

And the next question is, How can you help the paper financially? First of all you could give a small donation monthly—even a ten cent piece would be acceptable. Or you could settle in your own mind the very least you could put your hand on monthly by passing round the hat. Thus, with your donation added to that of your friends, you could send regularly a

Before the host that died for you—  
Unfold, lady, and grow  
Away from petty factions,  
From bribery and greed,  
From stealing—yea, and know the word;  
You did a thievish deed,  
To rob from your own children  
Their right to cast their vote;  
By negligence or by intent  
'Twas done, and God took note.

A million winged sons can't save  
A nation from destruction  
If that same nation will not kill  
The harpies of corruption.

The morning of a new year dawns;  
They bring the Golden Fleece;  
Let each man pray in his own tongue:  
Mars sun has set in peace.

—Ray Lewis-Levinsky.

## Rheumatism

### A Home Cure Given by One Who had it

In the spring of 1898 I was attacked by Muscular and Inflammatory Rheumatism. I suffered as only those who have it know, for over three years. I tried remedy after remedy, and doctor after doctor, but such relief as I received was only temporary. Finally, I found a remedy that cured me completely, and it has never returned. I have given it to a number who were terribly afflicted and even bedridden with Rheumatism, and it effected a cure in every case. I want every sufferer from any form of rheumatic trouble to try this marvelous healing power. Don't send a cent; simply mail your name and address and I will send it free to try. After you have used it and it has proven itself to be that long-looked-for means of curing your Rheumatism, you may send the price of it, one dollar, but understand I do not want your money unless you are perfectly satisfied to send it. Isn't that fair? Why suffer any longer when positive relief is thus offered you free? Don't delay. Write today.

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Mr. Jackson is responsible. Above statement true—Pub.

sum, however small, to the "Forward."

If the donation is large so much the better; but supposing it is only 25 cents, don't despise the day of small things. Surely quite a respectable number of readers could get 25 cents and get three more to do likewise each month and thus make themselves personally responsible for \$1.00 monthly. Or some of you could form a league in some larger towns with the one idea of making the paper known and canvassing its claims. The league would not only canvass for subscriptions and seek to establish a Forward Fund, but would regularly every two weeks send a copy of the "Forward," together with a letter, inviting a perusal of the same and soliciting a subscription for the paper.

Every reader of this paper who reads these lines ought to make it a sacred duty to get funds for the "Forward" and to make the "Forward" known to the people as the only paper in Canada that caters to Democratic thought. Many who may not at first contribute to the journal might be induced to take it regularly for three months or so. Where there's a will there's a way however, and all those who want the "Forward" to live will immediately get busy. Let us consecrate Jan 3rd—the day of the triumph of reaction and victory of conscriptionists—and afterwards to one great cause, that of building up the "Forward" on an impregnable rock. Each one can do something; some can give much, some little; some can collect from their friends; others can make the paper known and seek subscribers to the same.

One hundred willing helpers are required. Will you be one? Will you help on a good cause? Don't all speak at once; but if you are willing to help write the "Canadian Forward," 363 Spadina Ave., and say what you can do. But let us all do something. Let us score a triumph for anti-militarism and Socialism. Don't let the militarist win hands down.

## CONFUSION ABOUT STATE SOCIALISM.

The following is from an editorial in the New York Outlook printed in response to a letter which also appeared in that paper. The article is so timely and answers the points raised by many Socialists here in Canada that in the absence of the Forward editor the compiler of the contents of this issue has decided to give it to the Forward readers without further comment. It will enliven the next issue if some of you give your opinion on the subject.

There seems to be a very large number of avowed Socialists to whom the actual progress of the world in the direction of Socialism appears to be a sealed book; many who appear utterly oblivious to the fact that "state socialism," as it is called, is the gateway through which society must inexorably travel to democratic socialism. (Continued on Page 6.)