

# Letters To The Editor

Reklaw, Sask.  
 Editor Forward.—Comrade Tipping was with us on August 15th and spoke to a full house and expresses the Socialist aims so plainly anyone could understand it.

We are working under difficulties, as we are miles from town and in a thinly settled country. The people are reading and thinking as never before.

We think the Forward is a fine paper. Keep up the good work, comrade, and the people in Canada may get as much brains as the Russians yet.

Yours in the cause,  
 A. L. Oaks.

## A PLEA FOR SOCIALISM

Few people know anything about the importance of the theory of Socialism. Some imagine it is some sort of dividing up scheme that puts every one on a financial level, and its followers are a kind of law breakers who do not believe in war.

This vague idea of the Socialist theory is the result of the wealthy class (now in control) not permitting the people to be educated in the schools or by the press along this line, because they imagine it would be against their interests.

Let this be as it may. It is good to be wise, I would therefore advise every one to study the theory, because it is the world's only hope for a permanent peace. Because it aims to undermine the cause of strife and selfishness among men, which is primarily private ownership of wealth and the power of money.

The universal adoption of Socialism would make every poor man rich, and relieve the rich of the care of their riches without impoverishing them. It puts a premium on National Service, justice, and equality among all people. It stands for everything that is moral, pure and good, but nothing religious. Its teaching is in perfect harmony with Christ's teaching, as well as being economical and democratic.

In commerce it advocates co-operation in place of competition, and universal brotherhood of man in place of strife and war. Its study gives one an education in actual facts or the pure truth, thereby exposing the weakness of our present social capital and political systems.

It points us to the millenium or a higher form of civilization than the world is prepared to accept to-day, but through a process of changes, will have to come sooner or later. It is therefore wise to know how to conduct

our affairs as the dawn of a revolution approaches.

H. Webster.  
 Woodstock, Ont., Sept. 7, 1917.

## UKRAINIAN CONVENTION

The convention of Ukrainians recently held in Winnipeg was successful from every point of view. A radical program of propaganda work was outlined, which resulted in the election of two Dominion organizers, comrades Waskan of Toronto will undertake the organization of the Eastern section, and Boychuck for the West. Under the new regulations, the Dominion is divided into three sections, corresponding in function to the provincial executives in English. These comrades will undertake lecture tours, organize new locals, boost subscriptions for the Socialist papers, and other necessary work for the Party.

## IN MEMORIUM

As we are going to press we just learn with deep sorrow of the death of comrade Mrs. Charles Creaval, Lappin avenue, from peritonitis. Mrs. Creaval with her husband were active Socialists in the Clydebank, Scotland, and on coming to this country linked up with the Socialist movement here, and she was a member of the Women's Social Democratic League. Our sympathy goes out to comrade Charles Creaval and three children in their sad bereavement.

## A CORRECTION

Our September 10th issue contains a statement that the convention voted in favor of a provincial refund. This, however, was an error on our part, the convention voting to lay the matter over until the Dominion Convention has taken definite action.

The convention was not entirely without internal conflict, motion of suspension was supported in the case of comrades Stefanetsky and Jeremyczuk, the dictum was accepted without much demur by the supporters of both sides; the comrades referred to are suspended in their voting power for a period of three months.

The new Executive will consist of five members and not three, as previously. The recipients of this honor are as follows: W. N. Kolisnyk, organizer; L. Nekoriak, secretary; A. Jolla, treasurer; S. Choma, and Kulchyski.

The convention cost between seven and eight hundred dollars and the boys are very pleased with the outcome. The late secretary, W. N. Kolisnyk, will be down east sometime in the fall.

# "Bargain Day"

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## THOU SHALT NOT KILL.

Thou shalt not kill—know ye the old command,

As old as Cain, as fresh as yesterday, Say, be they gods who bid ye break that law?

O sons of workers hear—Thou Shalt Not Slay.

Thou shalt not kill—our mothers mothered ye,  
 We've shared your labors, shared your pain and play.

Ye are our kith and we are of your kin—

O sons of workers hear—Thou Shalt Not Slay.

Thou shalt not kill—our fight is all your own.

Why must ye stain with blood our upward way

Why beat us down? We lift ye when we climb.

O sons of workers hear—Thou Shalt Not Slay.

Thou shalt not kill—They bid ye shoot us down,

Pour your hot lead into our tortured clay.

Fire—and we fall—Oh, boys, ye fall as well.

O sons of workers here—Thou Shalt Not Slay.

Thou shalt not kill—To kill is all in vain,  
 E'en in our blood is promise of the day.

Throw down those arms and join us in the fight.

O sons of workers hear—Thou Shalt Not Slay.

If ye must kill—who are your enemies,  
 Who are your foes? Oh, ye must choose to-day.

Pause, boys, and think, then swing those rifles round:

Still even then we'd cry—Thou Shalt Not Slay.

—Gerald J. Lively.

The circulation of this paper depends on the voluntary effort of comrades. It is not good comradeship to leave sub-hustling to other comrades. Don't be a "shirker."

The results are slowly coming in of the elections in Sweden, which show that the Social Democrats are making big gains and already the Toronto Globe is slating H. Jalmar Branting as Premier for Sweden. The results from Stockholm show that Branting is heading the poll in Stockholm with five other Socialists. Admiral Lindman, the Swedish Foreign Minister, has been elected, getting third place. We hope to be able to give more particulars in the next issue.

What have the peoples, who call themselves great, made of Liberty? A monopoly for themselves. And those who make most use of its name are also those who grant it the least to others. They wish the liberty of reducing the world to slavery.—Paul Richard in "To the Nations."

The British Columbia Federation of Labor, in convention at Vancouver, on September 3, empowered the executive committee by a vote of 56 to 8 to call a general strike should any member be conscripted.

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