

# THE FIRING LINE

## THE TOP NOTCHERS

M. Lazzaris, S. Wellington, B. C. 11  
F. Lapiere, Toronto, Ont. 10  
W. Goodwin, Lindsay, Ont. 10  
G. Heal, Victoria, B. C. 8  
M. Purvis, Scotchtown, N. B. 6

Comrade James Law, Montreal, scoops in a year.

Comrade W. L. Hume, Calgary, Alta., looks after five halfers.

Comrade Millan Grant, Stellarton, N. S., wants a halfer enlightened.

Victoria Local No. 2 renews its sub, and takes a bunch of sub cards.

All remittances to Cotton's Weekly of \$1.00 or over, are acknowledged by mail.

Comrade Wm. J. Roche, Coleman, Alta., brings a yearly into the wig.

Every Book Order helps Cotton's on the way up. Get one of our new catalogs.

Comrade Ed. Williams, North Bay, N. B., is helping to wake N. B. up.

Comrade John Nelson, Markerville, Alta., renews his sub and takes a bunch of sub cards.

Comrade N. W. McLeod, Rossland, B. C., introduces ten halfers to the wig war.

Comrade A. G. Grant, Cayuga, Ont., likes Cotton's so takes the dope for a year.

If you are not getting your paper regularly, write to Cotton's about it. A post card will do.

Comrade Dave Colville, Bonell, Alta., has scalped two halfers and renews his own sub for a year.

"Two slaves seeking more light," is the way Comrade H. Head, Winnipeg, introduces two halfers.

Comrade W. P. Strachota, Killam, Alta., keeps the spirits of the staff up by shooting in five halfers.

Let one comrade in every local in Canada be dedicated to look after the interests of Cotton's.

Comrade E. M. Gray, Winnipeg, helps retrieve that drop in the Manitoba sub list with two halfers.

Comrade H. H. Brown, Ottawa, Ont., wants five half yearly sub cards with which to capture wage plugs.

Comrade Wm. Goodwin, Lindsay, Ont., thinks sub cards the things to go fishing with. Takes ten halfers.

Comrade A. L. Reid, West Toronto, does not want to be without the paper, and renews with two others.

Comrade H. Garpin, Sifton, Man., requests the dope for one year, and takes the three collections of books.

Comrade Frederic Lapiere, Toronto, is resolved to lead ten halfers into the camp of the revolutionaries.

"I want to subscribe for your paper as I am an old warrior." Comrade J. L. LeBlanc, College Bridge, N. B.

Our New Book Catalog is out. Send for a copy, and get in touch with the finest books published on Socialism.

Comrade R. Gadsden, Calgary, Alta., will see to it that fifteen halfers find their way to the war council against capitalism.

Use the noon hour to advantage. Talk to your fellow workers on Socialism and get them to subscribe for Cotton's.

Comrade M. Stechisin, Brandon, Man., saw the Banking Edition and straightaway rustled out with it and caught a halfer.

Comrade Wm. Revelley, New Toronto, will have the pleasure of watching four halfers waxing discontented and kicking.

Chase up those sub cards you have lying about the house, and put them to work. Every one is needed at the present critical stage.

Comrade S. B. Wambolt, Dartmouth, N. S., forwards two yearlies to help bury the present postal authorities.

Would you like to see Cotton's put under its own roof, and in a position to work unhampered for the cause? Then dig in for that 10,000.

Comrades W. J. Carter, Port Arthur, Ont., and Aaron Gilbert, Brockville, Ont., arrive together with the price of five half-yearlies each.

Comrade Jas. Davies, Lachine, Locks, P. Q., renews his subscription and declares that he could not be without Cotton's Weekly.

Five half yearly sub cards for \$1.00. Why not get a supply? Boost for the 10,000 and put Cotton's into a building where it can work.

"I dug up three to keep my sub buffet," writes Comrade Wilfrid Buffet, Renfrew, Ont., landing on the dope counter with a yearly and three halfers.

Comrade M. Nix, Renfrew, Ont., lands two halfers and is scheming a scheme to land a big bunch, just to tickle the honorable postal authorities.

"The Independent farmers up here are nearly all broke," writes Comrade Walter Menzies, who nevertheless agrees to bring in five out of the wet.

"Cotton's did good work in our campaign last fall. Yours for fresh scalps," writes Comrade Cyril Rossmar, Mara, B. C., as he darkens the door with two yearlies.

Comrade H. Duran, Toronto, has been talking to the wage slaves of Toronto. As a result five of them tumble into the wig warm to warm themselves for six months.

"Your paper is doing well here. Please send five half yearly sub cards. I will try to get subs as the paper is just what we want," Comrade E. C. Wilson, Widdifield, Ont.

Every package of sub cards or books sent from Cotton's Weekly carries a bunch of new picture post cards. Get your order before the cards are all gone.

Comrade M. Lazzaris, South Wellington, B. C., writes thus, "Enclosed please find five dollars and

fifty cents for eleven yearlies." In a later letter he adds a yearly.

Comrade H. G. Ross, Glace Bay, N. S., proves that the strike has made the Glace boys do a lot of thinking. Five yearlies are added and the Local takes a hundred copies a week.

LISTS OF GOOD NAMES wanted by Cotton's. City or municipal lists, with certified post office addresses. This is urgent. Something big coming. Every list acknowledged by Postal Card.

"Please find enclosed one dollar for sub cards, I think I can hustle up a few more round here. It is a long hard uphill fight but we're winning. Germany, Australia, Finland, Philadelphia, the bright spots are appearing all over," Comrade Hugh McHugh, Blairmore, Alta.

Five halfers will sample the dope because Comrade J. H. McQuarrie, Barrie, Ont., got busy and hustled for subs. This is the Comrade referred to by Lennox in the House of Parliament as being a man whom he holds in the highest esteem, although an avowed Socialist.

Comrade G. Heal, Victoria B. C., has hit the war trail. No pipe of peace with the capitalist system for him. Two yearlies and six halfers are rescued from the tall timbers of capitalist ideas per Comrade Heal's efforts.

Comrade Paul H. Fueter, Cowansville, P. Q., becomes a subscriber. Comrade Fueter is a Swiss youth who has bought a farm in this neck of the capitalist woods and expects to see himself robbed of the products of his labor like the rest of the working plug farmers who do their own work.

Comrade John McKiernan, Cobalt, Ont., plunks five into the Agitation Battery, and thinks the articles on King Edward were fine. Suggests that we take an action in the Exchequer Court against Lemieux. But we've got something better than that when the time comes. These things move slow but they will be doing by and by.

United action on the part of the Army will put Cotton's on top of that 10,000. Its in sight. And when the 10,000 is reached Cotton's will be assured of a new building suited to its needs, and a job printing plant. Clinch the Ten Thousand, boys. Its a good stunt.

"Enclosed please find five dollars. Please send me the Banner and Workers' Collection. Renew my sub for one year. Send me ten half yearly sub cards. The remainder to be devoted for ammunition to blow the cobwebs from the brains of unenlightened workers. Fraternally yours," Comrade Frank H. Chambers, Winnipeg.

Comrade C. W. Thomas, Ont., read the King Edward issue and immediately took that peculiar disease known as histeritis which affects the readers of Socialist publications, and ordered three separate bundles to be sent to his address, a bundle of 25 for three months bundle of five for six months, and a bundle of two for a year. You need not be a prophet nor the son of a prophet to prophesy that some sleepy wage plugs of Toronto will see day-light in the near future.

Comrade James Stapley, Lindsay, Ont., thinks it his duty to help Cotton's over the ten thousand mark and open the eyes of the blind workers. Comrade Stapley writes, "I talk Socialism almost all the time day and night. Some of my friends don't like it but I can't help it. The present system is based on robbery and I am a lover of justice and freedom. We have small meetings but they are bound to grow bigger." Comrade Stapley's present stunt is five halfers.

Comrade Marion Purvis, Scotchtown adds six halfers and writes, "New Brunswick appears to be lying dormant in the great struggle for oppressed humanity. But I feel sure there will be awakening before long. In many of the quiet country places there is a dissatisfied feeling among the people, almost a hatred of the political powers ruling them, a distrust of the smooth tongued politician and his unfulfilled promises. The people are disgusted with their unprofitable toil but can see no other way, the old ideas are so hard to uproot."

Comrade Chas. Stiebritz, Foreman, Alta., comes in with a yearly, and wants to know what B. A. B. C. L. means Bachelor of Arts, and means that I sat four years at McGill University on hard wooden seats while professors in long gowns looking like old women talked things into my ears. B. C. L. means Bachelor of Civil Law, and means that for three more years I sat on hard wooden benches in another building at McGill while lawyers and professors talked other things into my ears. Some day I will write what I think about higher education and professors and laws and lawyers. But just at present I want to talk about wage slavery and things like that.

Helpful Directions  
Please assist Cotton's staff by signing your name and address to everything you write. Make all money orders payable to Cotton's Weekly.

Write book, bundle, card or sub orders on separate sheet of paper from letters on other matters, in order to ensure prompt attention.

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Six Months, 26 copies ..... 2.50  
Six Months, clubs of 5 ..... 1.00  
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One Year, clubs of 5 ..... 2.00  
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10,000 subs wins a home for Cotton's.

## World-Wide Socialism

The Appeal to Reason is renewing its exposure of Mexican tyranny.

The Prussian government has withdrawn its reactionary franchise bill owing to the monster protests of the Socialists against it.

The farmers of Texas are becoming Socialized. Texas is the state of big ranches and estates where the actual farmers are mostly tenants or hired help.

The Independent Labor Party of Great Britain has nine hundred local branches with over fifty thousand members and dozens of new branches are being added weekly.

At the recent municipal election in Stockholm, Sweden, two women were elected city councilors; one was a Conservative candidate, the other a Social Democrat. Swedish women can vote for municipal officers.

The elation following the recent great Socialist victory in France was still further increased by the enrollment of three new recruits in the ranks of the Socialists, when triplets were born to the wife of Karl Marx's grandson, Edgar Longuet.

On Tuesday May 24th two lake boats crashed into each other and eighteen lives were sacrificed. The lake boats are run by inexperienced scabs owing to the attempts of the bosses to break up the Lake Seamen's Union.

For the first time in the history of Spain the cortes, as the Spanish parliament is called, will have among its members a full-fledged, dyed-in-the-wool Socialist. Our veteran Comrade, Pablo Iglesias, has been elected in Madrid, the capital of Spain.

Statistics just published regarding suicides in St. Petersburg, Russia, in 1909 show that 1,432 persons took their own lives. Of these 932 were males and 500 females. They include 58 boys and 77 girls of ages varying from 11 to 17. Suicides in the capital of the Czar are about nine times more numerous than in London.

The American Socialist Congress held at Chicago adopted the following resolution on immigration—"The Socialist party of the United States favors all legislative measures tending to prevent the immigration of strike breakers and contract laborers and the mass importation of workers from foreign countries, brought about by the employing classes for the purpose of weakening organization of American labor and of lowering the standard of life at the American workers."

"The party is opposed to the exclusion of any immigration on account of their race or nationality, and demands that the United States be at all times maintained as a free asylum for all men and women persecuted by the governments of their countries on account of their politics, religion or race."

On Ascension Day, three days after the introduction by the "democratic" Minister Talma of a Bill dealing with the length of the working day, the organized proletariat held a great demonstration in Rotterdam, Holland, in favor of the ten hours day.

The meeting was convened by the Social-Democratic Party and the trade unions, but a good many Radical organizations also took part. Altogether 525 organizations, with 83,000 members, were represented by 1,005 delegates. The speaker pointed out the alarming length of the working day, generally consisting of 11, 12, and even 14 hours. Even children have still to work 11 hours.

The speakers complained of the unsatisfactory character of all the Government's attempts, to deal with this question. The resolution called upon all workers to organize for the attainment of universal suffrage, which was indispensable for the realization of the power to break down the resistance to their demands.

WAGES.  
Your wages and mine will buy back less than one-third of the things we produce.

We get in wages, not the equivalent of what we produce, but what we can be forced to take.

We can be forced to take a bare subsistence wage because there are more men seeking jobs than there are jobs to be had.

Competition keeps your wages and mine at a very low level.

The products of our labor belongs not to us, but to the man who purchases our labor power.

Let us strike for one hundred cents on the dollar.

Chinese investors are preparing to buy a billion dollars' worth of securities. Here is a new angle to world problems.

We have been looking upon China as offering an outlet for American capi-

tal. Then we are suddenly told that America is to serve as an outlet for Chinese capital.

So great is the surplus value taken from each working man or woman using modern tools that the world must be scoured to find places in which to invest the sum total of that surplus value.

The frontier of America disappeared long ago. Africa and Australia and western Canada can take but a few drops from the oceans of capital that are overflowing from every great capitalist nation. Japan has been able to produce more surplus value than could be invested for some time. Now China is entering upon the same stage.

The only solution of the problem is for the workers to keep what they produce.

That would be Socialism.

—Chicago Daily Socialist.

Bundle Boosters

Now's the time to join in with the Bundle Boosters. Special articles, every week. All matter intended for the Special Issues is appearing regularly. Eye-openers on the operators of the respectable manipulators of the surplus value extracted from the workers.

A regular distribution of the issues for the next three months will count heavily for Cotton's and for the cause in your locality. We are feeling results from copies placed by the Boosters. The special articles on the Banks, Law and other matters, are bound to make people talk.

Order a bundle and start something in your town. Persevere in the distribution, and follow up for subs. Persevere and you will get results. Milwaukee was won by persevering distribution of literature.

The following have ordered since last week. Be next on the list.

Copies  
E. Hutchinson, Steelton, Ont. 10  
W. E. F. Brockville, Ont. 6  
C. W. Thomas, Toronto, Ont. 30

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LOCAL BRANTFORD

Dominion Organizer Gribble, S. P. of C., paid a flying visit to Brantford, recently, and addressed the Saturday night meeting of Brantford Local on the Market Square.

His lecture took the form of a sketch of the changes which society has undergone since the earliest times, showing the workers, just where they come in, and how they are, now, as they have been in other periods—nothing but slaves of a ruling class.

Gribble dealt at length with the way in which wealth is produced today, not by any one man or any few men, but by the united labors of the entire working class. Then, he showed how the owners of the things necessary for the workers to use (factories, mines, railroads, etc.) reaped the benefit of the workers' toil.

Then there came the only logical conclusion, "For the workers to enjoy the fruits of their toil, they must be the owners."

At the finish of the meeting Gribble's audience had no illusions as to the aims of the Socialist Party of Canada. "To change the ownership!" Readers of "Cotton's" in Brantford who are not taking these meetings in, do not know what they are missing. Speakers from Local 24 of Toronto will hold the soap-box down on Brantford market square all summer.

Boost—the circulation Comrades, nearly 8,000 last week. Get a bunch of Sub Cards and go to work. Hurrah for the 10,000. We will send with every order for cards a bunch of our new Picture Post Cards. Come now, get into action, and boost 'er up.

Interested in Industrial Unionism? Better get the "Unionist Combination." Explains it thoroughly. Ten books for 25 cents.

The Advance Collection

ADVANCE is the watchword of all workers for the coming Co-operative Commonwealth. Knowledge is Power. Every seeker after knowledge should get this set of books and make himself a power in the work of education. This Advance Collection follows up the Banner Collection, and after careful perusal the student of Socialism is in a position to take up the heavier works. The books in this list are too well known to need much comment. Every Scientific Socialist knows they are all right. There are no better published. Clear and logical in every particular.

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4. The Evolution of the Class Struggle ..... 50  
5. Communist Manifesto—Marx and Engels ..... 100  
6. Wage Labor and Capital, Marx ..... 50  
7. Value, Price and Profit, Marx ..... 100

Fifty Cents is the price for this excellent bunch of seven books. Two shiny plaques or a Fifty Cent Postal Note will take them from Cotton's Book Department. Be sure and ask for the Advance Collection.

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

What would be the effect of Socialism on fine art? Would it not make people indifferent to the finer products of hand and brain?

John Ruskin, who was perhaps the greatest art critic of the nineteenth century and certainly the most analytical of all modern critics, said that fine art is the expression of the workingman's joy in his work. Ruskin emphasizes the assertion that fine art cannot be produced for wages, but only for the gratification of the producer. It, therefore, follows that so long as things are generally made for the sole purpose of selling or for the wages paid the labor by which they are made, fine art is so nearly impossible as to be exceptional. It is only when men who are not ashamed to work have the leisure to expend their genius without any thought of pay for the effort so put forth that they will do their best work. They will then have their heart, as well as their hands, in their work; and the results will correspond with the higher incentive. Socialism would make it possible for all to obtain the necessities of life with comparatively little time and effort, and the effect of this would be to leave the artist with much time, and not distressed by want, to do the things he would like to do and produce the things that delight as well as satisfy.

What do Socialists mean by the Revolution?

By the social revolution they mean the overthrow of capitalist class rule and the domination of politics and industry by the working class, which would then cease to be a class because it would comprise all. A revolution is a turning around, and a social revolution is a turning round of society so that a hitherto ruling class is deposed and a previously subject class becomes dominant. The triumph of the working class would mark the last of the social revolutions because the workers are the last class in economic subjection. Their victory will not only overthrow the rule of the capitalist class, but will abolish all classes, because the existence of classes presupposes one class in power and one or more classes under that power. The end of the social revolution means, therefore, the end of the class struggle and of all the strife that grows out of the economic advantage of one social division over another. The Socialists are revolutionary because the social revolution is the end and ultimate purpose of their propaganda and effort. They differ from the various reformers in that the reformer never proposes the overthrow of the ruling class. Reformers confine their efforts to measures by which they hope to improve conditions without supreme power.

Can the Revolution take place without violence?

Violence is not a necessary part of revolution, so we are safe in saying that the revolution can take place peacefully, though no one knows what may happen. When the unemployed of modern cities cannot so much as peacefully assemble to confer and declare their need without being attacked by the police of the ruling class, and when the present ruling power, which prides itself upon its devotion to law and order, cannot so much as conduct a general election without someone being killed, there is little to base prophecies of peace upon when the blessed privileges of the man on top are not only threatened, but are actually being taken from him. It all depends upon how those in the saddle will conduct themselves when they see their advantage over the man who labors slipping away. If they make good their professions of loyalty to law and obedience to the will of the majority, the change may come without so much as a ripple on the surface; but if the masters of the wage slaves refuse to abide by the will of the majority, as the masters of the chattel slaves did when Lincoln was elected, it will be necessary to make them behave even if it requires the use of a shillalah.

ABOUT JOB PRINTING.

In response to many enquiries for prices on job printing, we must state that Cotton's has no job plant. We have only had the use of a press sometimes in return for the use of our cylinder press. That's how we get our printing done. The constant deficit on the paper has kept us too poor to put in a job plant. If Canadian comrades will put the circulation up over 10,000, we will get the backing for the machinery. Then we will turn out good work at Socialist prices, carrying the Union Label.

THE BANNER COLLECTION mailed for 50 cents. Seven splendid educators.

## A SIMPLE TRUTH.

The things we workers make belong to the capitalists because they own the tools we use, the factories we work in, the land we toil on, the mines we labor in, the railroads we operate, the steamships we propel.

They own these things because they have the power. They have the power because they control the legislatures, the courts and the police.

They control the organized forces of government by consent of those who toil. It is your vote and mine that put their hirelings into office.

We, the workers, outnumber the capitalists fifteen to one. We can beat them at the ballot as soon as we learn the lesson of solidarity.

If we vote together, return working class candidates controlled by a bona-fide working class organization, we can use the state to advance our interests.

Class consciousness is the necessary fore-step to class power.

W. R. S.

A WIPE-OUT BEE

Now, comrades, lets have a wipe-out Bee; all work together to finish up that press fund. Not much left, and the Agitation Battery is eager for another advance. This next move will have to do with the Province of Quebec. The Battery Boys sent a keen battle, and will send the bombs of economic light hurtling through the dark places of wage slavery.

Therefore join in the Wipe-out Bee on the Press Fund. Every little bit helps. Look over the list below, and resolve to be in the next list of Battery backers.

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Will Nafe, Preston, Ont. .... 1.00  
M. Lazzaris, South Wellington. 0.00  
V. Constantinescu, Nelson, B. C. 1.00  
I. A. Austin, B. C. .... 1.00  
F. H. Chambers, Winnipeg .... 1.50

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NAME .....

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TOWN .....

PROV. ....

Indicate the number of Cards wanted by marking X under one of the numbers printed on top of this blank.

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