

THE BIRTH OF MODERN CAPITALISM

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to do is to try and control the editor.

Mr. Trust: But I understand that those editors are sensitive and proud and dislike being dictated to by mere businessmen.

Miss Capital: Quite so, Mr. Trust, but it is not really a matter of dictation, but rather of commercial life or death. No editor could expect a man to continue advertising in a paper that carried adverse criticism of his product; moreover, the profits of a paper come almost wholly from the advertisements, and even an editor as such, cannot exist without profits. An editor, therefore, must eat out of our hands. I don't consider him in the least bit formidable.

Mr. Trust: The truth of your remarks are self-evident. I can see we need not worry about the editors, but we still need the support of our schools and colleges. Perhaps, Mr. Kashion would give us his opinion on the subject.

Mr. Ed. U. Kashion: Well, to tell you the truth, in speaking for the educators in general: that is for the immense throng of Terrestrials whose mental outlook under Beelzebub I am supposed to supervise, I might say that nearly all of them from the University professor to the nursery governess imagine quite falsely, like the great majority of their fellow-citizens, that they are living in an atmosphere of freedom notwithstanding the fact that they have absolutely nothing to say in determining the attitude that institutions of learning should adopt towards the state schools are necessarily capitalistic institutions just as they used to be feudalistic and will, in the future, be socialistic.

The selections of our educators for positions of responsibility is directly or indirectly in the hands of the wealthy. It is, for instance, no uncommon occurrence, at least in that part of the earth called the new world, to see the executive heads of the school system come and go with the changing fortunes of the bourgeoisie political parties which are themselves returned to power by means of a generous supply of campaign funds. How often do we see men like the well-known Professor Gearing forced to relinquish his duties at a series of universities on account of his logical, if somewhat radical views on international relations: indeed there is no need to accept or retain the services of a teacher who does not appreciate the blessings of our glorious civilization. Is that not so Your Lordship?

Bishop Churchianity: The word "blessings" Mr. Kashion, is well chosen and highly suggestive.

I am delighted to be associated with so loyal a champion of our civilization. Loyalty is a peril of great price now-a-days. I remember the time when a youth did actually submit himself "lowly and reverently to all his betters": as a matter of fact he does so today, but not in so lowly and reverent a manner. The same betters somewhat modified, of course, exist, but we find it convenient in the face of the growing development of class consciousness amongst the poor, to conceal the fact: moreover, Providence, in his unbounded mercy has provided for the submission of the lowly by the creation of a law called "Economic Necessity" whose beneficent effect may be noted everywhere in mercifully restraining the minds of the masses when they try to wander wantonly across the metaphorical rubicon that it has pleased the Almighty, in his infinite wisdom to allow the pillars of society representing the powers behind the schools, the pulpit, and the press, to erect around them. The influence of these men is paramount at present, and with that fact uppermost in our minds there is every reason why we should all be happy and optimistic. Nevertheless, the benefits accruing from the control exercised over the minds of the poor, are in part negated by practical inefficiency due to imperfect coalescence of the factors used in their exploitation.

Mr. Kashion: Am I to gather from your remarks that you consider the schemes for the subjugation of the mass-mind are inadequate?

(To be continued.)

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Editor Clarion:

I considered our discussion re tactics to be finished three months ago, but notice in the last issue of the Clarion that J. H., indulges in some futile sharp shooting in order to resuscitate the argument. His attempt is hopeless. There is too much demand for real work in the revolutionary movement for me to dissipate my energy exchanging compliments with one who has neither the temerity to debate nor the common sense to keep quiet when he has nothing to say.

J. H.'s last contribution is surely a convincing example of intellectual deterioration. Scarcely a statement worthy of attention in the whole article. He rents about my reference to the Prime Ministers of Britain, and thinks he has scored a point when he discovers that Lords Bute and North preceded the machine age. What if they did? My explanation could utilize the names of Russell, Derby, Peel, etc., just as well as the ones mentioned. It was an illustration to make plain the fact that all of them represented certain definite ruling class interests in much the same way as Lloyd George and Ramsay MacDonald.

J. H.'s superficial injection anent what Palmerston said to Victoria, or what Victoria said to Palmerston, or what both of these worthies said to Mrs. Grundy is of no interest to me. It might find a responsive chord in "Felix Penne," or a fifth grade school boy, but has little importance to a student of history.

His reiteration of the revolutionary character of S. P. of C. propaganda can be taken for what it is worth. I have it on good authority that the S. P. of C. conducts nothing in the nature of either lectures or classes in Vancouver, at present, or for a long time past. The publication of the Clarion once a month appears to be the chief item of propaganda left. As to the clarity of the Clarion I will leave that to the judgment and conclusion of our readers.

This discussion is now closed so far as I am concerned. There is much more profitable material to be attended to. Our case for a continuation of the old S. P. of C. policy has been presented in all essential phases. Comrades "R." Lester, "F. C." Inglis and others have greatly assisted in making clear the issue to Clarion readers. This is all we can do at present.

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