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As It Strikes Me

As I write, I hear crackers, popping, fireworks banging, and why? simply to keep us all from forgetting that another year of exploitation has almost passed, and a new one is pending.

I can recall twenty years of labor, twenty years of profit making for the class socially above me in the scale, yet beneath the contempt of all reds. So each New Year but adds to the sum total of wealth extracted from my hide; and I may pleasantly look forward, to the some experience in years to come.

I have wished many Happy New Years, this week to people I cared nothing about save only that I keep their custom, many in return wished "prosperity" and I had much ado to keep from laughing. "Prosperity" why, after twenty years of toil, I would sell all I possess in the world for twenty dollars.

And I've worked hard, in fact I think I've earned a rest for the rest of my life; and I am very modest and retiring.

The only time I appreciated these good wishes, was when accompanied by a piece of filthy lucre, and these were few and far between these hard times.

In the East, they say, "Go West, young man, and grow up with the country," and they have done so, till now the Pacific Coast is crowded with young men growing up with the country and mighty little else.

California the Golden State can show her

L. B. E. who according to editors

\$3 from Kingston, Ont., for subs and sub

cards, and \$3 from Berlin, Ont., for sub

Cobalt, Ont.

"Enclosed please find \$6.75 and list of

names to be placed on the mailing list."

"Enclosed please find \$3 for subs and agita-

tion. If this entitles me to it, send Fats, Montreal, P.Q.

"Renew my sub and send three sub cards. I've got the worst job this fall I have ever

had in my life." Bawlf, Alta.

Money is tight out here, and for that reason it is hard to get subs. But we are with

you in the fight. Fertility, Alta.

"Under no circumstances inform these men

who is paying for the paper for them. They need educating." Western Comrade.

"I am sending you ten subs. Do not mention my name as they do not like to hear

anything about the truth here." Giroux Lake Ont.

"Enclosed please find twenty subs. Have

been neglected but hope to do better in the future." Miss. Maggie Fraser, Carmangay, Alta.

"Enclosed find sixteen more. Our boys say

they won't rest until they have slanted the

Yes, despite all our misery, we revolution-

ists can face a New Year with joy; and be

thankful that hope in the cause, and a know-

ledge of a certain progress, can make us feel

the chains chafe lighter on our limbs. We

Socialists are not all long faced pessimists,

by no means, early this month the Socialists

of Vancouver propose a smoking concert in a

very worthy cause too, that of sending our

blind comrade Osborne, to Europe to have

part of his sight restored, when his power to

help the movement will be tenfold.

The Social Democrats have social dances

every little while, and encourage as should

be, a healthy desire to be sociable and opti-

mistic in the movement.

Coming to the municipal campaign, while

it is a shame to see the campaign fall thro-

ugh it is better to have no candidates, than

go in the field endorsing non-Socialists, sim-

ply because they were union men.

When the unions know enough to be indus-

trial in character, they will also know their

political party, and in the meantime, we can

only peddle the straight stuff to them, as

some reds put it.—F. S. F. Vancouver, B.C.

The U. S. Farmer

Statistics have been given showing the tremendous income of the American farmers, and the tremendous value of the farm crops and husbandry.

Ten billion dollars is the estimated value of all farm produce in the U.S. The figures are, crops \$6,000,000,000, animals and animal products, \$2,896,000,000. It is estimated that 52 per cent of the crops and 29 per cent of the animal products will remain on the farm. The cash income of the farmers is therefore estimated at \$5,847,000,000.

There are 6,000,000 farmers in the U.S. The cash income of the farmer, on the average, is therefore \$986 per year.

Out of this he has to pay hired help, interest on mortgages, provide the half crop to the owners of farms tilled on shares, pay for upkeep, repairs, taxes, insurance, etc.

It is usual for the plute papers to picture the farmer riding round in his automobile, smoking expensive cigars.

The farmer has the grind and poverty, the capitalists get the cash and ease.

The farmer is a poverty-stricken slave on an average, robbed on everything he produces.

Socialism will come to him as a great and glorious liberation.

The unemployed of San Francisco are to be given no more free meals. They are to be made work four hours and are going to be given \$1.50. The capitalists are giving the workers the four hour day—with a starvation wage.

How the U. S. Acts

President Wilson of the U.S., has announced that henceforth the United States will not acquire territory by force of arms.

This does not mean that the U.S. will not acquire territory. Chicanery will replace arms in the beginning.

We have heard how friendly certain governments of Central America are to the U.S. Bryan is negotiating a treaty, (a perfectly friendly one, it is alleged) with Nicaragua, whereby the Nicaraguan route for a possible Isthmian Canal will be ceded to the United States.

When a government of a country sells out to another country, it is wise to enquire into what the selling government is like.

H. S., writing in the New Review, throws a flood of light on the question: "The present government in Nicaragua was set up during the Taft Administration and is NOW BEING MAINTAINED BY FORCE OF AMERICAN ARMS. A memorial recently presented to the foreign affairs committee of the House and Senate by the Salvadorean Committee of the National Central American Association roundly asserts that the present Nicaraguan Government is but a satrapy of native hirelings, set up by the scandalous intrigues of the previous State Department, more for the purpose of turning the country over to Wall Street than for gaining a bargain in canal rights, and that Adolpho Diaz, the present President of Nicaragua, before becoming a political stool, was bookkeeper of mines owned by the family of ex-Secretary of War Knox. And it is with this counteif government of mercenaries that New York bankers have negotiated loans, with the consent and approval of the State Department, and that Secretary Bryan has negotiated a treaty that Nicaragua under an American protectorate, is similar to that established over Cuba, and selling to the United States the canal route, the islands of Little Corn and Great Corn, and a point in the Gulf of Fonseca for a naval station, for \$3,000,000."

The United States is not going to again acquire territory by force of arms, says Wilson.

President Roosevelt fomented a revolution in Panama against the Republic of Colombia, and recognized the new republic, bought the Panama Canal route from the new republic, and then held what he had got by force of arms.

He was not acquiring territory by force of arms. He got the territory by chicanery and then held it by force of arms. See the difference between twiddle-dum and twiddle-dee!

In Nicaragua, a government is set up which the people do not like. This government is maintained by force of American arms which is only "maintaining a stable form of government." Then this government, maintained by American arms, sells out large slices of territory to the U.S., which the U.S. will maintain by force of arms. See the difference between twiddle-dum and twiddle-dee!

In Santo Domingo, Bryan sends American agents to supervise the elections. If under American supervision, the elections result in pro-American deputies which will sell out the country to the U.S., will that be getting the country by conquest? Here again is the difference between twiddle-dum and twiddle-dee!

President Wilson may draw fine distinctions between conquest and overturning Central American and Caribbean governments by internal revolutions by aid of force. All the same he is some liar.

The Bosses Speak

Grain Growers' Guide.

Keep women away from the polls. For the sake of their lily-white souls, Forever forbid them to roam

For the sake of the washbuds at home, Let 'em tend to the clothes and grub, Let 'em dust, let 'em bake, let 'em scrub, Let 'em raise up the girls and boys, Let 'em share all your trouble and joys, But we beg, with a sob in our throat, Don't give 'em, don't give 'em the vote, For they might interfere, if you please, With the three great political "B's," Whose graft we'd be sorry to lose—Breweries, Brothels and Boozes!

Keep women away from the polls. They vex and trouble our souls, The home is their foreordained place Which they deck with their beauty and grace

If you go and you give 'em the vote They'll start to get after our goat In a wholly undignified way, Which ain't like a lady, we say, So we beg, with a sob in the throat, Don't give 'em, don't give 'em the vote, They'd never give comfort or ease To the three great political "B's," Whose graft we'd be sorry to lose, Breweries, Brothels and Boozes!

Sir Edmund Walker, in his evidence before the Banking and Commerce Committee, Ottawa, April 16th last, gave the profits of 100 businesses selected from 40 different callings and capitalized at \$76,044,587 as being \$13,563,363. Thirteen million dollars of unearned revenues flowing to a small group of parasites shows the tremendous income the non-producers get. The producers want the non-workers to get their enormous revenues as they continue to vote, year after year, for the politicians who uphold rent, interest and profit.

Landgrabbing in B. C.

The landgrabber is at work in British Columbia.

The province has been thrown open to the speculator. Agriculture has been discouraged.

Bowser and McBride have been the firm friends of those who wished to hog the land for private profit.

The B. C. Federationist has been delving into the land monopoly and its investigations are truly startling.

It has found that the following firms and individuals have seized great areas of the country. The names and number of acres follow.

VANCOUVER.

	Acres.
Bonithrone, Lennard & Co.	16,335
Co. Bowser, Reid & Wallbridge	16,909
B. C. Securities Co. Limited	12,160
Croft & Ashby	101,326
George Fairbairn	12,710
Neil Gething	81,490
Grand Trunk Land Co.	83,876
Grand Trunk Pacific Development Co.	14,233
Co. Gwillin, Crisp & McKay	13,300
Co. Jas. A. Harvey and partners	107,473
Co. Stuart Henderson	53,440
North Coast Land Co.	141,192
Co. Peace River Co.	221,602
Co. L. C. Porterfield	61,849
Co. Shaw & Shaw	10,880
Star Realty Co.	17,669
Co. Taylor, Harvey, Baird & Grant	11,174
Jos. O. Tretheway	14,193

VICTORIA.

	Acres.
L. Alexander	41,591
Co. Bodwell & Lawson	36,215
Bond & Clark	22,720
Co. B. C. Cattle Co.	33,382
Co. Eberts & Taylor (Mr. Eberts is Speaker of the Legislature)	30,720
Co. Gore & McGregor	63,075
A. S. Innes	10,720
Co. J. G. Johnston	10,880
G. O. Leask	30,593
Co. Neil F. McKay	10,980
J. E. Miller (Inspector of Inland Revenue)	22,083
Co. Pemberton & Son	10,200
R. Perks & Sons	14,080
Porpoise Harbor Land Co.	17,163
F. M. Rattenbury	32,360
Robertson & Heisterman	56,177

B. C. INTERIOR.

	Acres.
E. T. Avison	12,800
Co. E. H. Hicks-Beach, Hazelton	19,552
Jno. C. Kenworthy, Lillooet	11,729
Western Canadian Ranch Co., Lillooet	41,993
Co. F. C. McKinnon, Hazelton	11,480
Jos. O. Tretheway, Nanaimo	14,193

TORONTO.

	Acres.
Stuart Valley Land & Investment Co.	32,454

WINNIPEG.

	Acres.
Wm. C. Lestikow	44,403

SEATTLE.

	Acres.
Co. Bauman & Kelher	15,600
Grand Trunk Pacific Land Co.	47,729
F. M. Rattenbury (of Victoria) co.	14,726
Trafalord Hutison	14,726

Total Acres..... 1,719,709

This is only a partial list of the grants and holdings.

This land is held for profit. No one may work it unless he pays toll to the landsharks.

The people are driven off the land and huddled into cities where they form great masses of unemployed.

The effect of this land grabbing is seen in the small production of foodstuffs in the province. Last year Canada imported 13,000,000 dozen of eggs. Of these imported eggs British Columbia took 5,529,000 dozen. With a population under 500,000 out of 7,200,000, she imported nearly half the eggs.

Bowser and McBride have plunged the province into debt to bonus and bond the railways, have used the powers of government to break strikes and shoot up strikers, have given the land away and starved the people, and there are some propertyless slaves who won't vote for Socialism, but vote for McBride and Bowser to "save their vote."

A sucker is born every minute, and few of them die young.

Wilson's Crawler

Congressman Humphrey of Washington is putting the administration up against it by insisting that the mills and factories that have closed down shall be investigated.

President Wilson in a speech to the Southern Society declared that any employer or combination that would close its plant through the passage of the bill that revised the tariff, would be given "the gibbet as high as Haman's."

Congressman Humphrey has named 194 single mills and 33 lumber mills that have closed down in the state which he represents, and he further declares that the closing of these mills have thrown 15,000 men out of employment. He calls upon the administration to make good its boast, but it is very probable that none of the exploiters will hear anything further about the gibbet threatened by President Wilson.—Miners Magazine.

British Columbia mines paid \$2,506,219 in dividends last year. The plutocrats get the profits because the producers are held in slavery.

A Wonderful Farm

There are many farmers in Canada who grumble over their hard work and poor pay.

These farmers have been dumped onto a homestead in the west, and are supposed to become pre-perous farmers with the labor of their hands. Having no capital, they must get implements on credit and loans from the bank, and they get just enough credit to make them inefficient farmers and keep them living in a hell of worry with the banker and implement shark the driving devils.

Or the farmers are dumped on a small farm in the east, perhaps with a mortgage on it, and are kept hustling and worrying over debts and broken down tools and repairs to be made, and the produce they must surrender to the lords of capital.

In every bank statement put out at the annual meetings of these credit institutions, the general manager rejoices over abundant crops. The managers know the price of the crops will find its way into the pockets of the loan and capital sharks.

Now to all these grumbling, inefficient, poorly-financed farmers we would relate the story of an up-to-date Canadian farm.

There is a farm in Canada composed of eight hundred and thirty acres of land, with out a cent of mortgage on it.

The farm is divided by a river, and a beautiful private bridge of concrete, one hundred and sixty feet in length, spans the river.

A narrow gauge railway with a miniature locomotive hauls suitably sized cars over two and one-half miles of track, and in them is transported building and crushed stone, crops, etc.

Telephone lines connect up the various parts of the property with a central office, so that there is constant communication with all departments.

A waterworks system has been installed which supplies the purest spring water. It is stored in a thirteen thousand gallon concrete reservoir, and a ten thousand gallon tank, from which it is distributed by gravity to different points for consumption.

The farm has eighteen hundred apple, cherry, pear and plum trees, as well as fifteen hundred small fruits.

The buildings are of concrete made on the farm.

A large herd of dairy cattle are kept in the pink of condition.

This is just a small glimpse of this wonderful farm.

You farmers who grumble and are clothed in garments an old clo' man would not handle, why do you not run a farm like this? As opportunity is said to be open to all, why have you not got a farm like this?

The answer is plain. This farm is not privately owned. It is a state-owned institution. It belongs to the province of Ontario. It is the celebrated Prison Farm, located at Guelph. The government owns it and it is operated by prison labor.

Contrast this farm with the inefficient, privately owned farm, and see the difference. If prison labor publicly directed in a state-owned institution can work such wonders, what greater wonders will be worked when we have national ownership and co-operation with rent, interest and profit abolished, and when the agricultural national industry is operated by free labor working harmoniously together with up-to-date giant farm tools, and enjoying the full social value of the wealth it creates!

Vancouver Island Defence Fund

Cotton's Weekly has received the following appeal from the Defence Committee of the Vancouver Island striking miners. A good plan for the comrades would be to paste the appeal on a piece of paper, and tackle Socialists and union men for contributions, sending them forward to the Secretary of the Defence Fund.

FELLOW WORKERS:—

We, as brothers of the two hundred miners at present in jail awaiting trial on Vancouver Island, at this time appeal to you members of the working class for moral and financial help, that we may free from persecution and the brand of criminality men whose chief offense is their prominence and activity in the labor movement on this portion of the Pacific Coast.

The miners, in their dealings as individuals with the corporations in the past, have realized their utter helplessness. Time and again explosions occur with the loss of human life. The mining laws provide for the appointment of a Gas Committee by the men. This committee on examining the mine and reporting gas, was discharged. The Government, in lining up with the mine owners, refused to enforce the laws. They are therefore the violators of their own laws.

The men were thus forced to organize, and on the 1st of May last the mine workers of this Island came out for recognition of their union.

The governments, Dominion and Provincial, in their eagerness for industrial expansion (profits for the master class), encourage a constant stream of immigration from Oriental countries. With the aid of this reserve army of labor, whose wants are few compared with those of white men and the enactment of

Brought forward..... \$2632.10
I. Binstowe, Lund, B.C. 1.00
Finnish Local, Cumberland, Wyoming, U.S. 5.00
M. C. Wartenbe, S.D.P. Local, Astoria, Oreg. 3.00
Vancouver Local Union Painters, Decorators and Paperhangers 8.00
Finnish Socialist Ex. Com., Toronto P. Wood, Bowen Island, B.C. 22.75
T. B. Miles, Whitesman's Creek, B.C. 1.00

Seventy-Five Workers Drowned

Angelo Pugliese recently applied for aid at the immigration offices, Winnipeg. He was suffering from injuries received in a wreck on the Fraser River, B.C.

Some time ago, Pugliese securing work with the Grand Trunk Pacific, was sent with many others to the end of steel in British Columbia. For a time he was kept busy in the vicinity of Fort George, but early in November, with one hundred other laborers, he was sent further west, the trip requiring the party to cross the Fraser river. In spite of the swift current, the satire party was loaded into a large boat for the trip across, navigation was difficult, the boat became unmanageable, and crashed into a large rock in the centre of the stream. The trail craft was dashed to pieces and the human cargo plunged into a torrent. The greatest confusion prevailed. The strength of the current made swimming impossible and the struggling men were either dashed to death on the rocks, or carried to their doom by the swift flowing flood.

Of five score men that boarded the boat only 25 were taken from the water alive, and many of these were more or less seriously injured and only five bodies were ever recovered, according to Pugliese.

Pugliese was among the injured, having his feet and neck badly injured. He was in the hospital at Edmonton for some time. Pugliese stated no inquiry of any kind had ever been made as to the cause of the accident.

When seventy-five workers are harled to their death because the masters send them over raging torrents upon unmanageable, overloaded, frail boats, no outcry is raised. They are nothing but spawn, slaves, dirt under the feet of our industrial lords.

But when an Industrial Worker orator warns Sir Richard McBride and other henchmen of the master class that the bruised and broken slaves may take a shot at them if they wander too far into the woods, the capitalist papers make a great outcry against "anarchy."

When will the working class wake up, to their real position in present society, and also realize their power, through united members, to run industry in a sane, instead of a murderous way?

Yuan Shi Kai, "President" of the Chinese Republic, is a "strong" president, according to western capitalist ideas, and fit to be trusted, with loans from the Christian financiers. He secured his election by looking up the 719 members present in the National Assembly, and only releasing them as they voted for him. He starved them into supporting him. Thus he got 610 to vote for him—and then he dissolved the Assembly and ordered all persons advocating radicalism to be killed.

A move is on foot to nationalize the railways of England. It is said that now it is cheaper for a party of five or six people to travel by motor car than by railway. The motor car and driver costs less to hire than railway tickets, etc., and the motor calls at your door and takes you to your very destination. Dividends being threatened, the railway magnates are now considering the proposition of unloading on the government.

Among the men in prison are many earnest and active workers, who are eligible for provincial and municipal office. Also J. Place, M.P.P., the working class representative in the Provincial Parliament. The workers of this district have attained the most advanced political position of any of the Dominion. In the event of these men being convicted, they are deprived of all political rights for five years.

FELLOW WORKERS:—

In this life and death struggle with the Master Class, help us to keep the Banner of Labor flying triumphant over what we have already attained. It is our turn today; it may be yours tomorrow. In the name of the solidarity of the working class, help is urgently needed at this time. Do all you can, and aid us to hurl those from place and power who, in their greed would force us to the standard of Orientals, or to become homeless tramps.

Forward all monies to Defence Committee, G.A. Moore, Secretary, Box 830, Nanaimo, B.C.

Donations will be acknowledged in Western Clarion, Cotton's Weekly, Appeal to Reason, and other Labor papers.

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