

THE McNAMARA TRIAL

Harrison Gray Otis is back of the prosecution of the McNamara brothers for the blowing up of the Los Angeles Times building.

The conspiracy of capital against these labor officials is plain to every thinking man. The Times building was an old rattletrap of a thing, ready to fall to pieces. The machinery was old and outworn and Otis, after the explosion collected more insurance than the whole concern was worth. Many union men were killed. Otis had been fighting the unions hard. He hated them. The explosion removed a lot of them. NO HIGH EMPLOYEE WAS KILLED, ALL BEING OUT OF THE BUILDING AT THE TIME. Otis had a duplicate printing plant ready and his paper was not delayed a day. He knew that the explosion was coming. HE WAS THE ONLY MAN WHO BENEFITED BY IT.

This is the deliberate statement of Johnson, Governor of California, as to the character of Otis:

In the city from which I have come we have drunk to the very dregs the cup of infamy; we have had vile officials; we have had rotten newspapers; we have had men who sold their birthright; we have dipped into every infamy; every form of wickedness has been ours in the past; every debased passion and every sin has flourished. But we have nothing so vile, nothing so low, nothing so debased, nothing so infamous in San Francisco, nor did we ever have, as Harrison Gray Otis. . . . He sits there in senile dementia; with gangrened heart and rotting brain, grimacing at every reform; chattering impudently at all things that are decent, frothing, fuming, violently gibbering, going down to his grave in snoring infamy. This man Otis is the blot on the banner of Southern California; he is the bar sinister upon your escutcheon. My friends, he is the one thing that all California looks at when, in looking at Southern California, they see anything that is disgraceful, depraved, corrupt, crooked and putrescent—that is Harrison Gray Otis.

Otis is the man who has hired Burns to convict the McNamaras. Burns, who kidnapped the prisoners from Indiana, is now thoroughly discredited. He perjured himself in Indiana and is under indictment there. His agents have been found guilty of many crimes. His reports from London re the arrest of criminals there have been shown to be pure fakes. The day he arrested the McNamaras the yellow papers came out with flaring accounts of the arrest, with pictures of Burns and the alleged criminals, and all the details of the crime. All these could not have been published so soon had not there been conspiracy between the detective and the yellow papers whereby they were given all the details beforehand and had pledged themselves to try and create a sentiment of hostility to the labor officials.

McMingal is the crown star witness. He has been coached daily by detective agencies as to the story he is to tell. He has made two or three conflicting confessions. The relatives of McMingal declare that he is unsound in mind and that his word is not to be trusted.

The case is breaking down. It is only ignorant Canadians who do not read the papers closely and who get their information from the yellow American papers or the misleading headlines of Canadian capitalist journals who now believe in the guilt of the McNamara brothers.

Private ownership of natural resources is wrong in principle and destructive of individual inherent rights because it carries with it the power to exploit the labor of all non-owners, thus making economic dependents of the great mass of people. Only under the collective ownership and management of the means of life can the individual be secure in his God-given rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

The word "wealth" is very much misused and misunderstood. Money is not wealth. Wealth means good things—useful things—things which minister directly to human wants and human comforts. The man who has the most of these good things is the wealthiest. Money is merely the medium by which we exchange with one another the different forms of wealth.

The Socialist commonwealth can be inaugurated and developed to full fruition without violating a single natural or inherent right of any man, woman or child.

The chief function of all existing governments today is to hold the workers in subjection while the employing and ruling classes skin them.

If you receive a sample copy of this paper, it is an invitation to subscribe.

Laurier and Borden are busy keeping the workers in slavery.

Every dollar a capitalist gets in rent, interest or profit, is a dollar stolen from labor.

We don't want the lives of the capitalists. We don't want to kill them. All we want to do is to make useful workers of them.

Patrick Henry declared, "Give me liberty or give me death." The Canadian capitalist declares, "Give me profits from the labor of slaves, or give me the death of the slaves."

Now that elections are approaching, the politicians of the master class are beginning to fawn on the workers for their votes. The workers are getting mighty tired of these leeches who suck them of their votes and then hand them over to the profit leeches to be sucked of their life's blood.

A new invention is a machine that will seal, stamp and count 150 letters a minute. Just another little machine to do away with a few more jobs and increase the army of the unemployed that keeps wages down. The machines will make a few more idle capitalists. Why do not the slaves rise, seize the machines, and become the master class?

The Winnipeg Street Railway Company is trying to sell out its plant to the city for \$24,000,000. The Winnipeggers allow the street railway to use the streets, and then the railway tries to sell the use of their own streets back to the people of Winnipeg and charge them about seventeen million dollars for something it got free. That is what capitalism does. It gives social values to a group of parasites and the parasites live by getting something for nothing.

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We hold that the earth, with all its resources, is the gift of the Creator to the human family—the means from which the human race must derive subsistence. Therefore, to permit land or natural resources to become the private property of some individuals means a practical denial of the right to life to all others.

As long as capitalism rules and the wage system continues, the worker will get but a living wage and nothing more. Reforms will not help him much. Revolution is the only thing that will free him. A workingman gets wages and buys the necessities of life with those wages. If rents go down through town planning schemes and if tram fares go down, then either wages will go down or the cost of living in other ways will go up. The only way of escape is for the workers to control ALL the things they need to work and live, through the social ownership of the means of production and distribution.

There are men who, when you talk to them, talk against trusts and believe that the workers are having a rough time of it and know that the capitalist politicians are betraying the people. But these men will shy at the word "Socialist" and will have none of it. The reason is that these men are half baked economists who don't know anything about the materialist conception of history, who do not realize that the class war is on in society, and who believe that in some mysterious way "brains" plant potatoes and manufacture shoes.

Socialism would never do. Why, we would all have to dress just alike and there would be no variety and people would never, never stand for it. Did you hear any pinhead give forth much like that? Some gay young bank clerk on seventeen dollars a month and board himself, perhaps gets off something like it. In the meantime we can see soldiers all dressed alike. We can see postmen all dressed alike. We can see street car conductors and motormen all dressed alike. We can see machine men all dressed alike in the same greasy clothing. We can see the underpaid workers all dressed alike in the same shoddy suits. Capitalism compels the vast majority of workers to dress just like their neighbors in the same cheap, shoddy made-for-profit clothing while those who enjoy the profit can dress their wives in finery that the Queen of Sheba could not rival. Socialism will allow the wealth producers to dress warmly, comfortably and appropriately without stinting or buying shoddy.

ELECTION PROCEEDURE

Valuable Information for Socialist Candidates in the Coming Dominion Election

Elections will probably come this fall. Socialists will attempt to run candidates in many counties. Some enquiries have already been received by Cotton's as to the method of nominating a candidate. The following brief summary of the election law of Canada is therefore given.

When the government of the day advises the Governor-General that it can no longer carry on the business of the country, the Governor-General calls upon the leader of the opposition to form a cabinet. If the opposition leader declares his inability to do so, Parliament is dissolved and the general elections are held.

Clerk of the Court in Chancery thereupon issues a writ of election addressed to the returning officer of each electoral district in Canada, ordering him to hold an election in his county upon a certain fixed date. The person to whom the writ is addressed is the returning officer. Needless to say the writ of election is almost invariably addressed to some good Liberal party worker, as the Liberals are in power.

As soon as the returning officer receives the writ of election, he endorses upon it the date he received it, and takes the oath of office. He thereupon appoints an election clerk to help him to do his duties.

Within the shortest possible time the returning officer issues a proclamation declaring at what time and place candidates shall be nominated, the day on which the election shall be held to see which candidates shall be members, the several polling places where the electors shall vote, and the time and place when he shall add up the votes given to the respective candidates.

In the provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan this proclamation is posted up in ten of the most conspicuous places in the electoral district. In the other provinces it is posted up in four of the most conspicuous places in each city, town and village, or ward of such city, town or village, and in each parish, township or division of parish and township.

In Saskatchewan and Alberta any four or more electors may nominate a candidate by affixing to and signing a nomination paper before a justice of the peace and filing the same with the returning officer. In the other provinces any twenty-five electors may nominate a candidate by signing a nomination paper stating the name, etc., of the candidate. Each signature of the electors must be witnessed by some person who saw them sign.

This nomination paper must be filed with the returning officer on or before the nomination day, and must be accompanied by the consent in writing of the person chosen as candidate and by a deposit of Two Hundred Dollars. If the two hundred dollars are not forthcoming the candidate will not be allowed to run. The two hundred dollars are returned to the candidate if he polls one-half the number of votes that the successful candidate received. If he does not get this many votes, the money is kept by the Dominion government and used to help pay the costs of the election.

While only twenty-five names of electors are required it is best to get as many as possible, as some of the signers may not be electors owing to some legal quibble.

The person who files the nomination paper with the returning officer must swear that he knows the signers.

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If the number, 152, follows your name on Red address label attached to this copy it means that your subscription expires next week and after that no more papers will be sent until you forward new sub.

The Socialists spread discontent. Of course we do. We are proud of it. No jails can stop us from doing it. Laws against free speech cannot stop us. Our speakers are on the street corners, urging the slaves to rebel, seize the ballot and overthrow the rule of the master class. The discontent spread by the Socialists will result in a system of economic organization that will abolish poverty and want.

Political and economic freedom will be absolutely secure under the co-operative commonwealth; every one will receive the full product of his labor; humanity will take on new life and all will have ample opportunity to develop into the full stature of manhood and womanhood, thus fulfilling the design of our benevolent Creator.

All governments today are capitalist governments, based upon the private ownership and monopoly of the land and means of production and are therefore destructive of the inherent or God-given rights of the people.

that they are electors, and that he saw them sign and that the consent of the candidate to be a candidate was signed in his presence. The returning officer must give a receipt for the papers and money he has received and this receipt shall be sufficient evidence of the facts that the money has been handed over, that the nomination paper has been deposited and that the candidate has given his consent.

The time of nomination lasts between twelve noon and two p. m., of the day fixed. During this time nominations will be received by the returning officer at the place appointed. But it is usual to have the nomination papers in the hands of the officer before this day.

After two p. m. the returning officer declares how many candidates are in the field. If only one is in the field, (or in the case of Halifax, Ottawa and Queens, P. E. I., two candidates, for these three districts elect two candidates each) the returning officer declares this candidate to be elected by acclamation and no voting is done. If more than one candidate is nominated in the ordinary constituencies then the returning officer announces that voting will be held at the various polls. The voting usually takes place one week after nominations.

After nominations, speeches by the various candidates are usually made outlining their various platforms. Nomination day is the great gala day of every election. After that the party heeler gets down to work.

After this a candidate has his name placed on the ballot. He is voted for. The elections are presumed to be impartial but a lot of dirty work goes on and each old party candidate winks at all the cursed things that take place on his behalf.

Any male British subject twenty-one years of age can be a candidate. He does not need any property qualification. The voters are those who are on the voters lists made up some time before the elections. The fight to be on the voting list takes place quite a while before elections. The old party workers, months before election, work on these voting lists and try to have removed as many names as possible of those who are against their candidate or prospective candidate. Monkeying with the voting lists and depriving hostile voters of their votes is a regular business of the local backers of the capitalist politicians.

Each candidate is allowed to have a representative at each polling division. No polling division can be erected for more than three hundred voters and no voter can vote elsewhere in his district except at his own polling division where his name is registered.

The forms of nomination papers, oaths, etc., are all contained in the Election Act. This Act we believe, is furnished free upon application to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery at Ottawa. The nomination papers and other necessary forms are also furnished free. The Election Act should be studied by all Socialists who intend to be candidates or by some Socialist who is willing to coach the prospective candidate and to see that his nomination is in perfect order.

James G. Foley, Esq., Ottawa, was the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery at the last election. But his private name is not necessary on official communications.

THE CENTURY CONTEST

We are awaiting with great interest for the day that starts the Century Contest, Monday, August 7th. Already, at this writing, July 31st, there are several entry clubs received, which promises well for the interest to be shown, and the grand success of this unique contest.

While we do not expect it to last very long, we want to see a large number start in for a good send-off. Persistence is the quality needed for the winner.

All points about the Century Contest have been carefully explained in the two preceding issues. The prize is \$100.00 in cash. It goes to the hustler who sends in \$1.00 per week for Five half-yearly subs, Five half-yearly sub Cards or Five half-yearly Agitation Subs each week, for the most consecutive weeks. Weeks end on Friday.

There's nothing worn out about this Century Contest. It is new and appeals to all as it gives equal chance to all, and the \$100.00 prize is worth some effort and persistence. We look for a lively race. Steadiness wins, not speed.

How about that friend of yours? Can't you get him to subscribe to Cotton's Weekly? That will help some.

There are over nine million voters who are voting for the dream of Socialism.

The working class must free themselves. The master class are not going to do it.

The sugar workers are on strike in Australia. The strike originated in Melbourne. There is a labor government in control and yet the wage slaves have still to fight their masters for living conditions. The only remedy is Socialism. Mere laborism which allows capitalists to live on the unpaid labor of the workers is not sufficient to do away with the class war.

Socialism will abolish the capitalist class. It will raise the working class to political and economic power. The change from capitalist to working class control is the revolution which the Socialists are out to accomplish. This may come peacefully, if the master class will abdicate its power when the workers waken and vote for Socialism. Otherwise it will come by violence.

In the establishment of the Socialist commonwealth we do not contemplate or propose to draw a sword or fire a gun. We will proceed upon clearly defined legal and constitutional methods to restore to the people their rightful inheritance to the earth and all its resources. If any violence is manifested it must proceed from those who elect to oppose this grand restoration of human rights.

ANTI-MILITARY ISSUE NO. 147

This is the finest propaganda issue that ever came off Cotton's press. It contains two splendid articles with cartoons, "Get Off Our Backs" and "The Boy Scouts," and is packed full with other grand propaganda matter. We have only a few thousand on hand, and while they last the rate is 50 cents per one hundred copies. Order early as the demand is keen.

Australia is keeping watch upon the development of the American meat trust. The politicians there are telling the people that they will protect them from the American monopolies and all the while the people are being bled by Australian trusts of all kinds. The home of the trust is everywhere that capitalism has developed. They are in Great Britain where they call them trade agreements. They are in Germany where they call them cartels. They are in Canada where they call them combines. They will continue to monopolize industry until the workers get sick of being exploited and confiscate them.

In 1906 there were thirty establishments in Canada engaged in the manufacture of paints and varnishes. The total capital of these thirty companies was \$3,000,000. Three of these companies have recently merged in Montreal and the capital of the merger is placed at \$6,000,000. Work, you wage slaves, work like blazes. Now that the merger has come you have to pay dividends on \$6,000,000 each year. You produce more wealth. Expenses are to be lowered, and your masters get the benefit. Did you run your own industry you could be comfortably off with easy daily labor. But under capitalism all the benefits of reduced expenses and increased production go to an idle possessing class. Why, slaves of Canada, do you not unite and become the possessing class yourselves?

There are many employers who cannot see how Socialism will work. We Socialists say that the workers should run industry and that the only morality worth while is wrapped up in the working class. The employers say, "Confound 'em. They can never run anything. They shirk their work. They loaf on the job. They steal. They are all the time trying to do me." The capitalist cannot see any good in the working class. This is only natural because he is on the wrong side of the class line. The master owns and the worker gets wages. Under capitalism the only way the worker can get a bigger income is by getting it out of the employer. Consequently the employer is the enemy of the working class. He keeps them from getting bigger wages. They treat him as an enemy in whose power they are. But among themselves they are good fellows. There is a comradeship—save where there are sneaks and spies whom the boss likes to place among the workers. From the point of view of the boss the workers are lazy and more or less worthless, incompetent and immoral. From the point of view of a worker working with his fellows in wage slavery, the working class are a decent, moral, comradely lot who won't peach to the boss and who will stand true in the class fight. The very things that make the employer say that the workers are no good and can never govern themselves are the things that show the workers can stand together and realize where their interests lie.

GEORGE HASLEY PERLEY, M. P.

George Hasley Perley, M. P., is the Conservative representative from Argensteuil County, province of Quebec. He is chief Conservative whip. He recently travelled through the west accompanying K. L. Borden on his speaking tour. Perley is a millionaire. He is head of the G. H. Perley Co., a lumber concern; vice-President of the Hull Lumber Co.; a director of the Bank of Ottawa, and connected with many other concerns that give income to the parasites from the unpaid labor of wage slaves.

On July 26th, in the House of Commons, Mr. Pugsley taunted Mr. Perley over the reciprocity bill. Pugsley stated that the Riordan Paper company, with which Perley is connected, stood to gain \$90,000 if reciprocity went into effect. Mr. Perley replied that as the reciprocity treaty now stood, sulphide pulp, which the Riordan company manufactured, was not included. The company wanted the benefit of being included if any treaty was passed. "The company is not a political company or a Tory concern," he stated.

This incident is an example of what members go to Parliament for. Perley is a millionaire. He is considered to be a philanthropist. He is supposedly in politics for the good of the country, and incidentally works to have the company from which a part of his revenues are derived get the benefit of laws which he will help pass. He is opposed to the treaty but if the treaty comes about he wants to have the Riordan company share in the gains.

This is the sort of thing going on all the time at Ottawa. The receivers of unearned revenues are sent to Ottawa by the voters and when there these gentlemen make laws that will benefit themselves.

Railroad franchises are given to friends. Bank laws are passed allowing the banks to graft on the people. The whole system is so arranged that the workers must sell themselves as slaves to the owners of the industries of Canada which the politicians have given to the master class and to which class the majority of the politicians belong.

"The company is not a political company or a Tory concern," says Perley. It does not need to be. Both Tory and Liberal politicians are agreed that business shall be kept out of politics and protected by both parties against the interests of the working class.

Socialists come along and fling business into politics. Socialists declare that the more income the masters get the less the workers get. They declare that the present private ownership of the Riordan company as well as the other companies by parasite capitalists means robbery of the workers and that industry should be democratically owned, operated, and enjoyed by the working class.

The Socialists have the only remedy that will ever do anything to help the working class. For that reason the Perleys and the other capitalist politicians shun it.

When the master class shun a philosophy that claims to bring freedom to the working class it is good policy for the working class to investigate and find out why the masters shun it.

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The capitalists are gentlemen who get something for nothing.

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