

WHAT OTHERS ARE THINKING

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These Yankees have no reverence for the great, grand, good, gorgeous, glorious, gifted aristocrats of England who have been appointed by a benign providence to rule over and extract rent from us. Thus the New York Call on the death of the Earl of Sandwich:—

The noble Earl of Sandwich is departed; His Lordship is decidedly deceased. No man was better bred—(note Sandwich, therefore bread)—

He's done his duty at his final feast.

His relatives, Count Pumpernickel Sandwich, Lord Ham and Eggs, and Duke de Irish Stew, Regret it, as is meet—(note Sandwich, ergo meat)— Adieu, departed nobleman, adieu!

Stop Thief!

(Winnipeg Voice).

We are given occasional news of how the scarcity of food in Germany is affecting the working classes of that country—no doubt to try and make us thankful that we do not live there—but how about Canada? The workers live here in the midst of plenty, but cannot buy because the government allows the gamblers and trusts to boost the price of the necessities of the people while the so-called representatives of the people of Canada are utterly callous to the needs of the people. In Germany the government is evidently trying to look after the working class, but in Canada the devil for the hindmost. The Ogilvie Milling Company earned 25 per cent. on its common stock after paying bond interest and two years' war taxes. Great news! Flour has gone up another 20 cents per barrel. Will some kind person kindly send us an estimate on this company's dividend for their current financial year?

Money Changers in the Temple?

Winnipeg Tribune.

A prominent Canadian minister stated semi-publicly last year that he had been advised by certain influential men in his church that it would be well for him not to say too much on prohibition or the growing power of corporations. The whole trouble was as he said that money had too much to say in the churches of to-day; most churches, by the way, carrying mortgages and interest that had to be met somehow or other.

A "Preparedness" Story.

Duluth Herald.

It was a cloudy morning, threatening rain. In the street car toward bound sat a man who favors every militaristic proposition going and a man who believes there is more danger in too much "preparedness" than in too little. The latter carried an umbrella. "I see" said the militaristic man, jeeringly, pointing to the umbrella, "that you believe in preparedness." "You bet I do," said the believer in limited preparedness. "But you don't see me carrying six umbrellas just because I think it may rain, do you?"

Social Patriots Popular.

Ottawa Citizen.

Editor, Citizen.—The Clarion, violently patriotic as it is and always has been, is beginning to discover that the coalition government was a "mistake." Ben Tillett is quoted by your correspondent "Britisher" as saying, "In a war I am for my country, right or wrong." Tillett has been publicly thanked by both Lord French and General Haig for recruiting and for inspiring the munition workers to greater efforts. The same Ben Tillett, according to the news columns of Monday

evening's Citizen, exercised the right of free speech last Sunday to address a big gathering of organized labor in London on the high prices of food.

Who are the better representative Socialists in Germany? Liebknecht, Ruhle, Franz Mehring, Clara Zetkin, Rosa Luxembourg, old man Bernstein and others are opposing the war or working for peace. Scheidemann is leading a group of Social patriots and maintaining loyalty to the German government, and another "patriotic" leader of the deluded people, Haenisch, declared the happiest day of his life was when he could sing, with overflowing heart, Deutschland, Deutschland, Uber Alles!

Liebknecht has no parallel for outspoken opposition to the war. There are many of the Scheidemann, Haenisch, "my country right or wrong?" brand of Social patriot.—BOOTS!

First Step in Economy.

The Ground Hog (Cleveland).

Economy demands that you refuse to let anyone divert your attention from the fundamental evil of all times—private monopoly of land.

How Free is Canada?

One need not be an admirer of the Manchester weekly, Labor Leader, to be concerned about its circulation in Canada being forbidden (by the British censor!) while it is free to circulate in the United Kingdom.

I have never been a subscriber to the Labor Leader, have seen only occasional copies and seldom agreed with its policy. But the ban against it, applying to one part of the King's dominions and not another, is so utterly Prussian, it is significant to find little or no protest from Canada regarding it.

Does it not mean that Prussian ideas can be more easily fastened upon the Dominion of Canada, where freedom of press, freedom of speech, freedom of trade, all vital principles of freedom have fewer champions?

Your correspondent, "British," refers to the Clarion as being a better representative Socialist paper. I have been a warm admirer of the Clarion ever since I graduated from the double-barrel, choke bore and Guinness school. For eight years I hardly missed a week of the Clarion's good stuff. But the Clarion would not be in existence to-day but for the host of freedom-loving Britishers ever watchful against the enemies of democracy, and ever jealous for the freedom of the press.—Letter to Ottawa Citizen.

IMPATIENT WITH OLD PARTIES.

Bishop Spalding to a Correspondent.

When one once gets the Socialistic point of view it's extremely hard for him to be patient with the old parties. They seem merely to be touching the surface of things and overlooking the real fundamental weaknesses in the social and economic structure of society. As I tried to point out in the speech you were kind enough to read political democracy is a mere platitude; industry is the reality we want to aim at. Have you ever read Karl Marx' Communist Manifesto? Any Socialist will lend it to you, or you can buy it at any local for a few cents. It had more to do with making me a Socialist than anything else that I read.

Why not take a financial interest in the fight for freedom if you cannot go to the front? The Dominion Government is issuing war bonds in sums as small as ten dollars.—Toronto Globe.

Now is your chance, workingman. Buy ten dollars' worth and become a capitalist, and be able to take a capitalist's view of the fight for freedom. Get your bit and a 5 1/4 per cent. interest.

BONDS

How High Finance Has Shackled and Made the World Bankrupt

In a growing country like the United States, with a population practically doubling in each generation, the future earning possibilities of industry were a foregone conclusion. So the process of "capitalization" quite naturally took the further step, and "future earning capacity" began to be reflected in the creation of corporate stocks and bonds. —John Moody, the Wall Street authority.

In the public utilities field the basis of capitalization was the franchise value, and in the twenty years, from 1890 to 1910, the total capitalization in the form of stocks and BONDS of public service corporations in the United States grew from less than two hundred millions of dollars to NEARLY TWENTY BILLIONS.—John Moody, the Wall Street authority.

At one time the workers of the world were tied to the land. The period covered by this method of exploitation is called Feudalism.

Previously, they were "owned," as horses and cattle are. They were the property of their masters. This is known as Chattel Slavery.

The workers are now neither chattel slaves nor serfs, but are nevertheless tied to their jobs and without the freedom to work for themselves, through the ownership of the tools with which they must do their work. This form of exploitation is known as the Wages System.

But everybody is not a wage earner, and in order that as many as possible might be placed under tribute, another method of exploitation has been invented.

The new method admits of a few exploiting even the smaller fry, who exploit others through profits and rents.

This form of exploitation is the most perfect the world has ever known. It reaches every person who lives. It is a Bond, approved by every nation in existence, and applies not only to the living, but also to all who may be born in the ages to come.

The extent of the bond system is greater than the people know. But although they are not seen by the many, they reach everyone without fail.

Here we have the story of the inception of the idea of bonds. It reads like a romance. We have also a list of the indebtedness of England, France, Germany, and other states that staggers belief.

But the battleships, created in order to create this debt for the money-lenders, also stand for the collection of the interest. The people have to pay the interest. The principle is never intended to be paid. It is intended to be a burden upon the people for all time.

But this invention of Pitt and the Rothschilds is not all. It is enough to crush the people and degrade the world, but it has been improved upon from time to time.

J. P. Morgan, the great American financial organizer (and he was great in his line), taking his cue from the idea of bonding the people nationally by action of their political representatives, for things they do not want, invented the idea of bonding corporations to the full earning capacity of all the workers.

Within ten years, without consulting any Government, he placed them under bonded obligations to pay interest of Three Billion Pounds, or four times the public bonded indebtedness.

The work of binding the people to pay this interest is not at an end. Europe is not fully organized yet. This work of organization is going on now, and is at once a tragedy and romance

that exceeds that of the story of the arch-fiend of "Paradise Lost," and is equally as vicious as was his plan.

Every capitalist Government is tied up in a vast web of national and State debts, so they can do nothing to free the people. Each Government issues charters for combinations that issue the industrial bonds, therefore they are all in duty bound to protect the system of exploitation.

This is why you can get no relief from "things as they are," nor from the men who run the show.

You are bonded—bound hand and foot. You are mortgaged—you and your children—until the system is changed. If it is not changed, then the race is bonded for ever.

A MONOPOLY OF WISDOM.

"It is certain that the decision of the Government is welcomed by the majority of the nation, that is to say, of the upper classes, whose opinion alone counts for anything, especially in regard to questions of foreign politics." —London Times.

We culled this passage from an article dealing with the Roumanian intervention. Is it not feasible that our Canadian "upper classes," who also presume to a monopoly of wisdom, may likewise welcome a new move in foreign politics—without consent of the ignorant?

Sub Hustlers, and Local Secretaries, are requested to forward at once all monies collected on sale of Subs.

German companies make arms for Russia; Italian factories furnish weapons to the Turks of Tripoli; French capital is devoted to supplying the Kaiser's fleet with armor plate. All this may be taking place while the hired press of the capitalists befuddles the brains of the working class and causes them to rush into a murderous war, shooting and butchering each other with weapons made by their own class.

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