

THE FIRING LINE

THE TOP NOTCHERS

Berlin Local, per A. Gies 100
R. Heilinger, Montreal 25
S. Grainger, Fort William, Ont. 10
E. Adolphe, Montreal 10
G. Heal, Victoria, B. C. 10
J. W. Dargie, Medicine Hat, Alta. 10
A. Isaacson, Everts, Alta. 9
W. K. Bryce, DeMaime, Sask. 8

10,000 subs wins a home for Cotton's.

A halfer from Comrade Jas. Nesbitt, Wauchop, Sask.

Comrade H. Ellison, London, Ont., wants two yearlies looked after.

Comrade August Prescher, New Liskeard, Ont., adds two yearlies.

Comrade K. Stone, Westville, N. S., brings two yearlies in out of the wet.

Comrade J. Brereton, Edmonton, Alta., wants five halfers to be carefully looked after.

Comrade W. K. Bryce, DeMaime, Sask., wants seven halfers looked after and a yearling.

Comrade John Schejbal, Montreal, adds a yearling and commences sub hustling.

Comrade M. Brydson, Toronto, wants five half yearly sub cards to go fishing with.

Comrade T. Steele, Coleman, Alta., adds two yearlies to help along.

Comrade A. Shiland, Sandon, B. C., puts a halfer on the mourner's bench.

Every remittance to Cotton's Weekly of \$1.00 or over, is acknowledged on our new picture post cards.

Comrade Edward Hutchison, Steelton, Ont., becomes a bundle booster and takes a bundle of ten for three months.

Comrade Stephen Grainger, Fort William, Ont., takes ten half yearly sub cards as ammunition for Socialism.

Comrade M. Lazzaris, South Wellington, B. C., has snatched a yearling from capitalist errors.

Comrade Alfred Wark, Kinnear's Mills, P. Q., starts hustling for Cotton's with five halfers.

Comrade R. Heilinger, Montreal, swats the capitalist system over the head with twenty-five half yearlies.

Those new post cards are handy for your correspondence, and a good advertisement for Cotton's.

Some comrade in Erskine, Alta., sent in 50c for "Banner Collection," and failed to give his name. Please send in name.

Comrade Edward Tournay, Sydney Mines, N. S., takes a yearling and two halfers into the realms of economic knowledge.

Com. Hill, of Guelph, Ont., sends a photo post card of four lively socialists at work. The Guelph comrades are out to boost Cotton's for that 10,000.

Comrade M. Nix, Renfrew, Ont., wants three halfers looked after. Comrade Nix says the people of Renfrew are ready for Socialist propaganda.

Comrade J. H. Morrison, Glenora, Man., wants Cotton's to keep up the good work as it is opening the people's eyes in that locality.

Comrade Eugene Adolphe, a new sub hustler, finds ten victims of the Montreal labor thieves who are willing to use their brains to study the way of emancipation.

Comrade Fred T. Carroll, Gow Ganda, Ont., slings in five halfers and writes, "These are a few more 'al' most believers." See that you dish them up some good sensible talk.

From Comrade Addy, Pitco, Alta., come two yearlies. Comrade Addy is a homesteader and his experience makes a revolutionary Socialist.

Comrade Wm. Voss, Winnipeg, writes, "Enclosed please find one dollar for some more sub cards as my fellow wage slaves in the Golden West need enlightenment very badly and soon too."

A Dollar Bill shot through the mails will bring you five half-yearly sub cards, and some of Cotton's new picture post cards. Get in line for the 10,000, and a building for Cotton's.

A wage slave of Glace Bay, N. S., sends forward four yearlies and two halfers and is going to do some more boosting just as soon as he can find some new victims who know they are victims.

If you want to help Cotton's circulation, send in for a bunch of sub cards. You can pay in advance or after they are sold. Don't be bashful. Come along and join in the liberty march of the millions.

Comrade R. Marshall, Parry Sound, Ont., forwards a halfer and takes a bunch of sub cards. Says he can't do much with eight children and prices soaring out of sight but is enlisted in the army for freedom.

Comrade Alfred Isaacson, Everts, Alta., wants Cotton's to reach that ten thousand in a hurry. So he hustles in with four yearlies and five halfers and watches the sub list jump with a smile.

"We have started a local and have the community quite interested. Check up, Comrade. The work is going on," writes Comrade J. A. Leedholm, Lougheed, Alta., shooting in four yearlies.

Comrade Frank S. Hick, Toronto, says that it is surprising how few people use their own brains. However, Comrade Hick is out to teach the people to think and takes five half yearly sub cards to help him in his work.

Comrade August Gies, Berlin, Ont., writes, "Enclosed please find an order for twenty dollars for half yearly sub cards from Local Number Four, Berlin. You can depend upon the boys of this town. They are with you to a man. When these cards are sold there will be more to follow."

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Would women in the Co-operative Commonwealth get the same pay as men?

That would depend on whether they were to do the same quantity of work. It is supposed that in socialized industry each would be paid for his or her services according to the value of his or her product, such value to be determined by the amount of human labor socially required for its production. Labor is both the source and measure of value, and all qualities or kinds of work can be reduced, for purposes of estimation, to common abstract labor which enters into all things made, in greater or lesser quantities. If the average woman would produce an equal amount of a given product in the same time required by an average man, the result would be the same pay for the same work. If the woman would do more—produce more—than the man she would get more pay, etc. In determining the wages of men and women at the present time the amount of their product has little to do with it save that they must produce a greater value than they get in wages in order for the employer to "get his." The value of labor and the value of what the same labor produces are two separate and distinct quantities the difference between which is the surplus value or the profit of the employer.

If Socialism is a working-class movement, why not get Socialism through the unions instead of going to the trouble and expense of organizing a new party?

Because most of the unions were organized before there was a general demand for political action, and are therefore intended only for economic action. Moreover, the Socialist party is a party of the whole working class while the unions represent but that small portion of the workers who are members of them. It has been found by experience that both the political and economic organizations are necessary, and that the labor movement can be better served by the two separate forces each acting in its own field. There are many thousands of workmen who feel the need of Socialism who are working upon farms and in industries that the unions have not yet been able to reach. These non-union workers find a place in the labor movement by attaching themselves to the political branch of it and thereby come into touch with the members of their class, learning labor history and assisting in the solution of the common problem. Each wing of the labor army picks up the recruits that are ready for it and the solidarity of labor grows from two roots. One cannot take the place of the other, because both are needed.

Would children in the Socialist republic be under the control of their parents or under that of the state?

Nobody knows. A few Socialist writers seem to think that children should be the wards of the state, but a greater number are opposed to it. Just what will be is a matter that the people of that time must decide. However that may be, the regulation and rearing of children is no essential part of Socialism, and that will depend in the future, as it has in the past, on the will of the elder generation. The probability is that both the social organization and the parents of children will have a part in the control of the young. That is the case today, since the state requires a certain amount of attendance at school from each child, and imposes other requirements which even the parents cannot set aside. Certain opponents of Socialism are very busy creating the impression that under Socialism all children would be taken away from their parents and placed in charge of official nurses. It is so ridiculous as to scarcely merit attention because the Socialist party has never so much as intimated adherence to such ideas, which originated in the imaginations of our opponents.

How would the Socialists make laws if they were in power?

By any means that would faithfully register the will of the majority on the statute books. And it might be added that Socialists would have such laws enforced without interference of dead men's decisions or precedents handed down from the past. We have enough faith in the people living on earth today to believe that they are competent to govern themselves, but we do not think them competent to govern the people who are to live after them. We are today ruled by laws that had their beginning in the decrees of half-civilized Roman aristocrats. It is through these remnants of old laws and customs that many privileges of the ruling class are retained to the discomfort and oppression of those who toil. Because of popular stupidity the U. S. now maintains nine learned judges, appointed for life, empowered to set aside or mutilate in any way they may see fit any legislative or congressional act hostile to them or to the aristocratic class to which they owe their position. While not qualified to predict all the details of the proposed society it can safely be asserted that when Socialists make laws it will be so done that no Supreme Court or any other court can set them aside and thereby annul the will of the voting majority. Under Socialism the majority will make the laws and make them so they will stay made until unmade by the same power.

The mail order houses are going to crush the little merchants out of business. The little merchants compete. They are wasteful. The big departmental stores are organizing the retail business and cutting down expenses. The evolution of industry demands that the retail business be trusted and organized. That means the end of the country and village store keeper. With him will go others. The advocate will not have so much to do. The small business men will not be able to give the advocate any accounts to collect. The country printer will also feel the effects of the change. He will not get so many bill heads and letter heads to print. The lawyer will not give him so many legal forms and printed demands for payment to set up. The little villagers will have to find something else to do besides becoming the village printer, the village lawyer or the village storekeeper. The villagers will be drawn into the capitalist mode of production. They will be seized upon and turned into wage slaves. They will get the viewpoint of the proletariat—worker. After hunting for a job and not finding one the country villager will cease to think that this world is perfect and that the man who is willing to work has the world bowing to him and worshipping him. Cheer up, Comrades. That little fellow who has been sneering at you about your Socialism will be feeling the pinch pretty soon and will be kicking just as hard as you are.

Did you ever think about the question of contempt of court? The courts must be held in reverence. They must not have their decisions criticized. Why? Because the courts are the instruments wherewith the capitalist laws of Canada are applied. If the capitalist courts should fail capitalism would fail. Therefore the courts must be held in reverence. Once it was the priestly class who were held in reverence. It was blasphemy and sacrilege to say anything against the priests. A trifurcation of the human brain had been engineered and whoever tried to break the power of the brain-trust was tortured to death. The ruling class then relied upon the terrors of religion to keep them in power, backed of course by the force of arms. But the power of the priestly class dwindled. Martyrs died to bring about this result and freedom of thought was established. The ruling class has fallen back upon the contempt of court laws and the lie that courts administer justice. This fallacy must be shattered. Courts do not administer justice. They administer the class laws made for the enslavement of humanity and the upholding of an industrial tyranny.

Canada is a northern country. The bleak winds from the north sweep over her. The hot blood of the southlands is absent. Therefore Canadians move more slowly than do men of the South. But they move more steadfastly. They conquer and hold. Papineau and Mackenzie gave us our political liberties. They gathered round themselves the radical elements and broke down the political tyranny that smothered the life of the nation. The American nation has not yet conquered political liberty. They live under a political despotism. Their constitution has broken down. Therefore the battle for political liberty has to be fought. The anarchy of the big capitalists and the tyranny of the private detective and the company thug rule. The Supreme Court possesses absolute power. The United States of America have therefore to conquer political liberty. And Fred D. Warren is showing the people of the United States the way to emancipation.

A dressmaking establishment in Boston, almost entirely operated by electricity, has an electric cutter capable of cutting out 250 thicknesses of cloth at once. The machine has come to stay. It is doing the work formerly done by wage slaves and taking the jobs away from the workers. Under Socialism the machines will be run by the workers and for the workers. The machine, when owned by the workers, will bring comfort and leisure to the men who now work for the profit of others or starve without work.

World-Wide Socialism

"Organize" is the watchword of the Wisconsin Socialists this year.

During the past year seven new Socialist locals have been organized in the state of New Hampshire and the party membership has nearly doubled.

The British fear a native revolt in Egypt. The customs officials are on the watch for smuggled ammunition and the loyalty of the native troops cannot be trusted.

A hundred and thirty-seven miners have been entombed in a mine at Whitehaven, England. There is no hope of rescue as the mine has been sealed up and will not be opened for a long time.

A shirtwaist factory owned by fifty girls, supported by local labor organizations, and conducted along co-operative lines, is the outcome of the shirtwaist strike in Sedalia, Mo. The factory will be in operation after April 25.

The French elections show a greater gain than was at first stated. The Socialists gained twenty-nine seats and lost eight, a gain of twenty-one. Instead of possessing fifty-five seats the Socialists will possess seventy-six.

C. W. Post of the Battle Creek, Mich., food concern, is suing the Typographical Journal for fifty thousand dollars damages for an article published in the trade union paper alleging that the Post stuff was adulterated.

The Argentine chamber of deputies recently voted a proclamation of martial law throughout the republic, owing to threats of a general strike during the centenary celebration of Argentina's independence. The opening of the celebration is fixed for May 25.

Van Cleave, the notorious labor biter of St. Louis and of the Bucks Stove Range Company infamy, is dead in St. Louis. It was out of the Buck Stove case that Gompers et al were tried for contempt of court in publishing the "we don't patronize" list.

The U. S. Congress is considering an amendment to the post office act whereby trade union papers carrying advertisements of commercial concerns would be denied second class mailing privileges. This is a direct attempt to put the trade union papers out of business.

Chas. H. Morill, Socialist Representative from Haverhill in the Massachusetts State Legislature, has succeeded in having a bill passed whereby employers who advertise for seabs to take the place of striking workers must declare in the ad that the help wanted is to replace strikers.

The Merchants Association of New York city are agitating for a parcels post system. The four American express companies draw over ten million dollars a year in profits out of the private operation of the express business and the merchants want to see those profits go into their own pockets.

There are two hundred Socialist groups in Spain and the weekly and fortnightly Socialist publications number thirteen. The Socialist party is awake to the necessity of organizing the workers in the factories and had started a campaign in that direction but had to turn its attention to the protest against the war with Morocco.

It is pretty generally conceded that when Roosevelt returns he will renege on his promises and work the Bismarck trick upon the American workers. He will deprive them of power and liberties, make free speech and assembly illegal, and give a kind of state socialism to the toilers. However, Bismarck failed and Roosevelt will fail.

The New Castle, Pa., Free Press has been criticizing the public management pretty freely. Its editors have been arrested for seditious libel. This is a direct revival of the old press laws and if the editors are convicted it means that no paper can criticize the acts of public men without danger of arrest in Pennsylvania.

The Milwaukee Street Railway cars have killed two persons a week on an average since the beginning of the year. The Milwaukee council are trying to force the company to provide the cars with lifting jacks so that the car can be quickly raised from off the body of the victim of an accident. The company balks and the Socialists are advising the citizens, the next time a person is crushed under the wheels, to topple the car over and release the victim. "There are times," say the Socialists, "when property is not more sacred than human life."

New South Wales, the "Labor" colony, has passed savage legislation against the right of workmen to strike. The bill introduced into the legislature of New South Wales and assented to on December 20, 1909,

amends the industrial disputes act of 1908. The part of the bill relating to labor, and which comes under the head of new legislation, empowers any police officer above the rank of sergeant, when he has any reasonable ground to believe that any building or place is being used for a meeting for instigating or aiding in a continuance of a strike, to enter such building by breaking open doors, etc., and seize any documents which he may reasonably suspect relate to such lockout, etc. A meeting of two or more persons assembled for the foregoing purpose, etc., shall be declared unlawful. Any person taking part in such meeting, who has reason to believe that the probable consequences of such lockout, etc., will be to deprive the public, either wholly or to a great extent, of the supply of a necessary commodity, shall be liable to imprisonment for twelve months. The bill, in full, is on file in the bureau of manufacturers.

The Bank of Montreal has just cleaned up eight hundred thousand dollars on their operations for the half year. There are twenty-eight banks all doing business and all making a good thing out of it. That eight hundred thousand dollars would keep an army of four thousand workers going during the same time. The profits of the bank of Montreal would keep a city of twenty thousand people busy and contented and well provided for. But don't get mad at the bank of Montreal. Get mad at yourself for standing for your own robbery. If the boss did not rob you of what you produced the bank of Montreal would not be able to clean up what it does. If the bank of Montreal gets part of what is stolen from you don't attack the bank of Montreal. Don't try and lower the rate of interest. By so doing you would only be playing the game your boss wants you to play. The boss takes it out of you and the banks take it out of your boss. If the banks did not take it out of your boss your boss would have more surplus money. So don't think the banks are your chief enemies. And don't attack your boss. If he did not rob you some one else would. He is only playing the game as he finds it. But attack the wage system. Study up your own interests and find out how the trick is done. Then stop the robbery of all the bosses. If your boss cannot rob you then the banks cannot get the funds from the bosses—because the bosses will no longer be able to rob you. Become a Socialist and fight for

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