

## Reconstruction

**R**ECONSTRUCTION,—problems of the future, on every hand we hear the cry, everywhere much talk "about it and about." Yet out of it all comes no materialization, and the problems therefore remain with us more clamorously insistent, more menacing. What to do, and how to do the "something" that must be done, apparently awakens no clear thought, or consistent effort on the part of the class whose problem it is,—the problem of the continuation of capital. This is comforting to us, the producers, for it is a sure indication that capital has entered the twilight zone of dissolution.

The problem of reconstruction is the problem that has travelled down the arch of the years since political society was first founded. It is the problem of the perpetuation of human slavery; the continuance of class civilization. And the oft vaunted "glory" of this civilization means, in reality, that one class shall hold the other portion of society in bondage, in order that privilege shall rear her black burden of splendor, on the degradation of unpaid labor. For without labor there can be no production, without exploitation of production, no privilege and no privilege without slavery. The mighty empires of antiquity, like the empires of today, all rest on one single principle of slavery, and what those ancient civilizations are today—tragic memories—so capitalist civilization will be tomorrow, because no society resting on enslaved labor can endure, and none can endure because the antagonisms arising out of basically conflicting interests increase in intensity as the society increases with expansion, ultimately reaching a climax—disastrously for the slave-holding class.

The capitalist press of today issuing warnings (to the class slavers) of coming change, exhorting conciliation, reasoning, cautioning, forecasting. They are beginning to see the dark shadow of the eclipse. They are anxious for their property right, the "right" to hold man in slavery. But warnings avail nothing to hold the march of progress. The master class, with its pitiful schemes of farm colonies, land reclamation, vocational training, charitable employment, framed—all of them—to render a profit, or stave off the reckoning day, seek in vain to turn aside the steam-roller of necessity. Progress answers only to its own law, heedless of the will of any class. And a sneither of the two classes in society undertand this impulsion, the bland, desperate struggle goes on in the whirling dust-cloud of effects, heedless of the fact that the breadth of the base determines the height of the superstructure, seeing not, that as the fundamental cause may be, the accruing consequences must be. Therefore, as the base of society is slavery, the superstructure must be repression, and the inevitable expansion of slave-forced industry inevitably shatters, as dynamite shatters a rock, the political institutions resting upon it. The interest of the slave must be opposed to the interest of the repressor; conflict must ensue, more acute, more distressing, as organized production sharpens the edge of competition.

The nations of the world at war were compelled to organize and co-ordinate the productive machine on a scale hitherto unprecedented. Through the law of causation, the economic results flowing from that efficiency of organization will prohibit any attempt to reconstruct the social body on the old terms. Ruin, immediate and utter, awaits any attempt in that direction. With the war market gone, the peace market limited to profit reconstruction, the demobilization of non-producers, now waiting to become producers—and numbering about four-fifths of those producers who, for years, through efficiency in production supplied the total wants of society, has entirely changed the social outlook. That growth of the productive forces during the war has brought about an alteration in the social centre of gravity. And that change of centre will sweep away in ruin the political devices established upon it, as surely as a change in the axial plane of the earth would send a tidal wave miles high, careering round the world.

There is but one way to reconstruct society, and that way is the abolition of the capitalist system of production, with its attendant wage slavery. To

patch and tinker, to repair and reform, can no more ensure peace, socially, than the similar efforts of diplomacy can preserve peace politically. Fire and powder will always explode, and the greater the repression, the deadlier is the explosion. The abolition of capital is the one remedy. With that gone, class rule and class ownership is gone. Society will then have free access to the means of life necessary to the upport of that life, and the social luxury and waste of one class; the degradation and poverty of the other; and the strife, the vice, the unspeakable duplicity, the unmeasured hypocrisy pervading all classes, impelling all classes, and ruining all classes, will disappear on the harmony and peace of economic freedom.

## Manitoba Provincial Election

### Election Expenses of Winnipeg Local—Statement Presented to Government

Headquarters and Committee Rooms .....	\$ 15.42
Visiting Candidates in Prison (Aeroplane, etc.) .....	213.50
Rent of Halls for Public Meetings .....	54.00
Advertising .....	127.90
Party Literature .....	121.65
Distribution of same .....	10.60
Telephone, Wires and Long Distance Calls .....	22.30
Candidates' Election Deposits .....	800.00
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	\$1,364.40

### CAMPAIGN FUND

Returns from Collection Cards—Amount Collected  
 Chas Gezar, \$126.00; Robert Gill, \$24; Geo. Anderson, \$17; A. Franklin, \$12.50; Wm. Staples, \$22; Wm. Nelson, \$20.90; P. H. Hall, \$7.25; H. Baynham, \$39; P. Bach, \$6.50; D. Klempner, \$5.25; Alf. Neale, \$33.75; H. Cottrell, \$7.10; Alg. Emery, \$69.75; Geo. Godwin, \$22.60; John Fisher, \$19.50; A. Astraw, \$23; Walter Henderson, \$55.75; David Shore, \$25; Walter Ashton, \$7; John Houston, \$16; James Martin, \$25; H. Stevenson, \$17.75; H. Ross Magee, \$16.35; R. Stockholder, \$2.75; C. C. Letith, \$2; B. Banks, \$20.25; A. P., \$30; S. Lipkin, \$14; O. Travis, \$10; A. Koran, \$8.5; Miss W. Sanders, \$17; James Law, \$24; A. Shepherd, \$5; A. Renis, \$2.50; Sydney Rose, \$4.80; J. MacDonald, \$1.25; E. A. Hanson, \$3.75; P. N. Kaiser, \$2; Alf. Beeny, \$1.50—\$768.25.

### DONATIONS FROM WINNIPEG UNIONS.

Metal Trades Unit, \$10; Fort Rouge Railway Workers, \$25; Street Railwaymen's Union, \$100; Plasterers Union, \$25; Plumbers and Steamfitters, Local No. 254, \$25; United Brotherhood of Carpenters, Local 174, \$80; General Workers Unit, \$10; Building Trades Laborers Union, \$25; Transcona Railway Workers Unit, \$25; Stereotypers and Electrotypers, Local No. 59, \$10—\$335.00.

### INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS.

W. W. Lefaux, \$5; S. Cunningham, \$5; Dick Cooper, \$5; Chas. Manning, \$5; Sam Chiswin, \$5; John Wagner, \$5; R. Tettimenti, \$2; R. C. MacCutcheon, \$25; Goe. Whitman, \$5; A. Friend, \$1—\$63.00.

### CAMPAIGN FUND—COLLECTIONS AT PUBLIC MEETINGS.

Strand Theatre, May 30, \$83.75; Market Square, May 30, \$49.30; Market Square, May 31, \$16.10; T. Cassidy, C.N.R., June 1, \$23.55; T. Cassidy, C.P.R., June 2, \$13; T. Cassidy, Market Square, June 2, 60c; T. Cassidy, Transcona, June 3, \$22.25; Ukrainian Temple, June 3, \$17.80; Liberty Temple, June 4, \$17.35; Market Square, June 6, \$57.55; Weston, June 7, \$9; Elmwood, June 8, \$9.30; Market Square, June 9, \$22; Victoria Park, June 13, \$29.70; Market Square, June 13, \$38; Western meeting, June 14, \$6.90; Elmwood, June 15, \$6.75; Stella and main, June 16, \$4.33; C. P. R., June 16, \$15.33; Market Square, June 16, \$7.40; C. N. R., June 17, \$11.07; Transcona Shops, June 18, \$20.45; Dufferin School, June 18, \$5.65; Market Square, June 19, \$6.50; Victoria Park, June 20, \$29.27; Market Square, June 20, \$19.38; Market Square, June 21, \$4.57; Lord Selkirk School, June 22, \$3.70; John M. King School, June 22, \$1.30; Fords Plant, June 22, \$3; Manitoba Bridge Shops, June 22, \$1.46; C. N. R. Freight Sheds, June 23, \$4; Market Square, June 23, \$4.16; Stella and Main, June 23, \$2.06; Victoria Park, June 27, \$29; Market Square, June 27, \$24.65; Market Square, June 28, \$5.05; Victoria Park, July 4, \$14.55; Market Square, July 4, \$11—Total propaganda collections, \$650.89.

Returns from Raffle of Books, \$173.

Total amount received .....	\$1,990.14
Total Expenses .....	1,364.40

Balance on hand .....

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### DONATIONS FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES

J. R. Knowles, Chase, B. C., \$3; R. Adams, Vancouver, B. C., \$3; J. W. Russell, Calgary, Alta., \$5; John Burton, Abernethy, Sask., \$5; P. M. Christophers, Blaremore, Alta., \$17.75; Civic Election Committee, Winnipeg, Man., \$67.26; D. E. C. and Local No. 1 S. P. of C., Vancouver, B. C., \$348.17; G. P. Craig, Brandon, Man., \$9; Gowganda Metal Miners, O. B. U., Gowganda, Ont., \$25; Local No. 49, S. P. of C., Gibsons Landing, \$5; Local Edmonton, S. P. of C., Edmonton, Alta., \$28; Oscar Erickson, Fernie, B. C., \$44.45; General Workers Unit, O. B. U., Vancouver, B. C. \$10; J. Stevenson, Prince George, B. C., \$41.25; B. Patrilli, Fort William, Ont., \$26; F. Harman, Local 2, S. P. of C., Victoria, B. C., \$9; Hom Mace, Fort Francis, Ont., \$20.50; William Erwin, Local 89, S. P. of C., Winbourne, Alta., \$19; Local Ottawa, S. P. of C., Ottawa, Ont., \$10; Peter Leckie, Ottawa, Ont., \$61.65—\$758.03.

Wages and Transportation Expenses of Party Propagandists, \$608; Balance, \$150.03.

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### MONEYS COLLECTED FOR EDUCATION (LOCAL No. 1 AND D. E. C.)

Card number 602, W. A. Johnston, \$3; 603, P. Garvie, \$3.25; 605, W. McMahon, \$3; 606, J. R. Thomas, \$15; 607, J. McDonald, \$6.50; 608, H. J. Scribbins, \$2; 610, H. J. Pritchard, \$1.50; 621, A. Mathieson, \$8; 623, J. Barker, \$5; 624, J. Blackwood, \$10; 625, A. Wells, \$8; 626, A. Alexander, \$7; 627, A. McKenzie, \$8.50; 628, O. Hungerford, \$7.10; 629, Mrs. Sinclair, \$7.50; 630, R. Schiller, \$4; 631, H. Roberts, \$21.50; 633, J. Wright, 20c; 636, C. Stephenson, \$7; 637, J. M. Jenkins, \$2; 639, T. O'Connor, \$1; 640, R. Sinclair, \$13; 641, H. Howard, \$1; 644, J. Sangster, \$3; 646, Sam Bush, \$4; 647, C. F. Swartz, \$2.25; 648, E. Thorp, \$7.25; 654, Mrs. R. Hatley, \$1.50; 655, Mrs. Spooner, \$4.50; 656, J. McKinley, \$3.25; 659, A. Mathieson, \$10; 660, R. Sinclair, \$17; 661, J. Clarke, \$12.50; 662, A. Heath, \$1; 664, H. Lock, \$4; 665, J. Brice, \$7; 666, E. Murphy, \$9; 667, J. Pritchard, \$2; 668, J. Pritchard, \$4.50; 672, J. Lott, \$1; 676, A. Olson, \$13.50; 677, Sid Earp, \$4; 682, V. Sleuter, \$11.50; donated H. W. McKnight, \$10; donated Dick Burge, \$1; collected at Empress Theatre, 13th June, \$36.07; donated J. Livingstone, \$5; collected at Empress Theatre, 27th June, \$10.75; collected specimen card No. 90, \$11; collected R. C. Mutch, Smithers, B. C., \$4; donation H. C. Mitchell, \$1.50; Anonymous, \$1.05—Total, \$348.17.

Card 645, T. C. Dorrell (card received after list made up), \$3.60—Total, \$351.77.

## Bourgeois Diplomacy

**I**N their desparate efforts at the eleventh hour to rescue the Polish Government from the consequences of its ambitious folly, the European politicians once more reveal the impotence of capitalist militarism and the humbug of the bourgeois diplomacy. Having encouraged their vassal, Poland, whom at any time they could have easily held within bounds, to embark upon a disastrous adventure, the Allies, beholding the disaster, can think of no way to avert it save by making vain threats against Russia, over whose independent government and victorious worker's army they have not the slightest influence. So we come again to one of those moments of increasing frequency, when confusion and bewilderment prevail, and the conflicting interests of nationalist ambitions disrupt the solidarity of Allied capitalism. At such times the censorships fail to function and the various official propaganda lack coordination. Even the best trained bourgeois correspondents lose their bearings in this chaos, and, lacking the accustomed guides and restraints, are daily in danger of giving the show away.

The reply of the Soviet Government to the British proposal, which was designed to rescue Polish imperialism from its plight, precipitated the crisis. Mr Lloyd George, "looking pale and haggard," admitted his bewilderment and complained that the Soviet note was difficult to understand. No doubt it was. Nothing is more confusing to the diplo-

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