

Labor Produces
All Wealth
Unto Labor It
Should Belong

THE CANADIAN FORWARD

"WORKERS OF
WORLD UNITE"
YOU HAVE NOTHING
TO LOOSE BUT
CHAINS, AND A
WORLD TO GAIN.

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"THE LIBERTY OF THE PRESS HAS BEEN IN EVERY COUNTRY THE LAST LIBERTY WHICH SUBJECTS HAVE BEEN ABLE TO WREST FROM POWER. OTHER LIBERTIES ARE HELD UNDER GOVERNMENTS, BUT THE LIBERTY OF OPINION KEEPS GOVERNMENTS THEMSELVES IN DUE SUBJECTION TO THEIR DUTIES. THIS HAS PRODUCED THE MARTYRDOM OF TRUTH IN EVERY AGE, AND THE WORLD HAS BEEN ONLY PURGED FROM IGNORANCE WITH THE INNOCENT BLOOD OF THOSE WHO HAVE ENLIGHTENED IT." --Lord Erskine, Defence of T. Pain, 1792.

REACTION and LIBERTY

Good government receives its power by, and with the consent of the governed. Any contravention of this rule becomes despotic.

It is the duty of all intelligent people to overthrow tyranny in every shape and form. An administration that usurps the prerogatives of the people—by instituting measures which do not conform to the ideas and aspirations of the people must be turned out of office. There is no moral obligation to obey an unjust law. Any person who submits to despotic rule repudiates the elements of citizenship and becomes a slave. There is only one authority to a true citizen: "The sovereign will of the People."

DAM IT.

Political Democracy has been challenged by the Borden administration. The "Military Service Act," and the "Disfranchisement Act" are measures which do not conform to democratic principles. This is Boss rule, in so far as it is a subversion of all constitutional precedent. We are now called to obey the mandate of usurpers, who rightly should be our servants.

POLITICAL PROSTITUTION.

We are face to face with the greatest danger that has confronted the people of this country since the franchise was granted, and now with a Federal election drawing near you will be requested to vote for those who have stolen your birthright. In the name of democracy you will be requested to vote for "Union Government," and the prosecution of measures to which you have not given consent. The policy of these usurpers is to divide the forces that are opposed to them. Be not led astray by their duplicity, or deceived by the lies of their hireling scribes and intellectual prostitutes. The hypocritical veneer of "Union Government" is so thin that the counterfeit can easily be discerned.

REFERENDUM VERSUS AUTOCRACY.

The Social Democratic Party has unswervingly held to the attitude "that the only honest method by which these questions could be settled amicably was to apply the referendum vote principle." This would have cleared the issues, and a true expression of the people's desire would be obtained by its application. The demand for a referendum vote has been incessant, and the only obvious reason why it has not been carried into effect is because the purpose of the administration would have been defeated. This conclusion is doubly emphasized by the fact—that the young men of mili-

tary age are literally falling over each other in order to claim exemption. The question now is—will the ends of autocracy be accomplished by fraud and trickery, which could not be achieved by the application of sound principle? In the presence of such grave dangers it is imperative that every effort should be made to defeat their evil purposes. In order to do this it is necessary to preserve the principle of "Free Speech," inviolate. You have a right to criticize, discuss, or condemn any act of the late misgovernment. Let the welkin ring with your voluble protests. Fear not threats of imprisonment—silence gives consent, and will insure a greater penalty by the sacrifice of civil liberty, than any which can be imposed by the cohorts of brute force or legalized despotism. The liberty of children yet unborn is reposed in you. Will you deliver them into bondage?

TO END THE WAR.

The exigencies of war conditions demand a re-statement of the things for which we stand. We strictly adhere to the declaration of the International Socialist Congress which met at Amsterdam in 1910, and re-affirmed at Berne, Switzerland in 1913, which reads in part as follows: "Should war break out, it is our duty to bring it promptly to an end, and with all our energies to use the Political and Economic crisis to rouse the populace from their slumbers and hasten the fall of Capitalist dominion."

RACE SUICIDE.

We have now suffered four years of war, and we still hear talk of another two years in the trenches. The tide of battle ebbs and flows. All available resources in men and the products of labor are still being wantonly thrown into the bloody vortex. The day of victory is still far distant. The lust of the war demon is still insatiable. Approximately 20,000,000 of men have been placed "hors de combat." Poverty and want stalk the earth. The world is a vast charnel house, for the beast of militarism is supreme. The vast armies stagger onward in their blinding fury, gradually becoming weaker and weaker. Now they are falling by utter exhaustion. The victory mirage still enchants and leads them on through the mists and swamps to self-destruction.

DEDUCTIONS.

Reason calls. There are no victories in war. "Force is no remedy." The strategical gains are not commensurate with the loss of life. The victories of all past wars have only added to

our poverty. To continue means the destruction of the race. "The paths of glory lead but to the grave." War, the product of rivalry and hate, can only be ended by reason and co-operation.

CAPITALISM'S WATERLOO.

Borden and his satellites of the profit order say: "More men, more economy." This means more war, more starvation. Blind themselves, they still desire to lead the blind. But look—Rising in the East is the red spectre of Social Revolution. Modern Capitalism, which has hitherto triumphed over all that has hitherto been the pride of mankind, which reveals its naked form as irreconcilable, not alone with the interests of the working class, but with the elementary conditions of Human Association, is about to meet its Waterloo. The civilization of Egypt, Persia, Babylon, Greece, Assyria, and other nations have passed away with the wretched slaves who built the pyramids and obelisks. The feudal nations of medieval Europe, whose lords and nobles inherited all the vicious and heartless characteristics of the ancient ruling class, especially their disdain and brutal contempt for their outraged slaves, have followed into the wake of their predecessors, and nothing remains but the memory of their bloody reign—the midnight horror of their history.

The curtain is about to rise. The last act which will sweep away the travesties of secret diplomacy, and the last vestige of Human Slavery is about to be staged. Capitalism is to meet her Waterloo. The hands on the dial of human progress point the hour of human liberty. The day-dawn of Social Democracy is at hand. Vote for Socialism and save your lives.

'Tis the final conflict;
Let each stand in his place;
The International Party
Shall be the Human Race.

MAKING THE WORLD SAFE FOR DEMOCRACY.

"The liberty of the press has been in every country the last liberty which subjects have been able to wrest from power. Other liberties are held under governments, but the liberty of opinion keeps governments themselves in due subjection to their duties. This has produced the martyrdom of truth in every age, and the world has been only purged from ignorance with the innocent blood of those who have enlightened it."

The above noble defence of opinion was uttered by Lord Erskine in his ever memorable fight for the right to publish Tom Paine's book "The Rights of Man." It was uttered in 1792. In 1917, when the world is supposed to be fighting for democracy, one of the very countries which is making the loudest howl about democracy and liberty has deprived the national secretary, Isaac Bainbridge, of his liberty for merely

asserting his right of free publication.

The argument set up by the star chambers in 1917 is, that unfettered opinion to-day may endanger the safety of the State and lead to unrest, sedition and revolt. But if our learned statesmen would but turn to the pages of history, they would be astonished to find that precisely the opposite is the fact. No good government need fear the utterances of truth, much less the utterances of falsehood, and if our government needs the support of such reactionary deeds as the suppression of free opinion, it is damning evidence that they have not fulfilled their sacred trust as legislators and administrators.

The establishment of the court of star chamber was the first restriction of the freedom of the press of England. That censorship was continued through the reigns of the Stuarts until the revolution of 1688, when it was abolished by the first parliament of William of Orange.

Did the suppression of free opinion lead to peace and safety? Most emphatically No! That very period was the most turbulent and revolutionary in all the annals of British history. By suppressing the free utterances of the people regarding their just grievances, the government was lulled into the delusion that all was well, but slowly the fires of revolt were stirred up in the hearts of the people until the Stuart dynasty was hurled to the ground in dust and confusion.

It has always been the belief of statesmen of wide vision that to take away the liberties of subjects is to encourage the license of rebels. Rob a people of its constitutional rights of criticism of the deeds and misdeeds of its governors, and you leave nothing to it finally but resort to violence. In the name of democracy, our Canadian Government, by its censorship of the press, by conscription, and by the infamous franchise bill, which it has railroaded through the house, has pressed upon the necks of this free people the galling chains of a more humiliating ignominy than English-speaking people have ever before suffered. But in spite of the cheap clap-trap about fighting for democracy, our so-called democratic countries are already beginning to shake in their shoes at the rising power of the giant of democracy. Mr. Hoover, the United States food controller, the other day said: "The wide spread of socialist ideas during the past three years is one of the 'looming shadows of the war.'" That is the correct expression of the attitude of our governments to democracy. Let them go on. Give them plenty of rope and their end will be sudden. Whilst the millions of workers are being mangled in the devil's dance in Europe for territory, colonies, and spheres of influence, Nemesis, the goddess of vengeance, is looking on with a scowl of inflexible

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