

THE FEMININE POINT OF VIEW

WOMAN suffrage, like prohibition, is one of the excrescences of the capitalist system. Under the older systems of production, women had been expropriated from all voice in the democratic governments, but as the capitalist system developed, and women became more and more stock holder in the various enterprises, thereby becoming property owners, they wanted, and began to demand, a voice in the governments, which were controlled by those enterprises. The male of the species, thought they saw their dominance threatened, and opposed them.

The politicians had sufficient work to swing the vote of the male workers into line without adding that of the woman.

Opposition, as usual, made the woman more determined, and they began to war-dance. The propertyless woman, not having any more acumen than the propertyless man, joined the war party in the spirit of adventure. Of course, they were camouflaged, like their brothers, into thinking that suffrage would place them all on an equality. The fight thickened. The war broke out, and in order to line up all sentiment to make the war a success the capitalists endeavored to swing the suffrage sentiment to help win the war. They partially succeeded. The ranks broke, but some, like the National Women's Party, stuck to their guns. Success seemed certain. The war closed. The capitalist parties finding themselves nearly equally divided, and looking for recruits for their respective camps, "about faced" and are now competing with each other in the hope that credit for the final victory of the women of their class may keep, or carry, them again into power.

However, the women have been getting their education along with the boys in the trenches. They are asking, "Where do we come in?" and are realizing that it is not the intention of their leaders that they shall "come in" at all. Now they are wondering what all this democracy is about anyway. Their experiences with the politicians have not enhanced their respect, and they are finding out that the democracy for which they have been fighting is not what they thought it was after all. And so, many of us are looking into the subject, and learning that democracy is the form of government that develops inevitably with the trade of a country, and is called the rule of the people. Then we want to know who are the people? and as it has been hammered into us for centuries that women were not people, by digging in we learn again that the people of a country have always constituted a very small proportion of the inhabitants of that country, namely, the owners.

Now we are digging in deeper, this time into Marx and Engels, Morgan and Dietzgen, and are fast arriving at the conclusion that the great adventure of life is not so much to swing from convention to revolt, as to struggle out of confusion into clearness of mind.

KATHERINE SMITH

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THE PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER FARCE.

ONE of the jokes of the existing social system is the "Public Health Act."

We do not expect butchers to preach vegetarianism, nor hotel keepers to lecture on prohibition, and it would be a howling joke to put the anti-cigarette crusade entirely in the hands of the cigarette manufacturers. Nevertheless, this is precisely what we are doing in the case of disease. The man who makes his living from disease and who would starve to death in a perfectly healthy community, is deputed by our all wise government to hold the control of disease in his own hands. In some instances the medical officer of health is individually put beyond temptation through being debarred general medical practice, but in the majority of cases all over the country he makes the bulk of his living by private practice.

As a country teacher, this fact is at the present moment being brought home to me in a very lively manner. An epidemic is in its initial stages, and with the Public Health Act at my elbow I am doing my level best to nip it in the bud by enforcing quarantine so far as the school children are concerned. Meanwhile the local medical officer of health absolutely ignores the Public Health Act and issues permission broadcast for children to mix with others, two or three weeks before danger of infection is over. I have not a doubt that if, thanks to his assistance, the epidemic gets a thorough hold he will suddenly become severe (having well sown his crop of "cases") and close down the school.

Scientific specialists in disease tell us that contagious diseases could be as effectually stamped out as leprosy and the plague, and to a large extent smallpox has been, but there is no hope of this happening so long as we are willing to support that closest of all combines—the medical trade.

There are many honest, noble and self-sacrificing individuals among medical men, and we imagine they would welcome the day when the people control a medical service, whose interest and not whose loss it will be to combat disease by every means in their power.

A TEACHER.

SOVIET RUSSIA MEDICAL RELIEF COMMITTEE.

We are asked by this committee to publish the following financial statement:—

Brooklyn, N.Y., June 1, 1920.

Treasurer's Financial Statement, April-May, 1920 as to May 31, 1920.

Receipts—	
Contributions	\$1,776.37
Net proceeds from Mass Meeting, May 22	177.42
	\$1,953.79
Expenditure—	
Printing of Circulars	\$ 230.50
Postage, Stationery, Miscellaneous	142.32
Clerical Help	97.50
*Medical Supplies	\$1,000.00
	\$1,470.32
Balance	\$ 483.47

*Note—First payment advanced for Medical Supplies, May, 27th, 1920.

Note.—Since June 1st, another payment of \$1,000 has been advanced for the purchase of medical supplies.

June 10th, 1920.

Contributions may be sent to Jack Shepherd, Secretary Local (Vancouver), No. 1, S. P. of C. All sums received will be acknowledged.

HERE AND NOW.

Following, \$1 each: John Burton, G. Velge, G. W. Howard, Mary Ertz Will, A. D. McLeod, B. I. Tisher, H. Weiss, J. Cartwright, Trevor Maguire, D. Thomson, R. Bayliss, J. Johnson, F. W. Borden, A. Sumner, Martin Ophus.

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CLARION MAINTENANCE FUND.
Martin Ophus, \$4; P. Dayon, \$5; Dick Burge, \$1. Total from 11th to 25th June, inclusive, \$10.

A HOME FOR THE JEWS

THE pages of the servile press are striving to forge weapons of deceit in a frantic effort to maintain the present order. The class conscious observer knows the depth of the reports of capitalist press representatives.

A lengthy article has been published of a Jewish Convention held lately in Alberta, when a resolution was passed to offer thanks for the release of the Jews in establishing a home by proclaiming a British Protectorate over Palestine.

I presume those Jews in assembly were not acquainted with the facts that Britain had to cover up her plundering disposition by asking the Jewish people to occupy a house of which she held the key. The secret treaties between Britain and her Allies during the spring of the year 1916 gave Britain Southern Mesopotamia, Bagdad and two ports on the Mediterranean. The ports of Haifa and Akko are the gates to Palestine and Damascus. Then again Britain seized Alexandretta, a natural outlet for Mesopotamia petroleum. We know that the Mesopotamia-Dardanelles report tells us of ghastly scenes when British soldiers fought to protect the oil installation at Abadan, belonging to the Persian Oil Company, of which the British Government had become huge shareholders. We are told by the report that wounded men had to make a fourteen day journey to the port of embarkation without any attention. We are also informed that those wounded soldiers lay huddled together on the deck of a ship with insufficient room to perform the functions of nature.

The God of inflammable matter cries out in despair for the return of his lost ones to the Holy Land flowing with the raw material to manufacture coal oil and gasoline.

Capital requires labor, and as the British money monger hoodwinked the warrior, he can also deny the Jew to develop the Holy Land and build transportation lines to the holy oil holes, and make profit for the owners of the key of the house that the Jewish people are asked to live in.

GEO. PATON.

PLATFORM

Socialist Party of Canada

We, the Socialist Party of Canada, affirm our allegiance to the support of the principles and programs of the revolutionary working class.

Labor, applied to natural resources, produces all wealth. The present economic system is based upon capitalist ownership of the means of production, consequently, all the products of labor belong to the capitalist class. The capitalist is, therefore, making the worker a slave.

So long as the capitalist class remains in possession of the means of government all the powers of the State will be used to protect and defend its property rights in the means of wealth production and its control of the product of labor.

The capitalist system gives to the capitalist an ever-increasing stream of profit, and to the worker, an ever-increasing quantity of misery and degradation.

The interest of the working class lies in setting itself free from capitalist exploitation by the abolition of the wage system, under which this exploitation, at the point of production, is created. To accomplish this necessitates the transformation of capitalist property in the means of wealth production into socially controlled economic forces.

The irreconcilable conflict of interest between the capitalist and the worker necessarily expresses itself as a struggle for political power. This is the Class Struggle.

Therefore, we call all workers to organize under the banner of the Socialist Party of Canada, with the object of conquering the political power, for the purpose of setting up and carrying out the economic program of the working class, as follows:

1. The transformation, as rapidly as possible, of capitalist property in the means of wealth production (mineral resources, factories, mills, railroads, etc.) into collective means of production.
2. The organization and management of industry by the working class.
3. The establishment, as speedily as possible, of production for use instead of production for profit.