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## The Good Man Theory

The game of the tweedledum Laurier and tweedledee Borden appears to be playing out. The game has got to be so raw that even the hidebound partisans are seeing through it. And a game must be pretty raw for these gentlemen to see through.

Because they see through this hoary stunt does not mean that they have awakened. They are ready to bite on something else which is just as good for those who live by the sweat of other men.

The new shell game that is to be played is the "good man."

Let us elect good men to the legislative bodies irrespective of party politics. Have you not heard that cry raised?

This good man theory does not work out in politics, any more than it does in any thing else.

You do not appoint a man to teach your children in school because he is a good man. You appoint him because he knows how to teach and make your children advance in educational matters.

You do not hire a town clerk because he is a good man. You hire him for his knowledge how to keep the books correct and his ability to get in the taxes.

You do not hire your plowman, nor your dairy helper because of his goodness. You hire them because they know how to plough and milk.

Why, then, should you send a man to Ottawa because he is good? Why should you lumber up your legislative halls with such peculiar timber?

H. B. Ames of Montreal was a good man, but he did nothing worth while at Ottawa. And he skun the workers in his rubber factory just the same as a wicked man would.

What the producing class want at Ottawa and in the legislative halls of the provinces are men who know the basis of society, know the class struggle, know the materialistic conception of history and will apply their knowledge along legislative lines to the benefit of the producing class.

A labor skinner has no fear of the good man. He fears the class conscious revolutionary worker who votes according to his knowledge.

## Rowell Hunts an Issue

When the devil was sick, the devil a monk would be.

When the devil got well, the devil a monk was he.

N. W. Rowell, leader of the Liberal Opposition in the Ontario house, is politically sick. He wants an issue. He wants something to stir the voters and get them hurrahing for the political henchmen who have aligned themselves under his defeated banners.

He therefore introduced a resolution into the Legislature calling upon the government to take steps to relieve the unemployed, who through the cities of Ontario. He introduced this resolution as an amendment to the Speech from the Throne.

The Speech from the Throne is the declaration of policy of the government. Any amendment to the speech must be defeated by the government forces, no matter how plausible or timely it may be. The government members would be forced to vote down an amendment declaring they believed in honesty. Otherwise the government would be defeated. Rowell therefore introduced his resolution as an amendment so as to get the government to declare itself against helping the unemployed.

He is playing party politics pure and simple.

However, he suggests two means to relieve the unemployed.

First, assist those out of work to find jobs.

Second, when all the jobs found are filled, to provide systematic relief to those who can not get work.

Capitalism is the tree from which the bough of unemployment hangs.

The capitalists want a certain amount of permanent unemployment so the workers will be forced to compete for the jobs and wages are kept down to the bare living level.

Rowell in opposition wants to aid the unemployed.

Rowell in power would see that the aid given the unemployed would be so little and inefficient that relief would have no effect in raising the income of the working class.

The Socialist declares that the workers should have the full social value of the wealth their labor produces.

Rowell hunting an issue will not be trusted by the producing class upon whose plunder is placed.

\$25,000,000

Sir William Mackenzie is again haunting the corridors of the parliament buildings.

He is buttonholing the premier and the cabinet ministers and he cloaks himself with the people's representatives.

The reason for his activity is that he has an itching palm. He is out after \$25,000,000 from the government for his railways.

We are told of our financial and industrial magnates. The capitalist press endeavor to make us believe that it is the brains of the capitalists which give them their fortunes.

If this is so, why does not Sir William Mackenzie not think those \$25,000,000 millions into his pocket? He knows better than that. He runs to Parliament, and if parliament grants him the \$25,000,000, he will pocket the mazzina and the common garden variety of munt will believe in the superstition of "brains."

Sir William Mackenzie may not get his \$25,000,000. There is a group of members, good Conservative members too, who are out with their hatchets.

They say that if the question is brought up in parliament, that they will jump with both feet on Sir William.

Are the common people therefore coming to their own? Has the producing class at last found champions at Ottawa?

Not at all. The Canadian Pacific gang are pulling the strings so their rival of the Canadian Northern may get the cold stare.

This is the reason the puppets are dancing at Ottawa in opposition to the Mackenzie grab.

## Another Fool Scribbler Breaks Loose

The Ladysmith, B.C., Chronicle, published by Carley and Carley, keeps attacking the Socialists.

Being a publication devoted to the interests of the labor skinner, it knows what the masters want it to do, and so it makes the Socialists a special object of attack.

In its issue of January 31st it has an editorial upon Socialism and trades unions. The editorial is as follows:

The Nanaimo Herald seems surprised because the Socialist delegates to the British Columbia Federation of Labor convention voted against the motion made by a member to exclude Asiatics. In doing so the Socialists did not leave themselves open to a charge of inconsistency. Individually and collectively the Socialists living in this province twenty years ago openly favored the unrestricted admission of Chinese. One of the ablest exponents of Socialism at that time, in a series of letters, signed "Cresset," advocated the case for the Chinese with marked force and ability. Occasionally we hear someone calling himself a Socialist railing against the Chinaman and the Jap, but the real dyed in the wool Socialist, to be consistent in his line of argument throughout must stand firm on the rock of "Brotherhood of Man."

Another mistaken idea is that Socialists have always been avowed sympathizers with trades unionism. This is not true, and even at the present time, we doubt very much if there are many old line Socialists who do not cherish in the bottom of their hearts an unquenchable hatred of trades unionism. In the early days of trades unionism on this continent, the leaders found a greater enemy in the German Socialists of New York, Chicago and Milwaukee than in capitalists and controllers of large industrial undertakings. The Socialists were the strike breakers of that day, and their stock argument was "the right of the individual"—not "the Brotherhood of Man," a selfish doctrine to say the least of it. This engendered a hatred of Socialists, by trades unionists, and it survives in the larger cities to this day. When Mr. Frank Farrington, a few months ago, warned the members of the U.M.W. of A. against the errors of Socialism, many expressed surprise, but Mr. Farrington understood the principles and tactics of the Socialists much better than the majority of professing Socialists did themselves. The fact of the matter is, the Socialist to be consistent with his teachings, cannot antagonize Chinese immigration nor endorse the principles of trades unionism. Wherever the Socialists have allied themselves with trades organizations disaster to the unions has been the invariable result.

When these little capitalist editors whose brains suffer from the pip attack Socialism, they make a muddle of ideas which makes them a laughing stock to any intelligent school boy. Let us examine the argument as put forth by this picaresque editor and see what a mess he makes of things.

First he says the Socialists stand for "The Brotherhood of Man," and therefore cannot oppose Chinese immigration.

Next he states that Socialists found themselves upon the doctrine of "the right of the individual" and fight trades unions.

He then concludes that the Socialists, founding themselves upon the "Brotherhood of Man," must uphold Chinese immigration, and must be the enemy of trades unions because founded upon "the right of the individual" as against "Brotherhood," and Frank Farrington, in earning the workers against the fallacies of Socialism, knew Socialism better than the Socialists did.

Was there ever a greater muddle of ideas put forth upon a long suffering public than that?

The editor who writes that must have tried very hard to see how big a fool he could make of himself. In a fool show he would take first prize.

### THE CHINESE QUESTION

The scientific Socialist declares that there is a science of society. He studies this science. He does not dwell in the realm of emotional sentimentalism. He analyzes the forces of production, finds out the various antagonistic interests of classes in the present society, and aims to get that class who produce the wealth of the world to unite and produce all the wealth and get but a bare living wage.

At present one class owns and another class works. The class that work get a bare living wage out of all the wealth they produce. The class that own take all the rest.

The owning class will go where they get the most productive workers for the least wages.

Chinese work cheap, consequently capital is rushing into China, erecting steel mills, drilling oil wells, building factories. With cheap Chinese labor in China the world capitalists are producing commodities to be sold on the world markets.

CANADIAN WORKERS WILL HAVE TO MEET THE COMPETITION OF CHINESE LABOR.

A present our manufacturers are protected. England, there is free trade. In America President Wilson is throwing down the bars of protection.

American capitalists have invested in Argentine ranches, Chinese oil wells, Turkish tobacco industry. As the capitalists capture more of the industries of these countries, the demand will rise to have protection removed. Then Canadian made products will be forced to meet Chinese made products.

Many Socialists see this. They realize that the Chinese workers must be made Socialists and that verily the workers of the world must unite before international capitalism is overthrown.

### The Casket

The casket is the name of a Catholic publication in Antigonish, N.S.

It is a weird production. To read its columns one would almost imagine that its editors were to fight the cause of the working man.

In its issue of February 12th it has over two column article attack upon Syndicalism and Socialism. It points to Nanaimo, the Dublin strike, the South African strike, and Michigan as the horrible examples of Socialism.

It holds up its hands in pious horror at the expression used by I. W. W.'s. "To hell with contracts."

It talks maudlin stuff about capital and labor. As if capital were a concrete thing and labor a fluid, handled, as if as though capital had as much right to exist as labor has.

Capital is nothing but means used to exploit and rob the working class.

The Casket, in upholding capital, is upholding thievery. It is upholding prostitution, immorality, unemployment, slums, crime.

The thing that it upholds smells to high heaven of rottenness and stench.

But it upholds capital against the working class and says the Socialists mad attacks upon religion, law, order, government, must be opposed.

Capitalism is rotten, ripe for the graveyard. The Casket is a good vessel to hold the rotten corpse.

The Board of Education of Berlin, Ont., is opposed to the introduction of militarism in connection with school duties. Forty boys whose brains have been fuddled by Sam Hughes, military mush-heads, applied for permission to form a cadet corps under the direction of the Strathcona trust fund. The Collegiate Institute students wanted to practice at the target. The board turned both applications down, and properly. There are a lot of Socialists in Berlin; also the headquarters of the S.D.P. are in that city, and they are probably making their influence felt. Sam Hughes will have to try a new stunt, to enmesh the youth of the German-Canadian city.

Under Socialism the worker will not to any great degree be degraded by the base incentive to accumulate money, for no man can accumulate much money when he receives nothing but what he is entitled to. Money is accumulated by investment, manipulation, speculation, and all sorts and varieties of grafts, and these will be impossible under the Socialist commonwealth.

A few men own the industries of the country. They have the masses under their control. They can starve them to death, or freeze them to death, or work them to death. They can and do dictate, for the most part, when they shall work, where they shall work, and what income they shall receive. Is this not slavery?

In South Africa the capitalists are trying to set white workers against colored workers. The white unions are beginning to admit colored workers to their unions.

The exploited white worker must unite with the exploited yellow worker to throw off the yoke of capitalism.

Race antagonism will vanish before the growth of class antagonism.

The European banker and the Chinese mandarin unite to skin the Chinese producer.

As Capitalism develops, the Chinese rich will invest in C.P.R. stock, in Canadian government bonds, in Mackenzie and Mann mines on Vancouver Island, and Premier McBride and Bowser or their successors will call out the troops to force white workers to work the mines to be skun so Chinese capitalists can live off the sweat and toil of white workers.

Asiatie exclusion will not stop the process of capitalist development. It is only a temporary expedient which will have to ultimate effect.

But of course, we cannot expect Carley and Carley to have brains enough to see this.

### SOCIALISM AND TRADES UNIONS

There are two struggles going on in Society. The Socialist struggle and the trade union struggle, go on side by side.

Under capitalism, the capitalists own and are rich and do not produce. The workers do not produce all the wealth and get but a bare living wage.

The struggle of Socialism is to unite the workers to capture the political power and kick the master class out of their ownership. The Socialist struggle is the struggle to oust the capitalist class from ownership.

The trade union struggle is a different struggle. Trades unions want the workers to get shorter hours and higher wages. The workers sell their labor power to the masters, peddle it from day to day and from week to week. The trade unionist wants to combine with his fellow workers to force the owning class to pay more for the labor power bought.

The trade unionist leaves the master in his ownership. The Socialist would kick the masters off the backs of the workers.

As Socialists we do not oppose trade unions. But we know that trade unions are very limited in their power. New machinery is installed and the skilled worker is thrown on the scrap heap. Scabs are imported, strikes are broken, courts are used to issue injunctions and jail strikers.

The Socialist tells the worker to capture the political power and MAKE THEIR OWN LAWS.

This is the thing the capitalist fears. So that little crawling paper, the Chronicle, uses the best of its editors' poor fool brains to warn the workers to have nothing to do with Socialism.

When a sheet like the Chronicle opposes Socialism, the intelligent worker says, "Socialism is the thing for me."

His royal nobis, Kink George, attended a smoker on February 13th in his city of London.

The news was so important, it was flashed to Canada by telegraph.

We are flooded with great gravity. "The King smoked cigarettes during the concert."

There is tremendously important news that the people of Canada should know. This news does not appear.

The king smokes cigarettes. This is an unimportant and trivial fact as could well be imagined. But space is found for it in our daily press.

Before the Social revolution in Canada, the press is describing the glad rags that walked around at the opening of parliament and the doings of this Archbishop and that prelate, and the journeyings of the Duke at Ottawa.

When the revolution breaks, the doings of these gentlemen and ladies will be hidden in an oppressive silence.

They will have no more attention paid their actions, than is now paid to the actions of the licensed beggar who suns himself against a city wall.

There was a flood in the city of Galt, Ont., in the spring of 1912 and 1913, which did damage to certain factories. The Guelph Carpet Mills Company and the Guelph Worst-Ed Signining Company sued the city of Guelph and were awarded \$25,000 damages. The city appealed the cases and the proprietors are provoked. They have posted notices in their five factories that they were closing down indefinitely, throwing 400 workers out of jobs. The employees met and appointed a deputation to interview the city authorities to have them not appeal the cases so the proprietors would open up the factories again and the workers would get back their jobs. Are the workers not foolish to give the ownership of the means of production to a set of non-producers who will close the factories upon a whim and thus bring misery upon many families? When the workers become sensible, they will own their own jobs.

In the building of the transcontinental, it has been discovered (?) that the original contractors of the road sublet the contracts and did nothing. The Tory papers are howling about this fact as though the Liberal government had been guilty of great graft. And every blessed editor on these Tory sheets knows that this little trick has been pulled off by every one of our railway magnates in the construction of Canada's railways.

## P. R. in Britain

"Why do you Socialists not go in for reform? Better half a loaf than no bread."

That is what Socialists are told. They keep on enlightening the workers, knowing that the master class will give reforms only when it suits their interest.

Proportional representation has been one of the reforms which we have been advised to advocate.

Had the Social-Democratic party put this in its platform, and then made compromises with the ruling party to get it, proportional representation would have been away in the distance.

However, the Socialists have gone ahead and are placing candidates in the field against both old parties.

The latest results has been the vote in Bethnal Green in London.

The Liberal government appointed, C.F.G. Masterman to the rank of cabinet minister. He had to appeal to the electors to confirm his appointment. The Conservatives bent their energies to win the district, and the Socialists placed a candidate in the field to propagate their views. The result was

Votes.  
Sir M. Wilson, Conservative, 2,828  
C. F. G. Masterman, Liberal, 2,804  
J. Scurr, Socialist, 316

The conservative won out by 24 majority over the liberal candidate. He had a minority of the votes cast.

Now the Liberals are explaining that the Socialist vote was really their vote, that their vote was split and so though defeated, they win.

They realize, however, that such winning will place the Conservative government in power, and so are beginning to talk about proportional representation.

To save themselves they will give what they would not have given had the British Socialist party hung on their outskirts begging for favors.

The way, therefore, to get one per cent of a loaf, is to demand it all.

### Sedition

William McConnell, secretary of the Calgary branch of the Industrial Workers of the World, has the honor and glory of being the first man in Canada to be found guilty of the crime of sedition.

In a public speech, William McConnell invited a crowd of unemployed to steal.

Section 134 of the criminal code of Canada, declares, "Every one is guilty of an indictable offence and liable to two years' imprisonment who speaks any seditious words or publishes any seditious libel or is a party to any seditious conspiracy."

Seditious words are words inciting people to disturb the public peace or inciting them to commit or endeavor to commit any offence.

Cotton's has charged the capitalist government of Canada of making slaves of you workers, and that your only choice was to work and be robbed or to starve or go to jail.

If you get a job, you get a wage only enough to live on. Your masters grab the rest of what you produce.

As soon as they do not want you, they kick you out of your job. You have no money. You can get no job for the masters have closed the places where you work.

You should have a right to live. How can you live? Only by stealing.

William McConnell in Calgary exhorted you to steal. He did well.

What he did was a crime. Therefore the vultures of your masters descended upon him. And they have convicted him of a crime.

Wm. McConnell is THE FIRST MAN EVER TRIED IN CANADA FOR SEDITION.

Your masters know their interests. They know you and your class have created the wealth they wantonly waste.

If you get it into a severe heads that you are entitled to the wealth you and your class have produced and your masters have stolen AND BEGIN SYSTEMATICALLY TO STEAL. Their power is gone.

Therefore McConnell is a dangerous man to your masters and they lock him up.

McConnell urged you to steal individually. We Socialists urge you to do the same thing only in an orderly, systematic and thorough manner.

We urge you to unite on the political field, send your revolutionary comrades to the legislative bodies, AND EXPROPRIATE ALL THE WEALTH AWAY FROM THE MASTER CLASS.

The master class call this a proposition for wholesale stealing. We call it a proposition for wholesale restitution to the working class.

Would that more McConnell spring up to advocate stealing. Such advocacy and such prosecution is a severe strain upon the master class. It gets the people the think, why should these great big, useless, capitalist profit grabbers have their fortunes.

When the people face this question seriously our industrial magnates will be separated from their fortunes for the benefit of the producing class.

### Easy Money

The workers of Vancouver Island are blown skyward for the profits of the Dunsmuirs and their associates.

The workers have to suffer death because capital has to have profits.

The capital came from robbing the public domain.

The Dunsmuirs and associates were given \$750,000 cash and 1,900,000 acres of coal lands to build a dinky little 78 mile railway in 1884. They got a bonus of \$9,500 per mile and the coal was thrown in.

In the year 1914, J. D. McArthur has contracted to build 185 miles of the Hudson Bay railway for \$3,078,354, an average of \$16,640 per mile.

In 1884, with light railway, etc. the railway of the Dunsmuirs could be built for the amount given by the government as a bonus.

So the workers must be blown skyward so Dunsmuir can get profit on what the traitorous henchmen in power gave away in 1884. Such is the fruit of capitalism.