

THE FIRING LINE

THE TOP NOTCHERS

Heijlenger, Montreal 40
 Berlin, Ont. Local 30
 W. Mollison, Govan, Sask. 20
 Campbell, Courtenay, B. C. 12
 Karppinen, Gull Lake, Sask. 10
 Evans, Mich., B. C. 8
 P. Green, Valparaiso, Sask. 7

A yearly neatly nabbed by Comrade C. Riley, Celista, B. C.

Comrade V. A. Hintz, Berlin, Ont., Sec. Treas. Berlin Local, forwards two dollars and a half for bundles.

Comrade J. J. Chickly, Guelph, Ont., graces the scalp pole with three yearlies.

Comrade F. Winegardner, Regina, Sask., floats in with a halfer tucked under each arm.

Ten sub-cards will do their work per Comrade John McKiernan, Cobalt, Ont.

If you are not getting your paper regularly, write to Cotton's about it. A post card will do.

Comrade Harry Asson, Port Moody, B. C., renews his bundle of ten copies for another spell of three monthlies.

Comrade Chas. H. Louthian, Elk Lake, Ont., sees to it that two halves get a taste of the dope.

Comrade H. Martin, on behalf of the Berlin local pays up for twenty-seven halves and three yearlies.

"Enclosed find one dollar for which send bundle of five for six months."

Comrade Chas. Sandquist, Dominion, Y. T.

Our New Book Catalog is out. Send for a copy, and get in touch with the finest books published on Socialism.

Comrade H. Garpin, Sifton, Man., increases the Manitoba list by two, and Comrade W. R. Scott of Winnipeg does the same stunt.

Do you see the name of some hustlers reappearing in the firing line week after week? That is because they are everlastingly on to their job.

"Please find enclosed one dollar to renew my bundle for another three monthlies." Comrade G. Heal, Victoria, B. C.

Comrade Ellen Jickling, Carman, Man., hopes there will be no more drops in the circulation and forwards a yearly and two halves.

Three yearlies and a halfer is the way Comrade W. Norwood takes a fall out of the capitalist system at Elmira, Ont.

Comrade H. J. Graham wants to see the Ontario list climb over the three thousand mark, and boosts with six yearlies.

Comrade R. Heijlenger, Montreal, did not like the way Quebec sub list had been dropping, so turned round and boosted with forty trials.

Cotton's is now in its new building and ready to handle subs by the thousands. Send in a bunch to keep things going and the staff busy and happy.

"Please find enclosed five dollars for sub cards. Yours for the Revolution." Comrade P. A. Askev, North Vancouver, B. C. And the bulldog barked a glad sweet bark.

Comrade Wm. V. Saunders, Crystal City, Man., forwards a bone for the bulldog and wants five halves in-lodged with the gospel of discontent.

Four yearlies from Comrade Rudolph Doering, Fernie, B. C. The plutes want like the way the wage slaves are continually shoving up the sub list of Cotton's.

Comrade J. A. Kendall, New Westminster, adds two yearlies. These two subs go to enlighten Newfoundland. Thus does the west missionize the east.

Send for five more half-yearly sub cards. Most convenient things in landing subs. Just fill 'em out and drop in mail box. \$1.00 will pay for them either before or after selling.

"I congratulate you on the fight you are making against capitalism. Enclosed find a list of five yearlies and two halves to help the cause." Comrade L. P. Green, Valparaiso, Sask.

Comrade Thos. Karppinen, Gull Lake, Sask., lives forty-five miles from a post office. Yet manages to pick up eight yearlies and two halves for Cotton's to fill full of revolutionary ideas.

Here is another B. C. hustler. Comrade David Evans, Michel, B. C., swats the capitalist system to tune of eight plunks. All for sub cards. The B. C. list will be climbing out of sight pretty soon.

Now that Cotton's is in its new building, comrade, see that you take full advantage of a good plant, and an intelligent eager staff, to boost the movement. Do something now. You have never had such a fine opportunity before.

Go out and land a bunch of subs on the head of the new home in which Cotton's is being fitted. Keep the press busy chewing paper, and the plutes reading the output. You'll take deep draughts of satisfaction before many moons.

"Please forward to my address twenty-five copies of your paper for three monthlies. I find your paper very interesting and I might say I have quite a lively time over it each week." Comrade J. H. Campbell, Sidney, N. S.

Two yearlies from Comrade A. Fogal, Brantford, who suggests that Cotton's invite its readers to write a short letter for publication on "Why I am a Socialist." Good idea. Will the Comrades explain why they are Socialists? Do it briefly and clearly.

Comrade D. Campbell, Courtney, B. C., does not like the capitalist system. Not one little bit. So moseys out and snaps up five yearlies, and takes seven half yearly sub cards to capture some half weaned ones with.

"I have been a Socialist for fifteen years. Commenced to learn when

Wayland printed the Coming Nation. So you see I am ready to go out and fight for the cause of humanity; and will soon sell literature." Thus writes Comrade Geo. W. Mollison, as he takes twenty six month sub cards.

"Three hungry souls, hunting truth, have at last awakened to the fact that this great mutual protective association is necessary in order that humanity should survive. No solicitation was needed. The three voluntarily subscribed right on the street corner now known as the Socialist hangout." Comrade A. G. McCallum, Ottawa, Ont.

"A short time ago I saw a torn part of your valuable paper. Before this I was not aware that we had such a paper in the country. I remember seeing the editor's name was Cotton's of Cottle, Canada. Also that 25c paid for a six month's subscription. Enclosed find twenty-five cents for same." Comrade W. H. Murphy, Tyvan, Sask.

Turn your printing orders to Cotton's Job Printing Department. Best work at low prices. Send for samples. Secretaries of Socialist locals are requested to send to Cotton's Job Printing Department for samples of printing. All kinds of Socialist printing at usual socialist prices. Good bright Red ink on hand. Union label too.

"Send to the following three think boxes your high class brain food for six monthlies. Keep up the fight against the plutes, and for the intellectual advance of the wage slave. Remember that you are fighting for the grandest army the world has ever seen: the army of the workers of the world; the maker of the plutocrat and his ultimate destroyer; the producer of all the necessities of human life, and the ultimate ruler of all its destinies; the army which will immortalize the names of its pioneers, and right all wrong committed by man against his brother man." Comrade B. J. Seaman, Sackville, N. B.

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World-Wide Socialism

Two Socialists were arrested for speaking on the spot where was fought the battle of Bunker Hill.

The Chicago police are again arresting Socialists for street speaking. Three were arrested at the corner of Dixon and Division streets.

One of the liveliest state campaigns being pulled off by the Socialists anywhere in the United States is on in Iowa for the fall elections.

James Eads Howe, the "millionaire hobo," has been arrested for speaking on the streets of Philadelphia. The magistrate offered to let him go if he would discontinue his attempts to speak in public. Howe refused and is held on five hundred dollar bail.

The Italian senate has finally decided, in spite of the vigorous opposition of Senator Grassi, to ratify the participation of the Italian government at the Berner convention in action relative to the prohibition of the use of white phosphorus in the match industry.

In Spokane the Socialists fought for the right of street speaking and won the right of speaking under regulated permits. Now the authorities are assigning dark and deserted corners for the Socialist speakers. There may be hot times in Spokane again as the Socialists will not stand for this treatment.

One of the factors in the U. S. fall campaign of the Socialist party will be "Political Action," a new weekly Socialist paper, published every week for the purpose of disseminating Socialist news, propaganda and educational literature, as is stated in a preliminary circular. The paper will be published in Milwaukee.

Five hundred dollars of the fine against the six men of the committee publishing The Free Press, New Castle, Pa., who were convicted on the charge of violating the state publishing laws, were remitted. The committee paid a fine and costs of \$188.41 instead of \$688.41, and the defendants were released from a prison sentence.

Pablo Iglesias, the first Socialist Deputy to speak in the Spanish Cortes, created a sensation by a violent revolutionary speech about the Barcelona riots. He proclaimed the innocence of Ferrer, and avowed the Barcelona Socialists, who are affiliated with the international organization, had precipitated disorders to stop the war in Melilla. He declared that if Senor Maura, the former Conservative Premier, returned to power, he would be assassinated.

Fashionable Chicago society women will be unable longer to evade the tax ferrets and claims of the assessors. A big scrap book, containing clippings taken from the society columns of the daily papers here has been compiled by the board of review. Clippings telling just what society women wore in the way of diamond brooches, tiaras, pearl ropes and pendants have been put in the book. The book will be used as a guide by the assessors.

The political convention of the Socialist Party of Nebraska, as required by the state election laws, will be held in Lincoln July 26th. The regular organization convention will be held in the same city the following day, both at the G. A. R. Hall, 132 South 12th Street. The local comrades of Lincoln will provide sleeping apartments for the visiting delegates. It is expected the convention will last four days.

The California campaign was started off with a meeting addressed by J. Stitt Wilson, candidate for Governor, at the Labor Temple in Los Angeles, Sunday, July 3, followed by a big picnic at Del Ray, near Los Angeles, on the 3th. Two hundred and fifty new members were added to the party organization at these two meetings.

The California "Red Special" started on its career of enlightenment July 5. It will continue until election, making from two to a dozen stops a day to hold meetings.

The International Socialist Congress, to be held this year at Copenhagen, from Aug. 28 to Sept. 3, will be an important event in the history of international Socialism. The following subjects, among other matters of importance to the working class movement, are down on the congress agenda for discussion: The question of the relations between co-operative organizations and political parties. The problem of unemployment. Arbitration and disarmament. International results of labor legislation. International solidarity.

One more Socialist will take his seat in the reichstag shortly. The man is Heinrich Busold and he comes from the Friedberg-Budingen election district. Busold will be the forty-ninth Socialist member in the reichstag. The election of Busold is hailed by the Socialists all over the German empire with extreme satisfaction for the reason that the Fried-

berg-Budingen district has until this election been impregnable to all Socialist agitation. The land owning classes invariably controlled and won in every election.

The election of Friedberg-Budingen has been added to the list of Socialist victories in Germany. Reports from the secondary election show that Busold has been elected by a vote of 11,545. This district has been a threatening stronghold on the side of the opposition and its capture has added to the enthusiasm of the Socialists. The press of all the parties is commenting on the results in Friedberg and the "Gazette de Vose," a liberal paper, predicts the election of from 129 to 150 Socialist representatives at the next elections. To Landau, Kiburg, Halle, Eisenach, Usedom-Wollin, the Socialists have now added the Hessian election district of Friedberg-Budingen.

Members of the National Brotherhood of Operative Potters of the United States and Canada, in convention at Atlantic City, N. J., on July 6th, openly declared against the enlistment of members of the body in the national guard. A resolution calling on members of the organization to discourage the rank and file of workmen joining the citizen soldiery, which was defeated last year, was passed by a unanimous vote. Speakers who supported the resolution claimed that it is being used to protect greedy corporations in their efforts to attack organized labor and prevent formation of unions instead of its proper purpose of defense from invasion or the preservation of peace.

"There are two great rocks in the way of progress for the working class of India: one is the caste system, the other is capitalism." This is the way the problem of the Hindu worker is summed up by H. A. Talechkar, secretary of Kamgar Hitwadhak Sabha, or the Indian Workman's Association of Bombay, India, who was recently in New York. Talechkar is at present on a tour of America and Europe studying the labor movement of the two continents, with special attention to trade union organization and the way the unions do things. He left Bombay last January and proceeded across the Pacific to Vancouver, where he remained some time studying the conditions of the Hindu laborers there. Thence he came by way of Seattle, Portland and Chicago to New York.

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PRISON LABOR IN PORCUPINE

Editor of Cotton's Weekly

Dear Comrade—I was instructed at the last meeting of the S. P. Local to write you in connection with the sending of convicts to work on the government roads up towards Porcupine, and to request you to appeal through your paper, to Socialist locals and trade unions throughout Ontario to enter protest against the chain gangs.

It appears the magistrates of this district have received orders that any man sentenced for six months or less be committed to the chain gang. I believe this is only a feeder—an experiment, and if it works satisfactorily will be introduced on a much larger scale all over the province; and of course if successful in Ontario, the other provinces will lose no time in copying from the premier province of the Dominion. If the people of Ontario allow this matter to go ahead soon all the public works of Ontario will be done by convict labor. The scheme is, as far as I can see, to farm out prisoners all over the province. The question was broached and discussed in capitalist papers a year or two ago and it was asserted that it was the health of the prisoner that was being considered. If the jails are unsanitary the ruling class alone are responsible, and it is up to them to provide jails which will not undermine the prisoners' health.

As for punishment, confining a man and prohibiting him from intercourse with his fellow beings or from following any of the pleasures of life should satisfy the vengeance of the class he offends, without putting him to labor and thereby deprive some unoffending citizen of a job. If he needs must work let it be at some unproductive work which will suffice to satiate vengeance and will not deprive the honest workman of the opportunity of earning his bread.

But though jail labor is bad enough the establishing of convict settlements is a more serious proposition. When the roads and other works at which they are at work are completed what will be done with the convicts? It will in all probability be found very convenient and profitable to turn them over to mineowners and other capitalists, thus doing away with free labor in privately owned industries. They will probably then make prisoners of the very men that are thus thrown out of work on a vagrancy charge of having no visible means of support. If we are going to prevent prison colonies, we must act quickly and decisively and show the Ontario government we are not asleep.

Hoping you will use your influence against these convict settlements, I remain

Yours for Industrial Freedom,
M. J. GORMAN.

PROGRESS IN BRANTFORD

In spite of capitalist prosperity the Socialist propaganda goes merrily on in Brantford. Two strikes occurred during the past week, which brought more grit to our mill. The freight handlers at one of the local depots, walked out for an increase in the price of that commodity which they sell; viz., their labor power.

The coremakers in one of the local foundries followed suit a few days after. This gave an excellent opening for the boys here to push the propaganda along. A few of the local comrades visited as many of the strikers as they could locate, gave them sample copies of Socialist papers and leaflets and pointed out the lessons to be learned from the strike. This proved to be a most effective piece of work, for the men were all in a receptive mood for Socialism. When a man comes out on strike he can't very well bluff you by saying, "Oh, I'm all right. I've got a steady job. I've got a good boss. What are you fellows bothering about anyhow?"

No, he don't say that, as we know so many of the wage workers do. Things are not all right. He has not got a "good boss," nor yet a steady job! He begins to realize vaguely that he is being robbed and wants more money, or less work! Naturally he appreciates the Socialist who visits him and talks the thing over with him in his hour of need. More so, as the Liberal manufacturer whom he elected to Parliament does not come around and give him pointers on the commodity nature of his labor power, etc. Neither does the Tory lawyer, who sits in the Legislature in Toronto by virtue of working class votes. Oh no. These fellows have got all they want of the working mules: Political Power, and with it in consequence, the economic power—the power to rob the working class of that which labor creates.

So, under these circumstances it is not surprising that a goodly number of the workers turned out on Brantford Market Square to hear Dick

Woodhouse of Toronto speak on the situation from a working class standpoint. Considerable heckling occurred after Woodhouse was through. It was all attended to. There was the usual capitalist apologist—the mutt who likes to be robbed, the man who wants to know how this, that, or the other thing will work under Socialism.

But better still, and like a ray of sunshine striking a dark spot, was the demand for information on economics. They want to know where they are robbed. We'll tell them!

"Finish the Fund"

The slogan goes forth this week, "Finish up the Quebec Fund." Another big and important job has cropped up for the Agitation Battery, and they can't get at it too soon.

There is only a balance of \$25.00 needed to complete the Quebec fund. Up and at it. Put this fund on the list of the successful propaganda moves the backers of the Battery have helped to accomplish. A dollar bill just now will be like a mowing machine in the hayfield—it will cut a wide swath.