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A SLUMP IN SUBS

A squeal for subs has gone up in universal chorus from the socialist publications. A slump has struck the sub lists. The Appeal to Reason is feeling the strain. The Chicago Daily Socialist has been sadly crippled by the falling off in the flow of new subscribers. The British Clarion's circulation has fallen from eighty-two thousand to seventy-six thousand. The Western Clarion, our own party paper, is feeling the strain.

The world over the socialist movement is gripping the hearts of men. Clemenceau, The Red Beast, has fallen and Briand, a Socialist, has been given the task of forming a new cabinet and he swears that under him capital shall slave while labor enjoys. In Great Britain the Lords are scared blue over the budget. The hammerings of Kier Hardie, Will Thorn, Harry Quelch, H. M. Hyndman, Robert Blatchford and Victor Grayson have revolutionized the thoughts of the workers. In Germany the government is hard put to raise money to keep their army of repression in the field and the rulers are afraid of an election for the red terror of the Brotherhood of Man on an economic basis is before their eyes. In America, Labor and Capital are facing each other like beasts of war. At McKee's Rocks even the ignorant foreigners have struck and the Sheriff, an elective officer, sees the trend. He will not protect the strike breakers the Pressed Steel Car Company's officials are clamoring to import. At Kenosha where the foreigners have struck some of the leather trust officials have been deliberately shooting down the workers and are surprised that the Mayor of the Town won't stand for such high-handed murder. He also sees the trend of the times. While Sam Gompers junkets in Europe and acts the traitor by telling the toilers over there to keep out of politics and agree with the Bosses, the Western Federation of Miners in annual national convention at Denver comes out for socialism and sends fraternal greetings to the United Mine Workers of America who declared for socialism last year. In Canada strikes are rampant. In the East and in the West the men will not stand for thuggery and robbery. A noted divine from England, Henson by name, is in Montreal and startles the financial plunderers of that corrupted city by declaring that the social revolution is about to burst upon the respectable thieves. The air of the world is ozoned with the spirit of the revolution. Men have their eyes fixed on the future and are watching, the downtrodden with hope and the financiers in fear.

Meanwhile the press of the revolution is suffering a slump in subs. The people are so busy watching for the revolution that they have no time or energy to hustle for it. The revolutionists of the ordinary type are doing what the revolutionists of 1848 were doing. They are declaring that "Tomorrow the revolution will be here."

Nineteen hundred years ago Christ told his disciples that those alive then would live to see the social revolution. It has not come yet. In 1848 the revolutionists were looking for the establishment of the Brotherhood of Man. We are still fighting each other like wild beasts. The most successful wild beasts become the biggest financiers. Look at the faces of our Montreal successful financiers and judge for yourself. Twenty years ago Vera Figner thought the Revolution about to burst in Russia. Russia is still a land of outrage, murder and torture and our degenerate King consents to grasp the bloody hand of the torturing Czar.

Are you letting the subs of the socialist papers lapse because you believe that socialism is here. Make no mistake. There are many fierce battles to be fought before the plunderbund with its spider's threads running from London to Montreal and from Montreal to the last least

ERRORS—We make them sometimes. If you have cause for complaint try to write us patiently. We will do our part. Give us credit for the intention to deal fairly.

A reformer is a man who wants to cut a dog's tail off bit by bit so as not to hurt the dog.

Law and order leagues are founded for the purpose of keeping the workers in subjection.

The class struggle is revealed in every strike, lockout and arbitration tribunal. Simply denying the class struggle does not remove it.

The capitalists will have to go the way of the feudal baron. It may take a revolution accompanied by violence to throw him off, but go he must.

The socialist is the last person to want war. The capitalists want war. By war workers are killed off and the troublesome brutes are thus got rid of.

Canada is not free when capitalists by crooking their little finger can have armed men at their beck and call to shoot down the men who work.

The watered stock of the Dominion Coal Co. must have dividends. Therefore the men live in shacks while the soldiers' guns are pointed at their breasts.

Every day conditions in the United States are becoming more ripe for revolution. The plunderings of the Rockefellers and the Harrimans and the Ryans are the causes that will lead to an explosion.

What will be the incentive under socialism? The incentive will be the reward of labor. A man will get the full value of what he does. Now the capitalist makes a profit out of the labor and the parasites live on him.

Some of our financial papers are warning the people that Whitney's power scheme is hurting the credit of Canada in the European borrowing markets. Let these financial papers not worry. When the revolution strikes Europe the financiers of that territory will not be able to loan us a toothpick.

It is strange with what monotonous regularity the arbitration boards appointed under the Lemieux act bring in a majority and a minority report. The boards are composed of two capitalists and one laborite. The decisions favor the capitalists and the laborites bring in a minority report. Strange is it not?

Our government at Ottawa is a government for the capitalists. The laws are made in favor of those who live by the toil of others. That government must be captured by the workers in order that the laws may be made in the interests of those who work.

A rich man is very often said to be charitable and philanthropic. The mere giving of money by a rich person to something he considers good is neither charity nor philanthropy. It is simply returning to humanity in general what the rich man has stolen from particular individuals.

Dr. Myers, Baptist Minister, has declared that if a bomb was placed under the University of Chicago and that educational institution blown up, humanity would be better off. These anarchistic utterances of capitalist flunkies are not objected to. But let a socialist say such a thing and the plutes would run to the courts for protection.

Many Canadians are preening themselves because Canada has so few industrial disturbances. Canada has as great bloodsuckers as any country. It is only because Canada had a back country into which the oppressed could escape that the troubles have been more or less warded off. The Nova Scotia coal strike is the beginning of the new order of things.

What is the Union Jack to a worker? Absolutely nothing. The Union Jack may be cheered by those who get the graft from Ross Rifles, army stores and soldiers clothing. It may be cheered by those who own Canada. But the workers may remain silent while its folds are spread abroad. To them it is the flag of their bosses. It is the flag of tyranny.

The socialists are blamed because it is said they would bring in a system of industry which would crush individualism. What system more crushing to individualism could be introduced than the present one? One thousand men who work in one mill for ten hours, each the slave of a machine and all under the driving eyes of a boss, do not have a chance to exercise any individuality. And that is our present system.

W. U. COTTON.

Concerning Religious Opinions

Why, oh, why, in the name of all that's good, is the constant shriek emanating from the mouths of the God-fearing people that socialism will destroy religion.

I have observed during the last fifteen years a constant shattering of religious opinions. The last decade has been more of an iconoclastic one than any in Church history. Different creeds and sects are formed as frequently as mining companies. Ministers are changing their ideas as regards man's relations to God as often as the financiers are changing their stocks and for very much the same reasons.

A few years ago the devil in all his awful glory was stalking around seeking whom he could devour. Who preaches the devil now? I have never heard a single sermon for the last five years in which he figured. He has followed the clown of the pantomime or Santa Claus. Who cares now whether the immersion or the sprinkling of water is the correct thing in baptism? The higher criticism and the new theology have subsided into commonplace. Faith healing and even the doctrine of salvation by faith are no longer subjects for discussion.

These things came, upsetting all sorts and conditions of creeds; and in fact scarcely one of the thirty-nine articles of the Church of England or the teachings of the various sects but has been assailed, reformed or abandoned and not a word was uttered about the destruction of religion. And the socialists have not done this thing. They have at all times been kind, tolerant, brotherly, sympathetic to any man's opinion with regard to his God.

I ask you, critic, or reader, or comrade, why then are we charged with this thing. Answer me?

Is it because we have declared that under socialism a man must work before he may eat?

Is it because we have declared that it is wrong to feed, clothe and give fine houses to useless persons while children are starving?

Is it because we have torn the white cloak from orthodox charity or have pulled the sheep skin from the back of the philanthropist wolf?

Is it because we have dared to cry out for justice? Or is it because the parson fears his purse might lose its bulk? Or is it because we preach Christ?

M. WAYMAN.

War to the Knife

The appeal for funds with which to fight Socialism which has just been sent out by August Belmont of the Civic Federation, of the New York subway steal and the head of the gambling trust of New York state is but one of the large number of signs that the profit-eating class of the United States is launching upon a bitter war against Socialism.

This is the meaning of the persecution of the Appeal to Reason, of Roosevelt's article in the Outlook, of the speech of President Taft at the Lake Champlain celebration, and of Nicholas Murray Butler before the National Education Association.

The powers of plunder have made up their minds to force the fight at this time. They are wise in so doing. The weapons which they are using are more effective now than they will ever be again. Misrepresentation and falsification depend upon ignorance and that ignorance is rapidly disappearing before the active Socialist propaganda. Such an article as Roosevelt's or such a speech as Butler's already awaken more contempt than anger and rebounds to the injury of the cause it defends rather than the one it attacks.

The policy of repression and persecution depends upon the weakness of those persecuted, and already the Socialist movement is too strong for such persecution to have any effect other than to rally and increase its forces.

We know something of the sort of writers that the Civic Federation will hire to prepare its anti-Socialist material. We know the true history of the Gordons and the Averys and the Goldsteins who are on the Civic Federation pay rolls for that purpose, and we know the sort of stuff they will write.

Knowing these facts, the Socialists welcome the attack. They know that every idle lie will arouse a hundred persons to more active propaganda of the truth. They know that every attempt at persecution will drive new courage into those who have hitherto been timid.

We know that truth is upon our side. We have a long record of similar battles with victories following them in other lands, and we know the result will be the same here.—Chicago Socialist.

Without a war the social revolution should be here within ten years.

A period of strikes is on in the United States. These are the forerunners of what is coming.

If the laborers like to work and let the dividend holders who do nothing take all the cream, let them keep away from the socialist philosophy.

Utopians and Christians preach the brotherhood of man no matter what. Scientific socialists preach a brotherhood of man based on a common economic interest.

One of the reports has declared that Briand is going to follow the maxim, "Capital must work and labor possess." Hitherto labor has worked and capital possessed.

The Duke of Pedford is selling some of his estates at two hundred dollars an acre. The Lords want to get enough little peasant proprietors to vote Tory so that the big estates may be protected.

"New occasions teach new duties; time makes ancient good uncouth." Is a lesson the financial magnates are learning much to their discomfort and the shattering of their self conceit.

When those who do the world's work want to get the full return of their labor they can. Vote the socialist ticket and then take the machines of production.

The Czar of Russia is to review the British fleet. The chief assassin of Europe will pass his opinion upon the legalized murderers of British plutocracy.

The independent Bell Telephone Companies in the U. S. are amalgamating into one big company. The new trust is organizing itself so that it will be an easy thing to confiscate under socialism.

August Belmont looted the New York traction system and flung it into bankruptcy. He built a Catholic church in the South with the spoils and the Pope for his deeds of righteousness has made him a Prince.

The idea of confiscating the means of production seems to shock a lot of people. What will the helpless people do who have invested their money in these things? The answer is easy, work, or if incapable of work get a pension.

Mrs. Pankhurst is coming to America. We hope she will inspire Canadian women to wake up the Ottawa gang and give them something to think about besides how they can plunder the workers of Canada to the best satisfaction of the labor thieves.

Edison has invented a cement house which can be built very cheaply and will do away with carpenters, masons, and bricklayers in the building of it. A few more inventions like that and even the capitalists will have to give in and allow the revolution to come at once.

The exposures of graft by the Chicago Daily Socialist has forced the District Attorney to get to work on the little fellows. The Daily taunts the Attorney and declares that he will not dare to go higher up for the big franchise grabbers. And the District Attorney says him never a word in reply.

Samuel Gompers is over in France telling the Frenchmen how much better they do things in America. Sam has a long record of failures behind him and the French shrug their shoulders and let him talk. Sam has got to learn the political weapon. He will have to teach labor to enter the political arena in an independent way or give way to some leader who will.

Magistrate Daly of Winnipeg is considering the advisability of letting out short term prisoners to help the farmers get in their crops. Make way for the wage slave even though justice falls. This goes to show that the plutes do not believe in their own system of rewards and punishments.

The Dominion Coal Company discriminated against the members of the U. M. W. and now has a strike on its hands. The Dominion Coal Co. wanted its vest pocket P. W. A. to crawl at its heels and be a nice little dog. The troops are at Glace Bay to see that the workers crawl. When will the workers wake up and control the government?

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WHAT REVOLUTION REALLY MEANS

BY W. R. SHIER

Some words in the vocabulary of socialism are in need of definition, not because they change their meaning from year to year, but because those who most frequently use them do not always understand their import. Revolution is one of these words.

In the preface to his "Critique of Political Economy" Marx tells us that "revolution is a more or less rapid transformation of the juridical and political superstructure of society arising from a change in its economic foundations." In other words, the term revolution, as used by socialists, simply means complete change.

But the foregoing definition is not yet complete. It tells us what revolution is, but supplies us with no clue as to what methods are revolutionary and what are not. Kautsky supplies the deficiency in his masterly work entitled "The Social Revolution." He says that those changes which are brought about by a new or hitherto oppressed class gaining control of the governing powers and using them for its own ends are attained by revolutionary methods, whereas, if the changes are introduced by the ruling class without pressure from below, then they are attained by reform methods. It is desirable that this distinction be born in mind.

Now, in the popular mind revolution means violence, bloodshed, civil war, street riots, assassinations, wholesale destruction of life and property, the reckless overturning of cherished institutions and other terrible things, but this view is not sanctioned by the standard dictionaries and encyclopedias. It is often the case that revolutions are accompanied by such excesses, but they are incidental, not essential, to them. Indeed, pretty reform and re-actionary measures are as often accompanied by such excesses as are genuine revolutions.

CHINESE SOCIALIST JOURNAL SUPPRESSED.

During the last three years the Chinese revolutionists have been publishing, from their headquarters in Tokyo, a magazine entitled Minpoa. It has advocated nationalism and Socialism, and has obtained a big circulation in China, despite the efforts of the authorities to suppress it. Despairing of defeating its propaganda themselves, the Chinese government approached the Japanese government, and, it is alleged, offered to grant the latter certain desired concessions on condition that Minpoa was suppressed. As a result, the twenty-seventh issue of the magazine was stopped by the Mikado's orders, and further issues are threatened with confiscation, should they contain revolutionary essays.

Mr. B. L. Chang, the indomitable editor, is determined to continue the fight for Chinese liberty, however. In a manifesto which he has issued he denounces both the Chinese and the Japanese governments for their tyranny and oppression.—EX.



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