

## World Wide ... Socialism

A system of proportional representation has been introduced in Lille, France, and from accounts received, is working in a satisfactory manner.

The Central Trades and Labor Council, of Chicago has endorsed the candidature of W. D. Brendt, Socialist candidate for alderman from the eighth ward of that city.

In 1867 the Socialist voters of the world numbered 30,000. Today they number almost ten million. They have increased their political strength three hundred fold in the last 40 years.

Now that the Labor Members in the House of Commons of Great Britain have lost so many members, there are many protests going up that the Labor Members made a mistake in supporting the Liberals.

All the tramway men in Rome, Italy, struck on March 14th, and no trams were run. The strike arose out of an attempt of the tramway company to victimize members of the union committee.

At the Miners' Congress of France held last month, the Brontehou Syndicate and the Loire Miners joined the Pas de Calais Federation. This means that the unity of miners is finally established.

The daughter of Ferrer, who has been awarded four hundred francs damages against a French paper that calumniated the memory of her father, has given the money to continue the work of her father.

Socialism aims firstly at making the legislatures, the courts, the militia and the police subservient to the interests of labor, and secondly, at bringing industry under the democratic control of those who work. That program will be realized in the near future.

One of the great effects of the Philadelphia strike has been the enormous increase in the strength of the unions. Before the strike Philadelphia was notorious as a non-union town. Now it is being thoroughly unionized and labor has resolved to go into politics on its own account.

Herve of the Guerre Social, Paris, who was recently condemned to four years in prison for an article in that paper, is daring the government to keep him in jail for that length of time. Herve first sprang into prominence for an anti militarist speech in which he cried "The flag to the dung heap."

The Chinese have occupied Tibet and are now threatening invasion of Nepal and Bhutan, on the Indian side of the Himalaya mountains. As China is preparing to establish compulsory military service, Great Britain is finding that Russia is not the only country threatening her strangle hold on India.

Ricardo Momigliano, a contributor of the Italian Socialist "Il Nuovo Ideale," has been sentenced to twelve months imprisonment for an article appearing in that paper, although it was not proven that he was the author of the article and in spite of the fact that the responsible manager of the paper had already been imprisoned for twelve months.

The new Premier of Spain is said to be a Socialist. The premier, Senor Canelejas, has got the king to sign a decree pardoning all offenses committed by the pen or by word of mouth. All offenses of rebellion and sedition are also to be pardoned except those committed by the military forces. The first interview Senor Canelejas gave to any paper after his choice as premier was a radical one to the French Socialist paper, Humanite.

The U. S. Congress is considering the advisability of amending the Postal Act of the States in a manner detrimental to labor. The new law if passed will prevent trades union papers which are paid for by the individual members by the union at large from being carried at second class postal rates if such trade union publications carry commercial advertising. This would seriously handicap the labor papers by taking away from them one of their chief sources of revenue.

Parliament will probably finish its sittings soon for the year. For this purpose there will be a great slaughter of bills. Among the number will be Verville's eight hour bill. Is not the Canadian Manufacturers' Association against it? Then how can the workers expect it to pass with the bunch of labor skimmers that have been elected by workmen's votes to be members of Parliament?

As long as there is a class that produces and does not enjoy and a class that enjoys and does not produce, there is bound to be a class struggle.

Canadian immigration agents and officials advertised for immigrants in seven thousand newspapers and farm journals of the United States last year. The more the immigrants come the greater will be the number for the Canadian capitalists to exploit.

Socialism means a struggle, a struggle between those who have much and those who have little, a bitter, world-wide, long-drawn out struggle between mass and class, a struggle that will involve all sections of the population, a struggle that will not be ended until an industrial democracy is established.

The old earth is not worn out. It is fruitful and can produce in abundance. But the capitalist system will not let the producers at the natural wealth of the world without paying a heavy toll. This toll must cease. The abolition of that toll is the raison d'être of the Socialist parties of the world.

The miners on strike in Cape Breton are to be replaced by imported miners. Laurier will not interfere. Why should he? Cannot he bamboozle the workers with fair words while the capitalists fill the country with workers from Europe so that there may be plenty of competition in the labor market?

In Portugal it is alleged that the non-commissioned officers in the army are united with the revolutionary societies. Capitalism is based on force. That force is the army which is recruited from the working class. When the working class becomes disaffected, and the disaffection spreads to the soldiers, then a revolution is about due.

A young man starts in the world as a worker with great hopes. He works hard. But he cannot get on. The mills shut down. He has to pay big rent. His wages shrink in his hands as the cost of living goes up. He becomes discouraged, and hopeless. His ambition goes. The spirit breaks within him and he comes to realize that his work is useless and that the harder he works the more do the idlers profit by his labor. For all these reasons he ceases to take an interest in his work. Then the capitalists get mad and show their ugly disposition. They talk about how lazy the beggar is getting. They declare that hunger is the only thing that will drive the lazy lout to work. They build jails for him where he will be forced to work. They know that if others get hopeless their profits will be gone. The capitalists are the curse of this age. Their selfishness and slave driving are responsible for the misery that we see around us. And there will be no remedy until the capitalist system is abolished.

The capitalists of Canada to me appear in the light of devils. They may go to church. They may give alms. They may build colleges and asylums. But I cannot escape the fact that they are robbers, devils. Their wealth is made from the robbery of the workers. Their generosity is founded on injustice. They get their profits by the robbery of the pay envelopes of the workers. The money they give with such lavishness is stolen money. Little children go without shoes to pay some muddle headed professor. A wife suffers and dies in the pangs of child birth that some fat preacher may pray to God for the soul of the devil capitalist. Stratheona, Forget, Plummer, it matters not whom. They are all legalized robbers, whose power is founded on a wrong; whose wealth is based on the misery of the useful workers.

The more radical of the Canadian papers recognize that the two old parties are politically bankrupt. The Winnipeg Tribune has been fighting the government for a long time. It is not Conservative. Now the Toronto World comes out with a demand for a new party with a radical platform, control and regulation of public service corporations, heavy taxation of banks, etc. The recognition of the fact that the two old parties are hopelessly bankrupt in political matters is a sign of the times. The remedy proposed, however, is weak and ineffective. Confiscation of the public service corporations, abolition of the banks, nationalization of land, repudiation of the national debt, establishment of old age pensions, abolition of credit money and substitution of labor checks, such planks in a platform might be of benefit to the workers. The workers, however, are not likely to be caught with weak radicalisms that will benefit only the dying middle class.

## THE THING IN A NUTSHELL

COTTON'S WEEKLY complains that it has been discriminated against in Postal Charges. Lemieux says it has not.

"The whole thing in a nutshell," declared Lemieux in Parliament, "Is that Mr. Cotton addresses his papers in bundles to one individual, who then distributes, or sells them to others, and that does not mean a 'bona fide subscriber,' as set out in the Postal Act." In this statement Lemieux is in ERROR. The Bundles ARE sent out to Bona Fide Subscribers. They are PAID for before they go out.

"Mr. Cotton has no subscribers, but he sends his paper to friends who distribute it." Again Lemieux is in error. Cotton's Weekly possesses a Bona Fide Subscription List. In point of subscribers Cotton's Weekly ranks among the first hundred papers in Canada, out of the fifteen hundred published.

"We are simply charging him the rate which is charged in every other similar case," declared Lemieux. Again Lemieux is in ERROR. Comrade Geo. Townsend, of Dundas, Ont., sent for Paid Bundles to four separate papers in Ontario, and they came through WITHOUT THE STAMPS AFFIXED, contrary to the regulation. But Cotton's Weekly is charged.

## THE WHOLE THING IN A NUTSHELL IS THIS

Cotton's readers order SPECIAL BUNDLES of Cotton's Weekly and PAY FOR THE SAME IN ADVANCE. If the bundles went to newsdealers they would go for One-fourth of a cent per pound. If the Non-newsdealers take bundles for a period of Three Months, they get them for One-fourth of a cent per pound postage. But because Socialists take bundles of SPECIAL ISSUES they must pay FOUR cents per pound postage.

This is a New Tax on Labor. It results from Lemieux's interpretation of an old regulation. It is a New Interpretation. It is an interpretation which is NOT enforced against Capitalist Papers. It is an interpretation which IS ENFORCED against Cotton's Weekly. It is an interpretation that violates the Principle of Constitutional Law, that a Public official, when given power to make regulations having the force of law, must make those regulations as similar as possible to the laws passed by parliament.

This interpretation is put upon the regulation to prevent workmen from getting Special Bundles of Cotton's Weekly with which to enlighten their fellow workers.

If Lemieux cannot see his way clear to Remove this Tax on the Working Class, let the Working Class petition to REMOVE Lemieux.

This Tax of Eighteen Cents per Hundred Copies of Cotton's Weekly enforced by Lemieux, is the OPENING WEDGE. Cotton's Weekly is not liked by the capitalists. It will grow in disfavor with the plunderers of the Dominion. Will the workers show their power by making Lemieux REMOVE the Special Tax enforced against Cotton's Weekly or RESIGN His Office. Write him and COMMAND that he remove his Postal Tax levied against the Freedom of the Mails and accord the use of the mails on an Impartial Basis to the Working Class of Canada.

## CHIPS.

Roscoe A. Fillmore.

They're doing it up brown in Cape Breton. The other day a fellow was pinched for calling another a "scab." And he got just what was coming to him. Doubtless he voted for the bunch of pirates who caused his arrest. "Britons never shall be slaves" but the majority of them are habitual scabs and our friend who was arrested was no doubt a political scab (the worst variety.) The fellows who have taken the jobs in Springhill and Cape Breton are performing a useful service for the very mutts they have displaced. If they are able to keep the strikers out long enough their tank tanks may get limbered up and "When slaves begin to think masters tremble."

"Japan develops another scandal." Who says Japan isn't a modern nation? Why she'll be sending missionaries over here to convert the "poor heathen" Canucks presently. Upon second thought I wonder if she hasn't already done so. I wonder if that Asiatic Excursion League isn't a proof that the missionaries are already at work. Verily capitalism do move. Keep your eyes peeled for China. Scandals! They're one of the proofs that the time is getting "ripe and rotten ripe for change" and we've got the very identical article up our sleeves that'll make the change too.

In Roman days, after the big conquests, the slave markets of Rome became overcrowded. So slaves were unsaleable. Today the wage slaves crowd into the markets. Their work is not wanted in the older countries. The master class have all they want. Therefore we have the unemployed problem. It never enters the heads of the possessors that perhaps the wage slaves might look after themselves if given a chance to get next the machinery of production. Or if the possessors do think that the unemployed may have such ideas, they prepare police to prevent the workless from taking for themselves the chance of working.

Even the capitalist economies recognize that wages always tend to the barest means of subsistence. This being the case the Lloyd George budget is of little interest to the workers of Great Britain. The budget put a tax upon the increased value of land. This will not benefit the workers. It will benefit the industrial capitalists. For the workers only get enough to live on. If rent goes up the workers must get more wages. If wages go up the industrial capitalists get less profit. The landlords get more and the capitalists get less. Now if the burden of taxation is shifted more to land, the industrial capitalists will partly recoup themselves and the landlords will not get so much land rents to spend on their own desires. The Georgian tax on land, therefore, is of no interest to the laborers.

Bill Haywood, whom the American capitalists tried to judicially murder, is in Newcastle, Pa., and is camping there to help the workers against the steel trust in their strike. Eugene V. Debs was in Philadelphia during the strike and offered his head to be cracked by the Philadelphia police thugs. Even Sam Gompers is showing signs of activity against the American plutocracy. He has denounced the Rockefeller foundation, and is trying to get the United States to investigate the slavery in Gary, Ind. The unrest in the States is gathering head and the tyranny of the capitalists may soon be overthrown.

Socialism gives a new viewpoint of life. The supporters of the capitalist system consider Socialism to be a system of robbery and a destroyer of all that is good. In the same way the Romans regarded Christianity. The Romans are now regarded as having been very blind people. In the same way the future generations will regard the non-Socialists.

Socialism will not give bigger wages to the workers, because the wage system will be abolished. But it will give bigger incomes.

The Socialist party stands for everything that will benefit those who depend solely on their own exertions for a livelihood. It stands against everything contrary to their interests.

Are you sick of grafters? Are you tired of hearing tales of men who betray their cities and their electors? Well, you will hear of these betrayals and you will be ruled by grafters just as long as capitalism continues. The only hope is to change the system.

Every little while some grafter is convicted of grafting. The Pittsburgh grafters are just now going through the process. But the grafter has only been trying to do illegally what many other men do legally. They have been trying to get something they have not earned. Let us abolish, not only the illegal grafters, but also the receivers of rent, interest and profit.

The question is often asked Socialists whether they would have Great Britain evacuate Egypt and India. That question is on a par with the question whether the Socialists would have the Czar of Russia abdicate his throne. Nicholas will not give up his job until he is pried loose from it with a crowbar or a bomb. Great Britain will not get out of Egypt until the Egyptians and Indians use that which made Sunny Jim so powerful, namely, force.

For years man had to fight for the right of free speech and a free press. In many countries that is not yet granted. India does not possess free speech or free press. Russia does not possess either. In the United States papers are suppressed at the will of the police authorities. Even our liberties that we have already gained must be continually fought for or they vanish. But it is because democracy is strong in the hearts of the working class that our liberties are maintained.

Why should Canada want a navy? Is it because the capitalists see before them another avenue for filching away the national revenues and directing them into their own pockets? That is the probable reason. The capitalist government at Ottawa have been the good friends of the capitalists and have hastened to give the natural resources into their hands. Now a navy is being foisted upon the backs of the workers in order that more profit may go to the steel barons.

Fourteen million dollars have been given, given, mind you, a free gift, to the steel barons. This is what Laurier has done with the government money. But the workers cannot get hold of any government money. Laurier keeps guard over the treasury and only swings open the government treasury doors to his little pets the labor skinning capitalists. Are you workmen still going to vote to support the man who supports the system that makes you live in wage slavery?

Roosevelt landed in Egypt and could not keep his tongue from wagging. He jumped right into the political mess and hectored the Egyptians because they would not get down on their knees and thank Great Britain for foisting the Rothschilds on the Egyptians backs. Roosevelt has had one good effect. He has put new life into the Egyptians and renewed their energies in their struggle against British tyranny.

The Manitoba government has appointed a commission to investigate the meat combine. The Manitoba government is considering the advisability of establishing a government abattoir. This government management will no doubt help win votes. But until the working class is put in control, until the working farmers and the wage laborers are put into control, the profit mongers will take their toll. The remedy is not government ownership and payment of interest to the credit lords. The remedy is the abolition of rent, interest and profit, and the management of industry by the working classes.

Alphonse Verville was elected in Maisonneuve in 1908 to the House of Commons by a majority of over four thousand votes. Verville is a laboring man. Ainey led the ticket for Board of Control of Montreal getting thirty thousand votes. The highest capitalist vote was twenty-two thousand. Langlois was returned to the Quebec Legislature from the city of Quebec. Langlois was a workingman's candidate. The French laborers of the Province of Quebec are showing that they want their fellow workers to represent them. They are not so very far behind in the proletarian fight for political expression, although they have not yet elected a Socialist.

## LEMIEUX WRITING PERSONAL LETTERS

Lemieux is writing personal letters to some of those inquiring about the discrimination against Cotton's. In one of the paragraphs of these letters, Lemieux states, "Recently the Editor of Cotton's Weekly wrote me stating that other newspaper publishers were sending bundles to non-subscribers, prepaid at the rate applicable to regular subscribers."

This is the way Lemieux clouds the issue. The question is not between non-subscribers and regular subscribers. The issue is between bona fide subscribers and regular subscribers. Here is the department ruling which Lemieux is enforcing. "If a regular subscriber to a newspaper wishes extra copies of a particular issue on account of its containing special articles, such extra copies cannot pass by post at the rate applicable to copies sent to subscribers, ALTHOUGH THE PERSON ORDERING THEM HAS PAID FOR THEM."

A person who pays or undertakes to pay is a bona fide subscriber. He may not be a regular subscriber, but a subscriber to that particular issue he certainly is.

The fact is that the Liberal Government is frightened to let the radical press get a foothold and to give it its right of getting out special issues. Lemieux, like Aylesworth, wants to hamper the spread of Socialist ideas. He is caught at the little game and his excuses and explanations but make the matter worse.

## WRITE TO YOUR CONSERVATIVE M. P.

Write to your Conservative M. P. and ask him if he will stand by the pledge in the Conservative platform upon which he was elected.

In the Conservative Platform as laid down by R. L. Borden, M. P., Opposition leader, at Halifax, August 20th, 1907, there is a plank with regard to postal facilities. The plank is as follows:

12. The improvement of existing postal facilities, especially in newly developed portions of the country, and the inauguration, after proper inquiry as to cost, of a system of free rural mail delivery.

Ask the Conservative M. P. to give you your rights. Ask them why Lemieux lets newsdealers get bundles of newspapers from office of publication on speculation, at the rate of one-fourth of a cent a pound, while he charges you, who pay for your bundles in advance, the sum of four cents a pound.

Call to his mind article 12 of the Conservative platform of 1907 and tell him you want to see him fight for that plank against a reactionary Postmaster General.

The Russian revolution is not dead. The revolution is very active. The terrorists are getting in a lot of work. Assassinations are frequent. The country is in upheaval. But we hear little of it. The associated news service which supplies American papers with European news is not featuring the revolutionary activities which pervade Europe. It is not the interest of the American capitalists for such news to be given to the common people. The common people are very close to revolt in the States and if they learned that other nations were fighting their exploiters, they would become more revolutionary. Therefore the news of the Russian revolt is suppressed.

The great idea in business now, among the little fellows, is to create some new demand. This is how it is put. What this means is that the capitalists must be tempted with some new method of spending their unearned income. The workers have many demands which they cannot gratify. They have not the price. When Socialism is introduced, the aim will be to satisfy the legitimate demands of the workers, instead of trying to find some new way of tickling the desires of those who are surfeited.

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2. SOCIALIST CATECHISM—Ching
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4. MENRIE ENGLAND—Blatchford
5. WHAT'S SO AND WHAT ISN'T—Work
6. The Socialists, Who They Are, and What They Stand For—Spargo
7. Socialism, What It Is and What It Seeks to Accomplish—Lefingwell

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