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Calumet, Mich.

Verily the ways of plutocracy show the rottenness of the present system.

And the working class must rely upon itself for its own protection.

The copper miners have been on strike against outrageous conditions for many months.

The copper mines have paid over \$100,000,000 in dividends upon an original investment of a million dollars, besides putting \$75,000,000 back into the mines for development purposes. This shows how profitable industry is to the capitalist class.

Now it comes out that there exists no legal title to upwards of 68,000 acres of rich copper lands claimed and operated by the Calumet copper barons.

This statement is verified by official records and public documents and rests upon the authority of a Congressional committee and the report of former Commissioner of the General Land Office William A. J. Sparks, and former Secretary of the Interior Lucius Q. C. Lamar.

On page 35 of the annual report of Commissioner Sparks for the year 1896 appears this:

"Lands which had been designated by the United States as 'mineral' prior to March 3, 1895, were excluded from the grant of lands made by the Act of Congress of that date for the Portage Lake and Lake Superior Ship Canal. Notwithstanding this express exception in the granting act, upward of 68,000 acres which had been designated by the United States as mineral before March 3, 1895, including some of the most valuable lands in the copper range of the upper peninsula of Michigan, were certified and approved by this department. Suit was recommended by this office June 9, 1896, to recover said mineral lands to the United States."

In a letter dated June 21, 1896, Secretary Lamar, writing to the Chairman of the Public Lands Committee of the Senate, said: "I concur with the conclusion arrived at by him relative to the institution of suits."

Suits, however, were never started, and the copper barons, though the labor of American citizens applied to the land belonging to America, gave the workers a bare living wage, and became rich beyond the dreams of avarice.

When Charles Moyer went to Calumet, and Hancock in the interests of the workers, he was set upon, shot in the back and killed by thugs in the employ of the copper barons. Outrages innumerable have been committed against the striking miners.

When the protest grew so great throughout the United States and Canada as to force Congress to the question of investigating the conditions, the Calumet henchmen of a masters declared they would investigate. A grand jury was summoned.

The result was that Moyer and his colleagues were indicted for conspiracy to restrain laborers from going to work, conspiracy to restrain imported scabs from going to work, conspiracy to deprive laborers of their property and rights.

Needless to say the mineowners and their officials were indicted not investigated, but the jury continued its investigation with the hope of bringing more serious charges against the striking miners.

This is a sample of what the working class get when they allow the government, the laws, and the operation of the laws to be in the hands of those who live by the difference between what the worker produces and what it costs the workers to live.

Botha to Get His

It is said that the late J. P. Morgan, some years before death, in speaking of the growing Socialist movement in Germany declared of Kaiser William, "Now is the time for him to show whether he is a man or a mouse."

Presumably J. P. Morgan's idea was that the Kaiser should be the power of his imperial fiat, exterminate the Socialist doctrines. Unfortunately for Morgan's views, it takes more than a fiat to deal with four million Socialist voters and twelve millions of Socialists. William has learned wisdom and goes slow.

However, another capitalist—Moses has arisen, this time in South Africa and will lead the diamond and gold kings in the pleasant places of industrial slavery. He wishes to have the ruling class ride secure upon the backs of submissive slaves.

The workers of South Africa revolted against their slavery, and Botha planned to show that he was a man, not a mouse.

He called his trusty Boer militia together. As the ruling class of Britain had beaten these Boers by bloodshed, so Botha would have the Boers still the strike of British slaves in bloodshed.

As no opportunity arose as the strikers remained peaceful in the face of provocation, Botha became more lionlike. He ordered all strikers to their homes, arrested the strike officials, placed the press under strict censorship, hired the total passenger accommodation of the steamship Ungeim, placed the ten arrested leaders on board the ship and deported them to England.

That was the lionship of Botha. Unfortunately for him the lion is small, and his weakness is causing great uneasiness in British political circles.

The British working class has been in a restive mood the past two years. Many and huge strikes have been broken out. The British ruling class has been endeavoring to maintain its hold by giving sweet words to the restive slaves. It has doled them out petty insurance acts and Lloyd George has capered through the country talking wildly against the rich in order to win the confidence of the slaves in the efficacy of his petty reforms.

Now Botha, crude Botha, ignorant Botha, steps in in true boor fashion. He deals harshly with the slaves. He shows the steel claws which the rulers of England were trying to hide within the velvet glove.

British labor is roused. It may be the incident that will start the revolution in earnest.

There is a leak in the steamer of Capitalism. All aboard for the rescue steamer, Socialism.

LLOYD GEORGE'S CAMPAIGN

Shortly after David Lloyd George was returned to the British House of Commons from the Welsh district of Carnarvon in 1890 he delivered himself of the following in one of his ecstatic speeches:

"Who are the privileged classes? They are all those who squander the resources of the community without helping to produce them. Landlords consume millions of the wealth of the land of this country without turning a sod to create it. There are monopolists who spend untold millions of the productions of our mines and manufactures without blasting a rock, handling a machine, or even wielding a pen to build up that wealth. If you mean to get better houses, better wages, better conditions of life, you can only do so by trenching upon the enormous rent rolls and revenues of landlords and monopolists of all descriptions."

We take this deliverance of Lloyd George as an example, for as yet in Canada we have no public man who goes so far in his denunciations. We have Borden, a rockribbed supporter of the predatory interests. Our provincial premiers are rockribbed supporters of capitalism. We have therefore to go to the old country to get a public man who denounces the big ones who live by the sweat of the faces of others.

Let us analyze this statement of the Chancellor and see whether it is a Socialist statement or not. Let us see how far it leads to abolishing the evils of present day society.

He opens by stating that the privileged classes are a class, he says, who squander the resources of a community without helping to produce them. Thus the privileged ones are those who spend lavishly without producing.

Thus Lloyd George does not attack the non-producers. He does not attack the system which supports a host of parasites who do no useful labor and yet consume. He attacks only those who wastefully spend large revenues. He is not against the petty bourgeoisie nor the big capitalist. He is against only those who have become as it were parasites upon the capitalists of a part of the country.

He is not against the robbery of the wage worker. He is willing to have the system of slavery continue. He is willing to have the revenues flow to the liptons and the armament firms and the shipbuilding capitalists. But he wants to put an end to the landlord who acts as a parasite, not upon the wage worker, but upon the capitalist who exploits the wage worker. He is anxious to attack the monopolists who are able to rob, not only the workers employed directly, but who by charging high prices through control of the market, deprive other capitalists of a part of their profits which they have stolen from the wage-working class. His attack also covers the apparent monopolists.

If Lloyd George was against the non-producers as a class, he would talk as loudly against the lawyer, the king, the middleman, the factory owners, the retail clerks and retail merchants and wholesale merchants who produce nothing but absorb part of the profit of the workers have created at the expense of the wage worker. He denounces none of these. He denounces only the parasites of those who are direct parasites upon the working class, and those who appear to be such parasites of parasites.

LANDLORDS

Lloyd George hits the landlords. Hitting the landlord is not Socialism. Were diatribes against the landlord revolutionary? Then the single-taxers would be revolutionary. Rent of land is that portion of unearned revenues absorbed by the owner of land, after the average rate of profit upon industrial capital has been paid.

In a country where production is on a small scale, and capital investment is small returns, the landlords cannot get high rents. Rents are low.

In a crowded city where many people pass, the landlord can get a big rental. For trade on such a corner is brisk, many people pass and will turn in to purchase, and so the profit upon goods sold may be no higher per article, nevertheless the turnover being greater, profits will be higher. Therefore the landlord can exact a higher rental from the profit upon the capital invested in the business will still be the average. Did the landlord charge too high rental, the corner would remain vacant.

The exploiter has to pay all taxes. The worker gets but a living wage. If the tax is thrust directly upon the worker, the worker has to have more pay, and so wages must rise and the capitalist pays in the end.

Consequently the denouement of the landlord comes to the front. On this side of the water, the agitation takes the form of the advocacy of the single tax. As the capitalist pays to pay all taxes, he is beginning to think it would be a splendid idea to utilize the revenues now flowing to the landlord for that purpose.

Rental value is something which it is hard for the capitalist class to absorb as a class. If a corner in a city produces a great revenue through brisk trade or closeness to a shipping point and a market, the capitalists on that spot, were the landlord abolished, would enjoy the added revenues. The individual capitalists would benefit. But if the differential revenues flowing to the various landlords could all be absorbed and used to pay the national, provincial and municipal taxes, then all the capitalists by being freed from paying taxes, would benefit. This is the explanation of the progress of the single tax agitation.

In England, on the other hand, owing to the closeness of population, and owing to the greater surplus values being created as a nation, the landlords have been able to appropriate a greater share of the surplus values produced by the working class. Capital is international. It is found that capital in Great Britain has been able to stay in Britain and get on an average as much profit after paying the landlord's rentals as it could by going abroad and being invested elsewhere. In Canada, as yet, all land does not pay rent. There is free land as yet, and much land stands idle. Consequently only the landlords in the more favored localities can charge rent and collect it.

So while here, the favored landlord appears only in certain areas, in Great Britain he is ubiquitous.

Owing to the increased gold supply and the cheaper cost of its production, money has become cheaper in value, and the result is shown in the advance in the cost of living.

The cost of living going up, wages have to advance or the workers will be insufficiently nourished, their physique will decline and they will not be able to do so much work and will become unprofitable workers. This situation has already arrived in Britain.

Where shall the funds come from which shall be used to increase the wages? The employing capitalist does not want to pay. So Lloyd George marches to the front and tells the workers if they want to get better wages, better houses to live in, better conditions of life, go get it from the landlords.

The working class will get only a living wage. Their wages in Britain have sunk below the living level. Hence, what Lloyd George really means is, that if the workers are to get their wages restored to the actual level before the cost of living went up, the employing class would take it very kindly if they would leave the added profits with the employing capitalist, and get their wages restored out of the sums the capitalists are now paying the landlords. The masters will have to pay better wages than now, and they are using the working class as a means to get the additional wage sum out of the fire of anti-landlord agitation.

MONOPOLISTS

Lloyd George mentions the monopolists who are to be attacked also. He attacks monopolists in general and does not distinguish the real monopolists and the apparent monopolists.

Thus, a real monopolist is one who corners a commodity and thereby can charge an exorbitant price for it. A monopolist does not hurt the wage worker. If the cost of living is advanced through the activity of a monopolist, the remainder of the capitalist non-producers have to foot the bill through an increased wage bill. Therefore the capitalist class as a whole is in favor of the Chancellor's denunciation of the monopolists.

But the actual monopolist is a rare occurrence. The apparent monopolist is the gentleman who is in process of evolution from a capitalist to a monopolist. He is constantly being evolved. Concentration of industry is also taking place.

Let us presume that the average rate of profit upon capital invested is ten per cent. A system is discovered whereby the cost of producing a certain commodity is considerably reduced. Let us say that by the new process the cost is reduced one-fifth. A group of capitalists undertake the manufacture by the new process. Other manufacturers continue the old method. The new process allows the capitalists to make thirty per cent upon their capital. They gradually absorb the market and the cry goes up that they are monopolists, that they are crushing out their competitors, while as a matter of fact, the rivals are being crushed out because of their antiquated methods of production.

Or a group of capitalists get together and organize a more efficient method of distribution of their commodities. The capitalists eliminate the wholesalers and retailers. They reduce their cost of operation by amalgamating the means of production, and so superintendents and duplicated head offices and clerks. Their profits increase enormously, this rate of profit goes to the capitalists in the industry leaps ahead of the capitalists in other lines of industry. The other capitalists see the great profits of their rivals and shout monopolist and Lloyd George rescues them.

Let us look at this case in the light of Marxian economies.

In the third book of Capital, Marx declares that the value of a commodity is created at the point of production. No value is added by the cost of capitalist distribution.

This sounds a strange saying, but a little thought will prove it.

A commodity is complete at the factory. A chair ready to use has been created, and more production energy is necessary to make it a use value.

But, owing to the fact that under capitalism that chair has to be sold, the capitalist has to provide a way of selling it. He has to divide up his profits by paying the wholesaler and giving the retailer enough rakoff out of the manufacturer's profits to hire, retail clerks and pay all the bills of operating the buyer from his money.

The whole cost of capitalist distribution comes out of the profits the manufacturer gets out of his slaves.

Manufacturers realize this and are eliminating the middlemen. They are cutting down overhead charges. Their net profits rise and appear to be enormous compared with the profits of those manufacturers who are still paying the cost of old style distribution.

Their rivals and the small employing capitalists think that because these big capitalists get large net profits, they must be monopolists. This does not follow. These capitalists are simply getting more of the profits, which all capitalists would get if the cost of distribution were reduced.

Therefore Lloyd George, in denouncing the efficient capitalist owners who plan their business so as to get more of the difference between the cost of production and the retail price, is simply catering to the inefficient small capitalists against the progress of capitalist concentration.

THE SOCIALIST POSITION

Lloyd George declares that the workers can only get better conditions, higher wages, better houses, by trenching upon the rent rolls and the revenues of the monopolists.

This does not follow at all. If the national revenues of Great Britain are \$10,000,000,000 per year, and the workers by a strike put up their revenues by \$500,000,000, this added income of the working class might come \$250,000,000 from the rent rolls, and monopolists, and \$250,000,000 from the petty bourgeois class who are neither landlords nor monopolists.

Lloyd George's conclusion leaves the worker in wage slavery. He is still to sell his labor power, but at a little better price. Owing to the competition for work among

If War Waste Went

Great Britain is spending \$335,000,000 per annum upon her army and navy. John Burns points out that this in ten years time would amount to pay off the national debt of the British Isles.

Let us follow Burns' suggestion to its logical conclusion. Let us suppose that the army and navy were disbanded, and all sums for these services were diverted to paying the national debt.

The first result would be a severe industrial depression.

The soldiers who now are fed, clothed and sheltered for unproductive labor, would be turned adrift in Great Britain to hunt work.

The sailors, marines, engineers, etc., upon the fleet would also be thrown out of work, and have to hunt jobs.

The workmen in the shipyards, dockyards, naval stores, the makers of military accoutrements and those engaged in providing food for man and beast in the army would also be thrown out of work. They too, would have to hunt a job. And at present there are plenty of unemployed in Great Britain.

Apparently great amounts of capital would be destroyed. For the sums now invested in private arsenals and in gun factories would be useless. The owners could not draw dividends from them.

But another factor would soon become apparent. The national government would be paying back to the lenders the money it had borrowed and which now forms the national debt.

These lenders would have \$335,000,000 paid to them each year for ten years. They would have to reinvest this money in productive enterprises before they could draw revenues from it.

New enterprises would be started which would give employment to the soldiers and sailors dismissed from the army and navy.

The industrial army would increase greatly. The numbers added to the wage workers would get for themselves a wage that would barely cover the cost of living. The surplus values they produced would be appropriated by the owning and employing class.

The owning and employing class of Great Britain would therefore find its revenues increased in two directions.

The owning class pay all the taxes. They would therefore be relieved of paying annually \$335,000,000 for the support of the army and navy.

And they would have the surplus values arising from the labor of hundreds of thousands of workers now unproductively engaged in shouldering arms.

The tremendous unearned revenues of Britain's owning class would be incredibly increased. The working class would be no better off and the owners would have to be even more extravagant in order to waste their increased incomes.

As the American plutocracy waste their wealth in extravagant folly while the breadlines increase, so the British rich would have to waste their revenues in the eyes of the starving.

The disbanded army and navy service and the payment of the national debt would not help the working class of Britain as long as the system lasts which places labor power on the market to be sold at its cost of production and reproduction.

The remedy lies in the abolition of the system which makes the non-producers owners, and which makes the producers non-owners.

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Berlin, Jan. 5th, 1914.

Regular meeting. Members present Smith, Quimbach, Blood, Pert, Morrish, Liss and the secretary. Comrade Smith in the chair. Minutes of previous meeting read and adopted. Correspondence dealt with from Assiniboia, Niagara Falls, Chas. H. Kerr, Chicago; Gustavus Myers, New York; Finnish Local, No. 6, Port Arthur; Manitoba Executive; O. L. Hamilton, B. C. Exec. Geo. Figg, Finnish Exec. Ontario Executive, B. Jacobson; Frank Cairns, H. E. Bushey, Ryan Walker, Woodstock; Alberta Executive, Montreal Jewish Local, Ottawa, Islay, Alta., Young Sask; Ontario, Oshawa, U.S.A., C. Spencer; E. Winch, Ben Wilson, Edmonton No. 13, Watrous, R. Winn, Cotton's Weekly, E. Hill, Guelph.

On motion Comrade H. Martin was re-elected as secretary-treasurer for the ensuing year. That the secretary be authorized to exchange Chas. H. Kerr's home literature as needed. That Comrade McKela be requested to give some estimate of the cost of organizing the Scandinavian Socialist Federation. That Comrade H. Martin represent the executive and such other shareholders as may forward proxies at Comrade's co-operative annual meeting on Feb. 2nd. That Comrade McKela be referred to the Ontario executive. That charter be granted to Eagle Hill, Alta., as Local No. 23, English. That Comrade Ryan Walker be routed through Ontario, commencing March 29th. That the P.E.C. for Alberta be requested to route some speaker through Saskatchewan, if possible. That a list of locals be provided. That books be audited Wednesday, Jan. 7. Receipts \$16.05. Expenses, \$37.87.

Berlin, Jan. 19th, 1914.

Regular meeting. Members present Quimbach, Smith, Morrish, and the secretary. Comrade Morrish in the chair. Minutes of previous meeting adopted as read. Correspondence dealt with from P. C. Young, Cordova Mines, Washetok; Cotton's Weekly, Hespeler, Edmonton; Ryan Walker, Dundurn, Sask.; Manitoba Executive, G. B. McKela, Amherst, N.S.; R. H. Artterbury, George Figg, Finnish Executive; B. C. Executive, Young; E. Simmonds; John Hynda, or another Eskiman, Hamilton; Manville, Alta. Executive Albert Jeserick, Montreal; Chas. H. Kerr, A. O. Alexander and Sudbury.

On motion charters were granted to Dundurn, Sask., as local No. 13, English. To Finnish comrades of Kamistakwa, Ont., as local No. 63. To Finnish comrades of Cotton Hill, Sask., as local No. 14. To Moyerton, Alta., as local No. 24, English. That \$50 be forwarded through Comrade Geo. McKela, Port Arthur, to assist the Scandinavian Socialist Society in organizing a Federation. That \$200 be forwarded to Chas. H. Kerr & Co. in part payment on bonds in the publication of Comrade Gustavus Meyers' work, "The History of Canadian Wealth."

Receipts, \$11.55. Expenses, \$213.05.

H. Martin, Secretary D.E.C.

Unsex'd
(By Berton Braley)
It doesn't unsex her to toil in a factory
Mending the looms from the dawn till the night
To deal with a schoolful of children refractory
Doesn't unsex her in any one's sight
Work in a store—where her back aches in
ery
Doesn't unsex her at all, you will note,
But think how exceedingly rough and unsex-
manly
Woman would be if she happened to vote!
To sweat in a laundry—that's torrid and tor-
rid
Doesn't subtract from her womanly charm
And scrubbing the flags in an echoing corridor
Doesn't unsex her—so where is the harm?
It doesn't unsex her to nurse us with bravery
Losing death's hand from its grip on the
throat
But ah! how the voices grow quivery, quav-
ery
Wailing "Alas, twill unsex her to vote."
She's feminine still when she juggles the
crochery
Bringing you blithely the order you give
Toil in a sweatshop where life is a mockery
Just for the pittance on which she can
live
That doesn't seem to unsex her a particle
"Labor is noble"—so somebody wrote—
But ballots are known as a dangerous article
Woman's unsexed if you give her the vote!