

Panic

Breadlines in New York are longer than usual. In Montreal suffering among the working class who have been thrown out of work has begun a month earlier than usual although the cold weather has hung off a month longer. Hard times are with us.

In New York City one \$25,000,000 concern has gone to the wall. Another of \$5,000,000 has also gone into liquidation, while a \$12,000,000 New England corporation has given up the ghost.

The master class are sacking their hands by the thousands. In every city in Canada the unemployed can be reckoned by the tens of hundreds.

There is suffering, intense suffering. If the common people only knew their own interest, only would realize how to manage the distribution of the wealth they create, panics would be no more.

But they do not realize as yet, and so we have suffering. However, each succeeding panic brings nearer the day of the overthrow of capitalism.

In hard times many little business men go to the wall. Hanging on to the ragged edge of ownership, they are dumped out of their possession. The workers cannot buy. The little business men cannot meet their bills, and so their independent course is ended.

Big business survives and grows bigger, swelled by the volume of trade going to the little fellows. The big expropriators confiscate the property of the little expropriators.

This is good. It makes the labor-skinners fewer and the skinned more numerous. It will need at most a couple more panics to have all Canada gobbled by the very few. And the continuance of the capitalist ownership will appear so ridiculous that even a hidebound Grit or Tory voter would not have the brazen foolishness to vote against the interests of the vast majority of the people.

Wilson at Brockville

Ben Wilson has come and gone, but his eloquence and wit has left us a feeling that will require long periods of time to efface. He has christened our little burg, "The home of the contented slave," and I believe the name to be well merited. The lecture of the 26th was sparsely attended, but what it lacked in numbers, it made up for in eagerness and appreciation. The lecture of the 27th saw our hall packed to the doors with a very respectable class of people, including a soul aviator. Comrade Wilson held his audience from start to finish, and as he handed out the glorious gospel of discontent you could have heard a pin drop. His scathing denunciations of the parasite class were vociferously applauded, and as his voice died away with a whisper of emotion many of the audience were seen to furtively place their handkerchiefs to their faces to hide their feelings. He is without doubt a great orator, and we are hoping that one of these days he will again favor us with his presence. We had a generous collection, and sold plenty of literature.—Yours in revolt Harold M. Vene.

British Columbia Executive

Herewith report of Provincial Executive Meeting held on 16th November inst.

Reports, Recommendations and Resolutions. That Provincial Executive Committee be requested to urge upon all Provincial Organizations and their affiliated locals and all locals in unorganized provinces to move a strong resolution of Protest against the brutal, inhuman and unjust treatment accorded against the miners on Vancouver Island, and demanding their immediate release. The protest to be sent to the Minister of Justice at Ottawa.

The D.E.C. to be asked for a further supply of 1500 Special Stamps.

All Locals requiring the services of an organizer to write direct to Sam Atkinson, 304 Labor Temple, Vancouver.

Note, all further meeting of the Provincial Executive will be held in office 304, Labor Temple, Vancouver, on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of every month at 2 P.M.

Members were appointed on a Special Committee to meet Representatives of the Trades and Labor Unions to discuss Political Action. Organizer was authorized to make a special appeal for organization funds, contributions to be sent to Provincial Treasurer.

A new local has been formed at Dawson City and affiliated with the B.C. Provincial Organization. Yours fraternally, The Executive.

Hamilton's Rare Treat

The comrades in Hamilton are still keeping their end up in the fight. They are now able to put a rare treat in the Hamilton people's way. We have secured Ben F. Wilson, one of the finest speakers in the whole Socialist movement, to lecture here on the "Afternoon of Sunday, Dec. 14th." We have engaged the Empire theatre, corner of Leeming and Barton streets, for the occasion, and the time is 2.30. His subject will be "The Moral and Spiritual Significance of the Socialist Movement." Of all the addresses delivered in this city on that Sunday, this one of Comrade Ben Wilson's will easily be the most interesting and enjoyable, and what is more important, the most productive of real good.

The local has just received a large and varied supply of the best Socialist literature from Cotton's, and other publishers. This will be on sale for the first time at the lecture. Cotton's Weekly is selling well on the corner of King and James streets every Saturday night. We have other schemes under consideration for increasing the circulation of our paper in Hamilton.

Like the rest of places, this city is suffering from the breakdown of the capitalist machine. If they will only but rouse the workers from their apathy and jar them loose from their bosses' political party the prevailing misery and starvation will have served a useful purpose. Only a little thought is necessary to make the workers realize that comfort and happiness may be theirs for all time.

Despite the bad conditions, our local continues to grow. We have been able to purchase a bargain lot of Socialist classics for our library, which will be open for business at our next meeting. We intend taking the hall for two week nights a month, on which to hold a study class and a business meeting. This will be convenient for several of our members who are unable to attend the Sunday night meetings. See the directory in this issue for our card.—J. A.

The daily papers don't like to divulge the fact that there is poverty and actual starvation in Canada. But it is here, and a factor that must be reckoned with.

A thrifty working class will tolerate no parasites.

American Notes

Mayor Samuel Lewis Shank of Indianapolis, has resigned. The organized business men of the city got after him because of his refusal to compel the police to be used in breaking the strike of teamsters. The new mayor is of the right calibre for the masters. He promises to use the police department and supply specials to protect the scabs. He is looking for trouble. The police of Indianapolis a few weeks ago refused to act as scab herders in the street car strike, and the men won out.

Colorado miners are planning for a statewide strike.

The silk mill strike in Hyde Park, Mass., is drawing scabs from all over the country. They are protected by the Burns and Ray carmen detectives, and are being paid handsome salaries and given auto rides and fine meals for their boot-licking propensities.

Buffalo Socialists are solidly organized. The Socialist vote for the last four years is as follows, for the mayoralty: 1909, 671; 1910, 2,510; 1911, 4,209; 1912, 4,376; 1913, 4,802. The Buffalo Socialist, a four-page paper, is about to be enlarged to eight pages. Out of the 4,376 who voted the Socialist ticket in 1912, 2,900 are affiliated with the party.

The 14,000 employees of the General Electric Company of Schenectady, N.Y., walked out because two of their Leaders were discharged. 1,500 shopmen were also recently discharged because of their union principles. The strike throws 19,500 men out of work.

The total vote for James M. Reilly, Socialist candidate for Governor of the state of New Jersey, was 13,977. The Socialists are the second strongest party in the state.

Macy's department store of New York is being besieged by union women in automobiles who speak to the clerks at the close of working hours, urging them to organize.

The following ad appeared in a Denver paper: "Does any slave driver want a slave? This is a good chance. I must eat, and will work faithfully. If I were a horse some man would own me and feed me. I want to be a human horse, willing to work hard for a place to sleep and a bite to eat, and do not expect to be petted and fed lumps of sugar, but would like a kind word now and then."

Paterson silk workers threaten to strike again. Mass meeting are being held. Masters claimed that the strike of last summer settled the trouble in Paterson for many years. Little do the masters realize the temper of the workers. A strike of today is never settled.

Over twelve thousand men and women attended a mass meeting in St. Louis protesting against the brutality of the police in the recent strikes. The police system was scored from the lowest patrolman to the highest officer.

Belcher, a gunman of the mine operators at Trinidad, Col., shot an organizer of the U.M. W. of A., and now he has a hole punctured through him. The authorities, of course, are trying to connect every miner in the district with the demise of the Baldwin thug.

Two of Pittsburgh's police enticed two girls to a house of ill repute, and started them on the downward path. The girls ended their lives by suicide.

Wall street grafters are closing their offices for want of business. Over a thousand clerks and stenographers have been fired, while those remaining in the employ of others have had their wages chopped in two.

Dominion Executive S.D.P.

Regular meeting Berlin, Ont., Nov. 3rd 1913. Members present, Smith, Quirmbach, Morrish, Allister and the secretary. Comrade Quirmbach in the chair. Minutes adopted as read. Correspondence dealt with: Cotton's Weekly; Ben F. Wilson; Montreal, Jewish; Finn. Exec.; Edmonton, North; Stratford; Seattle Wash.; South Porcupine; Ont. Exec.; Paradise Valley; Hamilton; Ottawa; Lindsay; Welland; Thos. Hanwell, A. Hanwell and Ukrainian Executive.

On motion the secretary was instructed to get 5000 "out of work" stamps in blue. That charter be granted to Ukrainians of West Toronto as local No. 89. That charter be granted to Dawson City, Y.T. as Local No. 35 and that this local be attached to the P.E.C. of B.C.

That a further supply of platforms and due cards etc., be secured. That minutes of Oct. 26 be amended to read: that Man. Exec. be given \$50.00 in stamps and supplies. That Welland and Hamilton be added to Wilson dates. That all locals do their utmost to raise funds to assist the families of the striking miners in B.C. That \$25.00 be forwarded to G. A. Moore, Box 830, Nanaimo, B. C., to be applied to the needs of the strikers.

Receipts \$359.55. Expenses \$26.60. Adjourned to meet Nov. 17th.

Regular meeting, Berlin, Nov. 17 1913, with all members present. Comrade Smith in the chair. Minutes of the last meeting adopted as read. Correspondence dealt with: W. U. Cotton; Ukrainian Organizer; Welland; Hamilton; Gustavus Meyers; Assiniboia; Ukrainian Exec.; W. J. Curry, Vancouver, B.C.; report of organization funds; Manitoba Exec. International Bureau; M. Ernest Graham.

On motion charter was granted to Finnish comrades of North Star Mine, Ont., as local No. 90. To Ukrainians of Sault Ste. Marie, as local No. 91. To Italians as local No. 92 Toronto, Ont., and London as No. 44 reorganized.

Receipts \$30.25. Expenses \$55.65. Adjourned to meet Dec. 1st. H. Martin, Secy.

Wilson at Lindsay

Comrade Wilson has been here, and has made a good impression. I give a few quotations from his speech:

"You may offer food to a hungry man but you cannot make him eat it, neither can you make a fool know the truth about the things that are true."

"We Socialists have the backbone of the capitalist system broken. Let us keep on the job till we break every other bone, as a cat does when she eats a mouse."

"If a horse knew as much as a driver, would he be driven?"

"If the working class had as good an education as the master class, who would be the masters? The working class, of course."

"When I was a young child they used to teach me that the earth was the Lord's and the fullness thereof, but now I find they belong to the landlord and the money lord and the factory lord."

Cheer up, boys, we have our bosses on the retreat; let us keep them on the run by turning Cotton's Weekly on them.—James Stapley.

Organize is the watchword for Socialists. The capitalists are finely organized and are enabled to drive the working class as never before. The workers must organize on the same principles, and stand together the world over. Solidarity of the working class is the only thing which will set the working class what is coming to it.

World Wide Notes

Paul Kunschak, a member of the Clerical party of Austria, was sentenced to death for the murder of Franz Schumacher, a Socialist member of the Austrian parliament. The widow of the Socialist wrote a long letter to the Parliament protesting against the execution of the murderer, on Socialist principles. She and her family had no desire for revenge, and felt that an execution would dishonor the dead father. The Emperor, Franz Joseph, commuted the sentence to twenty years of imprisonment. The Austrian Socialists practice what they preach.

A genuine revolution is promised in Mexico. The farmers, supported by wage workers, will make an attempt to break up the landed estates.

A very poor Christmas is promised the workers of Berlin, Germany. The large stores have not taken on extra help for the holiday trade. Idle workers throng the streets, and business is depressed over the whole city.

Three natives were killed and twenty-two wounded by the police during a riot at the Pretoria, S.A., mines.

500 distinguished Europeans, writers, artists and professors, have protested against the treatment meted out to the Russian political prisoners, who are suffering and dying by the thousands in the prison cells of the bloody czar. Since 1905 over 40,000 persons have been sentenced for political reasons.

The threat of a general strike among the miners of France scared the government into promising an eight-hour day.

65,000 Russian factory hands in St. Petersburg and northern Russia threw down their tools and walked out recently. The strike is a protest by the workmen against the trial of some employees of the Buchow works on a charge of illegally quitting their employment. The strike is expected to spread throughout the empire if the workers are convicted.

Pin-headed students, urged on by the masters, attempted to break up a Larkin meeting in London. They were thrown out on their heads.

There is peace in the south of Serbia. There is no one there to rebel. The Balkan war ended in wholesale massacre of many villages in Albania and the inhabitants were gathered together and shot in batches, like rabbits.

100,000 employees of the British postal service demanded increased pay. It was refused, and a strike is threatened.

The Italian parliament will grant old age pensions to government employees.

Vancouver I. W. W. Protests

The following protest has been sent to the Ministers of Labor and Justice Ottawa, and to the Lieutenant-Governor of B.C.

Dear Sir:—We, the press committee of Local Union 322 I.W.W. Vancouver, B.C., are hereby instructed to bring to your notice, some of the conditions under which we workers of Canada, are forced to exist.

First—The fiendish tyranny of the B.C. government used in its suppression of the miners of Vancouver Island, and the punishment that is being meted out to them in their sentences, is in our opinion without a parallel in the history of Canada. We are not going to stand for it.

Secondly—The case of two of our members M. Brennan and J. Monroe, in the Revelstoke gaol. They had just arrived in town, paid for their room and board a week in advance had money in their pockets and were perfectly sober but they were members of the I. W. W., that was enough for the powers that are ruling B.C., these two men were dragged off to jail, and upon an inquiry we were informed that they were held on suspicion and that they would be tried at ten the following morning. We were there at a quarter of ten and were coolly informed that they were convicted of vagrancy at nine o'clock. What evidence was submitted in that secret court, we do not know but we are going to know.

Thirdly—We call your attention to the case of two of our members named H. Lloyd and Chas. Kleas, who are now awaiting their sentences in the New Westminster Gaol, for a so called use of obscene language and assaulting the police. Could you get a stenographic report of the trial it would prove to be an interesting document for your perusal.

Fourthly—We call your attention to the decision handed down by one Judge McInnis of Vancouver, who has decided in an inspection case that a man killed or injured in a logging camp cannot claim damages under the "Workmen's Compensation Act." The question arises naturally, is a logger a workman or is he what the learned judge thinks he is, merely an animal.

And last but not least. We should call your attention, to the horrible conditions in the construction camps of B.C., which are a disgrace to the human race, and which we are determined to alter with or without your co-operation. Below you will find what we are determined to have, peacefully if it is possible, but otherwise if necessary.

Here below is what we want and what we are determined to have.

First—The release of the miners and others mentioned herein.

Second—An eight hour day with a minimum wage of four dollars per day, in all construction camps in B. C.

Third—The abolition of all employment agencies where office fees are charged.

Fourth—An immediate reversal of Judge McInnis' interpretation of the "Workmen's Compensation Act."

Fifth—Bath house in every camp in B. C.

Sixth—An increase of hospitals along the railroad lines in process of construction, and a full medical staff of medical and "First Aid Men" within easy reach of each camp.

Seven—Better sleeping and sanitary conditions in all the camps.

Eighth—The abolition of the dollar fee for medical attention, the same to be supplied by the government free of charge.

Ninth—All men to be paid off in the current coin of the country or negotiable paper not subject to discount.

Tenth—Walking delegates of the I.W.W. to have free access to all the camps at all times to enable them to confer together for their mutual welfare.

We would like to have an answer to this at your earliest convenience, as upon your answer depends our future action.

With best wishes, we are yours for better conditions.—Press Committee Local Union No. 322, Industrial Workers of the World, Address 34 Cordova St. W., Vancouver. R. Gosden, R. Sullivan, L. Rondeau.

"Go west, young man, and grow up with the country. There are only 17,300 idle men in Winnipeg, a city of about 150,000 population, according to reports, and further on west cities are under the necessity of feeding the idle. Grand chance for a young man 'with a little money' to make a name for himself in the prairie provinces."

Industrial Conditions in Calt Ont

Galt is one of the belt of towns served by the Hydro-Electric from Niagara, and has a population of nearly 12,000, with numerous factories. It is termed the "Manchester of Canada." It is held in high esteem by local enthusiasts, but, nevertheless, is suffering from the same financial monotony trouble that prevails throughout the Dominion.

Broadly speaking, most of the factories are running well under the normal. Two cases of factories on overtime can be quoted, the others are either on short time, laying off employees, or just going to.

Turnbills, woolen manufacturers, are working overtime, which may be caused by rush orders due to the abolition of the wool tariff into the States on Dec. 1st.

Goldie & McCulloch's safe making and fitting shops, and Sheldons Ltd., fan makers, disposed of fifteen men on the 20th inst.

The Canada Machinery Corporation for the third time deferred payment to their employees on the 22nd of November for some unknown reason. This is where the union moulders have been continuously on strike since spring.

The local churches seem indifferent to the desires and conditions of the working class.

Since the local Y.M.C.A. have entered their new building, they have been very active, soliciting the membership of all young men.

There is no labor bureau here, but should the suggestion be put into effect that the headquarters of the Y.M.C.A. be made into a labor exchange be established, the wage earners would do well to remember the labor bureau use as a strike breaking agency, and the sale of labor on the dutch auction principle. A little outdoor work continues. Female labor is well up to the demand.

The public are catered for by one local evening newspaper, which is occasionally flavored with officialism. There is a dearth of news from the quarters of industrial unrest. Occasionally a well digested paragraph appears about Larkin's doings, or the Minneapolis strikers. The distorted reports of strikes, etc., are always available by reading other provincial papers, and one's own deductions made.

The International Association of Machinists of Washington, D.C., have been distributing propaganda cards outside different workshops. A meeting of machinists was convened at the Trades and Labor Hall, on Dickson street, on the 24th ult., and all workers in the machinist trade were urged to attend. Unfortunately the date clashed with another social event at the town hall that appeals more to the immediate frailties of our class.

In conclusion, remember the Socialists meet every first and third Tuesday in the month at the Trades and Labor Hall, Dickson street.—La Marsellaise.

Conditions in Vancouver

Here is how Vancouver looks anyway. It is hard to give figures regarding the unemployed, but there are thousands of them, the city has appropriated \$10,000 for relief work for "needy married men" at \$2 per day. Men are offering ten to fifty dollars for jobs "at any kind of work." Prosperity has hit the bottom with a bang.

Regarding the miners' cases, the trials of the remainder opened the 24th of November, and unless the workers act quickly they will be railroaded like their fellows were a few weeks ago. Public sentiment is with the boys but needs galvanizing into action. Precious time is being wasted; any means should be taken to get them out, and I hope the Liberation League will act accordingly.

As regards the political situation, the time was never so opportune for propaganda, and it is a thousand pities if internecine strife spoils the next election. Political unity is as essential as industrial unity, and whether by freight or express, we are on the same road.

But, by heavens, McBride and Bowser should follow their prosperity, at the next election, or the workers are more foolish than I imagine. Bowser tried to address meeting of the faithful here last week, but was broken up by the reds; that is right give the doctor his own medicine, say I.

Both the Social Democratic Party and Socialist Party hold fine meetings every day, and the former are entering the pal campaign. It is well to be behr club of the police thug, as well as the soldier.

Returning to the miners, how courtroom is being crowded every hundreds wait in our miserable B.C.

Next week, all being well, I shall devote more time and space to ject, which is the most important far before us now.

The workers of Canada of red b should send unceasing demands for the miners' release. In revo F. S. F.

Boy Scouts the Hope of

A comrade of Vancouver, B.C. "Even the militiamen are beginn A commissioned officer of the 72 ers told a friend last week that fifty men out of his company si on the island commenced, and hope for the militia in the fu High School Cadets and the I The work of the S.D.P. has definite shape since Comrade arrived, and we are hoping i ticket, at the forthcoming i tions."

Port Arthur Sells Li

Here is the record of books sold by the Literature Commi lish Port Arthur, Ont., S. months ending Nov. 30th, 1913. 2) cents each; 32 books at 5 ce books at ten cents each; 26 book each; 6 books at 25 cents each a at 50 cents each.

We also got 200 copies of the ion of the Appeal to Reason, and take a weekly bundle of the Wester and an Italian and Polish weekly.

Our brigade handles 50 copies of and takes \$2 worth of sub cards ever. Anyone wishing to buy good books, get a copy of a Socialist paper free a them any Wednesday night between eir ten o'clock in the Labor Temple, Bay t Port Arthur.

TORONTO READERS PLEASE NOTE

The S. D. P. has 10 locals and 1600 dues-paying members Toronto. It is a fighting organization only. We are all leaving Have and literature and plenty of it. Dues 25 cents month. Com to local No. 1 (Ontario) Room 5, Labor Temple, 1st or 2nd Floor of the South. In addition, we write Secretary, Social Democratic Party Labor Temple, Toronto. If you are tired of the recent system, join. Only organization affiliated with International Movement. All Vancouver welcome. Telephone Caledonia 2677. 771

The Cost of Living

The cost of living has been soaring. Wages have remained low.

The workers grumble and the politicians think they can make something out of the discontent.

So Laurier, that foolish old fellow whose brain became petrified twenty years ago, is haranguing the voters about the beauties of "Free Food."

No, Laurier does not mean that you should have your food provided freely of right. He does not mean that hunger shall be abolished from Canada. That would horrify the old fellow. It would make him stand aghast. For if free food for all should become a fact, hunger would not drive slaves to sell themselves to the capitalist taskmasters.

Laurier wants to keep you in slavery. All Laurier means is that there should be no customs duty on food coming into Canada from other countries. Food would still have to be paid for, and if you haven't the price and cannot get a master, then you should starve, that is what Laurier means.

It is a fact that cannot be gainsaid that the cost of living governs your wages. If the cost of living is high, wages will be high. If the cost of living is low, wages will be low. And whether living is high or low, every so often panics will come under capitalism, and you will be flung out of work, and the masters can hire you very, very cheaply.

Laurier is no friend of the people of Canada. He is the friend of the big thieves, the plundering plutocracy.

He has been kicked out of power and hopes to be able to crawl back to the political hogtrot at Ottawa by some cat's paw to deceive the ignorant. So he mouths and rants about "free food."

Borden fears Laurier may make a his rubbish talk, and Borden does to be shoved aside from the hogtrot. he is planning to appoint a commissio investigate the reason for the high co living. He wants to show the tariff the cause.

But to you slaves, it matters little er cost goes up or down. You may your masters watch your wages. They how much you have to eat to be a work animals. You will get in wages enough to keep you fit to slave your away profitably to those who own the m of wealth production.

The only remedy that will benefit ye be to take unto yourselves collective capitalist property of those who

An Open Letter to Ca

Work we have done, and work to do. Slaves we are and slaves providing we will let you and you our backs.

We have built your ships and coal, weaved your cloth and maw, built your houses, and bottle, built your railroads from coal, our sweat and blood, while you in riages and automobiles travel and r and dance and raise hell six days a go to church on the seventh and pray for more of it.

I stand as firm as a rock, M be you a lawyer, doctor, min judge or chief, if you and y dividends from the sweat c you draw that rent, intere the tears of broken hearte daughters have been force guiding hand into a life t ther, into a flame of hell never did any useful we gold piece for a watch anything but pass lav break them.

Mr. Capitalist, de there would be an had to be a brak eer? Capite wor ar