

## THE FIRING LINE

## About Cotton's

The work on the new building is proceeding apace. The cement foundations for the press and engine have been completed. The hard wood floors are being laid down. But there is much work yet to be done on the new building before it is completed and the sub hustlers will have a chance to put the circulation over the ten thousand mark before Cotton's moves to its new home.

One Comrade writes in wanting to know what he shall do. He writes that he is supporting six Socialist papers and wants to know whether he should concentrate his efforts on Cotton's Weekly. This is a question he will have to answer for himself. But the question is dependent on an answer to the question which always comes first. That question is, "What is the best way I can propagate Socialism in Canada?" If Cotton's is the best way, then support it. If it is not the best way, then find the best way and bend your energies to attacking capitalism in that manner. I am endeavoring to make Cotton's a powerful organ for Socialism. I am trying to make it an organ for pulling down capitalist robbery, and for building the intellectual and political foundation for the Socialist regime. Capitalism will provide the economic foundation.

This summer I am going to try and put out a special edition during every week in July, August and September. This means much hard work during the summer months. But if those issues are put into the hands of the wage slaves of Canada by the sub hustlers I will be more than content.

Not only will they be special issues but there will probably be special exposures. At Springhill some capitalist judge issued an injunction to prevent the strikers picketing, etc. The Socialists still picketed. They have been arrested for contempt of court. Jules Lavenne, the man who preached Socialism without truce nor rest in Springhill, is the one especially singled out for vengeance. He has been railroaded to Halifax, there to stand his trial, charged with daring to refuse to obey the mandate of the benchman judges of the capitalist plunderers. Roscoe A. Fillmore, who writes an article in this week's issue, has hurried to Halifax as the special correspondent of Cotton's to write up the trial.

In Toronto another special agent of Cotton's is digging up information that has been carefully suppressed by the capitalist politicians.

There are many grave abuses which I have got a trace of. When the time and opportunity comes these will be traced up and exposed. Canadian politics are corrupt, corrupt as hell, and the daily papers and weekly publications dare not open their columns to the exposure of this corruption. It remains for Cotton's to get after this information and give it to the public.

When we get into our new building and have the space to work in and machinery to do it with, Cotton's can turn out a far bigger output of Cotton's Weekly than it is doing now. The sub hustlers are the ones upon whom the real battle for the spread of Cotton's depends. It is the lone outposter, the one who picks the sub hustlers up one by one, the little band of flying hustlers, it is these agencies who will spread Cotton's and make it the dread of every form of reaction.

There are glorious fights ahead of us. We can sniff the battle from afar and already see in imagination the quaking jellyfish bellies of the frightened plutes.

## THE TOP NOTCHERS.

W. K. Bryce, DeMaize, Sask. . . . 15  
A. C. Blackwell, Woodstock, Ont. . . . 10  
Geo. Penfold, Guelph, Ont. . . . 10  
P. Bergquist, Polson, Sask. . . . 9  
T. C. Woods, Sandwich, B. C. . . . 8

Two yearly subs tumbled in from Vernon, B. C.

Cotton's new Book Catalog is ready for delivery. Send in for one. Two halfers drop in from Cobalt, per Comrade M. Murawchik.

Two halfers from Comrade S. J. Kreid, Montreal.

Comrade Edmond Arcand, Montreal adds five halfers.

Five halfers from Comrade Sam. B. Betzner, Dawson, Y. T.

Two yearly from Comrade George Wainwright, Toronto, Ont.

Comrade C. E. B. Weymouth, N. S., makes Cotton's visit four halfers.

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

Comrade James Jackson spreads the gospel of discontent with five halfers for Nanaimo, B. C.

Three plunks from Comrade K. Johnson, Montreal for bundles for Montreal Local No. 1.

Comrade F. E. Bassley, Malakawa, B. C., wants Cotton's for a year to lead others to the light.

"I come with two more scalps for the wig of Socialism," Comrade M. Nix, Renfrew, Ont.

Five dollars from Comrade V. A. Hintz, Berlin, Ont., in payment of the bundles sent the local.

Comrade L. Brennan, Red Deer, Alta., guides two yearly to the sashem wig wam.

Every remittance to Cotton's Weekly of \$1.00 or over, is acknowledged on our new picture post cards.

Comrade A. C. Blackwell, Woodstock, Ont., orders ten half yearly sub cards.

This paragraph is a jogger about those Sub Cards you have on hand still unused. Get them into service.

Comrade George Penfold, Guelph, Ont., takes ten half yearly sub cards to further boost the Ontario sub list.

"Please find enclosed one dollar for two subs as a plunk for the tenthousand." Wage Slave, Carleton Place, Ont.

Use the noon hour to advantage. Talk to your fellow workers, and land their names for Cotton's sub list.

"I will sure try to help the work along more in the future. Enclosed four yearly," Comrade Ardie Simpson, MacLeod, Alta.

"That bunch of sub cards is all gone. So I enclose three dollars for cards as per slip." Comrade W. K. Bryce, De Maize, Sask.

Five half yearly sub cards for \$1.00. Why not get a supply? Boost for the 10,000 and put Cotton's into a building where it can work.

Five half yearly subs come shooting the shoots from the push imparted to them from Comrade Albert Dahl, Wavy Lake, Alta.

"Enclosed find one dollar. Please send five sub cards more. Like to have some on hand." Comrade H. M. Hugh, Blairmore, Alta.

Use the noon hour to advantage. Talk to your fellow workers on Socialism and get them to subscribe for Cotton's.

Tap. Tap. Tap. So says the hammer on Cotton's New Building. Every Sub Card as it lands, is a tap against capitalism and a boost for Cotton's Keep 'em Tapping.

Comrade J. H. Kirk, Maple Creek, Sask., picks up a halfer and hurls him down the sub shoot. "Finds the exercise good and two days later hurls another halfer.

"Yours for the good cause," writes Comrade D. W. Brown, Central Station, Ont., as he feeds the bulldog on a dollar bill and gets five half yearly post cards to feed the wage slaves.

Three halfers drop in from Norwich, Ont. Comrade Frank Winters the sender writes, "More to follow. Looks like something doing. Just moved here. Am talking 'Soc.' every day."

Sub Cards should not be laying idle at this particular time. Every card sent in boosts the circulation and drives a nail in the home now going up for Cotton's.

"I am just starting on a new bush farm and it keeps me guessing to make ends meet," writes Comrade A. E. Faulkner, Conjurung Creek, Alta., as he renews his sub.

"Below you will find four new yearly-ies that I want you to take care of and teach good sense for a whole year. For the third dollar please send me sub cards." Comrade Peter Bergquist, Polson, Sask.

Let those who are taking a bundle of Cotton's Weekly each week use the copies to get subs with. The more you can get to subscribe for themselves the more people you will have contributing to the support of the Socialist movement.

"I have got a few subs. You know how it is with a farmer. Not much time. Nothing but grind. Don't forget to show the farmers where they stand." Comrade C. Woods, Sandwich, B. C. Comrade Woods forwards seven yearly-ies and a halfer.

Ever have that hungry feeling after reading Cotton's? Hungry for more dope. Can't get it till the next number comes. And if your sub has expired it won't come. Renew at least a week in advance to get every issue.

"Am forwarding you one yearly and two halfers. This is my first start. I am Secretary of the Bricklayers, Masons and Plasterers International Union No. 12, Berlin, and I am trying to get Cotton's among the one hundred members." Comrade A. P. Plummer.

Use the Yellow Sub Blank sent you in the last issue of Cotton's. Shove it through the mail at the earliest opportunity. Stop the slump in the sub list, and at the same time drive home a good big spike in Cotton's New Building.

"Keep up the fight against entrenched hypocrisy and never say die. To fight in such a cause is the only way to steer past oblivion and I wish I had a few thousand dollars laid out so I could use them in the cause." Thus writes a wage slave forwarding two dollars to the agitation battery from new Brunswick.

The Glace Bay Socialists cancel their order for fifteen copies a week and order a bundle of one hundred copies for three months. Comrade Roscoe A. Fillmore is going to Glace Bay to organize the county for victory at the polls. The strike has started the working plugs of that district in the direction of economic emancipation.

## Helpful Directions

Please assist Cotton's staff by signing your name and address to everything you write. Make all money orders payable to Cotton's Weekly.

Write book, bundle, card or sub orders on separate sheet of paper from letters on other matters, in order to ensure prompt attention.

Underwood says that the beef trust makes nothing out of the carcass of a beef. Perhaps they make money out of the carcass of the workingman.—Nebraska Enterpriser.

## SUB PRICE OF COTTON'S

Canada and England.

Six Months, 26 copies . . . . . 25c

Six Months, clubs of 5 . . . . . 50c

One Year, 52 copies . . . . . 50c

One Year, clubs of 5 . . . . . 2.00

Three Months, club of 5 . . . . . 50c

Three Months, club of 10 . . . . . \$1.00

ADVANCE COLLECTION of Books for 50 cents. Seven standard pocket-fitters. Best published.

Chase up those sub cards you have lying about the house, and put them to work. Every one is needed at the present critical stage.

All remittances to Cotton's Weekly of \$1.00 or over, are acknowledged by mail.

## World-Wide Socialism

It is reported that an anti-Japanese uprising is being planned by Koreans in the north of Korea.

The Social-Democrat Tanner has been elected first vice president of the Finnish Landtag.

The number of Socialist votes in Brussels, Belgium, has increased from 57,770 in 1906 to 68,000. In Antwerp the increase amounted to 2,000.

Victor Berger declared in New York that he could win that city for Socialism in from five to ten years' time.

Premier Canelajas of Spain has announced freedom of religious worship in Spain. Hitherto only Catholic worship was allowed in public.

Delegates to the Provincial Assemblies being held at Pekin, China, are demanding a constitution for the empire and parliamentary institutions.

One hundred and twenty-eight Italian deputies, 15 of whom are former Ministers, have sent an address to the Duma protesting against the attack of the liberties of Finland.

Premier Briand wants to increase the strength of the French navy. At the same time the granting of the old age pensions in France is to be postponed a year for lack of funds.

The Metal Workers' Journal is a German labor paper published in Germany with a little subscription list of 400,000. It is a powerful weapon in the hands of organized labor.

The Socialists of South Dakota in their state convention at Huron have nominated a complete state ticket for the coming elections. The convention was the best in the history of the state.

The Socialists of Milwaukee have discovered that the Street Railway Company has been dodging the taxes on its cars for years. The unpaid taxes amount to \$72,000. The Socialists are going to collect the money.

In Basel town, Switzerland, there is a vacancy in the Government, and the Social-Democratic party claim it as their due, and have put up Dr. Blocher as their candidate. There is already one Socialist minister at Basel—namely Dr. Wullschlegler.

Statistics issued by the bureau of labor show that at this time there are 6,000,000 wage earning women in the United States and that they are not only working for less wages in the same industries, but are required to work more hours than the men.

The military tribunal at Barcelona, Spain, has taken proceedings against Pablo Iglesias for certain anti-militarist and anti-monarchist declarations made by him recently at Barcelona at a meeting of the Bakers' Trade Union.

The Socialist Vorwarts, frequently the best informed of all German papers regarding the secret intentions of the government, announced today that a bill for another big increase in the navy will be presented in the fall session of the Reichstag.

A number of governmental students broke into the press rooms of the Socialist paper in Buenos Ayres, Argentine Republic, and destroyed the presses and equipment. They then went to the hall where the Socialists were meeting and engaged in a riot in which several people were injured.

Since the granting of the universal suffrage in Sweden not long ago, the Social-Democratic party of that country has found its voting strength so increased that it is able to sever its alliance with the liberal democrats, and run its candidates independently, which it was formerly unable to do.

Copenhagen Socialists made use of the phonograph as a stump speaker during the late campaign, records of a speech by Comrade Borgberg being distributed among all of the comrades who possessed machines, and played in hundreds of homes and public places.

Bernhard Dernberg, German Colonial Secretary, has resigned because the German government is going to tax commercial companies in German African territory. The tax is levied to repay fifty million dollars spent by the Empire to repress native uprisings. Dernberg, who got his training in a New York Banking establishment, thinks the companies should not be taxed.

The New York State Legislature has passed a law preventing messenger boys under twenty-one years of age being employed by companies or agencies at night. Trade unionism is getting a strong grip on Oklahoma. The United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners last year had thirty-six unions. Now they have sixty. A Mill Workers' Union has just been organized for the men in the planing mills.

The result of the municipal elections of Stockholm is that of the 50 seats 16 have fallen to the Social-Democrats, 12 to the Liberals, and 22 to the Conservatives. The Socialists had hitherto held only two of these seats. In the other elections for town councils, as far as the returns are available, there were elected 12 Socialists (hitherto two) 10 Liberals and 20 Conservatives.

Walter Thomas Mills has been appointed special commissioner on municipal enterprises by Emil Seidel Socialist Mayor of Milwaukee. Mills will tour the world seeking information in giving the people the best experience of the world has produced. Mills will visit Europe, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand. Mills will deliver addresses on Socialism during his trip.

F. Steyne, ex-president of the Orange Free State, faces the issue squarely. He says: "If Racism means one race suppressing another, it is abominable. When a better mutual racial understanding shall be reached, the present political parties will all go into the melting pot, and the new issue will then be 'Capital-

ism versus the rest of South Africa."

Two hundred and fifty laborers from Montenegro are starving in Cordova, Alaska. They are without work and the American government does not know what to do about them. Were they just plain Americans they would be allowed to starve and no fuss would be raised.

The Bethlehem Steel Company is the "Barbarous Mexico" of the States. It is the most oppressive of labor skinning steel plants and the most favored of the government in getting contracts for warships. Now it is being investigated for having putty in the cracks of the big ship guns sold the government.

A United States Congressional Committee is investigating the charges that American officials have been using the forms of law to hound back to Mexico the political opponents of Diaz, there to be tortured to death. Oscar Lawler, who was so active against the Appeal to Reason, is implicated in the prostitution of American justice to Diaz tyranny.

Between twenty-five and thirty street meetings will be held by the Socialists of Philadelphia during the summer. Congressional district committees have been organized in each of the six congressional districts of Philadelphia, and the members are planning a systematic distribution of literature that will reach every member of the working class in Philadelphia.

Oscar Ameringer the "farmer orator" of Oklahoma City, will be one of the speakers in Wisconsin during the Socialist campaign this summer and fall. Ameringer was largely instrumental in organizing the farmers of his section of the country and bringing them into the Socialist ranks. His efforts will be spent in an endeavor to teach the farmers of Wisconsin the principles that brought the men of his state into the party.

The Socialists at New Castle, Pa., are engaged in a desperate fight to maintain the freedom of the press. Because a paper published by them criticised most sharply the murderous tactics of the constabulary during a strike the editor of the paper has been arrested for "seditious libel." This is a charge that has not been brought in any American court for more than a century. It is a charge which has no place in a country claiming to grant freedom of speech and press. It is a charge, whose legality, once established, will make impossible any criticism of the powers that rule.

Union labor in Cleveland has won a sweeping victory over the Cleveland Baseball Club. The boycott which has been on all summer was raised this month when Dan Johnson, President of the Baseball League, signed closed shop contracts for all teams. The agreement provides that all contracts for tearing down, construction or repairs of parks shall contain a clause requiring the employment of union labor exclusively and all printed matter shall bear the union label. All cigars and tobacco sold within the park must also bear the union label.

John Curtis Kennedy declares that the following American organizations with a total membership of over three hundred and sixty thousand have declared for Socialism. In addition the United Mine Workers have also declared for Socialism. This brings the total up to over six hundred thousand.

The following are the organizations enumerated by Kennedy:

	Members.
International Association of Machinists . . . . .	48,000
Pattern Makers' League . . . . .	9,000
United Metal Workers . . . . .	22,000
Boiler Makers and Iron Shipbuilders . . . . .	14,000
Amalgamated Engineers . . . . .	2,000
United Brewery Workmen . . . . .	39,000
Bakery and Confectionery Workers . . . . .	14,000
Boot and Shoeworkers . . . . .	32,000
Textile Workers . . . . .	10,000
Ladies' Garment Workers . . . . .	1,500
United Cloth, Hat and Cap makers . . . . .	33,000
Woodworkers . . . . .	20,000
Flint Glassworkers . . . . .	10,000
Amalgamated Glassworkers . . . . .	2,800
Carriage and Wagon Workers . . . . .	3,200
Western Unions, including W. F. of Miners . . . . .	100,000
Total . . . . .	360,800

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Amount on hand . . . \$49.41

THE Sub List DROPS this week, and it looks like a further DROP next week. Every reader of Cotton's has the machinery at hand to STOP the DROP. Last week Every reader received a Yellow Sub Blank folded in his copy of No. 92, with a strong urge to Boost the Sub List over 10,000 before Cotton's moves to the new building. This week the urge is doubled. Every Loyal Reader will AT ONCE put that SUB BLANK into use, thus stopping the DROP in the circulation figures and spiking a spike in Cotton's New Building.

## JAPAN.

The history of Japanese Socialist movement is a history of severe persecution. The present situation is much the same as that of Germany under Bismarck of Russia under Alexander the Second.

Japanese Socialists started their political movement for the first time in 1901. The government, however, soon prohibited Socialist organization. Thereafter many meetings were continually dissolved by violence. Some twenty Socialist leaders have been thrown in the prisons under several pretexts during the last two years. Nearly all our publications were, of course, prohibited. Many books and pamphlets were confiscated, and our periodicals were suppressed. Even the publication of the translation of Marx and Engel's "Communist Manifesto" was met with a heavy fine. The monthly Shaka Shimbun, edited by Comrade S. Katayama, who was our delegate at the Amsterdam Congress in 1904, is the only Socialist paper now in existence. An especially great disadvantage we labor under is the fact that the workers have not the right of the franchise and we cannot even send a representative to the Diet.

Under such circumstances it is not surprising that no public movement is possible, and devoted Socialists forced to become secret propagandists. It is thus very difficult to present exact statistics of the number of our comrades, their works, and its measure of success. The rapid spreading, however, of Socialism among the workers, and of anti-militarism among the soldiers, is proved by the fact that strikes and the number of deserters from the army are daily increasing.

On the other hand, the government is striving to weaken the hostility of the working class, deceiving them by the foolish policy of "State Socialism." They introduced to the present Diet a factory bill, though they drew it back owing to the demand of a powerful bourgeois party. It is rumored also that they are considering the laboring insurance question.

At any rate the centralization of capital and the increase of poverty are making Japan day by day a most hopeful land for Socialism, which may ere long become the greatest power in economics and politics of that country.

## With The Battery

Can't keep the Agitation Battery down. Only thing that holds it head high this week. Sub list drops, new bundle boosters in hiding, but the Battery looms up as big as ever, with faces set sternly in the direction of Quebec.

The province of Quebec has furnished much "charming" historical material for the pens of paid writers of the plute press, but when Socialism gets a good strangle hold, it will make history that will fade all previous records.

Say, you ought to get behind the Battery in its march through Quebec. Look through this list of contributors. See if it won't make you wish to be "Next." \$100.00 wanted.

F. Somers, Vancouver, B. C. . . \$1.50  
W. J. Reddy, Celista, B. C. . . 2.00  
F. Auger, Ehalt, B. C. . . 1.00  
J. W. Graham, Grand Forks . . 2.00  
J. Assman, Borden, Sask. . . 1.00  
P. A. Klassen, Borden, Sask. . . 1.00  
J. W. Dargie, Medicine Hat . . 5.00  
G. D. Homer, Reid Hill, Alta. . . 1.00  
H. M. Lawrence, Ross Creek . . 1.00  
A. E. Faulkner, Conjurung Creek . 50  
C. Steffen, Harris, Sask. . . 2.00  
A. Simpson, Macleod, Alta. . . 1.00  
A. Friend, Moncton, N. B. . . 2.00  
B. Silent, Sackville, N. B. . . 2.00

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## RESOLUTION RE COTTON'S.

The eighth annual convention of the Labor Educational Association of Ontario was recently held at London. The following is the report of a resolution re Cotton's passed at the convention. The report is clipped from the Industrial Banner.

A resolution that this Association correspond with the Postmaster General and ask that Cotton's Weekly be accorded the same mail privileges as other papers caused quite a discussion. It was shown that in the United States, a move was under way to discriminate against the Labor press and destroy its efficacy. In Canada the liberty of the press must be maintained. Cotton's Weekly was not accorded the same privileges as the Globe, Mail and other publications, and it might not be long before the Banner and other Labor papers might be hampered similarly. A delegate wanted to know if Cotton's Weekly used the union label, and the answer was in the affirmative. It was also pointed out that while Cotton's was not a trade union paper, it was extremely friendly to organized labor and did not attack the movement or its leaders, but was most favorably disposed towards the cause. It was finally carried that the secretary correspond with the Postmaster General and urge strongly that Cotton's Weekly be given the same treatment as other publications in regard to postal rates.

## Editorials from Cotton's Hustlers

## THINK AND UNITE

How often is it, that we stop to think of all the misery in this world, of all those that are starving, homeless and sick, of all the children that come in this world, and are brought up in the very poorest condition of life, never having a chance to go to school, even the common schools, because their parents have not got the means to be able to stand the expense of giving their children a common school education, they have to send them to work as soon as they are able to do anything, as the money is needed to keep the family from starving.

Then again there are other parents, that did not receive any education when they were young, and they do not understand how much benefit it would be to their children to receive an education.

Then there are the rich, they bring up their children, amidst all the luxury of life, they never know a want, as they are supplied with all that money can buy, they are taught to shun the children of the poorer class, as they are told that the children of the poor are rude and ignorant, and altogether unfit for a rich man's child to associate with them. But the poorer children soon learn that they have to bend themselves to the power of the rich as they hold the wealth of the world between their hands and therefore can starve the poor man till he is ready to do as they bid him.

The circumstances of the poorer people are getting worse all the time, as the rich are trying to gain more and more of the world's wealth. Prices of the necessities of life are rapidly increasing. A few wealthy brokers get together, and decide on buying up all they can of some one line of produce, then they store it away and let the newspapers circulate a report, saying that there will be a shortage in this line of produce, up goes the prices on this line, the brokers have taken a few million out of the pockets of the workers, then another line is taken, and so on, the rich are getting richer, and the poor are getting poorer.

It is true that labor unions have been of some help to labor, but often they have failed. A labor union will only be of benefit to the members of that union. The union is successful in forcing the employer to raise the wages of his employees, but he will at the same time raise the price of that which they are producing, as the employer is not paying this raise out of his pocket. No, the raise comes out of their own pocket and others that are in need of the goods they are producing. The higher wages the workers get, the more they have to pay for their necessities of life.

Small labor unions will never be able to remedy the miseries of humanity. It is Socialism we need, that is the only remedy that will be of any effect. It will unite the whole human race into one union for the purpose of making the life on this earth what it should be, and not what it is now.

—S. Eldjanson, Gimli, Man.

## SPECIAL SUBSCRIPTION OFFER

Everyone who appreciates the work Cotton's Weekly is doing, is invited to co-operate along the lines of this Special Subscription Offer. Printed government postal cards, each good for six months subscription to Cotton's Weekly, will be furnished in lots of Five, at the rate of \$1.00 per lot.

Anyone ordering these cards may sell them at 25 cents each, thus making a commission of 25 cents on the dollar, or he may place them to his satisfaction in other ways, finding compensation in the fact that he is forwarding the cause of education and enlightenment in the forward movement of the race.

These cards may be paid for when ordered, or may be ordered and remittance made after they are sold. A coupon is printed below for the convenience of those who desire to increase the circulation of Cotton's Weekly.

## COTTON'S SPECIAL OFFER

Application for Six Month Subscription Post Cards

	5	10	15	20	25	50

Cotton's Weekly, Cowansville, P. Q.  
I am interested in increasing the circulation of Cotton's Weekly, and desire you to send me a supply of Half-yearly Subscription Cards. I agree to use my utmost endeavor to sell the cards, and will remit for them at the rate of \$1.00 for each Five Cards, when sold.

NAME . . . . .

Box or Street No. . . . .

Town . . . . . Prov. . . . .

Indicate the number of Cards wanted by marking X under one of the numbers printed on top of this blank.

If you believe this paper is doing a work that merits encouragement, fill out the above coupon and mail it to COTTON'S WEEKLY, Cowansville, P. Q.

Every Book Order helps Cotton's on the way up. Get one of our new catalogs.