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## THE BROTHERHOOD OF MAN

The Socialists stand for the brotherhood of man. Therefore they cry out against the present unjust conditions of society.

The abolitionist stood for the rights of humanity. A great love surged in his heart. He longed to raise humanity to a higher level. Wherefore he fought against chattel slavery. He marched forth to free the slaves from their arduous tasks. He heard the crack of the slave driver's whip and saw the oozing blood from the welts of human flesh. It made his blood-boil and in the name of humanity he fought against slavery.

Today the Socialists look abroad upon the world and behold slaves forced to work for a bare living. They see these slaves herded together to build shops and mills and palaces. They see them herded into the shops to work for a bare living while the wealth they create is absorbed by a master class as cunning, as immoral, as ruthless as any ruling class that has preceded.

The Socialist sees the slums where the slaves are compelled to herd. He sees the slaves driven from their workshops at the first sign of panic and forced to march the streets hungry and outcast, while the wealth they have produced is being squandered in luxury that flaunts itself in the face of their misery.

He sees the houses of prostitution increase in number and size. He sees the degradation and misery produced by the slave system.

Therefore he marches to do battle against the slavery that afflicts humanity. His heart becomes filled with a passionate longing for freedom and humanity and brotherhood, for the abolition of want, of misery, of prostitution, of slavery.

And as the abolitionist had to fight the slave owners, so today the Socialist is forced to fight the modern slave drivers, the capitalist class.

In the days of chattel slavery the slave owners were often cultured and maintained open hearted hospitality towards other members of their own class. The slave owners called the abolitionists the destroyers of society and fought them, hung them. The abolitionists pointed to the huddled cabins of the slaves, the red gashes on their backs, the separation of families, the tortures inflicted on those who could not resist, the immoralities practised of the slave girls, they pointed to all these things and fought on in the good fight until the chattel slave walked free.

Today the capitalists maintain open hearted hospitality towards members of their own class. They call the Socialists destroyers of society and fight them, imprison them, torture them, fine them, blacklist them; hang them. The Socialists point to the miseries of our cities, to the poverty of the homes of the wage slaves, the hunger marchers, the prostitutes, the slums, and fight on in the good fight of human liberty and will not cease until the wage slaves walk free.

Friend, on which side do you wish to take your stand? Do you hear the call of battle for liberty? Do you wish to become a modern hero in the fight for the uplift of the human race? Do you wish to take your stand with the slave drivers of Canada, or are you willing to join the ranks of the greatest movement the world has seen and feel yourself throbbing with the glorious impulse of humanity's good?

A German professor declares that radiation energy will displace coal. From London comes the announcement that we will soon have wireless light. The advance of mechanical and technical processes is turning the workers into a jobless mob. Their remedy is to own the machines that have taken away their jobs from them.

The combine is the establishment of order and system out of the anarchy of production and distribution. The combine had to come, and will have to go to make way for the socialization of industry.

Andrew Carnegie says that millionaires seldom laugh. Let us increase the gaiety of nations by doing away with millionaires.

I would like to see every reader of Cotton's become a centre of revolutionary thought and activity in his or her community.

Humanity has outgrown the capitalist stage. The capitalist system must give way to Socialism.

## CHINA'S MILLIONS

Until recently China lay bound in the sleep of centuries. Her organization had remained unchanged. Her style of architecture had remained fixed from the days that Abraham wandered out of Ur of the Chaldees in search of newer pastures.

But the sleep is broken. Capitalism has done what Ghengis Khan and Tamerlane failed to do. Conquerors arose and empires perished and the people remained unchanged. Capitalism steps across the eastern seas and the giant awakes. What ten centuries of conquest failed to do, ten years of capitalism has done.

The old order is changing. Immortal customs are vanishing. Railroads are stretching across the provinces. Steel mills are arising. The quilted petticoat, umbrella and lantern of the old soldier is being replaced by European equipment. For good or for evil China has entered on the pathway of capitalist development.

China capitalized makes the Socialist Revolution approach with giant strides. Formerly the surplus values produced by European labor was absorbed by China. Now the Chinese themselves are producing surplus values. Formerly the products of the wage slaves of Europe were disposed of to the yellow-skinned Easterner. Now the wage slaves of the East are producing surplus values and the labor skimmers of the East must find a foreign market for their surplus or submit to the Socialist revolution which must necessarily end in the extinction of the capitalist class.

China, awakened and capitalized, means that the world markets will be overstocked more acutely than ever and the American and Canadian worker will have to absorb the products of his own labor if the market is to be kept clear.

This necessarily means Socialism.

## POINTERS

Do you want to control Cotton's Weekly, Comrades? If you do, now is your chance to speak up, or forever hold your peace.

Just think, Comrades, when you own Cotton's Weekly you can sack the present editor and put in a revolutionary Comrade who spits plutes at every breath.

When you control Cotton's Weekly you can change the name. That is certainly inducement.

A little more active work on the part of the sub hustlers and Cotton's Weekly will pay its own way. Then all the capital that comes from the sale of the stock can be used to put in a new press and turn out a perfect paper.

During the month of March last year you sent in the sum of \$676.76. Now Comrades, that is the kind of work you've just got to do during the coming month. You've got to do it. I won't stand any ifs or ands or buts. Just get to work, dig in and roll those subs in. The revolution needs them in its business.

You think I have squealed for subs in the past. Just wait till I squeal for subs in the future. Before there was lurking in your mind the idea that I wanted to get a graft out of it. Now I will be pulling subs, not for my paper, but for OURS. So, Comrades, I will dig into you worse than ever.

I hold only one share in Cotton's Co-operative.

I have given two years of the best part of my life to this paper. I am handing it over to you now when you can make it a howling success. How many shares will you buy to complete the success?

You believe in co-operation. You believe in profitless operation. You believe in the necessity of a publicity organ like Cotton's Weekly. You have been willing to sacrifice time and money for Socialism. You are still willing! Then get after subs at once. Roll them in. And get after yourself to take shares in Cotton's Co-operative Publishing Company. Get after your local, your union, to take stock.

Some of you can afford to take but one share of ten dollars in Cotton's. Some of you can afford to take ten shares. Some may be able to take twenty shares. Whatever you can afford to take, take. AND TAKE AT ONCE.

Capitalism is international in its scope. The reciprocity treaty shows that the henchmen of the capitalist class are impatient at protecting walls against the free circulation of slave products.

## I HAVE DECIDED, in the Interests of Socialism and Harmony, to Surrender the Control of 'Cotton's Weekly' to the loyal and true Comrades who Support It.

THERE has been a feeling of hostility against Cotton's Weekly among many Socialists. It is privately owned and controlled. I have tried to make the paper as democratic as possible. I have endeavored to give you the kind of paper you wanted to see published. However, there has been the feeling among the Socialists of Canada that a publicity organ of the opinions and desires of the Socialists should be controlled by the persons who are fighting for the Co-operative Commonwealth.

There is a good deal of justification for this feeling. In Germany a privately owned Socialist paper will not be tolerated.

I have therefore decided to surrender control of the paper to those Comrades who are willing to support it. I have resolved to fulfil the name of the charter—Cotton's CO-OPERATIVE Publishing Company, incorporated.

Cotton's Co-operative Publishing Company is capitalized at twenty thousand dollars divided into two thousand shares of a par value of ten dollars each.

The Company hereby offers this stock to the Socialists and supporters of the paper throughout Canada. Whoever owns this stock owns and controls the publication of Cotton's Weekly. They can say what policy the paper shall adopt, they can say what name the paper shall be called.

I have resolved to surrender control and to have my friends to surrender control. One man's life is too weak a basis upon which to found the success of a revolutionary paper.

With the surrender of that control, there are certain conditions attached. YOU WILL HAVE TO CARRY THE PAPER WITHOUT HELP FROM MY FRIENDS. YOU WILL HAVE TO SUBSCRIBE TO ENOUGH STOCK TO SHOW THAT YOU ARE WILLING TO SEE THE PAPER ALIVE.

There have been two hundred and five shares of stock par value of two thousand and fifty dollars, issued. This leaves seventeen hundred and ninety-five shares of a par value of seventeen thousand nine hundred and fifty dollars left in the treasury to be disposed of. Within a month or six weeks enough of this stock will have to be subscribed for to show that you are willing to carry the paper. IF YOU DO NOT DO THIS THE PAPER WILL CLOSE DOWN.

The Company offers this stock on the basis of twenty-five per cent CASH and the remaining seventy-five per cent in three equal instalments of twenty-five per cent at thirty, sixty and ninety days. If you subscribe for one share of ten dollars you will send \$2.50 with your subscription and \$2.50 thirty days later still and \$2.50 thirty days later still, and \$2.50 again a month later.

The Company owns the paper called Cotton's Weekly, together with its subscription list of ten thousand names. It owns about sixteen hundred dollars worth of property and owes about the same amount or little more. The Company rents the buildings and part of the equipment and can buy that part just as soon as it wants to at a fair valuation.

The Company does not pay for the deficits on the paper since it started. It does not pay for editorial services for the past two years. It does not pay for good will of the business.

You will find a stock subscription blank in another part of this paper. You can take one share or a hundred shares, by paying one quarter with your subscription blank and agreeing to make three other equal payments one month apart.

I WANT YOU TO SUBSCRIBE FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AS SOON AS YOU CAN. I WANT TO SEE TWELVE HUNDRED DOLLARS IN THE BANK WITHIN ONE MONTH.

All moneys received for shares will be deposited in the bank in trust for you. If you show by your cash payments that you want Cotton's to live you will be issued your stock certificates and the money will be used to make the paper self-sustaining. If you do not show by your subscriptions that you want Cotton's to live, YOUR SUBSCRIPTIONS WILL BE RETURNED TO YOU. THE DEBTS OF THE PAPER WILL BE PAID UP AND WE WILL CEASE PUBLICATION.

You have just got to roll in the cash for an increased equipment of Cotton's. You have just got to. I expect to hear from you all by return mail with your subscription to the stock of Cotton's Weekly accompanied by the first cash instalment thereof.

Have you tried to organize the Socialist sentiment in your locality into an active political force? If you have not then you are neglecting an opportunity to advance the cause of the international solidarity of the workers.

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## THE SPRINGHILL STRIKE

For eighteen months the Springhill strike has been on. For eighteen months the international solidarity of labor has kept the Springhill strikers supplied with the necessities of labor.

The Springhill boys are good fighters. So good have they been that the master class has been forced to maintain a bodyguard of bayonet stickers in the town.

The Springhill boys are revolutionaries. They have the spirit of fight. They have refused to obey the injunction of one of the capitalist courts of Nova Scotia. Their hearts are right and their desires are right.

BUT THEY DO NOT KNOW HOW TO ADVERTISE!

Did the Springhill boys know the art of advertising they would have the great and mighty Dominion Steel and Coal Corporation beaten to a frazzle inside of a couple of months.

The art of advertising is a great art. The plutes practice it. They pay their advertising managers princely salaries, just to let their goods be known.

The capitalist politicians practice it. King George is as well advertised, or better, than Barnum and Bailey's circus ever was. His whole corroboration prancings are but an advertising scheme.

Let the Springhill boys learn the art of publicity and the company will be beaten.

Why cannot they call upon the united working class of Canada to take up their fight? A publicity campaign among Canada's wage slaves and pressure brought to bear upon the plute politicians will bring the company to time. A publicity campaign if properly conducted, would shatter Laurier and Borden and do mighty things to teach labor the might of their political power.

The Springhill boys have not yet learned to laugh at jail. Sixteen of them have been forced to go to jail for a month. SUPPOSING ONE THOUSAND HAD GONE. Supposing that one thousand workers had determined to break into jail along with their sixteen companions and had resolved to do all in their power to make the capitalist courts at Amherst the scorn of the workers of Canada?

The capitalist judges can imprison sixteen wage slaves without much political unrest. BUT THE IMPRISONMENT OF ONE THOUSAND WORKINGMEN WOULD FOCUS THE ATTENTION OF THE WORLD UPON THE MISERY OF THE SPRINGHILL WAGE SLAVES.

One thousand workers in jail would rouse Canada. Laurier himself would no longer be able to smile in cold disdain at the struggles of the wage slaves for freedom.

One thousand workers in jail who were resolved to be intractable prisoners would stagger the Nova Scotian capitalist politicians at the east. At present the workers are supporting the striking workers. Were the workers jailed then the plute politicians would have to find the money.

I would like to go to Springhill to help fight the battle of the strikers. But I am chained to Cotton's Weekly until the wage slaves of Canada make it prosperous enough to carry itself and leave me free to go where the fighting is thickest.

In the mean time I want to give this message to the Springhill workers who have so bravely fought against their masters for decent living conditions. I want to impress this thought upon them.

YOUR MASTERS ARE WEAK. THEIR POLITICIANS ARE BLUFERS. THEIR JAILS AND THEIR PENAL INSTITUTIONS ARE HARMLESS SCARECROWS IF THE WORKERS WILL BUT FACE THEM UNITEDLY.

Comrade struggles for freedom in Springhill. Learn the art of publicity. Learn the weakness of your masters. Labor conquers all, even their courts of justice which are the main reliance of the plundering plutes.

One hundred and sixty-five persons own over forty per cent of the privately owned timber limits of the United States. It is about time that the Americans were making a noise like Socialism.

Some Socialists are worrying about what the plutes are going to do. I feel like letting the plutes worry about what the Socialists are going to do.

The "labor problem" which so worries the plute supporters will be solved by the abolition of the plute.

## KING AND THE 8 HOUR BILL.

Alphonse Verville introduced an eight hour bill into the House of Commons. The bill provided that work on government contracts and work performed by the government by day labor should, in general, be done on the eight hour basis.

Verville consulted with Mackenzie King, the Minister of Labor in the Laurier cabinet, and as a result the bill was ripped to pieces, all the clauses that amounted to anything were removed from it, and Alphonse Verville introduced the tattered remnants of his beggarly little measure for the consideration of the puppet henchmen of the labor skimmers.

Mackenzie King, whom the workingmen of Berlin and Waterloo, North returned to power, fairly bubbled over with loving words for the working classes. "The working classes," sniffed King in Parliament, "have as much love for their families, as great regard for domestic happiness as have the rich." Again, "The time has passed when the laboring classes were treated as slaves." Yet King, page 1445 of Hansard admits that the worker is practically a slave. "Supposing he starts work at seven o'clock in the morning, he must rise at five, for workmen have to start their own fires, to assist their wives to prepare their own breakfasts, so that five o'clock is as late as any man who is going to work at seven can afford to rise."

This little speech of King's is a stale joke. The Members of Parliament laughed at it. Said Mr. Blain with a weary air after listening to King's snifflings, "With all respect to my honorable friend, I may say I have had the advantage of reading his lecture before and of hearing it in this House once or twice." Said Meighen, "The Minister of Labor delivered to us the speech with which he has favored the Canadian Club of some of the towns in Ontario."

After King had worked off his little bunch of rhetoric, just to show Laurier that he was some shakes in slobbering words over the workers, he got down to business, the business to do which the labor skimmers made him Minister of Labor, and knifed the workers in the back. He ripped up the eight hour bill so that it is as useless for its purpose as a punctured pipe is for smoking.

Now listen to this darling of the labor skimmers, the man who runs round settling G. T. R. strikes when the strikers have the G. T. licked to a standstill, and shuns Springhill where the workers are face to face with the bayonet stickers that the Laurier government maintains to crush labor, listen to what this honorable gentleman has to say of the bill after it had been decimated, after he and Verville had sucked the life out of it. "I would not propose to give the law a greater extension at this time." "He (Verville) wisely proposes to limit its application at the outset."

Workers of Canada, the Department of Labor established at Ottawa has been established, not in your interests, but in the interests of the labor skimmers, the robbers of your labor power, whom Laurier has protected with what cunning nature has given him. King is not your friend, but your enemy, the most dangerous kind of an enemy, for he comes with smiles of love while he betrays you to the exploiters of the wage slaves of Canada.

What are you going to do? Are you forever going to run to your enemies for succor? You have tried that now these many years and you lose your jobs, your standard of living grows worse, and from your families go forth the girls who must sell their virtue for the bread of life which you could give them were you free to get what rightly belongs to you.

There is one way out. Withdraw yourselves from the power of your enemies. Look to yourselves for your own freedom. The Western farmers looked to the Tories and they looked to the Liberals for relief. They have at last decided to look to themselves for their own safety.

Do likewise. Get into the party that stands first, last and all the time for the workingclass. Get into the Socialist Party. Make it your instrument for your freedom.

And when Laurier, or Borden or King or any other political plunderer of labor comes near, look to yourselves for your own safety. Give them the cold shoulder. The future belongs to you. The present could be yours would you but seize it.