The FIRING LINE

NEW YEAR GREETING TO COTTON'S STAFF.

A Guid New Year tae ane an' a,
An' mony may ye see,
An' durin' a' the years tae come,
Oh! Happy may we be!
An' may ne'er hae cause tae mourn
Nor e'en shed a tear;
Tae ane and a' baith far an' near
A Happy, Guid New Year.

—From Miss M. Allen, Dryden, Ont., former Firing Line Editress.

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Let's make 1913 a Big Year for Socialism.

Get the spirit of activity for Socialism in 1913.

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Let's make 1913 a Big Year for Socialism in Canada.

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No pessimists needed in the Socialist ranks. All Socialists should be optimists.

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Alsask, Sask., is a place where five more copies of Cotton's are eagerly perused.

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A Cobalt, Ont., comrade sends two bones to feed the bulldog and gets one sub enrolled and seven sub cards.

A Justice of the Peace sends a list of 25 and sees that every voter taking Cotton's is placed on the voting list.

"Here are four for Ottawa. We admire your straight talk and bow to no man, but uphold justice."—Ottawa, Ont.

Get the optimistic spirit. Tackle your friends and neighbors for subs. Advance is the word. Socialism does not stand pat.

"These four make another addition to Cotton's Battery to be trained on the forces of capitalism in Newfoundland."—St. Johns, Nfld.

Roll the old chariot of Socialism along over the obstacles of capitalism. Watch Cotton's sub list for the signs of victory.

This week 35 comrades took advantage of the four year sub for a dollar offer. Two more took advantage of the life subscription offer.

"Enclosed fr 1 a list of seven subs. This is an expression of our sympathy for Royalty's dog, which is reported ill."—Edmonton, Alta.

Every member of the grand army of hustlers behind Cotton's should wear the smile of confidence. It spells advance and success.

"Enclosed are four. Will try and fall back into the ranks of the hustlers in 1913. Have been too busy the last six months."—Winnipeg, Man.

"Please send one dollar's worth of assorted leaflets and enclosed find four subs, with promise of more shortly. We intend making things hum round Mission City, B.C."

NOW is the accepted time to start your 1913 work for Socialism. Get the Socialist spirit and victory will crown the red banners.

"A copy of your paper came into my hands and I took the liberty of sending you nine subscribers. I will do all I can to bring your paper before the public."—Truro, N.S.

"I enclose a dollar for the Battery. I am a teacher, and take this way of helping the good work along. 'Our echoes roll from soul to soul.'" — Saskatchewan comrade.

"We two send this dollar and a half to spread the light, and to keep the best paper in Canada on the map. We are not millionaires, but we do what we can."—Galt, Ont.

"Things are looking brighter for Socialism as time goes on. We must have patience and stay with the game," writes a comrade of Kelowna, B.C., taking a life subscription.

"I am sending one dollar for a year's subscription to your paper. I think it is getting better all the time and would not be without it now, no matter what it cost."—Gore Bay, Ont.

Twelve more subs for St. John, N.B., will awaken so many more slaves to the realization that the wonderful prosperity now striking that city is reserved strictly for the master class.

"Enclosed please find twelve subs. These should help bombard Borden's naval policy. We are with you to the end in your great work to free the working class."—B. C. Comrade.

"I enclose four. I must say that I learned more of the true objects and the loveliness of Socialism in those four hours we spent with the editor in Comrade Grue's home, than ever before, and I am going to spread the good news abroad."—Comrade H.B.F., Brockville, Ont.

From Lindsay, Ont., comes an order for twenty sub cards. The Lindsay slaves sure need awakening, for there the great majority of the slave drivers take, not only the hide of the worker, but quite a bit of the quivering flesh beneath.

Think Big, do Big, and keep your outlook Big for Socialism. This is the day of Big Things. Socialism is a big thing, and the biggest and grandest movement of all time. Let's all help to make it bigger. All working together, shoulder to shoulder, can accomplish the bigger things.

"Enclosed find four subs and a dollar for the maintenance fund." — Oshawa, Ont. We always like to get subs from Oshawa. The slaves of the Oshawa malleable iron works, women's whitewear factories, tanneries, canneries and skinneries need to be put wise to the game their masters play on them.

"I enclose a yearly sub and a four year sub. Sorry I cannot make it more. The strike is on here yet, so money is scarce. There are two hundred mounted and foot police in Ladysmith. One old man could keep us quiet and admit he never had a more peaceful time. The U.M.W. is doing good work supporting their members here."—Cumberland, B.C.

"Enclosed find a dollar for two renewals and two new subs. Some of the old ones are gone, but we can still keep up the club of four, and I expect another club formed by some of the boys who have been getting copies from us. It ought to be an easy home run to reach fifty thousand by next Christmas. This district is thinly populated and few of the homesteaders can call their soul their own."—Pandora, Alta.

Four subscriptions have been rustled by Comrades on the job in each of the following places, in Nova Scotia, Mount Rose; in Ontario, Toronto, Swastika, Giroux Lake, Hamilton, Cobalt, Preston; in Manitoba, Winnipeg, Komarno; in Saskatchewan, Fosstown, Mervin, Rabbit Lake, Togo, Paradise Hill; in Alberta, Streamstown, Rich Valley, Edmonton; in British Columbia, Mission City, Waneta, New Westminster, Coglan; in the Yukon Territory, Dawson.

"Enclosed please find three dollars for sub cards. We send Christmas greetings to comrades in Cowansville. We are emerging on 1913 in good healthy shape fourteen strong. We have come through severe trials. In the near future we intend to work wonders. We have ever been gently modest. We never grumble. None of this is intended for publication, only by way of keeping you cheerful." Thus writes a group of comrades in one of those places where the Socialist is given a rough and rocky path to tread.

"With the compliments of the season I send this old $2 bill for the emergency fund in remembrance of Him, the Prince of Peace, who came to preach good tidings to the poor, to release the captives, to set at liberty them that are bruised. It makes me feel good when I read of the way the Revs. Father Vaughan and Mahoney are made to look so ridiculous. If they got right what they read in their bibles they would not go round finding fault with Socialism. There have always been the wise and the foolish. The wise of this old can see the foolish mammon worshippers trying to lead the people astray. They are a case of the blind leading the blind."—McKay, B.C.

"Enclosed you will find one dollar for a four years' sub. As you probably know, I used to be a subscriber to your paper, and later had it sent to me by some unknown friend. Until recently I have not been a Socialist, but now I am. I have studied a number of books on Socialism, but have been slow in coming to a decision. This is quite natural owing to my early environment. I was brought up in a Catholic College and at one time studied to be a priest. I am now a Socialist, and see no reason why I will not always be one." Comrade Knight of Edmonton accompanied by Comrade Fraser of Carmangay, visited this district and gave us a most encouraging lecture on Socialism."—Alberta Comrade.

"I am only a workingman with a family of seven to support, but I am sending one dollar for a four year's sub to help Cotton's out. I have been around to see some of the comrades as to what they could do to help Cotton's out of its difficulties. Some are going to send a four-years' sub. One will take a share of stock after the new year. Others are going to send something in the way of printing. Comrades, let us shake hands across the land and sea and do something to help the only Socialist paper in Canada. I have lost sight of Jules Lavenne. Is he in the land of the living?"—Halifax, N.S. Jules Lavenne is in the land of the living. He was blacklisted in practically every coal mine in Canada, and had to take another name to get a job.

BURNABY, B.C., ELECTION

It is the duty of every voter in Ward 6, Burnaby, B.C., to vote for Comrade Ernest Edward Winch and elect him as councillor in the municipal elections of January 13th. Comrade Winch has been nominated by Burnaby Local of the Social-Democratic Party. He is a workingman, a bricklayer. He stands for the sacred rights of humanity as against the false rights of property.

This is the first time a Socialist candidate is being run in Burnaby. Now that the comrades have started, they will get the habit and will probably put a full ticket in the field next January.

The comrades of other municipalities who have been hesitating will do well to follow the example of Burnaby. Run candidates wherever you can, and whenever you can. The more the better. Election times are good times to agitate, and you can agitate far better with a candidate in the field.

WINDED!

Dear Editor,—Couldn't you condense your articles a little more? It takes all my time to make a living, being neither a millionaire nor a tramp; so I am forced to take my education in very condensed doses. That Popham article winded me, not being a gentleman of leisure. I want to know a little of everything that is going on, so I am forced to live by rule or remain ignorant.—A Constant Reader, Halifax, N.S., Dec. 25.

GUMMED STICKERS

Miniature Posters in heavy, plain type, red and blue ink, on good quality gummed paper. Good to stick on envelopes, look well on a box car and many other choice spots. While they last, only 30 cents per 500 assorted, postpaid. First come, first served.

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LABOR CANDIDATES IN WINNIPEG

Two labor candidates were run in the municipal elections of the city of Winnipeg, Man. In Ward 4, W. H. Hoop, Labor, received 855 votes. Milton, the successful candidate, received 963 votes. R. S. Rigg, Labor, received 380 votes in Ward 5, out of 2049 votes cast. There were six candidates in the field.

S. D. P. LOCALS.

There are 122 locals of the Social-Democratic Party of Canada. Ontario has 49 Locals, British Columbia 22, Alberta 11, Saskatchewan 5, Quebec 3, and Manitoba 22. If there is no local in your locality, why not form one? Five charter members are needed. Write H. Martin, Dominion Secretary, 61 Weber St. East, Berlin, Ont., for further information.

ABOUT NEW LOCALS.

Comrades who want to organize new Socialist locals will please write to H. Martin, 61 Weber St. East, Berlin, Ont. All information and necessary assistance will be cheerfully given.

BIG BARGAIN PACKAGE

We have about fifty of the excellent sub-producers yet on hand, and sooner than dismantle the sets, we will offer them once more to our hustlers, hoping there are a few live ones who know a thing when they see it. The package is put up in a heavy manilla envelope, 8 x 11 inches, with contents and guarantee printed on the outside as follows:

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Some Questions Answered

Hardy Bay, Vancouver Island, B.C.
November 30th, 1912

Editor Cotton's Weekly:

Dear Sir,—As some of my Socialist friends at Hardy Bay are evidently having your paper sent to me for the purpose of converting me to their way of thinking, it is apparently up to your publication to enlighten me and assist them in brushing away some of the cobwebs which they believe have accumulated in my garret.

Your paper seems to me to be full of statements, probably of facts, but these statements do not appear to explain themselves. For instance, (taken at random) "If you want reform become a revolutionary Socialist; the threat of revolution will cause the exploiters to grant reform after reform." What do you mean by a "Revolutionary Socialist"? Then again: "The wage worker is a slave." Of course he is a slave to wages. This doesn't seem altogether undesirable. I am at present, I suppose, a slave to the land, since I am a preemptor.

Here is another: "The Socialists must not attack religion, is the favorite cry of a lot of gospel sharks." It seems to me that as the Socialist party is looking for votes that such things as personal and private affairs should be left alone.

I have heard the boys at Hardy Bay say that they are not out looking for votes. Then how is it that one sees on all sides during election time: "Vote the Socialist Ticket," or "Vote for Cotton, the Socialist candidate," and such.

I have also heard them speak of "Scientific Socialism." Is that some different kind to the ordinary Socialism?

Trusting you will be able to enlighten me either in your pages or by referring me to some authorities, I remain yours truly, H. J. B. H.

FEAR BRINGS REFORMS.

"If you want reform, become a revolutionary Socialist." This seems a hard saying, yet it is true. The threat of revolutionary Socialism makes the masters grant reforms. Socialism aims at the abolition of the capitalist class by doing away with the private ownership of the means of production and distribution. We have no post-office capitalists. The post-office system is owned by the government. But we have railway capitalists. When we have collective ownership and democratic, profitless management of industry, we will no longer have capitalists. Now, capitalists as a class do not want to cease being capitalists. They do not want even to give reforms to benefit the working class. The Socialists go abroad and tell the workers about the co-operative commonwealth. The workers listen and many become convinced. Others are half convinced. A little added pressure applied by the employing class inevitably makes these persons revolutionary Socialists. Hence the masters, to hold these, grant reforms. This is proven by history. In Germany Bismark tried to suppress Socialism. He imprisoned the Socialists, confiscated their papers, forbade them holding meetings, and at the same time gave many reforms, such as old age pensions, unemployed insurance, and the like. He gave these to prevent the Socialists getting power. The fear of revolutionary Socialism brought reforms.

In America Roosevelt founded the Progressive party for the same purpose. He and his capitalist backers have declared their aim was to head off revolutionary Socialism. They give reforms to hold the voters voting for the continuation of the present system. The capitalists are willing to sacrifice part of their profits in order to hold the balance. They are willing to do this only because they fear they will lose all their unearned revenues through the triumph of the Socialists if they do not yield.

In Great Britain the eruption of forty labor members into the House of Commons started Lloyd-George upon his schemes of old age pensions, workmen's insurance against sickness, and reforms of the land laws. Had the workers been merely reformists, they would have got nothing. Sam Gompers and his A. F. of L. is an example of the impotency of labor reforms in politics.

If you want to get reforms, vote for Socialism, However, the Socialists do not vote for the sake of reforms, they vote to abolish the capitalist class.

WHY WORKERS ARE SLAVES.

The wage worker is a slave. He is not a slave to wages. He is a slave to the capitalist class. The wage working class create the wealth of the world. They get in wages but enough revenue to barely live on. The rest of the wealth they create goes to the master class. The wage worker has the appearance of freedom. He can cease to work for his present master. But this freedom is shadowy and false. He must immediately hunt another master or starve. The master class know this, and consequently allow the worker the appearance of freedom. They know he cannot escape being a slave and surrendering the greater part of what he produces. The master class keep the workers in slavery through ownership of the means of production. The worker must have access to the mill, mine, railway, or some like place, to work. So the master class own these places with the machines in them and the worker can only work on the terms dictated by the master class. In the old days the masters used to own the body of the slaves, and had to feed, clothe and shelter the slaves. Now the slaves are said to be free, but the masters merely pay the slaves money to buy their own means of living, only while the wage slaves work. The Socialist remedy is for the workers to collectively own the means of production and distribution and produce wealth for use and not for profit. Then, the workers, owning the means whereby they produce wealth, will get the full social value of the wealth they produce. In this case the workers will still have to work, but they will work for themselves. Hence, their slavery, their dependence upon a master class, their surrendering what they produce to a master class, will be done away with. The present wage slave will then become a free social producer.

RELIGION.

"The Socialists must not attack religion." This paragraph need not have appeared in Cotton's. Religion is a private matter. But one sometimes gets provoked hearing so much that Socialists are atheists, irreligious and the like. There is a great temptation to expose some of the gospel sharks, who are loudest in the condemnation of the Socialists. There are good ministers, but the paragraph referred to pointed out how even the ministers themselves were shocked and disgusted at their revivalist gang which were working the churches merely for money. Hypocrits have crept into the pulpits and it is the hypocrits who largely denounce Socialism in the name of religion.

SOCIALISTS AND VOTES.

Socialists are not out primarily to get votes, but want votes in election time. The explanation of this is easy. Socialism is an analysis of capitalist society and a remedy through political action. We want, primarily, to make Socialists, not to get votes. If the Socialist party won an election by non-Socialist votes, the moment they tried to introduce Socialist measures, they would be turned out of power. Hence, to win, we must make Socialists. But we want to know how many Socialists we have made. Hence we urge the people to vote for Socialist candidates. We know well that the non-Socialist will not vote for a Socialist. We know he thinks we are fools. We know a a man must be pretty well along the road to our views to vote for our candidate. Hence, while we are not out to get votes on election day, while we will make no deals or dickers, we want all the votes we can get. We want votes, but we want revolutionary votes.

REVOLUTIONARY SOCIALISTS.

What is a revolutionary Socialist? He is one who wishes to abolish rent, interest and profit, who wants to abolish capitalist exploitation, to have the collective working class run industry. To do this the working class must seize the political power and oust the master class from the ownership of the means of production. This result may come about through violence or peacefully. We want it to come peacefully. We know that we must have a majority of the people wanting the co-operative commonwealth before we can have it. But when we get the majority, we are not so sure that the controlling minority, the capitalist class, will yield peacefully. Bloodshed will come if the minority will not yield to the majority. Otherwise the revolution will be accomplished peacefully.

A revolutionary Socialist, therefore, is one who wants a totally different method in the management and distribution of labor and its product. Revolutionary Socialists are incere advocates of peace. They wish to abolish the class war now going on in society. A revolutionary Socialist is averse to war, to bloodshed, to oppression, to robbery.

ONLY ONE SOCIALISM.

There is only one kind of Socialism and that is scientific Socialism. However, because a man is a scientific Socialist does not make him any the less a man. There are farmers and there are scientific farmers. The former are largely haphazard. The latter study the laws of nature and follow those laws in so far as he can discover them. But the scientific farmer is no less of a man because he is scientific.

Socialists like Marx, Engels, Kautsky and other famous men have studied the laws of society, have analyzed their reasons why men act as they do, and they give this science to the world. Those who study scientific Socialism are warm-hearted, lovable men and women, many of them deeply religious. A scientific Socialist need not deny God and religion any more than a scientific farmer does.

There are those who call themselves materialist Socialists, and there are those who call themselves Christian Socialists. There are also astronomers who call themselves materialists and others who call themselves Christian. The astronomy is the same, only their personal views are different as regards fundamental questions. In the same way the Christian and the materialist are both scientific Socialists, only their personal views are different as regards religious questions. However, the Socialist movement, as a political organization, strongly objects to having either atheism, agnosticism, Christianity, Buddhism, free thought, or any other like questions brought into the party. We are a political party formed to solve economic and political problems. We leave each other free to think as he likes on other questions.

Socialism and Religion

Cotton's Weekly turns down many contributions about religion. Many comrades try to prove that Socialism and Christianity are the same. Others try to prove that Chrissianity is a cunning scheme of the capitalist to keep the minds of the workers in darkness.

Cotton's turns down both class of articles. But to those who think that Socialism and religion are antagnostic, I may say that we have to turn down three times as many articles for religion as against it.

Socialism is an explanation of present society, and a method of escaping into a newer, better society through collective ownership and democratic management of the means of production and distribution. We are a political party. As such we interfere with no man's religious or non-religious beliefs. Let contributors remember this fact.

WINNIPEG LOCALS.

In Winnipeg there is an English a Jewish, a German, a Lettish, a Ukranian, a Polish and a Russian local of the Social-Democratic Party. The unattached comrades of Winnipeg could not do better than to become members of their anguage local.

Is it personal magnetism on the part of the masters or just dumb foolishness that causes the worker to give the best years of his life slaving and voting for a system which gives him nothing in return but abuse, cruelty and persecution?

The big capitalists have the bar-and-hammer lock on the little peanut capitalist robbers, and the little fellows are clinging to their money bags with a death grip. My, how the horror of having to join the ranks of the working class make these pitiful parasites wail and sob. From the way they are being set back lately the bread line will be vastly augmented this winter. Labor always gets the worst of it. What will we do with the lily-fingered bunch anyway when they are forced back amongst us? They would be of little use in building up a co-operative commonwealth.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE AND SOCIALISM

To the Editor of Cotton's Weekly:

Confronted with the serious remarks that Socialist women are taking a step in the wrong direction by advocating and propagating the "Woman Suffrage" movement, would you allow me to state my opinion in your most valuable paper?

Do the Socialists ever expect to reach their ideals without first entering politics? Do the Socialists ever expect to ameliorate the present economic system without casting the ballot? Can the Socialist man ever expect to fight alone without the assistance of all the Socialist women in the world? The woman is a part of humanity; then why should the Socialist women fighting for Women Suffrage be opposed by statements that when Socialism comes the freedom of woman comes too? But a step in advancement of her present position is one step gained for the future! When the Socialist speakers advocate political action as the means of changing the present conditions how do they expect to approach the industrial woman worker with Socialism? When the Socialist candidate who is running for office asks the woman worker to help better the condition of labor and sanitation, her response is "What can I do when I am not a citizen"?

If Socialism is against the voting system, then why have we so many great statesmen throughout the world? But if Socialism really insists on bringing in a many Socialist members of Parliament then I think the vote of the industrial woman worker will help to bring into practice our great Karl Marx's dreams, and every true Socialist should try his utmost to help the woman in this one advanced step of woman suffrage which will only be the beginning of the idealistic end. The woman suffrage platform stands for doing away with the present double standard of wages, the abolition of child labor, and the abolition of the white slave traffic, and for many other reforms against the evils of the present social system.

In conclusion I may say when both man and woman are on an equal basis, and being that it is the woman who is the general victim of the present system, then the woman will awaken from her long sleep and hand in hand with man, striving together, the dawn of Socialism is nearer than the slow process of the present one-sided vote.

An equal suffrage league has been formed in Montreal. Meetings are held every Sunday afternoon at the Coronation Hall, 204 St. Lawrence Blvd., Montreal, where the woman suffrage question is discussed, and all are welcome to give or listen to opinions. Fraternally yours. Mrs. R. M. Mendelsohn.

THE DOGS OF WAR

General Sherman says, "War is hell." We speak of the horrors of war, and war correspondents paint lurid pictures of the horrors of war and agony and misery of the battlefields, and the starvation and privation and anxiety of the people whose country is being ravished by a hostile army. All the pomp and circumstance of war, all the gay uniforms and red coats and martial music may give a glitter and glamor to the scene, but they cannot hide the death head that looms up in front of every regiment. No wonder the working classes, the men who have to do the fighting, are rebelling against war and declaring nation-wide strikes rather than shoot and be shot. The killing business is an acquired taste and cannot be done in cold blood. Eighty years ago Thomas Carlyle drew a word-picture of what war meant to the worker, which should adorn the council chamber of every labor organization throughout civilization, for it is applicable to all nations and good for all time. He wrote:

What, speaking in quite unofficial language, is the net purport and upshot of war. To my own knowledge, for example, there dwell and toil in the British village of Dumdrudge, usually some five hundred souls. From these, by certain natural enemies of the French, there are successively selected during the French war, say thirty able-bodied men. Dumdrudge at her own expense has suckled and nursed them; she has, not without difficulty and sorrow, fed them up to manhood, and even trained them to crafts, so that one can weave, another build, another hammer, and the weakest can stand under thirty stone avoirdupois. Nevertheless, amid much weeping and swearing, they are selected, all dressed in red, and shipped away, at the public charges, some two thousand miles, or say only to the south of Spain and fed there till wanted.

And now to that same point in the south of Spain are thirty similar artisans, from a French Dumdrudge, in like manner wending; till at length, after infinite effort, the two parties come into actual juxtaposition; and thirty stands fronting thirty, each with a gun in his hand.

Straightway the word "Fire" is given and they blow the souls out of one another, and in place of sixty brisk, useful craftsmen, the world has sixty dead carcases, which it must bury and anon shed tears for. Had these men any quarrel? Busy as the devil is, not the smallest! They lived far enough apart; were the entirest strangers; nay, in so wide a universe, there was even, unconsciously, by commerce, some mutual helpfulness between them. How then? Simpleton! their own governors had fallen out; and instead of shooting one another, had the cunning to make these poor blockheads shoot.—Walkerton, Ont., Telescope.

Take a good look around the home for those forgotten sub cards. We need 'em down here at Cotton's.

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