

## NUTS FOR THE CRACKING

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such as relief funds and the expenditures of tourists on their joy rides; also the buying of works of art: a case in point lately where J. D. Rockefeller bought valuable tapestries to the value of two million dollars. Then there is the payment of labor by the business interests of the creditor countries, which is given for services in the transaction of such work as brokerage, freight insurance and banking, advertising, and a lot of other necessary evils; "tips" and graft, etc. Or the payment of principal or interest on dollar loans and investments previously made by the investor, which take the form of a triangular operation whereby the debtor can become the creditor of another creditor and receive dollar exchange in return. But the opportunities of getting the dollar are growing slimmer. The two main avenues where the opportunity lies with the debtor nation are always attacked by the creditor nation, and that is in export and immigration remittances. Those are thoroughly controlled by the creditor nation, as is seen in the U. S. A tariff and immigration laws.

All channels and methods are failures; it is impossible for the debtor nations to pay. How will America pay off her obligations to the Liberty loan holders? There is the puzzle. France and Italy have reached the peak. Great Britain is near the top. Taxation is squeezing the middle and propertied classes in these countries, where they even resort to all kinds of tricks to evade taxation. The unemployed are getting greater in numbers, the doles increasing in proportion. In America today the password is property; there is no question that conditions are away above normal yet in this country. How long will it last, none can tell. They have their optimists by the score, but even such reports as the following will not save them; this is an example:—John Smith, a prominent citizen, died today; he had many friends who are greatly bereaved by his loss, but it will in no way stop the revival of business that is expected in the near future or the demand for goods that is reported by the merchant. Of course it does not state whether the buyer is operating on the new refunding plan or not, but this is regular American advertising.

Out of all the swill there are still left some competent surveyors and they are honest to the core. As they say, there is only one cloud on the horizon that endangers capitalism, and that is the collapse of Europe. And collapse she will. The U. S. A. will go down in the wreck along with the rest. The rotten supports are growing weaker day by day. The smash may come at any moment. Anarchy, chaos and starvation may be our future, no one knows. Production for profit has been an utter failure; history proves its inability to serve the people as a whole. Still the future holds all that is noble and grand; our salvation lies there, and the job is worth while. The emancipation of the proletariat is ahead; there is no inside passage. Sentiment alone will get us nowhere, there is work ahead (as Harrington so often explains.) It is a hard task, but it must be done. Our greatest obstacle is ignorance; let us break down the wall that obscures the mass from the liberty that is theirs. The long hoped for day may soon arrive; let us do what we can. Praying for fish never caught them. The road ahead is rough, and the workers are divided among themselves. We must make Socialists; opportunists only cloud the issue, and they have also to be exposed, no matter where the hammer drops. The worker has nothing to lose, but all to gain. Let him investigate, let him learn. Be you his teacher; explain the many contradictions in capitalism to him and when the dawn of the new day breaks let us stand solid as one class with our banner unfurled. Equality for all!

Get interested in the Socialist movement, you owe it to yourself. There are stacks of books written on the various subjects dealing with Socialism; understand them, and prepare yourself for the fight. Knowledge is the fountain of life; possess it and you will have done a part of the task.

R. SINCLAIR.

## CLARION MAIL BAG

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Clarion. Good work, boys, we like your style! Write again!

Com. W. Robertson sends three dollars for the Maintenance Fund from Haynes, Alta.

A fine letter comes from Com. G. Beagrie of Swallow, Alberta, containing two subs. He speaks well of Lester's return meeting and enquires after Frank Cassidy. Writing from Carmangay, Alta., Comrade J. A. Untinen encloses a sub. to the Clarion, and makes brief comment upon affairs in that district. He says the workers show signs of doubt in their ordinary beliefs, and are becoming more susceptible to our point of view. He is trying to introduce the Clarion wherever it is possible to do

Two subs. come from Empress, Alta., also one from Cardston, and a dollar for the Maintenance Fund. Com. Kolden sends a brief note from Swallow enclosing five dollars in Clarion subs. Fine work! An order for literature comes from Botha, and one sub. from Millet, Alberta.

Com. Geo. Donaldson of Stanmore, Local 110, writes for ten copies of the pamphlet "The Present Economic System." A weekly study class has been formed and they have persuaded him to act as instructor. He sends kindest regards to Charlie Lester.

An enquiry for literature comes from Oxville, Alta., which will be dealt with by the Editor. Writing from Seal, Local 87, Com. Jorgenson sends in a sub., and two applications for membership. A nice letter comes from Com. Orchard of Kamloops, who sends in a sub. to the Clarion and comments upon things in general.

From Northern B. C. Comrade Lindberg sends in an order for literature. Renewal of Clarion subs. come from Sointula and Victoria, B. C., also a literature order from Ocean Falls.

Writing from Lund, B. C., F. W. Moore expresses much satisfaction with Leckie's pamphlet "Economic Causes of War," likewise the work "Structure of Soviet Russia." He also asks for Lissagary's "History of the Paris Commune."

Com. Frank Williams writes to inform us that he is due to leave Des Moines, Iowa, in the near future. Efforts are being made to hold a large meeting in the Labor Temple, at which he is to be the speaker. He hopes that his efforts will result in a local being formed, and also the present study class continuing. Com. Williams is bound for Calgary, where we imagine a hearty welcome is awaiting him. This finishes the "Mail Bag" up to the 10th March.

## HERE AND NOW.

WE sometimes think it would be interesting if some enterprising cuss were found, having a sufficiently sound acquaintance with it and born in the duration of time to familiarly describe the comfortable features of the elusive dollar. In our halcyon days—the days of our youth needless to say—we used to venerate the pounds, shillings and pence attainments of Tim Linkinwater, counting-house factotum for the Dickensonian Cheeryble Brothers,—deft, able and willing, and constantly engaged in handling a plentiful supply of all comers in currency,—£. s. d., Spanish doubloons and pieces of eight.

We had ambition in those days and we have it yet, though now grossly adjusted and abridged. Our present ambition is to quit competing with the Salvation Army in the sing-song for another penny, and we are not without hope.

Worse luck, however, we are without the other penny, and worse luck again the penny is multiplied into dollars. We're like Dick Swiveller, who was so sadly sunk in the straits of credit that he had only one more thoroughfare left that he could safely and comfortably traverse. That's us, or we—if you are particular about the "case."

Our "case," however, although in the reader's eye we hope it is an "objective case," is a serious case and not a grammatical case at all. All there is to in that regard is a weak inflection.

Did it ever occur to the reader to look at the number on the address label of the Clarion, sent by

mail? If we had every dollar that is overdue we wouldn't have to howl so much, and it costs two cents to send a postcard of reproach. Look it up and do your own reproaching. Our figures as per the following are staggering. Staggering, we mean, with weakness as they present themselves:

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