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Economic Determinism

Economic determinism sound like big words

to some folks,

And those who hold to the theory these words represent are said by some old fogeys to be atheists and evil livers and discontented

thing to understand. It means that men are guided in heir actions by the way they make their living. And as individual men are guided thus, so-cial activities, which are the sum total of individual activities, are guided in the same

individual activities, are guided in the same way.

If evils are in the world they spring from the system by which the fruits of industry are appropriated.

We Socialists sar that we must study economic interests to know how to act and to solve the problems facing humanity.

And when we have studied these interests, let us work so that the form of society may be changed and the evil in the world caused by the way the fruits of labor are fought for and divided may be abolished.

Examples of the actions of men produced by economic determinism are abundant. They are so abundant, that it is hard to choose which ones to give.

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Economic determinism made these Cornish Christians feel aggrieved at a lighthouse which would prevent shipwreck and death, for then no longer would they get spoils from

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Another illustration of economic determinism can be found in the history of Russia during the time of I van the Terrible. Says the Encyclopedia Britannica: 'In 1553 a printing press was established at Moscow, and in 1564 the first book was printed, an Apostol, i.e., a book containing the Acts of the Apostles and the Epistles. The printers were I van Ites and the Epistles. The printers were I van the Epistles in the Epistles were Evaluated in the Epistles in the I would be the Epistles in the I work. Epistles in the I would be the Epistles in the I work. Epistles in the I would be the Epistles in the I work.

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Economic determinism is here at work. The copyists thought they would lose their jobs, and so fought the printers.

In Acts 19, 12, is found the account of Paul's defeat by the silversmiths of Ephesus when Paul tried to preach Christ there. The silversmiths of Ephesus did not want this god without any idols made to him to be accepted or their trade would be gone. So they raised a great outery under the direction of Demetrius, and the commotion was such that Paul had to depart.

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Cornwall the men cried for shipwrecks, in Russia they cried out against printing, in Ephesus they cried out against Christianity. But can we see how this principle is at work right around us? That banker, that worker, that manufacturer, that minister, that politician, that patriot, that financier. Study economic determinism, and see where it leads in all its ramifications. When you do this, you will know more about men's actions than by going fifty years to the so-called teachers of men to learn of them, such as newspaper writers, politicians, preachers and the like.

Private Property

The workers elect politicians to represent them at Ottawa. These politicians make the laws of the land and elect judges of capitalist selection to hand out that law. The workers get the worst of it every time. To show how the judges of Canada have lost their sense of fairness and justice and simply sit on the bench and deliver vicious sentences which have not the least element of common sense attached to them, is one of the weapons Cotton's Weekly uses in its show-up of the miserable jumbled capitalist system. Cases are cited in the dailies every day to prove that the lawmakers and law dispensers are an incompetent and biased lot. Here is one: Wallace Watson, a negro, robbed a white man of thirty-five cents in Windsor, Ont., and was sentenced to the Kingston oastile for two years at hard labor.

Thomas Mitchell, postmaster at Ford, was convicted of two separate charges of assault upon a fourteen-year-old girl, and let off with a fine of twenty-five dollars and costs.

Mitchell, the postmaster, was a standpat political henchman of the masters, and the \$25 fine would probably mean no more to him than 25 cents to the negro. He is free again to carry his animal instincts to other quarters and assault other young girls. There is nothing to stop him. What is \$25 to a creature of that stamp? Here is an enemy of society let loose for another rampage of brutality as long as he has the price of a fine, while a negro who stole 35 onts will spend two years in the horrors of the prison at Kingston.

at Kingston.
Under capitalist law the rights of private property must be protected; this is the battle ery of the political parasites. The 35 cents stolen by the negro was private property, but it appears that the young girls body was not as valuable as 35 cents. in the eyes of the judge.

The name of this dispenser of capitalist law is Judge J. O. Promgole, and his address is Sandwich, Out. And there are many more of his stamp in Canada.

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On Areast th last about 1,100 striking miners of Vanoover Island gathered in a halfto consider an agreement with the Vanooverbed of Cossack of Cossa

with holes. Here is the answer Mr. Todd received:

Headquarters, Connaught Barracks, Nanaimo, B.C., Dec. 10, 1913

From the C.S.O., "Civil Aid Force."

Nanaimo, B.C.

To Mr. Todd.

Sir:—I am instructed by the O. C. "Civil Aid Force." to acknowledge your letter of the 6th inst.

He does not propose to enter into any controversy on the matter.

He trusts that certain persons will not force him to rigidly enforce the provisions of the Militia Act, in reference to obstruction to militia on the public roads. Yours truly. R. C. Cooper, Capt. C.S.O., "Civil Aid Force."

Hall does not propose to go into any controversy in the matter. The word of Bowser and McBride is sufficient for him. What does he care for the feelings of the non-strikers ?

Suppose they are taxpayers, he knows that anything he orders his hinden madeans that

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We can readily see how the interests of these men made them act as they did. Cornwall the men cried for shipwrecks, and McBride and the capitalist rulers of B.C.

they will do—shoot, rip or slay, and Bowser and McBride and the capitalist rulers of B.C. will back him up.

Any man who would order a machine gun trained on a bunch of peaceful workers and threaten them with bullets and steel if they did not clear their hall in a given time, is a coward. Any man who will bulldoze women and children because he has a uniform on which allows him to do so, is a coward. Any man who will bulldoze women and children because he has a uniform on which allows him to do so, is a coward. Any man who will do a uniform of the Canadian militia and act as strikebreaker for the interests of the master class is a coward. And low, sneaking one—at that.

Hall could not fight fair if he tried. He is the master of a gang of brutes, and Boswer and McBride are his masters. The strike on Vancouver Island—has been quiet from the start on the part of the workers. It would have remained quiet and peaceable had not the soldiers been ordered in to bully the workers are banded together to street the masters. The capitalists will put Laurier on the people, and the capitalists will put Laurier on the people, and the capitalists will put Laurier on the people, and the capitalists will put Laurier on the people, and the capitalists will put Laurier on the people, and the capitalists will put Laurier on the people, and the capitalists will put Laurier on the people, and the capitalists will put Laurier on the people, and the capitalists will put Laurier on the people, and the capitalists will put Laurier on the people, and the capitalists will put Laurier on the people, and the capitalists will put Laurier on the people, and the capitalists will put Laurier on the people, and the capitalists will put Laurier on the people, and the capitalists will put Laurier on the people, and the capitalists will put Laurier on the people, and the capitalists will put Laurier on the people, and the capitalists will put Laurier on the people, and the capitalists will put Laurier on the people, and the capitalists will put Lauri

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Workers of Vancouver Island, are you going to vote for the continuance of capitalism in British Columbia at the next lection? Are you going to listen to the spellbinders of the rotten, incompetent McBride combination and vote for oppeasion and slavery for you and your families? Surely the last few months of strife and misery and starvation in B. C. towns and cities will wise you up that the capitalist governments are for the capitalists only. They are out for profits, and profits they will get, if they have to shoot the workers up in hundreds to drive them back to their slave tasks. They can do it. You cannot help vourself, for you voted for the system that allows any oppression, any cruelty, any tyranny and injustice to be forced on the working class for the sake of this god of profit.

A Christmas Gift

In the meantime rolling stock manufactured in the States is coming into this country in immense quantities.

Engines, pullmans and freight c rs are being rolled in every day, while our engine and car builders are out in the snow walking the streets with nothing to do.

Borden is the hero who manoeuvres such conditions. At least we must think so, for if anything comes along which is any good to the country as a whole, Borden takes the credit for it.

Laurier is another hero who is waiting to jump into Borden's place the very minute the spellbinders convince the workers that Borden is not doing enough for the working class. They are a useful pair for the capitalist system, which sees to it that the workers are flimflammed into believing that there are only two parties in Canada, and that their respective ambitions are widely divergent.

There is only one big party in Canada. That party is the capitalist party, and they hold the destinies of the mation at so much per cent dividends. Rent, interest and profit are their sole thoughts. Whether Borden or Laurier sits on the throne matters not to them. When the workers are tired of Borden.

their masters, the capitalists, it has t ken a long time for this idea to take root, and develop; but it is here, and all the schemes of the robbing class will avail anoth in the steady march of the enlightened proletariat to an economic freed on throughout the world.

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Sam Hughes has a scheme of militarizing the universities of Canada. He wants a military department created in the universities for the training of the officers of the militia. Lord Strathcona has given \$100,000 and Major Leonard half a million to help the scheme. Notice where the money comes from Lord Strathcona, Major Leonard and the bunch between the money is equal to saking the movement are anxious to have considered the movers, and a fine army and navy. These last are where the money is squandered. The war mad rulers of the country are trying to saddle the people with additional enormous a debts before the steady sweep of Socialism has attained its triumph. They will have to the German people than for many decades.

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has attained its triumph. They will have to hurry, for freedom appears to be closer to the German people than for many decades.

Canada is a food producing country, yet it costs fifty-one per cent more to live here than it did twelve years ago. Always up, never down, has been the motto of the profit lords, who grow fat on the misery of the underfed poor.

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Wm. Deering the harvester manufacturer, died and left about \$13,000,000 to his immediate family. This wealth has been robbed from the thousands of workers in the employ for the thousands of workers in the employ for the thousands of workers in the employ for the people of the country. They may be a sufficient to the underfed poor.

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Reforms

plan to fight a few elections over this issue and then give it with a flourish of philanthropic trumpets.

But the "right to work" of the worker will benefit the master class.

When a worker is idle he is producing no surplus values. It is only when he is comployed that he is robbed.

In speaking of the unemployed, the Toronto Mail and Empire says, "What is needed is municipal construction work on which the unemployed who want work can be utilized."

That is the line along which the "right to work" scheme will be planned.

The capitalists have much government work to be done, roads to be built, municipal lodging houses, bigger post offices, etc.

When times are good, these works will be held back as much as possible. The government and municipalities will hold back their jobs so as not to compete in the labor market against private employers, thus keeping wages down.

In hard times the government will push their works for the benefit off the collective capitalist-class, but they will do it as a "boon" to the working class and will pay as poor a wage as possible so as not to "encourage the workers to lean on the state."

In this way the masters will get cheap workers in good times and the government will get cheaper workers in hard times.

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The Class Struggle

As the form of capitalist property is dependent upon co-operative labor, to remove the contradiction is the task of those who, by the nature of the ownership of the means by which they produce the necessities for the suitenance of life are dependent upon class property, and this can only be accomplished by the transfer of the ownership.

Through the machinery of the state titles to ownership to the means of production and the products of industry are vested in those who, in the opinion of the state, are entitled to possess them, and such titles are defended by all the powers at their command.

Class antagonisms therefore arise out of economic antagonisms and can only be removed when the instrument, the machinery of state, has been captured by the producing class in order that all class property may be transfered to collective property. With this transformation buying and selling comes to an end.

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Laurier is advocating free food tariffs to combat the high cost of living, and the Republicans of the U.S., are declaring that the millions of unemployed in that country together with the greatly increased cost of living is due to the Wilson, free food tariff. Political quacks are useful to the capitalist class to hide the real cause of panies, high cost of living, etc., behind a cloud of words.

ancouver Island Defence Fund

Cotton's Weekly has received the following appeal from the Defence Committee of the Vancouver Island striking miners. A good plan for the comrades would be to paste the appeal on a piece of paper, and tackle Socialists and union men for contributions, sending, them forward to the Secretary of the Defense Fund.

FELLOW WORKERS -

We, as brothers of the two hundred miners at present in jail awaiting trial on Vancouver Island, at this time appeal to you members of the working class for moral and financial help, that we may free from persecution and the brand of criminality men whose chief oftense is their prominence and activity in the labor movement on this portion of the Pacific Coast.

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The miners, in their dealings as individuals with the corporations in the past, have realized their utter helplessness. Time and again explosions occur with the loss of human life. The mining laws provide for the appointment of a Gas Committee by the men. This committee on examining the mine and reporting gas, was discharged. The Government, in lining up with the mine owners, refused to enforce the laws. They are therefore the violators of their own laws.

The men were thus forced to organize, and on the 1st of May last the mine workers of this Island came out for recognition of their union.

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The governments, Dominion and Provincial in their eagerness for industrial expansion (profits for the master class), encourage a constant stream of immigration from Oriental countries. With the aid of this reserve army of labor, whose wants are few compared with those of white men and the enactment of

Today the militia are encamped in our streets, and bodies of them with fixed bayonets patrol them, and act as a shield to hundreds of special police who are here to guard strike-breakers. strike-breakers.

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Among the men in prison are many earnest and active workers, who are eligible for provincial and municipal office. Also J. Place, M.P.P., the working class representative in the Provincial Parliament. The workers of this district have attained the most advanced political position of any of the Dominion. In the event of these men being convicted, they are deprived of all political rights for five years.

FELIAOW WORKERS:

In this life and death struggle with the Master Class, help us to keep the Banner of Labor flying triumphant over what we have already attained. It is our turn today; it may be yours tomorrow. In the name of the solidarity of the working class, help is urgently needed at this time. Do all you can, and aid us to hurl those from place and power who, in their greed would force us to the standard of Orientals, or to become home less tramps.

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G.A. Moore, Secretary, Box 830, Nanaimo
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