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THE BLIND PEOPLE

Misery increases in Canada. The people are sore put to make a living. The spectre of poverty haunts the households. The wolf is at the door, grinning, grinning day and night, just ready to slip in at the first opportunity.

The people of Canada are proud. They are men and women who do not like to show their misery. So they pretend.

They pretend to be happy. They pretend to be prosperous. They strive hard to put up a decent appearance on the incomes they get. When they meet one another they smile and hide the heartache and worry they suffer. They hide these things, the one from the other, because they are brave and proud.

The capitalist papers see this bravery and pretence, and gloat over it. Do they tell the people the true state of affairs? Not at all. They lie. They tell the people that they are prosperous, and glorious, and that they have a right to be proud of their condition. The people smile bravely.

The trusts fasten themselves upon the people. The transportation monopolies grow more and more powerful. A bread combine is formed. A cement merger forces the price of cement up and bleeds the small farmer. A bread combine makes the loaf a dearer article in our cities. The papers boom prosperity and declare that land values are going up. The people are huddled in smaller and smaller areas so that the landlords may grow more wealthy while the workers grow poorer.

The employers form bigger and bigger combines. Workers are kept down. Wages sink lower compared with the rising cost of living. The multimillionaires of Canada travel abroad and spend the wealth wrung from the huddled families of brave workers who through pride, do not complain.

But conditions become unbearable. A Wm. Aitkin drops off gorged with unearned wealth, goes to Europe, becomes knighted for his cunning by George the Fifth and takes his place as an ardent imperialist among the exploiters of the British empire. A Wm. MacKenzie buys up the land all along the route of a new railway into Montreal propertyless wage slaves are to build; and becomes a landed proprietor who will rival in wealth the wastrel parasites of corrupt America. Stock watering is forbidden and Sir Henry M. Pellatt busies himself with a scheme to distribute to himself and his fellow parasites as a bonus a million dollars worth of stock of the Toronto Street Railway company.

The people begin to protest blindly. Wilfrid Laurier begins to fear or his parasites. Robert Laird Borden begins to fear along with Laurier for his parasites. The people are proud but they begin to have glimmerings of light.

These two conspirators against the people, these two old cunning schemers know the remedy. They know that their friends the capitalists are looters of the people. They have passed laws legalizing the loot. The people awake.

To mislead the people the reciprocity-protection campaign is started. It is nothing but a blind. Did the common people take back the wealth that Laurier and Borden have given over to the plunderers of the nation, all would be well. The people could live at ease. If the means of wealth production were collectively owned and run without profit, every man, woman and child could have enough and more than enough. This, however, would do away with the huge incomes now rolling in to the special friends of our politicians.

The revolutionary workers demand the collective ownership of the industries of Canada. Laurier and Borden both refuse to discuss the question. Laurier says there are high prices and that the remedy is a slight reduction in the tariff. Borden opposes this. Laurier turns to relief to America. Borden turns for relief to no one. Laurier wants American labor thieves to share in the thievery of Canada. Borden wraps himself up in a false patriotism and says that Canadian labor thieves alone should be given the privilege.

Let the people of Canada speak. Let them turn from these two friends of the plunderers of the Canadian people. No relief will come from either. As long as they control, the wolf of poverty will steal into the homes. He will take the girls and force them into lives of shame. He

will take the strong men and make them weaklings, through unemployment. He will wrinkle the brows and turn the hair grey through worry over rent bills and meat bills.

Let the people turn from their political betrayers. Let them send to parliament revolutionary Socialists who will fight, first last and all the time against the wealth wasters on behalf of the wealth producers.

Let the blind people open their eyes, see clearly and protect themselves from poverty by means of revolutionary political action.

A bread combine has been organized to operate in Montreal, Toronto and Winnipeg. The price of bread will go up. That is the usual result of combines. It is announced that this will not happen. Such an announcement is always made when a trust is being formed. After it is firmly established it is announced that the price of flour has gone up, or that there is a scarcity of wheat and the prices are boosted. Will the people stand for this combine? Of course they will. They always stand for every extortion practised upon them. They believe in private ownership, you know, and if the bread barons own the bread, why should they not charge what they like for it? The Socialist remedy of collective ownership of the bakeries with democratic management and profitless operation would never, never do. That would mean that the poor bread barons could not squeeze the people for the bread of life. Socialism would interfere with profits and profits are sacred in the eyes of capitalism.

Labor creates wealth. Capital takes the greater part of the wealth created by Labor. The greater the efficiency of Labor the greater are the profits of Capital; not only absolutely but proportionately. That is to say, the percentage taken by Capital is smallest in the case of unskilled Labor and greatest in the case of skilled Labor; and the greater the skill of Labor the larger the percentage that Capital takes. In other words, the more efficient you are the more you are robbed. All knowledge, all skill, all training and most ambitions on the part of the toilers only fatten the employing class, because things are so arranged that the enormous and unreasonable advantage of capital increases as the productivity of the toiler is increased."—Charles Edward Russell, in the Coming Nation.

A frantic cry went up from the west for forty thousand harvesters. The crop would be ruined unless this labor was secured. The cry has stopped and it is announced that the west has the laborers it needs. Just think of what this means. In a small country like Canada forty thousand men can be picked up and set to work for a couple of months. The surplus labor in Canada, prosperous Canada, is so great that within two weeks of the call an army of workers numbering 40,000 can be got together. This shows how tremendous is the unemployed problem. Next winter these men will have nothing to do and will be wandering round the streets of Winnipeg begging the police to gather them in as vagrants out of the cold. Capitalism is fine for the plute, but it is far otherwise for the workers.

Theodore Roosevelt is not much in the public eye at present. He was noted for his barbarity which he covered over with an appearance of morality. He had two fads. He wanted mothers to have big families and he wanted nations to have big armies. He regarded mothers as brood animals for the production of male children who would grow up and become food for powder. Roosevelt's mental outlook was that of two hundred years ago. That is why he could not appreciate Socialism and has consequently disappeared into the cold shades of oblivion.

Socialism is democratic. Socialism aims at letting all the people rule and enjoy the benefit of their industry. Capitalism is autocratic. For it places the wealth of Canada into few hands. It allows a few owners to control and rob many non-owners. Socialism is for the people. When they fight against Socialism they fight against their own best interests.

There is some item in this paper that will appeal to a friend or acquaintance of yours. Mark it and pass it on.

THE DELHI DURBAR

"The King, God bless him!" How often parasites use that expression! How often the robbers of labor, the capitalist parasites of the empire, lift their glasses to King George the Fifth, puppet parasite king of parasites.

This language may appear shocking to some. But viewed in the light of knowledge, King George the Fifth is a detriment to humanity, a curse to the nations he rules.

It is said that King George the Fifth opens hospitals, starts off funds for charitable purposes, gives stability to social institutions.

In answer to this it can be said that King George causes millions of dollars to be wasted, and aids to continue the system of intense poverty and vicious wealth. The coronation pomp and waste showed the wastefulness of the monarchical system in England. The Durbar will exemplify it still more in India.

In September King George goes to be crowned at Delhi, as the Emperor of India. The following is an account of the magnificence and display that will take place then:

Like the Coronation festivities in

his country the Durbar will stretch over a number of days. But the great day will be the one on which the King rides through ancient Delhi with all the proud maharajahs in his train.

Past the great red fort and the towering temple of Delhi the King will ride upon an elephant eleven feet high. The howdah on which he sits will be of solid gold worth thousands of pounds; the very cloth that covers it will also be woven from pure gold. Even the enormous elephant will be tricked out in jewels of priceless value for it is not fitting in Eastern eyes that the great Emperor's mount should be less magnificent than those of his subject princes.

In addition to the Emperor-King's there will be from 150 to 200 other elephants, all encrusted with emeralds and rubies, and the tusks of every one adorned with tinkling silver bells which ring out musically above the earth-shaking tramp of the gigantic beasts.

In each glittering howdah will ride maharajah of such might that he is almost a god in his own country. And in every such prince's turban stiff with pearls and adorned aigrettes as well as upon his gorgeous jewelled dress will sparkle diamonds of such

beauty and in such number that the value of all in the procession must actually total several millions of pounds.

During September 100,000 people will die of the plague in India. At the present time 20,000 a week are dying and the plague increases in virulence during the cold weather. The plague is a preventable disease and could be wiped out if the money that is wasted on George the Fifth were used to fight it.

George the Fifth is a gentleman who walks amid death and plague, happy only when he is the central figure of waste and extravagance.

When the parasites use their favorite expression to show their loyalty, they do not say all they mean. If they did this is how the expression would run, "The King, God Bless him. And damn humanity."

John Burns, the former Socialist, was made President of the Local Government Board in the British cabinet. He draws \$25,000 per year salary. When he was poor he was a rabid Socialist. Since he has become a wealthy man he has forgotten his early struggles. He says that the unemployed are in misery because of their own folly. Recently a scientific Royal Commission investigated the milk problem and has found that much consumption in England is due to people drinking the milk from tuberculous cattle. Burns has become so reactionary that he does not want to do anything. He wants to let the people suffer and die. This is the change that capitalism makes in a man. It turns him from humanity to selfishness.

When giant labor wakes! Ah, then there will be a great change. Labor that creates all is content to live raggedly and in poverty. Labor that makes luxuries is content to go without the necessities of life. Labor that knows how to subdue the forces of nature has not yet learned to free itself. But it is learning. It is turning Socialist. And soon a glad new earth will result when awakened labor resolves to bend its energies to relieving poverty, want and worry instead of building palaces and automobiles for the idle rich.

"No time to read." Did you ever hear wage slaves use that phrase? They are offered Socialist books or papers and they say they have no time to read. They have plenty of time to work ten hours a day for a master. They have plenty of time to work seven hours and a half for a master and get nothing for his labor. They have plenty of time to do this six days a week. But they have no time to spend in finding out how they can work ten hours a day for themselves. The master class like a slave who has no time to read up about freedom. They like him like they like a horse, and they work him hard in the same way.

Laurier had a big parade in Montreal when he came from England. Fifteen thousand people met him at the wharf. There were flaring torches and great processions. But the torch bearers were each paid two dollars for taking part in the procession. The people attended as they would attend any free show. The old political parties no longer attract the crowds unless circus features are added. The country is ripe and rotten ripe for the Socialist message.

"The movement for a 'sane fourth' in the U. S." says Charles Edward Russell, is instituted, backed and financed by the insurance companies, and that is about all the vitality there is in it. The movement or sentiment in opposition is backed and financed by the fireworks companies, and that is all there is to that. One side wants a quiet day that it may save money and the other wants a noisy day that it may make money.

The Dominion government pays a bonus of five dollars a head to immigration agents for the immigrants they persuade to come to Canada. This is done in order to get plenty of cheap help for the big Canadian labor thieves and to help them break strikes with imported labor. The workingmen vote for the capitalist kept in slavery.

The time is always ripe for speaking the truth.

Capitalism is the cause of labor troubles.

THE SHELL OF CAPITALISM

The Socialist state is growing up within the shell of capitalism. The shell is already beginning to wear thin in places.

Formerly in America when the Socialists won an election the papers would put in big headlines "SOCIALIST WIN." Now when the Socialists run a candidate and he gets beaten, the papers put in big type the heading, "SOCIALISTS LOOSE."

The big trust magnates are coming out in favor of government control. Even Wickersham, Attorney-General of the United States, speaking before the Minnesota Bar Association at Duluth, the place where the Socialists are putting up a fight for the right of speech, admitted that the law of supply and demand no longer controlled prices in the U. S., that competition was dead and that the era of "co-operative life" was upon them.

In Germany, Ramsay MacDonald, the Socialist M. P. in the British House of Commons, was invited by the Kaiser to dinner. He was not "commanded" as is the usual fashion. MacDonald attended the private dinner and afterwards, when some Socialists objected, declared that the time was shortly coming when the kings would have to go before Socialism and he was only speaking with the enemy at the gate.

In France the revolutionary workers are pressing forward. The syndicalists have found themselves pitted against the political power. They have fought well and with the help of the Socialists elected as deputies, have succeeded in breaking three ministries.

In England the seamen have learned the secret of successful revolt. They tied up the port of Liverpool until the masters yielded. They have tied up the port of Cardiff. The coal miners are talking strike. The old spirit of sectional revolt is going. The universal strike has penetrated England. In the next elections the labor members will be more numerous. To placate the labor vote Lloyd George has introduced his unemployed and accident insurance scheme. The labor men say the insurance is not sufficient. In vain Lloyd George pleads that the state cannot afford any more money for the workers. The labor men point to the immense revenues of the idle parasites and if George does not move in the matter the workers will.

In Austria the recent elections resulted in 82 Socialist members. Formerly the Socialist deputies numbered 86. The decrease in deputies has resulted from the old parties combining to defeat the workers. The Socialist vote increased throughout the country.

In Canada elections approach. The workers are considering the plan of putting a candidate in the field from every industrial centre.

A general strike of twenty-four unions ties up Vancouver. A strike of the coal miners in British Columbia and Alberta threatens the west with a coal famine, so much so that some members of parliament declare that the workers should be forced back to their slavery at the point of the bayonet. Last year a strike occurred on the G. T. R. The strike was settled against the will of the men through some crooked work somewhere. MacKenzie King, Minister of Labor, announced to the men that they would all be taken back to work in a few days. A year has gone and 242 are still refused their jobs. The men are bitter.

In Montreal nine hundred carpenters are on strike. In London, Ont., the moulders are on strike. The politicians do nothing for the strikers. They talk a little sympathy about election time and then, after being elected, put in their time making laws against the workers in favor of the masters.

The point of revolt is being reached. The shell of capitalism is wearing mighty thin. The plutes who sit on the shell and bask in the sunlight think they are safe. Pretty soon the shell will be exploded all to smithereens and the Socialist state will emerge with the working class in control.

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Death to compromise is the life of the revolution.

\$100 FOR A FEW WEEKS WORK

IN THE CENTURY CONTEST

FOR A FEW WEEKS WORK on behalf of Socialism, some Persistent Individual is going to come off THE WINNER OF \$100.00 in Cash, any way that persistent individual wants it delivered. Gold or Crisp New Bank Notes not barred.

This is the last issue that will reach the majority of our Canadian readers before the contest starts on Monday, August 7th, so we will have no further opportunity to point out the splendid features of the Century Contest. But every reader of Cotton's Weekly has had ample time and notice to start his or her ENTRY CLUB OF FIVE SUBS IN TIME to reach Cowansville between Monday, August 7th and Friday, August 11th. The Five Subs for the Second Week should be in on or before Friday, August 18th. Third Week, on or before Friday, August 25th. FRIDAY ENDS THE WEEK. Comrades in the far east or west, to guard against possible delay in the mails, will do well to mark their lists: "For Century Contest, Week Ending August—"

Contestants in ENTERING THE CENTURY CONTEST can send 5 HALF YEARLY subs and \$1.00, or 5 SUB CARDS, at \$1.00, or have 5 AGITATION BATTERY SUBS put on at \$1.00. All count as Five Subs. The ENTRY COUPON on this page, or the ENTRY SUB BLANK sent out last week are for the convenience of Contestants, but it is not necessary to use them. CONTESTANTS CAN USE ANY PAPER THAT SUITS THEM as long as they make sure to mark lists or orders "For the Century Contest." Contestants must send in FIVE SUBS EVERY WEEK, and the winner will be the one who KEEPS IT UP THE LONGEST NUMBER OF CONSECUTIVE WEEKS. That is plain. If a contestant DROPS OUT ONE WEEK HE IS DISQUALIFIED! Must land, persistently every week.

We expect the Big Prize to be an easy win for some hustler. We shouldn't wonder if some wide-a-woke Boy or Girl will Stiek-to-it the longest. We have known youngsters to wake up a neighborhood when after a prize, and stir up the whole countryside with a much poorer proposition than Cotton's Weekly. The hustler only needs to state that everybody is saying who is conversant with Cotton's: "What a nice clean printed, easily read paper. Contains real interesting articles and information not found in other papers, and the best story published." That story alone will appeal to the woman of the house. Easy for hustlers to get subs if they go after them and explain they are after a Big Prize.

But surely every old and new hustler for Cotton's should enter the Century Contest and boost for Socialism. We have gone the limit in making it EASY for every one of you. Most of you want to see Socialism grow, hundreds of you work steadily on and off for Cotton's: WHY NOT DASH INTO THE CONTEST and give it a send-off that will be a record. It will cost you nothing to try and develop your faculty of Persistence—IT WILL DO YOU GOOD—and if you do not win the prize you will have accomplished something for our common cause.

Following are the exact Rules under which the Century Contest will be conducted. There will be no deviation in the slightest particular. Read carefully.

RULES OF THE CONTEST

Rule 1.—Cotton's Weekly will give to the Man or Woman, Boy or Girl, who enters the Century Contest and sends in Five Half-Yearly Subs at \$1.00 every week for the most consecutive weeks, a prize of \$100.00, payable in Gold or Bank Notes.

Rule 2.—The Contest starts Monday, August 7th, and the first five entry subs must be in Cowansville between Monday, August 7th and Friday August 11th, and then regularly every week ending on Friday.

Rule 3.—The contestant may send in Five Half-yearly subs with \$1.00, or order Five half-yearly Sub Cards, or have Five Half-yearly Subs placed

by the Agitation Battery. Either shall be considered as Five Subs and cost \$1.00.

Rule 4.—Each contestant must mark order for subs "Century Contest."

Rule 5.—Contestants must send the five subs regularly each week. More than \$1.00 at one time will only count as Five Subs in this Contest. Weeks end every Friday.

Rule 6.—When a contestant misses a week, he or she is disqualified for the prize.

Rule 7.—Bundle subscriptions do not count in this contest.

CENTURY CONTEST for \$100 Cash Prize

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Enter me in the Century Contest. For the enclosed \$1.00

Put on the 5 Subs enclosed

Send me 5 Sub Cards

Send me 5 Agitation Battery Subs

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