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Labor, applied to natural resources, produces all wealth. The present economic system is based upon capitalist ownership of the means of production, consequently, all the products of labor belong to the capitalist class. The capitalist is, therefore, master; the worker a slave.

So long as the capitalist class remains in possession of the reins of government, all the powers of the State will be used to protect and defend its property rights in the means of wealth production and its control of the product of labor.

The capitalist system gives to the capitalist an ever-swelling stream of profits, and to the worker, an ever-increasing measure of misery and degradation.

The interest of the working class lies in setting itself free from capitalist exploitation by the abolition of the wage system, under which this exploitation, at the point of production, is cloaked. To accomplish this necessitates the transformation of capitalist property in the means of wealth production into socially controlled economic forces.

The irrepressible conflict of interest between the capitalist and the worker necessarily expresses itself as a struggle for political supremacy. This is the Class Struggle.

Therefore we call upon all workers to organize under the banner of the Socialist Party of Canada, with the object of conquering the political powers for the purpose of setting up and enforcing the economic programme of the working class, as follows:

- 1.—The transformation, as rapidly as possible, of capitalist property in the means of wealth production (natural resources, factories, mills, railroads, etc.) into collective means of production.
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plunderbund. Progress has swung clear round the earth, and mingles anew with developed peoples from a common birth source. But in both directions that progress is marked with ruined societies and mournful wildernesses. The lords of plunder cannot look back. The countries of the "what has been" have nothing further to offer them. They are bled white. The crimsoned fields and shattered cities of Europe may not—nay will not—again blossom and hum to the steely song of profit. Europe is at the threshold of the new world; its reconstruction will be the work of a new epoch; its production reorganized under a new regime. When its fields are smoothed; its homes rebuilt; its wounds healed; its life restored; it will be by other than the hands of slaves; with an ideal that has no kin with "success"; with aims removed from exploitation.

Forward the plunderers must go and there they will meet their kind, ready to slay them. Capital has completely invaded the East; has broken up its primitive industries; destroyed its ancient organization; totally disrupted its hoary customs of use and wont. The East is now impelled on the fatal course of capital, for itself, by itself, necessary to itself. Western capital cannot now withdraw from the East. There is, at once, the source of supply and the hope of profit.

The East is becoming the "workshop of the world," and the control of that workshop means life, life to capitalist commerce, life to capitalist society. It implies the transference of capitalist activities to new scenes, and carries with it the creation of new keys, for the guardianship of empire. Look at the map and see. Within one week, in all probability, of the declaration of war, the East will be separated from the West by a barrier which, to break through will ruin absolutely the society of capital.

Thus, if Western capitalism forces itself upon the East,—and it must—it will be challenged by Japan—a Japan, virile, understanding, and prepared; who claims hegemony over the East; peculiarly her natural sphere; necessary to her development, requisite to her "will to power." A Japan that is even now marshalling the peoples of the East under the banner of "Asia for the Asians."

Here, then, we face the alternatives of almost immediate war, or revolution. For if the slaves are to be fed, and "prosperity" come upon us, markets must be found. And if markets are found they must be—taken. To expect the Washington Conference to plead the cause of revolution is to expect the miraculous. To plead war, ridiculous. What the Washington Conference will do is,—talk and drift, and compromise—and conspire—the results of which may become known to us only when the war drums sound, and love and death knock terribly at the doors of hunger.

That is the "problem of the Pacific," a problem which cannot be solved by any capitalist conference, because such a solution must of necessity be in terms of profit. And the era of profit has forever passed away. The problem can only be solved by the workers of the world—when they understand society and its organization. Our economic progress is far far in advance of our social understanding. That is the one menace of the future. But society, like all things else, moves not because it wants to, but because it must. The increasing economic pressure of tomorrow will strip all camouflage from the institutions of "constitutional democracy"; will lay bare the very bones of capital; and confront master and slave in unmistakable antagonism. From that knowledge will flow action. And in that action will be the solution of all the economic problems of capitalist exploitation.

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