The FIRING LINE

$1 for subs to Skidgate, B.C.

$2 for bundle renewal and sub cards comes from Ottawa.

Two subs and two sub cards go to Radway Centre, Alta.

$3 for a bundle order and $1 for subs come from Victoria, B.C.

A Toronto comrade sends $1 for subs for the slaves of the Queen City.

60 cents for sub, and an order for pamphlets from Vancouver, B.C.

$3 for books from Port Arthur helps a comrade on the way to get Facts.

A comrade of Garson, Ont., sends $2.-50 for subs, which will go to the slaves of that village.

"Please find enclosed $3, two to use as you think best, and one for sub cards."—C.D.E.F., Montreal.

A one dollar William from Toronto sends one to a Toronto comrade and three to Merry (?) England.

"Pleased to notice the increase in the sub list. Here are four more towards the 50,000."—Brandon comrade.

A Port Arthur comrade will go armed in future. He does not intend to be caught unawares, as he sends $10 for sub cards.

"Please find money order for six subs. I like the paper fine, but am pressed for time to hustle subs.—Seven Person, Alta.

"Having sent four a week or two ago, the eight enclosed will entitle me to Facts. Your paper is a real live educator."—Nanaimo, B.C.

Four more go to Copper Cliff, which the postal authorities will hand to the slaves, that is, if the Canadian Copper Company will allow them to do so.

"Enclosed find $2.50, for which send Cotton's to above two, and send sub cards for the remainder. I would like to get the Pennant."—Mission City, B. C.

$1 from Ottawa, where the henchmen of the capitalists gather and squander the wealth of the producers of Canada, goes to send four subs to four slaves, who will know why they are robbed, and the remedy.

"Enclosed find $2 for subs. This, with my other contributions, entitles me to Facts, which send as soon as possible."—J. J., Watson, Sask. The 1913 edition of Facts will be sent to comrades as soon as received from the binders.

"The plutes will probably put up a prolonged hard luck howl at the enclosed 26 subs, but I couldn't help it—it just had to be did. Send along two copies of the 1913 Facts. Yours for the revolution.—J.R.B., Sandstone, Alta.

"Find enclosed $1 for four sub cards. I will use them on the free born Britons who think they own something in this country. Would like to see you here in Ontario, but no matter where you move here's to a larger circulation."—W. N., Orangeville.

A Berlin, Ont., comrade sends $2.50 for subs, and wants a pennant for his wife to decorate her parlor with. The letter is short, sharp and precise, and the words have hair on. These are the sort of letters Cotton's like to get. They drive away that tired feeling.

"Enclosed find $2 for subs and sub cards. Winnipeg is very backward so far as organized Socialism is concerned, but we are holding meetings, and good work is being done in a quiet way. I like Cotton's Weekly, and have every confidence in yourself as editor. Keep your spirits up. You have the backing of hundreds of loyal hearts for Socialism."—A Winnipeg Comrade.

An Ingersoll comrade enlists in the 1917 club, and sends four more to keep him company. Oh, if all hustlers would only do just this little stunt more frequently, Cotton's would not have a stationary circulation. If ALL hustlers of Cotton's would follow this comrade's example it would be easier for the comrades concerned, and better, much better, for the cause of Socialism.

Convention of the S. D. P.

A Dominion Convention of the Social-Democratic party will be held this fall at Port Arthur, Ont. The referendum carried.

All active comrades will endeavor now to make their local as numerous as possible and to start new locals. We want the capitalists to hear something drop when the convention meets for business.

Unity

Both the S.D.P. and the S.P. of C. do not want to unite. The executive of the S. P. of C. in British Columbia turned down the proposition. The B. C. convention of the S.D.P. did the same. The Dominion executive S. D. P. does not consider the time ripe for a united party, saying that we must wait for the development of capitalism to force unity.

Hence both parties will go their way working against capitalism and preparing the people's minds for the great change that must come to the social system before the people can live happily.

Cotton's Book Bargains

BOOKS AT TEN CENTS.
(Three for 25 Cents.)

The New Socialism (La Monte).
The Socialists, Who They Are, and What They Stand For (Spargo).
The Socialist Movement (Rev. C. Vail).
The Strength of the Strong (Jack London).
Shop Talks on Economics (Mary E. Marcy).
Industrial Socialism (Haywood & Bohn)
The Communist Manifesto (Marx and Engels).
Marxism vs. Darwinism (Anton Panfiekoek).
The Right to be Lazy (Paul Lafargue)
Nature Talks on Economics (Caroline Nelson).
The Question Box (Eastwood).
Socialist Songs with Music.
The Wolves (Robert Alexander Wasson).

BOOKS AT FIFTEEN CENTS.
(Two for 25c.)

Merrie England (Blatchford).
Socialism, Utopian and Scientific (Engels).
Value, Price and Profit (Marx).

BOOKS AT TWENTY-FIVE CENTS
(Three for 60c.)

The Common Sense of Socialism (John Spargo).
Industrial Problems (N. A. Richardson)
The Class Struggle (Kautsky).
Principles of Scientific Socialism (Rev Chas. Vail).

CLOTH BOOKS AT FIFTY CENTS.
(Three for $1.25).

Socialism for Students (Cohen).
The Art of Lecturing (Arthur M. Lewis).
The Marx He Knew (John Spargo).
The World's Revolutions (Untermann).
Memoirs of Karl Marx (Liebknecht).
Anarchism and Socialism (Geo. Plechanoff).
The Militant Proletariat (Austin Lewis)
The Evolution of Man (Boelsche).
The Positive School of Criminology (Enrico Ferri).
Life and Death, a study in biology for wage workers (Dr. E. Teichmann).
The Origin of the Family, Private Property and the State (Frederick Engels).
Puritanism (Clarence Meilly).

CLOTH BOOKS AT ONE DOLLAR.

An Introduction to Sociology (Arthur M. Lewis).
The Changing Order (Oscar Lovell Triggs).
Essays on the Materialist Conception of History (Labriola).
Marxian Economics, a popular introduction to the study of Marx (Untermann).
Walt Whitman, a study (Mila Tupper Maynard).

A very complete and new stock. Shopment made by return mail. Postage paid on all books.

The Agitation Battery

Since last report the following sums for the Agitation Battery have been received:

Surplus last report	$17.89
Bridgeville, P.Q.	1.00
Berlin, Ont.	1.00
Montreal	.50
Dawson, Y.T.	1.75
Shillingthorp, Sask.	1.00
Montreal	2.00
Total	$25.14
Expended	6.00
Balance on hand	$19.14

You have pulled the rent down to $470.35. Our landlord offered that for every dollar contributed he would throw a dollar off the rent. The following is the result of that offer:

Rent owing on Jan. 1st, 1913	$866.32
Rent due up to the 1st June, 1913	145.83
Total	$1012.15
Paid cash	15.00
Balance	997.15
Amount knocked off rent	526.80
Balance owing	470.35

For the first five months of 1913, you comrades have shot in $526.80 for the Battery.

Contributions to the Battery help to wake the sleeping slaves. Who's next with the mazuma for this fund?

DOMINION EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

Regular meeting. Members present—Quirmbach, Allister, Smith and the secretary. Com. Quirmbach in the chair. Minutes of previous meeting read and adopted. Correspondence dealt with from locals: Hespeler; Toronto Jewish; M. Wayman, 4; Port Arthur Lettish; H. E. Bushey, Kingston; Paradise Valley; Gowganda; Dorion; Manville; Toronto English; Winnipeg Lettish; Rutherglen Finnish Executive; Ukranian Executive; Niagara Falls; Cobalt; Ayr; South Porcupine; Makaroff, Man.; Galt; Inter. Bureau; Ordale, Sask.; Bartlett, N.S.; Lloydminster; Nanton.

Moved that the secretary write Sam Atkinson that the Chicago route would no doubt be preferable. That charters be granted to Finnish comrades of Wolf Siding, Ont., as local No. 80; to Ukranian comrades of Welland, Ont., as local No. 81; to Ukranians of Brantford, Ont., as local No. 82. Receipts $170.20. Expenditures $149.75, of which $100 to Cotton's Weekly completes the payment of all stock subscribed for, a total of 150 shares. Adjourned to meet May 19th.

Regular meeting May 19th. Members present, Allister, Morrish, Quirmbach, Smith and the secretary. Minutes of previous meeting adopted as read. Correspondence dealt with from: Locals Eckville; Welland; Toronto West, Jewish; Seven Persons; Finnish Executive, 4; Ukranian Executive, 4; M. Wayman, Dovercourt; Togo, Sask.; Toronto Jewish; Edmonton; Hespeler; Amelia; Boston School of Political Economy; Woodstock; Islay; Welland; Stratford; Cultus; P. C. Young; Polish comrades of Toronto; Cotton's Weekly, 4; Edmonton local; Eckville; Ben F. Wilson, Cal; North Bay; and Inter. Bureau.

Moved that $12 be sent to H. E. Bushey to assist in defraying the expenses in recent meeting in that city. That the secretary write Ben. F. Wilson, for terms, and that in the event of his visit to Ontario this summer arrangements will be made so that locals desiring to avail themselves of one or more lectures may do so.

That $100 be voted to Cotton's Agitation Battery. That charter be granted to English comrades of Welland, Ont., to replace the one destroyed by fire, local permitted to reorganize as local No. 35.

Receipts, $98.75. Expenditures $126.38.

Adjourned to meet June 2nd.

Regular meeting June 2nd. Members present: Morrish, Quirmbach, Allister, Smith, and the secretary. Comrade Allister in the chair. Minutes of previous meeting read and adopted. Correspondence dealt with from the following:—West Toronto Jewish; Welland; Seven Persons; Finnish Executive, 4; Ukranian Executive, 3; A. Krassinsky, Fort William; Guelph; James P. McGuire; H. E. Bushey; P. C. Young, Toronto Central Committee; Preston; Manitoba Executive; B. C. Executive, convention report; G. L. Charlton, Vancouver; Cotton's Weekly, 3; Dorion; Hespeler; Moose River Post; South Wellington, B.C.; Dovercourt; Hamilton; and German local Winnipeg, Sask.

On motion, Comrade J. C. Smith duly elected by Berlin local No. 4, was received and seated to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of Comrade Shoemaker.

That the secretary write Comrade Cotton that in the opinion of the Executive Committee the time is not opportune for unity campaign. The development of capitalism will make it inevitable. [illegible] On motion charters were granted to Polish comrades of Toronto as Local No. 28; to Russians of Fort William as Local No. 84; To Islay, Alta., as Local No. 17; to Ukranians of Hubalta, Alta., as Local No. 16; to Ukranians of Merritt, B.C., as Local No. 29; to English comrades of South Wellington, B.C., as Local No. 30; to Ukranians of Michel, B.C., as Local No. 31.

That the results of the referendum for amendment to constitution, date and place of holding a Dominion convention be immediately sent to all concerned. That in view of the increased duties of the secretary, due to the growth of the party, the wages of the secretary be increased from $20 to $25 a month.—Carried.

Receipts, $49; expenditure $22.30.

Adjourned to meet June 16th.

The German local of Winnipeg has given notice of an amendment to the constitution to provide for the holding of a Dominion convention to replace the one initiated by the Finnish local of Toronto. Considerable dissatisfaction has been manifest in various locals to the preference given to English speaking comrades on the basis of representation at the proposed Dom. Con. The B. C. convention held May 24th, 1913, passed resolution condemning the basis of representation. Lettish and English locals have expressed also dissatisfaction and have voted accordingly. The final report of vote just closed will, however, show that the referendum carried, assessment carried, date of convention carried, and that the convention will be held at Port Arthur. Returns will be sent out immediately.—H. Martin, Secretary D. E. C.

The Bundle Brigade

Cotton's Weekly is being sold on the streets of Vancouver. The comrades there take a bundle and arrange with newsboys to sell them on the streets.

In Lindsay, Ont., Cotton's is sold on the streets. The comrades there take a bundle and sell it on the streets.

Do you live in a city, town or village? If you do and want to spread Socialism, why not take a bundle for a certain length of time? Then get some boy to sell them. In this way Socialism will be cried in the ears of the people. Why not try it? Order a bundle today. Below are the bundle prices.

BUNDLE PRICES.

4 copies per week for a year	$1.00
8 copies per week for a year	2.00
12 copies per week for a year	3.00
30 copies per week for a year	7.50
40 copies per week for a year	10.00

Special Prices for Short Time Bundles—15 copies, 3 months, $1.00; 25 copies, 3 months, $1.50; 30 copies, 3 months, $2.00; 50 copies, three months, $3.00. Double the price for six months bundles.

People are writing to the press advocating the lash for procurers and procuresses. Why not have the lash for the "Christian" employer, who is frequently responsible for the economic degradation of women, so closely associated with the moral degradation? If we introduce the lash for the procurer, why not for more respectable sinners, who have quite as much actual, though not nominal association with white slavery?

How the Game is Worked in Chatham, N.B.

Army and Navy League Boosts Scabbery so that the Plutes May Motor in England

F. Hyatt, St. John, N. B.

I noticed the following in "The Society News" columns of the St. John Daily Telegraph:

Chatham, N.B., May 28.—Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Snowball and Master Robbie Snowball, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Earle Crocker, of Toronto, left last night for Quebec, where they will sail today by the Empress of Ireland for a three-months motor tour through Great Britain.

During the last six months motion pictures of New Brunswick have been shown in Great Britain, and in response we have the Army and Navy League sending discharged soldiers to this new eldorado they think they have discovered. I met one of these patriotic warriors during the week who had borrowed his passage money to go to Chatham, N.B., to work for the Snowball sawmill outfit (I suppose to make his fortune), but he has returned to St. John a wiser and sadder man.

$1.60 to $1.75 per day is the magnificent wage doled out to the slaves of this outfit, and, according to report, their souls are not their own. When signs of revolt against conditions are shown our friend Snowball tells his exploited slaves "that if they don't like it he can get plenty more men from Great Britain to take their places."

In this way he has been successful in intimidating the natives to stick to the job for fear they could not get another, but the neweomer don't stay long because they find that they are up against it.

No wonder Snowball can take trips to Europe and enjoy motor rides. Can you blame him, when the fools employed by him make it possible for him to do so? They have no backbone. They are afraid to organize, and so the slavery goes on. How long will it be before the workers will wake up and get their eyes open to this skin game?

Signs of discontent are, however, visible at other places in that vicinity.

How nice it is for employers of labor to give our discharged soldiers a job! If their experience will knock the bottom out of the patriotic stunt on with the game.

GET WISE!

Lorne Cunningham, Guelph, Ont.

For the past six months a body of men have been wasting their time in a place called Ottawa, discussing the advisability of spending thirty-five million dollars on the construction of three battleships. Eighteen months ago these same men were going before the voters of Canada in their different constituencies appealing for the votes of the working people. Eighteen months ago these same men represented two factions of the capitalist class. Eighteen months ago these men appeared to be at war to the knife regarding the political policies of the faction or party which they happened to represent. Eighteen months ago the members of the Socialist-Democratic party, the political expression of the working class in Canada, were telling their brothers in the working class that the difference in the other political parties was more apparent than real, that although they were making great speeches one against the other; that although they were calling one another hard names and otherwise apparently abusing one another, the multitude of words, and idle vaporings with which they beguiled their audiences were of no significance to the workers of Canada. The Socialists, through their press, in the workshop, mills and mines, from the soap-box and rostum were telling the workers that they were robbed of a major portion of the product of their toil; that the two other political parties were representatives of a system which aims to perpetuate that robbery and the men of these political parties which were trying to get their votes were not concerned in stopping them from being robbed, only concerned in seeing which party should have the pleasure of manipulating the major portion of the spoils alloted to them by their masters the capitalist class.

Eighteen months ago the game was played at the polls; the workers of Canada were driven to the polls and voted for their masters' interests in spite of the warnings given them by the thinking portion of their class, and today they find that these political hirelings of the master-class can do nothing but spend six months in useless debate over the "momentous question" of building three gunboats.

During the year 1912, which constituted a part of those eighteen months since that last great political sham-battle, the writer finds that in the town in which he lives there were employed 4,500 men and women who received in total wages a little over two million dollars, or an average wage of $8.55 per week. The authority I give for the correctness of these figures is the Publicity Commissioner of Guelph, a man hired by the city at the behest of the Board of Trade to compile stastics and otherwise for the benefit of manufacturers seeking a desirable location with an abundance of cheap labor and other blessings that delight the heart of the capitalist class. I find also that according to the Dominion census for the year 1910, in this same city the amount of manufactured products amounted to over $7,300,000. That was two years previous to the compiling of the first figures; but taking it as it is it shows a vast discrepancy between the amounts paid the wage slaves in wages and the amount received by the capitalist class for the product of those wage slaves.

Eighteen months ago the majority of these poor deluded workers were at one another's throats, calling one another hard names and dividing themselves at the polls, some for the Conservative candidate, some for the Liberal candidate, and during the present six months, (a whole half year, let this sink into you,) the candidate you howled yourselves hoarse over could pour forth volumes of kibosh about these battleships which will eventually be used as a curse to you and your children, but could not find a measly five minutes of his valuable corporation paid time to make a plea for you to get a greater share of those millions of dollars worth of wealth which you produced in 1912 and did not get.

Six months of buncombe and bombat about three battleships and your (?) representatives have wasted it all, not to decide whether we shall have battleships or not (for both sides are agreed that they will be built regardless of your humble opinion in the matter) but to see which side shall have the glory of skinning it out of your hide. Remember you have no say in the matter. If the workers of Canada had been left alone they would never have thought of battleships or soldiers, but the cunning capitalists need a few more wage workers to skin, so the Liberal and Tory press alike, Liberal and Tory politicians alike immediately at the behest of these capitalists start to howl for battleships. The politicians at Ottawa talk six months, and you workers forget about the surplus product of your toil which is robbed from your class annually to the joy of the capitalist class, you workers fight among yourselves as to which of your robbers shall spend that thirty-five million dollars worth of wealth which has been filched out of your hide and tallow, and as long as you continue to do so the capitalist knows that he is safe, as he still holds the winning hand.

Let you wage mules who think the tremendous prosperity of Canada benefits the workers, study the question. Study your position in society and when next the politician comes with his plastic platitudes you will be wise enough to give him the merry ha ha. You will be wise enough to have joined the Socialist Party, the political party of your class. Then you will see the Grits and Tories no more because they will become one party to defeat the political aspirations of a united working class.

3,000 dum-dum bullets were rained on striking miners from an armored train in the Paint Creek district, W. Va.

FACTS! FACTS!

The last copy of Facts was run off the press on June 6th, and sent away to the binders. Delivery to the sub hustlers who have sent in advance orders should begin very soon.

The new Facts, the third edition, is far away superior to the other two editions. It contains about one-third more reading matter. Many new statistics have been added. The book is a treasure to every Socialist.

This book has taken months to prepare. And it is NOT for sale. It is given away, but only to the live Socialists.

We will send the book free to every hustler who sends in three dollars worth of subscriptions, or takes $3 worth of bundles, or contributes $3 to the Agitation Battery, or sends $3 for a combination order of the above.

Facts is not for the dead ones. It is for the live Comrades who are active in agitating for Socialism.

You want this book. You want your freedom. Your freedom can only come with the freedom of your class. Your class can only be free when you and others agitating to waken your class to a knowledge of its slavery and the way out. You can only get Facts by hustling for Socialism.

Go out today and land at least four yearly subs. Send them in and we will send you a receipt card for $1 good for Facts. Thus you will be on the road to acquire this book, which is invaluable to you when arguing with your fellow slaves or the henchmen of your masters. It is full of facts and figures showing up the extent of the robbery practised upon the producing class of Canada.

What Socialists Want

By Philip Snowden, M. P.

Socialists do NOT want everybody to be equal in height, weight, or brain. Socialists do NOT want to parcel out the land, giving an equal area to every inhabitant. Socialists do NOT ask that a man owning two houses shall give one to his neighbor. Socialists do NOT want to give up their wives for common use. They do NOT want the "State" to take their children from them and bring them up in barrack rooms. Socialism does NOT require that a man shall be an atheist or a Methodist or a Theosophist or a vegetarian or a cannibal. Socialists do NOT want to be tyrannized over by officials; they do not want genius destroyed; they do NOT want invention arrested; they do NOT want to steal other people's property; they do not want other people to steal their property; they do NOT want to confiscate the savings of the thrifty [illegible] they desire that What man earns he shall have!"

Socialists want to alter the system of wealth production and distribution, because they know that the evils and irregularities which abound today are due to the competitive system and the monopoly of land and capital.

Socialists want the land and the railways and the mines and the big Trusts to be owned by the people and managed by the ablest men under the general direction of the community. Production, distribution, and the work and labor required, would be organized so that everybody could be reasonably employed and reasonably remunerated.

Vote in Taber, Alberta

Am sending you the official count of the vote in Taber riding. We in Taber are very well pleased with the result, as we were late in putting our man in the field. We were also handicapped by a lack of funds, as we did not make any special appeal for funds, but depended strictly on local subscriptions. We had a majority at three polls, Rosemead, Iron Springs and Elcan. We polled 86 votes in the town of Taber, 20 more than the Conservative candidate received. The official count was: McLean, (Lib.) 1231; Ives (Con.) 341; Smith (Socialist) 234. Yours in the struggle, B. Nugent, Sec. Local 18, S. P. of C., and official agent of T. Edwin Smith.

World Wide Notes

Child slavery is rampant in Australia. Children are engaged in rabbitting from four to six months in the year, which means that their nights will be mostly spent in attending to the traps.

The Swiss Socialists have just been holding their Cantonal Congress. In Berne the number of branches of the Swiss Socialist party has risen to 42, and their paying membership from 2,-800 to 5,000 during 1912.

That the Socialist and labor movement is gathering strength in Russia again has been evident for some time. Both the political and the trade union organizations are increasing in numbers and getting bolder in action.

France has elected 297 mayors and 3,000 councilmen. Besides this it has minority representation in 400 municipal governing boards. The movement is taking on more life since the syndicalist movement has begun to peter out.

During the Belgian strike the German Social-Democrats sent word to the workers in various coal districts in Europe not to help get out the coal to be sent to Belgium. The men were to be worked overtime and the appeal did not fall on deaf ears.

Field Marshal Lord Wolseley died recently. According to a published letter to a friend, his creed seemed to be "We must kill, either individually or collectively as an army." The capitalist press describes the late noble lord as a "good Christian soldier."

The community kitchens were a great help in the big Belgian strike. The strikers' families daily received soup, bread, meat and beans. The red card played a good part also. Each striker was supplied with one and had to report each day to have it stamped.

The Danish Socialists elected thirty-two delegates for Parliament, this making a gain of eight. The new folkething or Parliament consists of 114 members, and the new house is made up as follows: Leftists, or government party, 44; Radicals, 31; Socialists, 32; Conservatives, 7.

Forty Russian papers have been confiscated by the Czar during the month of March. Statistics show that thirty journals and magazines have paid fines to the total sum of 16,350 rubles (over $8,000); forty journals were confiscated and prosecutions were brought against their editors.

Many thousands of French soldier are displaying considerable oppositio to the decision of government to keep them for another year in active service, instead of discharging them at the expiration of their two-year term. At Macon nearly a whole batalion assembled in the public square and sang "The International," the Socialist hymn.

The 1st of May was appropriately celebrated as a labor day in the provinces of Russia adjacent the Baltic Sea and also in Russian Poland and the neighboring provinces. Notwithstanding the fact that the police took the "necessary precautions" they were unable to prevent an almost general stoppage of work in Riga, Warsaw, and other places; where hand bills were distributed and demonstrations attempted.

The Australian cruiser Melbourne arrived at Port Philip, and a reporter of the capitalist press says of her arrival: "Curiously enough, not a cheer was raised as the Melbourne came up. The Australian crowds are not given to concealing their feelings, but on this occasion these thousands of people might have been of Scottish extraction for all the signs of enthusiasm they displayed on such an historic occasion. A feeble hurrah came from the throats of 20 or 30 school boys."

The employers of England are uniting to control parliament. Up to the present they have been content to safeguard their interests through the Liberal and Conservative parties. But now they are afraid of the advancing hosts of Labor and Socialism, and masters of both the old capitalists are openly joining hands in the Employers' Parliamentary Association, whose object is "to endeavor to secure the recognition of the right of great bodies of employers to be consulted before important industrial legislation is undertaken."

A Socialist writer from Cape Town, S. A., says the labor party there is "as misleading and treacherous as that of the old country. The colored labor problem is an additional factor in the situation, and on this question the Labor party reflects the same narrow mindedness as do the white population generally as to the superiority of the white man. The difference in color is fully taken advantage of by the capitalists as they old trick of dividing the workers. The African native, however, is less servile, and shows more independant manhood than the 'superior and advanced' type known as the British Proletariat."

An investigation by the French naval authorities has revealed the terrible inroads that opium vice is making in the navy. The vice has a strong grip not only on a large percentage of the enlisted personnel, but is spreading rapidly among the officers. There are opium dens in all of the French naval ports, and 162 in Toulon alone. The drug is smuggled aboard French warships from the ports and coast line of French Indo-China. Large quantities are smuggled into France also. The offenders are enlisted men, officers and even influential diplomats and civil officials of high rank, the lure of gold easily made being too much for them to resist.

JOB PRINTING

Cotton's Weekly has a fine job printing establishment. We do a mail order business in letterheads, envelopes, statement of accounts, business cards, etc. Goods shipped by express to your nearest office.

If you have printing to do, small booklets, etc., write and get prices. Samples will be sent on request to those having job work to be done. Address, Cotton's Weekly, Cowansville, P.Q.

Farm help in Ontario is scarce. The farmers are paying fares for workers from the cities to the farms, and paying better wages than have probably ever been given in Canada for farm labor, but they can't hold the men. The labor unrest is abroad throughout the world, and mere wages are not taken into consideration at all. From the lowest paid member of the working class to the highest paid artisan the unrest is all too evident to the non-producing parasites. The masses want more than the usual Saturday night dole. Wages today mean nothing more than a bare living. The producers want more. When they become Socialists they will want the full social value of what they produce, and no rakeoff by any person whatsoever.

AMERICAN NOTES

The Socialists have just made big gains in the city election in Dallas, Texas. Their city light plant proposal carried.

1200 men threaten to strike at E. Foss' plants at Boston for an increase of wages. Foss is governor of Massachusetts, and an ardent free trader.

W. F. Cattell, business manager and editor of the Buffalo Socialist, was arrested and thrown into a crummy cell for attempting to speak at a meeting of striking machinists.

It is alleged the U. S. navy has numberless coke fiends on its roster. Secretary Daniels has ordered an investigation into the matter. Both officers and men are said to be addicted to the drug.

W. H. Thompson and E. D. Rambaugh editors of the Socialist and Labor Star, of Huntington, W. Va., who were arrested recently, and whose plant was wrecked by Gov. Hatfield's order, have been released from jail.

Wholesale arrests are being made by police of the silk strikers at Paterson, N.J. Eighty-five pickets, seventeen of them women, were arrested, and fined $5 each or ten days in jail. They refused to pay the fine and went to jail.

About 3,000 machinists went on strike in Buffalo, N. Y., for shorter working hours. The men demand a minimum wage of 37½ cents an hour, an eight-hour day, and five hours on Saturday. They have been working ten hours, and have been paid a varying scale. Seventy-five shops are involved.

EugeneDebs says: "The reigning policy in West Virginia at the present time is to drive all union men from the state, and beat up, jail and imprison the organizers of labor. For that reason the motto of 'slug 'em and jug em' would be especially appropriate for the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia."

Shingle mill workers at Seattle are on strike owing to the rotten conditions. One of the strikers says: "A man cannot work a week without losing a finger. Of the thirty men who were up at strike headquarters there was not one of the thirty who had a full set of fingers, and one had only his thumb on his right hand."

Some correspondents do not believe in letting the blank side of the envelopes they use go to waste. They write some Socialist phrase upon them in a clear, bold hand and let those through whose hands the letters pass take heed thereof. Here is a sample: "A non-Socialist is one who is willing to be robbed of ten dollars in order to get a chance to rob someone else of five dollars."

Two Socialist women speakers have been debarred from temporarily using a Unitarian pulpit in Boston, and a Maine clergyman has lost his position in that denomination for refusing to give up his Socialist activity. He is now suing the secretary of the American Unitarian Association for $10,000 damages, accusing that official of defaming him so that he could not secure another Unitarian pulpit.

So many Socialists are aboard the yacht that the University of Pennsylvania is sending to explore the uncharted regions of the Amazon river that the Camden, N. J., Socialists presented the boat with a red banner bearing the hands clasped across the seas. At first there was a dissent, but when a vote was taken of all those on board so many Socialist votes were recorded that the university authorities gave up their opposition. Score another for the Intercollegiate Socialist society!

The Bottom Dropped Out

The bottom dropped out of the stock exchanges of the world. Canadian Pacific stock dropped from $275 to $215 per share. Bank of Montreal stock dropped forty dollars a share.

The bottom is dropping out of the wage slave job. A real estate dealer of Montreal four months ago advertised for agents to sell subdivisions. He got not one applicant. Two weeks ago he advertised again and got fifteen applicants. In British Columbia plants are closing wholesale. Other provinces are suffering.

Banks have been calling in their loans "thus suggesting an early and more or less severe collapse of the Canadian boom." Thus writes a financial agency.

And the bottom has dropped out of Cotton's receipts. Saturday, May 31 our receipts were $1.75. For Sunday and Monday, June 1st and 2nd, our receipts totalled $12.24. Tuesday they were $24.-05, and Wednesday, June 4th, they were $10.10. Our running expenses are $40 per day.

This is a splendid time to propagate Socialist principles, AND YOUR MASTERS KNOW IT. The people are ready to be shown what is wrong with the system, for they know something is wrong when hard times strike them. For the first time in years, the Montreal police are forbidding the Socialists holding street meetings. They know that now is the danger time for people to gladly receive the message.

Comrades, seize this opportunity, and make Cotton's the most widely circulated paper in Canada. Go out and get those subs and send them in AT ONCE. Do not delay.

S.D.P. LOCAL AT PARADISE VALLEY.

You have not heard from me for some time, for we have been very busy getting in the crop to help the mortgage company pay their big din. We have formed an S.D.P. local here with eighteen members, and expect to get busy on Cotton's subs.—E. D., Paradise Valley, Alta.

The threatened strike on the Great Northern Railway in England has been averted by the unconditional reinstatement of the engine driver, Chappel, who was suspended for failure to report for duty on time. The prospect of a strike considerably ruffled the Stock Exchange, railway shares showing a tendency to drop. That is the way to go at them. Slam them in the pocketbook. When the stock market trembles the big thieves tremble also. Twice inside a year have the railway workers of England shown what unity of purpose and a fighting interest in their brother workers can accomplish. When the working class is not divided they are invincible.

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