

N. B. Socialists Prosecute Disturber

The case of Mr. A. N. Belyea charged with raising a disturbance on the street at a socialist meeting on Labor Day came up in the Moncton Police Court on Monday, Sept. 20th. Comrade Sophy Mushkat was the first witness. She affirmed that she was present at the meeting in question. Happening to mention Comrade Gribble she was asked—"Who is Gribble?" Answer—"Organizer of the Socialist Party of Canada." Question—"Are you a member of that party?" Answer—"Yes and I am proud of it." The comrades who were in court applauded vigorously and received a rebuke from the Judge who was boiling over with "righteous indignation."

Cross-examined the comrade said she was not a member of a Socialist society in Russia but had been a socialist in sympathy for many years. She had joined the Socialist Party of Canada very lately. The Socialist Party was international and stood for the same principles throughout the world. She believed the public should be enlightened as to the doctrines of Socialism which stood for giving to the workers the full product of their labor. Here she delivered a sharp rebuke to the lawyer who questioned her. And again there was applause. Further cross-examined she said the workers could free themselves by using the ballot intelligently. The workers are not free because they are compelled to work for a master for a bare living. They are wage-slaves.

The lawyer here proceeded to question comrade Mushkat regarding her theological ideas and leanings. She said in answer to his questions that she did not believe in future punishment. If she told a falsehood she would expect to be punished by her conscience.

Comrade C. V. Hoar was the next witness. He did not believe in the Bible therefore an oath upon that book would not be binding upon him. In answer to the judge he said he did not believe the bible version of the creation neither did he believe that a whale ever swallowed a man to keep him from drowning. Said he was "fired" from the employ of the bank of New Brunswick because he was a Socialist. He belonged to the Albert branch of the S. P. of C. Its aims are working class ownership of the tools for the production of wealth. In answer to the judge he said he learned something every day. He had just learned that disbelief in the bible was a misdemeanor in the eyes of British law.

At the close of the examination of Comrade Hoar McQueen addressed the court. "I claim these people have been preaching a doctrine which we as Canadian citizens cannot recognize." Here the writer said "May I suggest that you first learn what those doctrines are?" And another call down from the justice was in order and forthwith delivered.

A. N. Belyea the defendant was put on in his defence. He heard the Socialist speakers on Labor Day. From innocent citizens asked him to answer their arguments. He heard Gribble say—"What right had Victoria to rule your father or her son to rule you." He (Gribble) spoke very disrespectfully of his Majesty. Belyea said he, in answering the socialists, said "I am a subject of Edward VII I was born under the British flag and I am proud to live under British institutions. I am proud to live in a country and under a government led by such an illustrious man as Sir Wilfrid Laurier. There is no comparison between Laurier and such Socialists as Smith, Puttee or Verville. Cross-examined by Chief Rideout the defendant admitted that he had been arrested several times. Once he had been arrested for attempt to murder and quite a number of times for drunkenness and creating a disturbance. The case was adjourned until afternoon and then a further adjournment of a week was granted.

That evening Comrade Hoar and the writer opened up a meeting on the street but we were soft enough to back down when the Chief of Police interfered. However we expect to do better tonight. More later.

ROSCOE A. FILLMORE.

THE ADVANCE OF COLLECTIVISM

In the course of an interesting survey of European politics in the "Contemporary Review" for September, Dr. Dillion writes as follows:

"Seemingly correlate with the decay of monarchism is the spread of Socialism, collectivism, or, say, of that regime which transfers to the community

continuous power over the individual, subordinating his interests to its own. And this new social force must be reckoned with in any forecast of the future, social or political. It is impossible, for instance, to blink the fact that in this country we have already accepted the principle of State Socialism, which it will be the duty of every succeeding Government to maintain and develop.

"In Germany we have for years had an opportunity of witnessing the same phenomenon. France, the most conservative nation in Europe, is governed to-day by a Cabinet presided over by the Socialist, Aristide Briand, and composed of Radicals and Socialists. In Sweden the population awoke a couple of weeks ago to the astonishing fact that the Socialists had silently and insensibly gained a firm hold of the most powerful elements of the nation, and the masterful way in which the 'general' strike has been organized and partially carried out is a revelation alike to Swedes and foreigners. But the new independent realm of Norway is ahead of all Scandinavia on the way to collectivism and all that principle involves."

PARTY NOTES

Comrade Fillmore held two well attended door meetings at Havelock, Kings Co., on the evenings of Sept. 23rd and 24th. This is the first time a Socialist speaker has visited this village and much discussion has been aroused.

Montreal Local No. 2 reports progress. A large amount of propaganda work has been done by means of lectures. The local has enrolled a large number of new members and have more workers to carry on the work than ever before.

The Moncton Transcript of Sept. 22nd quotes copiously from the 13th installment of Comrade Gribble's "Tale of a Tour" for the purpose of "showing up," as it says, the attitude of Socialists towards organized labor. The article is headed "Socialist Leader tells how he abused the king and Moncton labor organizations." "Wilfrid Gribble in letter to Socialist paper admits the truth of A. W. Belyea's claim," "letter is abusive one." Lots of free advertising coming our way, Comrades.

R. A. FILLMORE

Montreal Local No. 1 has secured the Labor Temple for every Sunday afternoon for the winter when lectures will be delivered on the most important questions of the day.

Commencing with Oct. 3rd, the first lecture will be delivered by Comrade George Edward on the subject "The credulity of the working class." The chairman will open the meeting at 2.30 p.m., meetings open to all. All these desiring to ask questions and state their views can do so.

From Cobalt comes the news of the death of Comrade Captain Johnson, a victim of capitalist greed. His death was due to typhoid an epidemic of which in Cobalt is due to the filthy state of the town. Comrade Johnson was born in Nova Scotia and had spent his life principally in the mining camps of the west, British Columbia and Arizona. His body has been sent to his mother's home in Nova Scotia to find a last resting place amid the scenes of his childhood.

There will be no peace for the working men and working woman until the Christian millionaires are flung off.

The constructive work of socialism is already beginning to be done. But to be well done the capitalist system must be swept away.

Under the present system as the worker becomes rich he would do as the rich do. Socialism will do away with the overburdensome rich and will prevent poverty.

The idea of the average Christian is to save himself out of the wreck of fortunes, morals and lives which flow from our anarchist methods of business life.

Socialism aims at extending the principle of co-operation. Co-operation is seen everywhere and is found to be good. Why not have more of the good thing?

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THE PRICE OF GREATNESS

Socialists have been condemned wholeheartedly by Liberal and Tory apologists of the present system of society for the language they have used in denouncing the methods of modern industrialism. But the evidence we can call in support of our contention gains weight and magnitude from day to day. Mr. Asquith, forced to defend the Budget, proves that in the last eight years the rich have become enormously richer, and the poor have become poorer. When Socialists urged this, they were told they lied. When they have put forward the contention that the increasing stress of modern working conditions, the growing anxiety due to questions of unemployment and underemployment, were bringing about not only physical but mental deterioration, again, the extollers of rent, interest, and glorious profit told us we lied. Now comes the annual report of the Asylums Board of Lancashire. The El Dorado of the profit-monger, be he factory owner or jerry property owner, proving the Socialist statements up to the hilt.

The following passage from the report of Dr. Frank Percival, Superintendent of Prestwich Asylum, contains an awful indictment of the system supported to-day by the unholy trinity, Politicians, Press, and Pulpit:

There are few things, he says, that are not named at one time or another as a cause of insanity, from changes in the moon down to perverted ideas of religion. The actual conditions at present existing, conducive to the production of weaklings subject to insanity, are not far to seek.

"This country and others," he continues, "have become dominated by a system of commercialism by which wealth and power are so unevenly distributed that for thousands of persons permission to live even on the borders of starvation, is only granted upon conditions of labour compared with which the lot of the old negro slave was princely. The greatness of a nation now is judged by the amount of its exports and imports rather than by the happiness and welfare of its people. And so we have little children working in the factories, and women, to get back to work, neglecting their duties of motherhood, for which alone they were created. The inevitable result is the production of a large proportion of the candidates for the asylums."

Dr. Percival adds that he should like to say with regard to drink, of which they heard and saw so much, that he feels convinced, and the conviction has been growing upon him for years, that poverty is the great cause of alcoholic intemperance. Permission to live, even on the borders of starvation, is only granted upon conditions of labor, compared with which the lot of the old negro slave was princely, says Dr. Percival. And this is the twentieth century, and man is almost completely master of the natural forces of air, earth, and sea. His power to produce wealth is beyond the highest that man has ever dared to dream. He has put an electric girdle around the earth, harnessed the waterfall, and rides upon the winds, and yet, in spite of all, Dr. Percival, damns society with the above bitter scathing words.

Three cheers for the glory of England and now, comrades, how about a few more Dreamthoughts to protect your priceless heritage of wage slavery.

British Labor Leader.

A Package of Quotations

"Shall capital or labor write the laws?"

the laws of social development in general, and of existing society in particular."—A. M. Lewis.

"An indispensable qualification in business is to have few scruples and to be a first class liar. Honesty and suicide are synonymous terms."—A. M. Lewis.

"Co-operation is always and everywhere the law of life; competition is always and everywhere the law of death"—Ruskin.

"Go to work!"
"To earn money!"
"To buy the food!"
"To gain the strength!"
"To go to work!"

Carl Vrooman.

"Where there are no common interests, there can be no unity of purpose, much less of action."—Marx.

LOWER WAGES FOR EVERYBODY

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A man in falling from the roof of a New York skyscraper is said to have shouted as he shot past its fifth story "I am safe yet."

The story illustrates the attitude of the average workingman. As long as he has some kind of a job at some kind of a wage, he is "safe yet."

But an increasing number of men have to go without jobs, and no jobs means no wages. No wages means no food, no clothing, no shelter, except what can be obtained from charity organizations.

The army of the unemployed is increasing in size at an alarmingly rapid rate.

(1) Because the virgin wilderness of the west has been pretty nearly all brought under cultivation, thus closing up the outlet for surplus population;

(2) Because the employers of labor are stimulating the immigration of vast numbers of Europeans to compete with the white native labor;

(3) Because Japan, China and the countries of the far east are developing their own factory system, thus curtailing our foreign markets and putting a damper upon the expansion of western industry;

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The nations of the world are striving for foreign markets. Huge navies are maintained and every nation looks at every other nation with jealous eye. This is because under capitalism the workers produce more than they are allowed to consume. Under socialism there would be no fight for foreign markets. All the goods a nation produced would be consumed at home or exchanged with other nations for an equal quantity of dissimilar goods. There would be no striving to sell the necessities of life abroad while the people starve at home.

The committee on congestion of population in New York fixes the economic waste from certain preventable diseases in New York City alone at \$37,000,000. The hunt for profits breeds fever traps and overworked men and women. Under socialism the people will have healthful work mingled with leisure. The fever traps will be abolished and labor will come into its own.

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If a man doth not work neither shall he eat, is an old saying. But decadent capitalism says that the less a man works the more he shall eat and the harder he works the less shall he have the opportunity of living well.

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Superior Court. — District of Bedford.

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VS W. KINNEY alias KINNON, of the same place. DEFENDANT.

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Sweetsburg, 7th of September, 1909.

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