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TWO TOURS

Laurier, Premier of Canada, is touring the western province with a gang of spieles to help him out in the task of persuading the people to let him finish his work of handing the country over to the labor skimmers. Borden, official leader of the opposition is touring Ontario with a gang of spieles to help him out in the task of persuading the people to give him the job of handing the country over to the labor skimmers instead of continuing to give it to Laurier.

Both leaders with their gangs are travelling in comfort. Both have a string of plute papers to report their words. Laurier, being the official dispenser of government jobs and contracts and advertising, has the greatest string of plute papers to report his words. But Borden, having before him a chance to become the official dispenser of government jobs, contracts and advertising, has a fairly large string of papers that report his words in the hope that Borden may become Premier and dish out the graft.

Neither Laurier nor Borden rely upon giving the workers their rights in order to win. They are relying upon the interests of the master class or the disappearing petty bourgeoisie to be pulled through. The workers of Canada have voted the old party tickets so regularly and enthusiastically that the leaders of the two old parties consider it of no importance to give the workers even a little of what should be coming to them.

The labor skimmers, however, the men who live on the unpaid labor of the toilers of the Dominion, have their eyes opened. They know what they want and go after it. Consequently both parties are very anxious to please the slave drivers. The slaves have not yet wakened to the value of their votes. Therefore they can be neglected.

But the slaves are beginning to wake and they are waking in a way the masters do not like. The slaves are saying, "The masters have two parties both pledged to do the will of the masters. Let us, the slaves of Canada, form a party of our own, the Socialist Party of Canada, and vote for no candidate who is not a candidate under our own party pledges."

The master class, using the two old parties to serve their desires, thought they could fool the workers by a sham opposition. And they still think they can fool the workers by putting up their two puppets to go round the country in opposition to one another. The two puppets personally want to win the fight away from each other. It is to their economic interest to win. But both are the vest pocket property of the masters. The growing strength of the Socialist Party of Canada shows that the slaves are refusing to longer continue to play the two shell game of the masters.

There are many men and women who say they believe in Socialism but they do not like this talk about the workingmen. They think the advocates of Socialism should refer more to humanity at large. The working classes are only one section of the people of Canada. Therefore they should not be thrust so much to the forefront in the discussion of Socialism. Yet the workingmen are the ones who are enduring the most galling forms of wage slavery. They are the wage slaves. They are the ones to be freed. When the abolitionists talked about freedom there were many who said that they believed in freedom but that freedom was a larger question than merely the question of black negroes. They were provoked at the abolitionists for putting the negroes so much to the front. But the abolitionists wanted to free the negroes from the curse of chattel slavery and kept pounding away at that subject until they accomplished their aim. And the Socialists are keeping on at the question of the abolition of wage slavery and will keep on until the workers are freed from wage thralldom. And how else could the Socialists accomplish their object without talking about it? And how could they talk about it without thrusting the workers who suffer the slavery into the very forefront of the discussion? The man who says he is in favor of Socialism but does not want the workers to be talked about knows little of Socialism and cares less about it.

Labor does the work and the capitalists get the profit. Why should they? Simply because the workers are easy marks and the capitalists know it.

Rent, interest and profit, behold the three thieves.

There are none so blind as those who will not see the coming of the social revolution.

The century plant takes many years to blossom. Socialism has taken many years to grow. It is about to blossom.

Now the rulers and capitalists are classing the Socialists with the reformers. Their classification is the result of their hopes and not the result of facts.

Revolution does not necessarily mean bloodshed. Revolution can be accomplished by peaceful means. And Socialism can only come with the consent of the majority of the people.

Rome was not built in a day. Neither was the Socialist philosophy. Socialism has been of slow growth and steady. It has been over fifty years since the Communist Manifesto was written.

Every week these days Socialism is thrust still more to the front in public discussion. Capitalist society is breaking down. The patches wont last. Capitalism is to be replaced by Socialism.

Capitalism breaks up the home. It does not let people live in homes but makes them live in rented houses, and will not even allow people to live in rented houses if they cannot pay rent.

There are some men who say they are in favor of Socialism. But they say it in the same indifferent way that they talk about the weather. Such men are useless. The kind of men who will bring Socialism into actual practice are the men who do the work of Canada and do not enjoy the results of their labor.

Have you noticed the change in public opinion lately? The old individualistic doctrines of the pioneers are going. Mass movements are coming. The power of political control is being recognized more and more. And the workers are discovering that they can free themselves by capturing the means by which they are bound.

Independent reports show that Roosevelt's tour fell flat in Europe. The American papers make it appear that the three hundred and sixty million people of Europe all stood gaping at Teddy. The tottering plutocracy need a press made hero to save it. Hence the strings are pulled and Teddy is glorified. And in the meantime revolutionary Socialism is growing in the U. S. in a marvelous manner.

Socialism is for the benefit of all the people. A man who has a decayed tooth does not like to go and have it out. But he will have to stand the pain if he wishes to get rid of the tooth. There are many persons who think Socialism will hurt them. No doubt the readjustment of the parasites to the new condition of affairs will be painful, like having the tooth out. But it will be better in the end. Capitalism has to go because it is rotten and is poisoning the body politic.

Russia wants to spend \$350,000,000 on the construction of new warships. But Russia will not spend money for improving the condition of the workers nor give the people self government. Russia is a country supported by the capitalists of Europe because of the tribute the Russian autocracy pay them in the way of interest on past and present loans. The Russian government will cease to be able to pay millions for ships and rule with terror when western Europe is Socialized.

Sir Charles Hardinge is to succeed Earl Minto as Governor General of India. The job is not one which has been sought after. India is in unrest. Representative institutions are denied. Repression produces revolt and where foreign soldiers are prepared to shoot the revolting natives the spirit of revolt takes the form of assassination. The post of Governor General of India is therefore dangerous. The British capitalists are glad to draw unearned revenues from the sweat of Indians but they do not want to put their ear-cases where native knives can be stuck into them.

CONFISCATION

Let not the capitalist class mistake the aim of Socialism. Socialism means social production for the benefit of the producers. It means the abolition of rent, interest and profit. From the viewpoint of the capitalist it necessarily means confiscation. Under Socialism the owners of railroad bonds would receive no interest nor dividends. That would mean the complete cessation of the incomes of the present railway barons.

No more dividends would be paid to the owners of coal mines, gold and silver mines, and other mines. That would mean the complete cessation of the incomes of the mine owners.

No more interest nor profit would be paid to the cotton owners nor the steel mill owners nor the owners of other factories. That would necessarily mean the cessation of incomes of the mill owners.

No more interest will be paid on borrowed money. That would mean the cessation of the profits of banking and would mean the saving of millions of dollars to the workers from the repudiation of interest notes and national, provincial and municipal bonds.

No more rent would be paid for the use of land or buildings. That would mean the cessation of the incomes of the landlords.

All the incomes of all parasites would cease. The incomes now going to the parasites would go to the useful workers. And the parasites, before they could get incomes, would have to become useful workers.

This is the revolution of society. The workers will become the rulers. The parasites will be abolished.

This is the aim for which the Socialists work. This is the object of their political activity. They strive to elect Socialists to the various legislative bodies of the world in order to pass laws to do away with the incomes now arising from rent, interest and profit.

The ruling classes do all in their power to prevent the Socialists from carrying forward their propaganda. The master class know what Socialism means to them. Therefore they fight it. They blacklist Socialist workers. They pass bylaws against speaking on street corners. They make it difficult to nominate candidates. They are perfectly aware what Socialism will do for them.

There are but few persons among the master class who want Socialism. It is the workers who want Socialism. Socialism spells freedom and larger revenues to the exploited.

The Canadian slaves are organizing to confiscate the property of their masters. Cotton's Weekly is printed to help the good work along. But we cannot be surprised that the masters get mad and tear around and have laws passed and set their judges to execute them upon Socialists like Jules Lavenne and his comrades.

Those who want Socialism, let them join the Socialist Party. Those who want to let slavery continue, let them herd with slave drivers. It does not matter whether they are clergymen, priests, reformers, or so-called philanthropists. They want capitalism to continue. They want the workers to be robbed. They want the master class to own wage slaves. Let them go with their class.

Socialism means confiscation from the viewpoint of the capitalist. It means restoration to the workers from the viewpoint of the Socialist.

The higher a man rises in what is known as the business world, the more he causes suffering and misery. For capitalism is based on competition and the idea that the weak go to the wall. If one man succeeds, therefore, it means that many others go to the wall. The successful man may pull up a few intimate acquaintances with him. But when he does that it simply means that the additional successful man cause additional failures. And most successful men are crooked. They may do things according to law. But the law is crooked. And they may keep their word with their business associates, but their actions against the people at large are crooked. They endeavor to get a grip on humanity and get revenues for doing nothing. They endeavor to make humanity pay dear for the necessities of life. They endeavor to get something for nothing. They are playing a shell game on the public. So the higher a man climbs in the business or financial or industrial world, the more crimes he has committed against humanity. Capitalism renders this the penalty for capitalist success.

A NEW U. S. PARTY

Now comes the announcement that Roosevelt will head a new party in the U. S. Pinchot and Garfield will be among the lieutenants. The aim of the party is said to be the conservation of natural resources and would be radical. The party has been launched by the Roosevelt Club of St. Louis.

The old parties in the U. S. are breaking up fast. There are regular Republicans and insurgent Republicans. There are regular Democrats and insurgent Democrats. Graft reigns in Washington and is king. Big Business rules the country and backs up its orders with bullets.

Such a condition of affairs is heading straight for an armed revolt on the part of those who do not enjoy the graft and who are squeezed by Big Business. Armed revolt means that rent, interest and profit will be endangered. Therefore armed revolt must not come. Even Big Business recognizes this.

On the other hand there are the Socialists who are aiming at the complete abolition of rent, interest and profit. They are aiming at this end through legislative and political methods. The triumph of Socialism is more feared by the plunderers than is an armed uprising. Troops can cope with a rebellion. But troops cannot cope with the legislative will of the majority when free political institutions exist.

So something must be done by the laborers to prevent an armed uprising. That something is the formation of a new political party with radical promises, with a press made hero as the centre of the party, and without the stigma of graft attaching to the two old parties. It will have a clean start.

With this new party it is hoped to sidetrack the drift to Socialism. Roosevelt is being prepared to do the side tracking. He is to be a sort of hybrid politician, a mixture of Briand and Bismarck.

Roosevelt believes in rent, interest and profit, but not in dishonest rent, interest and profit. He actually tries to persuade the people that rent, interest and profit may be honest. He is a great declaimer of moral precepts. He is the man therefore for the plunderers to use to mislead the people and do the work of staving off the revolution.

But history in the United States shows a party formed for compromise which ended in the triumph of that which it was formed to stave off. The Republican party was formed as a party for the compromise of the slave question. It was to bring about a compromise between the slave states and free states. The Roosevelt party is formed to bring about a compromise between the people and the plunderers, to allow and protect rent, interest and profit in certain forms and not allow it in others.

Yet the new party will be forced to give industrial democracy or be broken on the wheel of progress. As there is one party already in the field fighting for industrial democracy the new party will be thrust out of the arena or will maintain itself by fighting the battles of the reactionists.

Reforms if won by revolutionary Socialists are a benefit to the working classes. Palliatives, when granted by the master class, are dangerous. The working class must free itself and when the workers can loosen their bonds a bit by their own power it shows that the master class is weak and tottering. When the master class loosen the bonds of the slaves of their own accord, it shows that slavery is so little endangered as an institution that the master class can give some liberty to their slaves without danger to the dominant position of the slave owners. Recently in the United States there have been granted by the bosses raises of wages, compensation for injuries to workers and a few other like palliatives. These however, were not granted voluntarily. They were granted because of the pressure from the workers.

The Secretary of the sugar trust has been convicted for conspiracy to defraud in the underweighing of sugar for duty purposes at the port entry. It is notable that only the servants of the corporation get jailed. The proprietors who get the profits go free.

Capitalism rewards the schemers and selfish persons while making the hard working and the generous live to benefit the selfish. Capitalism stands condemned.

CONFISCATE. CONFISCATE. CONFISCATE.

The confiscators of the labor power of the workers howl that Socialism is confiscation.

United the working classes can abolish wage slavery. Divided the workers are robbed.

Every workingman Socialist should be a trade unionist and every trade unionist should be a Socialist.

Rent, interest and profit can only rise from the robbery of the workers.

Capitalism is a dividing up system. It takes away the earnings of the energetic and active and gives them to the idle, vicious and lazy. Capitalism is robbery and should be abolished.

The Tory papers are declaring that Borden's Ontario tour is a "Campaign against dishonesty" at Ottawa. When Borden starts a campaign against rent, interest and profit, the Socialists will listen to him. Not until then.

Capitalism takes away the incentive to work. Who wants to work and save when he knows that all he will get out of his work is a bare living? Under capitalism there is no incentive to a worker to save his money and be frugal.

In Montreal Judge Davidson has decided that a tenant in poor health cannot repudiate a lease of a house because of its unfitness when such a house is suited to the needs and requirements of a healthy person. Such a decision means that a sick person must stay in an unsuitable house and die or else get another house and pay the rent for the old place as well as the new. Property rights under capitalism always come before the sacredness of human life.

The machine made farm is coming. The old order is passing. Formerly a man could work a piece of land with his own hands and make a living. But now the farmer must have expensive machinery. Each year the machinery is becoming more expensive. Electric farming may be the next advance. Steam plows will soon be a necessity. The farmer will either rise into the ranks of the labor exploiter or sink into the ranks of the exploited. Capitalism is seizing the farm and is bringing the Socialist revolt.

THE CLASS WAR AT SPRINGHILL

Comrade Jules Lavenne has been arrested in Springhill charged with violating an injunction against picketing. The injunction was what is called an interim injunction. The bosses go to the judge and tell him that their business is being hurt because of picketing. The judge, before the evidence is taken or proof given, orders all picketing to cease until the case can be heard on the merits. These interim injunctions are generally issued when the strike is at a crisis and the bosses rely upon hampering the workers, or jailing them under the interim injunction in order to win. The idea is to keep the workers from striking while conditions are ripe from picketing while scabs are being imported, and from fighting the battles of labor in the hour of battle. That is the function of an interim injunction. The injunction is slapped against the workers on the mere word of the bosses. After the fight is over and the interim injunction has broken the strike, the case is decided on the merits, which is small comfort to the workers who were slugged by the courts in the heat of the fight.

The case of Jules Lavenne came up at Halifax and was postponed till the 24th. of the month. Jules Lavenne is charged with contempt of court for daring to fight the battles of the wage slaves.

Rosecoe A. Fillmore will be at the trial and will report the proceedings from the class conscious revolutionary standpoint. Comrade Fillmore reports that there will be lively times when the case comes up. His first article will be from Springhill. It will appear next week.

Seaman Terris, candidate for Cumberland County on the Socialist ticket, writes that the persecution of the strikers is making Socialists rapidly and that he expects six hundred votes in Springhill alone to be cast for Socialism.

Look out for next week's issue.

HALF SLAVE, HALF FREE

No nation can exist half slave and half free. Either it must become wholly free or wholly slave. Such was the argument advanced by Abraham Lincoln with regard to the slave states. In the United States of America before the War of Secession, the states to the north of Mason and Dixie's line were supposed to be free from the institution of chattel slavery. The states to the south were slave states. Lincoln declared that this condition of affairs could not exist. Either the slave practices of the south would sweep north and engulf the whole nation in slavery, or else the free institutions of the north (which were not really free) would sweep south and give the negro personal freedom. The sequence of events proved the latter alternative. The north fought the south and gave liberty to the negro.

No nation can exist half slave and half free. That applies to humanity in general and to present conditions. The working classes cannot exist half slave and half free.

At one time in the history of humanity there was a slave class and an owning class. This was at Rome as elsewhere. The owning class possessed the land and food and clothing and shelter of the slaves. They also owned the bodies of the slaves. The master could kill a slave, flay him alive, and nothing would be done to the master. The body of the slave belonged to the master and the master had the right to do what he pleased with that body.

The struggle for freedom centered at first upon freeing the body of the slave. The early Christian religion was a religion for the slave classes as it promised them freedom. The master class never let go their hold on anything they get unless they are made to. There are a few individuals from among the owners who will fight the battles of the slaves along with the slaves, but they are few. The civilization of Rome, based upon idle luxury and dillettante literature at one extreme and hunger and nakedness and sores and hard labor and death at the other extreme, was racked to its foundations by the struggle. The revolt of the slave classes, the cruel struggle for freedom, the hatred engendered for all that the master class held worthy, brought Rome to ruin and was the precursor of the dark ages.

Humanity has achieved the liberty of the body of the slave. But that is only half the battle for liberty. The freedom of the body is not complete unless the body has free access to the things which the body requires to exist. The freedom of the body will not last long if the owner of that body has to sell it in order to obtain the food to keep the body alive, the clothing to shelter it from the cold, and a place to keep that body at night and when it eats its food.

No nation can exist half slave and half free. No individual can exist half slave and half free. Although the arms are free the body is still in bondage if one leg is hitched to a chain and that chain is hitched to a post. And a man is not free whose body is hitched to a job owned by another man in order that that body may obtain food, clothing and shelter. The body becomes enslaved, and to free the body the food, clothing and shelter must be freed for the use of the body.

Socialism aims at social production for social needs. Socialism is the new aspect under which the age long struggle for human liberty is manifesting itself in this age. It is bearing forward the banner of freedom against the enslavers of humanity. And, as ever, it is the enslaved who are struggling to be free.

A story is told of an ignorant Russian peasant and a pawnbroker. The peasant wanted to raise some money, so took his cloak to the pawnbroker and raised a dollar and a half on it, agreeing to pay back two dollars in the fall. Then the pawnbroker started to talk to the peasant telling him how hard it would be for him to raise two dollars in the fall. The peasant agreed. The pawnbroker explained how much easier it would be to raise fifty cents. The peasant agreed. Then the cold of winter was dwelt upon and how the poor peasant would suffer if he could not redeem his cloak when the time came. Finally the peasant was persuaded into giving back the dollar and a half in order that he might have but fifty cents to pay in the fall when it came time to get back his cloak. Foolish, no doubt. But the workers of Canada are standing just that kind of fool treatment under the legalized thefts of capitalism.