

THE FIRING LINE

Book Winners

Comrade George Howey, Quartz Creek, Y. T., wins the book offered for the sub hustler sending in the greatest number of subs for the week ending Friday, May 26th. Comrade Howey wins "Poverty of Philosophy" with eight dollars for sixteen yearly subs. Comrade A. W. Moore, Toronto, wins the second prize, "The World's Revolutions" with the purchase of \$5.25 worth of sub cards. Other books are being offered for June hustlers. See list of books on this page.

Comrade W. B. Book, Springfield, Ill., renews his sub.

A yearly from Comrade Mat. Schiele, Edberg, Alta.

Two half yearly subs from Comrade E. F. Simmonds, Woodstock, Ont.

Two yearlies from Comrade Geo. Hees, Athabasca Landing, Alta.

Comrade Chas. Donner, Wellington, B. C., boosts four yearlies into Socialism.

Ten trials get the dope for thirteen weeks per Comrade A. Lindley, Creston, B. C.

Comrade M. Murawick, North Cobalt, Ont., takes five sub cards and forwards a yearly.

Comrade John E. Lundberg, Lockhart, Alta., lands with four halfers on the toes of old King Capital.

Sign every letter with name and address, you send to Cotton's. This is most important.

Comrade Rupert Lochhead, Port Arthur, Ont., wants two yearlies to get the "real news."

One bone from Comrade Thos. Kendall, Salmu, B. C., to keep the bulldog growling at capitalism.

"Yours for the sacred revolution," says Comrade Brittle, Montreal, with a new yearly wrapped under the folds of the Socialist banner.

"This is the best I can do till fall as homesteaders are always broke," writes Comrade J. Galloway, Herbert, Sask., with a halfer.

In your last copy of Cotton's, there was a sub blank. The New Press waits your answer.

Two yearlies from Comrade J. A. Kendall, New Westminster, B. C., who signs himself, Yours as square as a brick.

Comrade W. Coulter, Central Park, B. C., makes three yearlies see daylight on where the plutes get their graft.

Four dollars for subs from Comrade Alain Burke, Montreal, who declares the revolutionaries of Canada can rely upon him to do his duty.

Two bones for sub cards from Comrade Frederic Lapiere, Toronto, makes the heart of the bulldog happy and boosts the revolution.

Comrade D. C. Wilson, Mattawa, Ont., takes five sub cards and sends in two yearlies. Comrade Wilson is a new hustler since the first of the year.

"I am a warm old Socialist. I am going to rustle some subs, you," says Comrade John Coleman, Kamloops, B. C., as he takes the dope for a year.

Cotton's goes to press Monday morning. All items for a particular issue should be in Cowansville by the preceding Saturday, earlier if possible.

"Please look after the two enclosed yearlies. I have no time to rustle subs, as I am busy making millionaires," Comrade G. A. Robinson, Manville, Alta.

Take a look around to see if any Sub Cards are lying idle. Then hustle them into Cotton's, where the New Press calls insistently for an honest pile of papers.

"I have received my paper and am well satisfied with it. Am sending you a new yearly subscriber. I will do all I can to help the cause," Comrade G. Lebbutt, Winnipeg.

Comrade Findley McLeod, Toronto, Ont., furnishes seventeen halfers and one yearly for the dope sheet and the sinews of war to that extent to Cotton's Co-operative.

Comrade W. P. Scruby, Phoenix, B. C., sends a yearly for an Irish worker who is returning to the old sod. He intends peddling the right kind of dope to the fellows at his home.

Make sure to sign all letters sent to Cotton's. Much trouble has been caused by oversight lately. Comrades in St. John, N. B., and Wilder, Alta., have sent orders with no addresses.

Comrade Hanning Warnica, Painswick, Ont., sends two yearlies and a halfer, and says he's sorry the plutes won't allow him enough money to take a share of stock but he is with Cotton's to the last breath of him.

"I am one of the soldiers of Socialism. I come to the firing line with one half yearly subscription. I hope that it will be my first step on the way of success for our weekly and for Socialism," Comrade A. Nisnevitz, Toronto.

"I am sending you three yearly subs to educate three more workmen in the light of Socialism. Kindly send me a credit slip for facts as I hope to send along more subs in the near future," Comrade J. R. Ernst, Lumbenburg, N. S.

"I enclose list of six names on the fifty thousand, and a dollar and a half. I expect to do my share in keeping the new press busy, until it is found necessary to install one with five hundred thousand capacity," Comrade I. J. Peel, Toronto.

"Enclosed you will find fifty cents for another year. I wish I was in shape to help you in some way. I may get a chance yet in the near future and when I do I will make up for lost time. Yours in the fight," Comrade Albert Sjostrom, Kinley, Sask.

Comrade Alex. Newell, Toronto, lands a bunch of nine subscribers for

half a year and writes, "I have much pleasure in renewing for your paper. I am trying to get that little book of Facts. I think I can get the balance by handing my paper round to my fellow workers."

"Please renew my sub and add this new yearly. I hope every subscriber will send in a new sub each year with his own renewal. I wish you success with your new press, and may you be spared many years to ring out the good news of freedom to all." Comrade F. L. Langston, Bittern Lake, Alta.

"Please renew my sub for a year. Sorry I cannot be of more help to you, but I cannot at the present. I am one of the Alberta ground hogs and you know what that means. I am with you in the fight for freedom." Comrade Kenneth Bryanton, Garden Plain, Alta.

"Enclosed find my renewal for a year and two halfers. Both of these men are Socialists, but they don't know it. I want to make them wise on the matter. I am an old man and may not see the fruition of the efforts being made but my sons may, and I have five who are all interested. Yours in hope," Comrade John Riggins, Kincairdine, Ont.

Comrade Slaves. I take great pleasure in handing you five halfers. I may be able to handle more later on. Don't let the subs retreat, although a retreat sometimes means a stronger position and a victory which we must surely have. Might as well die fighting as starve to death submitting to present power." Comrade W. F. Culen, Mabella, Ont.

Comrade Richard McDougall, Sydney, N. S., forwards two dollars for sub cards and says he will dispose of them when Comrade McKinnon gets the workers aroused. Comrade McDougall would like Cotton's to devote some space to Comrade McKinnon. Cotton's is perfectly willing to devote space to any candidate running, but I was not aware that Comrade McKinnon was running as candidate until too late to help him through Cotton's.

New recruits are joining the army of sub hustlers and adding fresh enthusiasm to the army. Comrade Chas. Nicholson, Berlin, Ont., sends a dollar for five sub cards. Comrades G. F. Marsh, Peterboro, Ont.; W. B. Swan, Lachine, Ont.; P. Q. J. H. King, Palmerston, Ont., each take five sub cards to go hunt likely recruits for the war on exploitation. These Comrades are all new recruits to the sub hustling army since the beginning of the year.

"Enclosed please find one dollar for a bundle of Cotton's of issue May 25th. Your idea of the Old Guard is a good one, and I am sure the management of Cotton's will make it a success if the workers will do their part. I propose to let the younger members of the party do the hustling (I am sixty years old). I can get along fairly well if Socialism never comes. I am not a wage worker. If I had known what I know now when I was twenty-five, that the workers were such dead easy marks, I might have been a millionaire," Comrade E. J. Ryan, Winnipeg.

Premium Books for Hustlers During June

Here's the Best Book Premium Offer yet put up by a Canadian Paper. Any Socialist who wants to increase his library can't find an easier way to do it than by working for Cotton's.

The hustler sending in the largest amount of subs any week in June, counting from Friday to Friday, will receive Free, Marx's "Poverty of Philosophy," a splendid cloth bound book. The hustler sending in the second largest amount has choice of Untermyer's "World's Revolutions" or Cohen's "Socialism for Students," both standard cloth bound books.

But there is yet more! To the hustler sending in the largest amount in subs from Friday, June 2nd, to Friday, June 30th, Cotton's will present Free, postpaid, Volumes I, and II of Ward's "Ancient Lowly."

Our week runs from Friday to Friday. Subs are computed on the half-yearly basis. These Books are in addition to "Facts" and other premiums.

A. B. C. Comrades writes wanting to know a point of law. A Scotch girl was hired by a parasite mistress of British Columbia to come be a domestic wage slave. The Scotch girl did not know the conditions and signed a contract to work for ten dollars a month for two years. When the girl landed in B. C. she wanted to quit as she saw that the pay was not enough. But the mistress holds her to her slave bargain. Can the girl quit? I do not know the B. C. law, but capitalist law is pretty near the same in all provinces. In Quebec a wage slave can sell himself for a period not exceeding seven years. And the masters can hold the slaves to their bargains. I am afraid the Scotch girl will have to serve her time unless she develops the I. W. W. spirit, smashes dishes, refuses to work, breaks mops, and creates hell generally. The mistress may threaten to jail her but if the organized slaves of B. C. take up her case there would be high times. There is capitalist law, but then again there is a spirit of revolt that laughs at capitalist law.

Lists Wanted

Cotton's needs lists for sample copies—and it needs them now. Comrades who will send us in electoral or other lists, with post offices marked will be remembered with a good premium. Make out lists carefully, as we want results.

Should it be necessary to make complaint, return receipt card sent for remittance of \$1.00 and over.

SHOW YOUR PRIDE

Aren't you proud of Cotton's improved, up-to-date, appearance, its snap and vigor, its go ahead spirit, and the good work it is doing as a propaganda paper. Surely you are. Then show the same spirit as Cotton's—take that special Sub Blank sent in your copy last week, and get the subs to give the New Press a hearty send-off on its career of usefulness. And strike now. Now's the accepted time.

CANADIAN SOCIALIST NEWS

Cobalt Miners Union, No. 146, W. F. of M., is calling for a referendum to have the Western Federation officials elected by referendum vote instead of by convention delegates.

McNAMARA RESOLUTION.

By the Edmonton, Alta., Union of the Bricklayers and Masons International Union.

Whereas—John J. McNamara, Sec-Treas. of the Bridge and Structural Iron Workers—Union of America, James McNamara and Ortie Manigal were arrested and hurried out of the State of Indiana to Los Angeles, Cal., to answer to the charge of having dynamited the Los Angeles Times Building on Oct. 1st, 1910, causing the death of twenty men; and Whereas—the said J. J. McNamara and others were taken out of the State of Indiana without due process of Law, without even being accorded the prescribed rights of the Law, the opportunity to defend themselves; and

Resolved—That we, the Officers and members of Local No. 1 of Alberta of the Bricklayers, Masons and Plasterers' International Union of America, do hereby emphatically protest against the said kidnapping outrage perpetrated against the members of the Structural Steel and Iron Workers Association, and be it further

Resolved as we believe the aforesaid kidnapped victims to be absolutely innocent of the grave charge which hovers over them, we hereby call upon all Organized Labor throughout the North American continent, to vigorously protest against this outrage and to use their future votes to place men of their own class in charge of the powers of government, to usher in as soon as possible the Co-Operative Commonwealth; and be it further

Resolved that copies of these Resolutions be spread upon our minutes and also sent to The Appeal to Reason, Girard, Kansas. Cotton's Weekly, The Western Clarion, The Bricklayer, Mason and Plasterer, and The Local Daily papers.

Signed on behalf of the above Local, F. Blake, Jas. Breerton, S. Stewart, Resolution Committee.

It is rumored that Mackenzie and Mann intend buying the Western Fuel Company's lands and mines on Vancouver Island for \$4,000,000. Pretty soon Vancouver Island will be the vest pocket property of Mackenzie and Mann like Newfoundland is of Reid. Then it will be about time, when these gentlemen are about to tell the people to be patient slaves or get off their island, to just expropriate the property, collectively own it, and tell the parasite owners to go chew their paper title deeds for a meal if they won't work.

Six American publications have been consolidated into one trust capitalized at \$4,000,000. These six publications are, Hampton's Magazine, Columbia Magazine, Home Magazine, Sterling Magazine, Orr's Farm Review and the American's Review. The trustification of industry proceeds apace. The capitalists see that it is reading matter that wakens the slaves. So they are now capturing the magazines and consolidating them. But the trust magpies cannot capture the Socialist publications.

The capitalist press reports that four thousand workers of Vancouver went on strike in the building trades on June the fifth. This is awful from the plute point of view. When wage workers strike for higher pay it is outrageous. But when the capitalists shut up the mills and thousands are forced into the bread line, that is another story. There must be crises and the capitalist class is not to blame. It is a dispensation of God and workers must bear trials with Christian fortitude. Wake up, you workers and assert your rights.

A twenty million dollar lumber merger is being formed in British Columbia. There will be much water fun into this corporation upon which the parasites will expect to pay dividends. So the lumber jacks can expect to have still worse working conditions so that the parasites may enjoy bigger revenues. There are prosperous times in Canada at present—for the master class.

WORKINGMEN'S HOMES

The proposal to have the government issue \$500,000,000 in money to be loaned to bona fide workmen in sums not to exceed \$2,500 for the purpose of building homes, the government to hold land and improvements for security, for repayment of loan in monthly payments in amounts equal to a moderate rent, is attracting considerable attention. A number of labor unions have endorsed the plan.

The idea is one of the "practical" schemes of the Socialists. It has already been incorporated into a law in South Australia.

Socialist Milwaukee has taken steps toward putting it into effect, and if the capitalistic courts and laws do not stop the plan, that city will soon furnish workingmen with homes at cost on easy payments.

Some of the capitalist papers are favoring the plan. They are beginning to realize that something must be done to stop the advance of Socialism, and hope to lull the workingmen to sleep by empty promises.

To make the plan effective, the currency issued for the purpose by the national government must be full legal tender. It must not be based upon interest-bearing bonds, but must go directly and without interest to the people.

The effect would be the lowering of interest rates and of house rents. It would stimulate building of homes and create a demand for labor, thus making the times better.

Were the matter to stop there the benefits would soon disappear. However, the working class, seeing that homes could be built collectively, would demand that factories and mills be operated for their benefit, and would thus lead toward a complete socialization of the production and distribution of wealth.—Chicago Daily Socialist.

Some Definitions

Politician.—A statesman for revenue only.

Statesman.—A politician who has money enough to dress well.

Legislator.—A ruler of the people who is skilled in the art of preventing the repeal of bad laws and the enactment of good ones.

Graft.—Unpunishable crime perpetrated by very rich men.

Conviction.—A legal process by which innocent men are punished in order to protect the guilty.

Immunity.—A legal process by which a man or body of men may violate the law provided they confess it.

Crime.—Any violation of the penal code by a man who has not money enough to establish his innocence by corrupting the courts.

Finance.—A sleight-of-hand trick by which the products of labor accrue to the benefit of a few.

Financier.—One who collects what others produce. Not to be confused with producer, which see.

Producer.—One who produces wealth, but does not get it.

Office Holder.—One who is nominated by a political party and elected by the people.

Workingman.—A species of slave who in order to live must beg some man for a job. He is not absolutely a slave, for if he does not wish to beg for a job, he is welcome to starve.

Tramp.—A man who finds it more profitable and more pleasant to beg for food than to beg for a chance to work himself to death.

Individualism.—An imaginary school of economics opposed to Socialism.

Individualist.—One who is a member of a society or community and doesn't know it.

Prosperity.—A condition of society in which the rich grow rapidly richer and the poor poorer. The more rapid the process the more prosperous the community.

Overproduction.—A condition of society where men starve because there is too much wealth.—Ex.

Finds it Interesting

This is another letter from a reader of Buncombe & Scrapp's, the serial story now running in Cotton's.

Toronto, May 27th.

To the Editor: I have been reading R. W. Northey's serial story, "Buncombe & Scrapp's," and I must say that it is an interesting and well-laid out story giving as well an intelligent conception of socialistic views of coming events. I hope that Comrade Northey is in better health by this time. I enjoy the story fine. Yours in the rev., D. Williams.

We cannot fill the many requests that are coming in for back copies of papers containing Buncombe & Scrapp's, nor start subscriptions from the first installments. Get into the new story now, you'll soon get the thread. Later it may be published as a book, if enough encouragement is given. Do you like Buncombe & Scrapp's—write and tell us about it.

Say Comrade Hustler, are you working for those Premium books. See list on this page. Fine chance to add to your library. Wake up.

THE WORLD-WIDE STRUGGLE

Watch for the Opening Announcement. Next issue of the Biggest Prize ever dangled before the keen eyes of our Sub Hustlers. The amount of Easy Money to be picked up will create a profound impression. Start your Subs in and get in line for This Extraordinary Chance.

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The primary needs of mankind are food, clothing, shelter, instruction and amusement. It should be the duty of the social organism to so arrange itself as provide these primary necessities for all with the least expenditure of human effort.

Capitalism does not provide these necessities cheaply nor efficiently nor in a just manner. Capitalism supplies these things in a poor and inefficient manner to the class which produces these things. It heaps these things up on those individuals who do nothing to create them. It frequently starves the producers and surfeits the non-producers.

Socialism will confer a great boon on humanity by giving an assured living to all and by doing away with the tremendous waste of human effort that goes on under capitalism.

Did you ever stop to think of this tremendous waste and the amount of labor now being uselessly employed that could be turned into productive channels through industrial democracy, the abolition of private ownership in the means of wealth production and distribution and production for use instead of for profit?

Under Socialism the burden of rent, interest and profit will be removed.

Under Socialism the tremendous waste of human effort in repressive service will be removed. The need for soldiers, for police, for private detectives, for constables, for jails, and for jails, criminal judges, lawyers and sheriffs, will be done away with. For these repressive agents are kept alive by capitalism because the parasite rich must protect themselves against the tempted poor, and criminals are forced to crime through economic want. Let the temptation of riches and the cause of crime—poverty—be removed, and the repressive forces will no longer be necessary. The men now employed in these services could be set to building homes, widening streets, or producing the necessities of life.

Under Socialism the parasites of the parasites, the valets, personal servants, private chauffeurs, gardeners, waiters, etc., will be relieved from their service to the parasites and could be utilized in producing food, clothing, shelter, instruction and amusement.

Such professional classes as the notaries, lawyers, civil judges, bailiffs, etc., would find their occupation gone with the abolition of disputes over private ownership and their brains could be used in constructive work instead of private squabbles.

Under Socialism, the functionaries of capitalism, such as stock brokers and their clerks, advertising agents, commission merchants, real estate agents, commercial travellers, rent collectors, insurance agents, bankers, trust and loan officials, and many others with the expenses connected with wheat pits, stock exchanges, leased wires, newspaper advertising and many other things, will be useless and the tremendous waste of human effort along these lines could be directed to producing food, clothing, shelter, instruction and amusement.

Under Socialism competitive waste will be eliminated, such as merchants, retailers, duplicated plants, unorganized running round after business. The effort now being wasted along these lines could be directed to food, clothing, shelter, instruction and amusement.

Under Socialism the waste of tramps, out-of-work, job hunting, shutting down of mills, tying up of railways, receiverships, lockouts, will cease and the efforts now running to waste can be directed to producing food, clothing and shelter.

With all these tremendous wastes going on under capitalism, it is no wonder that there is great misery. But let industry be organized on a sane system, let there be production for use and not for profit, let there be food, clothing, shelter, instruction and amusement provided by social co-operation instead of fool competition, and the world would be remade for man. Let this be brought about through Socialism and it will be possible for every worker to enjoy an income equivalent to four thousand dollars a year under capitalism. And each worker need work but four hours a day.

Is not Socialism something worth striving for?

Socialism will introduce industrial democracy. The bourgeois capitalist state maintains industrial tyranny.

THE WORLD-WIDE STRUGGLE

Socialism is the hope of the world. Tampa, Florida, is the home of a new weekly Socialist publication. The American Tobacco Company declared a 62 per cent dividend while the U. S. supreme court was deciding that it was an illegal combination.

There are about 28,000 co-operative associations in Germany, with more than 4,000,000 members; and these, with their families represent nearly one-third of the total population.

The textile trades called a Congress in Amsterdam on June 12th. The questions to be discussed were those of establishing an international eight hour day in the textile trades and the abolition of fining workers.

Charles Edward Russell is advising the U. S. workers to read the Daily Socialist papers. Were the workers to refuse to buy the capitalist papers that slander the workers these papers would have to go out of business.

At Hull, England, an indignant crowd mobbed the election judges who decided that Tory M. P.'s who had been guilty of bribery should not be unseated. The English people are finding they have the same legal tyranny to fight that the Americans have.

The members of the Socialist trade unions in Germany numbered, at the beginning of this year, more than two millions. During the last six years their membership has doubled. Their aggregate property amounts in value to \$11,000,000.

Famine is raging in a number of Persian states, and revolts as a result of this famine are widespread. A significant thing about these outbreaks is that the soldiers in every case line up with the hungry masses and help them in their struggle against the authorities.

It is now being admitted by the capitalist press of the U. S. that the 1907 panic was deliberately brought about by J. P. Morgan and his associates in order to force the Tennessee Coal and Iron Company to the wall so that it might be picked up for next to nothing by the U. S. Steel Corporation.

The artist Sagrista has been condemned to nine years' imprisonment, in Spain, for two drawings: "Homage to Ferrer" and "The Revolutionary Tosein." The latter had already been circularized, in lithograph form, for more than a year and a half all over Spain. It has taken all this time to discover its subversive character.

Gustavus Myers, author of Great American Fortunes, in two volumes, the books that have stirred America and shown the rottenness of the foundation of the big fortunes of America, is at work on another work. This is a history of the United States Supreme Court. When Myers has published this history, it is said, the U. S. Supreme Court will be thoroughly discredited throughout the civilized world.

The Grand Jury at New Castle, Pa., has brought in true bills against the editors of the Socialist Free Press, on a charge of seditiously libelling the capitalist judge of that town, and the four editors are to be brought up before the judge they are accused of libelling to be tried. The case is creating great excitement and subscriptions are pouring into the Free Press from all over the U. S.

The co-operatives of England last year had a membership of 2,777,513, and with assets aggregating \$294,897,470, an increase of over \$10,000,000 over that of the previous year. Of these co-operatives, 250 are wholly productive in nature, 901 distributive and 1,155 both productive and distributive. The business done by the co-operatives last year aggregated \$547,064,229, which is much more than was done by any single private enterprise in England. Yet they tell us nothing can be done except by private initiative or apart from the profit system.

The conviction of General Reibutt, once the all powerful Perfect of Moscow, on charges of extortion and abuse of power during the disorders in Moscow five years ago has created a profound impression throughout Russia: Reibutt has had powerful protection up to and during the present trial. He was the court candidate for the office of Perfect of St. Petersburg after the assassination of the last holder. The firmness displayed by the Moscow court in the two weeks' trial in resisting the threats of the defense is described as a wholesome innovation in Russian criminal procedure.

Guatemala, the largest of the Central American republics, has handed herself over to the American money trust to exploit. A blanket charter has been given by a bribed assembly to an American syndicate. This charter gives a perpetual grant of every foot of mineral land in the country and equally perpetual franchises permitting the syndicate to exploit every waterway, to sell light and power to every town, to operate newspapers in every part of the republic, to build railways and to engage in fruit growing. Guatemala gets in return one-tenth of her own natural wealth and one-tenth of the increment.

Machinery and trusts are not increasing the ranks of the unemployed fast enough. French cotton experts are going to make an attempt in Fulton County, Georgia, to teach monkeys to pick cotton. If the experiment succeeds a colony of monkeys will be imported. The idea was suggested by the antics of a pet chimpanzee carried by a farmer boy into the fields. The little animal, after frisking around for a time and watching the negroes at work, began to pick cotton with almost incredible rapidity. By utilizing monkey labor the cost of cotton harvesting would be infinitely less than with human labor, it is claimed by the promoters of the scheme.