

FIRING LINE

The Live Wire

A comrade in sending along subs during the week, quotes Cotton's as the "LIVE WIRE" of the Canadian Socialist Movement, which appears to be an appropriate expression.

Judging by the sub returns for the past month of August, however, it seems from this end of the wire, that a lot of the current has "run to the ground."

Subs have been scarce, communications scarce, book orders scarce, and enthusiasm of any kind scarce, a condition of affairs that might indicate that the militant workers have gone into a contented sleep under the baleful blandishments of King Capital.

A continual spell of this kind will knock all "liveness" out of the "Wire," as surely as we will never see the dawn of the Co-operative Commonwealth unless we keep up the agitation for it. The electric batteries of enthusiasm need renewing, badly. How do you expect a LIVE paper every week if you do not keep up the "Current" of subs. What is the use of printing a live paper if you do not "circulate" the message for those whom it is intended.

We wanted our sub list to be comfortably over the 3,500 mark by the end of August. We had planned a much improved sheet. Where are we? Still below the 3,500 mark, and necessarily improvement must be slow. The evolution of a Socialist paper at 50 cents per year is certainly controlled by its environment of subs.

Now if you want Cotton's to be a throbbing LIVE WIRE for Socialism in Canada, you must get out of your arm chair of criticism, get out for subs with your former enthusiasm, and keep the mails "Alive" with Socialist literature. Quit your quibbling, criticizing and dogmatizing. Get out and fight capitalism. Direct all criticism at capitalism; it will keep you busy overtime.

Look at the Little Old Appeal last month. Gaining by thousands. Look at your own Canadian papers. Barely holding their own. To make an impression on the tough old hide of capitalism you have got to keep busy all the time—unceasingly.

To all Socialists whom this reaches, and particularly the little army of hustlers throughout Canada, we urge you to redeem yourselves during this month of September. We offer no prizes. We rely on your patriotism for the only cause worth while.

The fall campaign is on. The clarion call is in the air. The enemy is Capitalism. Down with the worn-out system. Let the SUBS speak for your continued interest in the fight.

A copy of "Merrie England" goes forward to Com. Shayer of Ottawa.

You can do no better propaganda work than landing subs for Cotton's. Two yearly subs are the latest tally from Com. McMillan, La Cimetière, Alta.

Com. Alex Lyons of Toronto sends in two subs, one for 26 copies, the other for 13.

Comrade Westbrooke and Taylor send in their renewals from Ravenwood, Ont.

Yearly subs are at hand from D. McLeod, Dominion, N. S., and Jas. McLay, Keewatin, Ont.

The agitation is still kept up at Steelton, Ont. The latest by Com. Savage is 3 half and 2 trial subs.

Comrade Gordon is on the job again at Lachine. Forwards 4 yearly subs and one for the half year.

Comrade Bradford, of Entwistle, Alta., backs up his confidence in the future of Cotton's by forwarding two subs.

It was a pleasing duty to welcome two yearly subs from the genial and well known Com. Jas. Simpson of Toronto.

We were glad to get the three yearlies which Com. F. McDonald had rustled in the vicinity of Calgary, Alta.

Have you noticed the list of socialist books at 10 cents on page 6. They are the real goods. Read and pass on.

Socialism is getting into the silver mining district of Gowganda. Com. C. H. Robinson sends 2 half and 3 trial subs.

Keep up the fight against the capitalist system. Every time you land a new sub for Cotton's you land an effective blow.

R. Heilinger remits a sufficient amount to cover the distribution of ten trials in Montreal. Also sends in 3 half subs.

September is here. Buckle down for the fall and winter campaign, and get the people acquainted with the message of socialism.

Organizer Gribble turns up from Fredericton, N. B., commonly known as the Celestial City, with a bunch of three trials.

Look at the book list on page 4. Note the "Pocket Library of Socialism." Sixty 32 page books for \$1.00. A mighty good buy.

The pace is being forced at Ymir, B. C., by Comrade E. Anderson. His latest is for 10 trials. The shooting season is at hand. Shoot the subs in.

Socialist ammunition is surely cheap, when 10 cents will take an eight-page paper every week for three months to any address in Canada.

Two copies of "Merrie England" and the "Pocket Library of Socialism" go forward to Comrade Rowell of Moose Jaw, Sask., as per order.

Despite his many and manifold duties, socialist and otherwise, our energetic Comrade, Fillmore of Albert, N. B., finds time to send a bunch of 11 trials for Cotton's.

Next issue will give the names of the hustler winning the August prize of \$10 value in socialist literature. Watch the list next week and resolve to make up for it this month.

Comrade hustlers, if you have a plan that works well in securing subs, write and tell Cotton's in a short article, so that other hustlers may try it. No trade secrets in Socialism. Keep up the fight.

Com. Hoar, in his travels in the Maritime Provinces, will leave his trail behind. He is heard from at Joggins Mines, N. S., for 4 yearly and 10 trial subs.

Look here, comrade, why can't you use a bundle to advantage in the fight for socialism. Ten copies for three months costs only \$1.00. Twenty-five copies for three months only \$2.50. Join the bundle brigade!

Com. E. Biddlestone, of Preston, Ont., the winner of the July prize for sub hustling, has acknowledged the receipt of the crisp \$5.00 bill, which is to be devoted to advancing the cause. Also sends order for 10 trials and a bundle.

Our hustler at Sydney Mines, Com. Chas. Kernick, in passing over 3 trials, has this to say to a comrade hustler: "I am glad to see Comrade Bob in again. Keep it up Bob, and Cotton's will soon bring the east and west closer together. Good luck to you and yours."

Com. Smith of the red cross hospital at Vernon, B. C., prescribes a strong dose for the capitalist system. His prescription contains six yearly subs, one credited to Com. Paterson, and an order for three months continuation of bundle. The doctor has a sharp eye; with unfailing good humor.

Comrades in British Columbia are getting their ammunition ready for the election. Local Vernon will be in the fight, and start off in good shape with an order for 120 trial subs, which will count for 24 in the August competition. This is like the proverbial dark horse that turns up on the home stretch.

BY DR. SMITH

The Cotton's medicine will cure all cases of weak-sighted wage slaves if they will only follow my directions: Take one dose every week as long as you feel the capitalist disease of Wage Slavery about you.

This prescription may seem nasty on the first indulgence, but by repeating the dose you will find you cannot do without it.

PARTY NOTES

The comrades of the Maritime Provinces find Gribble so irresistible in the work for the cause that they are strongly urging him to settle down there, and it is reported that he has not altogether turned a deaf ear to their blandishments.

The clearest, shortest, most readable, most understandable most masterly exposition of the economics of modern Socialism is from the pen of Marx himself. It is entitled "Value, Price and Profit." The pamphlet should be in every Socialist's library. Cloth 50 cents, paper 10 cents.

The Speaker's Class in Toronto has turned out some good soap-boxers. Every local should have such a class. We need speakers, and need them badly. Suppose you start one in your towns.

Comrades who have learned to address audiences from hall platforms or street-corner rostrums would do well to start a speaker's class, as Gribble did in Toronto, and train others to address public meetings.

TALE OF A TOUR

THIRTEENTH INSTALLMENT

Local St. John was organized on Monday evening last after a grand open-air meeting. Ten names were subscribed but I suspect that was more than doubled by the time Comrade Deskin, the energetic secretary, sent it in. The crowds in St. John were large and attentive, always seeming to want more.

I am now at Fredericton where we have been having good meetings, up to the present having secured four recruits for the local which has been in existence here sometime, and is in good standing though its members are scattered.

The last meeting is to be held tonight as I return to St. John tomorrow, to fill a programme arranged by the new local.

But for this I should be going to McAdam Junction, where some comrades are anxious for an agitator, but only having word since I came to Fredericton, and either having to give too short a time to Fredericton or break arrangements with St. John or leave McAdam till later. I chose the later alternative.

Take a tip, all comrades in the future and give us plenty of notice and we will arrange accordingly.

Comrade Butler has been the comrade who has borne the brunt in Fredericton. The way in which he has done his duty is above all praise, but then, ones like Butler are not out for praise. Comrade Butler has never had the inspiration of being with a big crowd of Socialists, has never heard a "great" Socialist speaker, has had no other lot in the movement but that of a lonely scout and yet he has kept doing his duty steadily day in and day out, as he has done since I have been in Fredericton. It is such as to whom the movement owes the most, not our "great" orators, (we have none of them in Canada, fortunately) I had the pleasure of meeting that stalwart, comrade H. H. Stuart in Fredericton; unfortunately he had to be away by the next train. What's the matter with Sydney Mines, which made such a brave start, did so well while I was there and put up for the fund. Lots of good experienced men there I know. They are going to send on the application shortly after I left, but I have seen nothing about it in the Clarion yet. Sydney Mines is the best centre for the propaganda in Cape Breton, at least I found it so, if big enthusiastic crowds mean anything.

Come on Comrade Sec. Allen, what about it? Or if Allen is gone away perhaps Comrade Kernick can do a bit of shaking up. Surely men like I met at Sydney Mines don't want to be dry-nursed all the time by an agitator from the outside. You don't want to feel ashamed of yourselves when you see the results that have been got after the next B. C. election. Don't let the Western miners get any further ahead of you than they are now, put a spurt on or they will be gaining another lap. Westville, what's the difficulty? Fine bunch of comrades there alright, what are you waiting for, everybody waiting for somebody else to move? Come, that isn't the way to do things. Part of the money was raised before I left, I know (and it is not a formidable amount anyway) there can be no excuse on that score for either you or Sydney Mines; as most of you, perhaps all, are earning wages, there being no strike on at either of these places. What are you going to do about it, wait till capitalism nips you a bit harder, or fill some others at some later date, prove yourselves better men than you? I wonder if I have overestimated some of the men I have met and placed too much reliance in their word. If so, it is but an error of judgement on my part, but it is a failure of duty, a breach of pledge on theirs. The proof of the pudding is in the eating.

Fredericton like most places I have been in the Maritime is a good place for the agitators but a few days every few years is not enough agitation. All such places will have to sooner or later produce their own, or efficient agitation will not be done. It is not the spurt but the steady grind that counts, how much longer will places where there is a good bunch of comrades go on without producing street corner men? The crowds are waiting for them and you who call yourselves Socialists have to prove it by turning out the speakers. What a grand crowd I had here Saturday night, solidly sympathetic, and if there was somebody to talk to them every Saturday night what results could be got. A big bully of a swell about seven feet high tried to make a disturbance, but a little fellow of half his weight offered to punch his head and he evaporated amid the hoots of the crowd.

Miss Mushkat is doing her best to get me on the list of speakers at the big demonstration on Labour Day at Moncton. If she does, it will be an opportunity and it will be used, trust me.

Don't forget the snews of war, comrades, don't think you can complain of the way they have been used; expenses have been heavier lately, but compared with the kind of expenses you who are union men put up with for organizing purposes are but trifling at that. There are grand results to be got yet in the Maritime and if the stuff is put up they will be, if not, they will have to wait. It's up to you.

WILFRID GRIBBLE

U. S. A. NOTES

From Weekly Bulletin issued from National Headquarters of Socialist Party.

The general strike in Sweden having behind it the unanimous support and sympathy of the workers of that country, has developed into a financial endurance test.

C. E. Tholin and John Sandgren, delegates of the General Committee of the Labor Unions of Sweden, have arrived in this country to secure financial aid. They will visit Socialist and Labor organizations in the larger cities and hope to stir all labor societies to a recognition of the importance of this contest.

Following the textile strike the bosses began to look out other trades and the ranks of the strikers are constantly increasing by look-outs on one side and sympathetic strikes on the other. More than one hundred thousand unorganized workers are involved. The strikers now number about three hundred and fifty thousand.

The Dockers of London, England, have sent a substantial contribution and the workers of all countries are coming nobly to the support of the Swedish strikers, according to reports from delegates Tholin and Sandgren.

The Scandinavian organizations of this country are holding numerous meetings and gathering funds, but this is not sufficient the whole working class should know the facts of this Titan struggle between capital and labor which effects an entire nation.

The people of the Mexican border states, knowing the atrocities of the Mexican government, are greatly agitated over the proposed love feast of Taft and Diaz at El Paso, and the cause of the Mexican refugees is strengthened daily. Mother Jones has recently been holding immense tent meetings in San Antonio. John Murray of Chicago, Secretary of the Political Refugee Defense League, is on the scene. Resolutions of sympathy with the Mexican Revolutionists are being passed by many labor organizations.

Be Generous to Gribble

Comrades—As you all know, Comrade Gribble has been in the Maritime Provinces for four months. It was expected when he came East that a month or six weeks would be about the limit. But he has kept up the work for four months. And hard, discouraging work it has been too, at times. But he has kept right on and today we have a good strong, fighting organization where we before had four or five punny little locals.

Gribble left a good job in Toronto when the Dominion Executive called upon him to take up the work in the Maritime. And being only a wage slave the same as the rest of us he is not overly flush with worldly goods. Within the next month or six weeks the time will be over and he must go back to Toronto in a very dull season and look for a master.

Now it's up to the Comrades to see that Comrade Gribble goes back with a good-sized wad in his pocket. He has earned at least a dollar a day and let's give it to him and as much more as we can raise. Let's show him in a good substantial way that we appreciate his work.

Boost the supplementary fund Comrades! The contributions have been coming very slowly of late. The fund stands at \$94.30. Let me hear from those who have not yet contributed.

Yours in Revolt

ROSCOE A. FILLMORE.

Sec'y. Temp. Organ. Albert, N. B.

A comrade in Hamilton has a habit of going out in the evening's tackling the little retailers for trial subs, to Cotton's. He has many a good argument and secures many a sub.

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TEXANS DEMAND ARREST OF DIAZ

Citizens of San Antonio Protest Against Mexican Despot's Meeting President Taft

San Antonio, Tex., Aug. 27—The topic of conversation here today is the sensational resolution adopted with great enthusiasm at an immense mass meeting in favor of Rangel, Sarabin and other Mexican revolutionists who are held by the United States government at the behest of the tyrant Porfirio Diaz, so-called "president" of Mexico, held here last night.

The resolutions which were presented by "Mother" Jones, the veteran Socialist agitator, who is here taking an active part in the work of fighting for the release of the refugees, read as follows: "Whereas a well known lawbreaker from Mexico named Porfirio Diaz proposes to meet and shake hands with the President of the United States at El Paso, and 'Whereas said Diaz has killed not less than thirty thousand of his countrymen, who at various times have sought to maintain the laws of Mexico; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That the people of San Antonio in mass meeting assembled, demand that the President of the United States be informed of this attempt of a criminal to approach the head of the nation, and that the police be instructed to watch the border for Diaz's appearance, to arrest him the moment he steps over the line."

Of course, nobody expects that "Injunction Bill" will pay any attention to this effort to prevent his meeting the bloody despot of Mexico, but it will attract the attention of the entire country, and lend a wonderful impetus to the movement in behalf of the Liberal party of Mexico, which is trying to establish a real republic in that country.

Attorney John Murray, of the Political Refugee Defense League, with headquarters at Chicago, is here directing the agitation and working for the freedom of Sarabia and Rangel.—New York Call.

RIOT OVER RELIGION

Boston Syrians Beat Each Other Up for the Glory of God.

Oliver place, in the heart of Boston, was the scene Sunday of a desperate battle of factions of Syrians differing on religious points in which men, women and children were beaten and bruised until the police hastily summoned quelled the rioting and dispersed the warring factions.

Early in the day 250 Syrians appeared upon the streets carrying sticks and stones, and soon the fight was on. Upon the arrival of the police the rioters fled to their houses in the vicinity and carried many of the injured with them. It is not definitely known whether or not any of the injured will die of their wounds.

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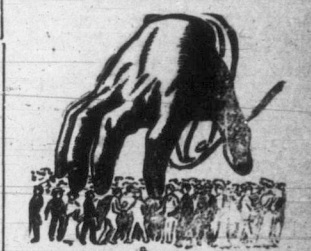
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The master class of Sweden have started a liar fund to spread false news of the Sweden strike. The men are not going back to work, but are sticking to the strike and are receiving hundreds of thousands of dollars from workingmen from all civilized countries to keep them going.



Reaching the People

The problem is how to reach the most people with the message of Socialism at the least cost.

Well, one solution of the problem is for locals to have Cotton's placed in all reading rooms and libraries in their town.

Another is to have trial subscriptions sent to all barber shops and all places where men gather to look over papers while waiting to be served.

The best plan is to make such persons pay for their subscriptions. Failing that, donations are in order, your money cannot be spent better than in circulating the Socialist papers.

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