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THE IRON HEEL

The capitalists are jubilant over a new scheme of managing industry. This new scheme is known as the Taylor system. This is the system in which the motions of men are studied and in which many motions are eliminated. Each man is trained to be a machine making just so many motions for each brick laid or shovel of earth dug. By this system workers are speeded up, are taught to make the fewest possible motions and to do the greatest amount of work. The men who can stand the strain are kept on. The standard of what the capitalists call "efficiency" is set high.

The capitalists call this, "scientific management." This is but a new name for the old, old dodge of working men beyond their strength till they become worn out. Then the men are thrown aside. Here is how the system works. On April 28th, before the U. S. Congress Committee on labor, the Taylor system was discussed. Congressman Pepper gave an illustration quoted by Taylor himself:

"The men," said Pepper, "who had been handling the pig iron had been loading sixteen tons a day on to the cars. By various experiments and by picking out the big husky fellows—that is the men who looked as though they could do a great deal of work—and by encouraging them, it was found that it was possible for some of these men to carry forty-eight tons a day. That became the standard; it was what the best man he could find could carry in a day, working under constant pressure all the time, and, while the other men were getting \$1.15 a day, he at once paid the man who could carry forty-eight tons a day \$1.85."

Taylor who originated the system was master mechanic in the Midvale Steel Works at Pittsburgh. In that city there is no mercy for the steel mill employee. Before the same committee President Harrah of the Midvale Steel company gave the following testimony. Mr. Graham asked, "Everything is run to its full capacity now?" To this Harrah replied, "Yes, sir, we have absolutely no regard for machinery or for men."

We will hear more of the Taylor system. It will be applied to the Canadian system of industry. Harrah explained that if a machine was not broken at the end of estimated life, he wanted to know the reason why. With men it is the same story.

Capitalism produces multimillionaires and a constantly increasing stream of misery to the working class. How long will the working class allow themselves to be worked till outworn and then thrown on the scrap heap? Oh you wage slaves of Canada. Wake up and fight for your rights.

Why should not men strive to be wealthy under the present system? If men have a chance to get wealth, why should they not seize it? Men being what they are they will strive for wealth as long as capitalism lasts. It is human nature to want to become wealthy. But the wealthy people are wealthy because the vast majority of people remain poor. When the vast majority realize that they cannot become wealthy, then the majority will become Socialists and will socialize industry thus distributing comfort to all workers and eliminating the large fortunes of the few.

Socialism does not aim at the downfall of individual capitalists. Socialism does not aim at making certain rich men poor while other rich men remain rich. Socialism does not aim at abolishing individual fortunes. Socialism aims at a complete change of society in such a manner that it will no longer be possible for individual men to get control of the natural resources, to own the machinery of production and distribution and thus be wealthy. Socialism aims at a change of system, not at an attack of persons.

The capitalists try to fasten the charge upon the Socialists that they want to shed blood. The international capitalists know this to be a lie. They know that the international Socialist movement is the greatest force for international peace at the present moment.

The Socialists are raising all the discontent that can among the workers against robbery.

A MAGNIFICENT SPECTACLE

The coronation of King George and Queen Mary will occur in London during the month of June. The spectacle will be gorgeous. It will cost the British government three million dollars. The private rich will spend tens of millions. It is estimated that the American visitors to the coronation will leave behind them in England thirty-five million dollars.

This is the festival for the idlers. The coronation is absolutely useless and nonsensical from a working class standpoint. But from a capitalist point of view the coronation is very useful. Wherefore the king and queen, being the puppets of the capitalist class, load themselves with heavy robes, deck themselves in expensive finery and set the pace for a wild waste of human effort. There is a reason.

The workers of Great Britain are in misery. Unemployment is rampant. Willing hands cannot get work. The cry of the people goes up for food, for money to buy the necessities of life. The mutterings of a revolution are in the air. The master class must do something. What shall it be? Shall it be relief? Shall it be the granting of justice to the workers? No. That would never do. For justice would make the master class descend into the ranks of the workers. What then shall the master class do?

The answer is, waste. Let there be a wild extravagance and costly shows. Let the master class riot in a debauch of labor power in order that the masters may still rise secure on the backs of the workers. That is the whole reason of the coronation.

You cannot see it? Then let me explain. The laboring class produces the wealth and gets but a bare living wage. The master class gets the rest. This living wage will buy back but one fourth of what the workers produce, if it will buy that. Under capitalism the master class, if the workers are to be kept busy, MUST CONSUME THE OTHER THREE QUARTERS. If they do not consume this three quarters of the wealth produced by labor and which labor does not get then the markets of the world are glutted, workers are thrown out of work, and the people starve in the midst of plenty.

How can the master class consume this three quarters? They cannot do it except by wanton waste. So the coronation of King George, its extravagance and display, is not undertaken for any religious idea, for any patriotic idea, for any noble or worthy purpose. It is undertaken in order that the master class may have a chance to waste wealth produced by the sweat and overwork of millions of slaves.

When the famine swept over India the Governor-General, Lord Curzon, held a great Durbar where money was poured out like water to a host of parasites and personal hangers-on of the British despotism. This was done in order that the wealth stolen from the producers might trickle back to them that they might buy food. In Great Britain the coronation is being undertaken for the same purpose. The people murmur too loud. They demand justice. And the robbers of England and America get the King to make a display of himself like a monkey on a stick in order that the master class may riotously spend their stolen incomes so that the workers may be kept busy producing wealth for a host of parasites.

Is not the coronation a ghastly spectacle? Beneath the splendid trappings cannot you see the rottenness, selfishness, corruption and robbery of the whole business?

Does not King George the Fifth, in this coronation spectacle, upon examination, shrivel up from being the proud head of millions of free men to being the contemptible show puppet, of thousands of overrich parasites, who dances to the music set by his masters?

The workers are slaves and must be kept busy. The workers might be free men and live in comfort by receiving the full social value of their labor power. But that would make the slaves free and would force the wealthy parasites of today into the ranks of the useful workers. Against the Socialist ideal of comfort to free men from the labor they do, the capitalists can only set the riotous waste by the master class of the wealth that comes to them from the weary and long labor of poverty-

POLITICAL ACTION

The Socialists have studied the power of the capitalist class and they have found it to lie in the exercise by the capitalist class of the political power.

The Socialists want to abolish rent, interest and profit. The Socialists want to abolish the private ownership of the means of wealth production.

The capitalist are in power. Their henchmen are elected to the political offices and see to it that the question of the rule of the capitalists be not discussed.

Why are the workers forced to work long hours for poor pay? Because the political state controlled in the interests of the master class give the ownership of the machines of industry to the master class. Political action on the part of the wage slaves will change this and will give the machines to the collective working class.

Why do the workers have such poor pay while capitalists have revenues that they cannot spend save by riotous luxury? Because the state protects rent, interest and profit and forces the useful workers to divide up with the capitalist drones. Political action on the part of the workers can change this by abolishing rent, interest and profit.

Why do wage slaves have to pay rents to landlords and live in unsanitary dwellings? Because the political state gives the ownership of the homes of the people to the capitalist class and allows the workers to go homeless if the capitalists cannot collect high rents out of them. Political action on the part of the wage slaves can change this by furnishing homes for all without profit.

Political action on the part of the workers could take the political control of the country away from the masters and give it to the slaves. This is what the Socialists are advocating. It is because it is such a sane and sensible system of ridding the world of drones that the drones are frightened at it and misrepresent Socialism and do all they can to make the Socialist aims to appear to be outrageous.

If you want to find out a real, sensible method of abolishing the poverty, the misery, the unearned incomes, prostitution, overfeeding, investigate Socialism. When you have once investigated it you will become a Socialist and will bend all your energies in getting the working class to capture the political power in order that the working class may come to its own.

YOUR COUNTY

Suppose you were a soldier in an army and were facing the enemy and you wanted to win a victory? How would you go about it? Would you say that the enemy facing just where you are, were too numerous and powerful for you to fight? Would you say that your side was going to win anyway and that you could sit down and wait until your fellow soldiers had fought their fight along the line of battle and had won and then the enemy facing you would have to retreat and you could come in on the cheering? What kind of a soldier would that make you?

Supposing all the soldiers on your side did the same trick? Suppose they all sat down and waited for the others to win the battle? How long would the battle be in being won?

Victories are won by energy. Victories are won by each man in the fight doing his share and bearing his part in the dangers and the fatigue.

Do you think that the Socialist battles will be won in Canada by idlers? No. They will be won by the

energetic, the men and women who throw themselves into the fight. These men and women will bear forward the scarlet banner of Socialism in their community. They will not sit down in Montreal and wait until the British Columbians have captured British Columbia. They will press forward the fight trusting that all the revolutionaries throughout Canada are doing the same thing.

I want to see a dominion wide campaign for Socialism on. I want to see the fight carried into every county in Canada. I want to see a "skeleton army" built whose ranks will be filled from all Canada.

Will you help Cotton's by enrolling yourself in the political action army? Will you begin the work of organizing your own political constituency for Socialism. If you are willing, sign the political action blank underneath.

Cotton's is building the machinery and organization that will aid powerfully in overthrowing the capitalist politicians of all counties.

A forward step has been taken in Canada. Socialism has got so powerful a hold that it is alarming many people. Canada has reached the dignity of having a book written against Socialism. This book is "The Impossible Vagaries of Socialism" and is published by Robert Larmour, Stratford, Ont. It costs fifty cents and is written by the author with the intention of exposing the fallacies and illusions of Socialism. Mr. Larmour declares that the policy of ignoring Socialist agitators is a mistaken one. This book will do its work in making Socialists as we welcome all investigations, knowing that Socialism needs but to be known to be accepted by thinking men.

The idea of Copernicus that the earth moved round the sun instead of the sun moving round the earth was long disputed. Now it is almost universally held to be true. The theory of gravitation propounded by Newton was long disputed but it is now held to be correct. The theory of evolution propounded by Darwin and Wallace was long disputed. Now it is coming more and more to be recognized as a true statement. In the same way many people dispute the theory of economic determinism, and its secondary deductions of the class struggle and the rise of the working class to political power. But more and more people are coming to see that Marx was right and we see Socialism spreading rapidly.

The capitalists point to ancient Peru as a state of society in which Socialism flourished. This is not correct. In ancient Peru the rulers took the majority of the products of the land. The workers were robbed of the results of their toil. But the rulers were farsighted and distributed to the workers enough of the necessities of life so that actual want was unknown. This is not Socialism. This is the state of society which the capitalists are trying to bring about with their unemployment acts and old age pensions and other like measures. Socialism aims at the democratization of industry, at the running of industry of, by and for the workers.

The Taft government recently appointed a Commerce Court. This they declared was for expediting commercial cases and for protecting the dear people. One of the first decisions handed down was one setting aside the decision of the interstate commerce commission forbidding the sugar trust rebates on railroads. The sugar trust can now accept rebates. Taft knows how to protect the labor skimmers.

FOR POLITICAL ACTION

COTTON'S WEEKLY:

I believe we have a Fighting Chance in my Constituency. Put me on for full information in regard to your Political Action Campaign.

I am in the Electoral District of _____, whose

M.P. is Mr. _____

Name _____

Town _____

Province _____

CAMP ON THEIR TRAIL

Parliament has adjourned. The members of that institution for the robbery of the wage slaves are spreading out over Canada. They are trotting about, holding meetings and telling the people what a lot they have tried to do for them.

Now, Comrades, why don't you camp on the trail of the politicians? Why don't you follow them up, ask them questions, make them declare themselves upon the question of wage slavery?

You won't like to do this. The little merchants who are just on the verge of busting in business will be at the political meetings and will be cheering for the political rogues who are handing the wage slaves to the capitalists as a daily living sacrifice upon the altar of profit.

The petty master class will be on the platform. There will be banners and maybe a brass band and all the accessories that the master class know how to surround their political puppets to make the common mutts think the puppets to be some pumpkins.

The politicians will be smiling and will palaver. They will ooze sympathy and extend the glad hand. They may place their right hand on their "buzum" and swear to high heaven that they want to protect your interests.

You hate to break into such a sort of religious atmosphere. You hate to be a disturbing element. You want to sit way back in the corner. You are only a wage slave and are not accustomed to speak in the presence of these glib tongued parasites.

But remember. You will not break into the political meeting with your questions on your own account. You will speak up for the benefit of humanity, for the benefit of your class, for the sake of your wives and children.

Remember you are robbed. Robbed every day you work. Because of that robbery your wife has to worry, your children cannot go well-dressed.

Remember that the glib tongued individual before you, whether it be your own local member, or a cabinet minister, or R. L. Borden, is the henchman of the class that rob you. He comes before you, not to free you, but to persuade you and your kind that he is your friend.

And all the while his utterances are untrue. He is a false friend. He is the aider and abettor of the men who rob you. He comes to deceive you and your class, not to enlighten you.

Remember all these things and they will give you courage.

Shall you stand mute before your oppressors? Shall you let their words go unopposed? As you love humanity, as you love Canada, as you love your class, as you love your own people, you will protest.

THE DAY IS COMING IN CANADA WHEN A CAPITALIST POLITICIAN WILL NOT SPEAK IN PUBLIC WITHOUT BEING FORCED TO TAKE HIS STAND FOR OR AGAINST THE REVOLUTIONARY WORKING CLASS.

Man is a political animal. Men gather to hear their politicians. There is no greater opportunity for effective work for Socialism at the present time in Canada than the persistent questioning of the capitalist politicians upon their alliance with the capitalist drones.

If the politicians visit your town, spread your own views. Have Cotton's Weekly to distribute to the audience. Raise hell with the Canadian politicians like the suffragettes raised hell with the English ones.

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The workingman goes and begs a job from a capitalist, and pays rent to the capitalist for a home, and is forced to work at what the capitalist wants him to and gets just enough to feed and take care of himself and sometimes a wife and family, and many of them think they are free men.

Capitalism is going because, owing to the evolution of society, humanity is forced to throw it aside just as men were forced to go into capitalism from the outworn feudal system.

CAPITALISTS AND SKUNKS

There are those who think that Socialists are all wrong in saying that the capitalists are parasites and that they benefit by the robbery of the workers.

These people think that the capitalists are fine gentlemen and that they are kindhearted, philanthropic, kind and gentlemanly in their own home circles.

Granted. But that does not make them any the less parasites. A skunk is nice and kind in his own home circles. But he is mighty disagreeable when you meet him in a business way. A capitalist is a mighty fine fellow when you meet him in his home, but when you meet him or his representative when you are a wage slave hunting work then you find he is a parasite and will not give you a job unless you will consent to allow yourselves to be robbed.

But some will say that it is all wrong to compare the capitalist to a skunk. The skunk is a disagreeable creature but the capitalist does not do things from the motives Socialists suggest. It is true that a capitalist may not know he is a parasite. He may be a very ignorant person. He may not know he is a robber in the same way that a skunk may not know he is a skunk. The capitalist may not do things consciously but as long as he does them what does it matter in what spirit they are done?

No doubt that some will say that the capitalist is not to blame but it is the capitalist system. Granted. In the same way a skunk is not to blame for being a skunk. It is the system of nature that produced him.

All civilized people consider that skunks are not nice to have in civilized society. They make such a mess of things. Some day society will decide that it is not nice to have capitalists in civilized society. They make such a mess of things. They produce hunger and unemployment and scanty clothing and slums and disease and consumption and unsightly factories and many other things not nice.

When that day comes the capitalist will no longer be tolerated. He will have to leave off being a capitalist and become a useful member of society before humanity will tolerate him in their midst.

There are many proverbs about how nice faroff things are. "Faroff pastures look green." "Faroff cows have long horns." "Tis distance lends enchantment to the view." "The past will always win a glory from its being far, and orb into the perfect star we saw not when we moved therein." Many of us Canadians act up to these proverbs. We think Socialism is something needed in Germany, in France, in Russia, in the United States, but that it is not necessary for Canada. There are many Socialists who think that Socialism is progressing in Canada but their own community is not ripe for it. Such Socialists forget that the work that tells is the work done right in their own community.

Socialism spreads from mind to mind. There are many people in every county of Canada who can be made Socialists. The more Socialists there are the easier it is to persuade others to become Socialists. Let every Socialist resolve that he will do his part right at home. That is the kind of work that tells for the revolution.

The working class are the ones who will bring Socialism about. The capitalist class will not. The capitalist class realize that capitalism is dead and the far sighted ones among them are endeavoring to establish a benevolent feudalism which, while providing an assured living to all workers, will nevertheless allow the master class to enjoy the most of the wealth produced by the workers.

The anti-Socialist declares that we must be individualists and that collectivism will not work. Did these anti-Socialists practice what they preach they would discard their clothes, give up civilized food, take a club fashioned by themselves and be primitive cavemen. The anti-Socialists are not really individualists. They are collectivists who want the collective wealth to be at the disposal of the parasite capitalists.

The working class of Canada are realizing that they have nothing to lose but their chains.

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