

conveyed a sense of comradeship, of brotherhood the world over. And yet why did this gathering of Socialists sing Auld Lang Syne. Did they not realize that the spirit of the song is wholly anti socialist, in the ordinary meaning of the word. How can the true Socialists drink to the days of Auld Lang Syne seeing in those days the red shirted man had not the ghost of a show, but was rode rough shod over by lairds and lords. How could these Glace Bay Socialists sing heartily:

"And surely ye'll be your pint stoup
And surely I'll be mine."

seeing the Socialist who would play the game must forego his pint stoup and be content to drink out of the common bucket. Ideal Socialism declares for 'one bucket for all noses'. In the real genuine undiluted Socialism there are no two pint stoups. The other fellow has no pint stoup. Teum is not in its vocabulary. Can't you read the legend on the red flag: 'What is thine is, or will shortly be, mine.' If the Scots have any anthem it is 'Scots wha hae,' and that with trifling alterations might be sung by the G. B. Socialists. A change like this could be made in one of the verses:

Lay the money makers low,
The thrifty fall in every foe
Liberty's in every blow.

Someone will kindly finish the verse as time presses.

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If we want to know what socialism, as preached in English, is I presume we should rather go to Britain than to the continent of Europe or to Chicago to learn. There has been a split in the labor and socialist ranks at home, which came to a head at the Labor Party Conference held lately in Edinburgh. What is believed to be at the bottom of the trouble which forced such men as Ramsay MacDonald, Philip Snowden, Keir Hardie, and Bruce Glasier to resign? Will those clergymen who do not quite know themselves; who are supposed to have a mission well defined, and cut and dried, yet are restlessly reaching forth for something else, they scarcely know what, inquire closely into the cause of the split. If they do so they will find that the hand of the atheist and the sceptic has been at work. The best members of the Independent Labor party have been trained in the Free Churches and still believe in God. They firmly believe that without religion as its inspiration, socialism cannot succeed. Blatchford, the atheist, and his followers make up the Social Democratic Federation. They are an anti religious lot and seem to have captured the notorious Grayson. The two elements in the I. L. P. came together and there was a clash. The dissensions mean a heavy set back to the socialist cause.

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There is a tremendous divergence of opinion between Sir. William Van Horn, and our familiar friend of the Eastern Chronicle. The latter says that there is no sane man who does not believe that free trade with the United States would be the making of the Maritime Provinces. The former on the other hand declares "I estimate there are only six and a half per cent. of fools in Canada, and so long as this percentage does not materially increase, we are in no danger of reciprocity, at least not such reciprocity as would throw down all customs barriers." Those who read the fulmination of our friend before they had got hold of

Sir. Wm's opinion crept shamefaced into a hole. On hearing what he had said on the subject, they crept out, and are now happy covered by his wings.

A paper was delivered before the Edinburgh Association of Science and Arts by Mr. W. E. Jackson, the subject being coal. He traced the earliest knowledge of coal, it being known to the Greeks, and there was evidence to show that the early Britons had knowledge of it, while it was made use of by the Romans during the occupation of Britain. So far as was known Scotland was entitled to claim the earliest record of coal working in Britain, if not in the world, and he mentioned in this connection Newbattle and Curloss. Amongst many slides shown four specimens in his own possession were constructed scenes of plant and animal life from the fossils recovered from coal.

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