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### MAY DAY.

**T**HE Socialist press throughout the world on this date will carry in its columns what are generally called May Day features, and on this date the day of emancipation for wage-labor will be heralded from the workers' platforms throughout the world as a joyful parallel to the coming of spring flowers and sunshine.

It is true that the fellow we call the average man is not accustomed to glancing over the records of festival observances in the days gone by. He knows very little of any parallel between his present day labor demonstration and the ancient pagan festival celebrating nature's promise of harvest and food in abundance. That joyful character is somewhat absent from the present average May Day demonstration. Instead there appears a catalogue of present distresses and evidence of the yoke of industrial exploitation now laid upon wage-labor. Its hopes and aspirations are still unfulfilled. Even the International Socialist Congress (Paris) resolution of 1889 declaring for the eight hour day is still unrealised and the First of May, a day set upon the calendar by that Congress for annual international labor demonstration to secure that objective falls far short of universal recognition among wage workers as a day of holiday from wage labor to voice a measure of hope and resolution for freedom from industrial slavery. Yet, if it is not thought about and understood by mankind, it is recognised that dates recording events record past events and not events of the future, and so it is impossible to impose arbitrary standards for general recognition.

Today the condition of interest is a consideration of the degree of working class response in objection to class oppression from above. There lies the promise of working class emancipation.

### SECRETARIAL NOTES.

**R**ESPONSE to our invitation to discussion (of several issues ago) has not been very great. We have a short article from a Saskatchewan comrade which we hope to print next issue and a letter or two of promises and enquiry. We would like correspondents to send their names and addresses rather than bare anonymous documents alone.

Comrades in Alberta and Saskatchewan are asked by Com. R. Burns, Alta. P. E. C. secretary to note the contents of this letter:—

To Secretaries of locals, S. P. of C.,  
Alberta and Saskatchewan.

Dear Comrades:

A short time ago a letter was sent to all Locals of the P. E. C., and some members at large, requesting some information regarding the sending of speakers on a tour through the provinces. Most of the letters have been answered and the feeling expressed was that it would be poor policy on the part of the P. E. C. to send speakers through until about the middle of June.

The P. E. C. have decided to notify all Locals that no speakers will be routed until the above time. In the meantime it requests all secretaries, and active members at large, in the provinces to get all the information they possibly can in respect to how

many meetings could be arranged in their district, and what time would be most suitable for these meetings. When the P. E. C. receives this information they will get busy and make the necessary arrangements.

Kindly send in these particulars as soon as possible, so as to have your district on the schedule in its proper place.

R. Burns,  
(Sec'y. Alta. P. E. C.),  
27 Central Bldg.,  
Calgary, Alberta.

In the meantime, Comrade J. Harrington will be in Blairmore, Alberta, to address the miners there on Tuesday, 1st May.

Local (Vancouver) No. 1 has organized what is described as a Grand Dance on Tuesday, May 8th, to be held at Belvedere Court, corner 8th Ave. and Main Street. Tickets, men 75 cents, women 50 cents.

J. Kavanagh sends us a copy of a letter he sent to the B. C. Federationist on March 17th and which was not published in that paper. He asks us to publish it. The letter (besides touching upon other matters) touches upon some discussion which has appeared in the Federationist over Harrington's first article (February 1st) of the present series—Revolutions, Political and Social.

As it so happens a letter was sent to the Federationist by J. Harrington on the 23rd April, no indication of which appears in the Federationist of the 27th.

The Federationist will perhaps explain what rule it follows in such cases. For the present we leave the matter at that without comment.

Com. J. Glendening, 221 Jefferson Avenue, Winnipeg, is now secretary of Local 109, S. P. of C.

### A WOMAN'S LETTER.

Wednesday April 19, 1923.

Editor, Clarion:—

Recently I heard a question, as to whether the time was not now ripe for the revolution to take place in its entirety. The answer came that since the average worker has the point of view he has at the present time it could not, nor would it take place.

Now being of that class of slave that attends to all the drudgery of the home I think many things whilst doing that drudgery and one of them (the thoughts) is that before long something, no matter how far short of the entirety, will happen, and we shall have to be satisfied for a spell at least without the realisation in all its fullness.

Perhaps Katherine Smith or the writer who quite recently wrote in the Clarion will answer. We get such a lot of men's view points and they are only one of the kinds of slaves there are.

I read all the Clarion and notice that so little encouragement is given for any but male writers to expound their views and, so far as I see it, all will have to see; speed the day; for unless they wake up pretty soon the other kind of slave will be forced to do so and then we will lead you to the "promised land."

For women are waiting till they are sick for something to be accomplished by the male of the species. I know there is nothing particularly interesting in my question but if only some interest could be aroused in women more than it is I think that something great would be accomplished; they are, generally speaking, apathetic.

New Westminster, B. C.

Editor's Note: The reason why articles by women do not regularly appear in these columns is that women do not write. Why they do not write may be another matter. Perhaps they will explain. We certainly have no thought of discouraging anyone.

### HERE AND NOW.

Our introductory remarks are short this time but, as will be observed, they are no shorter than our cash. We have no space in which to say more and that should be enough anyway.

Following \$2 each: Jim Cartwright, "C. C. W.," C. F. Orchard, H. J. B. Harper, L. True, C. O'Brien, J. Peterson, E. Rhodes, J. W. Jamison, P. Wallgren, Jim Lott, J. Meldrum, J. Fletcher, A. McDonald, J. Dennis, J. Kavanagh, J. G. Smith, C. Redusko, C. Thorning.

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### THE ANGLO-AMERICAN ALLIANCE

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actual abandonment of the attempt to build up a great American mercantile marine, for it is quite realized that without such government assistance it is impossible for the United States ship-owners to hold their own against the more firmly established and infinitely more experienced British ship-owners. Here again we see the influence of this great house which, while controlling the International Mercantile Company and its great subsidiary lines, the White Star, the Red Star and others, sails them under the Union Jack as British ships.

On top of all this, we have the proposal in the part of the American President, that America, while not entering the League of Nations, shall appoint its judges upon the International Court established in the League.

This coming together of the American and the British financial oligarchy and the harmonious relations being established between the respective executive committees, are phenomena which deserve our most earnest attention. What is coming into existence is an alliance of bondholders, and alliance of creditors and an alliance of international owners of abstract property. The American Government and the British government will come together as agents of the mortgage-holders of the Continent. They both desire and will see that they get, tranquillity, however drastic the measures of repression which may be necessary. Together, they will guarantee the supremacy of the League of Nations, together they will formulate a code of laws to govern the hopeless millions who for the next eighty to a hundred years, shall have one duty, and one duty only—to toil ceaselessly to pay off a debt incurred in order to make the world "safe for democracy."