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## MAY DAY

May Day is the day the workers of the world have seized upon as their own day. In Canada and the United States the capitalist parliaments have placed the legalized holiday of the workers in the Autumn. But the workers of America as well as the workers of Europe are taking May the first as the day for the celebration of the coming emancipation of labor.

The holiday is all the more noble because it is not recognized by the bourgeois parliaments. Labor has seized it by its own might. Just as the children of Israel went three days into the wilderness, forsaking their tasks against the command of Pharaoh, so the modern workers forsake their tasks, without asking the leave of their masters.

Why should not labor choose its own day of celebration? And why should not labor choose the best day in the year? Spring is breaking over the country and the powers of nature are awaking everywhere. Why should not the workers of the world lay down the tools that enslave them, forsake the machines to which they are bound, and go forth to protest against that slavery and to count their victories won and their defeats suffered in their war against their masters?

May Day is becoming sacred unto labor. The celebration of May Day among the workers has grown up spontaneously. It is no holiday chosen arbitrarily, but a holiday that has grown gradually in favor with the oppressed.

In European countries May Day is dreaded by the exploiters. It is a test day and on that day, more than others, the workers realize their strength and their solidarity. Every year the workers become more conscious of their power and every year the rulers regard May Day with more dread.

During the first week in the month of May the daily papers will be scanned by millions of workers throughout the world. There will be accounts of the workers revolting from all parts of the world. These accounts will be twisted and distorted by the capitalist press, but the truth cannot altogether be hidden. Milwaukee, Chicago, New York, Toronto, Montreal, London, Paris, Madrid, Barcelona, Rome, St. Petersburg, Vienna, and hundreds of other centres will witness the gathering of the workers and perhaps attempts to drive them back to their slave pens on the part of the police and soldiers. The workers are used to that. They have been used to it for years. Yet they know that before long the power of their masters will be broken and they will walk free in the earth. Therefore they celebrate.

You workers of Canada, have you caught the spirit of international revolt? Or are you fawning at the feet of your masters? Have you heard the clarion blast of your coming freedom? Or have you stopped your ears to the music of liberty that you remain in contented slavery? May Day will tell the tale of whether the workers of Canada are patient under their taskmasters, or are aroused to a knowledge of their abject condition as wage slaves, and are resolved to join in the liberty march of the millions.

Socialism will not abolish religion, nor will it break up the home, nor is it backed by lazy good-for-nothings, nor does it want to divide up, nor does it aim at preventing private initiative. If you believe that Socialism stands for any of these things, you have been bamboozled by men who want to deceive you to their own hurt. Better get some book or pamphlet on Socialism and read for yourself what Socialism stands for.

The railway companies of Canada last year took forty million dollars from the wage slaves of Canada. The railway workers were robbed of that amount. But then the workers like to be robbed in Canada. In France the railway workers are in revolt. In Canada they occasionally show signs of rebellion but the railways have got them pretty well tamed.

The little manufacturer is going. The coming of the giant machine and giant industrial organization has produced an enjoying class and an exploited class. The problem is to free the productive workers from the parasite possessors. That can be done by the expropriation of the machinery of production.

## THE WORKERS OF CANADA WILL REMAIN IN ECONOMIC BONDAGE UNTIL THEY SEIZE THE POLITICAL POWER

## A YEAR OF ENLIGHTENMENT

Let the year to come be a year of enlightenment. Let Canada swing in to line and march abreast with the proletariat advance of other countries. Japan, China, India, Persia, Turkey, are entering upon their capitalist development and exploitation. In the European countries the capitalist exploitation is becoming decadent and an insistent demand is going up for the introduction of the Socialist Commonwealth. Shall Canada take her stand side by side with China and India and Persia, or will she take her stand with Germany, France, Italy, and Great Britain?

The capitalist rulers and exploiters are endeavoring to keep Canada from the forward movement of human progress. Shall they succeed, or will the Canadian workingmen move forward in irresistible solidarity to the conquest of their economic emancipation through the institution of an industrial democracy?

May Day is the day when labor takes stock of its progress. This year the dawn of emancipation is beginning to gleam in the political skies. There are still backward centres and disorganized battalions of workers. But the mass is becoming impregnated with the idea of their possible liberty, and the sound of the victorious trampings of the revolting wage slaves will soon be heard in the land.

Two Socialists elected in British Columbia. One Socialist elected in Alberta. A Socialist President of the Toronto Board of Education, such is the standing today. What victories at the polls will the working class Party be able to report on May Day of 1911? What number of wage slaves whose brains are now gyved in capitalist conceptions will have thrown off their intellectual shackles? What agitators will have risen from among the blindly protesting workers who now protest without seeing the remedy to be applied?

May Day is a retrospect of the past. It is a summing up of present victories. It is a clarion call to future action. And the Canadian workers are not to be laggards in the rear of the glorious army of the discontented against capitalist conditions.

The Socialists of Paris are preparing for May Day. They are getting ready for a grand May Day manifestation of discontent. The Socialists are taking the ground that all strike riots should be treated not as crimes and misdemeanors, but merely as political offences, and should consequently be exempted from penal punishment, such as imprisonment, suspension of civil rights or deprivation of residence. Every day long processions of Socialists promenade the streets of Paris. On the 16th April three thousand navvies carried about on a huge litter, trimmed with red bunting, one of their comrades who had just been released from prison where he had been serving a sentence of close confinement for having wounded an army officer in the strikes at Dravelli, and who had also been condemned to five years deprivation of residence in Paris. At Dunkirk the naval reservists have gone on strike in sympathy with the naval reservists of Marseilles. The merchant marine sailors are on strike there and the French government has been endeavoring to help the merchant vessel owners out by making the sailors of the war vessels take the place of the strikers. The workers of France are leading the nation along new highways of liberty.

On April 17th hundreds of spellbinders left London to participate in the anti-Socialist campaign among the working classes of the country. Forty of them were women. Among the men were lawyers, clergymen and a few laborers who have been trained by the anti-Socialists to talk about the perils of Socialism. This is a good sign. It shows that the parasites are beginning to fear that perhaps Socialism is coming after all. The anti-Socialist movement is also good. Socialist propaganda work paid for by the capitalist class. For the more Socialism is explained the more it grows among the working classes.

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## WHAT IS SOCIALISM?

What is Socialism? That is the question men are asking. They go to books and they go to lectures and they do not seem to be able to find a definition of this thing that is conquering the earth.

What is Socialism? That question can best be explained by asking a couple of others. What is Christianity? What is Democracy? Socialism is many things. Socialism is a material science and a spiritual awakening. Socialism is a doctrine of the brotherhood of man and a doctrine of class struggles. It is a new viewpoint of life. It is the summing up of modern tendencies. It is the heart hunger of the humanitarian and the revolt of the wage slave.

Have you ever heard it said that the letter kills but the spirit gives life? That can be applied to Socialism. Socialism on its material side is the public ownership and democratic management of the machinery of production and distribution. That, like all definitions, is erroneous. But it is the nearest approach to a correct definition, in a short phrase, of Socialism.

But Socialism can no more be defined than can Democracy. It cannot be examined by the literalist's rule of thumb. It is a world wide philosophy.

But Socialism, although it cannot be strictly defined, can be definitely felt. The whole world is moving in the Socialist direction. The socialization of the means of production and distribution, the coming of the race consciousness, the going of wage slavery, the abolition of capitalist parasitism, industrial democracy, the going of competition, the coming of co-operation, the scientific organization of industry, the establishment of the management of things in the place of the government of persons, these are some of the ends and aims of Socialism. They are the objective points. But Socialism is far more than these.

Socialism is a life here and now. It is a soul awakening. It is an awakening, if you will, to the spiritual significance of material things. It is the freedom of the mind from bondage to conventional ideas. It is a knowledge of human society of the past, present and future.

How many men you meet whom you know to be mentally dead. Talk to them and you know beforehand just what they are going to say. They have not thought a new thought for years. Their thoughts work in their minds like squirrels in a cage. Round and round the same old limitations the same old thoughts go. Those men are dead.

How many men do you meet who are bound down by set rules of thought. They think along certain lines, and if you suggest new lines of thought to them they refuse to think. The new thoughts are not proper.

But you will find the Socialists wide awake. They are ever seeking information. They know that vast changes in society are about to take place and they know that they must strive their utmost to fathom the tendencies of the day that they may be prepared to welcome the good in the new and fight the bad.

Socialism is the summing up of modern science. It is the crowning glory of democracy. It is the final triumph of the toilers.

Another strike is on at McKees Rocks, Pa. The Pressed Steel Car Co., sacked seven workers for alleged insubordination. These workers were members of the I. W. W. Therefore over four thousand of their fellow Industrialists walked out. Baby Hoffstot, president of the Company, has oppressed the men till they revolt. Now he is wanted by the grand jury at Pittsburgh on the charge of bribery and corruption. The corruption of the capitalists in the U. S. is sure producing a grand revolution.

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## INDIVIDUALITY

There is an individuality which none of us can escape. There is the loneliness of each human heart that comes with almost the beginning of consciousness and departs only with death. This loneliness has been recognized in all ages. "We spread our sails on the deep alone, each for himself and each alone." "The sin ye do by two and two ye must answer one by one." "The heart knoweth his own bitterness and a stranger doth not intermeddle with his joy." Those who do not face this loneliness we call gelatine spined shrimps. Those who seek to throw the burdens upon others we call leavers. Men in all ages have endeavored to escape the responsibility of their individual existence and have sought to throw the burdens upon others. Hence we have vast cathedrals where men's souls are said to be shriven for a consideration. Hence we have father confessors who claim to be able to free men from that utter loneliness of heart which comes to each and every one of us at times.

There are men and women who seek to escape from themselves by living superficially. They will not try their heart strings because of the wild and fearsome music that may result. They keep themselves closed to all impressions and never endeavor to find out the possibilities that lie dormant within them. They live in fear of living and so never truly live.

The individual existence and the individual hopes and fears and longings are a part of human nature. Whether capitalist or wage slave, parasite or exploited, all feel the same throbbings of the human soul in so far as they test their individual hopes and fears, and all share in common qualities that come to each human being at birth.

Socialists recognize this individuality. They face it in themselves and in others. They do not seek to shirk their responsibilities. It is because they recognize this individuality in themselves and in others that today they are the leaders in the world's thought, and the leaders in the world's activities.

When the primitive German races swept over the Roman Empire the Roman Empire sank beneath the power of barbarous conquerors. Why? Because the Roman Empire was composed of beings who had learned to obey their masters, who had ceased to be self directive. The German barbarians were free and equal. Their soldiers knew their own worth and they swept in wide conquest because each relied on himself to do his utmost. The Romans had learned to obey. They were masters or slaves, and the slave spirit is not a spirit which can conquer.

As far as I have met them, the Socialists are free spirits. They are awakened. They have freed themselves from conventional ideas. They think for themselves. They are not afraid to face the loneliness of individual existence. They run to no priests to be told what to do or what not to do. They do not take the words of other men to guide them. They know that each man is like unto themselves and they try the words and counsels they hear by the test of their own experience, their own reasoning faculties and their own heart callings. They have burst the mental bonds which bind the thoughts of their fellow men. Where there is a Socialist surrounded by non-Socialists he lives as lives a civilized man surrounded by savage and untutored human beings. He lives lonely, more lonely than his fellow men who can share the thoughts of others. And from that loneliness he gathers strength. He is thrown back upon his own individuality, and his own personality develops.

The Socialist is not naturally different from other men. But he has learned to think, to feel and to act. You will find that Socialists are strong individualists and are willing to accord to each man the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, something which the capitalist system and the capitalist upholders absolutely and utterly deny the vast majority of the men and women of the civilized world.

Agitate, educate, organize.

## THE MOCKERY OF CAPITALISM

Walt Whitman asks how he can be injured by according to each person the same opportunity to live as he accords to himself. That question is one the capitalist cannot answer. The capitalist considers that he will be injured by the introduction of Socialism. In the same way the Roman noble considered he would be injured by the introduction of Christianity which would necessitate the freedom of his slaves.

Capitalists prate about individuality. They declare that Socialism will do away with individuality. They know not what they talk about. Socialism will bring a chance for individual development to millions now in thralldom.

Capitalist society divides humanity into two classes, the exploiters and the exploited, the robbers and the robbed. How can a worker develop individuality when for ten or twelve hours a day he is at the command of a foreman? How can the worker develop individuality when he is sweated during the day of all energy and crawls home dog tired at night? Laboring day in and day out, week in and week out, year in and year out that the masters may get unearned wealth, the workers are deprived of their right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. They are chained in hard bondage to the machines they operate. Their waking hours are perforce sold to the capitalist exploiters and their right to live belongs to another. They are not free. They do not possess liberty. They must seek a boss and sell themselves into temporary slavery. Happiness is far from them. The landlord hounds for the rent. The masters speed higher the machines. The cost of living keeps soaring and wages do not rise in proportion. Ever the haunting fear of being thrown out of employment. Ever the dread that illness may befall and the rent cannot be paid. Ever the blind obedience to the master class that the profits of the parasites may pile high out of the unpaid labor of the workers.

The capitalists plunder the workers and snarl and fight among themselves over the division of the plunder. And the capitalists call this individual initiative. The capitalists call this individual liberty. If ever a heartless lie broke out of the brain of a twisted intellect that lie is the lie that the capitalist system gives individual liberty. The capitalist system produces slaves and masters. It produces useless parasites and extravagance. It flings the worker into a rented shack and places the parasite in a palace. It produces unemployment and prostitution. It sets man against man. It is the mother of corruption. It breeds hate and anger and suffering and misery. It stands indicted at the bar of impartial reason as a criminal creation legalized for the production of bloated fortunes of the useless and the penalty of the useful.

In every heart is the loneliness of individuality. In every heart is the gregarious instinct. And because the capitalists feel these primitive instincts of their common humanity, they wrap their brains up in their own ideologies and do not connect the sufferings of humanity with their own greed. They are narrow minded creatures who create misery untold and blame it on the Lord of Creation. They, by their selfish snarlings and legalized plunderings force women into prostitution and lay the blame upon the perverted natures of womanhood. If ever a class has existed in history at which the finger of scorn will be pointed by the enlightened historians of the future, that class is the capitalist class. When the gathering storm of an aroused humanity will have broken and deluged the capitalist plunderings out of existence, then humanity will look back on the present days as an epochal nightmare to be shuddered at.

The naval bill has passed the House of Commons. Alphonse Verville voted for the murder ships. This shows that a labor representative is useless unless he has the revolutionary principles firmly embedded in his being.

## COMRADES!

The Socialists call each other Comrades. This appears a peculiar custom to the non-Socialists, one to be laughed at. Yet there is a deep significance in the term. There are three terms that have come down which have developed different significations. These three words are Count, Companion, and Comrade. The first term came from the word comes, comitis, which means the one who goes with. This was applied to the head of a roving band of pillagers in the dark ages, the one who went with and took the lead in the mischief to be done. That term came to be applied to titled parasites now known as Counts.

The word Companion comes from the two Latin words cum panis, and means the sharer of one's bread, those who eat together. Thus soldiers go in companies because they eat at a common mess.

The word Comrade signifies something closer than all these. It comes from the Latin word Camara which means a private room, and Comrade means a room mate, the companion of your waking and sleeping hours.

The word Comrade does mean something to the Socialists. When you feel that there is competition everywhere, capitalists knitting capitalists, workers scabbing on workers, financiers corrupting legislators, and parasites stealing the labor power of the workers, there comes over one the feeling of hopelessness. But when there comes to you the knowledge that there are millions of men and women who are sworn to stamp out competitive anarchy and to introduce co-operation, when you think of the millions who are united in protest against the corruption rampant on every side and the resultant degradation that is prevalent, hope revives, and you can look into the future with untroubled eyes, confident that your Comrades will assist in establishing society on a firm and loving basis.

The Comradeship of the Socialist is a Comradeship of struggle, struggle against human folly, struggle for human liberty. It is a Comradeship for the emancipation of the useful workers and a Comradeship to give to the capitalist parasites a grand opportunity to do their fair share of the work of the world at a fair remuneration.

And the sign of that Comradeship is the red color of liberty, the red color of the human heart that beats quicker at the hope of the upward swing of the human race. The red banner has been the age long flag of the down trodden slaves. It still waves aloft over the wage slaves of today.

But to the vast majority of the Socialist Party there is another sign of Comradeship. There are but few who do not possess this sign. The Socialist Parties of the world are composed of the working men, and throughout the length and breadth of capitalism's dominions these have another token, the universal token of the toil hardened hand.

Socialists are united to overthrow oppression. They are united to take a little of the callousness out of those toil hardened hands, that at least the wives and children of the workers may have the gain that comes from the toil of the husband and father.

Comrades the Socialists are. Comrades they will remain until the Social Revolution is consummated and the workers walk free. Do you want to join us? Are you prepared to grasp the hands of your fellow workers in a universal clasp across the continents and oceans, and unite in a Comradeship for the overthrow of the age long suppression of the laboring class? Come. The Socialist Party needs you, and you need the Socialist Party.

Ten thousand settlers have arrived in Canada in one week in April. The capitalist system transplants thousands of human beings. It breaks up thousands of homes and flings the individuals into new surroundings. Yet the capitalist apologists declare that Socialism would break up the home. It is to laugh.

Socialism is a policy of robbery from the capitalist's point of view. Socialism will do away with his graft on the income of the workers. Therefore he considers it robbery. But from the worker's point of view Socialism is a policy of giving unto the workers what rightfully belongs to them.



## TO YOU WORKERS

A few words to you workers of the Dominion of Canada. No doubt you are weary of words. You hear them from the politician, you hear them from the minister, you hear them from the petty masters set over you by your bosses. Nevertheless I want you to listen to a few words.

These words are in your own interests. I am not going to talk to you about the duty of obedience. You get that from your boss and your minister. I am not going to talk to you about submission to constituted authority. You get that from the politician and the boss. I am not going to talk about what you ought to do. I am going to talk about a political party composed of workers, for the workers.

You have thought deeply about the problems of life. No man living but has pondered the woes of this life. You have thought of the questions of this life and you have sought for guidance from politician and pulpit and paper. And you have received large words and little comfort. You have thought that you knew little and that the persons who set themselves up as your teachers knew much. And although you could not see the reason why, you have submitted to the teaching and endeavored to carry out the doctrines enunciated as your duties. This is evident from the fact that you voted Liberal or Conservative during the last election. This is evident from the large, expensive churches you have reared in which your masters may worship the Man who had not where to lay His head.

Now I am going to talk altogether differently to you than your bosses or your ministers or your politicians talk to you. These men are frequently ignorant and selfish men. They may be skilled in book lore, but they are ignorant of the things which you should know.

You are taught to have respect for the laws of Canada. That is wrong. You should despise the laws of Canada. Laws that will give our rich men millions while the slums of our cities grow big should be dispensed. The laws of Canada are wicked laws made for the enslavement of the men who do the useful work of the country. The laws of Canada are robber laws for they take from those who produce and give unto those who do not produce. Our laws are corrupt laws for under them banks batten on special privileges and the charter mongers and the bonus hunters are given millions while the workmen and workingwomen are bled of their labor power that these corrupt riches may grow.

You have been told to be obedient and to submit yourselves unto your bosses. You have submitted albeit with a rebellious heart. That rebellious heart within you was a truer teacher than the priest or politician or boss who counselled you otherwise. For why should you submit yourself to your boss? Why should he take toll of the wealth you produce? Did he build the factory in which you work? No. Other workers like unto yourself built it. Did he put the coal or silver or iron in the ground to dig out? No. God or nature put it there. Does he do any useful work? No. Because the workers produce what they themselves consume without his help and whatever part goes to the boss is just that much stolen from labor. Therefore the boss in requesting you to bow yourselves that he may rob you. And when your heart protested, your heart was wiser than your head.

You are told to vote for a Liberal or Conservative candidate. You know it does not matter which candidate gets elected. You know that your condition will not be ameliorated. Yet you vote for the old party candidates. There is a party in the field, the Socialist Party of Canada, whose members are working men. Why not vote for it? This party is a party composed of workingmen united for their own emancipation. It has no frills on it. Its aim and object is the raising of the working class to political power that the working class may expropriate their bosses out of the machinery of production. It is a workingman's party. It is strong only in so far as the working men of the Dominion join it. The workingmen of the Dominion are no longer leaning with reverence upon the unjust laws of Canada. They are no longer listening to preachers who tell them to obey unjust laws. They no longer are listening to persons who tell them that the workers are brainless louts who need a superior class of bookish ignoramus to show them how to produce the necessities of life. They are uniting among themselves under the banner of Socialism for the conquest of political power.

Get into the organization of the Socialist Party. There is no money

in it for you. It will cost you twenty-five cents a month. Your bosses won't like you for joining it. That is all the more reason why you should join it. The politician won't like it because when you join the Socialist party you will no longer vote for either old political parties. That is another reason why you should join it. When you join it and read the Socialist literature you will laugh at the old ideas that your instructors gave you. The old ideas will seem so childish and foolish. They will look so selfish that you will be surprised how any man could teach them to you and make you believe that he was teaching these ideas to you just to help you and not from selfish motives.

You can stay out of the Socialist Party if you like. You can read the capitalist papers if you desire and believe what they tell you. You can still hand your brain over to your bosses to be run in their interests along with your body. But with the world wide sweep of workers under the folds of the red flag of labor, you will feel lonely. Even if your boss tells you what a fine fellow you are, you will still feel lonely. Better get under the red flag at once. Better learn what your fellow workers are learning. You have nothing to lose but your chains, united, you have a world of freedom to gain.

Senator Belcourt will not push his anti labor union bill this year. The protests have evidently been too much for him. There was something queer about that bill. It looked like a side attack to cover up other fishy dealings. It is customary for generals to make false attacks to deceive the other side and to make it concentrate its forces on a point where there is to be no fight, while the real attack is made elsewhere. Belcourt's bill may have been of that kind. The workers of the Dominion of Canada are getting restive. They want to get bigger pay and shorter hours and they want to circumscribe the power of the capitalists. So the capitalist gang puts up Belcourt to introduce legislation to take away what little rights the workers have got, while the capitalists are given fat contracts and special privileges and the attention of the workers are drawn away by an attack on the very basis of their right to self protection. It is a significant thing that Senator Belcourt announces that he will not press his bill on the very day that the Liberal government is passing the navy bill by a straight party vote.

Seidel has been inaugurated as Mayor of Milwaukee. His speech was clear cut and impressive. He declared that Labor was the chief asset of Milwaukee and should be protected in every way. The Sanitary Inspector has been sacked for neglect of duty. The city buildings are to be constructed and repaired by union labor. One significant fact is that although there have been hundreds of applicants for city jobs, not one application has come from a Socialist. At Milwaukee among the non-Socialists it is regarded as a great joke to call each other "Comrade." Another significant fact is that there have been hundreds of offers to take up city bonds if they are split up into small lots to suit the small investor. The capitalist dailies were gloating over the idea that the big blood suckers would not patronize Milwaukee securities and the city administration would therefore fail. It is not good to have to pay interest but there are many things which will have to be done which are not good, until the central legislative bodies are captured.

The Dominion elections may come this fall. The immense sums voted for public works, the tons of literature being shipped from Liberal headquarters and the activity of the party leaders seem to point in this direction. The naval policy is worrying the Liberals. The G. T. P. graft is also worrying them. Laurier is getting old and feeble and when he gets out of harness the Liberals feel that their organization will drop to pieces. Moreover the financiers are predicting a panic and hard times. Paper money has flooded the market producing a feverish activity in commerce. For all these reasons the Liberal gang may want to appeal to the people and get another grip on power while yet there is time. The Socialist Party will have a chance to show up how much it has grown in the past two years if the elections are pulled off this fall.

There are two hundred and twenty-one members of Parliament elected by the various constituencies of Canada. How long will it be before the majority of these constituencies are represented by Socialist Members of Parliament? When Ottawa is captured the Socialists will be able to abolish rent, interest and profit in so far as Dominion matters are concerned.

## Toilers and Idlers

Our Serial Story

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## SYNOPSIS.

A rich young man goes to work in a foundry which he discovers to be his own property. He learns social conditions and gets next to union people, anarchists, settlement workers, inmates of orphan homes and other types. He faces the problem of his relations to his employees, complicated with a strike and riot.

CHAPTER XVII.  
(Continued.)

The boys listened well, and at the close of the address, admonished by a wave of the Superintendent's hand, they applauded gently. They sang "God be with you till we meet again," and were dismissed to go downstairs.

Among the visitors screened from Rensen's vision proved to be Mrs. Morris and Madeline. He went to them. The Superintendent, who had at first rushed forward, retreated in apologetic wonder when he saw Ohio Jimmy's friend warmly greeted by the ladies.

"This is an all around surprise, I suppose," said the young man smilingly as he overcame a momentary embarrassment.

"I am pleased, my dear Otis, to find you interested in one of my pet philanthropies," replied his aunt, a picture of gracious silver age framed in sable furs.

"As for me," laughed Madeline, "I shall expect now to meet you in every queer place."

"It's no plot of mine," he said, noting her frank and friendly tone with gratitude. "Some people are fortunate."

"We are fortunate to be here," was the demure answer with a lift of the hazel eyes. The tall womanly figure did not suffer in a fox gait Newmarket with smoke pearl buttons.

"Yes, it always does one good to hear boys sing," said the old lady, "and it is a remarkable fact that the home is almost self-supporting."

"I don't doubt it, aunt," he replied dryly, "after taking supper."

"Mrs. Morris somehow missed it," the Blake-Lawrences, I must tell you, Otis, complain of your behavior at the Settlement affair. They fancy you were quite morose and forgot an engagement to go home with them."

"He deliberated and smiled. "Was it an engagement?"

"Gracia, my dear, understood it so and was deeply offended."

"My dear aunt, I wouldn't contradict. . . . If I am remiss and rude it shows the effect of a study in which formerly, to your great regret, one took no interest. Perhaps now you'll chide one for too much zeal."

"That is precisely so, Otis," she said with a gentle firmness. "One must not let youthful enthusiasm carry one away."

"But really have I shown any enthusiasm? Have I?" He glanced at Madeline with a half humorous suspicion.

"I called at the office to see you," explained the old lady, "and in conversation with Mr. Townsend—who was certainly reticent and discreet—I gathered that you were inclined to radical views. Views such as your father never dreamed of."

"Isn't it something of a question, auntie, as to what is radical?"

"Yes, my dear. . . . But a rash and indiscriminate philanthropy may be more injurious than none."

"Isn't that again a question of terms?" he said, for the sake of amiable avoidance.

"There is such a thing, my dear, as lessening self-respect by charity—pauperizing the poor, it has been called."

"I wonder," interjected Madeline, who had moved away and seemed to be listening, "how it is possible to pauperize the poor."

"Why do you wonder, child?" Mrs. Morris gave her an indulgent look. "Because, however much you give to the rich, they are not at all pauperized."

Rensen was as much delighted as astonished; for the energy of tone and the color in her fine face showed it was no chance phrase.

"My dear child—the case is different—at least, there are many conscientious persons who hold their wealth in trust. There are different problems involved. . . . I see that you, too, are unduly impressed by a first view of conditions."

"But if one is so impressed by a glimpse," replied the girl spiritedly yet with a tactful respect, "the effect of full knowledge must be—"

"Not necessarily, my dear," said Mrs. Morris.

"Then, you must get hardened to it."

"Hardened to it? My dear Madeline!"

At the moment, perhaps luckily, Mrs. Morris was called away by the President to join other visitors in an inspection of the bedrooms upstairs.

The Superintendent, marching rear-guard with official deference, could be heard saying in a voice of subdued force why it was the stairs were so clean—the boys took their shoes off in the hall.

"What has happened?" said Rensen, leaning toward her with hands on the back of a tilted chair. He could discover no lack of lustre in the large eyes not impaired of the rosy classic features.

"You assume that things must happen," she lifted the black velvet hat from its ruddy cushion and began to fix her hair pins.

"I don't believe in spontaneous generation."

"Yet you wonder that your aunt wonders."

"As to that, my story of causes is too commonplace."

"Well, mine happened through a row with the President of the Shirt Waist Union, who introduced herself by spilling tea on my dress."

"What a little black-haired girl named Sonia?"

"Yes, and I was struck so by her temper and independent spirit that I vowed to know her. I called on her and we became friends. It seems she had mistaken me for an aristocrat."

"Did she apologize for the tea?"

"Not especially, but she offered to pay damages, and we kissed. She saved a good many questions about miniatures and all that, and spoke of you as if she would like information, but since she wouldn't tell what she knew herself in that respect, we changed the subject."

"But you didn't find her curious?"

"Perhaps it would not have seemed curious to a man."

"What happened after that?"

"Sonia gave me some books to read and then took me through some sweat-shops. Where they make dresses, shirt waists, everything. It was like studying a lesson in chemistry and then seeing the experiment worked out."

"It must have been a painful lesson."

"Oh, it was terrible," cried the girl impulsively. "To see the hollow cheeks, the bloodless cheeks—to hear the eternal hum of machines in the dark stifling rooms—to think that so many thousands of girls and women, no different from yourself, perhaps better than yourself, are doomed to this life. They die young. Some kill themselves. I heard exceptional stories of horror—such things as used to happen with the slaves in the South—but the common ordinary lot seemed to me sad and terrible enough."

"It is so," he exclaimed, moved by her grave emotion. "The common things are the worst."

"Yes—because the exceptional misery may possibly be remedied. It appeals to the Samaritan. But who cares for the sufferings of thousands?"

"It will become necessary for us to care," he said.

"I feel that life is all different now," she resumed in a low tone. "The great things seem small, and the small things great."

"That was the way it came to me. I found how little important the old notions and self-plans. . . ."

"Have you visited the sweat shops?" she said after an interval.

"Yes—not the sewing-machine kind. I think this world must be a sweat shop."

"Doesn't it depress you sometimes?"

"One would be sorry if it didn't." He glanced at her sympathizing eyes and described the happiness of certain moments when self was forgotten, absorbed in the large life about; when shivering seemed less because it was shared; when in a world of grief and illusion one solid rock rose out of the mist.

She also had been elated with these new ideas, an enthusiasm akin to the religious emotions of youth and the later joy of beauty.

Their thoughts descended from these heights.

"What news of the republic," he asked, smiling, "where the muses hold cabinet despite a commercial congress?"

"I'm afraid the muses are discouraged," she replied. "There is so much suspicion in the air that they must begin to suspect themselves."

"Isn't it rather the result of too much self-analysis—the modern disease?"

"Perhaps so. . . . I used to think it glorious to peel and dissect the onion, but it certainly makes you miserable when you come to the end or near it, and find nothing."

"Surely that couldn't be your experience."

"Why not? Am I different or better?"

"But think of your talent—as a painter."

"That is what I have been thinking of."

"Has anybody been criticizing?"

"Only myself. Suppose those miniatures are worth anything—which is a question—one must deduct in the first place about half and charge it to advertising."

"Even so, half the merit of a good piece of work—"

"No, that remaining half isn't mine. Wouldn't it be absurd to suppose that in a few months, a village amateur could turn out art?"

"You don't mean to say it's a case of plagiarism and all that?"

"I don't know what to call it. Sometimes it's been collaboration. When two people work together enthusiastically they don't quite know how much each contributes. . . . Perhaps lately I have done a few things almost alone. That only shows how well one has learned to imitate."

"The case is not so bad," he said, smiling at her doleful tone. "Imitation is a step, and it is natural for an artist to have doubts. A little healthy scepticism."

"Before, it was the modern disease," she objected.

"Yes, too much, but a little when one understands matters so well. Besides, think of your conversational talents," he added rather crudely.

(To be continued.)

A good deal of this public ownership agitation is due to capitalists who want to unload on the public. A great business no longer pays. The owners think that it is a good idea for the government to take over that business, paying about twice what the business is worth from a capitalist's standpoint. The governments of the world are going into state capitalism and bonding themselves to the parasites for the ownership of the works taken over. The Socialists, particularly in Great Britain, stand for the repudiation of the national debts. Therefore the unloading of capitalist securities upon the state will avail the parasites little when Socialism comes.

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## THE PEOPLE'S POEMS

## THE TORCH OF LIBERTY

Raise the torch of liberty!  
Grasp it with a firmer hand;  
Let your tyrant masters see  
And its meaning understand.  
Labor's hosts have sworn to be  
From the yoke of bondage free.

Raise the torch, lift it high,  
And with loyal hearts and brave,  
Shout the revolution's cry—  
To each master, to each slave  
Freedom comes and Slavery  
Banished from the earth shall be.

Raise the torch! O may its flame  
Set the Nation's heart aglow!  
Bear it high in Freedom's name,  
Singing ever as you go,  
Workers of the World, Unite,  
This is Freedom's holy fight.

Raise the torch of Liberty—  
Bear it onward through the gloom  
Of the night of Tyranny.  
Shout aloud the tyrant's doom.  
Onward till the world shall be  
From this yoke of bondage free.

—John Spargo.

## ONLY.

(The following poem from the London Clarion emphasizes the extent to which the capitalist system preserves the purity of the home, and provides the incentive for individual improvement.)

Only a woman—wan and wild—  
With body foul and soul defiled,  
Gliding along the city street,  
All numbed with cold and drenched  
with sleet.  
Who is this child of woe—pray tell?  
"Only a harlot fit for hell."

Only a drunkard, gray and old,  
Only an attic bare and cold,  
A scene of sin, death and decay—  
What means this ghastly vision—  
pray?  
The church replies without a groan,  
"A man must reap as he has sown."

Only a dim-eyed, weary soul,  
Toiling to earn a paltry dole  
Slaving all day, and half the night,  
Her life one bitter, endless fight.  
But lo, an answer is to hand:  
"Because supply exceeds demand."

Only a baby born—to love—  
With soul more pure than saints  
above,  
Condemned to suffering, grief and  
pain,  
Till dust returns to dust again.  
The law says, with impartial air,  
"The child its parents' guilt must  
share."

Only a harlot and a slave—  
No peace for them except the grave.  
Only an infant and a sot—  
Cast them aside, it matters not.  
Leave them to sin, work, drink and  
die—  
Why should we trouble—you and I.

Only four souls once pure and white,  
Now sunk to depths of blackest  
night;  
Once raised to heaven, now thrust to  
hell;  
Once fit with gods—now fiends—to  
dwell.  
Souls such as these for pity cry.  
Shall we not listen—you and I.

## NINETY AND NINE.

There are ninety and nine that work  
and die  
In want and hunger and cold,  
That one may live in luxury  
And be lapped in a silken fold;  
And ninety and nine in their hovels  
bare  
And one in a palace of riches rare.

From the sweat of their brows the  
desert blooms,  
And the forest before them falls,  
Their labor has builded humble  
homes  
And cities with lofty halls;  
And the one owns cities and houses  
and lands,  
And the ninety and nine have empty  
hands.

But the night so dark and dreary  
and long  
At last shall the morning bring;  
And over the land the victor's song  
Of the ninety and nine shall ring  
And echo afar from zone to zone:  
Rejoice, for labor shall have its own.  
—Anon.

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The sub list jumps over a hundred this week. This is a good showing after last week's enormous gain.

The ten thousand goal is ahead of us. We have been climbing pretty steadily towards it. The hustlers have worked well.

It depends upon every hustler how soon the ten thousand mark will be reached. Every sub counts. If you cannot get a long string of subs get one. If you cannot get a yearly, get a halfer. You want to see that ten thousand sub mark met and passed. You want to see Socialism spread over Canada. It depends upon your own efforts how far the printed page of Cotton's Weekly reaches.

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Saskatchewan	5	15	476
New Brunswick	38	9	295
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Five halfers and a yearly from Com. Eugene Millar, Lachine, Quebec, P. Q.

Com. Millan Grant, Steelton, Ont., forwards a dollar for a yearly and three halfers.

"Keep up the fight" writes Com. C. L. O'Bryant, Milestone, Sask., as he brings two yearlies into the Wigwag.

Com. J. Watson, Winnipeg, Man., adds five halfers to the sub list. As also does James McDonald, Niagara Falls, Ont.

Comrade S. A. Hallberg, Ross Creek, Alta., wants five subs for half yearlies and forwards a dollar to pay for same.

Com. John W. Lomas, Halifax, N. S., adds a yearly. I think Cotton's Weekly will be delivered all right in Halifax now.

"I hope you will have every success with your paper," writes Com. Alex. Leckie, Ottawa, forwarding the price of five halfers.

Com. G. Waples, Steelton, Ont., is responsible for three halfers and two yearlies imbibing the doctrines of economic freedom.

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Comrade Lorne Wilkie, Windsor, does not like the postal tax on special bundles, so he takes a bundle of fifty copies every week and becomes a regular subscriber.

"Enclosed one dollar for my sub and the banner collection. I am a new Socialist and like to study the principles." Com. J. F. Sauve, Alexandria, Ont.

"Enclosed please find a more holy than righteous two dollar bill as a remittance for the cause of Socialism." Com. John F. Hornberger, Wainwright, Alta.

"I can't do much to help but I am being made to have government regulated intellect," as Goldwin Smith puts it," writes Mrs. D. W. Johnson, Boissevain, Man.

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Five halfers from Com. James Mahoney, Fort William, Ont. Com. Mahoney objects to the slang that appears in the paper. So do I and it is being eliminated as much as possible.

"Please send me some cards as I sold all those you sent me in one hour." Thus writes Comrade Wm. McCallum, Westville, N. S., enclosing plunk.

Com. S. J. Cotton, Coleman, Alta., adds five halfers and writes, "I would like to send more but as I am a wage slave I do well if I make a living."

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There is a deficit of \$39.28 on the Agitation Battery Fund. Help needed to keep the Battery at work.

Com. Woods, Sandwick, B. C., has been scouting round and discovered two discontented ones and immediately annexed them to Cotton's sub list.

Comrade Matthew Lazzaris, South Wellington, B. C., forwards sixteen yearlies all for South Wellington. That makes the B. C. list creep up some.

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"Cheer up. There is many a man, yea, and many a woman, who are helping you whom you never hear of," writes Com. Edward W. Reylton, laying a string of five halfers on the sub counter.

One dollar for sub cards, one dollar for a three month's bundle, and one dollar for special bundle for May Day, is the latest stunt of Com. D. W. Brown, Ottawa, Ont.

"I am doing my best for the Revolution," writes Com. John H. Newman, Tesiskaming Mines, Ont., showing four plunks over the counter for Socialist literature.

Com. Jules Lavenne, of Springhill, N. S., has been over in Jogging Mines and captures four scalps. More than that he has stirred the boys up and inoculated some of them with husteritis, which will show later on.

Com. A. Banks, Central Park, B. C., forwards a halfer. Declares that he is out hunting subs, but that after Com. Wm. Coulter has swept through the region on the same quest the pickings for new subs are small.

"I am one of those independent farmers who have only to work eighteen hours a day," writes Com. A. E. Faulkner, Conjurong Creek, Alta., as he takes a bunch of five sub cards.

"Subs selling like hot cakes. Sold complete supply in two days. Please rush fresh supply for cash enclosed. Will Laurie Co. ever understand that the more oppression the more progress. The heater is on fire, keep it burning." Com. James McDonald, Niagara Falls.

"Whoop'er up old man. More power to your elbow. You'll win never fear." Thus writes Com. F. Crandell, High River, Alta., as he lands five halfers with a victorious flourish.

"Hurrah for Milwaukee! Hurrah for Australia! Hurrah for the Appeal circulation! Hurrah for Cotton's Weekly! Hurrah for the race!" Thus does Com. W. C. Paynter express his feelings as he lands five halfers for Cotton's.

Com. W. T. Buckell, Conjurong Creek, Alta., forwards a yearly. Wants to know why we cannot take checks. Because a fifty cent check sent from Alberta to Quebec will be docked twenty-five cents as transmission charges by our glorious Canadian banks.

"Yes this union did get in line with the Protest to Ottawa," writes Secretary, No. 154, W. F. of M. Cobalt, Ont., "And I wrote the letter which they all signed that were present. Altogether there must have been about forty kickers from this camp. And we have Rodolphe Lemieux's reply right here and also his typewritten 'Regulations.' Everyone here is in sympathy with your paper, and have lost all use for Lemieux over this affair. Enclosed please find five dollars in payment of twelve copies for twelve months as a further protest against this latest postal tyranny. Wishing Cotton's the fullest measure of success, and with best wishes in every other way. I am yours for a truthful press."

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### ABOUT JOB PRINTING

In response to many enquiries for prices on job printing, we must state that Cotton's has no job plant. We have only had the use of a press sometimes in return for the use of our cylinder press. That's how we get our printing done. The constant deficit on the paper has kept us too poor to put in a job plant. If Canadian comrades will put the circulation up over 10,000, we will get the backing for the machinery. Then we will turn out good work at Socialist prices, and carrying the Union Label. Help Cotton's to help the movement.

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## World Wide Socialism

The Socialist Party Congress of the U. S. will be held in the Masonic Temple May 15th to 19th.

The State Convention of the Socialist party of New Hampshire will be held in Manchester, April 28th.

A big strike is on at the Bethlehem Steel works. The Associated Press refuses to report the strike and to give the workers an even deal.

Ninety-six labor organizations of New York city have enlisted for the May Day parade which will march to Union Square. It is expected that fifty thousand people will participate in the march.

The aggressive campaign of the National Syndicate of Railroad workers in favor of a raise in wages in France grows more intense from day to day. The organization is going to spend tens of thousands of dollars the coming year to keep speakers and organizers in the field.

Three hundred and fifty thousand workers in the building trades are locked out by their bosses in Germany. Kausky is counselling the workers of the other trades not to join in a sympathetic strike but to conquer at the poles. He looks forward confidently to a majority of votes next year for the Socialist cause and predicts that the German Empire will be shaken to its foundations.

### GLACE BAY NOTES

Strike conditions in and around Glace Bay remain about the same, although a permanent injunction has been granted against sixty officials of the mine workers. The judge in making the injunction permanent, states that the numerous assaults and intimidations of men working for the Dominion Coal Company warrants his action. Of course there has been nothing said about the actions of the Coal Company policemen irritating the men on strike and provoking them into assaults. But what can you expect from governments and judges: that are at the beck and call of the parent corporations. Take for instance the Minimum Wage Bill introduced into the local legislature this session by the city of Sydney. It was for the benefit of the working class but was soon thrown out as undesirable legislation. On the other hand the town council of Glace Bay introduced a bill asking the Provincial Government for legislation to provide for the appointment of a police commissioner and also to form a body of provincial police to be used in the province at any time and in towns or cities should occasion arise by disturbances or otherwise, said police to have extraordinary powers conferred on them by the said police commissioner. Anybody with half an eye can see why the Glace Bay town council should want such legislation. The majority of the council are in the employ "directly or indirectly" of the Dominion Coal Company but strange to say the Attorney General of the province at once appears on the scene with a bill drafted as a government measure to comply with the demands of the said town council with every prospect of the bill going through. So catch on to the difference.—Eastern Labor News.

### ONE MAN'S OPINION.

I subscribed to your paper for three months to enable me to judge of its principles and the more I see of it the more I feel that it shows an utter lack of principle and should be suppressed. Whatever subject is being discussed, it is sought to convey wrong ideas, and to mislead readers, the great aim being to set workmen against the employer, no means being too low to try and effect this. Your letters to the Postmaster General are a disgrace to an educated man, and the most charitable view to take of you is that you are not responsible for your actions.—R. R. Saunders, Trinity Valley, B. C.

We note among the names of those who took up the cudgels on behalf of the freedom of the press, as instanced in the case of Cotton's Weekly, the name of John Herron, the member for the electoral district of McLeod, Alta., and whilst we recognize that this is a stand for common justice, we also accept it as another proof of the Socialist's contention that a man's environment largely determines his actions. Mr. Herron represents a district in which there is a large percentage of Socialists and consequently they must have had a beneficial influence upon "Honest John." At the same time the party of which he forms a part is just as much interested in the perpetuation of the present system from which springs all our economic ills, as the Liberal party.—District Ledger, Fernie, B. C.

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The capitalists do not mind Socialism as an abstract principle. But they do not like Socialism one little bit when applied.

The world for the workers and not for the human parasites who live off the labor of the workers. That is an aim of Socialism.

The unemployed capitalist will always have with him. If you want to do away with the unemployed, abolish the capitalist mode of production.

A Federal Court has fined the haters for a boycott. The Beef Trust has done the same thing to the people of the United States.—Philadelphia North American.

The Laurier government is a government of confiscation. It confiscates the surplus values from the labor of the workers and gives them to the capitalists.

Montreal is spending one million dollars on the education of her youth. As this education is along capitalist and reactionary lines, most of the money will be wasted.

The parasites praise the exploited so long as the exploited submit in patience to exploitation. But when the exploited object the parasites call them undesirable citizens.

No. Socialism will not hurt anyone who is willing to work. Nor will it hurt the healthy person who does not want to work. Socialism will do the latter person a tremendous amount of good in spite of himself.

There is an international congress on at Paris for the suppression of the white slave trade. And there is an international Socialist Party in revolt against the capitalist conditions which produce the white slave trade.

Strikes are dangerous things. They mean much suffering. Let the private ownership of the means of production be abolished and let the working classes be put in control of the things with which they must work. Then strikes will cease, for how can workers strike against themselves?

Mgr. Pagnatelli, Papal Nunzio at Vienna called on Roosevelt while the latter was in Vienna. For so doing he has been recalled by the Pope and condemned to three months in a monastery. Foolish Pope. Does he not know that anybody who would call on Teddy and be forced to listen to his insufferable egotism has suffered enough.

In Oklahoma the courts have thrown out the two cent rate bill passed by the Oklahoma Legislature on the ground that it is unconstitutional. The will of the people has been nullified. The private railroads charge three cents a mile. The Oklahomans, therefore, are planning to build a network of state owned railroads paralleling the private lines. The American courts cannot thwart the will of the people forever.

The Lower House of Massachusetts passed the Eight Hour Day bill by a vote of one hundred and twenty-six to eighty-four. The bill goes to the Senate where it may be thrown out. The bill provides that eight hours shall constitute a day's work for all laborers employed on public works, whether for city, country or state. The Massachusetts Legislature acts while the Canadian House buries the eight hour day bill in committee.

An Englishman's home is said to be his castle. No one can enter it without his permission. Let his home be in a rented house and let him not have the money to pay his rent and see how quick his home will be broken into. When Socialism comes there will be no rented homes, no landlords, no worry. The homes of the people will be for the use of the people and not for the profit of the landlord.

The railroad, steamboat, telegraph, telephone, automobile and flying machine have torn down all geographical boundary lines. With the disappearance of natural boundary lines, political boundary lines separating nation from nation become absurd. Modern inventions have made national patriotism an artificial sentiment, to be cherished in the breasts of the ignorant because of their ignorance, and to be blatantly paraded forth by the capitalists for selfish ends.

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## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Should unionists be Socialists? If so, why?

Unionists should be Socialists because, no matter what concessions the unions may be able to wring from the employing class, wages can never be regarded as full compensation for labor performed. The only way for the man who works to get his own, and all of it, is through Socialism. The unions have served a purpose but have their limitations. They are powerless when the courts, militia and other powers of government are turned against them; but a solid array of workmen voting in their own interests is the one terror that makes the plutocrats stay their hand, as it has for years in Germany and is beginning to do in this country. While the unions devote their efforts almost exclusively to getting immediate results, and the Socialist party is concerned principally with other than immediate demands, yet the gradual growth of a class-conscious political party commands respect for and deference toward the immediate demands of the proletariat. It is like an advancing army marching to the rescue of a beleaguered fortress. Though not on the field, its presence is felt. The best union men of the country are already Socialists, and practically all of them will be when education and experience have taught them a few more lessons.

### MODERN INJUSTICE

A. G. McCallum.

It seems strange that at the dawn of the twentieth century the governments of the world allow conditions to exist, conditions that prevent large masses of people from engaging in productive industry, and which fail to enable them, when they have a chance, from gaining an adequate living. It seems strange that the governments of the world allow the gigantic machinery of production to be owned by a mere handful of people, people who carry on this great responsible work, not in accordance with society wants, but for their own personal gain.

It seems strange that at this late date, after nearly two thousand years experimenting in science, literature, architecture, agriculture, machinery etc., that the question of hunger has not been dispensed with. It seems strange that while the land is more fruitful today than ever known in history; while the great store-houses are filled up unto bursting, yet countless children die from slow starvation and want. It seems strange that modern machinery has developed to such a stage as to be able to attend and supply the wants of all society with the greatest ease, yet tens of thousands of able and willing workers are forced to starve right within hearing of the rumble of great wheels. It seems strange that a large majority of people whose lives and well being depend upon the use of machinery should be denied the right to work and share in the earth's fruitfulness.

These many acts of injustice, perpetrated on the working classes of the old world, have been the means of turning their attention abroad, and have now brought about what is known as modern wholesale immigration, which in itself is enough to condemn the capitalist system. This private ownership of the land and its resources, plus the gigantic machinery of production and distribution; by the few, has brought disaster on the many whose lives depend on its use.

The private ownership and management of the necessities of life by the few has been the means of forcing large sections of communities to leave their native land to seek an existence in another, thinking that conditions would be more just. But, alas, it was only to find that capitalism with its ever increasing unemployed, misery and degradation was established in the land of new homes. The essence of modern immigration is injustice. It reveals the fact that a great wrong has been done to the many, a class who can only live by the sale of their labor power. Emigration is the resource of an oppressed people, and is proof positive that legislators of Modern Capitalism are incapable of looking after the individual and social rights of the many.

### MONTREAL CELEBRATION.

The Montreal Socialists will gather in force on Sunday next, May Day on the Champ de Mars at 2.30 p.m., where there will be speeches beneath the red flag. At 8 in the evening the Socialists will gather at the Auditorium, 17 Berthelet St., where there will be a concert and a social time after the concert is over.

A scheme is on to harness the Jordan and produce water power. The crusades have at last triumphed in the establishment of Frankish capitalism.

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### KEEP AWAY FROM SPRINGHILL

The Cumberland Railway and Coal Company of Springhill, N. S., whose wage slaves are revolting and refusing to work under unfair conditions, is advertising widely for scabs. This is the attractive ad the company is slinging over Canada.

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Miners with families provided comfortable houses, rent free until further notice, and steady employment for men and boys.

Transportation advanced or refunded if miners remain in Company's employ for two calendar months.

Apply Manager, Cumberland Railway and Coal Co., Springhill, N. S.

This ad on the part of a company with a strike on its hands shows that Springhill is a good place for miners to stay away from at present.

Not content with local police and Dominion soldiers, the Nova Scotia legislature is considering a bill for a Provincial police force to be concentrated at the places of trouble. The police force is to be sent to a town on petition of the local authorities. The Nova Scotia legislatures want to please the exploiters of the wage slaves of Nova Scotia.

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If you believe this paper is doing a work that merits encouragement, fill out the above coupon and mail it to COTTON'S WEEKLY, Cowanville, P. Q.

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# POLITICAL SUPREMACY

The Socialist Party aims at the political supremacy of the working classes. From the dawn of history the human parasites have usurped the functions of government. Even today the parasites rule Canada.

Political supremacy means political supremacy. It does not mean electing a capitalist henchman once in four years to give the country away to the capitalists. It does not mean electing the Lauriers and the Borden and the Lemieux to rule over the working classes. It means that the working classes shall be politically supreme and shall derive all the benefits which arise from political control. A Laurier gives huge bonuses to the labor ensnared. A Liberal government is returned and armies are drilled to keep the wage slaves in subjection. A Liberal government rules and the capitalists enjoy the victory by reaping rich contracts, enormous bonuses, parasite dividends, and laws passed for the direct exploitation of the workers to the profit of the never workers.

When the Socialist victory comes there will be another tale to tell! The workers will have captured the government and the fruits of victory will be theirs. The Canadian Pacific Railway will be confiscated. Sir Wm. Van Home and heirs will have to do some useful work from a workingman's point of view. He or they will not be able to run to a subservient government for slave laws, and monies that rightfully belong to the working classes. The Canadian Northern Railway will be confiscated and Mackenzie and Mann will have to take off their coats and go to work. A Manitoba government will not build their railroads for them and then give the railroads to them as a present. The mines and the forests and the cotton mills and the coke ovens will pass under the direct control of the workers. The present bosses will have no more right in the buildings or mines of production than the most unskilled workman employed. The workers will control the machines of production and the revenues arising therefrom. The parasite capitalist will become so rare that you will have to search the darkest corners of uncivilized territory to find one of the species.

Labor will come to its own. The police will be used to keep the erstwhile proprietors in order and if they dare object to the Socialist order the doors of their own prisons will yawn for their reception until their thieving spirits become chastened and they are content to dwell in a Socialist community where robbery, legalized or otherwise, has passed away.

The need of soldiery will have largely disappeared, because the laborers upon whom fall the burdens of war, whose sons are the ones who go forth to be slaughtered that the dividends of the Rockefeller and Morgans and Rothschilds and Forgets may grow large, whose backs are bowed beneath the weight of the preparation of giant armaments, will cease to build instruments of war and will turn their energies in the direction of peace.

When the Socialist supremacy comes the careers of the Lauriers will be impossible. The Strathconas will be looked upon as men of horrible criminal proclivities. The man who would seek to acquire large tracts of land, or the private proprietorship of mills or workshops, will be regarded as a traitor to the common good. Then will the loud-mouthed politician become an object of pity and contempt. Labor will come to its own and the conception of the functions of the state will be those of the working classes—not those of their present masters, the parasite receivers of rent, interest and profit.

Political supremacy means many things. It means that the party in power can spend the public funds. Look how Laurier flings the money of the public away on rotten, useless, criminal, and abhorred objects. Look how he is sinking twenty million dollars that murder may be committed. Patriotism? Who believes Laurier to be patriotic? The call of the coal barons and the yelp of the steel mill owners are in his ears, and he hastens to glut their revenues with money sweated from the workers.

He is in power and he can spend public monies for criminal purposes, for army and navy and the machinery of war. He can sling it to the Grand Trunk Pacific. His government can call out the troops. His government can pass laws that hound the workers from job to job at pittance pay. And his government sees that the workers suffer.

His government has the power. It is politically supreme. Can you not see what a tremendous instrument that government is? Let the workers seize that government and a vast change will come over this Canada of

# SHOULD THE IGNORANCE OF GASPE BLIGHT THE FREE PRESS OF CANADA?

ours. The workers will rule. If the army is called out, it will not be called out to shoot the rebellious strikers at Glace Bay or Fort William. It will be called out to shoot the rebellious bosses if necessary.

With the control of the political powers, the workers will control industry. They will work in the mills and the mines and the forests and on the farm and get the full results of their social labor value. There will be no banks to rob them, nor mortgage holders to sweat the interest out of the farmers. There will be no dividends or interest to pay. The bosses will not tell the workers how many hours they must work for a dollar bill. The workers will reign supreme and will run the machinery of production for themselves. There will be no strikes against the bosses because the bosses will have been expropriated. There will be no soldiers with fixed bayonets at Glace Bay to rip out the stomachs of the workers at the command of puppet officers paid to murder. The workers will rule, and the capitalists will be elevated from their present parasite positions to the dignity of useful workers. Class will no longer be arrayed against class for the machinery of production will have been socialized and the economic reasons for class divisions will have been removed.

Workers of Canada. How do you like the idea of your class becoming politically supreme? Honest now. Do you like Laurier ruling over you? Cannot you see the leering faces of the capitalists of Canada behind him? Would you not prefer to run this Canada for yourselves? You can do it. You have the votes, and should you unite on the political field, you could sweep the present political rulers of Canada into the limbo of dead and forgotten things.

Awake, sleeping workers of Canada. Rise. Seize the reins of government. Get into the Socialist Party and let the red banner of the worker's freedom wave over you. Come out of the nightmare of your capitalist trance and achieve your own emancipation.

You will not be able to get the Socialist viewpoint all at once, perhaps. It is not easy to change the whole course of your thoughts and to look at all things from a new angle. It is not easy to make the change. But when you do get the Socialist viewpoint, many things you formerly regarded with reverence you will regard with contempt. The things you once thought worth while you will not struggle for. Reverence for the man who has made his pile will go. You will look upon those classes whom you regarded with respect as being composed of superior beings, with contempt. Your whole viewpoint will change and you will see that those who are deserving of the best treatment receive the worst, and those who merit the least get the most. You will see how the workingman is exploited and the exploiters get revenues and comfort services which the workers should enjoy. Then you will see that the whole system of capitalist production must be reorganized on a different basis. You will see how the laws are made by selfish men for selfish ends. You will see why Laurier wants a navy. You will see why the exploiters oppose Socialism and why the workers spread its doctrines. You will see many things which may land you in trouble because new visions are so opposed to the enforced laws and systems of the dividing of property. But what you see is seen by many others and you will know that the day is drawing near when the Socialist ideals will become the practical politics of a workingman's government.

There are many persons who work and work hard. But their work is useless work from a social point of view. They work and scheme to gather unto themselves large incomes from the robbery of their fellowmen. Such are stock brokers and bonus hunters and land grabbers and the whole host of parasites who live off the labor of others. Socialism, by the organization of industry and the socialization of the means of production and distribution, will utterly abolish the stock broker and land lord and lawyer and dividend receiver and mortgage holder. The result of the toil of the real producers will go to the real producers. The men who by their occupations now gain such large revenues, will find their occupations totally abolished and they will have to find other ways of exerting themselves if they desire to live.

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To the Honorable Rodolphe Lemieux. You have decided to seriously interfere with the circulation of the radical press. This may be on account of your blundering ignorance of the postal requirements of radical papers, or it may be due to malice aforethought.

There is only one class of papers which your regulation that bona fide subscribers to special bundles thereof must pay sixteen times the rate paid by newsdealers will injure. That class is the radical class.

Is it due to your ignorance that you thus place an exorbitant charge upon the humanitarians of Canada? Are you a serious Postmaster General or are you a huge joke on the people of Canada?

Listen. You represent the county of Gaspe, Ignorant Gaspe, backward Gaspe, the county without a railroad, the county without a newspaper. Surely the choice of the men inhabiting that bleak and desolate peninsula that juts out into the mists that rise off Newfoundland's shores should not be raised to a position where his freakish brain can hamper the free thought of a mighty country.

They voted well for you, those Gasperians. They gave you a mighty majority. One thousand four hundred and ninety-two was your majority. You no doubt congratulated yourself on your glorious victory. You represent the Gasperians and that is as it should be. But the question is why the Gasperians choice should put a toll on radical thought? Do you sympathize with the backwardness of your constituency and are you longing that the inequality between their desolate loneliness and the awakening of the rest of Canada should not be increased? Is it for this reason that you allow newspapers to be sent to newsdealers on speculation at one-quarter of a cent a pound and charge enlightened Socialists, who out of their desire to awaken their fellowmen dig down into their pockets and buy Socialist papers by the hundred, to present them as a free and valuable gift to their fellowmen, a postal rate of four cents a pound? If this be the case then you are pursuing a foolish course. You should strive to enlighten your electors, not drag the electors of other constituencies into their ignorance.

Are you a serious Postmaster General, or did Laurier, by a sort of grim humor, the kind of humor that bows Canada to the burden of murder ships, choose you to see what you would do in the way of making absurd regulations?

Gaspe, the county without a railroad, the county without a newspaper. Gaspe, the county of barren rocks and mournful surges. Gaspe, the county of mists and little reading. This county gives Canada her Postmaster General. We should perhaps make allowances for you, Honorable Sir, and give you a chance to rectify the mistakes you make. We should extend the helping hand to you and point out wherein you err.

You err in preventing the free circulation of Socialist literature. You err in taxing the man who purchases the flowing thought of Socialist pens a fifteen hundred per cent tax as against the newsdealer. You err exceedingly in hampering the fair circulation of radical thought. You err exceedingly.

I am enclosing a clipping from the Canadian Co-operator which you are putting out of business. The clipping reads as follows.

"A Socialist organ, 'Cotton's Weekly,' complains that the usual publishers privileges are denied to it because its distributors work for nothing in circulating the political doctrines it publishes. It is essential, according to departmental ruling that a newspaper distributor should be a recognized news agent, that is a man who works for his own profit. It is anathema for a man to work according to his conception of the public interest and advantage, without exacting payment for his services."

"The Canadian Co-operator" has, however, received even less consideration at the hands of the Postmaster General. The literary production and management of this journal is undertaken without a cent of remuneration to anyone. If any profit should be made no individual enjoys it. It will be applied to the propagation of the great moral, social and economic principles for which the Movement stands. The Co-operative Union of Canada applied for publishers privileges in respect of all members of Co-operative societies affiliated with the Union and for whom the societies, of which they were respectively members, paid. While, however, the Department has formally acknowledged the public importance of our propaganda, it cannot extend to us the usual privileges granted to a profit-hunting publisher. To secure those valuable concessions granted at the public expense, we are given to understand we must get into the publishing business to make money, hire men to work up individual subscriptions and collect toll from the public for the information imparted.

A social gospel which is offered without money and without price is not appreciated at Ottawa."

Has the mournful dirge of the ocean waves beating on the rockbound coasts of Gaspe entered your soul, that you so order your departmental regulations as to crush out the free gift to the people of Canada of men who toil without remuneration that their fellow men may live more at ease?

You little know, Honorable Sir, the spirit of revolt that is growing up against your department. I am publishing a special May Day issue this week. I have added to the purchase price of bundles of this issue purchased by the laboring men of Canada the toll of eighteen cents a hundred copies. This extra charge, the postal charge you exact from Socialist publications, I call "The Lemieux Tax Against Freedom of Thought." Do you like that expression, Honorable Sir? If you do not, then remove the unjust tax.

One workingman has ordered nine hundred copies. He has sent the price without the "Lemieux Tax against Free Thought" added. He declares, "Lemieux may go to Hades." I will pay that extra tax. Amounting to more than a dollar. I give you the words of this workingman to show you what spirit your excessive postal charges is engendering.

You declared in the House of Commons that I was starting a campaign against you. I have started a campaign against your excessive tax and as you stick to your tax on free thought the campaign must necessarily turn against you.

I might go to the local postoffice and slip these bundles through by deceit at the lower rate. That, however, would lower me to your level and I desire to avoid that if possible.

Will you remove your unjust tax against the radical publications? If you do not you are laying up trouble and vexation of spirit for yourself.

Oh, Lemieux, Lemieux, you little know the people of Canada. They are not a people that can be held in with iniquitous postal regulations. Turn to Solomon and read about the wise man who seeth the evil and hideth himself.

Yours for a fair postal service, WILLIAM ULRIC COTTON.

Men cannot be politically free so long as they are economically bound.

May Day is the international day of celebration of revolting wage slaves.

Socialism means liberty to the workers. Capitalism means wage slavery.

Are you satisfied and content to be robbed? If you are your place is at the heels of your master.

Present society is the product of revolutions. The future society will be the product of the social revolution.

The conquest of political power in the interests of the working classes is the aim of the Socialist Party of Canada.

Meat riots in New York and rice riots in China show that international capitalism is getting in its fine work.

Kings and nobles and landed proprietors are relics of feudalism. In a few years coal barons and steel kings will be relics of a past capitalism.

The Socialist Party is of the working class. It stands for the interests of the working classes first, last and all the time.

Milwaukee has been captured by the Socialists. When will Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, Vancouver, Halifax or Ottawa be captured by the organized Socialists?

Discontent with present conditions on the part of the workers means that present conditions will be done away with by the workers when that discontent becomes clarified and intelligently directed.

Old institutions break down and new institutions grow and thrust the old aside. The feudal age passed away and the capitalist age came. The capitalist age will pass away before the age of Socialism.

The rulers of today look back upon revolutions with pride. But they do not want any revolutions to come now that will destroy their power. But the very organization of capitalist society renders inevitable the coming of a revolution.

The Socialist Party is the working class party. It stands for the interests of the working men and working women. Get into the Socialist Party and help along the work of capturing the political power that it may be used for the abolition of wage slavery.

When the workers will unite politically their votes will sweep them in to power. Then will come the application of the Socialist remedy for present ills, the public ownership and democratic management of the means of production and distribution.

There are nine Provincial Legislatures to be captured by the Canadian Socialists. It is a big job, but big jobs do not frighten Socialists. They are great lads to work for their coming freedom. But they do not like to work when they feel they are being robbed of the greater part of what they produce.

Slavery consists in subordinating the individual labor to the will of another for the economic profit of that other. When a wage slave submits his labor power to the dictates of a boss for ten hours a day and gets in return but a bare living, is not that slavery?

The capitalist declares to the Socialist "Thou shalt not steal." and the Socialist declares unto the capitalist "Thou shalt not steal." The reason is that the capitalist and Socialist each has in view a totally different definition of what can be stolen.

Willie Hearst, of the New York "Journal" has come out in support of the Taft Administration. Willie is an also ran and is still a would be runner. He is of the brass drum variety. But he feels that he cannot beat tom toms with Teddy and consequently does not want Teddy to run for President when Willie runs. Therefore Willie is telling what a nice comfortable man Taft is. These little politicians may play tag among themselves, and scheme their little schemes; but a vast revolution is preparing in the U. S., the Social revolt of the exploited wage slaves.

# CLASS STRUGGLE

There are class struggles existing at the present time. There are a whole host of class struggles. There is the struggle of the middle class to maintain a precarious existence. There is the struggle of the class of lawyers to squeeze more fees out of their clients. There is the struggle of the skilled workers to limit the number of workers entering their trade. There is the struggle of the various class divisions to get all they can out of the work they do or don't do and to pay as little as possible for the work done.

But all these struggles resolve themselves down to two great classes and to a great class struggle. There are the wage workers and there are the exploiters. There are the capitalist labor skimmers and the skilled laborers. And the struggle exists on the part of the capitalists to increase the revenues they squeeze from the workers and on the part of the workers to get more of the revenues coming to them.

There are a hundred and twenty-five thousand railway employees in Canada. There are three hundred and fifty-six thousand factory hands. There are a half million farmers. There are a hundred thousand personal servants. There are thousands of miners. These classes toil, but they toil for the most part for the benefit of their masters. The personal servants work for the master class. Trains are run to carry the goods of the master class. Builders build houses for the private use of the capitalist class or for the master class to rent to workers. Like as the Egyptians toiled to rear the pyramids, so the wage slaves of Canada toil to rear the palaces of her plunderers or to prepare the furniture and clothing for the capitalist class and its hangers on.

The struggle lies between the workers on the one hand and the capitalists class on the other. The capitalists strive to keep the workers in wage bondage that the workers may toil to produce the luxuries of their exploiters. The workers are in a mood of revolt. They want to free themselves from the necessity of producing for the soft handed gentry of the glib tongue and itching palm. They want to be free to work in the mills and factories and on the farms for their own needs and to interchange their products without being stolen blind in the exchange by the useless capitalists.

The class struggle exists. Many workers do not know of its existence. Many capitalists do not know that the class struggle exists. They never think beyond their rent, interest and profits. They take these for granted and strive to increase their plunderings drawn from labor. But although many capitalists and laborers are not aware of the class struggle, nevertheless they engage in it. The workers demand more pay. The bosses resolve to cut wages. There are strikes and lockouts. There are appeals to Parliament and all manner of bills for class legislation. There are boycotts and blacklists. There are troops and police. There are evictions from company houses. The class struggle is rampant.

If you have not yet come to a knowledge of why you strike and why you walk the streets without a job, you had better begin to study Socialist literature. You will get your eyes opened to what your boss really is.

In former ages the revolutionists were without the ballot. By the lack of that powerful weapon revolutionists had to be by force. With the ballot revolutionists can be made peacefully. Let the revolutionists go to the polls and vote for the man who will carry out their revolutionary ideas in practice. Then when the revolutionists become numerous enough they can elect themselves in to political control and need not appeal to arms. The conspirator method will not succeed where there is a free ballot. If the conspirators do not possess sufficient power among the people to elect their candidates they will not be able to succeed by open armed revolt. As long as an expression of the people's will can be registered in an impartial and fair manner the fight can take place politically through the ballot. When the expression of the real will of the people is prevented, then the only recourse is to force. In Russia the conspirator method, the armed revolt, is a necessity as political institutions do not exist for the people. Where free political institutions exist then the great task is agitation, education and organization. The Milwaukee Socialists built a political machine which was the despair of the old party leaders. The Socialist organization won out.

The capitalists would feed the workers on their sympathy. What the workers want is for the capitalist to stop feeding themselves off what the workers produce.