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## RAISING THEIR OWN PAY

The Japanese members of Parliament are raising their own salaries. A few years ago the Canadian members of parliament raised their salaries from fifteen hundred dollars to twenty-five hundred. Last year the members of the Quebec Legislature raised their pay from eight hundred dollars to fifteen hundred dollars. Many workmen would like to have the opportunity of raising their own pay checks but that is a privilege reserved only for the plutocrats and their henchmen. When a trust raises prices for an article which people must use and at the same time cut their wage bills by reducing the amount of their worker's pay checks or sacking some of their hands the members of that trust raise their own pay checks, and get bigger revenues for doing absolutely nothing. Of course this process is concealed under the terms, interest on investment, "earning" power of the property, return of good times, etc. The operation is pure labor stealing and all students of economics know it. The henchmen of the plutocrats are returned to Ottawa or Tokyo or Quebec to lick the boots of the capitalists, catch on to the trick and raise their own pay. The plutocrats say nothing because they have to allow the politicians some rope or they would squel. When socialism comes labor stealing will be abolished. The workmen who like to be plundered and hunt for a job can cling to capitalism if he wants to. This is a free country within limits and there is no law against a workman being a fool.

## VANISHING JOBS

The Montreal Street Railway wants to haul freight. It is doing so at present to a limited extent. The Montreal Street Railway also wants to remove the snow in winter from the streets along which its ears pass. The Street Railway can handle the freight with less labor than can teams of horses. Because the workers will be thrown out of employment if the Street Railway carries the freight and handles the snow, the workmen object and want antiquated methods continued. The labor thieves, who own express wagons, are also fighting for the continuance of the old methods. They do not want to see their profits disappear. The fight of the workmen and of the express owners is doomed to defeat. Their mode of transportation has become socially unnecessary. The express owners are going to be wiped out of business and their employees will lose their jobs. Under Capitalism the workers will hunt the streets looking for jobs which they can't find. Let the workmen and the little capitalists who run express services realize their only hope of salvation is the public ownership of the Street Railway property with the men who do the work running it in the interests of themselves. The Montreal Street Railway Company has by their methods of doing business taken away the jobs from many cab drivers and it is about to take the jobs away from many snow shovelers, freight handlers and teamsters. Let these men whose jobs have been taken away from them organize themselves politically under the red banner of socialism and take away from the Street Railway Company all its property and run it for the benefit of all who will work. Capitalism is rushing to its downfall. Modern methods of carrying on business is throwing thousands of men out of work. Capitalism with its hunt for profit cannot solve the problem of unemployment, it produces it. Socialism with its principles of production for use and not for profit is the only remedy.

S. H. Blake of Ontario, has been breaking into print with a howl against modern theological professors. He declares that they are devils disguised as angels of light. He wants the people to go back to the ideas of our forefathers. If Blake will guarantee to bring back the economic conditions, we will guarantee to bring back the religion of the past. If Blake cannot do this, let him stop his antiquated yelping about treason and blasphemy and let him get busy shaping the religious ideas according to which men may live in this second century of the capitalist era.

The socialists have just gained a sweeping victory in the nineteenth district of Saxony, Germany, where the social democrat George Schoplin won out with 21,178 votes against 9,368 votes cast for Vorwerk, his opponent.

Chinese pigs have been sold in London for ten cents a pound, while the English pigs were selling at thirteen cents. It matters little to the British unemployed whether pork sells at ten or thirteen cents. Under capitalism they are forced to starve in the midst of plenty.

Judge Cannon, who has just finished the investigation into Montreal municipal corruption, declares that there was purjury on every hand. Capitalism breeds thieves and liars and capitalist courts cannot stop the capitalist liars from lying by merely making them take an oath.

More than four million unionists were represented at the recent international labor conference at Paris. America was not represented. In fact, the European labor leaders laughed at Sam Gompers, who was present as a spectator, with his ideas of the friendship of labor and capital.

It looks as though the British general elections would be pulled off this fall. The Liberals want the workmen to support them because of the Budget. The Budget is a tame affair for starving people. Yet you can never tell what fools the people who do the work can make of themselves.

Samuel Gompers, President of American Federation of Labor, is in Italy and is to be received by government officials at Rome. The labor organizations of Italy are fighting the government, but it is the nature of Sam to long more for the company of the foes of labor than for the company of its friends.

Rudolph Spreckels has withdrawn from the Good Government League of San Francisco. That city has recently been discovering its own wickedness and Spreckels was the chief backer to put good men into office and stop the graft. Now the Democrats have captured his Good Government League and he has got out in disgust. Thus endeth reform agitations.

Russia is massing a great army in Siberia. Great Britain has been lending large sums to the Russian government which will eventually be lost through the bankruptcy of the Russian government. British financiers are frightened at the idea of British money to feed starving Britishers and are delighted at the idea of British money for Russian soldiers to kill Japanese and Chinese.

Santos Dumont, the aviator, has declared that all his patents and models are open to the public to use as they see fit. Dumont wants to advance science and generously allows the public free use of his ideas. Santos Dumont has many wage-slaves toiling for him in South America and can afford to be generous. The average inventor generally starves while the plutocrats capture his patent for their own profit.

A Montreal department store has been sold to a company for a million and a half dollars. The little city trader who is without stored up labor power to back him and who has to get credit and pay interest cannot compete with such large and economical concerns. These big departmental stores will eventually be put out of business by greater combinations and will finally disappear in their shape of retail concerns.

J. P. Morgan, Jr., has been elected to the board of the New York National City Bank in the place of Harriman. This means that the Morgan and Standard Oil interests have combined to plunder the public. The trustification of industries and finance is going on. The only remedy is to confiscate the trusts for the benefit of the people.

## MILITARY TRAINING

ROSCOE A. FILLMORE

The Board of Education for New Brunswick has introduced military training in the Provincial Normal School and purposes to extend the system to all the public schools. Nova Scotia has already adopted the scheme and our jingo press is devoting yards of space to eulogies of the "dear old flag."

Fellow workers, the capitalist system is fast rotting. It is falling of its own weight. Had the masters been wiser they could have averted the coming catastrophe. There was a time not so long ago when a beveloned feudalism such as W. J. Ghent describes could have been introduced. And the crisis could have been postponed indefinitely. There was a time when the Oligarchy of London's dreams could have been realized. That time is now past.

The masters are beginning to realize this, dimly at present, but none the less surely and they are preparing. They are throwing off the guise of benevolence and philanthropy and showing the cloven hoof. The promptitude with which the troops were despatched to Cape Breton a few weeks ago in spite of the protests of the local authorities goes far towards proving this. The brutality of the state militia, and constabulary of Pennsylvania in quelling the strikers at McKee's Rocks, New Castle and Butler; the battle between strikers and police at Fort William; the battles between military and strikers in Sweden and the Barcelona revolt all go to show that the wolves are gradually throwing off their sheep's clothing and will in future depend upon the power of might to uphold their "rights."

And we who have followed the socialist movement for the past few years and noted the trend of events, we who have studied history and know that no ruling class in the past has ever given up to another class without a struggle are glad to see the masters throw off their disguise and stand on the right of power. We know that the present ruling class is stronger than any other in history. It has countless millions of wealth and vast armies and navies at its command. And be not deceived my comrades, it will use every weapon without mercy. The screws are being tightened down. Only a few days ago Comrade O'Brien was "soaked" for talking Socialism on the street. The lines are being drawn. The fight is on, and it will continue until one or the other of the opposing armies is wiped out. So it is up to us to make sure that the other fellow gets the wiping.

Yes, we are glad to see the masters come out plainly and use force in order to hold their jobs. Society, ever since the breaking up of primitive communism, has been divided into two hostile camps, the haves and the have-nots or the rulers and ruled. There have been various other sub-divisions but these two classes stand forth as the principles in this age-long battle for supremacy. For thousands of years we of the working-class (the have nots) have been the underdogs. We have been robbed and soaked right and left.

At one time we were slaves, chattels, bought and sold at the block. The masters hired priests, philosophers, intellectual prostitutes to teach us that society could not exist should we attain our freedom. And millions listened, believed and were content. But there were a few kickers. They were tortured and slaughtered by the minions of the masters. For always under the hypocritical cloak of philanthropy there existed the cold steel. Always the masters were prepared to use force when their preaching proved vain.

The time came when chattel slavery gave way to something new because a change in the form of ownership of the slaves was in the interests of the masters. Changed conditions made the introduction of feudalism unavoidable. And again under the clerk of philanthropy the rulers held us down for centuries. We were priest-ridden and taught that providence willed that there should always be a slave class. Again there were kickers but the majority accepted the same old theology and were content. And always under

the priestly cloak was disguised the spear. So long as the serfs were content the spear was not used. But when theology and cajolery failed to keep the masses in subjection the cloven hoof of the tyrant appeared.

And so it goes on down through the ages. And today a similar state of affairs exists. The working class, the lineal descendant of the chattel and feudal serf of long ago is still underneath. For years the gatling and maxim guns, cloaked as before by the robes of priests, preachers and philosophers, have held us down. There have been isolated revolts from time to time and on such occasions the robes have been withdrawn for a time but only to be replaced when the trouble was crushed out. We have been submissive for ages but the "last straw" has at last been heaped on. And we have awakened. Tonight we are marching sixteen millions strong. We are flouting the red flag of the Social Revolution in the very faces of the masters. And they begin to throw off the cloak. They begin to show their teeth.

The fight today resolves itself into a physical battle for supremacy. The priest is beginning to lose his influence and the gatling is being exposed. Armies and navies are being steadily increased and now comes, military instruction in the public schools. We are not surprised. We know what it means.

Our enemies accuse us of teaching class hatred and many of us waste valuable time contradicting such statements. And all the time the robes are being withdrawn and the scarlet coats of the hired assassins begin to be exposed.

Comrades, a time is coming that will try men's souls. And it is up to us to state the facts plainly and invite the working class to co-operate with us in smashing the present slavery. We must be prepared to meet the capitalist class with its own weapons. Ballots opposed to ballots. Bullets to bullets if necessary. This is a fight to a finish. There can be no quarter granted nor accepted. So let's put the agony onto 'em for as Comrade Gribble says "The hotter war the sooner peace."

## WHISKY GOING

In New York the wine and beer dealers are reported to have entered on a crusade against the dives. Capitalism is full of hypocrisy and this is one of its hypocrisies. Imagine the liquor dealers quarreling with their best customers. The liquor dealers are out after dividends and these capitalists find that where whisky labor thieves work the respectable labor thieves get small pickings consequently the liquor dealers are being put out of business. Hypocritical as ever, the bourgeoisie are claiming that they are putting the saloons out of business because saloons are wicked and against God. The liquor dealers deceive themselves into believe that the prohibitionists are working from purely moral principles. The whisky sellers therefore put up a lying scheme to keep their trade. The fight is purely economic and the saloon being bad for the business for the other labor thieves, it has got to go. Of course there are some moralists who fight the saloon because of its evil effects. These have been with us for a century but they had no influence until the big labor thieves came to the conclusion that the whisky dealers were bad for profits.

The Congress of the Chambers of Commerce of Empire now being held at Sydney, N. S. W., have put themselves on record as wanting state owned Imperial cables. Heneker Eaton and many others protest against the exactions of the cable ring. They want these monopolists put out of business and it looks as if they would succeed. The expropriators are being expropriated.

Japan in 1908, made two hundred and sixty million pounds of paper. The Anti-Japanese agitation on the part of the California exploiters was due to the fact that Japan could print, ship and lay down in San Francisco duty paid California school text books cheaper than the plain paper cost in California. If America may bankrupt Europe, Japan may bankrupt America.

The capitalist system originated from past historical conditions and is a passing phase of the economic struggle. It is bound to pass into something else.

The middle class is being eliminated. The result is the passing of their mode of worship. Ministers must preach labor ideals instead of bourgeois ideals if they wish to continue to perform religious functions.

Timothy Healy, the Irish Nationalist M. P., got mad in the House of Commons at Westminster and wanted to fight another M. P. with his fists. Healy shows the spirit of patriotism which Beresford and Strathcona are fostering on Canada. If your enemy does not please you, just punch him.

The plundered workers have to live in unhealthy surroundings and their children die from preventable diseases. Let the laboring men and women organize themselves for the purpose of getting the full return of their labor. The socialist movement when it triumphs will do away with the preventable death of children.

Doctor Carl Peters, Germany's famous African explorer, predicts an Anglo-German war. Both German and English exploiters need foreign markets for their surplus goods and the foreign markets are failing. The two countries therefore, if capitalism is to be maintained, must fight each other like two dogs over a stale bone.

There were a hundred and twenty deaths in Montreal for the week ending September 11th. Of these seventy-four were children under five years of age. These deaths of children did not take place among the labor plunderers but among the plundered. The wealth of the workers goes to the parasites. The parasites hire nurses and doctors to look after their children—when they have any.

Prospectors are trekking freely into Quebec. The northern wilds are rich in gold and silver. But the prospectors will get little to reward them. The laborers under capitalism never do. Even if a laboring prospector discovers a lead he will have to sell cheap to the company promoting sharks. The chances are that he will be swindled by some hocus pocus game out of the silver lead entirely.

The Swedish government will shortly submit a bill to abolish titles of nobility. This is mere wishwash sentiment which will not deceive the striking workmen. The strikers of Sweden are out after economic freedom and will not take any interest in a little bill to prevent a man being called a nobleman while he still is left the ownership of the means of production and the power to rob the producers.

It is reported that railroad employees are to erect a monument to E. H. Harriman by taxing themselves twenty-five cents apiece to provide the funds. If this be true the poor railway dupes are minus brain power. But perhaps the robber barons are going to put pressure on their wage slaves to make them pony up. The men who control the jobs can sack the employees who will not submit to "giving" money to build Harriman a monument.

Premier Stolypin, of Russian atrocities fame, has become merciful. He has sent a circular to the governors of the provinces asking them kindly not to shoot so many of the inhabitants. Russia may have a foreign war again soon. A special to the Toronto Mail and Empire states that the Novoe Vremya, the semi official organ of the Czar's government, sees a war between Russia and Germany over the spoils of Manchuria. The inhabitants of Russia can be kept for food for powder in the coming war to greater advantage than to be shot at home by sportive governors.

## DUCAL HOLDINGS

The following are some of the land holdings of some of the Dukes of Great Britain. Duke of Sutherland, 1,358,600 acres; Duke of Richmond, 286,500; Duke of Devonshire, 186,000; Duke of Portland, 183,200; Duke of Melrose, 115,000; Marquis of Bute, 117,000; Duke of Manchester, 70,000; Duke of Westminster, 39,600, (600 acres in the heart of London.) Eight landlords own a third of the land of Great Britain. Twenty-five hundred of them own one-half of the land. Such statistics as these show up the economic bondage in which the British workers live to the landlords. Asquith wants to tax the landlords and naturally they squeal. Although they own the land it does not signify that they get revenue from it. Thus the Duke of Manchester is always hard up. The interest lords absorb his revenues. The Duke of Hamilton is hard up. His father backed a Spanish Pretender who did not succeed and his estates are mortgaged for all they are worth. The landlords object to being plucked in order to save the hides of their financiers and the profit mongers of industrial concerns. The Liberals back of Asquith back the fight against the landlords because they do not want to divide up the plunder stolen from the workers. The labor members back the liberals up because they want to do away with the landlords as a partial instalment of the coming of labor to its own. They will go after the lords of interest and profit, later. That is what they say but they had better get a hustle on. The capitalist system is tumbling about our ears even now.

## BOURGEOIS WESTMOUNT

The members of the municipal council of Westmount, a suburb of Montreal, are indignant at the actions of the Montreal Light, Heat and Power Co. Alderman Jones declares that the Power Company is trying to throttle Westmount. Westmount is the home of the bourgeoisie of Montreal. It is Middle Class with all the middle class narrowness of moral, and mental outlook. It is religious and uncharitable. It is straightlaced and illogical. It prides itself on its goodness and condemns Montreal for its wickedness. Montreal is wicked because Montreal wage slaves have to provide the nice little homes of the little bourgeois dwellers of goody goody Westmount. But Westmount cannot altogether escape the modern tendencies. Into its paradise of self-satisfied smirkiness steps the octopus, the Montreal Heat and Power Co. The Westmounters want to lay gas mains and get gas from the octopus. The octopus says it will not furnish gas to any pipes not laid by itself. Wherefore the Westmounters squeal and moan over modern business iniquities. Westmount is typical of the middle class that is being squeezed out. Westmounters don't want Socialism. They hold socialism to be perfectly ridiculous and immoral and thieving, a demagogic doctrine for the lazy and unfit, a doctrine abhorred of God. Let the Westmounters live a little longer and they will be glad to shelter themselves under any doctrine that will give them a fighting chance to get next food for their empty bellies.

Plank No. 2, of the platform of the American Socialist Party formerly read as follows: "the collective ownership of railroads, telegraphs, telephones, steam boat lines and all other means of social transportation and communication, and all land." A referendum of the party was recently held upon the question of the advisability of striking out the words "and all land." The words were struck out by a vote of 5,382 as against 3,117.

More than a hundred and fifty thousand men are still striking in Sweden. The strike is in its seventh week and is likely to be successful. Traffic on the railways is but twenty per cent of the ordinary volume. Soldiers and policemen are contributing to the strike fund. So desperate have grown the employers that they have called upon the government to use force to break the strike. However the government is frightened, and the strike will succeed.



## AN EASY LESSON

By William H. Leffingwell.

Proposition (a): Production under the present system is for profit, and not for use, the use value of the thing produced being a secondary consideration.

That the above statement is true is apparent to even the dullest of minds. Can you think of any good reason, for instance, why an article of food should be adulterated? Did you ever notice an article of clothing that was made of the cheapest of shoddy, or a piece of furniture made of cull lumber? Is this not because the manufacturer can make a little more profit than he could had he used the genuine article? I think you will agree with me on this score.

Proposition (b): Profit is the difference between the cost of producing and distributing and selling price; and signifies that the worker received only a small portion of the value of his product.

His proposition is a little harder. The workingman who produces an article, or rather the set of workingmen who produce an article, receive a portion of the value of their product in wages—but only a portion. Uncle Sam says it is about 17 per cent. Is the rest all profit? No. Besides the profit of the capitalist whose factory the article is made, rent and interest, advertising and several other men's profits enter in, but nevertheless a large portion of it is either rent, interest, or profit; and no matter by what name it is known, the person who received it did no useful work as an equivalent. Do you see where YOU get off on a deal like this? The working class receives 17 per cent of the value of its product and of the balance, what is not wasted in useless labor goes into the pockets of the capitalist class.

Proposition (c): Profits are not made unless goods are sold. The workers, who only receive part of the value of their products in wages, cannot buy it all; therefore foreign markets must be secured or overproduction and a consequent panic occurs.

Read that over twice. Profits are not made unless goods are sold. It would not make any difference if the workers created enough to last them a million years, if the boss could not sell the products he could not make profits and consequently the products would be of no value to him. He wasn't worried very much, when you were making these things, as to whether YOU would get YOUR share of them or not—that is, it was not your personal interests he was looking after. But he was worried pretty much about selling them to someone. Now, suppose you produced an article that sold for \$1 and you got seventeen cents for making it (this is the average percentage.) Don't you see you would have to produce six of them before you could buy one for yourself? Who would buy the other five? Well, that's the all-consuming question.

For many years, about half of the workingmen in the United States were producing things and the other half were building factories, machinery, railroads, etc. But this work is almost finished; and the result is, most of them are producing things, and producing them in such large quantities that "we" (meaning our capitalist friends,) have to pick fights with foreign nations and force them to buy the surplus. At any rate the goods have to be sold somewhere else—workingmen here cannot buy them. Every ten years or so a panic takes place—the market is glutted. Then people have to starve because they freeze because there is too much fuel, and a great many other wonderful things occur. It usually takes three or four years for the country to get over the panic; then everybody starts all over again and the same old game is played again.

Proposition (d): All civilized nations are capitalistic nations and hence subject to the same conditions. This accounts for the repeated wars of conquest upon the partially civilized nations.

I think that statement is plain enough. By a slight glance over the daily papers you will notice that Germany, England, France and others are all in about the same boat as the United States. All are striving for foreign markets.

Proposition (e): Foreign markets

being exhausted, overproduction will bring upon the capitalist countries a cessation of business, and capitalism will fall.

Now, I presume you have followed my logic pretty carefully.

First, I proved to you that the capitalists were in business for profit, not for your good as many suppose.

Second, I showed you that the worker only gets 17 per cent of his product.

Third, that goods not sold in this country must be sold to foreign countries.

Fourth, that all civilized countries are in the same straits.

Now, I want you to think carefully. What would happen if the foreign markets should become exhausted? Perhaps you think this is impossible. To say the least there is a limit to them, isn't there? But to get right down to hard facts, every capitalist nation is much worried over this subject. They are all willing to slaughter millions of you poor fools as well as millions of other fellows in order to get possessions or colonies. See them scramble after China. Doesn't this make it very plain to you that a crisis is coming? When it is to arrive no one can say; but that it is very close at hand, no one can deny. When foreign markets are exhausted, business will cease and capitalism will fall. What can prevent it? Nothing—nothing under the sun can prevent capitalism from falling. And there is only one thing that can prevent you poor fellows who create all the wealth from starving to death, and that is Socialism. If it comes to a show-down, I rather think you will choose Socialism before you will starve. How about it?

## Adam and Methuselah Shown Up

"Methuselah loses his famous record, for his 969 reputed years are whittled down to 783."

Thus says the Jewish World, of London, Eng., in a discussion of Jewish characteristics. There has always existed a certain amount of doubt even among believers in the literal truth of the Bible concerning the great age to which the Jewish patriarchs are recorded as having lived. Some of the theories evolved to reduce the biblical records of this kind to something near the allotted span of man are dealt with in this article.

It is surmised, the Jewish World says, that in the earliest times the month, the period of a moon circle, was called a year. Thus Adam's 930 years of life, calculating a year at 294 days, works out to 754 years.

After the month year there came a five month year, the limit of five being derived from the fingers on one hand, it being remembered that primitive people always used the fingers for counting purposes. Then came the twelve month year.

Excuse for this arrangement is found in the Psalmist's limit of life to three score and ten years, and it is maintained that between the times of Noah and David no such extraordinary change could have taken place as to reduce the life of man by eleven-twelfths. On the five month year basis Abraham's 175 years work and Isaac's 180 at 74.

## Some Questions Answered

Does Socialism teach "dividing up?"

No Socialist ever proposed taking the money away from those who have it and dividing it up among those who had none. Neither does it teach taking away the earnings of the industry to support the able idle.

What is the Socialist position in regard to the saloon?

The abolition of the profit in the sale of liquor would cause men to cease wanting to sell it.

What is the position of Socialists in regard to the races of men?

Socialists recognize all mankind, of whatever color or caste, as brothers. What tactics has the Socialist party employed to keep it from the enervating influences of half-way measures?

"These tactics consist in keeping clear the class character of the Socialist party as a proletarian party; to train it by agitation, education and organization for the victorious completion of the emancipation struggle; to wage a systematic war against the class state in whose hands the political and economic power of capitalism is concentrated."

—Liebknecht.

If papers or leaflets are given away at propaganda meetings, they should not be passed among the audience in indiscriminate, but should be offered gratis from the soap box to all who come and get them.

## The Open Door for Consumption

And How "Father Morrissey's No. 10" (Lung Tonic) Closes It.

A low run-down condition, with perhaps a neglected cold and a little cough, is a cordial invitation to the White Plague, Consumption, to come in and make itself at home. And it seldom overlooks the invitation.

In such a case there is no time to be lost. The door must be promptly closed. This can be done by taking a complete rest, with plenty of fresh air, and "Father Morrissey's No. 10" (Lung Tonic). This medicine clears out the passages, relieves the cough and heals the delicate membrane of lungs and air passages. But perhaps most important of all, it builds up the whole system, giving Nature the needed assistance in fighting off the dread disease.

Though other remedies may have failed, don't give up. Try "Father Morrissey's No. 10," combined with fresh air and exercise, and even though you are in the first stages of consumption there is hope of a permanent cure. Sample bottle 25c. Regular size 50c, at your dealer's, or from Father Morrissey Medicine Co., Ltd., Chatham, N.B.

The capitalist press is trying to fool the public pulse. Items like the following are being inserted in the organs of plutocracy: Events at Sydney and other labor centres of Canada, where foreign labor organizations have been, or alleged to have been the cause of disturbances and interference, have, it is said, impressed the Dominion Government with the necessity to introduce legislation at the next session of parliament, with the object of excluding alien labor agitation. Do you know what that means you working plugs? It means that your masters who pull the strings of the Ottawa henchmen and make them jump want to keep you from organizing with your American brothers. It means that your thieving masters want to cut you out of the bunch of the international labor organizations of the world. It means that your masters want to squeeze the lifeblood out of you and not let your fellow laborers of other countries come to your aid. When will you men who create the wealth of the Canadian parasites wake up? When will you elect your representatives to Ottawa who will fight for your rights? Wake up and get under the flag of socialism, the only flag of the working people, the only flag that shelters the true patriots of Canada.

## A Bargain in Pamphlets

Nine exceptionally good pamphlets written by the ablest Socialist writers in America, may be obtained from W. R. Shier, 314 Wellesley St., Toronto for 25 one cent stamps. Send for a set, read them yourself, then sell to others at 5 cents each, thereby spreading the propaganda and making a little money on the side.

The workers cannot resist the might of the new idea. Get the idea to them through Cotton's.

## Do You Like to be Robbed

The non-socialist into whose hands this little paper may fall is respectfully asked to fill in his own answers to the questions given below:

Does it benefit you to be robbed?

Do you like to be robbed?

Would it harm you to get the full value of what you produce?

Is it right for a class which does nothing useful to live in luxury?

Is it right for a class which produces everything to live in poverty?

If your answer is No! to each of these questions, your place is in the ranks of the political party whose mission it is to change the present system into the Co-operative Commonwealth.

## PLUTE SOCIABILITY.

(From 'Tit Bits'.)

J. M. Barrie is a member of the Athenaeum Club in Pall Mall. On his first appearance there, it is said, he once asked for some information from a gentleman sitting near him. To his great surprise the older member not only told him all he wanted to know, but insisted on Mr. Barrie dining with him and taking supper afterward, though neither of them knew the other's name. Upon Mr. Barrie protesting that he could not possibly accept so much kindness from a stranger, the other replied: "Don't mention it; don't mention it. Why, I've belonged to this club for twenty-five years, and you are the very first member who has ever spoken to me."

## CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of J. C. Watson

## WORKERS PRODUCE ALL WEALTH

How did the captains of industry acquire such colossal fortunes? By extracting their wealth from good old mother earth? No! They got them by grabbing the wealth produced by others. They got them by not paying their work-people in wages the equivalent of the wealth they produced.

All wealth is produced by labor, mental labor as well as manual labor. In other words, wealth is produced only by those who work, not by those who don't work.

It is reported that a U. M. W. striker has killed a P. W. A. worker at Sydney. The U. M. W. man was Joe. Nash, a warm-blooded Italian. In a dispute it is reported about the respective merits of the P. W. A. and the U. M. W. the Italian stabbed Max Peterson, of Dominion Mine No. 1, inflicting a gash in the left arm and cutting an artery. Peterson later died at the hospital from loss of blood. The capitalist papers throw the blame of course on the U. M. W. As a matter of fact the capitalists are to blame in sending out lying ads to the Latin countries to attract the hot blooded Italians to Canada. The Italians come and compete with Canadian labor which pleases the bosses. But when these sons of sunny Italy refuse to work at scab wages and their hot blood kills a man then it is the union to blame of course. The capitalist greed for cheap labor has a lot to account for.

## How Can You Help?

If there is a public library in your town, have Cotton's placed upon its shelves, either at your own expense or by getting the librarian to put up the price.

Likewise with Y. M. C. A. libraries and reading rooms in general.

Socialist papers should be everywhere where people congregate and read.

Also draw the attention of newspapers to Cotton's and recommend their proprietors to keep it on sale.

Monsieur Edmond Perrier, of Paris, declares that a whale will voluntarily end its days when its mate dies. Man is not the only animal that possesses the moral instinct.

The expense of running New York City for 1910 will be \$184,000,000. There are many socialists who hold that the capitalist system will go down in bankruptcy. The cost of running things under capitalism seems to show that they may be right.

It is estimated that tuberculosis costs a money loss to the Maritime Provinces of over ten million dollars a year. The bluenose plutes are working away at antituberculosis leagues. They want to keep themselves from catching the disease, and they want to be able to hire good healthy working plugs to do their heavy work.

Mexico, like all capitalist countries, is investigating its officials. There is much graft going on in the Diaz army. The army has been used as a means of repression and like all capitalist armies was a great source of graft. It is safe to say that the investigations will result in little change under the present regime. The Diaz army is composed of ex-convicts and highwaymen. The army is needed by butcher Diaz and if he were to stop graft the army would revolt.

## The Best Kind of Propaganda

Too much stress cannot be laid upon the fact that the most effective propaganda is the circulation of Socialist literature.

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W. R. S.

The success of the socialist movement will depend largely upon the standard of intelligence possessed by the workers. That in turn depends upon their educator, which, in its turn, depends upon experience and study. Each comrade should build up a university of his own, a good library. Invest your spare money and your spare time in literature.

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It shares the children's bread and robs them of half their clothes.

It is the inexorable and exacting task-master.

Its whip is as merciless and cruel as the lash of the slave driver.

It is a menace to liberty, a hindrance to progress, a curse to the nation.

—FARMERS SENTINEL.

## WARS AND THE WORKERS

Wars are fought in the interests of the capitalist class, not of the working class. All the workers get out of them is cracked skulls and shattered homes.

Armies and navies are maintained for a double purpose by the master class, namely, to promote their commercial interests abroad and to keep their wage-slaves in subjection at home.

Three million, eight hundred thousand ready for war on the soil of Europe. This is a good thing for the productive workers under capitalism, for it greatly relieves the army of the unemployed.

W. R. S.

The Sisters of Charity, of St. Joseph's Hospital a Catholic institution, at St. Joseph, Mo., have had three men discharged for reading the Chicago Daily Socialist. Two of the employees of the hospital received the Daily Socialist from William Crandry, a news carrier for the St. Joseph News-Press. The "Sisters of Charity" ordered that the two men be discharged, and also issued orders that Crandry should not leave "any such papers" at the hospital again. Not satisfied with that, however, they wrote a letter to the editor of the News-Press, who is a bigoted Catholic, and Crandry was also discharged.



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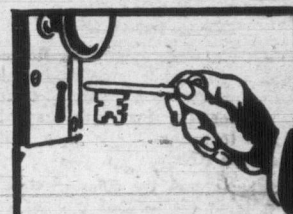
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## STILL BOOMING THE BUDGET.

With this Government of all the virtues and all the talents in power, the mere ordinary rank and file member of the Labor Party must really wonder what a Labor Party is for. Certainly its leaders appear to have nothing whatever to do but to boom the Liberal Budget. Anyone would suppose, to read their speeches, that here were no longer any unemployed; that pauperism was rapidly being extinguished, if it had not already disappeared; that the cost of all the necessities of life was falling instead of rising; and that the problems of getting a decent existence out of his earnings was one which no longer troubled the working proletariat. Strikes and lock-outs, too, have become forgotten nightmares. There is nothing now to engage the attention of your "Labor" man but this wonderful Budget! It proposes to add five millions sterling to the amount of taxation, to be levied on the petty luxuries of the poor. It also proposes to adjust the burden which landlord and capitalist have to bear for the maintenance of their "long-firm" Government, so that it will weigh a little more lightly on the shoulders of the active partner in the swindle. And Keir Hardie, in company with many a worthy Liberal blood-sucker, blesses the thrice-blessed Budget at Cardiff, and Henderson does ditto at Merthyr, and the latter breathes threatenings and slaughter against the House of Lords if it dares to lay contemptuous hands on this wonderful piece of landlord-capitalist, burden-shifting jugglery. And tens of thousands of workingmen—poor fools!—shout "hurrah" for this ingenious device for skinning them more closely. Verily great is humbug and it shall prevail!—London Justice.

## Newspapermen

Newspapermen have it in their power to enhance and to retard the growth of Socialism. They can injure the movement by ignoring it in the press, by misrepresenting it, by giving capitalist color to their news items. They can help it along by promoting discussion, by publishing articles concerning it, by defending it from unwarranted attacks, by giving a socialistic bias to their news columns. Hence the importance of making Socialists of Editors and reporters. Once in the movement, they are a valuable asset. If you are acquainted with any newspaper men, lend them socialist books, take them to socialist meetings, have their names put on the subscription list of Socialist papers.

## A SHE-DEVIL.

The "Daily News" of Friday week contained a detailed account of the doings of a female agent-provocateur named Guerngross, who had recently been unmasked by Bourzoff, and had been compelled to confess to some of her many crimes. For 15 years she had been sowing death and exile wherever she passed, not merely spying and betraying, but organizing assassinations for the poor dupes who would be found with her bombs upon them. She it was who in 1895 prevented revolutionary vengeance being executed by the revolutionary Rasputine on Nicholas II., astutely arranging to be arrested and imprisoned with the others. She, ten years later, helped the defeat of the Moscow insurrection, and two years later delivered up to the gallows the brave and fair Frania Frumkin, after actually giving her directions as to the time and place of firing at the miserable Reinhold, then Prefect of Moscow. This year she betrayed a whole group of comrades. While engaged in this work of encouraging to desperate deeds so as to entice their doers to their doom, she would gush over them, kiss her women comrades, and write of her "soul's anguish" about their illness and so forth. A worse than Azeff, because of her very womanly qualities of sympathy and stimulated love, which especially aided her in this hellish business. What must amaze an ordinary individual is the ease with which such a creature could deceive those who stood nearest to her in the movement. But, upon reflections, it must be recognized that the propaganda by deed, even supposing it to be necessary and desirable, has always carried with it the danger of the spy—the betrayer—the leader to death, both male and female.—London Justice.

## W. R. SHIER

Capital must be brought under the control of labor. The great industries must be owned and controlled by these engaged in them. The workers must own the land on which they live, the tools with which they work, the fruit of their toil.

## BYGONE MEXICO

Years ago in Mexico goods were transported by pack animals. Thousands were employed thus transporting goods. The freight waggons came into being and threatened to throw the packers out of work. They had a powerful organization and the result was that freight waggons were taxed twenty dollars a wheel, or eighty dollars a waggon. Now the railroads have covered Mexico and both the waggons and pack animal drivers find their occupations gone. Misery untold exists in Mexico where the peons work for twenty-five cents a day and starve. Socialism aims to give back to the workers a right to their jobs. If the workers find that they cannot own their own mules and transport goods and make a living, let them own the railroads and get all the profit from their own labor. Socialism aims at the confiscation of the means of production and distribution, the abolition of rent, interest and profit and the handing over of the industries of the country to the workmen of the country to be run for the benefit of the workers and not for the profit of the parasites.

The Trades and Labor Council of Toronto is demanding schools of technical education for the workers of Ontario. The Provincial government of Quebec has started schools for such education and Premier Gouin announces that he will spend three million dollars if necessary on such work. The C. P. R. has started classes to instruct its workers in mechanism of railroad work. The workingmen need not worry about technical schools. The skilled worker is so much more profitable than a working plug that the capitalists are only too anxious to teach him. What the workingmen must look out for is an opportunity to get employment. One skilled worker handling a machine will throw a hundred unskilled workers out of their jobs. The master class will see to it that sufficient skilled workers will be trained so that the hundred unskilled workers may be kicked out of the factory gates. Let the working men study their own position. They will find that their masters can sack them because capitalist laws allow the capitalists to own the factories and run them or shut them down as they see fit, because capitalist laws allow the capitalists to hire as few men or as many men as they like and to work them as long as the workers can stand on their feet. Under socialist laws the workers will have a government which will open the factories to the workingmen and let the workers make their own conditions of labor. Then each will work and get the full return of his labor and their will be no millionaires and no strikers, but all will have an equal opportunity to labor, and misery will pass from the face of the earth.

## LAW CORRUPTION.

(From 'Law Notes.')

Justice is of course loudly demanded by every litigant in a court of law, but it is a frequent infirmity of the human mind to confuse justice with one's cause. The late Sir Thomas B. Reed used to tell an amusing story to illustrate this tendency. He was once retained by an enterprising client to prosecute an action.

On talking with the plaintiff's witnesses, Mr. Reed found that their stories were far from consistent, so he reported the fact to his client and advised that the suit be dropped. The client was somewhat perturbed, but told the attorney that he would have a talk with the witnesses and let him know the next morning what he had decided. True to his word, he dropped in bright and early, wearing the cheerful look of one who has fought the good fight.

"I've seen those witnesses," he explained, "and they say they must have been mistaken when they talked with you. They all see alike now. I've also seen some of the jurymen, and they think I'll win. Now, if there's such a thing as justice in law, we can't lose."

## Information Wanted

There are scores of ways of carrying on the propaganda, some good, some bad, but good or bad we want to hear about them. If you, comrade, are working any kind of a propaganda scheme that you consider effective, or if you have any stray propaganda ideas, sit down immediately and write Cotton's about them. Hundreds of comrades throughout the country may be stimulated into activity by learning what you are doing in your town. We want ideas and plenty of them. Tell us what you are doing for the cause, how you are doing it, and what results are being obtained.

## A CONGRESS OF THE CATHOLICS IN GERMANY.

With all outward pomp and ceremonial the Catholic Church knows so well how to arrange—the Catholic Congress was held in Breslau last week. Breslau, no doubt, was chosen because, though it is not itself Catholic—the representation in the Reichstag having been for many years entirely in the hands of the Social Democrats, till, at the last General Election the Social-Democratic candidate, Bernstein, was defeated by the Liberals—still, the fact remains, that Breslau is the industrial capital of a great province where, thanks to the Poles, the Catholics are in an enormous majority. Breslau is at the same time one of the most important centres in Germany, where many important congresses have been held—among them one of the historic congresses of the Social-Democratic Party in which, after a long and animated discussion, the Revisionists were checked in an attack to get the party to adopt an agrarian programme in the hope of capturing that most Conservative class, the present proprietors. Now, there meets at Breslau that party which owes its strength more than anything else to the hold which it has on the peasant proprietors. Not exclusively peasant proprietors, certainly; no party has a more composite following than the Centre, among whom, unfortunately there are still large numbers of workers, but the most important of their followers, and those whose voice has, perhaps, most weight in the councils of the Centre-Party, are the peasant proprietors. In order, however, to create the impression that even in Breslau they had a large following, special trains had been chartered from all points of the compass, and the millionaire Catholic grandees of Silesia had in several cases paid for specials to bring their dependents and so-called humbler neighbors to swell the crowd at the Congress, and to make the necessary applause under the direction of the priests.

Catholic congresses have in this respect long been the laughing stock of Germany because it was obvious that only a very small portion of the audience could have heard any of the speeches and the applause was so obviously arranged. In fact, when the Archbishop of Milan, who could not speak a word of German, delivered a speech at Cologne a few years ago at a Catholic congress, his audience, who did not understand a word of what he had said, duly applauded all the points and, indeed, with as much enthusiasm as if it had been German.

A great struggle has recently been fought out in the columns of the Catholic press, or rather more in secret conferences of the leaders, whether the Centre is a purely Catholic Party or whether it is wider than a party confined to Catholics, and more a party whose aim, and in the main Catholic, is the maintenance of so-called Christian principles generally in public life. In other words, it was a struggle how far it was to be a pure Clerical party, or how far the party politicians could hope to extend their propaganda among the non-Catholic population. The Clericals were, however, alarmed; they saw that a propaganda of that kind, however modest might be the intentions of those who began it, would inevitably carry them much further than any of them meant. The Centre Party would lose its distinctively Catholic character, and that prospect alarmed them.

The Liberal Catholics, if such one may call them, were represented in the Press by the leading Catholic organ in Germany—the "Kölnische Volkszeitung" (The Cologne People's Gazette), and the Catholic Volksverein—a powerful organization with some 600,000 members, that is about 100,000 more members than the Social-Democratic organization—this organization was suspected by the more rigid Catholics of Liberal tendencies and the Archbishop of Cologne, Cardinal Fischer, was said to be hostile to them. On the other hand a brother Archbishop—equally a Cardinal—he of Breslau, took the occasion of the Catholic Congress to bestow a special blessing on the Catholic Volksverein—but only after their representatives had given a promise never to undertake anything without first consulting the worthy fathers in God. Thus, as "Vorwaerts" points out, what really marked the whole Congress was the increasing subordination of the Centre Party, even in political matters, where they have hitherto enjoyed a certain independence of the Church, to the dictation of the Bishops. That this will have a great influence on the Christian unions is only too probable. These are viewed with none but favorable eyes by a large section of the priesthood, who have tried to substitute for them Catholic societies, more directly under the control of the priests and even less

inclined than they to take any independent line—to say nothing of strikes or other such action. That the Christian trade unions will be killed is not to be expected, but just as has been shown in the case of the Katholische Volksverein, so it is probable that Christian trade unions will only have to manage to retain the favor of the Church by submitting themselves more than ever to the discipline of the bishops, whose sympathies and interests are naturally wholly on the side of the capitalists. The more openly, however, the Christian trade unions sacrifice the interests of the workers to those of the Church the more will they open the eyes of the Christian workers to the folly of belonging to trade unions founded not in the interests of their members, but only to keep them divided from their brothers, and fellow workers in the free trade unions. It is characteristic of the spirit that animates the Christian trade unions that they are only founded in places where a Socialist trade union exists or could exist. In Silesia and Bavaria where large numbers of Catholic workers were completely unorganized no one thought of Christian trade unions till the free or Socialist trade unions came. Christian trade unions have always been founded where trade unions already existed.

One sign of the harmony between the Prussian State and the Catholic Church was not complete was afforded by the Polish question, which was obtruded on the Catholic Congress by the refusal of the authorities to allow a meeting to be addressed in the Polish language. As the Catholic Church is, especially in Silesia and the Polish provinces, absolutely dependent on the Poles, who are among her trust and most faithful children, this was bound to be met by a protest at the hands of the Congress, otherwise the loyalty of the Poles would have been put to a very hard test. It is noteworthy, however, that the Catholics in their further demand for freedom for the Poles in the schools, and in their protests against the prohibition of the Polish language, only demand that religious teaching shall be given in the Polish language.

This limitation of the demand to religious teaching is very characteristic of the whole policy of the Church whose leaders have interest in curtailing education as much as possible merely to religion—an object which will be achieved no doubt in the case of a large number of Polish children, because it is obvious that they are hardly likely to learn much when the only teaching they get is in a foreign language, and that a foreign language which is the symbol of their oppression. In this way the Catholic Church has a double gain, because while she represents herself to the Poles as sympathizing with their hard lot and secures their loyalty in that way, she can work hand in hand with their enemies on the other, and has every interest that the system of oppression should not come to an end.

J. B. ASKEW.

A country merchant failed in business. He had a large stock which he could not sell. His creditors accepted fifty cents on the dollar in payment of their claims. He raised the money and found that he had a large stock on hand and that it had cost him only half of what the stock of his rivals had cost. He immediately announced a great sale of bankrupt stock and began to sell his own stuff at half the ordinary prices. The other merchants looked on in amazement while he captured the trade. They could not afford to compete because they had to pay a hundred cents on the dollar. Give that country merchant time and he will develop into a local Rockefeller and skin all his neighbors provided he is not put out of business by the bigger concerns playing the same kind of tricks on him. Under capitalism honesty does not pay.

Taft at Chicago has been praising "good unions" which shun socialism and denouncing the "bad unions" which take up socialist ideas. Tom Reed was about right when he said that Republicans and Socialists would be fighting it out between themselves in the election of 1912.

According to the Cincinnati Post the city of Elmwood will have the honor of electing the first socialist mayor in Ohio. The socialists have been working hard and their chances of success are bright.

One person in thirty-seven in England and Wales is a pauper. Twenty-five hundred own one-half the land. Last winter the unemployed problem threatened capitalism. The outlook for the coming winter is admittedly worse. Capitalism is rushing to its cataclysmic finish.

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## LABOR IS CHEAP.

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"Labor is plentiful and cheap, in Gravesend and district. Owing to the decline of the old industries, such as fishing, the labor market is glutted. The introduction of machinery in the cement works, which forms an important feature in the district's trade, has also reduced the amount of labor necessary to about one-fifth. There are no trade unions, and there is also an excellent opening for female labor."

There is the whole story of capitalist exploitation. Assuming two men in the same trade go, with their capital, to Gravesend, one is prepared to exploit the labor glut to the utmost, the other determines to pay trade union wages. Other things being equal, where would the latter be in a very short time?

Moreover, if unorganized, plentifully cheap male labor is not cheap enough, then "female labor" is available.

F. H. GORLE.

Although the busy bees toil patiently all their lives, the greatest part of their produce is not for their enjoyment but goes to the owner of the hive. So all wealth is produced by the laboring classes, but of that wealth as in the case of the bees, they only receive just enough to keep them alive, while the rest is expropriated by the capitalists and landlords. What we want is that the laborer shall receive the full product of his toil, even as the bee does, whose hive is in the hollow oak, far from rapacious men.

Taft wants a central bank, for the benefit of the bankers. The bankers think this a fine idea and oppose the idea of a postal savings bank. There is more plunder in the former than in the latter.

J. L. Fitts, a socialist orator, was arrested for speaking in Salt Lake City on the street corner on Sunday. He was later discharged and is now suing for five thousand dollars damages for false arrest.

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Patient, "Doctor what can you do for me?"

Doctor Uptodate, "Man you have atrophy of the thimble. Take Cotton's Weekly."

Wm. Robinson of Poplar, Ont., lassos two plute voters and sends them along to Cotton's to be held down for a year. After that they will hold themselves down for socialism.

Malcolm Z. Buchanan of Cape Breton steps up to the bargain counter and buys six months of "the best paper published in Canada."

The prairie hustler, Geo. Toseland, sends in a bunch of ten trials which local Dauphin, Man., want corralled for Socialism.

Miss Sophy Mushkat, of Moncton, N. B., sends along a six months sub to enlighten a plute voter. The socialists of N. B., have started out to paint their province a deep red. Just watch their sub list grow.

Last week the amount received for subs totalled \$7.75. I now know why J. A. Wayland called himself "The One Hoss" in the early days of the Appeal history. There were times when he had to pull the whole load himself.

Comrade H. A. Webb has gone down to his old home at Fredericton, N. B., for a two weeks holiday. Started last Monday. When he comes back to his desk after his rest he will have renewed courage and energy to give the capitalist system some big whacks.

We have not heard from Comrade Lavenne for a few days. But he has been instrumental in plunking over a hundred copies of Cotton's into Springfield, N. S., and the raw material of unconverted plug voters is getting scarce round his way.

S. Shayer of Ottawa is investigating socialism by the purchase of socialist literature from Cotton's Book department.

"Cry havoc, and let loose the dogs of war." This is the way I felt when H. G. Ross, of Glace Bay, N. S., landed three yearlies, five halves and three trial subs from the strike region for Cotton's to tell a few plain truths to. There are over sixty-five copies of Cotton's going to the working plugs of Glace Bay.

From Montreal comes five trials and a yearling from the rustling among truth seekers on the part of A. Johnson. The capitalists are worrying how they are going to continue to run the affairs of Canada and right under their noses and amid all their worries they find that the people are coming to the conclusion that they can't. Cotton's is shaking some of the strongholds of the plutes.

From Guelph, Ont., comes Geo. Penfold with a yearling and a half and a bundle of ten copies to be delivered to a local newsdealer. This brings the bundle going to Guelph up to the forty mark. Tell you what. You fellows are going to surprise and delight Webb when he comes back. He went away pretty downhearted.

Preachers, like other men, discuss what is upper-most in their minds. If their attention is constantly directed to socialism, if they are asked questions about it, if they are requested to speak of it in their sermons, if they are given books and papers to read thereon, they will certainly help make it a public issue by describing it, attacking it or advocating it.

If socialism continues to grow as fast as it has been doing, and there is every reason to believe it will grow faster, then the Social-Democracy will triumph within the next ten, twelve or fifteen years. Socialism will be in our time.

Geo. E. Karley of Chestly, Ont., takes a Pocket Library of Socialism. Intends to get busy and hustle for Cotton's.

E. Rubinstein is to hand with a year's subscription to Cotton's. Tired of reading the plute lies and wants to get a little economic truth.

John Wright of Brussels renews his bundle order for ten copies for three months. He is out on the warpath and is after scalps for socialism.

John McKiernan of Cobalt has been down looking over Cotton's. He is a red hot socialist and never rests in the fight for economic liberty. He came convinced that Cotton's was the thing and departed with the idea more deeply fixed in his mind than ever. During his visit to gave us some pointers which we will use from time to time.

M. Wayman who has been up in Toronto, London and Cornwall dropped into the office for a talk with the editor. He reports that the movement in Toronto has a great future before it. With an earnest effort along right lines he is convinced that Toronto can be captured for Socialism in the near future.

Three yearlies from Harry Smith of Coleman, Alta. He is out for a scrap with the capitalist system and knows nothing better than Cotton's to help him in the fight.

H. Fogal is still on the job. Brantford gets two more yearlies and ten trials through his efforts.

Don't get impatient if your book orders are not filled, nor if business correspondence is not answered. Remember that the business manager is away and will not be back till the third of October.

C. P. Culliford has landed with a poem which will duly appear in the next week's issue. He informs us that local Woodstock No. 1 has been duly organized with fifteen members and bright prospects. They are all out to whoop it up for socialism. They broke into print in their local paper with a lot of questions on socialism and got the local editor going to the extent of a two column article in answer.

Elmira local sends in a two dollar bill and asks Cotton's to invite a bunch of plute thinkers in their town to the little tea party we will soon be having on the tombstone of capitalism.

Ed. B. Bailey is to hand with another bunch of subs for Montreal. There are those who never seem to sleep in the socialist movement but are ever on the firing line to nab the stragglers who show a tendency to stray from the tattered army of the capitalist working plugs.

C. V. Hoar is to hand with five six-monthers for the Bluenose Province. Seems to me that if the hustlers of the aristocratic province by the sea keep on, the aristocrats will have to cease aristocrating it and to do just a little bit of useful work on occasions.

Now comrades, I am not worrying over the slump in subs during the past few weeks. I prophesy that the sub hustlers are going to tighten their belts and go after the plute thinkers. The Canadian boys are second to none in their devotion to principles which they believe to be right. They are of the northern breed that takes long to waken but when once awakened there is no letgo to them. They keep everlastingly on the job. This is the proposition. You want to make socialists. Can Cotton's make them for you? If it can then roll in the subs. If it cannot, if you know a better and cheaper and more effective way to make socialists, take that way and drop Cotton's. If Cotton's can make Socialists then for the sake of your families, for the sake of your unborn children, for the sake of all you hold nearest and dearest in this world and the next get out and hustle for subs. Get your neighbors reading, get them interested and awakened to their own interests and to the grand truths of human brotherhood and love and mercy that lie behind the apparently harsh doctrine of economic determinism. I have faith in you scouts of the coming hosts of socialist workers. I know you are going to pile up a subscription list that will keep me digging after new machinery to take care of it.

I want to make a tour of Canada and meet the comrades throughout the Dominion. I want to meet you personally as much as possible. I want to talk over the socialist movement and help give it a boost forward as much as lies in my power. I have talked with ministers and advocates and the wageslave has no idea how the truths

of the socialist doctrines are penetrating to the most unexpected quarters. What would you think if I told you that there were many ministers preaching to capitalist audiences who long to be released from their vapid duties. They would like nothing better than to get out and fight for the brotherhood of man under the flaming flag of socialism. But economic determinism prevents them. There is the question of the stomach. They must provide for their loved ones the food and shelter that will keep their bodies healthy. They are wageslaves just as much as you men in the mines are only their wage pen is a little more gilded. There are business men who are socialists but who cannot let it be known or they would lose their jobs. Men and women are looking for some way of escape from the galling conditions under which they are forced to live. Just at present I consider that my duties lie here in Cowansville. I would like to get out and hustle. I would like to go to Ottawa this winter, for instance, and report to you readers the inside history of the political movements at Ottawa. You cannot get them in the capitalist press. You cannot get them in the official debates. There are current and countercurrents pulling the Ottawa political puppets various ways. But my duties lie here in Cowansville until you hustlers have grown so numerous and active that the paper can pay for itself and will carry an editor or preferably two editors on the receipts. How long will it take you hustlers to put Cotton's where it can fight a national fight against the forces of plutocracy that are making the fight for a living a bitter worry to the majority of Canadian men and Canadian women?

The multi-millionaire of today may be the pauper of tomorrow. There is no safety for any labor thief to continue the enjoyment of his unearned revenues.

The Japanese members of parliament are raising their own salary. It is more over announced that two and a half million dollars will be saved by a "readjustment" of the administrative departments. American government employees know what this means. Taft has had his salary raised and the government employees in the various bureaus have been put on reduced pay and have been speeded up. Canada has felt the process. At Ottawa the employees have been given bigger pay and longer hours. Laurier as an election dodge had promised the civil servants an increase but he did not tell them that they would have to work longer to get it. As Canada is growing and more work must be done in the departments it was a case of speed up or longer hours or more help. The longer hours and more pay was the method chosen. A few years more and the Ottawa government will find that they are vitally interested in the class struggle.

Two subs come bounding in from the prairies of the West per John Douglas of West Selkirk, Man. He says that Cotton's should have a circulation of fifty thousand. Well, its going to have it. I back Cotton's bullies every time against Capitalism's bat eyed bums.

Over five hundred and thirty copies of Cotton's go to Montreal and over a hundred and fifty go to Toronto. A year ago when Cotton's was a capitalist reform sheet called "The Observer" it had scarcely a dozen in either place. Who says socialism is not gripping the heart of the people who do the world's work?

W. G. Glenn of Toronto, has caught a reader for Cotton's in Malton, Ont. If he has the warm heartthrob of human sympathy in his body we agree to keep him caught.

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## FOR REACHING RESULTS

Each issue of Cotton's contains eight pages. Each page, minus advertisements, contains five columns of excellent propaganda matter.

That makes forty columns of socialist reading matter every week.

A three months trial subscription means thirteen issues of this paper, which is equivalent to 104 pages of socialism in printed form, or 520 columns of good propaganda flowing into a home once every seven days.

And all that for ten cents. For one dollar ten homes can thus be supplied, supposing on the average only two persons in a home read the paper, that means twenty persons supplied with 1040 pages, or 5200.

## STOLEN WEALTH

Professional people work hard, yet professional people are only comfortably well off. Farmers work hard, yet most of their farms are heavily mortgaged. The small business men work hard, yet bankruptcy constantly stares them in the face. Miners, sailors, lumbermen, mechanics, clerks, school-teachers and the generality of people work hard yet they get only enough to keep them in good working order from day to day.

Why? Simply because somebody else is getting the wealth which they produce. It is not because old mother earth will not field up her treasures at the magic touch of science, or because there is not enough machinery in the world to produce the necessities of life, or enough men and women to operate the machinery.

## Some Fashion Notes

Steady jobs for workingmen are going out of fashion.

Hungry looking faces and ragged looking clothes are getting very fashionable among the wage workers.

The old time fashion of making times more prosperous by reducing wages still prevails to a very large extent.

It gets more and more fashionable for labor saving machines to displace workmen and for department stores to displace small store-keepers.

## Labor Editor Jailed

Just as the French syndicalists began to rejoice over the freeing of the managing editor of the *Guerre Social* Marchal, and his four confederates, who were jailed about thirteen months ago for writing anti-militarist articles, the manager of the *Voix du Peuple*, Vignaud, has been condemned to a year in prison, with \$300 fine, under a similar charge. It appears, however, that Vignaud had nothing to do with the writing of the article in question, which came from the pen of Jean Bertrand, and was published in the *Petit Sou*. Bertrand was acquitted in 1902. Later the article was published in the *Pioupou de l'Yonne*, and then in the *Voix du Peuple*.

A vigorous campaign will doubtless be waged to bring about the release of Vignaud.

## Growth of Unions Abroad

A compilation of trades union statistics in the principal countries of the world places the number of members in good standing at 9,000,000, or 1,000,000 more, than last year. Germany contributes a gain of 400,000, which outstrips Great Britain and nearly overtakes the United States. At this time the United States and Canada have about 2,300,000 members, whereas last year Germany had 2,215,000. The unions of Great Britain were credited with a membership of 1,888,000 last year. Five European countries have more trades-union members than the state of New York, but New York outranks Russia, Hungary and Spain, as well as the smaller countries.

## Maritime Provinces Organization Fund

Following are further contributors to the Maritime Provinces Organization Fund:

Previously acknowledged: \$94.30  
"A Toronto Comrade": 1.00

Total: \$95.30

Yours in Revolt  
ROSCOE A. FILLMORE,  
Secy. Organization Com.  
Albert, Albert Co. N. B.

## Local Papers Getting Socialistic

You cannot keep the Socialist philosophy down. It springs up in the hearts of the people and finds an echo in the intelligent local papers which respond to the wishes of their readers. The following (taken from editorial columns of the *Abernethian*, published at Abernathy, Sask., might have appeared with credit in a socialist newspaper.

"It is safe to say and we have financial corporation papers to back the statement that the great bulk of the western crop has been sold several weeks ago on the Liverpool the consuming market at \$1.08 to a \$1.10 a bushel for future delivery, and now these middle men are proposing to purchase the actual commodity at about 96 cents thus netting themselves somewhere in the neighborhood of 12 cents a bushel on the western crop in other words the farmer pays the elevator combine, for it is all one whether Ogilvie, Patton or Peevey is dealt with about twelve millions of dollars for the privilege of having them handle their 1909 wheat crop.

One of the main in fact we think it is the main disadvantage, under which the farmer as a class labor is in the fact that he does not read sufficiently. The average weekly and daily and practically all our farm papers at the present time are in the hands of those corporate institutions, railways, banks and elevator companies, whose object is to disseminate in as far as they possibly can "doped" news, and thereby keep the producer, the backbone of our country, in gross ignorance of the true state of affairs and while he is in that state of apathy make all they possibly can off his labors.

That the news of the day as distributed by the Associated Press is censored by Standard Oil interests as rigidly as is the news of Russia is a well known fact and that the big papers almost without exception are managed with a view to further the cause of one or other of the corporate bodies is also generally known. The old time papers presided over by such men as Horace Greely are no more. Instead the helm is virtually controlled by some body running as close to the confines of the law as possible and the paid writers do the columns in accord with their views. The same follows true to a greater or lesser extent in all journalism until one scarce knows where to turn to secure unbiased opinions of great and momentous questions in the national, political or financial arena. Hence, we say that the producer being the mainstay of this country needs more than anyone else to study, become broad minded and comprehend in every particular the situations in which he as a class finds himself; not allowing a few individuals to do his thinking and make his bargains for him. This condition affects not only the producer of wheat but everyone who belongs to the laboring as against the corporate class."

## Denmark Unions' Big Fund

Denmark unions paid in 1908 more than \$200,000 in unemployed benefits, besides collecting a special effort fund for giving relief to members out of work, which fund reached \$72,500. This fund was started in January and during its existence there have been fourteen distributions; at the first 6,655 members out of benefit were helped, at the ninth the figures had risen to 7,867, at the last there were 3,090 to be helped.

## Cigarmakers Strike

Unable to exist upon the miserable wage of 15 cents per day which was being paid them the girl cigarmakers of the Porto Rico Leaf factory at Bayamon Porto Rico have gone on strike and are determined not to return to work until they secure a substantial increase in pay.

That the authorities are on the side of the bosses is shown by the fact that although the girls are perfectly peaceable three of them have been accused of disturbing the peace because they took part in a demonstration in front of the factory. It is expected that the organized workers of Porto Rico will aid these girls in their just struggle and prevent cigarmakers from going to Bayamon.

The general organization work of the Free Federation of labor is progressing rapidly throughout the island. The latest local union to be formed is that of the carpenters at Arroyo, which is now awaiting its charter from the International.

The Plumber's Union of Winnipeg was recently condemned in heavy damages to the master plumbers because of actions during a strike. The master plumbers could find no property of the union upon which to realize and wanted the Court to give them permission to collect back union dues from the individual members in satisfaction of the judgment. The Court held that there was no contract whereby the individual members had agreed to pay union dues, the said payments being purely voluntary. The master plumbers therefore, have judgment which they cannot collect.

Old Home Week are schemes got up by the labor plunderers to take the last cent out of the pockets of the middle class in order to keep the wage slaves temporarily busy and give themselves dividends. The latest scheme is a great "home coming" next year for the Irish to Ireland. The Irish had to get out of Ireland because of the exactions of the plunderers. Now it is proposed to work upon the sentiment of the expatriated in order that what little coin they may have may be coaxed out of their pockets and incidentally to let the British plunderers of the Irish get more surplus wealth.

## Effective Propaganda at Low Cost

Cotton's can be sent for:  
Three months to one person for ten cents.  
Three months to ten different persons for a dollar.  
Three months to fifty different persons for five dollars.  
Three months to one hundred different persons for ten dollars.  
Locals please note the effective propaganda that can be done at small cost.

W. J. Hanna, the Ontario Provincial Secretary, declares that the greed of the rent mongers of Cobalt is criminal and extortionate. Houses that cost two hundred and eighty dollars rent for three hundred and sixty dollars a year. Typhoid is rampant, because it costs money to clean up the town. Hanna considers rent of a hundred and seventy percent extortionate and by so doing exhibits his own foolishness. All rents which more than cover the first labor cost of a building are extortionate. The little bourgeois mind of Hanna attacks the landlords of Cobalt, but considers the landlords of Toronto eminently respectable people who make an honest living. The socialist position that declares all rent beyond the amount necessary to form a sinking fund for the replacement of the building is extortionate, is the only logical position to take.

William S. Bruce, the arctic explorer, has arrived in Edinburgh and has declared that there is coal in the Arctic regions that can be profitably worked. If this be true the miners will have to go and freeze near the North Pole in order to dig cheap coal for labor thieves. There is plenty of coal in warmer regions to provide heat and power for all, but the established coal barons are in control and humanity will have to go to the uttermost parts of the earth to raise up a new crop of coal barons and labor thieves.

## Talk! Talk! Endless Talk!

If it were only as effective as literature, the Co-operative Commonwealth would now be here. The way to clinch a person for socialism is not to argue with him or her. The way to clinch people is to get them reading socialist books, pamphlets, papers and leaflets. Let the brainiest men in the socialist movement convince that friend of yours through the printed word. He'll not talk back to a book or paper.

## CAPITALIST MINDS

The masses vote for the perpetuation of capitalism because they have capitalist ideas. They have capitalist ideas because they read capitalist books, capitalist sermons, capitalist newspapers. They feed on capitalist literature because that is the only literature they know anything about. They know nothing of anti-capitalist literature because no one has persistently brought the literature of Socialism to their attention. Now, if you, gentle reader, would only tackle someone every week for a sub. to Cotton's, you would break down the strongest bulwark of the existing social order, namely, popular ignorance.

Children Cry  
FOR FLETCHER'S  
CASTORIA

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## A CONVERT

By Norman Tiptaft.

He was very small, very ragged, very dirty, but he had a voice that pierced the din of the traffic, and was a constant worry to the man who stood on the soap-box expounding to the crowd that he termed the gospel of humanity.

"My friends," said the lecturer, "you are downtrodden, you are robbed of your birthrights, you are oppressed, you are—"

"Oh, chuck it," came from the small boy, but the lecturer went on: "Many of you do not know where you will find a bed to-night, you have no homes, society does not recognize your right to live, society—"

"How long have you been in society?" from the interrupter.

The lecturer did not look as if he patronised Bond Street; he was shabby, his clothes were patched and old, his hat gone green with long wear, his boots thin. And the crowd appreciated the point and smiled, but he went on bravely: "You may laugh; it's funny, isn't it, very funny to laugh at a chap who happens to be poor, but who knows why he is poor?"

"Drink again," echoed the shrill treble. He was standing quite close to me; I caught him by the shoulder. "Look here, youngster," said I, "come out of it," and I swung him to the edge of the crowd. "Now then, why do you keep interrupting that man, when there are people standing round waiting to hear what he has to say? Don't you think it's very unfair?"

"Course I don't—he's a blooming Socialist."

"Well, and if he is a Socialist hasn't he a right to speak, and besides, how much worse off would you be under Socialism?"

"Socialism—Socialism's a fraud; you can't take me in," he said. "Oh, indeed," said I. "How old are you?"

"Thirteen last November." "And what do you know about Socialism except that it's a fraud?" "Ain't that enough? Besides, father, he says the Socialists don't believe in the Bible." "Your father is a good man, eh?" "Oh, the old 'un, he's all right when he's sober, and if he's in work."

"Is he in now?" "Hasn't been in for six months." "What are you living on then?" "Mother goes out cleaning, and I sell papers." "Any more at home?"

"Yes, there's four younger than me; the youngest of 'em he's only five, but he's had this last six weeks, he'll die soon." "And how much a week do you and your mother bring in?" "If we have luck, we can knock up about 12s. between us."

"And how much rent do you pay?" "Four shillings, when we pay any." "You don't always then?" "No, we don't. We owe about 32s. now, but the landlord, he don't turn us out, because he keeps on 'oping we shall pay sometime, and there's nothing in the house he could sell."

"So seven of you live, when you pay rent, on eight shillings a week—if you're lucky?" "Yes." "What's your name?" "Eric Smith." Well now, Eric, do you know that Socialists want to bring about a condition of things in which everyone will have plenty to eat and drink and enough to wear, and they are trying to make it impossible for little children like the one you have at home to die through not being looked after?"

"Are they?" "Father, he says they want to do away with the King and upset the whole country, and he says they want to take our homes from us, too. Bloody robbers, he calls 'em."

"Don't you think you would like to have that home taken away and a new one in its place—a nice clean house, and a garden where you could grow flowers?" "Don't you think if Socialism is what I tell you it is, you would be better off?" "Perhaps so," he said, after a pause. "Yes, if that's what it is, I'm on."

"And now, youngster," said I, "when did you have anything last?" "I had a piece of bread this morning." "This morning, and now it's eight o'clock. Haven't you had anything since?" "No—had no luck."

"My dear boy," said I, "come in here." We were soon seated in a coffee tavern, and in front of Eric three big beef sandwiches and a cup of coffee. He took a long drink, picked up a sandwich, looked at it, and put it down. "I say guv'nor," he said, "isn't this 'ere Socialism of yours something to do with dividing things up?" "Well, hardly; that is, we shan't divide things up, but we shall all have a share."

"And I suppose that means those that have got too much won't have such a big share as they've got now, and those that haven't got enough will have a bit more?" "Something like that, yes." "That means folks that have

got things have got to give some of them up to be Socialists?" "Well, perhaps so." "I say, guv'nor, I reckon I can do as I like with these sandwiches, can't I?" "What do you want to do with them?" "I said, 'Well, the kids ain't got nothing at home, and I'm going to take 'em these—that's Socialism, ain't it?'" "Erie, old man, you've got the principle of it right; it does mean sacrifice for others." "That's what I thought, and I'm going to be a bloomin' Socialist myself, so there. Goodnight, guv'nor, and thanks."

And so the Socialist Party gained another convert.

I saw him again some six months later. A crowd had collected to watch a fight between two boys. Just as I arrived one of them had evidently had enough of it, for he bolted. Looking at the other, I saw it was my former anti-Socialist acquaintance. "Hello!" I said, "what is the trouble?" "Oh, there's no trouble," he replied, "only I wasn't going to stand his jaw." "What did he say?" "Said the Socialists were rotters. And so—so I gave him a punch on the nose, and told him I was one myself."

"That's how you spread the good news, is it?" "Rather; I've got a crib at an office now, 5s. a week regular. The boss, he's a Socialist, too; we have fine times. Ta, ta, I must be off," and, turning on his heel, the defender of Socialism marched off singing in his shrill treble:

We'll raise the scarlet banner high,  
Beneath its shade we'll live and die;  
Though towards flesh and traitors sneer,  
We'll keep the flag flying here.

—British Labor Leader

## CONUNDRUMS.

What is the right profit for a dealer to make on goods?

Did all the people starve before the capitalist was created?

Why do people oppose a theory they know nothing about?

If combination is good for the rich, why is it not good for the poor?

What is fair wages for workmen, and where is the rule to be found?

If there were no money in the world, would people starve because they could buy nothing?

If capitalists by combination can reduce cost of manufacture why should they raise the price?

If the nation made food who would profit by adulteration? Would it not go into the public treasury?

If ten men raise ten bushels of wheat, how many bushels should they give the capitalist for the privilege?

Is bribery a good thing, why not charter a few more corporations to assist in producing the good thing?

If a human being born on the earth has a right to stay on it, why should he have to buy or rent a place to stay on it?

How much water should a corporation be permitted to draw an interest on without complaint from those who have to pay it?

If labor creates capital why does not labor own it? What do the capitalists create trade to labor for labor's capital?

If the people have sense enough to elect their city and county officers why have they not sense enough to elect their postmasters?

If monopoly is a bad thing why do capitalists continually strive for it? If a good thing, why will it not be good for all the people to own?

If the government can send a written letter to its destination satisfactorily would it produce anarchy to have it send a telegraph letter?

To what point of completion must the trusts be perfected before the people will have to take control of them to prevent general starvation?

## SAVED FROM SUFFERING IN HIS OLD AGE.

Gin Pills cured him.

Annapolis, N.S., May 14, 1909.

I am over 80 years of age and have been suffering from Kidney and Bladder trouble for fifteen years. I took doctor's medicine but got no help. I want to thank you for sending me the sample box of Gin Pills, which helped me.

I have taken six boxes of Gin Pills altogether but got relief before I had taken that amount. I had to get up every night every fifteen minutes and use an instrument before I could urinate. Now I can lie in bed four or five hours without getting up. I can say that Gin Pills have nearly cured me and I always keep a box in the house.

Thanking you for your timely help, I am your sincere friend and well-wisher, W. H. PIERCE.

And all as a result of sending for a free sample box of Gin Pills.

Do you suffer with your Kidneys or Bladder? Send to the National Drug & Chemical Co. of Canada, Dept. O, Toronto, and get a sample free by return mail. Regular size, at all stores, 50c. a box—or 6 for \$2.50.

## THE FREE FORUM

The Editor COTTON'S WEEKLY:

Dear Sir—Mr Hoar in your last issue of Sept. 9th, does not agree with my suggestion re co-operative effort.

Please allow me to say that Co-operation is just as ardent a socialist as Mr. Hoar. He does not advocate co-operation under capitalism. He advocates co-operation as a remedy for capitalism.

Co-operation enables people to manage their own businesses and trades and to reap all the profits. It has been proved in England, Ireland, Scotland, Belgium, Italy, France, Germany, Russia, United States, New Zealand, and elsewhere that they can do so, if they wish.

Co-operator looks forward to co-operative commonwealths, but until this comes, he advocates, upon the principle that half a loaf is better than none, the adoption of means, i.e. Co-operation, to better the condition of people.

Mr Hoar says that if any capitalist or group of capitalists wish to admit their employees as co-partners, etc., he may instruct Senators and M.P.'s to support co-operative legislation. Co-operation as taught and practised has nothing to do with co-partnership between employers and employees. It teaches the employees to manage and reap the profits of their own labor without any employer.

Farther, Mr Hoar says "the working classes can plough fields, dig coal, and handle rifles for the benefit of the capitalists, why can they not plough fields, dig coal and handle rifles for themselves?" Exactly so, that is what co-operation teaches them:—to plough fields, dig coal, (not handle rifles), run their own retail and wholesale business, and work for themselves, not the capitalists.

Political socialism is simply where people through the government get everything run upon the lines of co-operation already taught and practised, by millions of people, outside of the question of politics.

Co-operation as advocated by co-operator, is a simple endeavor to persuade socialists to organize co-operatively until the millennium of socialism arrives. When this comes, the co-operative organizations which exist will become merged into the greater co-operative commonwealth. Meanwhile let us save money by the means at hand.

Permit me to suggest that Mr Hoar study the co-operative movement more closely, and read (if he has not already done so) a work called the Story of New Zealand, by Frank Parsons, \$3.00, obtainable from "The Equity Series," 1520 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa. U. S. A. Perhaps if he has it, he will give us extracts upon Co-operative Industries.

Sincerely,

CO-OPERATOR.

## THE AMERICAN CIRCUS

An Appeal to the Filipinos by W. S. Morgan, Hardy, Ark.

You Filipinos don't know what you are missing by not becoming citizens of this grand country of ours. There isn't anything like it under the sun. You ought to send a delegation over to see us—the land of the free—land of fine churches and 180,000 licensed saloons; bibles, forts, and guns, houses of prostitution; millionaires and paupers; theologians and thieves; libertines and liars; politicians and poverty; Christians and chain gangs; schools and sealaws; trusts and tramps; money and misery; homes and hunger; virtue and vice; a land where you can get a good bible for fifteen cents and a bad drink of whisky for five cents; where we have a man in congress with three wives and a lot in the penitentiary for having two wives; where some men make sausage out of their wives, and some want to eat them raw; where we make bologna out of dogs, canned beef out of horses and sick cows, and corpses out of the people who eat it; where we put a man in jail for not having the means of support and on the rock pile for asking for a job of work; where we license bawdy houses and fine men for preaching Christ on the street corners; where we have a congress of 400 men who make laws, and a supreme court of nine men who set them aside; where good whisky makes bad men and bad men make good whisky; where newspapers are paid for suppressing the truth and made rich for teaching a lie; where professors draw their convictions from the same place they do their salaries; where preachers are paid \$25,000 a year to dodge the devil and tickle the ears of the wealthy; where

business consists of getting hold of property in any way that won't land you in the penitentiary; where trusts "hold up" and poverty "holds down"; where men vote for what they want for fear they will get what they do want by voting for it. Where "niggers" can vote and women can't; where a girl who goes wrong is made an outcast and her male partner flourishes as a gentleman; where women wear false hair and men "dock" their horses' tails; where the political vice-puller has displaced the patriotic statesman; where men vote for a thing one day and cuss it 304 days; where we have prayers on the floor of our National Capitol and whisky in the cellar; where we spend \$500 to bury a statesman who is rich and \$10 to put away a workman who is poor; where to be virtuous is to be lonesome, and to be honest is to be a crank; where we sit on the safety-valve of energy and pull wide open the throttle of conscience; where gold is substance—the one thing sought for; where we pay \$15,000 for a dog and fifteen cents a dozen to a poor woman for making shirts; where we teach the "untutored" Indian eternal life from the bible and kill him off with bad whisky; where we put a man in jail for stealing a loaf of bread and in congress for stealing a railroad; where the cheek-book talks, sin walks abroad in daylight, justice is asleep, crime runs amuck, corruption permeates our whole social and political fabric, and the devil laughs from every street corner. Come to us, Filippies! We've got the greatest aggregation of good things and bad things, hot things and cold things, all classes, varieties and colors; ever exhibited under one tent.—The Appeal

A Cleveland despatch says the biggest fight which was ever waged between organized labor and capital on the Great Lakes will be fought in 1910. Plans for the campaign to be followed by the unions were started some weeks ago. Leaders have been working on them in secret. They are now perfecting an organization that will be many times stronger than any of the old ones. There are 50,000 wage-earners on the lakes. Heretofore the various kinds of workmen have had their own unions. These have been fought singly by the Lake Carriers' Association, and one after another has been defeated. Next season all the lake workmen will be in one big union that will be a part of the International Seamen's Union.

Professor George B. Foster of the theological department of the University of Chicago is still being attacked by the Rev. Johnson Myers. Foster teaches that there is no Baptist creed and that the Christian religion is not the final one. To show how new ideas are creeping in among the members of churches forty of Dr. Myers' parishioners have written to him requesting him to cease attacking Professor Foster.

The Cannon Commission for the investigation of municipal graft in Montreal was a good thing. It showed up the rottenness of capitalism. The same kind of corruption is being discovered in Youngstown, Ohio. It is being dug up in New York and Pittsburgh. It exists practically everywhere. The capitalists, however, cannot stop the graft nor solve the problem. Socialism is the only remedy.

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The land, the mines, the mills, the workshops, the departmental stores, the railways, the steamships, the banks, the insurance companies, the telegraphs, the telephones, in short, the entire machinery of production, distribution and exchange, are in the hands of a small number of people.

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# Woman's Page

Devoted to Ways and Means for Bettering Her Lot in the Various Walks of Life

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## GOW GANDA CAMPS

MARY COTTON WISDOM.

The other day I met a young man who is considered to be quite a pioneer up here. He told me that he had been in this country for eight months, he also said he knows very few men who have been here longer.

In a new country, things move quickly, a boom town grows with the rapidity of a mushroom.

I have been told on good authority that last January there was not a house where now the town of Gow Ganda stands. To-day it considers itself to be quite as important little city. They certainly charge city prices, they calmly ask you seven hundred dollars for a building lot, composed for the most part of rock and adorned with a scraggly tree or two, as for lumber to build yourself a dwelling upon this town site, you must pay as the minimum price about seventy-five dollars a thousand feet for it. It appears that some years ago the Ontario Government gave for a consideration all these timber limits to a gentleman named Booth. So he owns all the timber and like a true capitalist, extracts his toll of our necessity.

I wondered on my first visit to Gow Ganda why in this forest country, so many lived in tents or small shacks and cabins.

Most of the men who come up to this wild country, come with lean pocket books in search of their fortunes, so cannot afford to pay about twenty-five dollars a thousand for standing timber, nor a further tribute of about fifty dollars a thousand feet to the saw mill to convert it into lumber.

Before now when ever I read of governments giving away the nation's resources, it always seemed an abstract sort of a thing, and never interested me. But now that I have come face to face with the problem it strikes me in a different light.

When I first learned that we could not build even a log cabin on our own property, out of our own timber, without expecting a visit from the fire ranger to measure and charge us for it, I said to myself that it was no wonder our legislators so strongly opposed votes for women.

How long do you suppose (had I and other women a voice in the affairs of the land) would such an assinine law remain in force as that which gives to a man named Booth all the trees on my property and of the whole countryside?

Scandals of all sorts leak out about our governing bodies, now when they are composed of men trying to shield each other. What would it be when we woman began to house clean in those high places? The dust and cobwebs of ages seem to have accumulated in our council halls to such an extent that even the dim dirtiness of the political corridors are deemed sacred.

Speaking about laws; I myself knew a case where for the paltry sum of twelve dollars which a poor man could not pay, an officer of the law entered his home, sold his furniture and turned his wife and six children into the street, one of which was an infant not many days old. All for twelve dollars, hardly the price of a single champagne supper for one of our law-makers.

I pondered long and often over the subject of that twelve dollars till I learned it was only one case out of many that happen every day in the free country of ours.

I believe that there are good men and true trying to serve their country to the best of their ability in our Parliaments, but when one reads of boodle and graft and bribery on every hand, when

investigations and white washings are the order of the day, one's heart turns sick. Our law-makers have been framing laws from time immemorial or the gods of the community. What have they done? At this late day the law says plainly and unblushingly that it is just and right to turn helpless women and children homeless into the streets to starve or freeze it matters not, and this for no fault of their own. If this is the result of our legislator's solemn conclaves and deep debates, verily, the mountain has labored and brought forth a mouse. No, I would not call it a good, healthy mouse, but some little, deformed, creeping crawling reptile.

But I am wandering from my subject, like a woman. I started to write about the beauties of Gow Ganda and have ended by criticising the government in a manner worthy I am afraid of a real suffragette.

I honor these energetic sisters of ours across the Atlantic. Though I must admit they express their opinions a little forcibly at times. There is a cause that needs valiant battle and I sympathize with them heartily.

I will take a copy from their example and let stand what I have written, believing as I do, it to be all the truth.

## A Woman Turning Into Ice

By ROBERT HUNTER

You have probably never heard of a woman turning into ice. But such a woman there is and her story may interest you.

She lives in a beautiful palace, crowning a noble hill. In all directions there are wonderful views over groves, valleys, lakes and streams. About the palace lies a great estate with miles and miles of lovely drives.

And her husband is great. His wisdom earns him millions. He is a director of many great railroads, trustee of a college, and legal adviser to express, rubber and steel trusts.

And there are no children to play on the lawns, to watch the sheep on the hillside or to clap their little hands in ecstasy over the wonders and beauties of that vast estate.

And the woman's body grows icy. She can't keep warm. Even in hot summer great fires burn on the hearth. Blinds and windows are closed. She lies late in bed to keep herself warm.

At twelve o'clock each day she rises to prepare for lunch. If after lunch she is tired she takes a nap, otherwise she buries herself in fur rugs and coats and goes to drive.

She sees friends at tea in the late summer afternoons with doors closed so no draught shall enter and with a fire blazing high on the open place.

All about her is bigness, richness, vastness.

And there is no one to love, no children, no people, no cause. And her husband has dyspepsia and can't eat, and he has no one to love, no ideal to cherish, no cause to serve.

He piles up wealth. He interprets the law, he writes the articles of trusts and corporations. He points the path to powerful, respectable law breakers.

Without caring for it or having any little ones to give it to, masses and masses of money pour in his hands.

And all the time the world grows colder, the blood thinner, the body weaker. More and more furs are piled on to warm the heart and to keep off the frost.

And no one sees the fine view because it is so cold out there.

And every day a heavier gloom settles on this house. He is great and she is rich and there are no children and no love, and no great cause and no world of big, warm, struggling men and women. Nothing but money and cold and ice.

And this is a true story, so help me God.

## Women and Co-operation

It used to be said that women had no co-operative sense. It was used as a dire reproach against them; and it was quite true. They had as much

as primitive man, but it slumbered in them a few thousand years longer than in him because circumstances did not require it of them. They had many common enemies, but social conditions secluded them from each other, and consequently from co-operation. One of the most interesting phases of the woman movement has been the extraordinarily rapid growth of this quality, or capacity, in woman. Unclubbable was the word applied to them when the first woman's club was opened. Today London is strewn with Women's clubs, serious, frivolous, specialist and general, having large memberships and any number of mutual interests, not only internal, but connected with the outside world. The suffragist movement is an illustration of the way in which women realize that co-operation is necessary. Women's congresses are another case in point. In Toronto there is a woman's savings bank, entirely staffed by women. The Chinese government has just opened a hospital for women, in which every servant, nurse, doctor and director is a woman. In America the woman's clubs of the country have joined in one huge federation, which has solid power in its hands. The problem of living has been simplified for the worker by co-operative house-keeping, communal kitchens, woman's hotels and the like—Truth.

## WELL TRIED RECIPES

### Tomatoes and Bacon

Materials:—4 tomatoes, 4 slices of bacon, 4 slices of bread, a little pepper.

Preparations:—Warm a frying pan over the fire, then lay in it slices of bacon; fry, turning them several times; then set aside. Cut some bread; take off the crust and fry in bacon fat. Lastly, fry the tomatoes in slices, adding a seasoning of pepper and adding a little more fat if necessary. Serve the bacon on the bread with the tomato around. This should only take about ten minutes to prepare and is sufficient for four persons.

### Baking Powder Bread

Materials:—4 lbs. flour, 3 desert spoonfuls of baking powder, 2 tea-spoonfuls of salt, 1 table spoonful of sugar, 1 quart of milk.

Preparations:—Mix the powder and salt and sugar thoroughly with the flour; add the milk and as quickly as possible mix into a light dough. Bake about one hour in a well heated oven. A table-spoonful of butter will improve this recipe.

## Our Treatment of the Factory Girl

In writing about "Woman and the Occupations" in the September American Magazine, W. I. Thomas has occasion to comment upon our treatment of the factory girl. He says:

"It is, I believe considered good business policy in some cases to work a horse to death, to wear him out fast, and take another. Certainly it would be a good policy to do so if horses had a very trifling value and could be had in unlimited quantities. At any rate it is good business to wear girls out in this way, for the initial outlay in their case is nothing at all, and they can be had in unlimited numbers. Professor James' theory of 'getting your second wind' and tapping unused reservoirs of energy is doubtless sound psychology up to the point where he leaves it, but there is a limit to it, and evidently under great strain is advantageous only if the strain is relieved by considerable intervals of rest and recuperation. This is the condition under which the artist works preferably, and is the most favorable one for creative work. But the girl placed by the machine has no considerable interval, and is doomed to break down or to be pushed to a lower economic level. Her only other chance is marriage. The machine is the most effective device for 'speeding up,' because it puts more strain on the work than he can put on himself without it, but in all 'piece work' the operator is under heavy strain. There are factories in Chicago where the rate of pay per hundred pieces is one cent. Of course, the work passes through many hands, and each operation is simple, but a hundred operations of any kind for one cent is a great deal. A human employer, in Chicago recently looked into the case of a girl who had quit work in his factory, and found that she had been earning ninety-eight cents a week. And machine or no machine, our treatment of the working girl, particularly the factory girl, is scandalously out of harmony not only with our romanticism but with our plain human sentiments.

## SONGS FOR THE PEOPLE

### Comrades

We have never seen each other you and I  
Yet our hearts shake floods, my brother, you and I

Have a bond beneath the skies;  
By the light in Freedom's eyes  
We are like steel like steel together,  
you and I.

We vowed to end her sorrow, you and I,  
When hope she scarce could borrow  
You and I

Have loved her all forlorn,  
And who'er may be forsworn  
We have kept our troth like true men,  
you and I.

We have lived, and for her sorely, you and I,  
'Mong the outcast and the lowly. You and I

In the depths without a name  
Have felt that blast and flame  
Of the soul-destroying furnace, you and I.

We have known the hungry craving, you and I,  
But scorned the servile slaying. You and I

Have trampled iron-shod  
On the one and only god  
Of the slave and money-getter, you and I.

Where Dives crows the loudest, you and I  
Could climb—ay, 'mong the proudest, you and I;

But nothing ever vies  
With the light in Freedom's eyes  
And the love we two have for her, you and I.

Though we've never seen each other, you and I,  
We're children of one mother, you and I,

And when wrought her high behest  
She will clasp us to her breast,  
For the deathless love we bore her, you and I.

## Until it is Settled Right

However the battle is ended,  
Though proudly the victor comes  
With fluttering flags and prancing  
nags

And echoing roll of drums,  
Still truth proclaims this motto  
In letters of living light—  
No question is ever settled  
Until it is settled right.

Through the heel of the strong oppressor  
May grind the weak in the dust,  
And the voices of fame, with one acclaim,  
May call him great and just,  
Let those who applaud take warning,  
And keep this motto in sight—  
No question is ever settled  
Until it is settled right.

Let those who have failed take courage;  
Through the enemy seems to have won,  
Thou' his ranks are strong, if he be in the wrong,  
The battle is not yet done.  
For, sure as the morning follows  
The darkest of the night,  
No question is ever settled  
Until it is settled right.

O man bowed down with labor!  
O woman young, yet old;  
O heart oppressed in the toilers' breast  
And crushed by the power of gold!  
Keep on with your weary battle  
Against triumphant might;  
No question is ever settled  
Until it is settled right.

## Blow by Blow

The billow bursts on the rock-bound coast,  
And then goes hissing  
home,

And the only trace of its savage might  
is a sheet of flashing foam;  
And the raindrop falls on the mountain side,  
and is lost in the fronded fern,

And never a trace of its lifetime's worth  
can mortal eye discern,  
But the waves wash in with relentless force,  
and smile with a heavy hand,

Till the constant crash of their coming  
tells, and the rock is yielding sand;  
And the raindrops fall till they fill the streams,  
and the streams swell day by day,

Till the river roaring rips its banks  
by the hundred yards away.  
And so it is with a great reform, though  
the work is plain when done,  
'Tis step by step and blow by blow,  
that the roaring step is won;

Through the strife be fierce, and the gains seem small, we must keep  
on striking home,  
And to win the cause of the great reform  
we must build as they build Rome.

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## PSALMS

### PSALM 37.

31 The law of God is in his heart; none of his steps shall slide.

32 The wicked watcheth the righteous, and seeketh to slay him.

33 The Lord will not leave him in his hand, nor condemn him when he is judged.

34 Wait on the Lord, and keep his way, and he shall exalt thee to inherit the land: when the wicked are cut off, thou shalt see it.

35 I have seen the wicked in great power, and spreading himself like a green bay tree.

36 Yet he passed away, and, lo, he was not; yea, I sought him, but he could not be found.

37 Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace.

38 But the transgressors shall be destroyed together: the end of the wicked shall be cut off.

39 But the salvation of the righteous is of the Lord; he is their strength in the time of trouble.

40 And the Lord shall help them, and deliver them: he shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, because they trust in him.

### PSALM 38.

1 O Lord, rebuke me not in thy wrath: neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure.

2 For thine arrows stick fast in me, and thy hand presseth me sore.

3 There is no soundness in my flesh because of thine anger; neither is there any rest in my bones because of my sin.

4 For mine iniquities are gone over mine head; as an heavy burden they are too heavy for me.

5 My wounds stink and are corrupt because of my foolishness.

6 I am troubled; I am bowed down greatly; I go mourning all the day long.

7 For my loins are filled with a loathsome disease; and there is no soundness in my flesh.

8 I am feeble and sore broken: I have roared by reason of the disquietness of my heart.

9 Lord, all my desire is before thee; and my groaning is not hid from thee.

10 My heart panteth, my strength faileth me: as for the light of mine eyes, it also is gone from me.

## PROVERBS

### CHAPTER 20.

17 Bread of deceit is sweet to a man; but afterwards his mouth shall be filled with gravel.

18 Every purpose is established by counsel; and with good advice make war.

19 He that goeth about as a tale-bearer revealeth secrets; therefore meddle not with him that flattereth with his lips.

20 Whoso curseth his father or his mother, his lamp shall be put out in obscure darkness.

21 An inheritance may be gotten hastily at the beginning; but the end thereof shall not be blessed.

22 Say not thou, I will recompense evil; but wait on the Lord, and he shall save thee.

23 Divers weights are an abomination unto the Lord; and a false balance is not good.

24 Man's goings are of the Lord; how can a man then understand his own way?

25 It is a snare to the man who devoureth that which is holy, and after vows to make enquiry.

26 A wise king scattereth the wicked, and bringeth the wheel over them.

27 The spirit of man is the candle of the Lord, searching all the inward parts of the belly.

28 Mercy and truth preserve the king; and his throne is upholden by mercy.

29 The glory of young men is their strength; and the beauty of the old men is the grey head.

30 The blueness of a wound cleanseth away evil: so do stripes the inward parts of the belly.

### CHAPTER 21.

1 The king's heart is in the hand of the Lord, as the rivers of water: he turneth it whithersoever he will.

2 Every way of a man is right in his own eyes: but the Lord pondereth the hearts.

3 To do justice and judgment is more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice.

4 An high look, and a proud heart, and the plowing of the wicked is sin.

5 The thoughts of the diligent tend only to plenteousness; but of every one that is hasty, only want.

the prophets, He shall be called a Nazarene.

### CHAPTER 3.

1 In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judea,

2 And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

3 For that is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

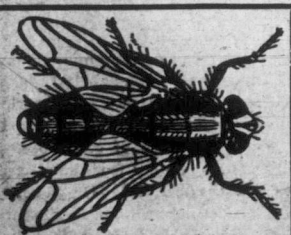
4 And the same John had his raiment made of camel's hair, and a leathern girdle about his loins; and his meat was locusts and wild honey.

5 Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judea, and all the regions round about him.

6 And were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins.

7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generations of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?

8 Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance:



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## CIRCULATION STATEMENT

Cotton's reports a gain of 11 this week. Last week it was only 16. Mighty slow work this on the part of the sub-hustlers. Cotton's cannot exist without the united efforts of all the army in getting subs. Cotton's is printed to be circulated. Get busy and circulate it.

Nova Scotia.....	404
Prince Edward Island.....	3
New Brunswick.....	152
Prov. of Quebec.....	788
Ontario.....	1029
Manitoba.....	177
Alberta.....	212
Saskatchewan.....	167
British Columbia.....	479
Yukon Territory.....	2
Elsewhere.....	67
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All roads lead to socialism.

The incentive of evil deeds will pass away with capitalism.

Those who fight socialism most bitterly cannot escape its necessity.

Under capitalism the most ruthless loiter makes the greatest name.

People are good in spite of the capitalist system, not because of it.

The shadows of the dark night will flee away before the glorious dawn of the day of socialism.

Talk socialism to a capitalist and not call it socialism and he will agree with you. Talk socialism to a capitalist and call it socialism and he will get mad.

Man does not live by bread alone nor by money bags. Even those who have the most money are longing for the day when misery shall pass from the earth.

The capitalist system destroys individuality. How much individual initiative can a workingman have who steps around ten hours a day at the command of a petty boss?

The curse of man was that in the sweat of his brow he should eat bread. Today the capitalist class fill their bellies with all rich food and sweat the brows of others to do it.

The producers produce and the idlers and parasites consume. This is not right. Who is not looking for the day when no man can live in idleness while others overwork for his benefit?

It is hard for a rich man to enter into the Kingdom of Heaven: nevertheless all the capitalist churches are down on their knees begging the rich men to come into their bosoms. The modern christian church and Heaven have been divorced by the paid preachers of the capitalist persuasion.

I heard a minister pray a little while ago that God would keep the sons and daughters of his congregation from the evil companions and wicked places of Montreal. I said to myself in the midst of his prayer, "Damn it, man, why don't you pray to your God to show a way of escape to the wicked people of Montreal that they may be given a chance to leave their sin?" Modern preachers make me tired.

Candy is being made by wholesale now by improved methods. Formerly the candy in the U. S. was made by small isolated plants. That is rapidly changing and there are many factories

that can turn out fifty tons a day by machinery and the consolidation is just beginning to take place. The consolidation of factories pays and therefore it is impossible to stop it. The only thing to do is to expropriate that benefit for those engaged in socially necessary labor and to give each a chance to work.

Senator Dandurand has been telling the working men of Montreal that all men are workers. This is true in the sense that all men are living animals and as such must expend human energy in some form. But all men are not useful workers. They do not work at those things which are socially necessary. The coupon-cutter who goes to his strong box and cuts coupons and takes them to a bank and gets dividends for them certainly expends human energy. He works. If he is fat and the day is hot he may sweat. But his labor is socially unnecessary. Take Dandurand himself. He is a Canadian Senator. He goes to Ottawa and talks and talks. He draws his senatorial salary. He votes in the Senate. He thinks on subjects connected with plute legislation. He works. Nevertheless his labor is socially unnecessary. He is a parasite. The socialists are not the only ones who hold that Dandurand's labor power is uselessly expended. Many oldtime grits are today cussing Laurier and the Ottawa gang because they have not abolished the Senate and taken away Dandurand's opportunity of drawing government pay for performing useless labor. No, no, Dandurand. You have another guess coming as to what a workingman really is.

The American government has discarded khaki as the color for the uniforms of their soldiers. The new requirements provide a brown warp and a green filling, propounding thereby an olive tone, and conforming to certain chemical tests as proofs of the fastness of the shade. An army and navy are great institutions for graft. Into the army and navy of Great Britain are drafted the foolish sons of the nobility of England. From the army and navy the financiers draw great interests in the shape of the funded debt and its pickings. The capitalists draw revenue from the army and navy by furnishing rotten food for the navy. The landlords of the coal areas draw revenues from the fleet by drawing a shilling a ton royalty on all coal consumed. So much for Great Britain. A peculiar circumstance of the new color and its tests chosen by the American government is that they can be complied with by only one method and that method has been patented. Who is getting the rakeoff? In Canada we have had the experience of the Ross rifle and other stenchers. Great is the graft of capitalism and many there be who worship at its shrine.

## TALE OF A TOUR

SIXTEENTH INSTALLMENT

I am going to say little this week about the particular work I am engaged in I will content myself by assuring comrades things are going satisfactorily, meetings with good crowds being held and that a Local with nine members has been formed in Halifax.

Only one complaint to make about Halifax, that being, no subs for Clarion yet, but one or two promised, we will see if promises are good—only one day more here, then Weymouth, Digby County.

I would like to ask a large member of comrades if they don't feel ashamed of themselves in regard to Cotton's Weekly.

Here is a paper practically a free gift to the Socialists of the Dominion. A number of Socialists in the East have been for years talking of a paper in the East, raising funds for the purpose of

starting one and so on. Now we have one, not only started, but will establish and proved. I admit I was a bit distrustful at first of Cotton's, but that distrust has long since past away.

I consider it a paper—conducted with marked ability and its honesty is beyond question.

Any minor defects are the fault of those who do not help to put it on a self supporting basis where it can afford to be nothing but Socialism from beginning to end.

Not a penny has it cost us proletarians for buildings plant and all the 'expensive' paraphernalia necessary for starting a paper, nor have we any responsibility for its upkeep and now having got what we have been talking about for years, without expense to us, our efforts are mostly confined to "Yes, Cotton's a good paper," to talking or getting a ten cent sub, or something equally trifling.

How long are the bulk of the comrades going to let their papers struggle for existence? How long are they going to let the work be done by an active and devoted few? How long are quite a number (and I have the names of many of them) to tell us what good socialists they are yet do nothing to prove it? Why I have heard party members sing the last verse of the Red Flag with such heroic pathos as to bring tears to your eyes (if you were not aware of their blank record for work).

With heads uncovered swear we all to bear it onward till we fall, Come dungeon dark, or gallows grim This song shall be our parting hymn.

And after I have heard them, immediately after, I have tried to get a quarters sub for a paper, having previously failed to get one for a year, and have even after the exaltation of that song failed to get them to part with a measly quarter or even ten cents and yet, the puzzle of it, in many cases, these same individuals would stand you a ten cent drink or cigar and think nothing of it.

Now I am not accusing even such individuals of conscious humbug, but they are humbugs either conscious or unconscious and either way it comes to the same thing—they are not doing their duty.

If they could only realize what the real workers think, and say of them, it would make cold chills run up and down their spines. This individual has never been very backward in telling them to their faces and from now on is going to be a holy terror in that respect. Tell about offending people by telling them the truth, it is the truth, and if you do offend them, you can't get them to do less than nothing for that is what they are doing already, so you can't do any harm and you may sting them into action, I've known it happen.

I've got a list that I will pillory sooner or later if the Editor give his sanction.

I rather think if I had been well fixed, had become a Socialist and gone to great expense to found a Socialist paper as good as Cotton's and then after a reasonable interval did not get support for that paper from the class for whose sake it was established, I shall say, "Very well, let them stew in the juice of their own apathy a bit longer" and discontinue it.

Comrades if you will all do a little, if you will all be ready in earnest just a little bit, (nobody is asking you to kill yourselves.) if you will all peg away steadily, either at a fast, medium or slow pace, whichever you can stand, it will be easy to put both our papers, the two best weeklys on the North American continent, on a paying basis.

Stop talking about the beauties of Socialism, stop wasting your time about non-essentials such as "midnight demands" affiliation with the I. S. B. "Queer" Hardie et al, and get in some real work for a change. Our work is to strive to stir up the workers of Canada and we can do that by putting our papers to work in larger numbers.

It can be done. Look at what that grand worker Jules Lavenne is doing. I don't say you can all do as well as he. If you will all subscribe yourselves and all do a little bit besides, there will never be another appeal from either of our papers for it will not be necessary.

Talk about high ideals here's an ideal for you, it's a practical one, therefore a high one.—Make it your aim to do all in your power to put our press a self supporting basis. Do something.

You say you are a Socialist

How can we know its true

Unless you do something to prove it

So what are you going to do?

WILFRID GRIBBLE

## The Food Trust

From the Detroit News.

It is said that four meat packing firms in this country sell \$2,000,000 worth of meat a day, every day in the year, Sundays excepted, and that four men control these packing firms as well as the price paid to the raisers of cattle and the price paid by the consumers of their meats. Let these four men reduce the price to producers but half a cent a pound below the normal and they are enabled to reap unearned fortunes in a short time. This is one of the problems facing the producing and consuming public—and who can furnish a solution?

Never mind arguing with mists, dubs, politicians, religious cranks or those who are by nature unreasonably conservative. Get after the fellows who are bright, intelligent, open-minded, radical in their views, active in this organization or that, full of energy and hope and the desire for knowledge. Tackle them for subs. to Cotton's. Or, if you like, send them each a trial subscription to Cotton's on the quiet. They'll be curious to know who did the trick.

An exceedingly easy place to secure subs. —a socialist papers is at propaganda and business meetings.

If one-third the effort was put into pushing the sale of socialist literature as into holding public meetings, our propaganda would have been more encouraging results.

Comrades who have the gift of composition should submit short articles descriptive of the socialist movement to the capitalist press. Make them "newsy" in subject matter and "breezy" in style.

Do you belong to a society of any kind? If so, make it your business to nail its most active members to the mast of Socialism. Get on good terms with them. Invite them down to Socialist meetings. Lend them Socialist books. Get them to subscribe for Socialist papers. If necessary, have trial subscription's of Cotton's sent them on the quiet. A dollar spent in this way upon bright, intelligent men and women will prove a great source of satisfaction to you.

## Workmen's Municipal Homes

The municipality of Genoa, Italy, is constructing two immense buildings, each to contain 72 apartments, termed "popular houses" for the purpose of providing suitable living quarters for the workmen of the city. As it is an impossibility to expand the building area of Genoa, every available site being already occupied, there has been a constant increase of rentals on all classes of property.

The apartments in the new structures are to be from two to five rooms each, and the purpose is to rent each room at \$14 a year. The present plans contemplate the construction of from 200 to 400 apartments, to contain approximately from 8,000 to 10,000 rooms.

Only laborers or salaried employees, with families, whose annual earnings do not exceed \$500, or if without families, \$300, are to be admitted as tenants.

George E. Leith, superintendent of the Pinkerton Detective Agency, has been talking about thieves in Montreal. He declares that the fall will see an increase of bank robberies. Forgers and sneak thieves are also on the increase, thus necessitating more police and detective protection. He praises the Bankers' Association for their measures in discouraging bank cracking. Leith, of course, sees the situation only from the viewpoint of the professional detective. His remedy is more detectives. He cannot see that it is the system that makes gold and silver the equivalent of all the necessities of life, and of luxuries also, which piles that gold and silver, or their representatives, bank notes, in one spot in a bank that makes the thief a possibility, and also a necessity through the operations of the capitalist system. Under socialism when everyone can earn an honest living, and when each gets the full return of his labor, it will be unnecessary, and impossible for any great thefts to take place.

King Leopold of Belgium is selling all his furniture and pictures much to the anger of his subjects. Leopold is a capitalist monarch purely and simply. He has no use for the old traditions of feudalism. He believes in money-values and is going after the mighty dollar with a vengeance. What is the use of pictures when you can sell them and get interest bonds? Leopold is about played out, in Belgium and is mobilizing all his possessions in case he has to get out of his Kingdom to save his neck.

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## Love Courtship Marriage and Divorce

One time some people were discussing this subject, so I've read, when a German who had listened a long time gave his opinions as follows: "Any man dat gets married de second time, don't deserve to haf lost his first wife." I am inclined to agree with him if he were living in a He town but the ladies would kick if he were in a She town. The Eastern part of Canada is composed of She towns while out West here He towns are the rule. I know lots of fellows out here who are putting up with all kinds of hardship trying to save enough to bring out "The Girl." And, Oh, God! Many of them will never make it go and that poor sweet lass will yearn in vain to share her life with the lad she loves so well. Then there are splendid, big hearted fellows who have made a little stake who have never enjoyed a good girl's friendship because the girls live back East and the unmarried ones are so few out West. Fine fellows, fine looking fellows; fellows who would worship a wife; they are condemned to live alone. And they listen to fellows from the Old Countries talking about home, talking about this nice girl and that nice girl who have never been married. I hope none of the girls will tackle me because its no use. I'm married and happy and am not kicking for myself. I had so many sweethearts back East that I couldn't count them. I only could find one in the West and had a hard time to get her.

But this is not all. Think a moment of the thousands of young Canadians who earn such poor wages that it is all they can do to support themselves. Opponents of Socialism in their efforts to prejudice people claim that Socialists advocate Free Love. They lie whether they know it or not. But Socialism will grant to humanity the Freedom to both men and women to marry the mate they choose because it will make everyone capable of earning a living sufficient to provide a well furnished home where no wolf will haunt the door and over which no man will hold the power to disturb the inmates. Turn the search light on our present way of living and you will find Free Love, hampered Courtship, Unhappy Marriage and Divorce by the thousands.

Should a rich young lady fall in love with a poor young man her parents do everything possible to part them. If she marries him she is disinherited and ostracized. If a rich young man marries a poor young lady his friends and relatives will never forgive him. When the two rich young people marry it is generally a case of two fortunes being joined together and ends in a Divorce and worse. Again a servant girl, store girl or factory girl will marry a man rather than submit to the toil, long hours, small wages and humble position that the capitalist class force upon the daughters of the workers and farmers. And worse.

The constant worry, changelessly commonplace life, the want and hardships of the married couple of the working class breeds strife in their homes. Some men manage to bear the wailing of children and the complaints of the wife but the burden of it all is too great. The wife goes for the husband when he's out of work. He gets angry and tells her if she don't like it to get out. Quarrels arise and swell all because the people are in want. And worse.

On the other hand the idle rich act like the Thaw outfit. They have nothing better to do. The system is to blame.

Socialism will abolish riches and poverty. Every man or woman will have the right to work and a share in all that the nation produces. Class distinctions will disappear and the man will be regarded for what he is and not for the wealth he has. A woman will depend on no man for a living and will not marry till she feels like it. She will have the right to ask a man to marry instead of fishing. Couples thirty years hence will have some good laughs at our silly manners of Love Courtship and Marriage. Divorce will be rare and all the causes that do make men ask "Is marriage a failure," will disappear with this evil Capitalist system. Settle the grub question and the other questions will be settled too.

Geo. W. PATTERSON.

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"In every historical epoch, the prevailing mode of economic production and exchange, and the social organization necessarily following from it, form the basis upon which is built up, and from which alone can be explained, the political and intellectual history of that epoch."—Karl Marx.

## Up-to Date Definitions.

Law.—A rule of inhuman action prescribed by the supreme selfishness of ruling class in a state, prescribing what is right and perpetuating what is wrong.

Civil Law.—A rule of un-civil conduct. Ancient Common Law.—A law based on immemorial injustice and ignorance form a time whereof the beffoged mind of man runneth not to the contrary.

Right of Inheritance.—A false title to real estate based on the ignorance and prejudice of the people and the selfishness or the landlords.

Right by immemorial usage.—A wrong based on immemorial injustice and ignorance at a time when "might made right."

Court.—A Place where Justice is judiciously administered.

Representative legislation.—A boomerang that knocks down one-half of the voters while its operators proceed to pick the pockets of the other half who have become intoxicated over the election of their man to office.

Public Officers.—A weak and sometimes a very corrupt human being whom the people worship as a demi-god.

Representative Democracy.—A form of government in which the people give away their rights in order to keep them.

Confidence.—A belief that banks never do or will close on their depositors, and that all bankers are saints.

Trust.—An organization of wealthy men who put their trust in the Almighty Dollar, worship the golden calf and trample on the Golden Rule.

Christian business man.—A Christian who "does the other fellow up" to keep the other fellow from "doing him up."

Business.—The art of robbing without being prosecuted.

Gold Money.—A worthless commodity into which the governments of the world have legislated a fictitious value.

Financier.—One who understands and practices the art of robbing the people with out their finding it out.

Banking.—The art of getting something in exchange for nothing.

Banker.—One who lives on the interest of his debts.

Bank.—A place where people lose their money in trying to save it; or give it away in order to keep it.

Depositor.—A fool who gives his money away in order to save it.

## Competition Going

It has become known that the American Telephone & Telegraph Company has acquired nearly \$10,000,000 worth of New York Telephone Company stock, owned by the Western Union Company.

The importance of the new move is that it insures in the near future the consolidation in a single huge telephone company of all the Bell subsidiaries operating in New York State. The companies involved include the New York Telephone, Hudson River Telephone, Empire state, New York & Pennsylvania, Central New York, Bell of Buffalo, New York & New Jersey, with the New York Telephone Company as the medium of merger.

## Cause and Effect

Since 1887, the birth-rate in Manchester has declined from 33.9, in the 1,000 to 28.9, though last year it was 28.4. During the same period the cost of house coal has gone up 60 per cent, the price of coarse beef 50 per cent, and other foodstuffs, excepting bread, 25 per cent. Dr. James Niven, the Medical Officer of Health of Manchester, suggests that the declining birth-rate has some association with the increasing cost of the prime necessities of life. The average working parent would doubtless endorse the doctor's statement.