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## Vanishing Jobs

The Pennsylvania Railway is displacing firemen by mechanical stokers.  
The Canadian Pacific Railway is displacing its telegraph operators by substituting telephones for the telegraph in despatching its trains.

The bottleblowers have been hard hit by a bottling machine.

The traction plow in the west has driven a hundred thousand people off the farms in Ontario.

Everywhere machinery is displacing labor. It is estimated that by machinery one worker can now do the labor of twenty workers with hand tools.

Yet the labor of the workers is not lightened. It is true that some workers have the eight hour day, but the speeding up system takes every ounce of energy out of these workers. They produce to the limit of their capacity.

Machines do the work of twenty workers for every worker employed and machines are becoming more powerful and more productive.

What is the result?

The result is permanent unemployment for many men. It means shorter periods of work for those employed and longer periods of idleness when they are hunting a job.

It means breadlines. It means poverty and slums. It means great luxury for the owners of capital. It means human lives cheapened in a disgraceful manner. It means prostitution spreading wider and wider. It means murder and dope fiends. It means human wrecks and fatigued savage judges.

This is what the present system means. These conditions will continue as long as the workers allow the shirkers to own the machines which displace human labor.

If the workers owned the machines, then the working class would own collectively enough machine power for each man's labor to do the work of twenty men.

And each worker getting the full social value of his labor, aided by machinery, would have an income equal to twenty workers with hand tools.

This is what Socialism offers the workers. Under Socialism the more the workers produced, the better off they would be. Poverty would become unknown. Prostitution would cease. Tuberculosis and disease would vanish, for all would have good homes, plenty of warm dry clothing, and good food in abundance with plenty of leisure to enjoy the fresh air.

This is what we offer the working class if they will but bring it about for themselves.

We do not want to tyrannize. We do not want to run things. We want the working class to democratically manage their own affairs and enjoy the rewards of their labor.

Because we advocate this, the Catholic church lines up against us. Their priests go about telling that we want to break up the home, introduce free love, abolish religion, and tyrannize.

The Catholic priests lie.

We are misrepresented, lied about, cursed, and contemptuously treated. And many workers, ignorant that we stand for their interests and their interests alone, listen to the liars and vote for the shirkers to continue to own the machinery and all the produce the workers produce save a bare living wage.

However, we have truth on our side. We have the welfare of humanity with us, and our ranks grow from day to day.

The liars are finding the lies sticking in their own throats.

Mr. Capitalist. The international army of awakened workers are on to your cheap John, robbing, inhuman ways.

We serve notice upon you that your days are numbered.

It is about time you were pushed off the earth.

## A Friend of Labor

A couple of years ago the Gouin government of Quebec passed a workmen's compensation act with a great flare of trumpets.

Gouin was showing his love for the poor downtrodden workers.

Now comes R. L. Calder, who, at the behest of the Builders' Exchange, Montreal, lets the cat out of the bag.

He declares the Workmen's Compensation Act benefits the capitalist, and not the worker.

In the Quebec law we never recognized the fellow-servant risk.

In our law if a worker was injured by the carelessness of a fellow worker, the boss was responsible.

Says Calder, "The Workmen's Compensation Act has sensibly improved the position of the employer, while it leaves the worker's case practically as it was before the enactment, save that the quantum of damages is very small."

If you want to find a fine friend of the working class politically, the kind that smiles lovingly at you while he runs a knife under your fifth rib, just pick a capitalist politician like Gouin.

The government at Ottawa has issued an order that newspapers and publications shall not print advertisements larger than one page. The owners of the big blanket sheets stuffed to the muzzle with ads are putting up a great howl. These papers are fattening off big business, and do not like the short arm jab the government hands them. Under Socialism ads would cease; there would be no need for them, nor for the great majority of the rags which pose as "newspapers" today.

## Thieves

Our prominent men are all thieves.

Sir William Van Horne is a thief.

Lord Strathcona is a thief.

Look at the prominent men in your own city, town or village. They are all thieves.

That financier who is lending money in your city: He is a thief.

That little picayune lumber who lends a few thousand dollars to a farmer and takes a mortgage; he is a thief.

That business man who runs a factory employing eighty or a hundred hands and pays them living wages. He is a thief.

R. L. Borden, our premier, owning bank stock and other stocks and drawing unearned revenues therefrom, he is a thief.

Sir Wilfred Laurier, drawing six thousand dollars a year unearned revenues from his investments is a thief.

The Hon. Geo. Perley, the millionaire lumberman in Borden's cabinet, is a thief.

The judges in our courts deciding the points of law and enforcing the giving of unearned revenues to our eminent Canadians are the servants of thieves.

These gentlemen do not have to go out and knock a citizen down with a club in order to get revenues.

They are better protected than that. They have had laws made giving them the ownership of Canada.

Their politicians have given them the railways, the mines, the forests, the mills, the factories.

They through their ownership get all the workers produce. The annual production of a million toilers is poured into their treasuries.

And the million workers get what the horses get, what the dogs get, what the cattle get, enough fodder and shelter to keep them fit to toil on.

The thieves have been legalized. Their stealings have been legitimated.

The Socialists propose to stop the stealings.

They propose that the million workers cease pouring the wealth created by their toil into the possession of as useless a bunch of grafting parasites as ever cursed the earth.

Thieves are not nice characters.

They are dishonest, malevolent, treacherous, selfish. They will smile and cringe and be ready to knife you if you will pay them.

Our Borden, Strathconas, millionaires, have the character of thieves. It makes no difference that they are protected by law, the character is there.

Humanity, under their rule, is suffering untold misery. When thieves run a community it suffers. The slums of Toronto show the character of our thieves. The prostitutes forced to the life by the oppression of the thieves, show their character. The diseases and overwork and worry of the great mass of the people show the character of our thieves.

He who votes Liberal and he who votes Tory are both enemies of the Canadian people.

They are traitors to humanity.

They are either thieves themselves or poor dupes who through brain fog or weak gray matter look upon thieves as good men.

The Socialist voter and worker, he alone is a true patriot, a lover of men, the protector of the family life, the friend of God.

## Chateauguay Contested

Macdonald, Manitoba, had an election. The Conservatives won.

Macdonald was contested, and the Tory victor admitted he had been elected by bribery and corruption, and he was unseated.

In Chateauguay an election has been held for the Ottawa house, and a Tory won. The election was being contested on the usual grounds of bribery and corruption. No doubt the Tory candidate will be unseated.

In his Halifax platform Borden announced purity of elections as a plank, but then we must remember that platforms are made for politicians to get in on only.

Was Fisher's campaign in Chateauguay pure and undefiled? Not so you could notice it. Both sides were corrupt.

There is a big struggle to get into the House of Parliament. Parliament makes the laws. The workers are robbed of over \$500 a year each of the wealth they create. This annual robbery from each worker makes a tremendous total. The laws parliament makes say how this wealth shall be distributed.

Laws can be passed raising freight rates to benefit the railway barons, or lowering freight rates to benefit the manufacturers. Laws can be passed giving millions in bonuses to steel plants, or passing high tariff laws which will allow certain industries to charge monopoly prices. There are hundreds of ways whereby parliament can redistribute the wealth arising from the plundering of the working class to the advantage or disadvantage of the various sections of the master class.

Wherefore various sections of the master class put up campaign funds to elect their particular legislators to Ottawa.

But although the capitalists are fighting over the division of the spoils which arise from labor skinning, they are all one upon the question of skinning the working class.

They quarrel among themselves, but their quarrels are of no advantage to the working class.

The Socialists propose that the process of robbing labor cease. At once the labor skinners turn upon the Socialists. Their legislators and police bulls refuse the Socialists the right of free speech. They lie about the Socialists. If possible they blacklist them.

Whether Morris gets in from Chateauguay, or Fisher the Liberal gets in matters not to the workers. Both are henchmen of the capitalist class.

Net profits of the Bank of Montreal this year are \$3,451,217. Prosperity is with your masters, that is why their organs shout prosperity. But prosperity is NOT with the working class.

## The Bar in Quebec

For the first time in history in the speech from the throne at the opening of the Quebec legislature the liquor traffic was referred to as a "plague."

A Royal Commission has been investigating the working of the present license law whereby the liquor traffic has been operated by individual initiative for the motive of profit.

The report is not yet made public, but it is said to be startling in its nature. Startling, not to Socialists who know the rottenness of trade carried on for profit, but startling to the ignorant and confiding mutts who look upon capitalist politicians and capitalist profit grabbers as the salt of the earth.

Enough has leaked out about the report to lead to the conclusion that the commission recommends that the present license law be abolished and the government operate the sale of liquor as a provincial monopoly.

No doubt the Retail Liquor Association of Quebec will raise a great howl, but we must not forget that the Gouin government is the executive committee of the capitalist class as a whole.

The capitalists employ workers. They work their workers to the last ounce of energy. Many workers seek stimulants to keep up their flagging labor power. They go to the local bar and load up on rotgut. The money they get from their masters to feed themselves and take care of their children—the young livestock of the grabbing owners of capital, is wasted on poison, and the saloon keeper, or the financial vultures who are draining him, rake in large profits to the detriment of the other sections of the capitalist class.

The worker is the goose that lays the golden eggs for the master class, and the saloon reduces his capacity to provide the golden shekels.

Wherefore the Quebec government is planning to make a state monopoly, sell pure goods, do away with the sociability of the saloon, and endeavor to break the working class of their booze habits.

This measure looks like benefiting the people. It looks like a great moral reform. It looks as though Gouin did not care to protect capital.

We know a country hotel which has three mortgages on it, one for nine thousand dollars, one for five thousand, and a third mortgage for six thousand dollars, twenty thousand dollars in all.

These mortgages pay six per cent, an interest charge of \$1,200 per annum. This interest money is paid out of the bar receipts.

If a state monopoly is established, these mortgages will be worth little more than waste paper. The "capital" of these booze financiers will be wiped out.

But the capital itself will not be wiped out, it will be diverted to other sections of the master class.

By establishing a government monopoly the province will get the profits which will reduce taxation charges, thus benefiting those capitalists who are taxed to maintain the provincial government.

And if the booze habits of the slave class are curtailed, the slaves will become stronger slaves and will create more surplus values for their masters to take in the shape of rent, interest and profit.

The working class will not benefit. The Gouin government is owned body, soul and breeches by the owners of capital, and Gouin's legislative measures will be for the advantage of those who plunder labor.

It is only when the workers themselves capture the political state away from the masters and kick the master class out of their ownership of the means of wealth production and distribution that the workers will be freed from slavery.

## Penal Reform

The Hon. Mr. Doherty, Minister of Justice, is about to introduce legislation at Ottawa to reform the penitentiaries, of Canada.

It is announced that the treatment of our convicts is outrageous, and humane methods are to be introduced.

In other words, the convicts, instead of being idle, will be set to work producing wealth. Penitentiaries cost money to run. Herefore the capitalists have had to pay the upkeep out of taxation and this taxation reduced their net profits.

So the convicts are going to be made to work. They are going to be placed upon convict farms to raise crop to feed themselves and to feed the guards and penitentiary officials.

An attempt will also be made to sell the surplus, and thus make the convicts pay the whole bill.

The capitalist class do not give a hoot whether a convict is in torture, or not. But they exceedingly dislike to pay for his keep.

And the convicts have been increasing in numbers. The speeding up process and the growing army of unemployed force men into crime. The by-products of capitalism are expensive.

Prison reform is what the capitalists give us, and prison reform to them means that the prisoners pay their way.

Socialists offer a revolutionary alternative. They offer the working class the ownership of the earth. They offer them the full social value of their product.

This revolutionary offer of course means the elimination of the grinding capitalist class, and also the elimination of the creation of convicts through economic necessity.

Many wishy-washy, hypocritical legalized thieves tell us they are Socialists, and point to Doherty's reforms.

We simply laugh at them. We show their inner reasons to the wage workers. And the workers cease to be the tear fed dupes of their masters.

307,267 persons came to Canada during the six months ending October 31st last, an increase of twelve per cent over the corresponding period last year. Unemployment is rife throughout Canada. In Toronto it is estimated that ten thousand people are out of work, yet the immigrants come by the shipload. The master class is bound to overstock the labor market of Canada so human beings will be the cheapest thing purchasable.

## Co-operation

Cooperation is receiving a boost these days in Canada.

The National Railway Association is the name of a new organization capitalized at \$5,000,000. The stock will all be owned by union men, and the goods will be sold to the stockholders at a discount of ten per cent., and if there is any surplus it will be divided among the working class workers.

Co-operation among the slaves in the purchasing of their supplies will not benefit the workers very much.

Wages are governed by the cost of living. When the cost of living is high wages will be high, when the cost of living is low, wages will be low.

When hard times come, wages are slashed if possible. With the workers buying co-operatively, the cost of living will be lowered and wages can be out in proportion.

In ancient Rome the slave workers used to eat in common. They would appoint one of their number to buy the food. In this way the cost of living to the slaves was lowered, and this benefited the slave owners, who gave the slaves money to buy their food with.

We are in receipt of the first number of "The Headlight," the official organ of the new society. It announces, among other things, its desire to be "to promote the practice of truthfulness, justice and economy, in production and exchange."

By conciliating the conflicting interests of the capitalist, the worker, and the purchaser, by an equitable division among them of the fund commonly called profit.

It raises highly the cooperative movement started by the bosses at Calumet, Mich. It says about this movement, (page 44) "The owners of these mines are not advertising themselves as philanthropists, but, at the same time, they are about as decent and broadminded a set of men as ever got hold of an enterprise of this character; and it is against their grain to raise the wages of the men merely for the sake of seeing them absorbed by the local storekeepers."

Calumet is cited as an instance of good brought about by co-operative stores. At the present time one of the fiercest labor wars in the history of the U. S. is raging at Calumet between these same benevolent mineowners and the miners.

The Calumet and Hecla mine on an original investment of \$1,200,000, has paid \$120,000 in dividends.

It is cutting down the help and speeding them up. It has installed the one-man drill whereby one miner operates a compressed air machine.

In the strike scabs and thugs have been imported, men, women and children have been shot up, and Calumet has become the devil's playground.

Canadian miners have been raising funds to help their fighting comrades of Calumet. At the Convention of the American Federation of Labor recently held all the funds in the mining section were turned over to the Calumet strikers.

There was a co-operative store all right, but the masters owned the government and they owned the mines and they had the miners at their mercy.

Co-operation to reduce the cost of living, when the cost of living governs the wages paid, will not benefit the working class.

The only benefit it will bring will be to crush out a few storekeepers, turn them into wage slaves, and thus increase the army of the expropriated slaves who must rise and throw off the master class.

At Thetford Mines, P.Q., is a co-operative credit society run by a Catholic priest.

Wages are low and by the co-operative credit system the pennies of the slaves can be pooled to help the particular slave who happens to have a hard time through sickness or the like.

The saving of the pennies allows the employers to pay less wages.

It is long as the profit system lasts, co-operation among the workers to reduce the cost of living will increase the annual revenues of the parasites who take all the workers produce beyond their bare living cost.

## Social Unrest

Sir William Meredith has brought in his report on the Ontario Workmen's Compensation Act. Says the pompous old chap, "I do not doubt that the country whose legislature is quick to discern and prompt to remove injustice will enjoy, as it will deserve to do, the blessings of industrial peace and freedom from social unrest."

That sounds good and gummy. It sounds like a fat pulp talking out of a full stomach. There is a calm assumption that Ontario is one of these blessed countries.

An Eastern Townships slave driver went to Peterborough, Ont. He came back with a great light. He thought the E. T. slaves around Cowansville had been driven hard, but it was not a patching on the way the Ontario slaves were being driven.

Will Sir Wm. Meredith, Chief Justice of Ontario, kindly tell us where that blessed country is that is free from social unrest?

A hundred thousand Indians are on strike in Natal.

The Kaiser is sitting on the safety valve of the social revolution in Germany.

Hell has broken out in the U. S. at Calumet, Mich.; Wheatland, Cal.; and is smoldering wherever a slave bends his back to the lash of capital.

In his own province of Ontario Meredith will find the rumble of the coming revolution. But Meredith, calm in the economic certainty of a goodly income, talks words of rotund foolishness.

In England the heaving of Larkinism is rocking the master class to seasickness.

Social unrest exists and will increase wherever a capitalist lands his marauding feet. No reform can cause the unrest to lighten. The only hope is revolution.

Are you trying to wear your grandfather's political clothes?

## Peace and War

The Socialists work for peace, our infamous patriots for war.

The Liberal government of Britain, which in 1906 went into power on the platform of "Peace and Retrenchment," have increased the expenditure on the navy during the past six years at the rate of \$20,000,000 per year.

Borden and Laurier are both anxious to hurry Canada into the military path.

The Borden government is increasing the military expenditure by millions of dollars. Legalized butchers are being placed in all industrial centres under the pretence of protecting Canada, but in reality to maim and slaughter Canadian workmen when they protest against their too heavy slavery.

Our Dominion government is run by as big a set of political highwaymen as ever climbed into a legislative body.

They are encouraging war preparations. They are egging on the British capitalists to hurl the British workers against the German workers.

If Borden and Laurier had their way, Canadian workers would be led to slaughter.

But the Socialists are abroad in the land. They are abroad in the world.

There are fifty millions of them, and they grow in numbers more than a million a year.

The Socialists say "Stop!" to the warmad capitalists. The Socialists refuse to fight. They speak to their fellow workers and the anti-militarist spirit passes like a beam of light over the European countries.

The Socialists in Canada are against war. We tell Sam Hughes that he is a common murderer, a creature low down in the moral scale, delighting in blood and gaping wounds and hatred and enmity.

We refuse to let such a creature guide our conduct.

We tell R. L. Borden, the premier, the man placed in power at the command of the trusts and ghastly capitalist class that we refuse to obey any order that comes from the low creature he has placed at the head of the human butchers of Canada.

We stand for peace, unalterably for peace.

We are the hope of peace, we are the blessing of Canada, we are the benediction of the family life. We oppose Hughes when he wants to tear the boy from the loving arms and aching heart of the mother to make him food for cannon.

Borden, Laurier, Hughes, you do not represent the moral sentiments of Canada. You were returned to power in a time of nightmare. You represent the tortured dreams of a sleeping people. The Socialists are the awakening of Canada from a horrible nightmare.

## The Grasping Hand

Five hundred victims from the working class have perished in the storms of the upper great lakes in the last month. The greed of profits causes the steamship companies to run cargoes from Fort William and Port Arthur long after navigation is officially closed, and marine insurance runs out.

The companies play the great gambling game to the limit. They are forced to pay a higher rate of wages to the mariners than in the summer months in order to coax the men to man their boats. They probably conclude that if they are willing to risk their valuable ships, the sailors should be as equally willing to risk their lives.

But did one of the real owners of the ships perish with the workers? Not so far as can be ascertained. The owners are willing to risk their ships for the sake of the huge profits secured but when it comes to pooling their lives with the lives of the working class, they "pass" every time. They would much rather sit in their leather covered chairs and watch the bulletins concerning the arrival of their boats at the various ports on the way down.

The safety of the ships and their cargoes is the only matter which gives them any concern. If a man was washed overboard in a storm and a life preserver was thrown to him their thoughts would rest on the loss of the life preserver more than on the man.

But this season the grim reaper took men, boats and cargoes in his sweep, and the vessel combine is weeping salt tears for the loss of their profit-making machines.

A huge vessel is built by the companies and is called a "modern" product. "Modern" in vessel building means a larger hull, and carrying capacity utilized to the last inch. Safety is a minor consideration, which is surely shown by the fact that the great bulk of vessels destroyed in the recent storm were of the latest type, while the out-of-date, small old-timers weathered the storm in safety.

The harvest of death reaped from the working class both on land and sea for the sake of profits is growing larger each year. Capitalism and big business demand huge profits, and the slaughter of the workers is of no consideration in the frantic game of grab by transportation companies the world over.

The politicians at Ottawa know as much about railroad and marine transportation as a hen does of next year's calendar, yet you vote such people to power and they allow the hogs of commerce to sacrifice the lives of your class weekly, daily, hourly. Yet when voting time comes around again, you fall for their spellbinders and send the same class of mutts to power to do the will of the masters for another term. Who are the goats?

The recent disaster in the Welsh coal mines has added two hundred widows to the poverty of England. The toll of life taken for the sake of profits is increasing year by year.

The dog eat dog system of the capitalists finds its victims among the working class. They slave and toil and die for the sake of profits for the master, and their widows and children cry for bread in the gutter of the slums.



## Our Moral Enslavement

By Sam Atkinson.

I do not believe in going out of my way to attack the church, but when the church gets in my way I consider it my duty to make an attack.

Father O'Boyle of Vancouver has recently preached a sermon against Socialism. He gives the usual insult to the comrades. It is always surprising to me that a single man who has taken a vow of chastity, who never in all his life has really known a woman, should be such a decided authority upon women. By suggesting that the idea of the socialist is to have wives in common he insults the manhood and womanhood of every Canadian citizen.

This priest claims among other things, that we have too much emphasis upon industrial life, considering production as the be-all and end-all of existence. He fails to recognize that the way a people get their living determines how they live.

He says the system is impracticable and will not work, since it supplies no motive for industry. He cannot know this because it has never been tried, but any fool ought to be able to realize that when we work for the pleasure of working instead of merely producing profit for the other fellow, we shall have an incentive that will result in greater effort to produce the best for the benefit of all.

The argument he says is the strongest stress upon, however, is the moral argument. He does not recognize the fact that religion and Ethics have intimately bound together as a WEAPON OF RULE. Kautsky says "Certainly the moral law is a product of the social nature of man; certainly the moral code of the time is the product of the social conditions; certainly have neither the one nor the other anything to do with religion."

Good Father tells his congregation they must be honest. Is it honest for the capitalist to fill their storehouses and then close their factories, and say to the workers "We cannot employ you until we have sold these goods"? Is it honest to employ working men as salesmen, and teach them to lie about the goods they sell? This is the policy of every business institution without exception in Canada. Is it honest to call a man a thief who steals a loaf of bread for his starving family, while the man who dabbles in watered stock is considered the pillar of the church? Under the present system wholesale robbery is respectable; taking food when hungry is a crime. The church is compelled to defend the present system for the same reason the working man has to become a socialist. That is plainly evident when he accepts the gift of a cathedral from the biggest thief on the American continent. Is it honest for the priests in Montreal to prevent the French-Canadian brewery workers, who are working for eight and nine dollars a week, joining the Union? IT IS NOT HONEST, BUT INDUSTRIAL CONDITIONS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR IT.

THE CHURCH IS INTERESTED FINANCIALLY IN THE BREWERIES.

The priest goes on to state that "good working men are industrious." This shows where the church stands. Priests are parasites. Probably they are the least necessary of all parasites. They want working men to be industrious because the more industrious the workers are the more the parasites are produced for the parasites to get, under the present system. Is it really worth while being industrious? A friend of mine keeps bees. I saw him collecting honey. I called his attention to the fact that he had not got all the honey from the hives. He said, "Don't you see, you fool, that I have to leave the honey in the hives to keep the bees alive until next summer, so that they can make more honey for me then." Precisely the reason wages are paid. The worker gets just enough to keep himself alive and reproduce his kind, so that there will always be workers in industrial hives to produce wealth for the parasites to enjoy.

The kindly Father admonishes workmen to be sober. Consistent inconsistency. Capitalists need sober workmen. Catholic priests own stock in breweries. Take the profit out of the liquor traffic. Manufacture for use only. Give the workmen the chance to have something else to take the place of the sociability of the saloon. Then you will have a sober people. The capitalist class spend more at a single banquet than the working men spend in an evening in a whole city.

Another admonition is "to be obedient to authority." What authority? Are working men never to strike for more wages, shorter hours and better working conditions? WHEN THE CHURCH SAYS BE OBEIENT TO AUTHORITY SHE TAKES THE PART OF THE SCAB.

The church tells working men to be patriotic. This is very convenient for the church, but very inconsistent. She sings "God save the King" in Canada, but she thanks God for a republic in the United States. Her politics are always tinged by the dominant factor in the country in which she happens to be. The flag of all countries represent the domination of capitalism. Capitalism is international. There is only one flag for the working class. The flag that will eventually bind the workers of the world together. THE RED FLAG OF HUMAN BROTHERHOOD.

When the priest tells the flock that we socialists are robbing, discontent he tells the truth. When he tells them we create the class struggle he is wrong. Karl Marx analyzed society. He saw where social production would lead us. He did not make the class struggle. We socialists want no class struggle. We want just one class, a contented working class. This can only be realized when the producer gets what he produces. The finest illustration of Economic Determinism is furnished us by the attitude of the Roman Catholic priesthood. The centralized ownership within the Catholic church has made the church the greatest property holding institution in the world. The money of the church has been invested, not only in property for religious worship, but in all kinds of industries, as well as productive lands. Her investments in America in industrial stocks and bonds is much greater than the holdings of the Rockefeller group of capitalists. This shows where her interests lie. Her priests know which side their bread is buttered on.

Father O'Boyle fights Socialism for the same reason the working man fight for it. He must do it to protect his own interests.

Pretty nearly time for the choirs of the churches to practice up their Hosannahs and carols for the Christmas. Pretty nearly time for the charity organizations to bring their baskets to the light of day and solicit the capitalist robbers for money to fill the baskets so that the robbed class may have their fill of grub one day in the year. Pretty nearly time that the editors of the capitalist press try to make strong with the masses by soliciting their readers for funds for the poor and thereby strengthen their prestige with the capitalist class. Charity at Christmas or any other time is unedified hypocrisy, and should be done away with.

## People who Make and People who Take

By Ed. Moore.

Wealth, as every one can see, is made by the labor of the working people.

No one goes to a court room to buy shoes, for even the most ignorant know that judges, lawyers, court clerks, clerks and tipstaves do not work making shoes in the courts.

Farmers, while they "respectfully petition" Parliament and Legislatures for laws to curb the greed of corporations, never go to these places to buy farm machinery or fertilizers.

Working people, whether organized or not, never go to army posts or naval stations to purchase household furniture and groceries.

But the judges and court officials, members of Parliament and legislators, soldiers and sailors wear shoes, eat what the farmers grow, and use household furniture and groceries.

You do not have to be a giant thinker to see that if the people use things that they did not make, they had to get them from those who did make them. And as members of Parliament and Legislatures, judges and lawyers, soldiers and sailors do not make wealth they must give what was made by others for what they get.

Only ignorant and foolish people will give wealth that they produce by labor to non-producers, and those who divide up the government of the country to the richest and the poorest. But they do not produce wealth. They hire, for wages, working people to produce it. And they use Parliament, Legislatures, judges, lawyers, soldiers and sailors to force working people to make wealth for wages.

Parliament and the Legislatures make the regulations which give the ownership of the wealth made by poor people, hired wages, to the rich people and out of this wealth they pay taxes. Out of the taxes parliament, legislature, courts, army, navy, and the provincial police are supported.

Sometimes the working people get dissatisfied with the little bit of wealth they get for producing it, and they refuse to work. Then the class character of the government shows itself. Police drive the strikers away from the neighborhood of the boss's shop. Judges issue injunctions forbidding the strikers to tell what made them strike, and the provincial police charge open air meetings and chase away the assembled there with the points of their bayonets.

For keeping the working people afraid, and to make them agree to work for wages, the rich people pay high salaries and bribe the big government officers. They have no more respect for the common soldiers and sailors than they have for the people they hire for wages, for the army and navy is recruited from the down-and-outs.

It would be a bad thing for those who take wealth if the makers of it knew they were being robbed. This knowledge would make the common soldiers and sailors unreliable, and if they were unwilling to murder wealth makers who object to the rich not to take the power to oppress and enslave, now held by the rich would end.

It pays the rich to give some of the wealth they take from those who make for wages, to buy teachers and public speakers, magazine and newspaper writers to tell the working people that they cannot get rich unless they keep a lot of idle wealthy people.

The most valuable hirelings of the rich are those who have the confidence of the organized workers and, tracing in this confidence, persuade them that it would be wrong for them to own the fruits of their own labor; that it is far better for them to pay business taxes to get an education, which will not take too much of the wealth from the poor who produce it.

Producers of wealth are the only kind of people that we must have. It is their labor that provides for the rich and the poor, the educated and the ignorant. And as long as the producers must work to give others time to get an education, they will only get a limited chance to get an education for themselves.

Political power is what puts the forces of government in the hands of wealth-takers. It gives them ownership of wealth they did not make, and which, by legal means, they take from those who do make it. It is useless for wealth producers, whose limbs and lives are in constant danger while at work, to trust the movement to take the political power to those who, whether they know it or not, are influenced by their association with wealth-takers and are more concerned not to shock them than to put an end to robbery of the makers of wealth. Reforms will give the lawyers work, but they will not take the titles away from those who pay wages to get profits out of the labor of the workers.

Wealth is made by labor. Ownership is made by law.

Wealth producers must, therefore, take the lawmaking machinery—the government—into their own hands to vest the ownership of the wealth they make in themselves. Until they do this the government, now run by non-producers for non-producers, will use all its powers to make them keep the non-producers.

## "She Said the Funniest thing"

Recently a nineteen-year-old Chicago garment worker by the name of Selma Peterson got tired of existing on \$8 per week and carried out a notion to stop living. Her doctor who reached her side in time to get her dying statement asked her why she had committed suicide. To a reporter the doctor said: "When I asked her what made her do it, she said the funniest thing. She said, 'Doctor, did you ever live for six months on 20-cent dinners?'"

What the girl said might have sounded "funny" to the doctor, if he thought she expected him to experiment with living on 20-cent dinners. Regarding a menu found in her pocketbook, the Associated Press wires "the enlightening news that a food expert declared the menu contained all the elements needed to support life."

It certainly is funny that the doctor and others of his kind should think it "funny" that a girl earning \$8 per week would become tired of existing without the measures known by young women in more fortunate circumstances. It happened that Selma Peterson had studied a little about social conditions, so she saw before her a future of coffee and roasts and 20-cent dinners, in spite of the fact that the good things of life were everywhere which our greedy social system prevented her from getting.

It's funny you galoots who have never thrown your votes away by voting the Republican, Democrat, and Bull Moose tickets don't get busy and put a finish to conditions that offer 20-cent dinners to our young toilers in the Coming Nation.

Fight while the fighting spirit is in you. The longer you submit to the oppression of the Simon Legrees of the capitalists, the weaker your fighting spirit become.

The masters remain masters only because of the votes of the foolish toilers.

Have you felt the speeding up process your masters have installed to increase the burden of your slavery?

Famine in the Balkans. Of course, famine is the natural result of the throat-slitting tactics of the murder trust.

Moving pictures of a Socialist nature are being taken in the United States by film companies, and are creating a great demand.

A London, Eng., financier says Canada is suffering from prosperity. Feel down in your blue overalls, Mr. Worker, and see how much of the prosperity you can find.

A Winnipeg judge slammed four men to four years each in the pen for holding a man up and robbing him of \$2. The ferocity of such sentence is only equalled by the ignorance of the judge who gives it.

The city of Hull, P.Q., is to have a French-Canadian regiment. Four or five hundred more bayonets will now shimmer over the heads of the slaves of Booth's and the other sweat pens in the vicinity.

"Fifty-two reasons for insurance" is the title of a booklet put out by the Imperial Life Insurance Company of Canada. There is only one reason for life insurance, that reason is the dog-eat-dog capitalist system.

Premier Sifton of Alberta, has had his salary raised to \$10,000 a year. The cabinet ministers get \$1,000 more, making \$6,000, and the leader of the opposition gets \$4,000. What do the useful producers of Alberta get?

Many Montreal workers are offering to work for one-half the present scale, but there is nothing for them to do. The masters have used the workers and fleeced them right and left during the past summer; now they let them lose on the streets to starve, while they enjoy the results of the workers' toil.

If a railroad goes into bankruptcy, a receiver is appointed, and the railway keeps on running. This shows that the capitalist is running the railroad, and the workers strike, when they refuse to work, the railroad ceases to operate. This shows that the working class is the only class necessary to carry on industry.

Cotton's Weekly does not attack religion. Every man in France believes what he likes, and the Social-Democratic party is concerned. But some ministers, and specially some Catholic priests, attack Socialists and the Socialist movement. We have a perfect right to answer them, as they are trenching on politics.

Over 100,000 recruits and reserves have emigrated from Austria for Canada. This is how popular war is becoming among the working class of Europe. Austria with other European countries, will soon have no one left to fight the battles of the capitalists but the capitalists themselves. Then there will be no war.

When a self-made man who only 25 years ago was unknown to the people of the United States can become so rich that he can present \$14,000,000 to his son and daughter-in-law as wedding presents, apparently without missing the amount, is it any wonder that Socialism grows in this country? Philadelphia Record.

Over 19,000 Chinese came to Canada in the last three years. Let them all rise and sing "Rule Britannia." Why don't Sam Hughes augment his depleted militia with these fellows? They could shoot down a striking worker just as easy as a white-uniformed slave, and that is just exactly what the Canadian militia is kept for.

In Toronto and other Canadian cities a movement is on foot to provide dwellings for the working class. Capitalists are engaged in building operations. Farmers build barns for their cattle, the slave owners of South built cabins for their chattel slaves, and the Canadian capitalists are building shelter for their human wage animals.

For simply looking long and hard at a German policeman, a citizen of Germany has been sent to jail. Socialism is strong in Germany. The capitalists are being crowded closer and closer to the cushion; they fight every advantage of freedom step by step, trying to put off the fatal day when they will be forced from the backs of labor. Such tactics as the above are weak and futile, and only help to dig the grave of plutocracy still deeper.

"I have an Englishman for a butler, a Frenchwoman for a maid, a Swiss for a footman, a Dane for a parlor maid, and a German for a cook, and they cannot converse freely with each other, they hustle with their work to save themselves from boredom." This is the remark of a lady of the upper class to a newspaper reporter. There is some "edge" on this lady. For getting work from her slaves she has a Taylor efficiency system with its speeding up methods skinned a block.

During October the cost of living went up four-fifths of one per cent. That is what wage slavery gives you. You surrender the control of what you produce to your employers, and you can buy back but a small part of this wealth. Why do you not strive to change these conditions by uniting with your fellow workers to take the ownership away from the master class and vest it in your own class? Then you and your fellow producers need never more worry over the high cost of living. For you will get all you produce.

A Toronto man who kept a child from school in order that she might help the family in a hard struggle for existence, has been sent to jail for the "offence." The law of Ontario compels parents to send their children to school, and the same law makes it necessary for parents to keep them from school in order to live. This is a sample of the laws the Whitneys and Rowells hand out to the workers, who fall over each other in their efforts to vote out a bad government and put in one as bad.

Ralph Connor wrote books and they live put him on an easy street. Once he was a struggling minister, preaching the capitalist dope from his pulpit. Now that he does not have to struggle so hard for his pork "and" he forgets the working class who have contributed largely in putting him where he is. He has had a new residence constructed at Armstrong Point, near Winnipeg, and employed non-union labor on its construction. The Trades and Labor Council of Winnipeg scored the reverend plutocrat for his efforts to erect a jerry-built house.

## Socialists and the Sword

By George R. Kirkpatrick.  
(Author of War—what for?)

A sword is a three-foot razor with which the working class obligingly and stupidly cuts its own throat in war.

War is a fool's festival in which the working class crucifies itself in the service of capitalism in the name of patriotism.

Patriotism is perfect and glorious in proportion as the starved slave is willing to fight for a fat master.

Patriotism (of this sort) is a brainless, blinding fever that employers and bankers, bishops and politicians eloquently recommend for others, but cunningly never catch themselves at present under capitalism.

Capitalism, strutting and staggering under the insane burdens of militarism, capitalism, the present industrial depotism, is motivated by robbery, dreads discussion, seduces culture, flatters the foolish, needs the sword, glorifies force, sneers at tears, pretends peace, fattens on war and teaches patriotism to slaves.

For a half hundred centuries this hate-laden madness called patriotism has paralyzed and blinded each new generation of the working class, rendering them the easy self-slaughtering dupes of a crafty ruling class.

Thus have the workers been duped and stung till now.

Light breaks—now. And, therefore, this mocking farce, this hideous tragedy, called war, grows clear in the brain of the working class.

The slave is studying capitalism, and therefore he sees the meaning of capitalist patriotism, and as the slave understands capitalism and its necessary patriotism, he understands war.

And as the wage-slave understands war he understands that

Capitalists want wars, and

Workersmen fight the wars.

In all parts of the world the working class are accepting the Socialists' definition of war.

War is wholesale, scientific suicide for the working class in the defense of the economic interests of the ruling class.

The Socialist Democratic Party is of the working class, for the working class and by the working class, and therefore, the Socialists in every country the sun shines on is opposed to wholesale throat-cutting contests between deluded and betrayed groups of the working class for the amusement and profit of fat-pursed social parasites of capitalism.

So the Socialists strive to socialize society, and have faith in peace as a condition of rapid social progress; and therefore they are consistently and persistently against war.

"No men to be murdered and no money to be wasted in war" is their slogan all around the world.

The Socialists recognize that war is not social, and is not fraternal and is not fair; they see that war is savage resort to brute force, and that, therefore, war does not measure or mete out justice, but simply measures the warring countries' comparative equipment in ships and cannon and bombs.

Capitalists and groups of capitalists seeking and threatening war for foreign markets for goods which the workers produce, but which their wages will not permit the workers themselves to buy and enjoy. And this the Socialists teach diligently to the working class to win the working class.

See groups of profit-lusting capitalists, ready to see swarming armies and navies, in many parts of the world, greedily grabbing territory on which to grind and rob still more of the working class. This also is patently explained to the working class by the Socialists—ever opposed to the slaughter of the toilers.

Socialists observe sleek and crafty capitalists everywhere looting, smiling and safe in their elegant offices and homes, cunningly seeking their lick-spittle capitalist governments to protect capitalist investment in foreign lands, by wars if necessary. This, too, is tirelessly explained to the workers by the Socialists—to warn the toilers, ever eager to save blood and tears of the working class.

## England's Boss Murphy Problem

New York Call

Unless all signs point to Great Britain, within a few days may have a Boss Murphy problem on her hands, that will make our recent struggle against his namesake on this side seem like a Sunday School picnic.

This fellow is the Boss of Dublin capitalism, and his fierce and stubborn resistance to the strikers of that city for several months past promises to bring once again into operation the mighty masses strikes that almost paralyzed British capitalism a year or so ago. Larkin, the agitator, who led the Dublin strikers and who the other week was sentenced to seven months' imprisonment for "sedition," is out again, the government not daring to hold him, in view of the rising tumult over his incarceration for "sedition," while Carson, the Orange rebel, openly preaches war against the government and remains unmolested.

And firebrand Larkin is off to England for the avowed purpose, as he puts it, of "raising the fiery cross" to call the labor class to battle, a call that will seemingly be responded to by the greater trade union body in the kingdom, has set the date of November 18th for the consideration of a general strike involving millions of workers. The fight in Dublin is, according to Larkin, to go to a finish, and Boss Murphy is the apparent issue.

If he is not turned down, and that right speedily, there will be some interesting developments in John Bull's islands shortly, for the British workers are undeniably in an ugly temper, and more and more finding the expression of their solidarity in the general strike. Every advice from the other side shows clearly that the limit of the worker's patience is about reached.

What may happen is problematical. But whatever does happen when the breaking point is reached, cannot be too drastic for the horde of blind, greedy, callous, incompetent muddlers who constitute the exploiting, ruling class of Great Britain, even if the labor Samson in his blind rage brings down the entire industrial structure, crashing in ruin upon their thick heads, and just at present it certainly looks as if he might.

Viscount Milner said in a recent speech at Birmingham: "Capital is striking for higher wages." Do you workers know what such a statement means? It means that the strings of the money bags of the British capitalists will be drawn closer, and that Canadian capitalist parasites will have to pay a higher rate of interest for their loans. They will grind the workers down in wages, and speed them up till they can extract the last drop of blood in order to meet the increased percentage they have to pay. Winter is coming. The capitalists well know when to pile additional burdens on the backs of the working class.

## Ten Dollars a Day

By Charles H. Kerr

Would you take a job at that figure? If you are an average wage-worker you would jump at the chance. Yet it would be no more than your work is worth.

If you are a Canadian wage-worker, using modern machinery in an up-to-date plant, you produce each day goods that sell at retail for at least \$10.00.

But you don't get the \$10.00. You get, on an average, about \$2.00. Somebody else gets the \$8.00.

The things you make sell in the market for about what they are worth. And they sell at a much higher money price than the same goods sold for ten years ago.

But you have only one thing to sell, and that is your labor power. If you can't sell it, you can't eat. So you sell it for what it will bring.

What it will bring, in Canada, used to be enough for a fairly comfortable living, not only for yourself, but for a wife and children.

Times are changing. Many of the best modern machines can be run as well by women and children as by men. Women and children are beginning to run them. So the capitalist does not need to pay you enough to support a family. You may have a family or not; he does not care. But he will pay you only what others are willing to work for. And that is just about enough to keep you alive. If you insist on having a family, the wife and children must work too.

A few skilled laborers still keep up wages through their unions. But the capitalists control the government, and they are now making a fight on the old-line unions that is rapidly putting them out of business. Moreover, every new machine throws some high-priced laborers out of their jobs, makes competition fiercer and fiercer for what jobs are left.

Meanwhile, every thing you buy is getting dearer, which simply means that the money in which you are paid is worth less. It is worth only two-thirds as much now as in 1894; it will be worth less still next year, and the year after will be worse.

That means that your wages are being reduced every year without your knowing it, and that when you get a 10 per cent. increase, you are still worse off than two or three years before.

What are you going to do about it? You are in the power of the capitalists because they own the machines that you have to use in order to earn your living. If you could take those machines away from them you could keep what you produce; you could enjoy thousands of things that are now hopelessly out of your reach.

Why can't we who do the work take these machines and use them for ourselves? It is because the capitalists are organized and therefore are strong. We are disorganized and so we are weak.

We must organize in a great industrial union that shall take in all wage-workers, both skilled and unskilled, and that shall demand more wages now and collective ownership of all the tools and all the land as soon as we become strong enough to take them.

And we must enroll ourselves in the Social Democratic Party, side by side with the workers of all other civilized countries, to take away from the capitalists the Gattling guns, the policemen's clubs and the injunction machines of the courts, so that we can use all these to help the revolution along instead of letting them be used to crush us.

The greatest battle of all the ages will soon be raging. If we unite it will be brief and bloodless. But whether brief or long, it is a fight in which we cannot lose. All the great forces of progress are on our side. You belong with us, and there is work to do today.

## Bow-wow-czar

Often while in the old country I have read of the horrors and privations that the prisoners who were sentenced to Siberia endured, but right here in B. C. at Westminster "Bow-wow-czar" has caused men who are not yet sentenced, to endure more than that has been known in the history of the world. The Spanish Inquisition pales into oblivion as compared with "Bow-wow-czar's" treatment to the men who are now at Westminster, and who have not yet been sentenced. Can it be possible, and I think it is, that Bower is not right in his story, in fact that the whole of his whole system. Have we as workers of the world whose aim is solely for peace and tranquility to allow such a fiend to punish innocent beings to the extent that he is doing? Here are facts which anyone can verify if they wish to. The men in Westminster are being fed on bread and water, and often put into the dark cell. They are not allowed any exercise except when going to get washed, are handcuffed when being brought to be interviewed by a visitor, a warden standing right alongside during such interview. The men have only one shirt on, and are dressed in the prison garb. One man has declared he is ready to quit this existence rather than be again into the dark cell. The above statements were given during a brief interview with one of the men. Has the 20th century receded back into the 2nd century when the people of Canada will allow such a fiend as "Bow-wow-czar" to mete out such treatment to men who are not yet proven guilty, and have now been in jail three months. He, the insignificant ghoul, will be sipping his wine and dining off the best while the men who have made it possible for him to do so, are treated worse than the most dangerous criminal. If justice prevailed, "Bow-wow-czar" would be the place of these men now behind the bars. He alone is responsible, and ought to be made to bear the penalty. Workers of Canada ever keep in mind the present conditions, and when the time presents itself bound out of office such reptiles as are now in and are responsible for the present inhuman treatment to stand up for that rather than every breast heaves for. Mothers, would you desire to be free from the worry of "Shall my husband or son be protected whilst 'at work'?" Then help to win this fight for the right to live that is now going on in Vancouver Island.—A STRIKER

They are "cleaning up" Detroit. Houses of prostitution are closed by the police, and other resorts will be temporarily put out of business till the wave of goodness passes over. As usual the authorities start at the effect instead of the cause in their reform methods. The only way in which Detroit or any other city can be cleaned up would be to sweep the capitalists out of the place holus bolus. But the authorities of every city get a bad attack of cold feet when they face the problem of attacking their crime-breeding masters.

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## American Notes

Mail deliveries are on strike in New York city, and are being tried for conspiracy to obstruct the U. S. mails.

An attempt is being made to organize the timber workers of the U. S. and Canada into one big union. They number 1,500,000.

The United Mine Workers of America are waging heroic battles in Colorado, Vancouver Island, Birmingham, Utah; Washington state, and in Michigan.

The conviction of Haywood, Trenga and Lessig over the strike of the New Jersey silk workers has been set aside by the New Jersey Supreme Court.

At Pittsburgh, Pa., steel workers are being laid off by the hundreds. One independent company has let out 2,000 men, and another has 1,000 on the idle list.

The greatest state convention ever held by Socialists in the South, opened at Waco, Texas, on November 10th. Delegates were present from eighty-three counties.

Twenty-five Colorado editors met in Denver recently and passed resolutions upholding the mine houses in their determination not to recognize the union of the striking miners.

The U. S. Socialist Party membership has now climbed to 100,521, and has every appearance of going to the 150,000 mark before the fall congressional elections of next year.

The Socialist vote polled for Russell as mayor of New York city, 32,109, was three times as great as any vote for a Socialist candidate in any previous New York mayoralty election.

A few weeks ago Cotton's gave an account of the outrages perpetrated upon his pickets in Wheatland, Cal. The Socialist party is taking up the fight and a national campaign of protest is on.

On October 19th the standard bearers of a Socialist parade were arrested in Boston for carrying a red flag. The banner carried was an exact duplicate of that carried by the army of George Washington at the battle of White Plains.

Eleven young men of well dressed appearance were arrested in New York for frequenting a well-known department store with the purpose of endeavoring to persuade the girl clerks to enter the white slave business. The young men knew where to look for victims.

The largest single order for groceries ever given a wholesale Chicago house was recently placed by the Western Federation of Miners. The order was for \$60,000, and will make a trainload of thirty cars. The order is for the stores to deliver the goods during the strike at Hancock, Mich.

In Hamilton, Ohio, the Socialists have elected the mayor, treasurer, solicitor, court clerk, judge of municipal court, and many councilmen. The vote for mayor was, Socialist, 2,798; Citizen, 2,544; Democrat, 2,278. Next election the Socialists will be swept out of office, as the capitalists will unite on one party.

At Calumet, Mich., where the strike is on, the companies answered the demands of the union by serving eviction notices upon sixty per cent of the families from the company houses. The fifteen thousand men demanded a reduction of hours from eleven to eight per day, and wages of underemployed workers to be raised from \$2.75 to \$3.

Eureka, Utah, came under Socialist rule several years ago. The administration put a new sewer system and established municipal collection of garbage, making the city the cleanest in the state. Union wages were paid all municipal workers and a minimum wage of \$3 per day was established. Gunmen were refused to capitalists during strike trouble, and the first Pinkerton detective caught in town was arrested on the charge of carrying concealed weapons and fined \$75.

It is predicted that the standpat regime of Gompers in the A. F. of L. is about over. He has maintained power principally by the support of the Militia of Christ, the Catholic organization to fight the workers freeing themselves combined with reactionary support of all kinds. But more and more of the workers are turning to Socialism. John Mitchell, vice president of the A. F. of L., had to give place to John P. White of the U. M. W. John B. Lennon, secretary of the A. F. of L., has lost his place as secretary of the Journeymen Tailors' Union to the Socialist E. J. Brais. James O'Connell, third vice president of the A. F. of L., has lost his place as president of the Machinists' Union to the Socialist, Wm. H. Johnston. The executive officials of the Federation may cling to their offices a little while longer; but the unions are being captured by reds and this is bound to smash the Gompers reactionary machine.

## Meeting of Ont. Prov. Ex. Com.

Regular meeting Nov. 13th—Present: Comrades, Holl, Alquist, Birks, Turnbull, Esser, Blugerman and the Secretary. Chairman, Blugerman.

Minutes of last regular meeting read and approved as read.

Communications from the following points were dealt with: Toronto locals: 1, 59, 3, 71, 73, 88. Rutherglen: Cobalt: Gowganda: Brockville: South Porcupine: Deseronto: North Bay: Dorion: Stratford: Hamilton: National Secretary U. S. S. P. Comrade Bushey of Kingston; Godfrey E. Heathcote of London with application for a charter; G. Colombo of Toronto with application for charter; Cotton's Weekly; and the Dominion Secretary.

On motion charters were granted to London comrades as Local No. 89, and Toronto comrades as Local No. 90.

On motion secretary was instructed to notify Comrade Simpson that arrangements have been completed for him to lecture on the 15th and 16th insts., in Belleville, Kingston and Brockville.

On motion secretary was instructed to send a strong circular letter to all locals in the province urging upon them to put forth stronger efforts to build up the circulation of Cotton's Weekly, it being shown that the circulation in this province has dropped 2000 in the last year.

\$30 was received from Toronto comrades in support of the defense fund for the B. C. strikers, and the secretary was instructed to forward same at once.

It was decided to financially assist Kingston provided they desired Wilson for a lecturer.

Bills: Postage \$1.50; defense fund, \$30.15. Receipts \$63.25. P. C. Young, Prov. Sec'y.

A Toronto witness testified that he had seen twenty-eight fatal accidents at one railroad crossing. The railroads put level crossings just about where they please, and the slaughter of people continues. What is the use of kicking to a railway commission which is bound hand and foot to a government which is owned by the railways?

## World Wide Notes

Austrian Socialists have gained one more seat by the election of Dr. Bobrowski from a Galician district.

China is on the verge of a fresh revolt. Yuan Shi Kai has proved himself as reactionary as any Manchus.

Counting the Reform Socialists, there are 85 members in the Italian parliament. Last parliament contained 44 reds.

In the recent elections in the department du Nord, France, the Socialists increased their representation from 12 to 17.

At the conference of the Socialist party of Hungary, held at Budapest, Oct. 19th, and the following days, 251 delegates from eighty-four towns and communes attended.

At Leeds, England, the union and Socialist organization have acquired control of a large movie house and intend to make it the most popular in town with union and revolutionary films.

The Socialist and Labor gains in the British municipal elections, with Scottish elections to hear from, number 70 out of 432 seats contested. During the past three years municipal gains number 370.

A union labor banquet was held at Manila, Philippine Islands, to celebrate the eleventh anniversary of the formation of the Union Opera Democratica. Eighty thousand workers are now federated into unions on the islands.

The Caucasian Socialists of Russia are celebrating the release from the Alexandrovski prison of E. G. Tzereteli, Deputy to the Second Duma. Tzereteli, who was a strong man when arrested in 1906, is now suffering from tuberculosis.

Low salaries, want of engagement, want and misery prevail in the theatrical profession in Germany to an extent never before known in the German empire. The moving picture theatres have driven the theatre out of business in many of the provincial towns.

The Socialist organizations of Hamburg, Germany, have just made their annual reports. The party membership is 71,051, the circulation of the daily paper 76,340, and the vote at the latest municipal election 70,192. The low vote compared with the party membership is explained by the restricted franchise.

At Brisbane, Queensland, Australia, a free speech fight is on. Religious barkers have free reign, but Socialists must not speak on the streets, as Socialism is not "preaching." At Christ church, New Zealand, the same stunt is being worked. Socialists are not to speak on the streets about earthly justice, only the men who talk about "pie in the sky" are allowed.

Many British ministers and bishops have been actively endeavoring to raise the morals of the theatres by a harsher censorship. G.B. Shaw suggests that sermons should be also licensed and censored. "An evil sermon," he says, "and there are many more evil sermons than evil plays, may do frightful harm, but will the bishop (of Kensington) agree that no sermon be preached unless it is first licensed by the Lord Chamberlain?"

The wholesale exodus of Germans from the State Church has stirred the Kaiser to send an edict to the effect that issued on Nov. 10th forbidding twelve Socialist mass meetings which were to have been held on Nov. 19th, the national PENITENCE DAY. Some of the South German states have imposed a fee of \$25 to withdraw from the state church, and if a declaration is not made, the tax to support the state church continues.

Count Gentili, president of the Catholic Electoral Union of Italy, boasts that the Catholic vote in Italy has averted the triumph of the Socialists and Republicans. He said that a majority of the Ministerial candidates had signed a compact not to support the anti-clerical party in parliament. For the first time since the establishment of the monarchy, the Vatican has removed the ban against Catholics going into politics. Behind the scenes, however, the monarchy and the Vatican have made an alliance to support one another against the democratic movement among the people.

Zuel Jerome, a Montreal Tramways motorman, is being tried for the killing of Mrs. Fitzjames E. Brown, who was killed by the street car he was running on St. Catherine street. The Tramways Company have squeezed \$30,000,000 of water into their stock. To pay dividends on this they crowd people into their cars like sardines in a box, and work their employees long hours on poor pay. Killings have been numerous by their cars. The overworked employees have unsteady nerves. But if women and children are killed by the score, the slave motormen are the ones who are tried for murder. The rich stockholders who draw their revenues from the slaughter of children, and the criminals at the top of the corporation like A. E. Robert, president of the company, go scot free. These things are so because the workers of Montreal voted for the representatives of capitalism in the legislative and municipal body making the laws.

An Australian has invented a milking machine with a capacity of 50 cows an hour. Steadily comes the machine age with its triumphant progress over the toil of the hands. Men will be thrown out of employment to make way for the never-tiring fingers of steel. They will starve. They do not own the machines of production. They cannot compete with the machine. The last few years have seen the exodus of many branches of craftsmen to make way for the machine. Harness-makers, bootmakers, typesetters, woodworkers, glassblowers, watchmakers, and hundreds of other mechanics have been let out by the advent of machinery in the shops in which they were employed. The next few years will see even a greater influx of machines. If the workers owned this machinery, they need not fear. But they vote the ownership of the machines to their masters, and will have to reap the results of their folly in unemployment, misery and poverty.

How times change. Delegate Foran said at the recent meetings of the Trades and Labor Council at Brantford: "The best thing that could happen would be for every union man to serve in the militia for three years, and then they would be able to defend themselves against the militia when ordered out in strike times. The best thing for the union men to do when the militia was on strike, was to have a saved-off shot gun loaded with buckshot, and they would scare the raw militia to the woods, and there would be no scaring of the honest mechanic by an overbearing militiaman with a rifle." Ten years ago a man who would dare to give expression to such sentiments would get his good and plenty. Today the capitalist class are a little wary about jumping a worker who voices the opinion of his comrades in open meeting. And 'tis time.

## At Last

Some time ago we asked where the Creston Printing and Publishing Co. was located. A comrade sends us a marked copy of the paper, in which the little editor and manager swings a pick at us in a vicious manner, but misses by a mile. The paper is an eight page affair, with nearly nine columns of news, and the rest made up of garbage from a ready print concern. The editor says his is an up-to-date publishing house, and that he serves the Lord as his only master. Exactly above this statement is a "Lost Manhood Restored" ad., and on the same page a grist of booze ads. When did the Lord go into these lines? However, below is the opinion of the comrade who sent us the paper:

Dear Comrades:—I see that you ask in our paper where the Creston Publishing Co. is located. Well, I will inform you that they are located at Creston, B.C. in Czar McBride's domain. Creston is a small hole in the mountains where a number of us are endeavoring to make a living growing vegetables and fruit, and where if you are a GOOD Conservative you can make out all right. If you care to make yourself useful to the party (Conservative) some of the political leaders will see that you get a job for \$3 per day on government roads, but heaven help you if you are a Red. Hence the attitude of our esteemed editor in regards to Cotton's Weekly. I am sending you a copy of the Creston Review, so you will be able to judge for yourself how long a man will be able to stand the colossal strain of editing such a rag, for which they charge you the sum of \$2 per year. I remain, in the fight, Frank Lewis, Creston, B. C.

## Wilson With the Miners

Dear Comrade:—You are no doubt aware that Comrade Wilson is touring Northern Ontario in the interest of the party at the present time.

I write to state that he is meeting with unparalleled success. On every hand we are meeting with crowded houses, and a rising wave of working class enthusiasm.

On November 14th we held a meeting among the miners at Giroux Lake, and on the 15th we held a meeting at Uno Park for the farmers, with the result that a local is contemplated at that point.

On Sunday, November 16th, Comrade Wilson addressed a meeting held jointly by Cobalt Miners' Union, and Socialist Local No. 9, on behalf of the Michigan strikers. He certainly succeeded in arousing the workers of this camp to their duty to their brothers in Michigan, who today are on the firing line of the greatest industrial battle in the history of the metal miners of this continent.

And notwithstanding the fact that we have had a committee of six collecting funds for the fight, we took up a collection of \$211.14 to be sent to the strike zone.

I might say for the benefit of any comrades who comes this way that Cobalt Socialist Local No. 9, meets every Sunday in the Miners' Union Hall. We are increasing in membership every day; the interest of the workers here is being aroused to their class interest on the political field, and we hope after the smoke of the next election has cleared away to see a member of the working class in the legislative halls of this country. We are out to win. Yours in the scrap, William Duff.

## Can't Buy a Job

I do not know what the end will be in B. C. this winter: You could not buy a job here to save your soul, but I am compelled to try and escape the slaves around me. I am making some of them think, and it looks to me as though some of them will be compelled to act. Everything is tied up right and left. Yours in the fight, J.A.K.

## Work For all But Father

"Everybody works but father"—God, what a ghastly lay! "Everybody works but father"—he wants too much pay! Mother and Ann and Maggie, and tiny Tim and Bill, work like hell for a paltry wage in the sweatshop and the mill. "Everybody works but father"—he talks like a fool—he asks enough in wages to send the kids to school; he wants more for his daily toil than we pay the wife and brood; he says he ought to have enough to keep them all in food! "Everybody works but father"—for him we have no need; all we want of father is just to keep up the brood. The mother and the babies—those are the ones we hire. Just keep on breeding babies—that's the capitalist hunch; just keep on breeding babies—we can use the whole damn bunch!—Henry M. Tichenor.

William James once said that a truth passed through three stages: First, it's a scandal; second, it's important; third, it's what we've all been saying all along.

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Bill Heads, white wove, any size, to clear out stock	\$2.00	\$3.25
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Note Heads, very best stock while they last, at	\$1.75	\$2.85
Business Cards, We have a large assortment which we wish to clear out. Here is a chance to save money and get good cards and the best of printing. Any size while they last	\$1.50	\$2.25

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All the above stock is good, but we aim to clear it out and standardize our lines, therefore are willing to make a sacrifice on the stock in order to clear.

Cotton's Co-operative Publishing Co. Cowansville, P.O.

## Hard Times in Kingston

There are going to be hard times in Kingston this winter among the wage workers. Nearly every mill and factory is running short handed and some of them are expecting to shut down entirely after Christmas. This will give the slaves' stomachs a rest and heads a chance to think. Overloading the stomach sends the blood to the brain, which cannot work clearly under such pressure."—H. E. Bushey, Kingston, Ont.

## Eugenically Speaking

The attention of those scientifically and charitably inclined is called to a sad case that has recently come to our notice. A young woman of German parentage and a young man of Austrian descent were married seven years ago. Since then they have had six children, of whom one died almost at birth, one is very delicate, and two are said to be deaf mutes. The mother is devoted to them, and the father is very energetic and industrious, but is unprepared to make a living because of lack of proper training in his youth. The family is now dependent in part on the public for support, and as the trade followed by the father is extremely hazardous he may become entirely dependent at almost any time. The only thing that prevents us from appealing for contributions for them is the fact that the parents described are the King and Queen of Spain.—Collier's.

## Poetic License

By Emanuel Julius.  
Capitalist: No, no; I shall not consider your demands; they are preposterous!  
Striker: You must! Refuse us and this strike'll continue indefinitely.  
Capitalist: I repeat, my dear sir, that I will not, under any circumstances consent to a cut in the wages of my employees. They are to get all they produce or I'll know the reason why.  
Striker: And I tell you we only want one-fifth of what we produce. You must give in to our demands or the strike goes on.  
Capitalist: Strike on! I shall remain firm. You must accept the increase I offer.—Exchange.

## "Capital" Appears in Finnish

The first installment of Karl Marx's "Capital" has just appeared in the Finnish language. Two years ago the Finnish parliament appropriated \$10,000 for the purpose of translating the book. Similar appropriations are frequent in Finland. The work is being published in installments by "Tyomies," the Socialist paper of Helsinki, Finland.

Does a farmer need a mortgage on his farm to produce crops? Does a farmer need to have a landlord to raise wheat? Certainly not. There was a time, however, when the lord of the estate thought he was necessary for his tenants to produce farm produce. If they did not pay rent, if they did not submit to the exactions of the lord, they were ejected and straightway fell into misery, and their misery was attributed to their refusal to pay rent. Today the capitalists own the factories, and if the workers object to too severe exploitation they are sacked and fall into the unemployed class, and their misery is alleged to be due to their incompetence and laziness. The time is rapidly approaching when the capitalist will be recognized to be as unnecessary to production as the nobleman is now recognized to be.

The Dominion Coal Company, of Nova Scotia, it is announced, has voluntarily and of its own account, out of its large generosity and burning sympathy for the slaves it robs, granted an advance of ten cents a day to workers getting less than \$2 per diem. Mine laborers thus get \$1.70 instead of \$1.60, and shift men get \$1.85 instead of \$1.75 per day. The Provincial Workmen's Association, the organization that fights the U.M.W., negotiated the deal. It is a safe bet the company would not have granted the increase if the slaves were not degenerating in labor power through under-feeding. And the contract is to last three years. The cost of living has gone up nine per cent since the last contract was made, and will probably go up another nine per cent or more during the next three years. If you catch the Dominion Coal Co. giving anything to its employees that will really benefit them it will be an easy task for the leopard to change its spots.

\$78,000 will be blew-in on a drill shed for Welland, Ont. This town is on the canal, close to the border. Sam Hughes will probably say the site was chosen for strategic purposes. A few years ago Welland was a little village of 1800 persons. Now it has developed into a hive of sweat pens, and blackfaced men are there by the thousands. Welland did not need to be defended until the industries started there, and don't need it now. The masters have armories built and soldiers stationed in every industrial town in Canada. The reason is easy to see. Soldiers are for the purpose of subduing strikers who are game enough to protest against tyranny and extortion. This is why they are organized, and that is why the armories are going up in the industrial centres of the country.

A boy police force is to be instituted in Portland, Oregon. The officers will all be boys. They will not be permitted to make arrests, but will report offenders to the police department. The masters are having it hard every day to secure men to do their dirty work. Therefore they have boy scouts to train for the army, where men are deserting wholesale at every opportunity. Now they want to train boys to perform scurvy, miserable, and low-lived tricks on their fellow schoolmates and other lads who are too poor to go to school. A boy scout or a boy snitch is a mean ambition to attain, and only a boy with depraved morals would be either one after his eyes are opened to the real motive of those who coax him into the movements.

Rockefeller, the Christian multi-millionaire, recently went to the Euclid Avenue Baptist church, Cleveland, and the parson, feeling proud, described him as a "rosebush in the Lord's garden." He is a fairly thorny rosebush, for every cent in his millions has stung some poor worker.—Australian Socialist.

The workers risk their lives on sea and land for the masters' pocketbooks, and are looked on as common clods while they are alive. But a great train wreck or marine disaster brings forth the statement from the capitalist press that the victims were real heroes of the heroic brand, and all that twaddle. The heroic stunt is overworked by the kept press.

Socialism will enable every boy and girl to grow up in a normal condition.

## Yes—and so on a slaveholder.

A man can be a capitalist, but he cannot be a slaveholder. Why not? He stands for a system of class society and industrialism. He works for the change in his time and money in the cause, but as the people will not make the change, only natural that he should refuse to render any advantages or special privileges he may have under the present system.

There are also capitalists who are not Socialists and who are intensely ignorant of the real situation. It is perfectly natural for a capitalist to take a one-sided view of the matter, and only a few of them will become Socialists, just as but a few slaveholders became abolitionists.

Individual capitalists will desert their class, just as individual slaveholders did, but their action, as a class, will be determined by their class interest, and nothing seems more certain than that they will try in every way to perpetuate their class and its rule and exploitation of the working class.

"You are of the worst type of manhood I have met in my twenty-one years experience. You're a skunk, a villain of the worst type. It is a lucky thing for you I am not sentencing you today." This is how Magistrate Jells of Hamilton, hands it to a prisoner. Dare the prisoner say anything in return? Not a word. He is surrounded by bull-headed officers who would be only too willing to take a swipe at him with a billy if the judge said so. Before him sits the judge, backed by the whole organized capitalist class, hurling epithets at his unfortunate head. He must be mum, or down he goes. This is the everyday fate of the worker who slips a cog and gets in bad. Still, some of the workers think they are not slaves, and vote for the class which oppresses them.

A Montreal minister yawns about Socialism, destroying the sanctity of the home. Not many ministers are foolish enough these days to put forth such an old sub-baked argument as the above. Only those who are entirely ignorant of the teachings of Socialism and the platforms of the different parties exude such ideas from their systems. If the minister referred to would look about him in Montreal he would see that capitalism is breaking up the homes of the workers by the wholesale, has been doing it, is doing it, and intends to keep on doing it. He could also see—but what's the use?

Let our movement be of good cheer. Liberalism, so far as it thrives today, thrives on hopes which no readjustment of existing social conditions can satisfy, but which every easement of these conditions will intensify. Socialism is not the creed of a day, but the expression of an uprising world-wide change in civilization—a change as organic as the growth of society itself. No meteoric flare of Liberalism in the sky can obscure the dawn of its promise that is flooding upon the horizon.—J. Bruce Glasier in the British Labor Leader.

The basic or central factor of human society, according to my view and that of every Socialist, is economic. But when we have conquered our economic environment more completely and organized our economic life better, all the best known Socialist writers have agreed will be those which are not primary of life, but economic—though their arily or exalted development will have been made possible only by economic evolution.—William English Walling.

Over 500 "heroes" are wearing the Victoria Cross today. There are countless number of soldiers who have tried to get this bauble, but failed. They are dead. They were fools. A war medal of any kind only denotes that the wearer has some time or other in his life been enslaved with the most foolish "profession" on earth—soldiering. The sight of medals shining on the breast of a conceited, hair-brained young ignoramus in a soldier's suit, or on a doddering old man in a veteran's parade is enough to give a decent working man the shivers.

In these days the worker must economize on everything but his labor. The masters fix it so that he must pinch and scrimp and drag along on wages that will just barely cover the cost of living, providing he is "faithful," and works every day in the year. But they see to it that there is no economy on his labor power. He must be a spendthrift among the spendthrifts when it comes to the labor commo'ty.

The Montreal Herald announced that it was Major-General W. U. Cotton, who watched the butcher boys of Montreal stretch their legs and sweat and step around live while taking their murder out on a forced march. Major-General W. H. Cotton hails from Toronto, and is away up in the murder business. We have no desire to poke holes in anybody, nor to direct a lot of legalized criminals to poke holes in anybody either.

Pierre Picard of Montreal, shot at his wife in a fit of jealous rage, and killed his little baby in the mother's arms. Pierre Picard had been a member of the Montreal police, descended from this low station to private detective agent, and wound up his career fittingly by murdering his own child. His life is one of the crowning blossoms of capitalism.

John P. White, President of the United Mine Workers of America, is being tried in the West Virginia courts for conspiracy in restraint of trade. His crime is assisting in organizing coal miners of West Virginia. The capitalist politicians made the law White is being tried under, and the workers voted to place the capitalist politicians where they could make the laws.

Socialism is being understood better every day by the masses. The bugaboo has disappeared, and in its place shines the light of knowledge and justice. The man who says Socialism means "dividing up" and "breaking up the home" is a fit subject for the loon coop.

Miss Zelle Dugal has lately died. For thirty-three years she was in the employ of one family at 123 Macall St., Montreal. She was faithful, honest, and took a pride in her long service. Thank God this type of peaceful, submissive slaves glorifying in their slavery is becoming extinct.

Solidarity of the workers released Tom Mann from a capitalist prison. The same thing has now released Jim Larkin from prison for "sedition." Labor in the old country is forcing the capitalists and their special pet laws to the woods.



