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The Coming of Love

We have frequently attended church. We have heard the preachers preaching love. We have heard them preaching love ignorantly.

They want the spirit of love to inhabit the hearts of men so that man will no more hate his fellow man, and peace will reign, not alone between nations, but also within the nation, within the provincial limits, within the city, and within the family circle.

Speed the day when love shall triumph. Love will come only with the coming of Socialism.

Love cannot come now. Our laws will not permit. Our social organization forbids. Our whole industrial system prohibits love. Our system is founded on selfishness. It is founded on competition. It is founded on antagonisms. You climb to success over the works of your fellows.

That capitalist succeeds by paying a living wage to the toilers, and may be he succeeds by not paying a living wage. If he can cut the wage bill, if he can slice ten per cent out of the pay envelopes, he is that much better off. If the workers can combine, and raise wages ten per cent, they are that much better off.

So the struggle takes place. The workers to get more of their product, the employer to appropriate more of the wealth the workers produce.

There is a constant tension. Now the tension is concealed behind hypocritical words. The hate blazes forth in a gigantic strike. Can love rule under such circumstances? No. Love is driven off the earth.

Several merchants in a town are seeking trade. They stand at their doors, watching the customers going into each other's doors. Trade which benefits their rivals hurts them. Trade which benefits them hurts their rivals. If one of them goes broke, his misfortune is his rivals' gain. The merchants lying in such an atmosphere cannot love. Business forbids. Love is driven into the lesser places of their hearts.

Krafchenko, an alleged murderer, escaped from his cell in Winnipeg. He was searched for all over Canada, and was found in Winnipeg. Montreal detectives were disappointed that he had not come to Montreal so they could have hunted him and found him. Their trade is the hunting of their fellow men, even to the gallows. What a hellish system this is under which men are disappointed because they could not hunt a murderer. Love is driven out.

But when we have abolished the present system, when we have introduced a system under which buying and selling of the things we need to live by is done away with, when the life of the worker, his days and his strength are not sold on the labor market, when we produce FOR USE and for all, and no man can gain without equivalent toil, then love can come into the hearts of men. Then there will be no need to struggle and rejoice in your fellow-man's misfortune.

And the love that business has driven out of life, will come back to the hearts of men, and sit enthroned in the chief places of life.

The Canadian Socialist Vote

W. Watts, in the Western Clarion.

The growth of the Socialist movement in Canada is something we should be proud of when the difficulties placed in our way by the henchmen of the capitalist class are considered, and a few figures relating to the growth will, we hope, give a bigger impetus to the movement.

The first notable election in which we took part was in 1903 in the province of British Columbia. From then on elections have been contested wherever a chance has been placed in our way and the necessary funds provided. It might be stated that a deposit of \$200 has to be left with the returning officer of the government before we can place a candidate in the field for the Dominion elections, and that a deposit of \$100 in the provincial elections of British Columbia and \$200 for the other provinces (with the exception of Ontario, where no deposit is required).

This deposit is lost in all cases where the candidates running do not receive at least one-half of the total number of votes received by the winning candidate.

Province	Year	Received	Not Received
British Columbia	1903	3,507	15 3
British Columbia	1907	3,670	25 3
British Columbia	1909	6,195	26 2
British Columbia	1912	6,200	27 2
Alberta	1909	1,429	3 0
Alberta	1913	3,383	7 0
Saskatchewan	1908	96	1 0
Saskatchewan	1912	58	1 0
Manitoba	1910	1,241	3 0
Ontario	1911	3,694	9 4

Other elections have taken place in the latter provinces, but we cannot obtain figures. There are forty-two members in the British Columbia Legislature. The Socialists polled 15 per cent of the total vote last election in British Columbia.

There are fifty-six members in the Alberta Legislature.

Year	Received	Not Received
1904	2,872	5 0
1908	8,031	8 0
1911	11,138	17 0

There are 221 members elected to the Dominion House.

Year	Received	Not Received
1903	3,507	
1907	3,670	
1909	6,697	
1908	9,688	
1910	10,929	
1911	15,852	
1912	15,857	
1913	17,071	

No "Labor Party" vote is included in this.

The Strike in South Africa

When the railway workers of South Africa struck, Premier Botha called out the militia, and it is said 100,000 men responded.

Premier Botha declared that when he got through, there would not be another strike for a generation.

Both of these facts are interesting as showing the state of South African development. They illustrate a passing phase of that region in the light of historical determinism.

South Africa is as yet largely agricultural. The Boer farmer produces in a petty manner. The farm is the unit. Consequently the Boer farmer has the petty, individualist outlook upon life.

Capitalism has invaded the territory in spots. The gold and diamond industries are typically wage slaves. The railways exploit the wage workers.

The South African farmer and the wage worker have different outlooks upon life. The wage worker wants higher pay, fewer hours, better working conditions. The farmer sees in these moves higher freight rates and dearer prices for the things they purchase.

Consequently they oppose the strike. When Botha calls, they rush to arms.

Botha, who is a petty bourgeois in views and sympathies, gnashes his teeth when the wage slaves strike. He boils over with denunciations.

Were conditions stable, were society static, then there would be little hope of the workers ever triumphing.

But society is in a state of flux. It is changing. Capitalism is extending its boundaries all the time. More and more of the population are being drawn into the sphere of the capitalist mode.

As this process develops, as the petty farmers become fewer in number compared with the wage workers, the balance of power shifts. The wage workers learn from bitter experience that an injury to one is an injury to all, and that in union there is strength. And as their ranks are continually augmenting from the breakup of petty production, the wage slaves will form the bulk of the population. And then, either through the ballot, or if that be denied, by sheer force of numbers, the wage slaves will capture the supreme political power, and their will will be the will of the state.

Premier Botha may now strut and swell and threaten; but his threatenings will be rendered idle vapid with the passing of the underlying economic conditions which at present raise him to political power.

A Study in Ethics

By Yukoner.

One of the most logical judgments of future historians regarding this twentieth century will be executed relative to the absence of honor in the individual's public life, in spite of the fact that the same individual could and did follow the lead of honor within the limits of his family life.

It is impossible to exaggerate the danger to society when honor is absent from the market places; recognizably so to the individual, excruciatingly so to the individual, honorably so to the dishonorable individual.

For when blasphemy becomes honor it is not possible for the individual to escape from the riveting results of habitual blasphemy.

According to modern statesmen individuals such as the biblical Jesus, or the Russian Tolstoy are the possessors of true ethical standards, but at the same time are impracticable idealists. According to future historians, Jesus and Tolstoy owned a sense of honor as private individuals, which honor demanded of them to execute in life's market places; but twentieth century society deliberately chose to deny that their own sense of honor as private individuals was honorable in the market places of life. Consequently there existed a public dishonor recognized as expedient, honorably so, side by side with a private honor which was regarded as inexpedient, as dishonorable, in the market places. Or, in the words of an honorable man, "Life's market place when desolate of truth is a sign of an impending end to the social system containing that sign."

The ability to blaspheme against truth exists as a possibility for mankind. This ability is recognizably present when a conscious ideal is willfully denied by the owner of that ideal; as impracticable, and as inexpedient for him to follow.

The habit of blaspheming which results in the existence of a blasphemy complacently satisfied with his own blasphemy against his own spirit of truth.

The individual then substitutes the expedient for the recognizably true, and is absolutely helpless to escape from the effects of his dishonest habits of judgment.

Expediency offers subtle excuses for the complacency of blasphemers. Principles become of secondary importance to such unfortunate individuals.

Expediency becomes an honorable and all sufficient excuse to them for acting consciously in defiance of their own ideals.

To stand up serene and unafraid, as a Jesus or as a Tolstoy, as an admirer of the true, willing to practice the true, is regarded by twentieth century statesmen as ridiculous; inexpedient, and as dishonorable.

Judges complacently add burdens to the shoulders of their littler neighbors. Priests complacently allocate bells to Lazarus.

Employers complacently strive to pay a minimum in wages to the destitute. Statesmen complacently extort \$850,000,000 for naval armaments alone, from the common purse of the poor.

All such social actions are regarded as honorably expedient in the market places. It is the very helplessness of the blasphemer against truth to recognize the inevitable social crash resultant from his own blasphemy so infinitely difficult for the blasphemer to overcome.

When dishonor has become honor let the market place dwellers flee from that market place.

For the end of that civilization is nigh. When lies are worshipped as truths, injustice as justice, unmercifulness as mercy, those who may read the writing on the wall. Weighed in the balance and found wanting.

Greed and graft are twin brothers, and could exist only under capitalism.

"And then you will hand the keys of your cities to the ranks of the hungry men."

The three most powerful enemies of Socialism are greed, superstition and ignorance.

A worker said the other day he voted for Laurier because he was such a smooth, suave and smiling politician. Phanny Phellow.

The Boer soldier is in the saddle and the British miner must humbly submit to his dictation. Where are the Boer-eaters of yesterday?

Karl Marx's Value, Price and Profit should be in the hands of every Socialist. Cotton's edition costs only 10c., or three for a quarter. Get it.

Do you vote for Borden because he is a nice fellow, or because you like to be out of work and hungry, or with lots of work and skinned to a finish?

The two sons of the late Earl Cawdor, will each have \$5,000,000 at their disposal when they become of age. Thus does the capitalist system take care of its scoundrels.

Good morning, where is that fat overcoat you earned last summer? Oh, the boss has it, has he? Well, if he will allow you to work, try again. You may get one more day.

The present, with its misery, poverty, brutality and contradictions belongs to capitalism. The future, with all its happiness, plenty, brotherhood and harmony, belongs to Socialism.

One of the objections urged against chattel slavery was that it parted children from their parents and wives from their husbands. The present system of industrial slavery is a thousand times worse in that respect than the old form of chattel slavery.

The liberty of no man is safe with the courts. The courts are the last place in the world where the popular power of government should ever be placed. And this, not because the judges are crooked, but because they do not belong to the working class.

Men strike because they do not receive in wages half of the wealth they create, and then go to the polls and vote for the system that robs them, if they would strike at the polls and establish Socialism they would receive all the wealth they created.

The Toronto jail is crowded as never before in its history. Canada is prosperous as never before in its history. There are more unemployed in Canada as never before in its history. More poverty and crime for the many, more wealth and luxury for the few. Getting more like England every day.

Sheriff Madgett and his deputy, Stratford, Ont., took a small eighteen year old lad to the Kingston pen. The lad was heavily chained hand and foot, probably so that he would not cut loose and eat the gizzards out of the two big brave representatives of King George.

The city of Regina is perturbed because of the threats of pillage made by the unemployed. Well, what can they expect? Do the wealthy people of Regina think that a man is going to walk the streets hungry in a temperate winter below zero for weeks after weeks and submit meekly? Any man who would not steal to feed his hungry family when he could get no work, has not much grit in his craw.

Fred Wilson, one of the 25,000 who are forced out of employment in Toronto, told the court that it was impossible for him to get any work, and that it would be better to send him down. He got his wish, and for ninety days will live in warmth and comfort. Is it not a rotten system which forces good workmen to ask the court to send them to a stinking bastle that they may get warm and have a bite to eat and a chance to work?

M. Philouze, a French statistician, calculates that the war in the Balkans cost the belligerent countries \$500,000,000. The money went for ammunition that was fired away, arms that were largely lost or broken, for soldiers' clothing that was worn out, food, etc. There is nothing material to show for it. The situation is as if a fire had swept over the land and destroyed so much property.

The countries as a whole and the people individually are poorer than they were when the war began. Their case illustrates what the waste of war means.

Complaints have been made that some of the school cadets of Toronto have been pointing their rifles at passengers in street cars and otherwise making nuisances of themselves. Well, what are the rifles for? What are the cadets being trained for if it is not to point rifles at citizens? Let the citizens go on strike and these rifles will be pointed at them and shot at them. The spirit of militarism is not being drilled into the boy scouts and cadets of Canada without a purpose. The people of Toronto should not be alarmed because empty rifles are pointed at them. How would they like to undergo the treatment of the miners of Vancouver Island, who had rifles, bayonets and machine guns trained on them, and brutal officers threatening to order the shooters to fire?

General Otter before the Empire Club of Toronto lashed the Canadian militia in no uncertain manner. He says the public are unconcerned, and the militia has gone to sleep. He enlarged the compulsory training system in force in Australia, and deplored the fact that only one per cent of the boys attending schools throughout the Dominion at present belong to cadet corps. Otter says our militia force numbers less than 50,000 practically untrained and barely equipped. Sam Hughes says our force numbers over 70,000, trained to the minute. The soldiers are backing up his statement by spending twelve or fourteen million dollars each year on his pets. Otter is right; the Canadian militia is a dead one, and all his efforts and Sam Hughes' fool expenditures will never bring it to life. The people of this country do not want to soldier, and they do not want to support soldiers.

The Impotent Rulers

Of all the insignificant, peevish, weak-backed, ignorant beings which are held up to admiration by an equally ignorant press, the banker and capitalist are the chiefest.

Here are the broad acres of Canada stretching limitlessly across thousands of miles of territory. Here are the factories built to produce necessities and luxuries for all the people. Here are mines ready to give up their coal to keep people warm. Here in Canada more than a million bodies and a million pairs of hands, ready to turn the resources of the country into things good for the use of man.

And man walks hungry while the factories stand idle. Man shivers with cold while the production of coal is curtailed. Man seeks comfortless shelter while the hands of the builders seek for an opportunity to build and find it not.

What is the trouble? Why is the suffering in the midst of plenty? The trouble lies with the system which is controlled by the capitalists, those little, over-braided individuals whose ignorance and selfishness and middle-headedness and impotency makes industry to halt and humanity to suffer.

It is as simple as A, B, C. The capitalists own the means by which the workers must work to produce wealth. They will not allow the workers to have access to the means of wealth production save on harsh conditions. These conditions are, that the workers shall run the mills, keep them in repair, rebuild and extend when necessary, dig the coal, and iron, and produce all the wealth they can as fast as they can AND GIVE IT ALL TO THE CAPITALISTS. The workers are then doled out just enough wages to buy back a small fraction of the wealth they have created.

The capitalists do not want to consume the wealth the workers have produced. They want to sell it. So they send the wealth into the market, to be sold. And the workers, with their poverty wages, come to the market to buy the wealth they have produced, and can buy but a little. The rest piles up in the market, save for what the capitalists want only to waste. It piles up, and piles up and cannot be sold. And it is said there is overproduction and the workers are turning on their heels, waxing and are doing their slave pay, and walk hungry amid plenty, shiver while the clothing they have produced is stored in warehouses, and go cold while the coal they have produced remains undistributed.

Then our capitalist rulers give forth their solemn dicta. They say the workers want too much wages. They say the workers have wantonly spent their large wages. They look learned and say there are hard times and the workers must go slow.

In God's name what foolery. Ignorance is the curse of the world. Comrade workers, study the system which robs you. Look at it in the calm light of reason. Come to it leaning behind all those hypnotic suggestions your masters have introduced in your minds. And you will see the capitalist system to be a ghastly, fever breeding, hunger smitten, rotten hearted degradation, and the boasted capitalist to be a crawling, selfish, ignorant, fat turning on their heels, waxing and are doing their slave pay, and walk hungry amid plenty, shiver while the clothing they have produced is stored in warehouses, and go cold while the coal they have produced remains undistributed.

And you will swear never to rest nor to abate one jot of your agitation till the damnable system is recreated into a system where love, truth, spirituality, morality and physical well-being for all shall rule.

Our Civilization

By Horace Traubel.

How can we see the skyrappers? They are very high. But I can also see a man. Do you know how much higher a man is? I can see the roof of the skyscraper no matter how far up it goes. But I can't see the roof of a man no matter how far down he stays. Do you say I am not used by the terrible? I may be used by something I won't deter to. I may see what we have come to so far. But I may also see how we are to go on to God. Knows what level of ascent. I accept our civilization because it is the mightiest of possible facts. I accept our civilization because it is the most unreasonable of apparitions. I know how irrefragable its proofs are. I know how unquestionable its evidences must be. I know it stands in unshakable grandeur. It reaches to the inner fires of the earth. It reaches to the outer frosts of space. But, well, there is no more to say. I use no more words. I speak in the language of the spirit. I speak in the language of the soul. I speak in the language of the heart. I speak in the language of the mind. I speak in the language of the body. I speak in the language of the soul. I speak in the language of the heart. I speak in the language of the mind. I speak in the language of the body.

Laurier and Dear Food

In his criticism of the Speech from the Throne in Parliament, Sir Wilfrid Laurier appeared to be much perturbed at the high cost of living and the enormous amount of unemployment in Canada.

It is true the Conservatives have appointed a Commission to investigate the cost of living, but as this is composed of evil servants, it will not dare, according to Sir Wilfrid, investigate what effect the tariff on food stuffs has on the cost of living.

Sir Wilfrid seems to think that the high cost of living is an unmix evil. He seems to think it the main evil.

The cost of living is a minor consideration for the working class. Wages are based on the cost of living. If the cost of living goes up, wages will have to go up or the workers perish of malnutrition. If the cost of living goes down, wages will fall, as competition among workers for jobs will allow the masters to reduce the amount in the pay envelope.

The dust and dirt raised over the cost of living is raised by the politicians largely to conceal the real evil—the wages system. Let the system of the distribution of the products created by labor be so altered that labor may enjoy its own creations.

Then, not only will the problem of the high cost of living be solved, but the unemployed problem also and the problem of poverty.

Capitalist a Robber

A capitalist is a robber. His robbery is legalized by the laws sanctioned by the church and hornsogged by the masters' press. A wage worker is a robbed producer, feared by the masters, browbeaten by the church and hornsogged by the press.

The capitalist and the wage worker are both products of the same system—the capitalist system.

To berate the capitalist, or to thump the worker is idle labor without pointing the remedy which will cause both to assume a different place in the social scale.

It is the system which produces both. Granted the capitalist system, it follows as a matter of course that wage worker and capitalist will result.

Given a system whereby the producing class sells itself to another class for a daily wage—a wage which barely covers the cost of living—it will result that the producing class will get all the balance of the wealth the producing class creates.

Thus automatically we have two classes. We have the class which toils and does not enjoy, and we have the class which enjoys and does not toil.

Abolish the system which produces these two classes, and the two classes will disappear. We will have neither wage workers nor capitalists. We will have a collectively owned, producing and enjoying class.

It is the aim of Socialism; to abolish class antagonisms by abolishing the system which produces the antagonistic class.

Eliminating the Capitalist

Horace Traubel, in one of his collected or poems, says he sees faces which do not wish to do him harm, but which wish to do themselves good. Incidentally he is harmed, but that is not the object at all.

In the same way the workers do not wish to do the capitalists evil. They have no enmity nor vengeance against the capitalists. They want to do good to themselves. Hence they strike. Hence they demand more control of the working conditions in the shops. They want shorter hours. They want compensation acts and insurance against unemployment and many other things now. And they aim at the ultimate elimination of the capitalist in industry.

The capitalist resists the advance of the working class. He does not want to do the worker harm. He only wants to do himself good.

The struggle between the two classes, each desiring not the injury of the other, but their own good, will go on until one class is eliminated. As the working class is the only class in society, it will be the capitalist class that will suffer elimination.

The struggle for speed has been the story of mankind. The telephone conquered distance for the voice, the telegraph conquered distance for the written message, and the automobile is solving the transportation problem. Hundreds of other inventions are utilized for speed, in workshop, factory, mill, mine and forest. But who gets the benefit of the speed? Does the worker? No. The worker is the victim of the speed mania; he does not own the telephone, the telegraph, the automobile, or any of the machinery which turns out as much product in one day as could formerly be turned out in ten. The worker is the slave of the speed god, and will continue to be until the machinery is all owned by the people for the common good of all.

South Africa has forbidden the display of the red flag of Socialism. The capitalists would rather see the old union jack, the flag which represents murder, tyranny and oppression, poverty and wretchedness. Many of the strikers in South Africa are those who fought for the union jack to float over the country. They are now reaping their reward. They must fold away the flag of liberty, and keep to their homes, or be arrested. Rule Britannia.

General Otter thinks our military force should be increased to 250,000 from the present total of 55,000. Otter is a parasite and a hindrance to the progress of the country. He is one of the burden loafers who are fed and clothed by the brawn and muscle of the Canadian workmen, and wants a force greatly augmented to shoot and oppress the toilers who feed him and his kind. He is a fine tool of his masters, the capitalists.

The unemployment of Canada at this special season means the making of Socialists in great numbers. Being out of a job and hungry and suffering the continued zero weather will rattle in the heart of the worker in a manner that hodes no good for the system which compels him to suffer. The spirit of revolt will be born in many a worker's breast before the winter's blasts cease to swirl around his unprotected ears. It is good.

Vancouver Island Defence Fund

Cotton's Weekly has received the following appeal from the Defence Committee of the Vancouver Island striking miners. A good plan for the comrades would be to paste the appeal on a piece of paper, and tackle Socialists and union men for contributions, sending them forward to the Secretary of the Defence Fund.

FELLOW WORKERS

We, as brothers of the two hundred miners at present in jail awaiting trial on Vancouver Island, at this time appeal to you members of the working class for moral and financial help, that we may free from persecution and the brand of criminality men whose chief offense is their prominence and activity in the labor movement on this portion of the Pacific Coast.

The miners, in their dealings as individuals with the corporations in the past, have realized their utter helplessness. Time and again explosions occur with the loss of human life. The mining laws provide for the appointment of a Gas Committee by the men. This committee on examining the mine and reporting gas, was discharged. The Government, in lining up with the mine owners, refused to enforce the laws. They are therefore the violators of their own laws.

The men were thus forced to organize, and on the last of May last the mine workers of this Island came out for recognition of their union.

The governments, Dominion and Provincial, in their eagerness for industrial expansion (profits for the master class), encourage a constant stream of immigration from Oriental countries. With the aid of this reserve army of labor, whose wants are few compared with those of white men and the enactment of

draconian criminal laws, which are intended to render the workers powerless during a strike, all the forces of the State are at the disposal of the capitalists involved.

Today the militia are encamped in our streets, and bodies of them with fixed bayonets patrol the streets, and act as a shield to hundreds of special police who are here to guard strike-breakers.

The jails are crowded with our most active workers. With the exception of a few, bail has been refused. Among the men in prison are many earnest and active workers, who are eligible for provincial and municipal offices. Also J. Place, M.P.P., the working class representative in the Provincial Parliament. The workers of this district have attained the most advanced political position of any of the Dominion. In the event of these men being convicted, they are deprived of all political rights for five years.

FELLOW WORKERS— In this life and death struggle with the Master Class, help us to keep the Banner of Labor flying triumphant over what we have already attained. It is our turn today; it may be yours tomorrow. In the name of the solidarity of the working class, help is urgently needed at this time. Do all you can, and aid us to haul those from place and power who, in their greed would force us to the standard of Orientals, or to become homeless tramps.

Forward all monies to Defence Committee, G.A. Moore, Secretary, Box 830, Nanaimo, B.C.

Donations will be acknowledged in Western Clarion, Cotton's Weekly, Appeal to Reason, and other Labor papers.

Finnish Local No. 20, S.D.P. of C., Webster's Corners, B. C.	23.60
Finnish Local, Kewatin, Minn., U.S.	11.65
Frank McKee and Axel T. Johnson, Main, Sask.	2.00
Green Valley Socialist Party, Rocky Mountain House, Alta.	3.20
Finnish Socialist Local, Port Arthur, Ont.	23.40
Local No. 21, S. D. P., Edmonton, Alta.	30.00
Finnish Socialist Local, Mullan, Idaho, U.S.A.	3.60
C. G. Johnson, Carmi, B.C.	1.00
S. S. Osasto No. 1, Cook Co., Chicago, Ill.	10.90
Local No. 21, S. D. P., Edmonton, Alta.	6.50
Finnish Ex. Com., S. B. P. of C., Trades and Labor Council, Regina Com's Cronk and McCombs, Silico, Alta.	3.00
John Heaton, S.P.C. Local, Kenora Milwaukee, Wis., Finnish Local, per Arvo Siro	3.00
Vancouver, B.C., Patternmakers' Association	7.50
Finnish Local, Port Arthur, Erick Korkala	2.40
Per A. G. Godfrey, South Wellington, N.S.W.	22.00
Finnish Local, Mond, Ont.	12.65
T. C. Wood, per Western Clarion	2.00
Finnish Socialist Local, Toimi, Lake Co., Minn.	3.00
United Bro. Carpenters and Joiners, Nelson, B.C.	10.00
S. S. Osasto, Garson Mine, Sudbury Ont.	7.65
Local 134, Sheet Metal Workers, Victoria, B.C.	10.00
S. S. Osasto, Cobalt, Ont.	33.00
Greenwood Union, W.F.M.	5.00
Int. Union No. 510, Steam Engineers, Prince Rupert	5.00
Miners, Cardiff, Alta., per A. Fleming	57.80
Finnish Local, Eckville, Alta., C. S. Bandall	11.00
Local 495, Journeymen Plumbers, New Westminster	10.00
Local Union 138, Vancouver, Paint-	
ers, Dec. and Paperhangers	5.00
L. Civitanovich, per L. Rondeaux, Local 322, I.W.W.	1.00
Cigarmakers' Local Union 486, New Westminster	5.00
Bartenders' Local Union 784, New Westminster	10.00
Quarry Workers' Union, Nelson Island, B.C.	10.00
Per Brit. Col. Fed. Bridge & Struct. Iron Workers, Calgary	25.00
Gowganda Local No. 154, West. Fed. Miners	12.00
Trades & Labor Council, Nelson, B.C. Local 3841 Int. Asso. Longshoremen, Prince Rupert	50.00
S. S. Osasto, Mackham, Minn.	1.45
Chas. Damien, Nanaimo, B.C.	1.00
Jewish Workers' Circle No. 267, Calgary, Alta.	5.00
Council No. 6, Nat. Asso. Marine Engineers, Victoria	7.00
S. S. Osasto, P. A. D., Wellsiding, near Port Arthur, Ont.	14.65
Nuonoo Seura, per H. Baum, Copper Cliff, Ont.	29.50
Per O. L. Charlton, Port Moody, B. C., Finnish Local	23.00
Per O. L. Charlton, New Westminster Local S.D.P.	3.50
Victoria Local, S.D.P.	1.00
S.D.P.	1.00
S. S. Osasto, Nipigon, Ont., per J. Salo	10.00
S. S. Osasto, Bellevue, Alta.	8.15
Finnish Local, S. D. P., Creighton Mine, B.C.	12.50
Local Union 138, Vancouver B. C. Painters, Decorators, Paperhangers, Silverton Miners Union, Silverton, B. C.	2.00
Lodge No. 613, Brotherhood Railway Trainmen, Victoria	49.30
Harry Otto, Resisdale, Man.	2.00
Local Marquette, Mich., U. S. Socialist Party	2.00
Local No. 98, Brotherhood Railway Carmen, Nelson, B.C.	4.25
Local No. 249, Hod Carriers and Builders' Laborers, Victoria	7.50
Total	\$348.10

Hamilton Happenings

The dominant question in Hamilton at present is that of the unemployed. For once the workers are discussing something vital to themselves. A large mass meeting of the jobless men was held to consider ways and means of alleviating the distress. The platform was occupied mostly by clergymen who plainly showed they had given no previous thought to the subject and could only piously reiterate that it was work not charity that the men wanted. The local Labor M.I.A. Allan Studholme, was the first to deal with the object of the meeting in a practical way and created quite a flutter in the clerical hierarchy by telling the assembled sky-pilots that their time would be better occupied in considering the here and now instead of the hereafter. He then proceeded to give the social analysis of unemployment. Were all so-called "labor" men of the calibre of old Allan that appellation would not be in such bad odor among revolutionary socialists. Only one clergyman among the bunch knew enough or was man enough to state the truth about unemployment. Two of our members were present and gave their viewpoint. Next morning a register for the unemployed was opened at the city hall, but the situation is very much where it was as only a small number of the married men were given three days work a week. Unemployment is the keystone of capitalism. When we knock it out the capitalist structure collapses. So the workers will look in vain for a solution to this problem while the capitalist class exists. The remedy must be of their own doing, by joining their own class organization to take over and control in their own interests the land and the machinery of production.

The Attention of Hamilton readers is called to the fact that a social will be held in Swales' Hall on Friday evening February 13. The woman folks are specially invited, and the bairns will also be made welcome. A splendid programme and light refreshments.

J. A. An inspector reports that the rubber atrocities of South America are continued. The natives who complain are met with revolver shots. We must have rubber, and the governments concerned seem not to care how much brutality and murder is committed as long as the rubber is secured. Their supreme effort seems to be to send inspectors to the rubber country every little while who report that the atrocities are still being committed. This holds the public for a while, and the shipments of rubber come rolling in.

There are now forty millionaires in Winnipeg. And ten thousand persons depended on charity in Winnipeg for their Christmas dinner.

Jangling Discord of Capitalism

John T. Hurley, Reid Hill, Alta. Philosophers and students of human nature tell us that to be happy we must be "in tune" with our surroundings. By that, I take it, is meant that we must all act in harmony. That is quite right. It is one of the secrets of happiness. But nowadays such a thing is impossible. The capitalist system renders it impossible, thus it destroys happiness. We should all act in harmony, but we cannot under present conditions. I will give an instance. The farmer is getting twenty-two cents for his oats at the elevator, which is probably fifteen miles away. A neighbor needs oats and offers him the market price. In nine cases out of ten the farmer will want twenty-five cents. He knows he cannot raise the elevator man's price, which brings him merely a bare living; consequently he will try to put the price up wherever he has the least possible show. This makes a farm community a long way from being in tune. It produces discord, or worse. Take another instance. The thresherman hires his labor and has to pay them. The machine company follows the thresherman up and puts a stop note on the money due the thresherman from the farmer. The thresherman's men demand their money from the thresher. He in turn demands his of the farmer. The farmer informs him that the machine company has appropriated it; consequently we have discord all the way around. The thresherman cannot get his money, and the men cannot get theirs. Is being "in tune" with our surroundings possible under such conditions? Is this acting in harmony? No. It is discord, and you will find it wherever you go. Everybody is striving to beat the other fellow. He pretty near has to make a living. But there is one class that harmonize with each other in their aims, and that is the master class. They all work together to skin the workers of all they possibly can.

Recently in Newfoundland, the Fishermen's Protective Union went into politics and elected a majority of the opposition candidates. Sir Robert Bond, the left bower of the capitalist skimmers of Newfoundland, in other words the leader of the capitalist opposition, has announced his retirement from politics. He sees the workers rising to political power and it frightens him into a hole. May others of his ilk be scared in the same way.

The annual conference of the British labor party will meet in Glasgow on January 28-29 and 30. Prior to the meeting a ballot of the labor union members will be taken throughout Great Britain to see whether the members want union funds used for political purposes. If the decision is to use the funds for political activity, the plutes will receive a great scare.

The Star of the East

By Irwin Friday, Fertility, Alta.

We are told of the star of the east that is said to have appeared on the eve of the birth of Christ. It is now nearly two thousand years since He taught the "brotherhood of man," and proclaimed "Peace on earth; good will to men." In these two thousand years the war spirit has grown to such an extent that the world now spends annually about four billion dollars on militarism. How about this? Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God. How let us be serious for once. If the peacemakers are to be blessed it is just as reasonable to expect that the war who uphold war are to be cursed. What, then, are you going to do priests and preachers, who pray for victories in war? You cursed accomplices of glorious murder. You perpetrators of barbarism. You who exempt your cowardly carcasses from the deadly effect of exploding shells, whistling rifle balls, and keen-edged swords. You should faint and never recover when the following is quoted: "Thou shalt not kill. Should you not have a block of limburger hung about your necks and drowned in the deepest part of the sea? You are supposed to follow in the footsteps of Christ. If you follow the teachings of Christ you will not be the cause of any footprints leading to the fring line. How about the golden rule: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. Would you have your brother blow you to atoms by the shell or rip you open with a sword? Would you? Be honest about it: Do you glory in slaughter, in murder on the battlefield? If you do, then you belong to the age of the barbarian, and there is no place for you in a true civilization. Such as you are the result of Christ's teachings, then you are a poor recommendation.

We are told that while there is life there is hope. If so, then let us hope that in the near future the force of reason may clear your brain just as a strong wind clears away a fog. The eternal star of hope shines out. It is the star in the east of the present day. We hope for a newer, a higher, a better social order in which poverty, crime, prostitution, and war will be unknown. We hope for the establishment of Christ's kingdom here on this earth. We hope for a time when humanity will be so highly developed as to be practically perfect. This is not denying Christ. It is upholding His teachings. The star of the east is the star of hope.

FROM OLD ENGLAND

Dear Editor: Am writing you enclosing a few subs as I promised before leaving Alberta. The trip home would be rather dull without keeping in touch with the movement. There is a very noticeable change in the ideas of the young fellows here in the last seven years, and whereas the boys had no opinions except those handed down by their grandfathers, they are ever increasing in numbers now, and have very decided opinions of their own on labor and social matters. I was amused and surprised at the result of a sub I sent a friend here who is the father of four or five boys. The father is a strong Liberal, but being unable to read, got the boys to read Cotton's to him every week, and when I visited them I found the boys arguing with the father how the Liberal press was ultimately no good to the workers as regards real freedom and liberty. Well, the father took the papers to the workshop, and this resulted in another agitator being raised up, who got his fellow-workmen together and persuaded them to ask for a raise in their wages. The men got the raise, but the agitator got fired. He had to take a pierhead jump (i.e. go to sea). Coming over on the boat another supporter of Cotton's and myself got into a warm argument which resulted from a young preacher giving an address on "Success. The crowd surrounded us with their questions for at least an hour, and they received the answers with the utmost despatch. It is life to be agitating the Cause. Will close now, but hope to come again in the future with more support. Yours fraternally J. R. B. R., Durham Road Newcastle, England.

WASTE OF LIFE IN BALKAN WARS

Sofia, Bulgaria.—A striking illustration of the terrible human waste in war is furnished by the census just taken of the new Bulgarian territories acquired by conquest. The male population of that portion of Macedonia allotted to Bulgaria was reduced during hostilities from 175,000 to 142,000. In Bulgarian Thrace, only 225,000 males remain out of a total before war of 494,000, while in the district of Mustapha Pasha, where fighting was so long and fiercely, only 4,000 males are left out of 33,000, the total before fighting began.

WORKERS GET LESS PLUTES MORE

London, Eng.—British Board of Trade returns for 1913 show aggregate imports into the United Kingdom of \$3,845,169,795 and exports of \$3,175,585,670. Respective increases over 1912 were \$121,966,640 and \$180,780,020. Largest increases in exports were coal and fuel, \$55,370,910, and iron and steel, \$25,653,075. Though production was in 1913 greater than in 1912, the number of unemployed is also larger.

Clemency for the Nanaimo Miners

Special to the Montreal Star. Ottawa, January 22.—Clemency, to the striking miners who participated in the Nanaimo riots last summer and are now undergoing sentences of from one to two years, is likely to be extended. When this will be done is not determined. It is understood that over eight thousand petitions praying for their release have been received.

The Western authorities are offering many thousands reward for the body, alive or dead, of a foreigner who escaped, armed, from the servant, and that the spirits of the earth and air obey him; if the culture of Pauperism is eternally to tear his very vitals and keep him on the brink of destruction.—Thomas Huxley.

Get Together

(The following is from "The Mutual Workers' Journal," published in Pittsburg, Pa., in connection with "The Church of God," of that city).

Report says that recently 800 men were laid off from work at one of the rubber plants in Akron, Ohio. These men and their families must now shiver and starve until the automobile tires they helped to make are worn out by the idle rich. Other toilers are being forced into idleness all over the country. Men have invented machinery that does the work of hundreds of laborers, by which they are able to manufacture sufficient surplus stock to supply the demand for many seasons; when the warehouses are filled, the laborers are discharged. Working as they do for a mere living wage, when these periods of idleness come the men are on the verge of pauperism. Increasing misery for the daily toilers is the toll paid for all our wonderful inventions under present industrial conditions.

Men are not forced into idleness because there is no work to be done; they need the work to supply their families with life's necessities; on every hand work awaits the doing; but those "higher up" say, "Be idle and suffer," and the toiler must obey. Surely something is wrong.

Old conditions are rapidly passing away. We cannot return to primitive methods of production, even if we would; the age of machinery has come to stay. What, then, is the remedy? The one thing for the common people to do is to get together, purchase machinery which shall be kept running to supply their needs, and become producers as well as consumers. We must learn to co-operate and work together, if we are to prevent prodigal wealth on one hand and abject poverty on the other. You may ask, "Have I a part in this?" Yes, every reader of the Journal has a part in this reform of business and industrial conditions, and the time to begin is now.

When we, as Christians, realize fully that present conditions are a reproach to a progressive Christian civilization, we shall then begin to feel our responsibility in helping to change conditions. The early saints had "all things in common." Surely the Holy Spirit intended to teach something by this manifestation of equality and love in the early church.

The American people are intensely individualistic. "Every man for himself, and vice to the hindmost." This is clearly not the Christian spirit. Let us, during the year 1914, see if we cannot eliminate the spirit of selfishness and greed, in business as well as in religion, and develop the spirit of mutual helpfulness and Christian co-operation. Let us get together.

NIAGARA REDS ACTIVE

Dear Comrade:—I suppose you will be pleased to know that we put two comrades in the field as workmen candidates. Comrade Samuel Lovatt was elected alderman, eighth out of nine electors, polling 359 votes. Comrade Wm. Church ran as water commissioner, but was defeated by a little over 200 votes by one of the old ring. However, he polled 643 votes. We are very much pleased with the result, and though we didn't run them on a straight Socialist ticket, both are class conscious Socialists, and the people were glad when they found there were workmen candidates in the field to work if elected for the workmen's interest, and rallied to their support. The Engineers' Union and the Carpenters' Union gave their hearty and unanimous support to the comrades. They said they had been thinking of the need of workmen in the council for some time, but felt that it was up to us to make the move. Cotton's Weekly has quite a circulation here, and we may find it necessary to use the columns of our paper before the year is out to back up Comrade Lovatt in the council, because he is sure to have opposition, and no doubt the press will be used against him. However, we are out to win. Yours for Socialism—Niagara Falls Red.

MUNICIPAL VOICE IN NORTH BAY

Editor Cottons: At our elections here on Jan. 5th, we ran a candidate for alderman. He polled 134 votes out of a total of about 1300. A great many refused to support him on account of his nationality (a Jew), but we are glad to find the support of men of that calibre than with it. The bunch here are nearly all railway employes, therefore it is hard to get them all together at once. By the way, the railway slays got their's a few weeks ago. About a hundred got a Christmas bonus a day or two before Christmas, in the form of an indefinite lay-off. A few days later a similar bunch got a new year's gift of the same kind, but it did not knock any more sense into their heads than was there before. Some of them are damning the canals and lakes, and others are damning Wilson for knocking a hole in the line fence and letting a part of the western crop go south over American rails. I regret that I have no subs to send you just now; hundreds are walking the streets idle, and I am doing the stunt myself. I have been for several weeks, so you see cash is scarce. Yours in revolt, D.A.B., North Bay, Ont.

THE WESTERN SPIRIT

The following letter to an eastern loan company from a Saskatchewan client, was published in a leading financial publication. It speaks for itself.

"Dear Sirs:—In reply to your letter, I must say that I cannot pay you the interest on my mortgage this year.

"You seem to think you can make me pay this as you state in your letter that you will not allow it to remain. How shall I pay when I have not got it? You can make extension 'till next year or not just as you please, there are millions of acres of uncultivated land out here. And what good is it to us farmers anyway? We only get a poor living from it, and if you are not satisfied with the way I am running, your property out here, come and run it yourself. You threatened before to foreclose; why did not you? I am getting tired of waiting for it.

"I would advise you to wait till next year as you will get at least one more year's interest.

"Why is it that you fellows that produce nothing and do nothing useful own every thing, and we that produce everything own nothing?"

"You seemed to think that my last letter was too short, perhaps this will suit you better. Yours, etc."

"The sun never sets upon the British empire because in the words of the yankee, it cannot find a clean place to set upon." Edward F. Mylius.

The Universe House of Good Will to All

(Written for Cotton's Weekly)

I hate the songs of Earth's Christmas bells— The mockeries they ring— The rich dictating good-will terms— The poor lacking everything.

The emptiest he robbed of all. The weakest are burdened most— The sickest are cursed for the sores they wear— In the Name of a Holy Ghost!

And I laugh to scorn the unjust pride Of men, who, as Beasts of Prey, Petition, from Loving Justice, Crown—as their heavenly pay.

For, in Universe House of Good-Will to All, Ruled by Justice true, I see the Unjust nursing stripes— The poor singing honey-dew.

The smoothest trails are for lightest feet, For sickest the sweetest sup— For the veriest weak the stalwart arm— For thirstiest brimming-o'er cup.

I reck not when, or how, or where The rich deny my claim, In the House of Loving Justice I shall sing Love's just refrain.

"My prize is not to the strongest, The lordliest, the boldest, The richest or the firsts at the start— But my prize is due the lightest.

The sickest and the poorest, The lowest and the nakedest— The lasts at the start."

This was the message of a Messenger of old— Who sang the message in his words so bold— As a good-will message to men's outcast fold— This just love message rich men left un-told— And leave today as then.

Take it or leave it—you unjust horde Of thines—rich and first— I care not a whit for your pain or nay, If a thirsty but cool her thirst.

Preen your Nessus shirts of pride, Gorge you your vomit lie— The wrongs of the robbed are full and swift— The Avenger draweth nigh.

The walls of your building are mortared with greed— For profit, or crown, or pound— Where are the walls of Babylon— Where solitude dwells—profound?

Where are the corner-stones that tie Your building's walls secure? When builders omit them social justice, Their building shall not endure.

The building buttressed by edge of sword, By edge of sword shall fall— Where are the lions of lordly Rome?— Are Dreadnoughts a mightier wall?

Read you ever the deepest page Of human nature writ— Stonehenge to Christendom—there is stamped The indelible Finger's script—

Weighted in my balance and lacking found In social justice mortar— Love that lacks in justice

Is love mocked openly Love and Roman jurisprudence Is love mocked knowingly.

Eye for an eye, and tooth for a tooth— In the rich man's love-full eye— Means ninety-thousand babes at work— And lust for more slaves to sigh.

THE VAIN APPEAL Sing me a song of the raging sea! Tell me a tale of the conqueror's sword! Blow a blast that will frighten the clouds! For I would forget! For I would forget! At dawn, I met him; and he asked for bread. He was ragged and worn. He staggered away when I shook my head. Bread for an outcast? Some one else would give him bread. I thought, "No, I shook my head as he staggered on. Others shook their heads as I shook mine. And an hour ago they found him dead!" Sing me a song of the raging sea! Tell me a tale of the conqueror's sword! Blow a blast that will frighten the clouds! For I would forget! For I would forget! Selected.

AN ATTRACTIVE LIFE. When Tom Cullinan was chief of police of Junction City, in fact the police force, he had eleven prisoners in the jail and wanted to get rid of them. "When you feel the critics," he said to the paper, "just accidentally leave the jail door open." But times were hard and picking up a living outside wasn't so easy. Tom hadn't figured on that, but he did when he came back in the evening and found the eleven prisoners still there and two others who had slipped in while the door wasn't looking. Living was better and cheaper inside the jail than it was out.—Junction City (Kag.) Union.

PRESS AND PEACE. If the press of the world would adopt and persist in the high resolve that war should be no more, the clangor of arms would cease from the rising of the sun to its going down, and we could fancy that at last our ears, no longer stunned by the din of armies, might hear the morning stars singing together, and all the sons of God shouting for joy.—John Hay.

WHO'S HAD THE MEAT? A story is told of a rich woman addressing an assemblage of British working women on the subject of thrift. She rebuked the wives of workmen for their thriftlessness and told them that excellent soup could be made out of mutton shanks. As she paused a moment there came a voice from the crowd: "What we want to know, mum, is who's had the meat off the bone?"

PROVING THEIR LOVE. The bankers have always declared that they love the farmers, who they maintain are the "backbone of the country." Just now cease noisest of these bankers are proving their love to the farmers by charging them 10 and 12 and even 15 per cent. on a truly meagre to tide them over hard-times. Little such devotion is unparalleled.—Grain Growers Guide.

Even the best of modern civilizations appears to me to exhibit a condition of mankind which neither embodies any worthy ideal nor even possesses the merit of stability. I do not hesitate to express the opinion that if there is no hope of a large improvement of the condition of the greater part of the human family, if it is true, that the increase of knowledge, the winning of a greater dominion over nature which is its consequence, and the wealth which follows upon that dominion are to make no difference in the extent and intensity of want with its concomitant physical and moral degradation among the masses of the people, I should hail the advent of some kindly comet which would sweep the whole affair away.—Thomas Huxley.

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The FIDING LINE
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I am renewing my sub and also sending seven more. Please send me your book of Facts. Waterford, Ont.
We are very pleased with the paper and hope to send for more sub cards in the near future. West Hamilton, Ont.
Enclosed please find a list of five. It is a long time since I helped get subs but I hope to do a little more now. Winnipeg, Man.
Enclosed please find \$5 for post cards sold at our big meeting here on January 9th. We had a packed hall and a profitable discussion. Young, Sask.
I herewith send thirteen subs. It is hard to get subs now for the quarters are scarce and I've got mostly all round my place to subscribe. West Shore, Sask.
Enclosed please find one dirty dollar with germs and tobacco smell. I have missed the paper for a month. I could sell my lands, you would not have to want for payment. Even though I am an invalid and not able to work, still I will light the last match for Socialism. Chas. Strubitz, Kinnandale, Alta.
I enclose my sub. New subs are hard to get especially among farmers with the capitalist instinct. The unbounded prosperity of which we read must cloud the intellect and retard the development of sane reasoning. Kitscoty, Alta.
Herewith a few subs rather in "harder times" (which is the cure according to my lawyer Minister of Labor Crothers). The jails are full, the Hotel Metropole, Salvation Army quarters, also full and applications for charity are riotous. E. Hyatt, St. John, N.B.
The paper seems to be getting better to me. A man here who is a strong churchman and a local preacher says Cotton's prints good stuff. Did you see in the Telegram waker Mr. Lawrence, a well-known banker and labor skinner, has given his second cheque of \$1,000 to Dale Presbyterian church, a man who has been in court in trouble with his men over wages? Toronto, Ont. This Comrade sends eight subs from two streets. He has evidently been up one side of one street and the other side of the other canvassing, for the subs on one street are all even numbers while the subs on the other are all odd numbers.
It seems to me if the laborer (as the term is now applied), the artisan and wage slave would have a broader view of social conditions generally, as well as the awakening farmer, that they would forget their own immediate class difference and discover wherein their interests interlock and are identical. While the farmer is as you style him, a sort of half capitalist, he is suffering just as much, is just as much the victim, and more, of the privileged interests, as the hired man who helps him till, not his soil, but the soil. My neighbors all know I take and read Cotton's, but they are afraid of it. They are not ready for such strong "dope." They have just made me president in an office I held two years in succession when first organized some years ago of this branch of the "Sask. Grain Growers' Association, so I can't be such a "dangerous fellow after all." Fred D. Puffer, Audrey, Sask.

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Who Pays?
Who pays your wages? Why, you do. Your boss would very quickly fire you if you did not make enough to pay your wages, and then some.
Who pays the rent? You workers. You pay not only the rent on the shack you occupy, but also the rent on all store buildings in the town. If the merchant could not make his rent off the profits he would soon go out of business.
Who pays the taxes? You workers of course. It does not matter whether you are assessed for a penny. You pay all the taxes that are paid. The employer collects it out of your wages. If he did not he would soon go out of business.
Who pays the tariff? You workers every time. You not only pay the tariff but you also pay that extra tribute which the tariff permits the master class to levy off productive labor of the country.
Who pays the fines? You workers, of course. When a corporation is fined for having violated the law it merely raises the price of the article it sells and you who buy that article are made to pay the fine.
The fact is, you workers pay all bills. That is the reason you have nothing - "Appeal to Reason."

Melville Severy says that "the price of bread rises the walls of safety thicken. Under Socialism bread will be for all and sales will be unnecessary.
The words of liberty flashing from soul to soul throughout the ranks of wage slavery will find humanity from the blight of production for profit.
Facts! Facts! Facts!
Cotton's Compendium of Facts is a hundred and twenty-eight page booklet crammed full of facts of interest to Socialists. This little book tells you the rakeoff the railways get, the net profits of the Canadian banks, how much the manufacturers skim out of your labor power, and other like information.
This book is not for sale. It can be had by rustling twelve forty-week subs to Cotton's, or purchasing sub cards or bundles to that amount, or sending Battery funds, or a combination of all these.
You need not capture the subs all at once. For every dollar for subs or sub cards sent, we send you a receipt good for Facts. Save your receipts till you have three of them, and then send them in and Facts will come by return mail.
Why do we not sell Facts? We want Facts to go to the live workers. Be a live one and this book is yours.

DR. T. FRANK LYNOTT
who will send medicine free of charge to those who need it
I, and I willingly give you my time and my medicine. All any fair-minded afflicted person wants to know is if a certain thing will relieve HIM or HER. And here is an opportunity to find out "without cost," obligation or important use of time. THESE FEW DAYS may be the turning point in your life. All who are interested enough to write me for the free medicine will also receive a copy of my large illustrated medical book which describes these diseases thoroughly. It is the largest book of the kind ever written for free distribution, and a new edition is just being printed. I will also write you a letter of instruction and medical advice that should be of great help to you, but in order to do this I must know that you send me the numbers of the symptoms of the disease that troubles you, and your age, and I will promptly carry out my promise. Show an inclination to get well and I will gladly send you a supply free.
These are the Symptoms
1-Pain in the back.
2-Two frequent desires to urinate.
3-Nervousness, loss of flesh.
4-Pain or soreness in the bladder.
5-Weak, watery blood.
6-Gas or pain in the stomach.
7-General debility, weakness, dizziness.
8-Pain or soreness under right ribs.
9-Swelling in any part of the body.
10-Constipation or liver trouble.
11-Palpitation or pain under the heart.
12-Pain in the hip joint.
13-Pain in the neck or head.
14-Pain or soreness in the kidneys.
15-Pain or swelling of the joints.
16-Pain or swelling of the ankles.
17-Pain and soreness in nerves.
18-Acute or chronic rheumatism.

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At the close of 1911 the party had 47 locals, with a membership of 1695. At the close of 1912 the party had grown to 125 locals with a membership of 3824. The total receipts for the last six months of 1912 received by the Dominion Executive were \$1,167.72. For the first six months of 1913 these receipts had increased to \$1,251.02, and the party membership had increased to 3,959, scattered among 130 locals. The number of locals in the various provinces were as follows: Ontario 64, B.C. 29, Alberta 18, Sask. 6, Man. 11, and Quebec 2.

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The circulation statement will shortly appear. The double efforts are nearly finished and the circulation statement will show the activity of the Comrades as compared with forty weeks ago. We would like to start republishing this statement with a goodly gain.
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The money from the assessment of fifty cents per member of the S. D. P. to pay off Cotton's Weekly debts is beginning to come in. We have received \$21 from S.S. Osasto, Sointula, B.C. \$13.50 from the German Local S.D.P., No. 3, Winnipeg, \$3.50 from Cowanville Local No. 1, P.Q., \$10 from Creighton Mine, Finnish Local, Ont., and \$10 from Rossland Finnish Local, B.C. These are the amounts received up to January 20th.

Smoke of Herbs For Catarrh
A Simple, Pleasant, Reliable Way and It Costs Nothing to Try.
This preparation of herbs, flowers and essences containing no tobacco or habit-forming drugs is smoked in an ordinary clean pipe or cigarette. Simply draw the medicated smoke into the mouth and inhale into the lungs or send it out through the nostrils in a perfectly natural way.
It is not unpleasant, is harmless and can be used by man, woman or child.
Just as catarrh is contracted by breathing cold and dust and germladen air, just so this balmy antiseptic smoking remedy goes to the affected air passages of the head, nose, throat and lungs. It can readily be seen why the usual treatments, such as sprays, ointments, salves, liquid or tablet medicines fail - they do not and cannot reach all the affected parts.
If you have catarrh of the nose, throat or lungs, choking, stopped-up feeling, colds, catarrhal headaches; if you are given to hawking or spitting, you should try this smoking remedy.
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For nearly five months we have put out no appeals to our hustlers. We have kept quiet, cut expenses, and ran the paper as lightly as we could.
Many Comrades have praised us for this course.
For the first eighteen days of 1913 our cash receipts for subscription, bundles, sub cards and agitation amounted to \$351.85.
For the same period of the present year, the same sources brought us in \$255.30.
If we consider total receipts, including advertising, job printing, etc., during the first eighteen days of 1913 our receipts were \$740. During the same period of 1913 our receipts were \$339.92.
Our receipts for subscriptions for January 19, 20, 21 and 22, were \$16.40, \$21.25, \$17.85 and \$12.50 respectively.
Let us hope, Comrades, that it was the very cold weather that prevented you from getting subscriptions.
This condition of decreasing revenue can be easily changed if you will go out and gather in a bunch of subscribers.
The masters say that they will not tolerate the workers dictating as to what the masters will do in the shop. Just as long as the workers do not control the shops and industries, just so long they are taxed without representation.

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MON WANNON \$50 GOLD PRIZE
WORK THIS PUZZLE. SEND NO MONEY.
ALSO MANY OTHER PRIZES as PREMIUMS. Somebody who sends the correct solution in this Puzzle Contest telling us what TWO CITIES are represented by the above 7 sketches will receive a \$50 GOLD WATCH or \$50 in GOLD MONEY!
Write your answer on a Post Card or letter, giving name and address plainly. DOMINION WATCH COMPANY, Dept. 81 MONTREAL, CANADA

85,000 Workmen Watch B. C. Window for This Cut



The combined workmen's organizations under the B. C. Miners' Liberation League have decided to issue a business card as a means of determining the sentiments of the business element and citizens of B. C. in regard to the situation affecting the miners of Vancouver Island.
This card will be presented to every business house in the province during the following month for their acceptance or rejection. The League believes that the miners now in jail have already suffered more than enough, and believes also that the great body of business men are of the same opinion.
Business men who favor the release of the imprisoned miners can best express their sentiments by getting a card from the authorized agents of the League.
Members of over 250 Labor and Union organizations are co-operating with the B. C. Miners' Liberation League besides many of the progressive minded political bodies of this province. Eighty or thousand workmen in Vancouver are asked to look for this card and thereby support their struggling brothers - the miners - especially during the holidays.
The above cut appears on each and every B. C. Miners' Liberation League. Signed by C.V. COOK, Secretary-Treasurer, 74 Hastings St., Vancouver, B.C.
NOTICE - To B. C. Readers - If the business men of your town have not shown their colors - send for as many cards as you or your organization feel that you can place at \$1.00 each.
League Buttons of red with white letters to be sold at 5 cents each will be sent for sale also. A commission of one-third will be allowed for the expense of distribution. Antate for the release of our brother workers.
Let the Miners eat Christmas dinner with their wives and children as FREE MEN is our slogan. Make it yours. Fill in the coupon and get busy.
THE B. C. MINERS' LIBERATION LEAGUE, 74 Hastings West, Vancouver, B.C.
Please send B. C. M. L. L. business cards (to be put out at \$1.00 each) and buttons (5 cents).
Name
Address

HOW TO ORGANIZE
The Socialists of Canada have a party of their own, the Social-Democratic Party of Canada. It is composed of workmen and women conscious of their slavery, knowing how they must act to overthrow the slave system of the present, and banded together to accomplish this aim by political methods.
If you wish to form a local of this party in your locality, send 10 cents to Cotton's for a How to Organize envelope. This makes the way plain.
Corporations have no souls. This is why plutocracy creates giant corporations.
The paper deeds of the masters to the means of life are held in reverence only by the ignorant.

NEW GOAL OIL LIGHT BEATS ELECTRIC OR GASOLINE
10 Days FREE - Send No Money
We don't ask you to pay us a cent until you have used this wonderful modern light in your own home for ten days, then you may return it at our expense if not perfectly satisfied. We want you to prove for yourself that it gives five to fifteen times as much light as the ordinary oil lamp, beats electric, gasoline or acetylene. Lights and is put out just like the old oil lamp, costs 70 CENTS PER HOUR ON 1 GALLON OIL.
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