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The bonehead worker and voter is the joy of the masters.

The giant Labor is always in wrong under the capitalist system.

People today bow the knee to capital, and at labor, which provides everything, even capital.

We have nothing to lose but our chains, but oh, how long it takes to even loosen the first few links!

The capitalist papers don't say as much about the firing of the workers by Ford as it did of the hiring of them.

"I'll vote the way my father did," says the old standpat voter. Yes, and he'll die the way his father did—in poverty, and semi-starvation.

Krupps' profits last year were \$9,000,000. These are the people who agitate for war and bloodshed, and the people who would profit by it.

This is the season for military camps, when yokels from the country will be drilled so that they may know how to shoot up the union workers of the cities when the time arises.

If you are a slave, you can lose your slave's spirit. Don't be a docile slave and eat out of your master's hand; be in the fight with your fellow workers. Make a noise like a man.

The workers of Canada were in a bad way financially last year, yet Sam Hughes took \$14,000,000 and spent it on the militia, which is kept for the sole purpose of oppressing the workers.

The evils of putting millions in the hands of one man were never exemplified more than in the Colorado mine horrors, which J. D. Rockefeller, Jr., held the whip hand over the lives of men, women and children, and spared not.

Every four pays the worker has to reach out and grease the paw of the landlord for the privilege of living in the landlord's shack. When the greasing process is over, there is mighty little left in which to buy food and clothing. Yet the worker votes for these mean conditions, and believes he is free.

Armstrong, Whitworth & Co. have ninety-five titled people among their shareholders, and Vickers Sons and Maxim have seventy-four. And the working class supply the fodder for the cannon and other murderous munitions of war which these firms manufacture.

Buy a job; sell your soul for a job; you who now are forced to crawl on your bellies and lick the boots of your masters for the chance to earn enough to keep you from starving, should never again cast a vote for either of the two old robbing parties of the country. See where they have landed you.

Take your rabid Grit paper, take your rabid Tory sheet, and read the opinions expressed in each about the political situation. Surely that is enough to cause you to search for a political party which has objects other than graft. That party is the Socialist party. Study it. Don't knock till you know what you are talking about.

The capitalism which takes your children to the mills and exploits them, which conspires and blackmails your son, drives your daughter to the streets, and dresses yourself and wife in rags, will not break up the home. Oh, no! It is something real, because the great majority of the people are not the fat-bellied plutocrats who love it. Socialism is the only thing which will break up the home.

The capitalist system is grinding the workers harder and harder, and becoming stronger and stronger. You are having a devil of a time making a living. How do you imagine your sons and daughters will make a living when they grow up? If you keep on voting blind you are helping the curse of capitalism to devour your own flesh and blood.

German companies make arms for Russia. Italian factories furnish weapons to the Turks of Tripoli. French capital is devoted to supplying the Kaiser's fleet with armor plate. All this may be taking place while the hired press of the capitalists befuddles the brains of the working class and causes them to rush into a murderous war, shooting and butchering each other with weapons made by their own class.

A bunch of plutes may exploit the workers to a fareyouwell, protected by the laws for any sort of robbery by the capitalist system. These plutes do not have to exert themselves at election time to keep the laws solid. The Henry Dubbs who have been exploited to the last dollar line up and vote for the robbers and the continuance of the robbery. A few waves of a flag and a few blatant mouthpieces by the political spellbinders turns the trick, and the jackdaws of the workers fall over each other to vote for the oppressors. This is our nanny.

Railroad men are having their troubles these days with the hordes of workers who are deadheading their way. They hear of jobs in another town, and having no money, the only way is to take a "rattler." They get there, find others have beaten them to it, and are forced to keep going ahead. Unemployment is not confined to one district, it is rife all over Canada, and the man who takes to the road hunting a job is worse off than the man who calmly sits down and waits for it. Yet these men hurrahed for Borden and Laurier.

Socialists, you have a world to gain, but you will never gain it by sitting around the old fireside and chanting Karl Marx to workers who have not the least conception of what you are talking about. Get on the firing line, become a red card member, go over the easy points with your friends, help to run candidates and vote for them, be a live wire and get a job for your name; do everything possible to educate your fellow slaves. Comrades who do such as the above are the mainstay of the movement; they, it is who help swell the army of millions steadily tramping to emancipation.

### BRIBERY

Socialists cannot win, because the capitalists will bribe the workers and get them to vote for capitalism.

Thus speak the boneheads who know not whereof they speak.

The capitalist lives and grows fat upon that part of the wealth of the world which the workers produce and do not get.

In Canada the wealth each worker produces and does not get is at least seven hundred dollars a year.

Elections come around about once in four years. In four years time the amount taken out of each worker is at least \$2,800.

A worker sees he is robbed and starts to vote Socialist. He begins to want to enjoy the wealth his labor creates.

The capitalist thinks he will bribe the Socialists to vote for the capitalist system. The Socialists are on the point of winning. How much will the capitalists offer?

Suppose he offers them five dollars each for their votes. That would be merely a day's income under Socialism. Will the red workers sell his vote and remain in slavery for four years, when the price is only one day's pay of freedom?

Not so, you would notice it.

Suppose the capitalist offered one hundred dollars a vote. The workers near victory would laugh at the offer. Suppose he offered a thousand dollars a vote, and there were four thousand voters in the riding. He would have to spend over \$2,000,000 in bribery to win one county. The capitalist class would have to spend \$250,000,000 to win one election. And they would have to buy the workers with what the capitalists had stolen from the workers.

The Socialist workers would conclude that it would pay them better to take over industry and run the business in their own interest than to be bribed by the legalized robbers to submit to being robbed.

Being bribed looks foolish to a Socialist working class.

They want one thing, the full social value of the wealth they create. The capitalists cannot give them this without abolishing all their revenues.

Hence the capitalists cannot bribe the Socialist working class to keep them from voting for Socialism.

### REHASHING THE PAST

In the opening chapter of his "Eighteenth Brumaire of Louis Napoleon," Marx declares that the traditions of the past weigh like an albatross on the brain of the living and that when men are engaged in revolutionary enterprise they clothe their activity in the garb of the old. When capitalism was overthrowing the ancient order in England, the Puritans clothed their thoughts in the language of the old testament. When the capitalists were at work in the French Revolution, the political leaders clothed their activity in the garb of the old Roman Republic.

Today there are revolutionaries at work. The scientific revolution creates his own technical terms. The materialist conception of history, economic determinism, evolutionary dialectics, etc. These revolutionaries treat the alps weighing on the brain of the living with scant respect. They laugh at traditions. Those with an alps or maybe two or three alps weighing them down are called boneheads and the like.

There are other revolutionaries at work who feel that the traditions of the past must be transformed. So we have the Christian Socialists.

These Socialists busy themselves with the alps of the past which weigh on the living. They deal with the Christ story. They give an entirely different twist to the story from the conventional twist.

The Christian Socialist revolutionaries the alps while the scientific Socialist revolutionaries the whole mind.

### Half Rations in Military Camps

Once don Sam Hughes' uniform and you must be prepared to submit to and work at conditions that may be imposed. There is always dissatisfaction in every military camp among the men. Men and boys join the militia in the hope of having a "good time."

When they see no good time coming they kick. The militia is chock full of men who would not raise a hand to defend anything, unless they were forced to do so at the point of the bayonet. They do not want to be soldiers, and they will not be soldiers. They like the display and martial music and military flubdub which takes place at the annual camps, but for fighting—nothing doing. They will strike as quick as thought, and their continual kicks are the despair of the authorities.

Following is a case taken from the Vancouver News-Advertiser, and it managed to get into several B.C. papers, before it was censored:

Vernon, May 28.—"No Breakfast, No Parades" was the motto adopted by men of "B" Squadron Thirty-first B.C. Horse this morning when only a small amount of bread and bacon was served to each man. The cavalrymen remained at the tables while a delegation interviewed Major George M. Endacott, officer commanding the squadron, in an attempt to get more to eat.

The troops had been bivouacked the night before and were up at 2.30 a.m. Today orders were issued for the men to carry lunches which consist of one meat and one cheese sandwich. The men considered they were not getting enough to eat and also said the horses were short of food.

In spite of the fact that the bugles went for the "fall in" the men remained in the mess tent and refused to parade when called upon to do so by their sergeants. Col. C. L. Flick cancelled all orders for today when he heard of the trouble until the men and horses were fed. The men were given eight extra loaves among over fifty and an extra ration of hay was served for their horses.

During the entire camp there has been dissatisfaction about the manner in which affairs have been managed as the men have been kept on duty when there was nothing for them to do, and at times the food has been short though the quality was good.

Col. Flick and the officers promised to see that the men had enough to eat and the men saddled the horses and paraded one hour later than orders called for.

### THE SUFFRAGETTE

The suffragettes of Great Britain are raising a hob with the government.

For years the suffragists worked by peaceful means. They agitated on constitutional and laylike lines. Nothing doing.

They could not make their political influence felt through the vote, because they had no vote. The struggle with them is to get the vote.

The problem before them was and is, how to get the right to register their will and have a voice in the selecting of members of parliament who make the laws.

To get the vote the people of France had to go through the French Revolution. The people of England had to fight several campaigns. The people of Canada had to go through the rebellion of 1837. Germany had to endure the revolution of 1848. The United States had to fight the War of Independence.

The suffragettes have studied history and are applying the lessons they have learned. They are carrying on a rebellion. They want the vote. They are fighting for it.

The ruling classes are at once aroused and alarmed. The paid henchmen of the rulers are calling the heroines of this war "mad women." They are suggesting all kinds of methods of suppression, none of which appear to work.

Breaking up political meetings, burning buildings, slashing pictures, breaking windows, disturbing religious services, assaulting cabinet ministers and anti-suffrage editors, these methods have forced women suffrage into the front rank of live questions. The end will be when the women win the vote.

Carson refuses to see the women delegates. Redmond refuses to see them. The king refuses to see them. Asquith refuses to see them. So much the worse for these gentlemen and the particular brands of tyranny they represent. The women are resolved and their ranks continue to grow week by week.

The newspapers have killed off the suffrage movement many times. It becomes more lively after every killing.

Out of it all emerges the fact that the Independent Labor party is the only party that stands for the right of the women to vote. This will no doubt aid the labor party in its fight with the Liberal party in the next elections.

The women are sure to win. The master class realize this. However, they oppose the vote as long as possible for behind women suffrage loom other issues which the master class tremble to face.

### HUMAN NATURE

Socialism will never succeed because it is against human nature.

Thus speak the boneheads who know not whereof they speak.

Socialism will succeed because human nature is what it is.

Human nature does not like work. Human nature works to achieve an end.

Human nature wants comfort and luxury and ease and time to study.

Human nature wants all it can get and does not want to work for what it does not get.

Capitalism goes against human nature. For it makes the vast majority of men work hard. It makes them comfort and luxury and ease and time to study. It prevents the great mass of men from getting all they otherwise could, and it makes the vast majority of men work for what they do not get.

The human nature in the capitalist makes the capitalist support the system. For it gives them ease and luxury and comfort. It frees them from the necessity of work.

It gives them not what they produce, for they produce nothing, but the greater part of what the workers produce.

Hence capitalism is very pleasing to the human nature of the capitalist.

And it is very displeasing to the human nature of the worker.

And as the workers are in the vast majority and control the political power, it is only a question of education and organization when the human nature in the workers will overthrow capitalism and establish Socialism.

Simple as ABC.

### BROTHERHOOD

The parson gets up in the pulpit and preaches brotherhood, and blesses the Boy Scouts and the legalized butchers.

The orators speak of brotherhood, and the rowing friendship of nations, and boost the war spirit.

The politician praises brotherhood and hands fat contracts for war material to the armament ring who stir up strife to sell their war munitions.

The Socialist talks the class struggle. He does not deceive himself with sentimental flubdub, and he is fearfully jumped on by purveyors of the brotherhood stuff.

The Socialist wants brotherhood, but he knows brotherhood is not possible as long as the class struggle exists. He knows that as long as the capitalist class own industry and the workers sell their labor power to the capitalist class that no universal brotherhood is possible.

The workers will be oppressed, the capitalists will rob, and brotherhood cannot exist in a community composed of thieves and victims.

The Socialists propose the simplest of ways of bringing about brotherhood. Let the thieves be made stop their thievery and become producers. This remedy is not liked by the thieves. Wherefore they continue to rob and to talk about how nice it is to be brotherly, and to have all people friendly with each other. Never mind being robbed. Just grin and feel good towards the thief.

### You and They

You build mansions in which the masters live and rent hovels in which you exist. Every mansion the rich occupy was built by the workers and properly belongs to them.

Every automobile the others race in was constructed by workers and for the most part belongs to them.

Every machine that is made a means of exploitation was built by the toilers and is properly theirs, now.—The Ginger Jar.

### EDUCATION

Once upon a time a country merchant did quite a business. He did not know much about system of book-keeping, but he did the trade and came out at the right end.

To him one day appeared a skilful talker who was great on system. It was the business of this man to establish systems, cut out the waste, show people where they were doing their business wrong.

He hypnotized the merchant, showed him where he had not been keeping track of his profits, etc. The merchant listened, was convinced, and installed a business system.

A little while after the talker dropped in on the merchant and asked him how the system was working. "Fine, fine," said the merchant. The talker then asked how business was. "Business!" said the merchant in surprise. "I have been so busy with my system that I have no time for business."

Are you developing a science of society or theory of social evolution so busily that you have no time to organize the workers and agitate against present conditions? Are you so meticulous and dogmatic in your method of social advance that if the slaves will not deal according to the political minutiae of your system you will not deal with them?

I know a gold medalist in law at McGill. He took the highest honors. He knew the principles, could reel off articles of law. He was so busy learning law that he had no time to apply it when one farmer sold another a sick cow.

I know a singer who spent years in voice production. Wanted to develop a perfect tone—was so busy hunting tone that she had no time to sing.

Are you in that class? Are you trying to puzzle out the meaning of life? Are you so busy tracing out the evolution of society, the ultimate principles of the mind, the meaning of the universe, that you lose your grip on the class struggle, that your activity in the present fight is tinged with the pessimism and do-nothing fatalism which results from a close application of determinist philosophy? In your mental development has your mind come to the region where you face the misty intangible region of unknown, and the mystery of the unknown ultimate paralyzes your activity? If you have mounted a soap-box, let a warwhoop out of you and stir the crowd that will gather about the present injustices.

If we stick to the class struggle we are invincible. Let us stick.

### MATERIALIST MONISM

Did you ever have materialist monism hung at you?

Have you ever been told that you must understand materialism before you can become a good Socialist?

Socialism is a matter of economics and politics. It is a matter of capturing the political power by the working class in order to abolish classes and bring about production for use and production for profit.

The capitalist does not care whether you are a Greek, Turk, Canadian, Mexican or Hottentot. He does not care whether you are Christian, Hebrew, Mohammedan, Agnostic, Atheist, Materialist, Spiritualist. What he wants to do is to skin you. And he has the system arranged so he can skin you of the greater part of the wealth you create.

The problem before the working class is to unite and stop the skinning process. They do not need to read Haeckel's Riddle of the Universe to want to put an end to robbery. They do not need to know just what revolution has taken place in the past in order to unite to shake off the masters.

Our work is to unite the workers to abolish slavery. When the slavery is overthrown then the producers will have the leisure for delving into the questions of materialist monism, transcendentalism, leucopaeism and with the positive outcome of philosophy and know the meaning of dialectics and pragmatism.

### Why we Want to Change

By Ralph Korngold.

The Socialist does not contend that the capitalists are all exceptionally bad and wicked men, while the workmen are all kind and generous. The capitalists, partly through accident, partly because of the procession of certain characteristics which enabled them to win out under certain given conditions, have become the beneficiaries of the system instead of its victims. In all other respects capitalists and workmen are very much alike.

It is probably true that there are few workmen who, if given a chance, and the peculiar ability necessary, would not make themselves masters over other men as the capitalists have done. I have often been confronted with the shallow criticism, "You would do the same as Rockefeller if you only knew how!" The point, however, is that of the Socialist party propose to change conditions so that no man will have a chance to become the economic master of other men.

No man is good enough, noble enough, or great enough to be entrusted with the power which the capitalists possess as a result of their ownership of the means of production and distribution.

It has been frequently said that human nature would have to be changed in order to make Socialism possible. We on the other hand, maintain that just because human nature is what it is, mankind needs Socialism. If Rockefeller were an angel, Carnegie an archangel, Hill a demigod, it might perhaps be reasonably safe to leave them in possession of their almost unheard of power, but just because they are fallible men, perhaps no more but certainly no less selfish than the rest of us, their power must be taken from them just as absolute power of kings was taken away for the same reason.

The class-conscious Socialist furthermore realizes that labor can free itself whenever it learns to act unitedly. We have no reason to hate the capitalists for taking advantage of a system which the workers themselves believe in and help to maintain. We would not wish the capitalists to give us Socialism even if they felt inclined to do so. "The emancipation of labor must be the act of labor itself." We do not hate the capitalists for being our masters; we blame ourselves for remaining their slaves.—From the book, "Are There Classes in America?"

Good morning, where are you going for your summer vacation?

High finance does not rob the workers any more than does low finance.

The strength of Labor lies in its unity, yet to weld the ties of labor seems to be the hardest job imaginable.

The weakness of Labor lies in its ignorance. That is why capitalism is trying its utmost to keep the workers in ignorance.

Everyone is welcome in the Socialist ranks who is a worker and will fight and vote to help mankind to escape from its bondage.

Many Socialists hesitate to pay dues to the party. Yet they pay dues to their masters every hour they work—and no kick at all from them.

One discharge of a big gun costs as much as a four years university course. But guns are bought and fired, and the nations wallow in ignorance.

Sam Hughes was a good useful citizen until he took to politics. Now he is a parasite and a spendthrift of other people's money in his mad mania for militarism.

Under Socialism the soldier will be out of a job. There will be nothing for him to do. His occupation will be busted. He will have throw off the red insignia of murder and go to work.

Many Socialists are asleep at the switch, but the Socialism grows apace. If the sleepy ones were to wake and help the live ones in the propaganda, what a difference it would make.

Borden's crowd spent \$14,000,000 on the militia last year, and \$1,000,000 on the encouragement of agriculture. These few words should be enough to make any sensible man wonder where we are going to land.

The full Social value of what we produce. That's what we want, and what we'll get. We don't get it now, and know the reason why—we have to keep Mr. Fatcutt Plute's family in luxuries which we should have ourselves.

The soapbox season is now on. Young Socialists should be encouraged to get into the game by the older bands of the locals. It is hard to tell what kind of material lies dormant in the younger element of the Socialists. Dig it out and tell the Henry Dubbs hear it.

During the past year or so the workers of Canada have undergone an unparalleled series of unemployment. They voted for Borden. Borden and the rest of his bunch drew their checks regularly whether they were unemployed or not. You who voted for them have had to shoulder the cross.

Comrades, don't waste time with the Rip Van Winkles of the movement, who draw themselves into their hole and nurse their scientific knowledge of Socialism. Get out at every opportunity. You will be doing the good work, the dreamer will be dreaming.

A shipload of Hindus, subjects of King George, are not allowed to land at Vancouver. They are British subjects. British Columbia is a British possession, yet they are not allowed to even touch the soil of the country. This will probably do much to foster the spirit of revolt which has long lain dormant in the Hindoo breast.

Some people laugh at the little lad in the red coat of the Canadian militia. It is such boys as these who fought in the great murder madness called the American war. Thousands of lads seventeen and eighteen years of age were blown into fragments. Don't laugh at our boys. pity them. They are the natural outcome of the capitalist system.

Labor goes staggering along with an almost unbearable load—no hope, no comfort, nothing but misery and despair. Is not labor the hardest thing, and the most foolish thing yet seen on earth? Just a little common sense and a little paper ballot properly marked would shake off every vestige of care and trouble forever. Verily, is not labor foolish in the extreme?

The holiday season is approaching. Your boss and his family will go away and have a whale of a time. What will you do? You will stay home and slave and toil and sweat long hours. Do you think your interests are identical with those of your boss? If you do, keep on turning the profit mill. If you do not, study a little Socialism and help to educate your fellow slaves in their ignorance.

The world looks dark and blue to many workers. They do not know what it is that bears them down and causes them to lose hope for the future. If they would take a little interest in Socialism they would soon find out that it is rent, interest and profit which keeps their backs bent and their noses to the grindstone. Banish these crimes, and the life of the worker would take on a new interest. He would be a different man, and his family would be a different family. And the difference would all be to the good.

The Canadian Northern wants a little financial help. The Dominion government backs the company for \$45,000,000. The Grand Trunk Pacific wants a little help. The government lends them millions to it. The depositors of the defunct Farmer's Bank feel put out that they have lost their money. A kindly government hands out \$1,200,000 to them. An Alberta land company is short of cash to carry on their operations. The government lends them \$380,000. And so it goes. Where do the workers come in? They are the goats.

Business is poor, payments are bad, factories are shut down and a general depression is reported from all parts of Canada. Yet Socialism grows steadily, local after local of the S.D.P. of C. is being formed, and the number of red card members is growing larger every week. "There must be something in it," remarked a plute lately. It is the only thing I can see which appears to be alive. He was right. There is "something in it," and he will find that it is a mighty live thing too, one that will have to be seriously reckoned within the near future.



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