

5 all Canadian Socialists and readers of
Cotton's Weekly. Greetings.

Through the tossing of events and the vicissitudes that a Socialist editor and agitator's life is subject to, I find that the great spirit stream of the Socialist movement has landed me here in Cowansville, Quebec, for the time being as editor and manager of Cotton's Weekly. Just how I happen to be here is too long a story to tell at this time. Suffice it to say I am here as your servant for the present, and will give you the best there is in me, and will look for your hearty co-operation in the tasks we shall attempt to accomplish.

Let me say one big task before us for the present is to put our paper on its feet and make it a call to the toilers of this fair land, to free themselves from the intellectual slavery that has landed them in the mire of debt and the fear of it in the midst of the

Board of Directors of Cotton's Publishing Company is now considering ways and means of improving the paper.

Questions being considered are:—
Shall the paper and plant be moved to

2nd. Shall the name of the paper be changed?

3rd. If so, what should it be called?

4th. Shall the paper be published weekly or continue as at present, to be issued only every two weeks?

The foregoing are just a few of the problems that the board of directors is wrestling with.

The speed with which the work in hand can be accomplished, will depend largely on the immediate financial assistance rendered.

With the debts of the company paid, which as near as I can reckon them at this writing, amount to about \$1200, the Social-Democratic Party will be the owner of a fairly good printing plant which could not be reproduced for less than \$5000.

Most of these debts will have to be paid before the plant and paper can be moved.

We are aware that the hard times and effect of war on business have left many of you stranded financially, and that it is not an opportune time to reorganize our finances and add new capital to the business. Nevertheless, if we are to do anything we will have to tackle the job regardless of general financial conditions prevailing. It is a financial

act we are up against and not a theory. So let me hear from you at once as to what you think can be done under the circumstances.

There will be a general special meeting of the stockholders of the company held some time in November, and they will no doubt be largely guided by how the party membership and the readers express themselves. In the meantime, let us hear from you individually on the subject at your earliest convenience.

Would also suggest that secretaries of locals call a special meeting of their locals to discuss the subject, and report at the earliest possible date.

Remember, comrades, there is no more important work you can devote yourself to for the next few months than putting your official national paper in a position where it can do efficient and effective work.

I have had a long and varied experience in the Socialist newspaper world both in the editorial and business department. While I am in my present position I will give the best there is in me to the work of making YOUR paper what you would like to have it.

I have gone through the same mill too often to have any hallucinations that I can work any miracles. I do, however, believe that

there is a light future and a great work for your paper to do in Canada.

In behalf of the board of directors and myself, I invite the hearty co-operation of every member of the Social-Democratic Party of Canada and every reader of Cotton's Weekly in the task we have before us. Let FORWARD be our watchword all along the line.

Yours in the great work,
A. W. MANCE.

A Word From Comrade Cotton

The time has come for a great forward movement for Cotton's Weekly.

When the paper began as a Socialist paper, December, 1906, the Canadian Socialist movement was far weaker than now. Since that date the movement has grown lustily, and the need of a centrally located paper has become imperative.

Cotton's Weekly, therefore, will likely be moved to Ontario. It will be owned and controlled by the party and party members. Its editor will be appointed and removed at the will of the Social-Democratic party.

I am surrendering whatever stock I hold in the company to the Social-Democratic party and I have resigned the editorship and will no

sign the presidency of the company. This
do for the good of the party.

For six years almost I have been connected
with Cotton's Weekly, both as editor and
president. In these positions I have had the
loyal support of the comrades.

But no man should have too great a say in
the control and management of a revolution-
ary paper. The paper should be under party
control.

I have resigned the editorship, and Com-
rade A. W. Mance who has been connected with
the management and editorship of Socialist
papers in Chicago and Milwaukee for the past
twenty years, has been appointed editor.

I know the comrade hustlers will give him
heartly support in the success of the paper.

I will still be a comrade in the ranks.

I wish to thank you all for the support you
have given me in the past.

Look to the future. Bend your energies to
making the paper a still more powerful wep-
on for the revolution. Give it pow-
er through the might of circulation. Its pow-
er is your power.

I bid you farewell in my capacity as edit-
or and president. I hail you still as fellow co-
rades in the revolution.

W. U. COTTON

A black and white photograph of a document page. The page is oriented vertically. On the left side, there is a vertical strip of paper with some text, including the words "TO THE" and "FROM THE" visible. The main body of the page is a large, dark, textured area, possibly a photograph or a scan of a document. The texture is grainy and uneven. There is a vertical line or crease running down the center of the page, separating the left strip from the main body. The overall image is dark and has a high-contrast, grainy appearance.

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This paper is not published for profit. It is published by co-operative effort as an advocate of the co-operative commonwealth. Last week we printed and posted the following number of copies:—

17,800

Filling The Gaps

...rules that be: "We have need o
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...anks are depleted. Come, fill them
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...and to the colors. The battle is bot
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...sent all the regulars into the fight
...and is for more for the cannons to
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...practice and school-boy and join
...your ambitions and haste to the spot
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...and be shot!
...Your fathers have fought for our fathers
...yore,
...And now we are calling the sons to the for
...For you to the battle, for you is the pain;
...For as are the crowns that your valor ma
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...What glory is gathered will fall to our lot.
...Come out, boys! Come out, boys! Com
...out and be shot!
...Your towns are in ashes, your meadows a
...Bat our honor demands that your lives b
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...Our cannons have waited and thirsted fo
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...And now they must drink of the blood of th
...strong.
...From city and hamlet, from mansion an
...cot,
...Come out, boys! Come out, boys! Com
...out and be shot!"
...Walter Guy Doty, In Life

"And Jesus spake unto the multitude in parables."—The Bible.

Once upon a time there lived in the Land of the Great Maples a mighty hunter, by the name of Eagle-eye. This man could hit the left hind leg of a flying mosquito four hundred red yards off. But, alas, he has no gun. Whereupon he hiked himself to "Old Man" Batey, who was blind and lame, but who owned many guns. And Eagle-eye spake unto Batey also:—"Lord! I am a hunter without a gun; wherefore the wife of my bosom is cleansing the soiled garments of your wife and my children cry papers in the wilderness of Chicago, while my stomach is empty and my heart is full of sorrow and grief and pain. Therefore, I beseech thee, let me have one of your guns that I may follow my vocation which is that of a hunter of quails; so that I, too, may eat, drink and be merry."

Then up spake Batey and said:—"Gladioli! I will lend you a gun, for I, too, crave hounds, birds, cold bottles and warm babies, but for the use of my capital (as guns are called in the lingo of the chosen few) thou must give unto me four quails out of every five you shoot."

This looked fair and reasonable to the hunter, for he was sorely pressed and up a stump for tools he would need to do the work. So he accepted the terms of Batey and fetched to him four quails out of every five, but the

War

Recently delivered before thousands of people in "Cooper Union," the largest hall in New

Parable of The Hired Man

BY OSCAR AMERINGER

... fifth one he ate himself.
... This lone bird filled but a small part of his hunger
... and he was hungry most of the time
... and then Batey would slap him on the back
... and say: "I'd give a million quails to have
... your appetite," but he never did.
... Sometimes when he was weary, wet and
... worried, Eagle-eye would bemoan his lot and
... curse fate for having been born. At such
... times Holyman, the soothsayer, who ate at
... the table of Batey, would come to him with
... incantations and promises of mansions on the
... other side of the silver lining. He also spoke
... much of golden harps.

Eagle-eye thought these things were good to
... eat and was made happy again.

... But in many years, until his
... eyes became too dull and his legs too wobbly
... to shoot birds. But his appetite was as good
... as ever, when Batey gave the gun to
... younger hunter with clear eyes and steady
... hands. Every year as he grew older, quit eat-
... ing altogether and gave up his ghost.

Holyman preached the funeral sermon and
... spoke much of Providence, dust and being
... called to the light. The man above the clouds
... whereupon a crazy man laughed and said:
... "If Eagle-eye had a gun of his own he could
... have kept all the birds he shot and he would
... now be still among the living, sporting a red
... nose and a top hat, sitting in the front
... row at the Gayety." But all the
... people called this man loony and scoffed his

Will End When Social

BY EUGENE V. DEBS

... ious blood. They don't believe in fighting
... they own the country; they leave the fighting
... for the working people."

hunter

and laughed him to scorn and said he was dreamer, for even a fool knoweth that guns are made for some to own and for others to use.

A miner without a mine, a shoemaker with out a shoe factory, a farmer without land are in the same predicament as is the hunter without a gun. They cannot follow their vocations unless they get the use of capital or land belonging to the other fellow.

The heart and soul of capitalism is the separation of ownership and labor and the resultant division of mankind in two classes, one of which owns the means of life and does not use them, the other that uses the means of life and does not own them.

This arrangement allows a few people live without work, and forces the many to work without getting a living.

The principal means of life are controlled by great aggregations of capital, commonly called trusts. These giant combinations, forcing the wages of labor down to the very minimum, oppress and by charging so much that the traffic will bear have become a serious menace to the well being of the people and all kinds of remedies are advocated against the evils of monopoly.

The aim of Socialism is to bring about the minimum ownership and labor by making the means of production the common property of all the people.

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S. MESS

to pay my humble regards to Bonck White would a hundred times rather be Bonck White in jail than Rockefeller in his castle. Bonck

Have You Noticed It?

That the editor of "Jack Canuck" is a thing and everything but a Canuck?

That all the European belligerents forced into the war against their wills?

The number of business men and bankers who have gone to the war from your town?

That general supply of the commodity, labor, has outlasted general demand of commodity, labor?

That the great German theologians seeking to make England responsible for war, and vice versa.

Every time they retire the Allies decried strategic reasons. Every time the Germans retire, they fall back in disorder before irresistible onrush of the enemy.

That according to headline strategy, Germany is first crushed, then he is completely surrounded, then his line of retreat is cut and then his advance is definitely checked.

The business men and politicians who give the members of the working class credit for intelligence. Can you imagine how did the great majority of the vote at the last election?

That the General Conference of the United Church changed the name of the "perance and moral reform" department to "social service" department.

That to that conference must have been Socialist papers the past four years.

That there is already great misery and more coming in every town and city in Canada. Starvation, want and unemployment in the midst of plenty and untold crops produce more? Why does this come

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War Bulletins

By Oscar Ameringer.

The Allied Army of Unemployed is besieging the shop rates of the nation.

Nearly all of the wounded in the present industrial war in this country have been hit in the stomach.

The attack on the free lunch counter comes with unabated fury.

The report from Petrograd, Ky., that the killing is slowly increasing away is official.

General in Berlin, Wis.

The army of General Hunger is making satisfactory progress.

The Interstate Commerce Commission has a vicious attack on our line of conduct by raising freight rates.

Session XIII which ascended from Fort

last week to locate meat prices

most out of sight and still going up

the outbreak of the war the are

ation's freight trains are reporting

ous increase in passenger traffic.

hat the fad of seeing America first

bed even the lower classes.

erve army of labor which went West

at the bumper crops, is returning

the bumpers without the crops.

War 1

The following is a partial report of a speech recently delivered before thousands of people in Cooper Union, the largest hall in New York city. The Socialists of New York state have a full ticket in the field, and are putting up a splendid educational campaign. The congressional elections take place the first week in November. The U. S. Socialist party has hundreds of Congressional candidates in the field throughout the country. A large increase in the Socialist vote is looked for.

"Europe in the past few weeks has been transformed into a vast slaughter house," said Debs. "You have been told how the Socialists are bad people because they believe in the red flag. The red flag of Socialism is the only flag that doesn't wave in the breeze over that international slaughter house.

"You have been told that the Socialist movement is opposed to property; in Europe today millions of dollars' worth of powder being used to hurl millions of dollars' worth of shells into cities, destroying property and countless thousands of lives. And this is capitalism! Not a Socialist war; remember that."

NOT WAR OF WORKING CLASS.

"The working class of one country slaughtering the working class of another country at the behest of the capitalists. That working class never declared war. No wars were declared by the workers, and they are the ones who do the fighting."

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ious blood. They don't believe in fighting their own country; they leave the fighting for the working people."

SOCIALISTS FOR PEACE.

Debs aroused great enthusiasm when said that the Socialists are the only people who work consistently for peace. "I am a pessimist," said Debs, "I am convinced that out of this awful slaughter good will come. The spirit of democracy will come a result of this war, I believe."

The United States may be involved because this war came out of the Socialist movement, opposed to war, will do utmost to preserve peace in America. The Socialists believe that war is murder in uniform and will have none of it. If the mass class wants war let the capitalists go to the battlefields and cut their own throats, so that we are concerned.

"It is only by violence and wars that capitalism can be continued. We boast of peace in this country, but we have an industrial war that is as terrible, in some respects, as the war in Europe."

MILITIA ENSLAVES WORKERS.

Debs then showed how Rockefeller rule in Colorado kept the workers in slavery and how the strike in the coal mines was broken by the strikers when they tried to better their working and living conditions. He added that every State keeps a force of militia

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to pay my humble regards to Bouck White would a hundred times rather be Bouck White in jail than Rockefeller in his castle. I hope White asked a minister of Mammon a political question and got six months.

BIG YEAR FOR SOCIALISTS.

Debs said that the past six weeks he has been delivering speeches in various parts of the country, and that at all places he has been welcomed by huge crowds.

"It is evident that this is going to be a red-letter year for the Socialist movement," said Debs. "Our movement is making rapid progress. Our adherents are everywhere working with the zeal and ardor of crusaders. Everywhere are the gates being opened, the doors being unlocked, the windows being touched, preparing for the great impending change.

"Socialism—the great, impending change—must come. You can't prevent the emancipation of the working class any more than you can prevent the rise of the sun on the morning."

"The wage workers are nominally free, yet they have no tools or jobs that they can call their own. They are slaves as abject as were the serfs of the Middle Ages. But they are beginning to think, to hold up their heads. They can think of nothing nobler than to make their own tools and their own work."

Debs added that the workers are in an overwhelming majority and that their in-

That there is already great misery and more coming, in every town in Canada. Starvation, want and unemployment in the midst of plenty and untold produce more? Why does this condition exist?

War Analyzed

By Thomas Carlyle.

What, speaking in quite individualistic terms, is the net purport and upshot of my knowledge, for example, there is a war in the British village of Dumfriesshire, usually some 500 souls. From these are taken "natural enemies" of the French, say, thirty able-bodied men, and, as their own expense, has killed them; she has, not without difficulty, sorrow, fed them up to manhood, and trained them to crafts, so that they weave, another bulk of some thirty or the weakest can stand under the avoirdupois. Nevertheless, amid the weeping, and swearing, they are selected in red, and shipped away, or, as the south of Spain, and fed there till they are sent thirty similar French from a French Dumfriesshire, wending; till at length, after a year, the two parties come into actual gun in his hand.

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Things To Remember

ulation of the Socialist press and of the Socialist movement, the blood of the Socialist press is enough to keep it going. Send a dollar for forty seven sub this week. This means you. If the toilers ever to be economically, socially and intellectually free, they must free themselves, accomplish this, they must use all the power—ECONOMIC, POLITICAL and SOCIAL.

These powers through the fall at present function largely through the following organizations: Labor unions, Socialist political parties, and co-operative movement.

If you are really interested in securing this paper, get busy and send an advertisement for 25 cents to \$5 for subscriptions - or sub cards. Without an income, the paper can't live.

AS MOST PEOPLE SEE THINGS.

How small the Heavens are the Frog can tell;
He's seen them!—From the Bottom of the Well.

Commonwealth there will come a new social order which will give us peace. Under the present system the working class is instilled with a false patriotism and are told to fight and die for their country. The working class never had a country to fight for. If it is necessary to fight and die for one's country, then let the capitalists do the fighting and dying. Why don't Rockefeller, Morgan, Carnegie, Rothschild and other international capitalists go to the front?

But they don't shed a drop of their precious blood.

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Slavery includes all other crimes. It is the joint product of the kidnapper, the pirate, the thief, murderer and hypocrite. It degrades labor and corrupts leisure.

With the idea that labor is the basis of progress goes the truth that labor must be free. The laborer must be a free man.

I would like to see this world, at least, that a man could die and not fret that he had left his wife and children a prey to the greed, the avarice or the cruelties of mankind.

There is something wrong in a government

subject. "They profess to be religious," said De Witt, while speaking of the big war. "They are practicing their religions on one another in Europe. Rockefeller has given the 'glorious' strikers a taste of his religion."

"Rockefeller, with all his millions, is poor for the greatest poverty is that of the heart. A Socialist can be a free spirit in jail."

"What a sad spectacle when the 'glorious' Christian minister in New York is behind prison bars. I take advantage of this occasion to say—"

Need Free Bodies And Free

where they who do the most have the least. There is something wrong when honesty wears a rag and rascality a robe; when the loving and tender, eat a crust, while the infamous and brutal, banquet."

The laboring people should unite and strengthen themselves against all idlers. "You divide mankind into classes," said De Witt, "the idlers, the supporters and the supported, the honest and the dishonest. Every man is dishonest who lives upon the unpaid labor of others, no matter if he occupies a throne."

We need free bodies and free minds —

on the economic and political fields, and
thing between here and the stars can prev
their emancipation," said Dewey.

"WE NEVER GROW WEARY."

"This movement is my life, my inspirati
I serve it as does every other real Socialis
with joy. We never grow weary; we have
everlasting faith in the light of the com
ing day; we are marching to the sunlight.
The triumph of the Socialist movement is but
a question of time."

Minds

labor and free thought, chainless hands a
fetterless brains. Free labor will give
wealth. Free thought will give us truth.

There will never be a generation of free m
until there has been a generation of free m
men—of free mothers.

The rights of men and women should be
equal and sacred, marriage should be a p
fect partnership, children should be cover
by kindness, every family should be a ro
for every freeds a democracy.—Robert In
sell.

"Why are you fighting so?" inquired the man from Mars, moved at last by the intensity of the fight.

"To save civilization!" replied the man from Earth.

Here a dragged figure rose from under the feet of the combatants and ran away.

"And who are you?" asked Mars, with a disposition to turn the matter.

"Don't speak to me—I'm a civilization figure made answer, somewhat pettishly."

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