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Socialism means working class success.

Over the moaning continents of slavery rises the bright star of Socialism.

The class conscious worker is abroad in the land. The resultant discontent is plainly to be seen on every hand.

If you cannot speak on the street corner, attend and listen to those who do. Help to make up an audience and assist the speaker at every opportunity.

Hard times come because of over-production we are told by the foolish wise men of capitalism. If we have produced so much, why should any one starve?

What has parliament done during the session to relieve the unemployed? Nothing. The workers do not vote in their own interests and consequently are treated politically with scant attention.

Many voters uphold slavery in order that they may become a master and employ and exploit men in the future. Vain hope. Vain hope. Capital is concentrating in so few hands of late that in reality only a very few men are the masters of the whole country.

Dark and dreary is the life of the wage slave under capitalism. There is nothing ahead for him but the spectre of death, and to many who have toiled a long life and have nothing to show for it but aching bones and a bent form, death must come as a welcome relief.

Some workers think they are in a little heaven when they have a job and a regular wage. But do they know how long that job will last? They do not own their jobs. Their boss owns them and can cut off the food and clothing and shelter of the worker at any minute he chooses.

New York Socialists adopted a resolution which declared: "It is John D. Rockefeller, Jr., who is guilty as an accessory before the fact just as much as if he with his own hand plunged a knife into the breast of the victims and held their quivering bodies over the fire."

Following the marine disasters of the past year, comes the cable message of a race between transatlantic liners. There is an immense competition among the passenger ships of the Atlantic, and the craze for speed causes the fastest boats to get the largest number of passengers. The results are only too apparent.

The Montreal Mail says there is no man on this earth so poor, so alone, so narrowed by the environment, that there is a field of success for him. What is "success," anyway, Mr. Mail? Is it being a hustler and being able to do much more work than your elderly workmate and thereby grinding out more profits and securing a better standard of living for himself and his family? Or is it being a boss and exploiting the slaves whom you may command?

Long ago the dailies "give over" their blating that the boy scout movement was a non-military movement. The protests from readers when such statements were made swamped the editorial rooms, and they found they could no longer flim flam the public with such bullwash. But once in a while it crops up in the country rags. The Chronicle is the latest. It says: "As for the boy scout movement, it has nothing whatever to do with militarism, and attempts to place it in that light are mischievous and dishonest." Such virginal assinnity as the Chronicle editor displays is about the limit.

Here's to the soapboxer, that class conscious slave who is not afraid to mount the box and deliver the message of freedom to his fellow workers. Capitalists don't like this breed of propagandists; they know that he is reaching the ears of hundreds of toilers who would scarcely have a chance to hear the gospel of socialism otherwise. Therefore they cause their uniformed servants, the police, to stop street speaking in every town or city where they think their orders can be carried out. The workers built the streets, but they belong to the king, and the king belongs to the capitalists, and the capitalists say the workers must not congregate and speak on the streets.

"From factory and office up to college and church the cry is for the young man. The world is his to do with as he sees fit."—Daily paper. Right-o, the young man is the favorite today. He can hustle faster, work longer hours for cheaper pay, and stand the speed-up method in vogue much better than his competitor who is about forty years of age. The young man is in much demand wherever an older man can be thrown out because he cannot follow the crazy pace of speed. This is the young man's day; what will the older man do—he who has worked all his life creating wealth and who has received only a bare living from the masters? Under capitalism there is nothing for him to do but to be starved, and the capitalists see to it that there is not even much chance of begging.

The Farmers' Sun says that Ontario cannot go on always keeping the conditions of labor better than in other countries. It is to laugh. Cotton's Weekly can point out to the Sun towns abundant in Ontario where factories work the full sixty hours each week, where laborers in saw mills and lumber yards perform the hardest and most dangerous toil for from \$1.25 per day to \$1.50, which is high, where good mechanics are working sixty hours a week for \$10. It can show the Sun where first class carriage painters, printers, machinists, moulders, etc., are working for from \$10 to \$12 a week, and in many cases still less—some below \$10. Delivery drivers with their long hours are getting seven or eight dollars a week in which the hours could hardly be counted. River drivers with their girls slave sixty hours for a miserable pittance of \$3 and \$4. All over the province in the towns and villages these conditions prevail. The Sun is not very bright if it cannot cast its rays into these dismal holes into which the workers are forced to toil at the lowest price their labor power can command. If there is one spot in the province which has better labor conditions than any other province or country, let us know, quick.

INVENTION

The greatest discovery man ever made was the discovery of how to make fire.

First the progress was slow. Inventions or discoveries were centuries apart. Man was engaged in wrestling a living from a hard and hostile nature. None could devote his time to questions apart from the need of the day. At length, after long ages, man came to be able to produce a little more than his own needs. Then the age of slavery and piracy arose. Slaves were kept to yield a surplus, and freebooters went forth to fight and kill in order to take the surplus the tillers of the soil had accumulated to last them from one harvest to another. Little time was given to discovery. Yet discoveries came slowly and were slowly applied.

How different it is today. The accumulated discoveries and inventions of all past ages are at the service of society. One worker with the aid of machinery can produce enough to keep many people without work. Even after providing a luxurious living for the useless capitalist class, the workers provide enough to keep professors, doctors, investigators, scientists, inventors, systematizers by the thousand. And the workers themselves frequently discover inventions that reduce greatly the labor of production in many lines.

A few years ago a writer declared that we were in an age of invention but we did not know whether we were at the beginning, in the middle or at the end of the inventive age. Since then the bottle-blowing machine, the cotton picker, the mechanical stoker, the flying machine, the moving picture, the anti-toxins for diphtheria and typhoid and many other diseases, and other discoveries too numerous to mention have all come about.

Today men are engaged on problems which are nearing solution. A London inventor has perfected an electric railway upon which cars travel suspended in the air over the rails at a rate of three hundred miles an hour. Edison is working on the problem of turning the energy stored up in coal directly into electricity. Watches run by wireless from a central time station are in the near future. The time station, by which explosives can be located miles away, are bringing the battleship up to an end. Similar rays are being used to search out and locate precious metals in the earth, thus obviating the laborious work of the prospector. Scientific agriculture is in the infancy. The possibilities of food production by chemical stimulation and auto-machinery are dimly realized and are being eagerly explored.

Inventions and discoveries are increasing with cumulative rapidity. They are rendering the necessity of labor very slight. Mankind should have leisure in plenty.

Yet these inventions have not greatly benefited the working class. The working class do not own the inventions. They have only their labor power to sell.

The owners of the machines and inventions, the capitalist class, buy the labor power of the workers for a daily wage. This wage covers but the cost of living, and the workers must work during eight, ten or twelve hours a day producing wealth for the master class.

All the wealth produced by the working class goes to the master class. The difference is so great that the masters choke in surfeited luxury. So great is the wealth rolling in on them that they cannot waste it, and they turn millions of workers out of the mills to starve.

We could have homes for all, comfort for all, luxury for all by the labor of all—with the aid of machinery. Instead of this we have worry, anxiety, poverty, overwork, unemployment, slums, misery on the one side, and unconsumable wealth on the other side.

Surely the working class will put an end to the present foolish state of things. Surely they will see the senselessness of the Socialist truths and take industry into their own power and run the world production to the benefit of the world producers.

The Smith and the King

A Smith upon a summer's day
Did call upon a king;
The king exclaimed "a queen's away,
Can I do anything?"

"I pray you can," the Smith replied;
"I want a bit of bread."
"Why?" cried the king. The fellow sighed:
"I'm hungry, sire," he said.

"Dear me, I'll call my chancellor.
He understands such things:
Your claims I cannot cancel, or
Deem them fit themes for kings."

"Sir Chancellor, why here's a wretch
Starving like rats or mice!"
The chancellor replied, "I'll fetch
The first Lord in a trice."

The first Lord came and by his look
You might have guessed he'd shirk;
Said he, "Your majesty's mistake,
This is the chief clerk's work."

The chief clerk said the case was bad,
But quite beyond his power.
Seeing it was the steward's job
The keys of cake and flour.

The steward sobbed: "The keys I've lost,
Alas, but in a span
I'll call the Smith: 'Holy Ghost!
Here is the very man!'"

"Hurrah! Hurrah!" they loudly cried.
How cleverly we've done it!
We've solved this question, deep and wide,
Well nigh ere we'd begun it."

"Thanks!" said the Smith: "O fools and vile,
Go rot upon the shelf!
The next time I am starving I'll
Take care to help myself."

—Edward Carpenter.

The jail, the thug, the police, the judge cannot prevail against the Socialist triumph. Under Socialism the producer will not be robbed of one cent of whatever wealth he creates, for when the capitalist class are forced to become producers there will be no robbers.

BRITISH INVESTMENTS

According to the London Financier, the British capitalists have the following sums invested in the various dependencies of Canada and Newfoundland:—

India and Ceylon.....	378,776,000
South Africa.....	370,192,000
Australia.....	332,112,000
New Zealand.....	84,334,000
West Africa.....	37,305,000
Straits Settlements.....	27,283,000
British North Borneo.....	5,820,000
Hong Kong.....	3,104,000
Other Colonies.....	26,189,000
Total.....	1,779,995,000

In Canada and Newfoundland the amount invested is practically \$2,500,000,000. As five per cent, the British capitalists are drawing \$125,000,000 each year in unearned revenues from the unpaid labor of the working class of Canada and Newfoundland.

They are drawing \$450,000,000 per year in unearned revenues from the realized robbery they practice upon the working class of the British Empire.

The British capitalists have invested in the following countries:

United States.....	£ 754,700,000
Argentina.....	319,900,000
Mexico.....	99,000,000
Total.....	1,321,000,000

Russia, Japan, Chili, Egypt, China, have all been supplied with capital, but all under the £100,000,000 mark, while the investments on the continent of Europe apart from Russia are small. Altogether British capitalists draw about a billion dollars a year from investments outside of Britain.

We hear in Canada people who say that Canada should share in the burden of the British fleet. Why should we?

British capitalists do not invest their money in Europe. The European capitalists want to sink their own workers. So the British labor skimmers fling their tentacles into Canada, the United States, and the newer countries.

To protect their stolen revenues the British capitalists maintain a big fleet. And this fleet is maintained at an excessive cost, so the British armament and shipping must can get a big rakeoff.

Let the British labor skimmers pay for their own boodle fleet. They take enough out of the hides of Canadian workers. That fleet is maintained to keep the localized craft flowing to Britain. Let the labor skimming grafters look after their own murder ships.

THE PANIC

President Wilson declares that the present panic is a psychological one. For this he is being taken to task in many quarters. Yet there is a basis of truth in his statement.

The workers regularly occur under capitalism. The workers produce commodities in tremendous quantities. They are given wages which allow them to take off the market a small fraction of the goods they have produced. The remainder must be taken off the market by the capitalist class and their hangers-on.

The surplus in the workers' produce is so tremendous that the capitalists are choked in an excess which they cannot consume. The market is choked and production ceases until the surplus is consumed by workers drawing on what little savings they have or purchasing on their credit and by the capitalist class plotting the surplus in luxury.

When the surplus is consumed, then the mills stop and the workers again are paid a measly wage. Until this state is reached, there are unemployed thousands, misery and hunger among the producers.

We have been in a panic. Now it seems that the surplus has been largely consumed and yet the mills do not open. THE CAPITALIST CLASS ARE AFRAID.

In every panic small merchants and business men go to the wall. The capitalists are afraid to give credit to the small business going to the wall. They are afraid to fill their warehouses. And as they control production, the workers do not get jobs, and not getting jobs a portion of the market is cut off.

Moreover, the people are in revolt. The middle class have succeeded in the U.S. in getting control of Congress and are passing laws for the middle class against the workers. The railroads are being investigated and it looks as though much water will be squeezed out of the railway stocks. This will hurt the multimillionaires. Hence they are trying to reap what they can now by letting the railways deteriorate and pocketing all the profits possible by discharging large bodies of workers.

In France the Socialists and Radicals form a formidable opposition, and it is doubtful whether the big capitalists can control the French chamber. The big bankers want to make large profit out of a \$300,000,000 loan, largely necessitated by militarism. This loan may be defeated. If it is, the money power of France will be severely shaken. The French capitalists are gravely perturbed and shut down industry as much as possible. The panic is psychological on the part of the big skimmers.

Veto Berger predicts harder times still. In England the Labor Party is growing more powerful and even the radicalism of Lloyd George do not stem the revolutionary tide. We cannot expect capitalism to go out without great suffering. This present panic marks the closing period of capitalist exploitation. How long the turmoil will last will depend on the revolutionary spirit of the working class. The quicker they seize the political power the shorter the period of strife.

The panic is psychological but it is none the less real. The workers suffer none the less keenly because the masters of bread fear for their dominance.

The wise course of the working class is for them to seize the political power and confiscate the machinery of production and distribution away from the present scared owners. Then the present ruling class can fear as much as they like but industry will not be under their control and their fear will bring suffering upon none but themselves through their nervousness.

But when this happens, the present master class, instead of shutting down mills for fear, will have to get out and hustle a living for themselves in the realm of useful production.

BRIBERY

Government ownership is not Socialism while the master class control the government. However, government ownership no doubt will be a phase through which we will have to pass on the road to Socialism.

On this continent the cry is raised that government ownership is impossible because graft is so prevalent. The government agents will be bribed by the private owners, and government ownership will therefore be inefficient and wasteful.

This is an objection that can readily be answered. Persons who make it either do not reason or deliberately lie because they want to support the system of private ownership.

Colonel Whittaker of England has been sentenced to six months imprisonment because he accepted bribes from Lipton's agents to swing the commissionary business of his section of the army Lipton's way. This looks bad for government ownership. Let us see.

The facts show that for bribes of from \$3,000 to \$5,000 per year, Lipton has given contracts of about \$2,500,000 per year. The commission paid was less than one-fifth of one per cent.

In Canada the dealers would like to get off with as small a commission as that.

Graft is prevalent in private business as well as in public business. A buyer for a big corporation under private initiative is as often a grafter as he is under government control.

Lipton's agents bribed a government officer and the officer was sent to jail.

No doubt Lipton's agents have bribed the buyers who buy from Lipton's for private firms as often as they have bribed government agents.

You place a man on salary and give him a job where he can give contracts to this firm or that firm. Those contracts mean profit to the firm that lands them. The seller is tempted to offer a bribe to the purchasing agent. The purchasing agent is tempted to accept. The graft takes place, but you do not hear the calamity howlers who howl about the government graft at Ottawa howling about the graft in the private businesses in Toronto and Montreal.

First, then, bribery is going on in Canada in private business as well as in public business.

Second, even with the graft, the cost of government operation to the producing many is not so great as is the cost of private operation of industry. For under private operation the more the owners can charge the public and the less they can pay their employees, the greater will be the profit. Under government operation the profit is eliminated. Usually the employers are paid more, and the cost to the public is less. Under private operation there is profit and graft. Under government operation there is usually only the graft.

Third, the cure for graft and bribery is not less government ownership and operation, but more.

Graft and bribery takes place where private profit conflicts with the good of the whole. No doubt there was graft in the building of the National Transcontinental. The government gave contracts to private contractors to build the line. The higher the price for the contract, the more profit. Hence the contractors would bid the government officials to give fat contracts. Suppose the government built the road itself instead of contracting it out. Then graft would likely arise when the government bought steel rails and ties from private firms. But suppose the government owned its own steel mills and its iron mines, and its coal mines and its forests who grow rich by standing between the producers and the product and taking toll from the producers by selling back to the producers what the producers themselves have produced.

Before you pray

Before you pray
At the foot of the bed,
"Give us this day,
Our daily bread."
Come with me and learn to say,
"Let me know what I must pay
"Ere I kneel before the altar."
"Teach me how to count the loss
"Men and women starving now—
"Men who toil behind the plough."
"Know me as I break my bread,"
That is what the master said,
"In this simple act and he
"In communion with me."
Can your heart be near Christ
While those men are sacrificed?
Do not shut your eyes to pray:
Open eyes have most to say:
Leave the darkness to the blind,
And the idle words behind—
Men and women starve tonight;
Can your bread be very white?
—Douglas Massie.

A military order has been issued prohibiting Canadian soldiers from carrying arms at any religious procession. A writer in a Montreal paper says that if arms were allowed to be carried in a procession which is soon to take place there, that God would bless the British arms. If God would bless the British arms, would he not bless German arms, French arms, American arms? Why would he not bless Turkish arms, and all other arms down to the Spanish machete and the Philippine bolo? Did God bless the machine guns which poured a hail of death into the tent colony at Ludlow and slaughtered women and children? Did God bless the machine guns which riddled miners and their families in West Virginia? Why are people always associating God and arms, God and warfare, God and dividends? When their God blesses the Ross rifles and bayonets, he curses the workers and the workers' families, for such arms are for the express and only purpose of slaughtering the slaves of Canada who rebel at their slavery.

Capitalism gives the worker leisure and hunger. Socialism will give the worker leisure and comfort.

The working class cannot expect anything but slavery from the capitalist class.

The capitalists know their power better than the workers know their weakness.

When rent, interest and profit are no more, most of the troubles of the working class will have been banished also.

The power of the master class lies in organization; the weakness of the working class lies in the lack of it. This is simple, but the workers cannot see it.—not yet

Competition is directly responsible for the speeding up methods in vogue in mills and factories, and the speeding up methods result in hellish conditions for the workers.

The working class has never been happy; it has always been the prey of a master class which has resorted first to one method and then to another to plunder.—Allan L. Benson.

Human life is about the cheapest thing on the market today. Where profits are concerned, the life of the profit makers is of little consideration, as there are plenty to take the places of the dead slaves.

The glories of civilization, art, literature, intellectual pursuits, travel, are not for those who do the world's work now. This is an injustice which the workers are endeavoring to remedy through the Socialist parties of the world.

Be men, not door mats. Light the red hall of revolution if need be! For what is life if it is but the accused privilege of wearing out in the service of capitalists, of man-eating millionaires, of monsters that eat you up alive, you and your wives and children.—Professor J. Howard Moore.

According to the law of claw and fang, it is logical for the master class to fight against the demands of the working class for better conditions in life. But it is not more treacherous, more inhuman, more unjust for members of the working class to don a uniform and lend a hand to the masters in their game of extermination?

If the United Mine Workers had laid down their tools, and refused to mine a single ton of coal, while their fellow workers were on the firing line, if the Western Federation of Miners had done likewise, and if these two organizations had enlisted the aid of the railway workers, Ludlow would have been impossible.—From Solidarity.

The capitalists are very jealous of their beloved system, which brings them in such fat unearned wads of wealth. But in Socialism they see their finish. They see the people being educated and the resultant discontent. All the concentrated venom and hate possible by a parasitical class is directed to Socialists as a consequence. But it does not stop the movement. Instead it gives it an impetus.

Toronto papers report dozens of workers prostrated by the heat. Some are living, some of them died. This is the fate of the slave. While his boss is basking on the shores of a seaside resort enjoying the luxuries provided by his slaves, they are toiling in the sweat pens, pushed on by the speeding up process aided by hungry foremen, till they drop from exhaustion and heat. Good faithful slave. You will get your pie in the sky!

Do you old Grit and Tory standpat voters understand the platforms of your respective parties, if they have any? Does your member in the House understand them? The real platform of the old parties is to see which party can perform the most subservience to the capitalists. The party which does the best to fill the coffers of the legalized robbers, and keep the nose of labor hard on the grindstone is allowed to stay in power. The party which cannot do these things as well as the other one, must go.

Columbus wanted to sail to the East, and thought he would sail westward and reach Cathay. He was right theoretically, but he encountered the continent of America which first had to be subdued. Many persons have wanted brotherhood and have tried to get it by preaching and example. But brotherhood has been prevented by material conditions. These must be made right before brotherhood can come about. Many persons take exception to the materialist conception of history. They are like persons who would have told Columbus to never mind America, but just to keep on till he came to China.

Sir William Van Horne probably overlooked paying his taxes on a property in Grand Falls, N.B., and it has been advertised for sale for taxes—which amount to \$6. A daily says the event has caused much amusement throughout the province. This matter will be fixed up and everything will be serene. Such a parasite member of society as Van Horne will not be asked to lose any property through default of paying taxes. If it was some poor devil of the exploited working class whose taxes were not paid, there would be no amusement in connection with the case. He would have to stand the pressure of the law, and have his home sold over his head. But with Van Horne and the slimy press, it is very amusing, y'know.

"There is nothing in the papers these days" said the caller as he pawed over the exchange on the desk. "Sure there is," said the Socialist editor. "There are pages of lying and misleading advertisements, there are want ads for men in the west where the workers are starving and cannot get a job for love nor money, there are lying political statements, and lawning articles about royalty and its doings, there are columns of fake 'news' about labor conditions, and there are statements in almost every paper telling you about how 'prosperous' you are under the old stand pat capitalist government. There is lots in the papers and lots that is not in. What is not in is of vastly more importance to the working class than what is in, though. If you want to read something really good go through that bunch of Socialist papers over there. They will open your eyes to the fact that there is a never-ending source of supply of news, that there is a class struggle on which never ceases day or night, and that there is in Canada today a state of slavery which was never equalled in the South."

SOCIALIST DIRECTORY

Gospel Sharks Against Socialism

The following article was taken from the Sydney Record, May 2nd, 1911.

Gloucester, May 1st.—Rev. Dr. Thompson, who spoke at high mass at St. Ann's, severely arraigned the leaders of the U.M.W. in Nova Scotia. After referring to the enormity of the sin of murder and the misery which follows in its wake, Dr. Thompson went on to say: "THE OCCASION was a meeting called in the name of the U.M.W. of America. If we are to judge the purpose and scope of the meeting from some other meetings held under similar auspices, we should be strongly inclined to think that it was called not in the interests of trade unionism, but in order to propagate socialism."

It is a deplorable fact that some trade unions have been ruined by socialism. Socialists try, whenever they find an opportunity, to fasten themselves like leeches on labor organizations. They talk loudly about the rights of workmen and pretend to be their greatest friends. In reality they are the greatest enemies both of workmen and labor unions. They have only one thing at heart, and that is to propagate the damnable anti-Christian tenets of socialism.

In Christian communities they are careful to hide the more repulsive features of their detestable system, but where they become strong they throw off the mask, and boldly admit the truth, namely that socialism is directly antagonistic to Christian faith and subversive to Christian morality. They have always endeavored to make use of trades unions in order to propagate their disgusting doctrines, even when they know they are ruining the labor organizations on which they have managed to fasten their clutches. They have succeeded in ruining the U.M.W. of A. in this district, and this is not the only community in which they have done the same. It is a pity that a few socialist bosses should be allowed to destroy the usefulness of any organization, which is intended to benefit workmen.

"Concerning such leaders I have just one thing to say: Keep away from them and their meetings. AS CHRISTIANS AND KNOWING THE HARM AND MISCHIEF WHICH THEY HAVE OCCASIONED, YOU ARE BOUND BEFORE GOD TO HAVE NO MORE TO DO WITH THEM."

REV. DR. GILLIES.

"WHO ARE TO BLAME FOR THE LABOR MEETING TRAGEDY?" was the subject of Rev. Dr. Gillies' sermon. "There are certain agencies working amongst us," said Dr. Gillies, "that I CHARGE AS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CRIME WHICH IS DUE LARGELY TO THE SOCIALIST PROPAGANDA TAUGHT HERE AT THE PRESENT TIME. There is socialism and socialism, many professions of that faith are good Christian citizens, but the propaganda carried on here by the socialists shows a tendency towards lawlessness. Many of their local leaders have publicly said that they do not believe in the house of God."

They compare the bible with an old novel, and scout the idea of eternal existence. These people, both Catholic and Protestant are out of touch with the house of God, and they have taught the doctrine that under certain circumstances, killing is not a crime.

"Kear Hardie, who is recognized as one of the greatest socialist leaders of England, said on his Canadian tour that he could not recognize the Socialism here in Canada to be the same as exists in Great Britain, that it was on a lower plane, but, continued Mr. Hardie, the higher Socialism of which Mr. Hardie is such an advocate was not high enough to prevent him from trying to incite to revolt against the British empire some hundreds of thousands of the people of India. On what low plane, then, is the socialism taught in Canada? Another notorious and rank American Socialist, a man who had been tried for murder, made statements here in Gloucester which in effect were that any person was justified in pulling out a gun and shooting his fellow-man."

Dr. Gillies also referred to the granting of permits to carry firearms, saying that no such permits should be granted except under the most pressing necessity and after an examination as to the sanity of the person seeking the permit.

On this phase of the matter, he also referred to a bloody fight taking place at Senator's Corner, just after midnight two weeks ago, and no police being there. He also referred to stores being broken into and robberies being committed.

Dr. Gillies concluded by denouncing the liquor traffic and the efficiency of the police force.

REV. FATHER FRASER.

The Rev. Father Fraser, of St. John's Catholic church, New Aberdeen, took occasion Sunday to refer to the tragedy which was enacted at the meeting of the U.M.W. of A. last week.

A synopsis of the remarks of the Rev. Father Fraser follows: A great many people are of the opinion, that as this is a matter now in the hands of the law of the land, the clergy have no business to say anything that might influence the judgment of the public. This is entirely wrong, because a large number of the public themselves, in these parts, have already formed a judgment in the matter. They talk loud and long about the justice of the shooting as a matter of self defence.

It is true that no defence can be offered for the unfortunate men who went to the meeting to interrupt the proceedings, but this does not in any way justify a man for taking out a revolver and shooting to death a man who had attacked him with his fists and a man with whom he has made a habit of chumming.

Father Fraser said that the coming of the U.M.W. into this country had been as a curse upon them. He reviewed the result of their invasion as follows: They had sent many men into the penitentiary and goals of this country. The unfortunate strike too had

been the occasion of many candidates for the insane asylums, the strike and its consequent brooding has been the cause of murder and suicide, to say nothing of the untold misery, in the shape of poverty and vice, that left its imprint upon many homes and which would take many years for its effects to pass away.

The Rev. gentleman said that he was, and had been a friend of organized labor, and that he had stood by the men in their struggle until he found that their leaders were tricksters and fakirs, as he could prove by the rejection of a generous offer made by the coal company during the strike.

WE WARNED HIS PEOPLE TO KEEP AWAY FROM THESE MEN WHO WERE CALLED LEADERS OF THE U.M.W. OF A. TO HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH THEM. SELVES OR THEIR MEETINGS BECAUSE NAUGHT BUT HARM COULD COME OF THEM AS HAD BEEN EXEMPLIFIED BY THE FEARFUL TRAGEDY OF LAST WEEK.

FOES OF HUMANITY.

The above article shows the attitude of the gospel sharks of Gloucester.

The United Mine Workers of America have done more for humanity than humanity is aware of. It has faced giant aggregations of capital on behalf of the working class homes of Canada and the United States.

"The U.M.W. of A. sprang out of the spontaneous need of the miners for self protection. Where the miners' union is not strong the coal barons oppress unmercifully. The miners are housed in miserable shacks. The little children, of whom Christ was so fond, have to go ragged and hungry. The fathers work long hours for a mere pittance. And the lords of greed, the money changers and the rich Dives class grow fat on the misery of the sons of toil."

The United Mine Workers of America have fought many battles and they find that they have to be constantly on guard. As long as the masters own the mines, the workers will be forced to slave long hours. The strike won, the masters begin to fitch the fruits of victory away by trickery if not by callous disregard of their obligations. Wherefore the toiling miners have turned to the political field. They rally to the cry of political action. Let the workers send their fellow workers to the legislative bodies in order that the law may be made in the interest of the working class instead of in the interest of the owning class. Let the miners become collective owners with the rest of the working class. Then would the miners have free access to the riches of nature and the product of their labor, the coal reaped from the bowels of the earth, would be for the warming and the comfort of the workers instead of for the idle shirkers.

Now look how the so-called followers of Christ abuse and froth. See how they denounce the Socialists! These religious curs crawl and lick the feet of the robber barons.

What about the wives and the children of the working class? What about the homes broken up because the fathers are sacked and have to fare forth in search of a chance to earn their daily bread? What of the little children who ask their heart sick mother: "When is papa coming home?" What of the light of laughter denied the children of the miners who are forced to live in crummy quarters?

The parishes of Gloucester rest not of the child that Christ set in the midst of the gathering. They have their hard moralism. They are wrapped up in the legalism of the law. They are henchmen of these who are the enemies of man.

They are the type who would spit in the face of Christ and do it in the name of God. The Socialists of Gloucester and of the U.M.W. have little use for the church. Why should they as long as creatures like you, Dr. Thompson, like you Dr. Gillies, like you Father Fraser, occupy the pulpits?

In Colorado the thugs of the coal barons have deliberately murdered the wives and children of the striking miners, poured coal oil over the victims of their wrath and reduced to charred remnants the bodies of the loved ones of the miners. Roosevelt is the principal instigator of the outrage and the Baptist church presses to her bosom this viper of malignity. For the love of God, you parishes of Gloucester, how can any human hearted being have anything but contempt for you and your ilk?

When you prate of the U.M.W. of A. being against the house of God, it is as though the devil had captured heaven and shined that good people did not like the atmosphere there.

You and your kind may capture the church of the sons of men, the humane-hearted, loving, laboring, suffering, sacrificing man will hold aloft the banner of the U.M.W. over which is the light of glorious Socialism, while you fret and fume and denounce in your dark pulpits against the light of life and the joy of banishing man upwards to higher heights of civilization.

While you prate Lord, Lord with your lips and your hearts are afar off, the spirit of Christ marches ahead of the labor unions, mingling with the blood and sweat that brought them into being and will be with them when the final triumph won, the class struggle is ended forever and brotherhood based on common ownership will cause this night of poverty and misery to vanish in the light of joy on earth and harmony among equal producers and equal enjoyers.

If you have a Socialist candidate in your district for the coming elections, loom him. Talk of him to your workmates. Show them the reason why they should vote for a member of the working class, and cast their vote for the class who are robbing and exploiting them day by day.

You do not own the machinery of production, your boss owns it and kindly allow him to run it as he pleases and to produce profits for him. For all this he gives you out of what you have produced for him just enough to buy you food and shelter that you may be in condition to produce more profits.

World Wide Notes

London is experiencing the novelty of a strike against child labor. Fifteen hundred girls working for a big provision firm went on strike because the firm advertised for girls under the age of 18 years. For years it has been the boast of this firm that in spite of the practices of its rivals it had never employed a girl under 18 years of age. Recently 14 and 16 were advertised for and placed at work in the tin box making room on machines which have never been considered safe for inexperienced operatives. The older girls protested against the child labor, and when no attention was paid to their protest, went out on strike. The 500 men employed by the firm joined the girls because last year when the men protested against girls being given men's work the girls loyally joined them in a strike.

Italy is resting on a volcano of discontent which is likely to burst forth at any time is the information brought by Arturo Caroti, former organizer of the Garment Workers in this country, who was elected as deputy to the Italian national chamber at the recent elections. Caroti is here for the purpose of drawing up some agreements between the unions in the United States and Italy. "We are expecting a revolt in Italy," he said. "The nation is the most heavily taxed in the world and it cannot last much longer. The Socialists have never been stronger. We have 50,000 party members and the finances of the organization are healthy. The membership of the party has arisen from 28,689 in July, 1912, to over 50,000 at the present time."

In the election of 88 deputies to the Belgian national house which have just been held, the Socialists succeeded in gaining one seat. There was little change in the relative strength of the parties. The Liberals lost one seat to the Socialists and gained two from the Clericals, which still leaves the Clericals in the majority. The seats were divided as follows: Clericals 11; Liberals 20; Socialists 26; Christian Democrats 1.

The principle issue of the campaign was universal suffrage.

Great preparations are being made by the Socialists of Vienna for the great International Social Congress, which will be held there the latter part of August. The hall of the Masons' Union, which is the largest in the city, has been secured, but even this will be too small to accommodate all the visitors. The first day there will be a monster parade of all the Socialist and labor organizations of the city, ending in a colossal mass meeting at which all the leading orators of the different nations will speak. Various other celebrations will be arranged for the entire week of the congress.

For the first time in the history of the Russian government, the Duma or national parliament has refused to appropriate the money requested in the budget. The majority in favor of rejecting the government was 70 and this, despite the fact that the 21 Socialist deputies had been excluded from 15 sessions of the Duma, and a number of the Communist democrats were also absent. The Socialists were excluded from the Duma on the charge that they have brought up the matter of the republican form of government. The government does not dare to dissolve the house as the radical majority is sure to be turned greatly increased.

Trade unionists in Russia celebrated the second anniversary of Truth, their newspaper organ. Since its establishment thirty-six issues of the Truth have been confiscated, sixteen of its editors have been imprisoned, others have paid fines totaling \$4,000, and the paper has changed its name half a dozen times.

American Notes

Eight persons were burnt to death in a fire trap in New York, for which landlords were raking in high rents.

Victor L. Berger, former Socialist Congressman from Milwaukee, said recently in New York: "The conditions at present, however, are not half as hard as they are to be in the coming winter. Usually workmen are able to save a little during the summer, if they are thrifty, and in such a manner prepare themselves for the hardships of the winter. This year, however, the conditions are such that food products have gone up to such an alarming extent that no workman can save anything, no matter how frugal he is. It is impossible for him to do so. The prices of food are 50 per cent higher today than they were in 1913. This must be taken into consideration."

Laws mean nothing to the big stores, says the New York Call, and goes further to say: Deumant stores violate the law. Girls are forced to submit to indignities by their superiors. Salesgirls faint beneath the canisters. To belong to the Clerks' Union means dismissal. Employees are fined for inevitable errors. The patron is always right; the clerk never.

No official of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union or any of its affiliated organizations is to be permitted to run for office on any of the old party tickets. This was the decision reached at the convention of the organization at Cleveland.

William Koenig, wood carver, has been selected as candidate for the 9th Congressional District of Brooklyn.

Boniek White, according to the magistrate who sentenced him to six months' imprisonment, is still "defiant and unrepentant." This magistrate will probably come to know that Boniek White will remain "defiant and unrepentant" long after his sentence has expired.

That the Wilson trust bills are designed to stave off Socialism, to help business, and to give relief to the "middle class," is the opinion of Representative M. E. Burke, of Wisconsin. Burke also prophesies that unless the anti trust bills or something similar are enacted into law and enforced, the tide of Socialism will swell until it will overwhelm all other parties.

A miners' celebration in Butte, Mont., was broken up by agents of the mine owners, and the union hall wrecked.

A voluntary petition in bankruptcy was filed at New York by the Social Reform Press, publishers of a rampant anti-Socialist paper. Thus do they fall.

Determined to send a Socialist congressman to Washington from Minnesota, the Socialists of Minneapolis are preparing for a whirlwind campaign. Thomas Van Lear has been nominated in one of the Minneapolis districts, and it is thought his election is sure if the proper kind of a campaign is waged.

Two years ago when Van Lear ran for mayor he received 14,611 votes in the wards comprising the district, while the winning candidate only received 11,000. This was in a two-cornered race, while there will possibly be three or four candidates against him this fall. However Socialists do not feel overconfident, which is a hopeful sign.

The following ticket has been nominated by the Socialists of Ohio as the result of a referendum

endium just closed: For United States senator, E. L. Hitchcock; for governor, Scott Wilkins; for lieutenant governor, M. J. Hynes; for secretary of state, Newton Wycoff; for treasurer, S. Newbater; for attorney general, Louis A. Katt; for chief justice of the Supreme Court, John C. Madden; for judge of the Supreme Court, H. H. Smith; for judges of the Court of Appeals, John Schwelller, A. C. Ruff, Charles Bonnell. Max Hayes was elected national committeeman, a second ballot being required for the election of the second committeeman.

The elections in Alaska are scheduled for August. In addition to the legislative delegates a territorial delegate to congress will also be elected. Two years ago the vote polled by the Socialists in Alaska was a huge surprise. This year the Socialists feel confident of success as they have had some time to perfect and build up their organization.

Connecticut Socialists are ready for the greatest campaign in the history of that state. The following comrades have been selected to make the race: For United States Senator, George R. Spiess; for governor, Samuel E. Beardsley; for lieutenant governor, Charles T. Peach; for secretary of state, Mrs. J. Patrick Newman; for comptroller, Isador Polsky; for treasurer, Herbert N. Beebe, and for attorney general, Ernest Berrier.

The Intercollegiate Socialist Society continues to make great progress among the colleges of the country. During the past few months chapters for the study of Socialism have been started at the universities of Minnesota, Texas and Florida, in Radcliff, Western Reserve, Washington, John Marshall Law, Oregon Agricultural, Hiram and Howard. Thousands of pamphlets have been put out and scores of lectures scheduled. There are now about sixty college chapters and a dozen alumni chapters.

Employment sharks reign supreme, and are supposed to know how the masters are fixed for help. Generally when the harvest sets in, these human hyenas give out flying orders to the mayor and other executives of the city. The flying squadrons of the policemen then set to work to clean the city of the unwashed, or the men that REFUSE TO WORK (F.). Last year such orders were issued by the mayor, and our free born American "crawling terror" was hiked out of our beautiful city. This title called the employment agent, who is part of the pink, or Burns' detective agency, and if you won't buy a job, he'll put the slave that carries a club, star and some authority for three dollars a day to give you orders to get out of town. Wages in and out of the city are from 25 to 75 cents a day. Teamsters in construction camps get from \$26 to \$35 per month and board; the city pays its laborers 30 cents an hour or \$2.40 for eight hours' work, pay every two weeks.

Manifesto to Toronto Voters

Toronto will have five comrades of the S.D.P. of C. in the coming election. They are as follows: T. E. Black, (Riverdale); J. Colombo, (S.E. Toronto); Pratt, (N.E. Toronto); W. E. S. James, (Parkdale); M. D. Armstrong, (West York). "Another may be added by the time this goes to press."

Are you a reader of Cannon's? Are you in agreement with the principles enunciated therein? Do you realize that under the present industrial system, you, as a wage worker, are as much a slave as was the serf of the middle ages or the negro of ante-bellum days? If you realize this, you must also be conscious of the fact that the government, both that party now in power, and the opposition are but two sections of one machine; ostensibly at variance with each other, but in reality working harmoniously together for one common purpose, which is, to keep the workers in subjection and serve the interests of the class to which they, the members of the government belong. At the forthcoming provincial elections these same "gentlemen" (F) will approach you with a smile and give you one hundred and one "reasons" why you should give them your vote. They will raise all kinds of "issues", "moral issues", "grave and far reaching social issues", etc. The workers will get wildly excited about "abolishing the bar" the root of all evil, social and economic, according to N. W. Rowell. You, if a thoughtful reader of this paper, will know that there is but one issue for the working class, that is "ABOLITION OF THE WAGES SYSTEM," which is the root of all the other social evils. Now, to the point. The S.D.P. of C., the party of the workers, is running candidates in Toronto.

The party needs financial assistance. It has not yet recovered from the strain of the municipal election. You may not be a member of the party, or able to render personal aid in the struggle for various reasons, but you can help if lucky enough to hold a steady slave job financially, and the smallest contributions will be appreciated. We have no slush fund, and the pennies of the class-conscious workers are all we want. They will be used, not to corrupt, but to educate. Contributions can be sent to following addresses of party members.

P. C. Young, 82 Wroster Ave.
M. D. Armstrong, 78 Fern Ave.
Thos. Black, 477 Jones Ave.
A. Mason, 104 Geary Ave.
T. Bainbridge, 64 Pears Ave.
Com. Althquist, 27 Alcorn Ave.
Com. Keenan, 39 Lombard St.
J. Blugerman, 16 Bellevue Ave.
W. Anthony, 51 Margaretta St.
H. Pettitt, Lakeside Press, Queen St., W.
L. Forbes, Hook Ave.
Com. Mrs. McGregor, 753 Indian Rd.

The machine age is upon us. More and more are the necessities of life being manufactured by machinery. More and more are the capitalists hoarding the machinery. More and more are the workers being sent to the discard because they do not own this machinery. Isn't it about time the workers woke up and owned the machinery they built and who only they must run?

Capitalists rule industry so beautifully that thousands in Canada want to produce wealth and cannot.

The rich will not enlist for war. They believe in the principles of "safety first."

Activity in Northern Ontario

Dear Comrade:—Comrade Mance held a meeting here recently, following one at Englehart, and left for Charlton. As you already know, I am not one to give praise and credit where none is due, but I want to say that Comrade Mance has made an impression in this town, which is something more than a passing bubble. During the week I have been able to obtain two new comrades, and it wouldn't surprise me if we got another local going here shortly. The local heeler of the old parties were present, and were like the little boy in the story book—they had nothing to say.

The most attractive part of Comrade Mance's personality to my mind is his beautifully sweet southern accent, so soothing to our Northern ears. His quaint drolleries, and his entirely natural manner of delivery, held his audience as one man, and when it is remembered that most of them present in the well filled hall were non-Socialists, the collection of \$5.37 is remarkable. The literature sales also were extremely good, and it is a sign of the times that fully half an hour was taken up answering questions, and the audience had followed the arguments so well that none of the questions bore on any point already explained by the speaker. When I left Comrade Mance there was about a dozen men hanging around him like a swarm of bees, and it looked as if his experience in Englehart of sitting up till 3.30 a.m. was going to be repeated. Should this happen to catch his eye, I would like him to accept both my sympathy and my congratulations and thanks for the assistance he has given me in the fight.

Scattered around in the by-paths and rabbit trails of the capitalist jungle are many guerrilla fighters like myself, who sometimes get discouraged at the apparent loneliness of their efforts. It is only after a meeting such as this that we realize that besides us, and behind us is the organized power of the International Proletariat, 35,000,000 strong, and then we take our trusty tomahawks and go out and smite them sorely hip and thigh, and bring many scalps to the tepees of the tribe. Wherefore, oh wise and powerful medicine man keep thou thy medicine pot boiling briskly, and thus cast the evil to the north, whence come the scalps we surely bring thee.

For behold our enemies are sorely afraid, and our warriors are as the sands of the sea. The bosses on the T.N. & O. Ry. here are already using the economic club on the conscience of the wage slaves.

Two operators have told me that "It would be wise for them not to vote at this election" while in the lower grades of labor they have been told plunk and plain that "when it comes time to cut down the working force the bosses will know who are 'loyal' and who are not." If the expected happens, I can provide affidavit evidence as to the facts in these cases, as most of these fellows are so blame miserable on the job that they want care an awful lot if they hold them, or not. Yours for the revolution,—H. E. B. Barton, Ont.

B.C. Executive Meeting

B.C. Provincial Executive Meeting held June 7th at Vancouver.

Present, Comrades Robertson (chairman), Kotilla, Ruis, Falconer, Johnson, McLean, Davidson, Mrs. Edmister, Charlton, Wiach. Minutes of previous meeting read and adopted.

All correspondence received and filed.

Moved that Comrade Place be routed for balance of tour through Okanagan Valley. Owing to Comrade Robertson being unavailable, Comrade Place, Comrade Bisset had been sent. Moved that Comrade Wirth accompany Comrade Williams, (carried).

Moved that all Locals send in Quarterly Reports to the Y.P.S. Secretary upon this work, (carried). Are you in agreement with the principles enunciated therein? Do you realize that under the present industrial system, you, as a wage worker, are as much a slave as was the serf of the middle ages or the negro of ante-bellum days? If you realize this, you must also be conscious of the fact that the government, both that party now in power, and the opposition are but two sections of one machine; ostensibly at variance with each other, but in reality working harmoniously together for one common purpose, which is, to keep the workers in subjection and serve the interests of the class to which they, the members of the government belong. At the forthcoming provincial elections these same "gentlemen" (F) will approach you with a smile and give you one hundred and one "reasons" why you should give them your vote. They will raise all kinds of "issues", "moral issues", "grave and far reaching social issues", etc. The workers will get wildly excited about "abolishing the bar" the root of all evil, social and economic, according to N. W. Rowell. You, if a thoughtful reader of this paper, will know that there is but one issue for the working class, that is "ABOLITION OF THE WAGES SYSTEM," which is the root of all the other social evils. Now, to the point. The S.D.P. of C., the party of the workers, is running candidates in Toronto.

Financial Report Receipts (as per secretary) \$45.90. Warrants Nos. 74 to 78 inclusive (to April 30th). Nos. 1 to 5 inclusive \$236.97.

Report adopted and warrants authorized.

Moved and adopted unanimously that Comrade Phil R. Smith be appointed editor of Social Democrat.

Moved that a referendum be submitted giving the editor a seat on the executive. Moved that the papers be issued 8 pages, size and style as first issue, (carried).

Moved and adopted that advertisements be inserted. Moved and adopted that plan for study courses and libraries as outlined by secretary be endorsed.

Moved and adopted that the D.E.C. be requested to take immediate steps to amend sec. 2, art. 2 of constitution and substitute for city or town, "ward or district."

Moved that the following be submitted to all locals for consideration and action thereon:—"That realizing the aggressive attitude of the capitalist class toward Organized Labor, we, the members of the S.D.P. of C. pledge ourselves to support the working-class economic organizations in the struggle with the master class."

Resolution to Mayor of Ottawa

Ukrainian Local, Ottawa, of the Social Democratic Party of Canada, at a mass meeting held in Rochesterville, Sunday, June 7th, at 4 p.m., presented the following resolution which was unanimously adopted by the 1000 workers present.

"Whereas the past winter has been a long unbroken season of hardships for the laboring population of Ottawa and whereas the hard times of Ottawa have not vanished with the advent of spring but seem to have increased, and whereas hundreds of men are anxious to work and are unable to get it and whereas we believe that a crisis is imminent when a peaceful solution will be impossible, most of the families are actually in want.

Be it resolved that we request the City Council to realize the responsibilities of their position and take active steps to at once alleviate the prevalent distress by instituting such works as are necessary, as opening street sewers and other local improvements, and be it further resolved that a committee be appointed to present this resolution to the mayor.

Copy of above petition was given to Mayor McCreedy who acknowledged hard times and promised to do all he could to remedy local conditions. Copy was presented by M. Chopowik and by J. Hnyda, organizers, S.D.P.

SIX NEW LOCALS.

Six new locals of the S.D.P. of C. have been formed at the following places: McCreedy, Ont., English, No. 98; Vicosa, B.C., Eng., No. 42; Medicine Hat, Alta., Eng., No. 38; Regina, Sask., Ukrainian, No. 19; Sioux Lookout, Ont., Finnish, No. 97; Halesbury, Ont., Eng., No. 96.

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BLOWN TO GLORY

One hundred and ninety-five miners, or thereabouts, have been blown to glory in an explosion in the Hillcrest Mine, at Hillcrest, Ont. Widows and orphans by the score have been made. On one street in Hillcrest there are thirteen widows.

The Hillcrest Mine Company employed between four and five hundred men. The company is capitalized at \$705,000 preferred stock and \$1,000,000 common stock. Its current earnings are over fifteen per cent on the preferred and over six on the common stock.

The net earnings of the company for 1913 were \$135,823. For every man employed the non-producing, absentee owners take over \$300 per year in profits.

The miners went down in the mine and toiled in the dark. They received in wages just enough to live. Their wives and children had to live in the class of houses so common and so well known in mining towns. The directors live in palaces in far cities.

When the explosion came it was the working class lives that were snuffed out. It was the working class who stood dry-eyed and tense at the mine mouth. The owners were enjoying themselves in Montreal and Ottawa elsewhere.

It is the wives and children of the producers who will suffer the poverty of widowhood and orphanhood. The owners will not suffer. If there is a crime upon the face of the earth that merits scorn and contempt, that should be wiped out, it is the crime of being a capitalist.

THEY WHO ENJOY

The Hillcrest Mine was a prolific one. The miners were producing about 1,300 tons of coal a day. This did not belong to the workers who did the work. The workers got but a slave's pay. The gentlemen owners in far cities owned the coal produced by the miners. And the widows and children of the miners face a cold and capitalist world.

Men high up in the game of robbery were at the head of the Hillcrest Mine Company. C. B. Gordon is president. He is also president of the Dominion Textile Company, a corporation which takes over a million dollars profit a year out of the sweated labor of the cotton slaves of Canada. He is also director of the Bank of Montreal.

He will not suffer by the explosion. None of his family will feel what the explosion wiped out the breadwinner. Gordon belongs to the capitalist class, and the capitalist class let the slaves do the working, the suffering and the weeping.

H. S. Holt, Montreal, is a director of the company. Holt is interested in the following labor skinning corporations: Kaministiquia Power Company, Montreal Gas, Montreal Light, Heat and Power, Imperial Writing Machine Co., Royal Bank, Canada Paper Co., Dominion Textile, Ogilvie, Flour Canadian General Electric, National Trust, Canada Car, and many others. If a few slaves blow up at Hillcrest, never mind. Holt has other slaves grinding out profits for him. He produces nothing, and the wealth of Canada is poured into his lap. Let the widows and children of the working class suffer. He suffers not.

G. H. Duggan is another director. He is interested also in the Dominion Coal Company. He has coal slaves toiling for him in Nova Scotia as well as in Alberta. If the slaves of Alberta get blown up, the slaves of Nova Scotia will still produce profits for him.

Will these gentlemen be arrested for the slaughter of the miners in Alberta? Of course not. They are of the capitalist class. They are above such things as being arrested for the death of slaves.

If a slave worker goes on strike against gas in the mine, as at Nanaimo, B.C., the military are called out, the workers are arrested and sentenced by capitalist judges to jail. A worker who dares picket a slave pen where the slaves have gone on strike is arrested for the horrible crime of hampering the profits flowing to the masters. If a couple of hundred of workers are blown to pieces in the mine of the master class, it is purely accident. The owners must not be troubled. It is the workers' lot to be killed. On with the same of rent, interest and profit. The masters must have wine, mistresses, automobiles, yachts. The poor widow of the worker will go out scrubbing. If she is fortunate, the mistress of the mineowner will give her a job combing a poodle dog.

R. L. BORDEN, SIR.

The same day that brings the message of death, brings the news that R. L. Borden, Premier, G. E. Foster, Minister of Trade and Commerce, and J. A. M. Aikins, M.P., have been dubbed Sir by King George.

George is the puppet of the capitalists of the British Empire. He gives titles upon the recommendation of the British Cabinet. When these three politicians are given a Sir, it is proof conclusive that they have been satisfactory henchmen of the labor skinners, that the political power is wielded to benefit the masters.

The miners killed at Hillcrest will be buried and nothing done. No investigation, or an investigation that will be a whitewash, will be held. But should a worker blow up a capitalist, the whole press of the country would froth and foam and the police forces in all cities would be strengthened.

How long, O workers of Canada, will you endure your lot? How long will you let your masters rob you and blow you up in their death traps?

Revolt! Raise the standard of revolution. Swear that you will not rest until your class becomes supreme, until the Socialist banner shall fly triumphant at Ottawa and the Gordons, Holts, and other labor skinning, murder-trap owning, profit seeking vultures shall be hurled from their ownership and control, and the working class shall at last own and control the means of wealth production, so that they may produce and enjoy, and if any peril comes to any worker, his wife and children shall be tenderly cared for out of the common wealth of the producing class.

How the plutocrats love to try and make the workers believe the Socialists are not workers. The Socialists are members of the working class and the most intelligent members thereof.

The capitalists are parasites upon the working class.

Hughes Shows Temper of Canada's Rulers

The following resolution was passed by the Social-Democratic Local of Cobalt, Ont., Cobalt, Ont., May 22nd, 1914.—To the Citizens of the Temiskaming District.

Greeting:—Whereas—The present age tends altogether towards the abolition of militarism and the institution of world peace, it becoming more and more realized that warfare whether international or civil is barbarous, uncivilized and cruel and all friends of humanity and progress should lend their efforts to accomplish finally and for all time the abolition of militarism which can be productive of no good whatever to society, but only causes spilling of human blood, making widows, orphans, and cripples and leaving ruin, misery and desolation in its wake.

War in any form is but a legalized method of murder, and

Whereas—there is at present a movement on foot to organize a regiment in this district, with Headquarters in Halesbury, a hall in New Liskeard being at present filled with rifles to arm those willing to do the bidding of the "Master Class," and

Whereas—the general trend of events as far as the militia is concerned, has proven but too well that it is not used to protect the masses of the people, but is used to defeat all attempts on the part of the workers to establish better working conditions as the history of recent strikes, but too strongly bears evidence, and

Whereas—we have good reason to suspect that the motives behind the production of a military organization are actuated principally so as to be prepared for any move on the part of the organized workers in this vicinity to better or maintain decent working conditions;

Therefore be it resolved, that we go on record as being absolutely and unalterably opposed to the attempt to introduce military organization in this locality, and urge upon all fair minded, and liberty loving citizens to refrain from joining it, for reasons as herein set forth;

Be it further resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the Hon. Col. Sam Hughes, Minister of Militia, also copies sent to the press, for publication.

The resolution was duly forwarded to the Minister of Militia, at Ottawa, who replied with the following:—

Ministers Office, Ottawa, May 30th, 1914.

J. G. Dean Esq., Box 46, Cobalt, Ont.

Sir:—A copy of your manifesto, attached to a letter from you, has reached me.

There is nothing new in the manifesto. It is brim full of the usual slop and the silly vaporing of minds ill-formed in the problem of human government.

The idea of an institution whose practices are, by many regarded as those of the thug, the assassin, the mid-night murderer, the hedge-fence artist, the dynamiter, the persecutor of innocent women and children, the destroyer of homes and business industries—talking of "humanity" and "progress" and deploring "bloodshed" would be laughable, were it not so serious.

The whole resolution stamps your society as dangerous to the best interests of humanity in general, and inimical to any advantage whatever to your own organization.

You talk of "Civil War". What, pray, do you induce in your attempts to thwart the even trend of the business of the country, not in miniature civil war? What knowledge have you of human government, or of anything else for that matter, that would justify anyone in paying the slightest attention to anything you might say in this regard.

However, "while the lamp holds out, to burn," etc., so I have such faith in humanity unless it has fallen too low—and I hope you have not reached that sphere—as to justify the hope that if you were to honestly study the principles underlying my Militia and Cadet ideas, that you would turn from your past records and adopt the only policy that

ever yet has produced or ever will produce a proper system of human government; government by the people through the people and for the people, and not a government by cliques, rings and organizers such as yours and others equally dangerous to humanity.

Indeed I feel satisfied, unless you are too low and case hardened too depraved, that you could be greatly benefited by joining the militia and subjecting yourself to the essential principles of learning to obey and, also, of learning to command. You would then be a better workman, but perhaps you are merely a walking boss living on the labor of other men.

However, whether with or without your endorsement there will be a splendid Regiment in the old Temiskaming District, and law and order and human progress will continue when you have departed and are forgotten. Faithfully,—Sam Hughes.

GET TO ACTION.

The workers are in slavery. They are banded together in a political party to capture the reins of power in order to give the workers the product of their labor.

Everywhere they find the militia against them. Military taxes bow the workers of Europe to the ground. The military are used to crush strikes. At Ludlow, Colo., the military shot up the camp of the strikers killing women and children. In South Africa the troops were used to smash a perfectly peaceful strike and to deport the men the strikers had placed in charge of the union.

At Buckingham, Ont. a few years ago, the troops killed striking workers. At Nanaimo the troops were used to do the dirty work of Mackenzie and Mann of whom the Borden cabinet, including Hughes, are the lackeys.

The masters know the rising temper of the working class and fear. They want troops, murderers, and they want these MURDERERS TO BE UNDER THEIR CONTROL AND WITHOUT CIVIL RIGHTS.

The master class are drawing immense revenues from the mines of Northern Ontario. To guard their unearned revenues they want troops, and Sam Hughes hastens to do their bidding.

Soldier must do as he is told. When martial law is declared he is ordered out. He must do as he is told, or is court martialed by the puppet-whisper-snapper-officers drawn from the master class—AND IS SHOT WITH-OUT A JURY TRIAL.

O yes, Sam knows the military law, and Sam is organizing the official murders of the capitalist class to be on the job of murdering workingmen, their wives and children, when the capitalist class want the murdering done.

Cobalt workers protest. They know what troops are for. They tell the truth, and Sam Hughes, with a Swiss cheese brain, full of holes, just like Henry Dab, gets mad, and vomits his spleen upon the world-producers who are men enough to demand justice.

Thugs, assassins, dynamiters, destroyers of homes are a few of the epithets he flings at the workers of the Social-Democratic party of Canada.

Comrades throughout Canada. Here is one of Borden's cabinet ministers, one of the inner ring of capitalist jackals, telling you that your masters think of you. Hughes has hobbled with the capitalist exploiters, your masters, he knows their thoughts, and he tells you. Borden and Laurier are not such fools. They think the same of you but keep mum. They give you soft words. But Sam tells right out in public. He wants you are thugs, assassins, destroyers of homes, and SAM IS THE HEAD OF THE TROOPS OF CANADA.

Do you know what that means? It means that Sam wants to shoot you down as enemies. He considers you to be pests. Give him a chance and your homes will be riddled with bullets by the rifles of the butchers of Canada.

Sam says you thwart the even trend of business. That is a crime in his eyes. Sam is now a millionaire if reports speak true. He is one of the grafters upon your sweated labor. And when you disturb the game of exploitation by striking, Sam grinds his teeth and rages—AND HE CONTROLS THE MEN WITH THE SHOOTING-IRONS—THE MEN WHO, IF THEY DO NOT OBEY, CAN BE COURT MARTIALED AND SHOT WITH-OUT A JURY TRIAL.

It is no crime for workers to assemble, to agitate politically, to strike, to try and get bigger pay for their wives and children can have a little less worry, a few more playthings. Section 498 of the Criminal Code defines what "Conspiracy is Restraint of Trade" is. At the close of the section is this paragraph: "Nothing in this section shall be construed to apply to combinations of workmen or employees for their own reasonable protection as such workmen or employees."

The law, the Capitalist law of Canada, declares that it is no crime for workers to do what would otherwise be conspiracy in restraint of trade. Yet Sam Hughes says it is civil war for you to merely disturb the even trend of business.

Do you see how tyrannical, how brutal Sam Hughes is? To merely disturb the even trend of business to him is civil war, and do you know what they do to rebels? They hang them out of hand. They shoot them down.

Do you see the enormity of Sam Hughes. He would hang you, or shoot you offhand for merely disturbing business by striking. AND SAM HUGHES IS AT THE HEAD OF THE ORGANIZED BUTCHERS OF CANADA AND IS PLANTING THE MEN WITH SHOOTING IRONS IN EVERY PLACE WHERE WORKERS WORK AND MAY GO ON STRIKE.

Let us not attack Sam Hughes alone. He is only one of the capitalist class. In their hearts they feel like him. Only they have sense enough to keep their mouths shut and to hire lickspittle politicians to praise you and wheedle your votes out of you.

Sam Hughes is a fool. Otherwise he would not have been drawn by the bait flung to him by the Cobalt Socialists. He has let his heart out. He has told his real feelings, the feelings of himself and his class.

He speaks throughout Canada, study Sam Hughes' words well. Know that he speaks as a Cabinet Minister of Canada. You can now see why the government gives Mackenzie and Mann \$45,000,000 while troops patrol Nanaimo and strikers are railroaded to jail.

Let his words be as flames of fire in your hearts. Exhort your wives and children's sake, for humanity's sake, for the sake of your long suffering class, rise. Cease not availing day or night. Over you hangs the threat of being shot as traitors, as vermin.

Get to work. Make your work tell. First and foremost, get subscriptions for Cotton's Weekly. This is one of the most effective ways of opening the eyes of your class to the real temper of your masters. Spread Sam Hughes' letter broadcast. Let the workers see how Sam regards a striker.

Organize a local. Get out on the soap box and arouse such a spirit of political unrest as will presage speedy victory.

Your masters are dangerous, legalized criminals. They control the courts, the laws and the soldiers. And with feverish activity they are through Sam Hughes, building bigger barracks and getting more soldiers enrolled.

I want your response. I want you to fling your answer back to your masters by making your fighting paper, Cotton's Weekly, known throughout the land.

Sam Hughes is a fool. Thank kind nature for making him one. May he long be Minister of Militia where he can bludge your masters' secret feelings to the working class so we may have documentary and inside information of their tiger, selfish, murderous hearts.

THOU SHALT NOT KILL

"Thou shalt not steal." Every capitalist, every Socialist, every thief, will say, "That's right." They are all against stealing. They are all against stealing—but they all differ as to the definition of stealing consists of.

If you had the laws made by burglars, you would have laws according to which the profession of burglary would be acclaimed as an ancient and honorable profession, perfectly legitimate and righteous. And it would be declared a crime for any policeman detective to take his booty away from the burglar. For a policeman so to act would be declared the crime of theft and the burglar could arrest the policeman and jail him for so acting.

The capitalist class enact the laws now, and there are many laws against all kinds of stealing. There are laws against breaking into banks, there are laws against forging checks, against workmen taking from the factory the goods they have made. We have moralists in pulpits, in the press, on the stump who denounce stealing. And they all denounce stealing from the capitalist class.

The capitalists have made the laws and the laws make the capitalist out to be a great and noble man and financier, labor-employing, stock-owner, to be dignified, lawful and eminent occupations.

The Socialist also is against stealing, but he defines stealing in an altogether different way. He says that the social wealth should belong to the wealth producers and the class that live by taking from the workers the difference between the wealth the workers produce and the bare cost of living of the workers is a thieves class.

Socialists realize that as the capitalists have made the laws, the people must abide by them and be robbed. The Socialists therefore strive to awaken the people so that another class of legislators may be put in power. These legislators would change the laws making labor to be the standard of reward instead of mere ownership.

Thou shalt not steal will still be in force under Socialism, only the definition of what theft consists of will be very much changed.

What Socialism Stands For

By W. S. Morgan.

Socialism stands for the uplift of the race. It stands for the highest civilization possible under a human government.

It seeks to universalize happiness by universalizing opportunities upon a human scale. It recognizes the universal brotherhood of man.

It stands for universal peace, because it not only contends that war is inhuman, but immoral and wasteful.

It has nothing to do with pligion, and bars no one from its ranks on account of his religious belief.

It is tolerant of the faults of humanity and would correct them by removing the cause.

In the establishment of universal happiness it would remove the cause of nearly all crime.

In the establishment of justice it would abolish poverty and misery.

It stands for a system where every useful toiler would secure the full fruits for his or her labor.

Socialism is opposed to violence; it stands for peaceable and educational methods and an honest and intelligent expression of the will of the people at the ballot box.

It opposes the dogma that one class of people was created to labor for the support of another class, and thus build up an aristocracy of wealthy idlers to prey upon the fruits of the toil of others.

It extends a helping hand to the thousands of children whose bodies are being dwarfed, whose opportunities for education are being taken away from them and whose hearts are shrivelled by the high cost of everlasting grinding toil, to the end that their plutocratic masters may increase their dividends and live in luxury.

It holds out the lamp of hope to the struggling women and girls who are working long hours under unsanitary conditions, and for wages that will barely keep body and soul together, and in many instances will not do that, and the victims are driven to lives of shame.

Socialism stands for a home for every toiler or wealth creator, and for the sanctity of that home based upon marriage for love, and not for convenience or for a property consideration. It stands for the family as the unit of society.

It is an economic philosophy, and not a scramble for spoils.

Its principles are based upon the humanitarianism of the Lowly Nazarene.

Its red flag is the symbol of universal brotherhood.

It is world wide in its character and labors for the uplift of the whole human race.

It regards the exploiting of the masses, through the seizure of the fruits of invention by a favored few, as the greatest crime of the age.

The owners of the machines are the masters of those who operate them, and thus the creators of wealth are the industrial slaves of the few who own the machines.

Socialism contends that the collective ownership of these machines would give to every toiler the full measure of wealth he or she created.

Its coming is being flashed in the face of predatory wealth—the spoilsmen of the working class.

It is an "irrepressible conflict."

There are no middle grounds.

Capitalism is making a desperate stand through bribery, corruption and the courts.

Its last resort will be the sword for which it is already preparing.

Socialists depend upon the education of the people and an impartial ballot.

Wherever blood is shed it is on the hands of capitalism.

Parker Williams, in a speech in Vancouver, showed how the Mackenzie and Mann crowd make money. They get huge government grants for building railways. They estimate if will cost \$1.40 per yard to excavate for the railway and give a contract to one of their subsidiary companies at \$1.20 per yard. The work is subcontracted all the way down to forty cents a yard and the men who actually do the work get 20 cents. There is profit in being a labor skinner. Sure there is.

The capitalists will not get off the backs of the working class without being shoved off.

The Woman Who Knows

I read an article in your paper of June 4th by Mary Nicolaeff. I wish I could see her and pat her on the back for telling the truth about the marriage of today.

Very few women would have the courage to say the things she said, for women are terrible cowards, and can you wonder at it? I know women who are married to the men they hate. I have had women tell me that they despise their husbands and they would be glad to hear of their death, and yet they lived with them and bore children by them. One poor working woman said to me, "My husband expects me to work all day and all night too. I just hate him. I loved him when I married him, but I guess we were not suited to each other."

I often wonder whether Ella Wheeler Wilcox knows what the average working woman has to put up with.

Ella writes beautiful poems about the coming race, and she gives good advice to the wife and mother.

When I read such poems, I say, "Slush, go preach to the men and teach them how to control themselves. How can a woman be pure and undefiled when she lives with a bestial man?"

I wish the women of Canada would wake up and help abolish this rotten system. Socialism is our only salvation. Sisters, if you love your daughters, work for Socialism.

Do you want to see your daughters suffer as you have suffered? You cannot be sure they will fare any better than you have fared and maybe not so well.

Yours for Socialism and the emancipation of women.—Mrs. Jane V. Brown, Lethbridge, Alta.

Frank A. Vanderlip, president of the National City Bank, New York, in an address before the National Bankers, urged the business men to go into politics to exterminate the demagogues. The British labor skinners have been in politics since Britain started politics going. Still, the so-called demagogue flourishes over there as well as in America, and horrors, he is being superseded by Socialists.

My Prayer

Oh Lord, find our preacher and his class useful work to do instead of begging day by day their stomachs to fill and to build a church and paragonage.

He comes to my house while I am at work with pointing that often makes me sick, and with my wife and children he prays for me. If I had shorter hours of work I could pray for he.

Sure we all know what is right and wrong. The ten commandments can be found. So what's the use keeping idle men to tell us any different.—W. K. Crosby, North Bend, B. C.

"I would like to call attention to an offence that calls for heroic treatment from official censors. How can we expect the young, shiftless and vicious to have any respect for the law and its representations if pictures are freely exhibited showing policemen to be both fools and crooks." This was part of the contribution of William A. Pinkerton at the convention of Police Chiefs recently held at Grand Rapids, Mich. He wants it made less majestic to exhibit police chiefs in picture shows in any way except in a dignified way. The workers who know what policemen and detectives are for, know that these creatures need all the protection they can get against having their veneer of respectability punctured.

When Sylvia Pankhurst resolved to place herself on the steps of the British parliament buildings and neither eat nor drink till the women had been granted an interview with Premier Asquith, Asquith caved in and granted the interview. He did not want to have a dead Pankhurst to rouse the fury of the British people against his Pecksniffian government. This does not sound like Great Britain. It sounds like some far off Eastern tale about a petitioner to a despot who would risk his life to appeal to the source of all power. Shows how far the British government has retrograded.

Eliminate rent, interest and profit and many a wellfed person would have to do useful work.

The Two Classes

(The following poem is written by Master Frederick Hilliard Bull, of Hastings Coulee, Alta. He is twelve years of age, a devoted student of Socialism, and a constant waiter for next Cotton's Weekly. We welcome him to the body of the poets of the revolution.)

Down in the ground, working in the mine,
While the worthless plutocrats are sipping at their wine,
There the toiling miners, digging jewels bright,
Work from early morning till very late at night.

Out in the forest, felling mighty trees,
While old Mr. Grabitall is sitting at his ease,
There the brawny lumbermen, working at the logs,
Shape the useful timbers that shelter all the "hogs."

Working in the fields stirring up the ground,
Where the greedy plutocrat never can be found,
There the toiling farmers, working ever on,
Are laughed at by the robbers, and then are walked upon.

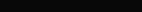
And thus we find it always, wherever we may go:
The workers toiling ever, while the rulers take the dough;
But we know that there's a remedy that's coming by and bye,
When the masters will have fallen and the heartless system die.

The Miners, Railwaymen and Transport Workers' Unions, including 1,250,000 workers are now federated in Great Britain. The Railwaymen in session at Swansea, have resolved not to work with nonunion men. This would have raised a great outcry a few years ago. Now it is taken as a matter of course.

The self interest of the working class is against the self interest of the capitalist class. And the capitalist class control the law making bodies.

The greatest hope for international peace is the Socialist movement.

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Puzzle

Improved machinery is called "labor saving" machinery. It is such, from the capitalist's point of view, because it makes it unnecessary for them to buy so much of one of the commodities used in producing goods, that is, laboring power.

Improved machinery is "labor-displacing" machinery, from the point of view of the working class, because it separates them from their job, their opportunity of making a living.

In which class are you, Henry?
The displaced workers cannot turn to other industries, because the improvements and displacements are occurring in all branches of industry.

Men without incomes have no purchasing power. While millions are idle, as is the case at present, the "market" shrinks. Factories either close, or reduce their output. The capitalists and politicians cry for foreign markets, in which to sell the goods we made but cannot buy. If the foreign countries don't take kindly to the invasion of American capitalists, why, there are plenty of idle men who can be used as soldiers to persuade them.

A little boy received a nickel from his mother each time he took a dose of castor oil. Upon being asked what he did with the nickel he replied: "O, I saved them up and buy more castor oil."

Who's the bigger Dubb, the boy or the American wage slave?—Isabod Thompson.

Brothers of Mine

I have been buried alive for four months. One hundred and twenty days and nights have I been in this cage.

I know each sturdy rivet, each true steel plate, each sturdy bar. The workmanship is good. My brothers who welded this thing in which I am, did their work well. I can almost hear the ring of their hammers as I look at the mute gray walls.

In a place far to the north where the hills range dip to the lakes, there was a brother of mine who dug daily in the dark depths of the mountain side. I see him bending to his task as he piles the ore high in the car beside him.

The flickering light on the peak of his cap throws his gigantic shadow on the cavern wall. The shadow is behind him. He has never realized its size.

Deep in the hold of a big lake boat that wallowed in the roll of a nor'easter, another brother of mine toiled among that ore that shifted with the roll of the vessel. His work that night saved the ore and the ship from foundering.

From out of the green hills of the Central South, a man dug chunks that made the heat under blazing furnaces miles away. He was a brother of mine. My little brother he'd my big brother. The little fellow picked over and sorted the black chunks and breathed the dust.

One night a darkened train from whose armored sides spat tongues of fire, volleyed its way through the mining camp. The boy was saved from further work in the breakers. His mother did not mourn him. She went, too.

In a cavernous steel shell, whose smutty sides shut out the light and air of day, a Bessemer boiled. Below it, in the red glare of the fire boxes my brothers heaped the black chunks on the flames. Above it other brothers, blinded and blistered, strained under the loads of ore they dumped into the awesome pit.

In another place to which more brothers of mine brought the steel, over shimmering rails and towering bridges and through the tunnels, all of their own making, there was another man—a big, broad-shouldered, deep-chested fellow, good to look upon.

With giant's tones he clasped a withering sheet of solid flame and pulled it while hot from the rolling mill. He turned his face away as he did it,—but that was because of the ache in his heat-baked eyes. He was bare of the waist, and sweat streaked the crime and sleeked the hair on his chest. Yes, he was my brother, too.

And here beneath my chair as I write, is that ore and coal and toil combined, brought here and builded well by all my brothers, to make the steel flooring of my cell.

I wonder if my brothers know for what they worked.

—Carl E. Person.

(The man in the prison cell who wrote the above eloquent article was editor of the official organ of the Federated Shopmen who have been on strike against the Illinois Central Railroad and the Harriman lines. He came to his splendidly efficient work as editor, he has been beaten up on several occasions by the brass knucks, gun totin' thugs that the Rockefeller type of capitalists are employing in such immense numbers today. He decided after the last time his life was endangered by the gunmen to arm himself. While working at his desk about five months ago the telephone rang and a strange voice asked to meet him at the interurban station on important business. Thinking it might be a brother in distress who did not wish to appear at his office he at once responded. As Comrade Person passed down the street by a cigar store a gun man who had sent the fake call in had the cigar store proprietor point out Person as he passed by. He stepped out of the store and struck Person with a heavy revolver on the back of the head. Covered with blood Person turned and clenched with his assailant and the two fell to the side walk while the gun man continued to beat him up. Person managed to ret his gun out and shot the everlasting daylight out of the thug. Instead of being at once turned loose and given a vote of thanks by the citizens for bravely defending himself, Comrade Person was locked up, charged with murder and goes on trial for his life.

The Illinois Central Railroad controls the officials of Clinton, Iowa, where the trial takes place, so our Comrade's life is in serious danger.—The Rebel, Texas.

The master class know it is merely a question of time when the Socialists will win the political power.

Carr in Toronto

Comrade Edward Ellis Carr, has finished his course of lectures in Toronto and they were certainly a great success. The collections were not sufficient to meet the expenses incurred, so the comrades have dipped down and helped out, so we will be practically clear. The good done will amply repay the outlay. The meetings were not as largely attended as they would no doubt have been, owing to the terrible accident to the Empress of Ireland, that happened at the commencement of the lecture, which cast a gloom over the entire world and this city especially. Comrade Chas. Moir, vice-president of the Christian Socialist Fellowship, lost his wife, and there are few families in this city who did not lose a friend or acquaintance. Yet our meetings were well attended, more so by our comrades than by the church people. Though all the meetings except the last one were held in churches. We hope that Comrade Carr has convinced his hearers that it is at least possible for a man to be a Christian and a Socialist, and that the aim of true Christianity (not Churchianity) and Socialism are nearly the same on the great issue of life.

Questions were asked and answered at every meeting, in a way that satisfies even the most revolutionary Socialist. Throughout the entire series the best of good will was shown, and we trust a work has been done that will be of lasting benefit to the cause of Socialism. When the comrades, centre their attack and keep their guns aimed at capitalism and the present cut-throat system, we then see great work done. "For a house divided against itself cannot stand," and as long as the working class fight amongst themselves, capitalism will quietly laugh in derision. This lesson, I hope, Comrade Carr has taught, and we will not forget it soon.—A. W. Moore.

Soldiers, Slaves and Hell

By Eugene V. Debs.

Soldiers are recruited in all capitalist nations to keep down rebellious wage slaves. The soldier himself is a slave hired by the ruling class to shoot other slaves when they rise in revolt against their masters.

The talk about patriotism in connection with these hired man-killers, is not only the rankest of false pretence, but an insult to the intelligence of even a slave.

The soldier under modern capitalism is not only the cheapest kind of a hireling and the cowardliest kind of a man-killer, but he is so detestably degenerate that for the miserable pittance of less than fifty cents a day he hires himself to the master class as a strike breaker and a scab, binding himself to murder his own father and his own brother when ever and wherever they dare to strike against starvation and slavery.

It is these uniformed assassins who are now shooting unarmed workmen and their homeless, hungry wives and children in Michigan and Colorado.

It is these strike breaking hirelings who stood guard over poor Mother Jones as if she were a wild beast, for sympathizing with the starving miners and having the courage to denounce the red handed slave-drivers and the fawning lickspittles in public office for having made a hell of Colorado in which tyranny and corruption hold riotous carnival and resistance to slavery is the crime of crimes.

To rob and plunder the toilers and producers the capitalists require the services of legalized murderers and that is what the soldiers are. They are hired to hold up the workers while the capitalists go through their pockets. If the victims objects or try to break away, KILL THEM!

SOLDIERS AND SLAVERY ARE HELL!
They are one and inseparable, now and forever.

The whole scheme of militarism is to blind the deluded workers to the false glories that they may be used to prop up a despotic government and a rotten civilization.

Militarism is the arch foe of Socialism, for the reason that Socialism is the arch foe of slavery.

Militarism is a survival of the black ages of savagery, superstition and ignorance, and the working hosts of the world should be aroused to grapple with and overthrow it.

Without the workers, who are at the same time its misguided supporters and its mutilated and bleeding victims, militarism falls to the earth and becomes a horrid nightmare of history.

Gentlemen opposite forget that the education acts of the last forty years have effected an enormous change in the attitude of the people towards governments. Unhealthy houses and starving children were thought of as the old days to be dispensations of providence. The people think so no longer. They are as educated today as their masters were fifty years ago. They know, so far from its being a divine decree, it is on the contrary the mismanagement of men. They mean to demand a change and they are coming to this house, which they command, realizing for the first time their power. Gentlemen opposite think that rumors of insurrection are only to be heard in Ulster. They are mistaken. There is a revolt surging up in every country amongst millions of men against their conditions, and unless the rich, the present people of this country, are prepared in time to make sacrifices to lift their less favored fellow citizens out of their wretchedness the day will come, and it will come soon when they will look back with amazement and with regret to the day when they protested against the 1s. 4d. extra insurance against revolution proposed by the government.—Lloyd George in Parliament.

At Lemoxville, P.Q. the Duke of Connaught declared that "The church and the army have always been very good friends." In other words priestcraft goes hand in hand with murder.

A parent organ can live without the aid of a parasite, but a parasite plant cannot live without the parent organ. And the capitalists are parasites upon the workers.

Poverty the Cause of Intemperance

By Mary E. Garbutt.

I have been a member of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union for twenty-five years. The line of argument many temperance workers make today as the cause of poverty, I used to make myself. They say that if the workingman would keep away from the saloon and quit drinking, he and his family would have the necessities of life, if not its comforts. They cite specific cases and then draw their general conclusions from a few isolated facts.

"There's Mr. Smith's family," says a W.C.T.U. member, "in destitute circumstances. Mr. Smith drank the greater part of the time so that he cannot keep a job when he gets one. And there's Mr. Brown; my next door neighbor," exclaims another white ribboner, "his wife and children objects of charity because he spends his time and money in the saloon." I heard one of our prominent State temperance workers say but a short time ago, speaking of the army of children working in the cotton mills of the South, that if their fathers would keep sober and go to work, child labor would cease.

Now, what are the real facts in the case? Is intemperance the immediate cause of poverty, or on the other hand, does poverty largely act as a cause, in producing intemperance? And today under the present industrial system, are not a large proportion of the workers poor, even though total abstainers?

Two things are absolutely essential for a workingman to have the necessities of life. First, work to do, and second, large enough wages to meet the needs of himself and family. If he is employed only part of the time and his wages are low, poverty must as a matter of fact follow whether he drinks or not.

In the year 1903, Carroll D. Wright gives the percentage of those unemployed during some portion of the year as 49.8 per cent. (See 18th Annual Labor Report, page 42). The census of 1900 placed it in round numbers at 6,468,964, or 22.8 per cent of the total. If we had the figures for the year just ended, we would find them largely in excess of those quoted above, owing to the panic, which came like a clap of thunder out of a clear sky, in the midst of what we were told was "unprecedented prosperity."

Commissioner Wright enumerates some of the causes of idleness as follows:

Establishments closed.....	56.96 per cent
Sickness.....	23.65 per cent
Strikers.....	2.67 per cent
Accidents.....	1.46 per cent
Drunkenness.....	.26 per cent

From this report, simply a fraction of 1 per cent of the idleness among workmen is caused from intemperance, comparatively a small proportion arises from strikes, but the majority of the unemployed are caused by other industries, causes over one-half of the idleness, while the large per cent of sickness as a cause is largely attributable to a disregard, to a criminal extent, of the employers of labor to the health of their employees.

Less than 3 per cent of the appalling total of idleness which exists in this country can be charged to the working class.

Now let us glance briefly at the wages paid and see if they are commensurate with the needs of the worker and his family.

Under the present system of capitalism it is to the interest of the employing class to have a large army of the unemployed pitting against the employed. This competition is a chance to work minimizes wages, by making labor a commodity in the market, its price governed by the law of supply and demand. At least one-fourth of the working class employed get no more than ten dollars per week for their labor. The competition which occurs to most of them, cut this amount down in the course of the year. In the majority of cases 20 to 25 per cent of these wages must go for rent, leaving from six to seven dollars a week for the living expense of a family of three or four or more.

Do you look as if these poorly paid workers should be able to live decently? No, they should be only thirty and frugal and left alone, would keep the wolf from the door?

If the saloons were all closed and the people all total abstainers, the pall of poverty would still hang over the home of the working man, because of his enforced idleness, and the poor wages paid for his labor.

It is a fact that all careful students of social conditions today recognize that intemperance, as it exists among the poor, is not truly the result of poverty, but the cause. Professor Richard G. Ely says "We should never forget the temptations to intemperance which lie in the character of the toil of many laborers. Long hours are regarded by competent authorities as a cause which predisposes to the use of intoxicants. The strain of work by the side of rapidly moving machinery on the nervous system is another predisposing cause of intemperance which has attracted serious attention."

Frances E. Willard said: "Under the search light of knowledge in these later days it is folly for us longer to ignore the mighty power of poverty to induce evil habits of every kind. It was only our ignorance of the conditions of the industrial classes that magnified a single propaganda and minimized every other, so that the temperance people, in earlier days believed that if men and women were temperate all other material good would follow in the train of that great grace."

The only way to have a sober people is to strike at the root of the evil which causes inebriety. Poverty, long hours of labor, the nerve-strain under which men toil, the anxiety from the insecurity of their jobs, remove all these; and in a short time the demand for a stimulant would cease and drunkenness would be unknown.

I call upon the Woman's Christian Temperance Union and other temperance organizations to get down to the bed rock cause of the drink habit. It is folly to work with effects; yea, it is criminal, in the light of the knowledge we have. Miss Willard pointed the way. Why should we not be brave enough to follow, and align ourselves with the Socialist movement, which proposes to eliminate poverty, and thereby the train of evils that result from it?

In New Brunswick the way the crafters got the graft is being exposed. Timber limits were leased to lumber companies for \$100 per square mile. The \$100 went into the public treasury. But the timber limit leasers paid \$15 per square mile more. The \$15 went into the pockets of the politicians. The lumber companies could afford to pay the rakeoff as there was plenty of profit left for them. This is how capitalist politicians treat the public domain entrusted to their charge.

With the private ownership of the machines, the machine do the work and the workers are turned out to starve. With the Social ownership of the machines the machines would do the work and the workers would enjoy the machine created wealth.

Enthusiasm at Stratford

"Why split the ranks of reform," plaintively bleats the editor of the Stratford, Ont., Daily Beacon (Local Grit Organ) in an editorial dealing with Comrade James Simpson's meeting at Stratford. He's getting cold feet, this man who predicted that 11 votes would not be polled by the Local Social Democrats, and good reason too. For two solid hours did Comrade Jimmie hold a crowd that could not have packed inside the city hall. Did we engage bands to attract the crowd, such as the Grits have to, in order that tuneless selections from the trombone may be followed by unsavory predictions of "abolished bars?" Not on your life. No bands for wage slaves as \$1.75 per day. Have we finely lighted, inviting Committee Rooms in which to herd the unsophisticated sheep yet inclined Liberal or Toryward? Nix, No lambs' heads in our bunch. Thanks, "Musie hath charms" certainly, but not when the worker foots the bill. No: just the pot and paste brush brigade to announce the meeting, a borrowed rig for Comrade to stand on, but it would take more party funds than the bosses would care to put up to beat the enthusiasm, as burst upon burst of cheering hailed some specially well driven point by Toronto's Socialist Controller. The two short hours he spoke were an education to every man present, and if there was a worker who could walk away from that meeting and put his head in either of the old party nooses, there must be something wrong with his thinking apparatus.

Simpson seems to have been everywhere and seen everything, and no doubt what he related regarding his personal experience helped to create the strong impression he has left with the citizens of Stratford.—E. W. Wright, Stratford.

Dave Goldstein in Quebec

Dave Goldstein, the Jew Catholic, has lectured in Quebec City, and the daily papers there declared that his lecture was "strong and convincing."

A Comrade of Quebec wants to know why Goldstein, who ran on the Socialist ticket as Mayor of Boston in 1897, is now such a wild anti-Socialist, and wants Cotton's to answer.

Goldstein could not have run for Mayor of Boston on the Socialist Party ticket in 1897 for the reason that the Socialist Party of America was not in existence then. It did not come into existence till 1901. As late as 1896 Eugene V. Debs was still a supporter of Bryan.

Goldstein may have been a candidate on the Socialist Labor Party ticket which in 1876 declared against ballot box action and in 1880 supported the Greenback party. He may have been of those Socialists who in 1886 voted for Henry George and Single Tax. We do not know what he was in 1897. But he claims to have run on the Socialist Party ticket he is deceiving the public.

A Jew who turns Socialist and then turns Catholic is some bird. We cannot explain him. When he turns anti-Socialist he could not have been a Socialist to begin with.

He has toured America and Canada and where he has been Socialists have seen him tearing and garbling Socialist utterances to suit his own purposes. He was laughed at in Vancouver and treated as a huge joke. In Quebec city he is considered "convincing." If he can convince Quebec, Quebec is more backward than we thought it was.

There is a spirit of the age. There is a scientific atmosphere. We have delved into nature. Socialists read many books. They read Haackel and Spencer and Mendel and Weissmann and many other scientific writers. When Socialists accept the views of these scientists, many of whom are not Socialists, they like Dave Goldstein hold up their hands in holy horror and declare the Socialists are pulling down society.

Marx was a Jew. Dave is a Jew. Marx embraced science; Dave embraces Catholicism, whether from conviction or from platform profit desires is not known. And Dave the Catholic Jew belabors Marx the scientific Jew for not being a Christian.

From the reputation, Dave has got as a lecturer he appears to be light timber, too light to be taken seriously.

Proletarian Sparks

By A. Sussman.

We Socialists never know when we are defeated, that's why we are always victorious. It is a remarkable irony of History that she always chooses the "Lowly" of Society to realize the highest ideas in life.

To make all hands do useful work, all brains to think healthy and beautiful thoughts all hearts to feel deeply, love sweetly, is the aim of Socialism.

Better to be a private in the army of peace than to be a general in the army of war.

A Socialist without a Party is not only a half Socialist, but a half man.

Every institution that refuses to follow in the march of time, declares itself in love with death.

In the Socialist movement the Woman's question is solved both sexes have the same rights and the same duties.

Rights we all have, but he who has the power enjoys them.

Compromise is the yellow passport we give to our principles.

On the field of struggle between labor and capital there is no place for onlookers. Here even neutrality means to be in the side of capitalism.

Force is no power. Power is no force. Where the workers have power they need no force. Where they have no power, force will not help.

Brutal force is the most fearful enemy to the Socialist Revolutionary army. "That's why the Socialist Democracy is the sworn enemy against every form of brutal force."

If the home and religion can only bloom in a society based upon corruption exploitation and prostitution, then to hell with them all.

Hunger and scabs have not broken as many strikes as the police, militia and judges.

There is more sensible ground in the fear of our enemies for the growth of our movement than in the doubt of our friends for its success.

Better the shame to be one of the "outcasts" of society who fights for a more beautiful and just society, than the "honor" of being a respectable citizen who defends a society of corruption and prostitution.

Lay it down as a safe proposition, that he who shakes the babe's bank for car fare is a man who has made some one a banker.

If the uses of adversity are sweet the working class must be pretty sure to win now.

System

There is a magazine published in the United States, called "system". Its contents, advertisements and reading matter, consist almost entirely of how to eliminate needless expenses, and how to increase profits, in office, store or factory. One may judge how vast and important a matter like this is, from the fact that "system" is now in its 24th volume. But, under capitalism, this plantfulness is only practised in the separate establishments, where nothing escapes the lynx-eyes of boss or of superintendent; for nothing is known of what really goes on in a competitor's premises. The result of this is the industrial crisis, such as this unhappy country is now passing through. Take a simple example. Say a certain industry is carried on by two factories, one of which gets three-quarters and the other one-quarter of the trade. But as experience proves trade conditions often change; so that our typical industry might be shared half and half between the two factories.

The first factory thinking it was, as before, going to get its share of three-quarters of the trade, instead of one-half, of course produces "too much" before it realizes the truth. Hence, it discharges its hands, who readily find employment in the other factory which is now getting one-half, instead of its previous one-quarter of the trade. But the latter is also deceived, for it imagines it has captured three-quarters instead of its previous one-quarter of the trade. When after also having "overproduced" it finds out its mistake, it discharges its hands who now cannot get employment from the other factory, which, too, is stocked up. Hence we find a number of workers not only unable to buy back 80 per cent worth with their wage of 20 per cent, but who being unemployed, cannot buy back anything at all. As these unemployed workers used to buy the products of other workers, the latter are not now supported by the first bunch, so that they too are thrown on the streets. So it goes like an infectious disease, right through the land, industry after industry being affected.

This is what Engels means when he speaks of "Contradiction between social organization in the separate factories and social anarchy in production at large." Until we eliminate competition, and production for profit, instead of for use, until the people own and control all the factories necessary to their welfare, we will never see or enjoy an adequate "system" in practice. In short there is no hope for the workers until they abolish capitalism and establish Socialism.—Comrade, Carlyle, Sask.

Prosperity for Workers

(From the Fort William Times-Journal, June 11th.)

Crouched behind a pile of lumber, with the wolfish glare of hunger in his eyes, a man waited and watched the men employed at the Canadian Car and Foundry company's works enjoying their lunch at noon yesterday. They had brought with them substantial fare, sandwiches, with slabs of meat balanced between great slices of bread and as they ate, they eagerly tossed the bones and scraps aside. The watcher kept his eye on these, and no sooner had the whistle called the workers back to their afternoon shift, than he darted out, and, with a furtive glance around, as if he was ashamed of the necessity which urged him on, he hastily collected all the discarded crumbs with eager hands, scanned the ground anxiously lest some fragment should be missed, and retreated to his shelter, where, sorting out a portion for himself, and making off the food thrown away by his more lucky fellow men the first meal that he had tasted that day, he wrapped up the remainder into a parcel in the piece of newspaper, to take home, it may be presumed, to those for whom he was unable to provide better fare.

Never, probably, in the history of Fort William, has the pinch of actual hunger been worse felt by men who would be willing to work if work were offered, and who could not but be aware of the fact that the face of incidents like this, the people must hesitate before they decline to give a meal to those unlucky ones to whom the crumbs from the working man's lunch are like the crumbs that fall from Dives' table.

Mine's Will Expel Militia Men

Whereas, the clash of interest between capital and labor is increasing daily, the wealth producers being robbed of the products of their toil by the master class through the power of government; and whereas:

The efforts of the organized workers to obtain better working conditions, in reduction of hours of labor and sufficient remuneration are met by government guns, in the hands of the militia, in obedience to the government; and whereas:

The government is no more nor less than organized capitalists who have control of the means of production, and who control the military forces which are used to suppress the revolting working class; and whereas:

We hold that no man should bear arms against his brothers on strike for rightful conditions, and if no man would enlist in the militia or other military forces, the workers would be safer in making their just demands. Therefore be it resolved: That (Gowanda, Ont., Miners Union, No. 154, W.F.M. on record as being in favor of expelling any member of the W.F.M. who joins the militia, or if he is already a member of the militia and does not withdraw as soon as his contract will permit.—(Signed) Committee, A. D. Hardie, Jos. O'Neill, G. H. Appleby.

Mance at Elk Lake, Ont.

Comrade Mance was here on Saturday and Sunday, 13th and 14th of June, and held two large meetings.

On Saturday he held an organizing meeting which resulted in enrolling about twenty new members, some of whom were members of Sam's would-be militia.

On Sunday Comrade Mance spoke to a large crowd. His subject was "Socialism what it is, and what it is not," which certainly lifted the cobwebs from the eyes of the Henry Dubbs around this burg.

Comrade Mance left on Monday to spread the gospel of the up lift of humanity at other points of the Temiskaming District. He left a good impression behind him with the pure milk and good roads reformers at Elk Lake.—Richard J. Cornish.

At the Methodist Conference recently held in Montreal it was resolved that the question whether a millionaire can be a Christian should be put out of the Sunday School and Bible study hours. The subject chosen was Christianity and wealth. Shows the millionaire labor skinner has his claws on the church.

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Comrades:—The following is the result of the several referendums for the holding of a Dominion Convention in 1915, and the amendment to the constitution, assessment of 24 cents from Finnish comrades, and 5 cents English for organization work.

Convention in Sept., 1915, for 791, against 70.

Proportion of delegates; for, 738; against, 47.

Number regulated by report; for 724; against, 35.

Time for election, (60) days; for, 743; against, 56.

Convention fund 25 cents a year; for, 705; against, 82.

Assessment of 24 and 5 cents; for 741; against, 87.

Compensation of Secy. P. E. O.; for, 545; against, 102.

The above is a correct statement of the returns as received from locals and secretaries of P.E.C. and Language committees. Young in revolt.—H. Martin, Secretary, Dom. Exco. Committee, Berlin, Ont.

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