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THE UNEMPLOYED

The unemployed are with us. The workers seek a job and cannot find it.

In Montreal, five thousand unemployed gathered on the Champs de Mars and demanded work. The committee of the unemployed visited the mayor and he referred them to the city council. They visited the city council. The councillors sat around the council board, fat and contented. They were respectable and prosperous. They sneered at the committee, sneered at the unemployed, laughed sarcastically at their demands. And outside the unemployed stood, hungry and desperate, the look of despair was in their eyes. Instead of sneering the councillors should have been afraid. For hungry men are the greatest danger confronting the property-holding class of a city.

The city council turned down the unemployed, but took other action. The police are stopping the open air meetings of Socialists. The workers are listening too eagerly to the message of freedom.

In Winnipeg when the unemployed were turned away from the city employment bureau, they went to a vacant lot and held a meeting, members of the unemployed addressing their comrades. The police descended, rained blows on the heads of the unemployed, beat up Joseph Dudar, the speaker, and arrested three men, Dudar, Tyndkowski and Dymak, and charged them with unlawful assembly. These three men will be railroaded to jail by the jackal judges of Winnipeg unless mighty protests are raised.

An unemployed worker dropped off at Field, B.C. The police told him to jump the train for Calgary as there was plenty of work there. At Ogden, just outside of Calgary, eighty workers dropped off the train. The police were unable to handle more than six and these were arrested and let go again as the taxpayers do not care to feed the unemployed in jail.

Socialists say let the workers capture the political power. The Dominion government is pumping in the immigrants and dumping them into Winnipeg. They are to be the slaves of the owners of capital but no job is given them. Let the workers vote the ballot to capture the power, the Dominion government is passing a law raising the time limit for naturalization from three to five years. This is done to keep the immigrant slaves from voting.

The unemployed look for relief. Where shall they get it?

The Socialists of Montreal demanded that the city begin at once the construction of municipal houses.

The Trades and Labor Council of Winnipeg have telegraphed Premier Borden demanding that the government take steps to care for the unemployed.

In Great Britain the Independent Labor Party demands that each worker be guaranteed the right to work.

In the United States the Socialists demand that the government undertake reclamation works to relieve the unemployed.

What policy do the Socialists of Canada adopt with regard to the question? None, so far officially. We aim at the capture of the political power so as to put the capitalist class out of business. This is a grand aim and must not be lost sight of. But in the meantime the workers must live and they will turn to those who promise them immediate assistance, or bend their energies in that direction.

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If the Socialists would marshal the unemployed of the various cities, show the tremendous waste of energy, the suffering, and DEMAND relief, the capitalist politicians would have to get busy.

As it is, the unemployed suffer, the capitalist press refuse publicity in any adequate manner, and the capitalists continue to rule and deceive.

By active work now the Socialists can show the breakdown of capitalist rule and tear the mask of hypocrisy from the robbers and their political henchmen.

MUST ACHIEVE THEIR OWN FREEDOM

When the Empress of Ireland went down, the papers were full of the awful wreck. When a mine blows up and kills hundreds of workers, the incident is soon buried. The exploiters travel by sea for pleasure and fear, for their own carcasses. This is a grand aim and must not be lost sight of. But in the meantime the workers must live and they will turn to those who promise them immediate assistance, or bend their energies in that direction.

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The New Order Brings Pulsing Life

Can you draw enthusiasm from watching a dying person?

Can you know what life is liked by dissecting a corpse?

Can you have a life movement of revolt by dissecting capitalism or watching its death throes?

Karl Marx analyzed the capitalist system. He analysed it to a farcical end. He took the system all to pieces. He showed how it worked. He predicted its death. He declared that out of the old world come a new, a better system.

Marx did not give us pictures of the new state. He engaged in the class struggle. He fought the pretensions of the rulers of his day.

The new system of society is being born now. Every day the old system gets a new shock in some quarter. Every day the new system grows stronger. There is the abolition of the slums, pure milk crusades, strikes for shorter hours, city planning, increasing taxation of the rich, national ownership of natural monopolies like the railways, co-operative societies, unions demanding greater concessions from politicians, unemployed growing cold and invading the churches, the city halls and demanding work, workers unemployed refusing to scab on their employed brothers.

What are you doing? Are you in the dissection class analysing the corpse of capitalism? Are you watching the death throes of the old? Or are you taking part in the new? Are you melancholy through sitting at the bedside of old capitalism or are you joyful in the youth of the co-operative commonwealth? Are you mulling dry bones or is the pulsing life of the new order bringing great joy to you?

FACING THE ISSUES.

You, a Socialist, go forth to win the world to the new faith.

You give your time, your energy, your means to the movement. What do you accomplish?

You want the workers to unite for the overthrow of capitalism. You speak of robbery and the workers agree with you. They say the system is rotten and they ask you, "What do you Socialists intend to do?"

You tell them you want the workers to seize the whole political power so they may transform the private ownership of the means of production and distribution into the collective possession of the working class. You are told that is fine, but what are the steps you are going to take now. That is in the future. In the meantime the people want some relief. The workers cry out for redress and you point to ultimate triumph at some future date.

You may be asked what will happen when the workers win, what steps will they take to put their political principles into operation, and you say that that will be decided by the workers then. We have heard Socialists say that very thing time and time again.

You appeal for votes and the votes you get are few. You see in a little country like Denmark with six millions of people a Socialist party with twenty-six thousand members and you see in Canada with eight millions of people a Social-Democratic party of four thousand members. No doubt you wonder why it is.

It is not the inability of the average Canadian Socialist speaker to point out the way, the steps of Socialism progress, the reason for the small membership and the few votes we get?

Is the average worker not wise in trusting a party which lays down a broad principle like collective ownership without specifying any steps to be taken to bring it about?

A party which would get the supreme political control merely upon the platform of vesting the ownership of industry in the collective working class would have no program to bring the desirable end about. In the struggle which would ensue to put this end into actual fact, there would be divisions and struggles.

Would it not be well to lay down now the steps to be taken to effect the revolutionary end?

STEP-AT-A-TIME SOCIALISTS.

We are perfectly well aware that in some quarters reforms are sneered at. The impossibility heaped contempt upon those Socialists who want to accomplish the revolution and are willing to proceed a step at a time.

We have been studying the question a long time. We have been observing and reading and studying results.

Many claim to be firm adherents of Marx. They call themselves Marxian Socialists and then turn down reforms. They say the capitalists will bring about reforms in their own interest. They say our business is to teach the workers. And reforms are left to one side completely in their scheme of propaganda.

Yet Marx in his Communist Manifesto has this to say:

"The proletariat will use its political supremacy to wrest, by degrees, all capital from the bourgeoisie, to centralize all instruments of production in the hands of the state, i. e., of the proletariat organized as the ruling class; and to increase the total of productive forces as rapidly as possible."

Socialist Movement Prevents War

It is now possible to estimate the respective gains and losses in the French Elections. As we record last week, the Socialist Party has increased its strength from 67 to 101, the reactionary parties of the Centre and the Right have lost 36 seats, whilst the Radicals have held their own. A careful analysis shows that the advocates of the Three Years Military Service scheme have lost 50 seats, though it is doubtful whether the strength of the Socialists and Radicals is sufficiently great to secure an immediate amendment of the law.

In an article on the French elections in the Nation, the Liberal organ edited by Mr. H.W. Massingham, a notable tribute is paid to the influence the International Socialist movement brings to bear on the side of peace.

"To the foreign observer," says the writer, "the really dramatic issue is whether this growing Socialist force, united across frontiers, is at last within sight of forcing a permanent peace upon Europe by conveying pressure from within."

The hundred French Socialists join hands across the Alsatian frontier with the hundred and thirteen Germans. Formidable as their forces already are, they have the impetus which comes from the certainty of future growth. There is something of the stormy petrel in this movement which flies against the wind. Sweden is shaken by an alarm over Russian aggression which to us at least seems by no means unreasonable. But Socialism emerges from a "khaki" election the second strongest party in the country, with almost one-third of the Lower House behind it. Bulgaria, after a year of passion and glory and defeat, finds itself suddenly endowed with a Socialist Party as resolutely anti-militarist and relatively as strong as that of any older civilisation. The better the electoral system, the surer is its growth; as in Sweden and Bulgaria the adoption of proportional representation is certain to increase its forces.

The International Socialist movement, says the Nation, works formidably for peace in two ways. Whilst it is not yet strong enough to prevent the inflation of Budgets by militarism, it is almost everywhere strong enough to transfer the burden of taxation to the shoulders of the ruling classes. Without such a check, the Nation continues, the progress of militarism would be even more devastating than it is. Secondly, whilst the Socialist movement cannot yet prevent the growth of armaments, it does prevent their use.

We believe that the influence of Socialism is now so widespread as to be a check upon any war for any end and save a defence so legitimate and so inevitable that even a Socialist conscience would regretfully approve it. What the Swedish Socialists did to prevent war on Norway, the French and Germans would do for each other.

When Socialists are inclined to be pessimistic, let them take heart from the fact that their opponents acknowledge that already they have made themselves the guardians of the peace of Europe. We want a little more healthy pride in ourselves—British Labor Leader.

The workers get a bare wage. The surplus values created by them surge up to the master class. The masters squabble and fight among themselves to hoist these surplus values each for himself. In the fight some of the capitalists get squeezed out of the hog trough and have to go to work. These examples are held up to show the tremendous risk capitalists ran in managing industry. As the capitalists whine about the risk they undertake Socialists will relieve them of the risk by having the working class take over the management and ownership of industry.

I See An Army

By Herbert Morrison.

I see an army.

For many years has it marched—its origin is obscured in the far, far distant past; nobody can say from when or where its march commenced; nobody knows who its first generals were. Many are the types of people who have gone to the making of its ranks; chattel slaves and philosophers, outlaws and clergymen, serfs and scientists, intellectuals and men who never went to school, skilled artisans and unskilled laborers, rough men and women, and women and men of culture, dramatists, artists and novelists—all of them have been and are in ranks of this army.

It is the army which never began; it is the army which never ends.

In all the countries of civilization and in all their cities, the soldiers of this army are to be found. They are to be found in all the fights waged for truth, and justice, and freedom; in all the struggles for peace and good will; in all the wars with poverty and destitution; in all the battles for beauty and spiritual elevation; in all the triumphs over tyrants and the power of darkness.

It is the army which never admits defeat, the army of tireless men and women—and even children! Despite obstacles, disappointments and temporary details, the heads of all the soldiers are turned toward the light with souls which are cheered with the optimism of the righteous.

I see an army. It is the army of Red Internationalism.

The Ecstasy of Christ

Adown the centuries there peals a voice
From One who taught to those who will not
"Curst are the rich, although the world
is theirs!
"Curst are the hypocrites of flaunting
prayers!
"Curst are the proud oppressors of the
poor!
Put up the sword, or with the sword be
slain!
Feed ye my lambs, oh, shepherds of my
fold!
Then came the tragedy on Calvary:
Eclipse and darkness and the quaking earth
While Pilate "washed his hands in innocence"
Barabbas shook on high his robber-sword;
And Roman captains boasted of "the Law."
There yet survive a few who teach that creed
"Curst are the men who steal the people's
food!"
Vain are the prayers of mouths that
choke with gold!
Be just, or all your laws are filthy rags;
Draw not the sword on men who cry for
bread!
Scorn not the poor whom ye yourselves
make poor!"
And lo, the age-worn tragedy repeats!
The preachers of that creed, in prison bonds
Look thro' their wild-head bars with souls
set free.
While gross Barabbas of the Trust and Mart
Feasts at the table of the false High Priest:
And Pilate, crouching on the indignant seat,
Shudders at tremblings of the Underworld."
—F. TREGAR.

The French army has hundreds of ranking officers who are members of the Socialist party organization. At a banquet given in Paris recently by Socialist deputies, in the Chamber, upwards of 100 officers attended. The propaganda of peace is "vigorously received" even among those the capitalist class train for murder.

No Legislation this Session

Organized and other labor throughout the Dominion will no doubt feel keenly the blow dealt them by the prolonged ill health of the Minister of Labor. According to a recent dispatch from Ottawa the health of the minister is such as to make it impossible for him to introduce any labor legislation this session. It may be the finger of providence pointing a warning to Labor to desist from the disgraceful unemployed riots and other demonstrations shameful to this fair Dominion and which have become only too common, when the only man in the country who has the power to mitigate things somewhat is hardly able to sit up and take a little nourishment. We can only trust for the speedy recovery of Mr. Crothers and fervently hope that, in the meantime, his salary will not be stopped. The following dispatches have not yet been received from Ottawa, and we take the liberty of anticipating them.

ACCIDENT TO FINANCE MINISTER.

While leaving his office at the parliament building today, Hon. Mr. White met with a painful, though not serious accident, through tripping over a bundle of decimal fractions, carelessly left on the floor by a clerk. Though as stated, the accident is not a serious one, Mr. White's physician has ordered complete rest for three months. This means of course that the bonuses, subsidies and guarantees of railway bonds cannot be put through this session, as the estimates, etc., for same are not in shape. William and Daniel, when acquainted with the news of the accident, were prostrated.

MISHAP TO HON. SAM HUGHES MEANS DISBANDMENT OF MILITIA.

An accident fraught perhaps with serious consequences to the country occurred last evening. Hon. Sam Hughes, Minister of Militia, while inspecting the local militia, was crushed between the front and rear ranks of "Z" Company, 23rd Fusiliers. The accident was due to a mistake in orders (the same kind of thing happened at Balaclava), and while no serious complications are anticipated, the hon. gentleman's medical advisers have insisted on at least two months' abstinence from the duties of his office. As the Colonel always strictly makes the estimates of his department his personal care it follows that until he is well again the militia supplies must be halted, and the defense of the country must be temporarily dissolved. In the meantime the Manufacturers' Association, it is expected, will organize a defensive force of their own.

SEALING WAX IS COLD.

The Secretary of State is suffering with writer's cramp. On account of the governor-generalship job becoming vacant at this time much inconvenience will be experienced because the pay cheque cannot come through. Nothing, however, will daunt the ardour of the new man and he will come over searier rather than not be on hand when the whistle blows.

Grave fears are entertained of the health and staying powers of the watch dogs of the treasury. On the other hand Bill and Dan retain their ever increasing robustness, and the prospects of retaining that \$45,000,000 another week are of the "slimmest"—Winnipeg Voice.

An epidemic of burglaries has struck Westmount, a town bordering on Montreal where many of the capitalist class reside. Hungry men must eat and if the capitalists deny work and wages they must expect their homes to be burglarized. Burglary is a result of the capitalist system.

EDUCATION

For sixty or seventy years the Socialists have been educating the public.

At first the process was slow. The handful of Socialists around Marx blazed the way. They were set upon by police spies. They were exiled. They were treated as enemies of society.

But because their ideas were right, the dynamic power contained in them worked in society, till now the Socialists are numbered by the tens of millions.

Even those who now oppose Socialism do so half heartedly. They hem and haw. They admit some things in Socialism to be good. And they wax eloquent against things which Socialists do not uphold, such as dividing up, breaking up the home, letting the lazy live off the active, etc.

The capitalists still thrive, carried along by the momentum developed in the system when the system was younger. But the education, the continual hammering, the billions of leaflets and papers distributed, the efforts put forth by Socialists, have created a profound change in the outlook of all nations.

The power to educate on the part of the few early Socialists was extremely limited. Now the education is carried on by thousands of lecturers and soapbox speeches every day. Tens of millions of Socialist pieces are circulated daily, and the volume of education grows day by day, month by month, year by year.

How can society escape such a tremendous educational campaign? It cannot.

The triumph of Socialism is inevitable. The revolution in Mexico is winning out.

For years the Socialist press of the United States has been exposing the misery of the exploitation of the peons.

It has been a fight for land. The landholders in Mexico are fewer than were the landholders in France before the French revolution.

The explosion had to come. The masters have tried to starve it. Diaz has to go. Madero had to go, and Huerta has to go.

The Socialist agitation has been so successful that President Wilson announces that no settlement will be satisfactory which does not give land to the peons.

When this has been accomplished the present revolution which is now more or less overshadowed will loom large. This will be the social revolution.

With the peons on the land, the mines, mills, factories, railways will still be in the hands of the capitalists. It is estimated that the land represents only one-ninth of the wealth of the country.

With the other eight-ninths in the hands of the capitalists, what chance will the peon owners have reaping the fruits of their labor? What chance will the Mexican wage workers have of independence and liberty?

After the feudal revolution comes the social revolution.

Mexico will step into the international arena with a Socialist party fighting the class fight. This party will grow more powerful until capitalism as well as feudalism is abolished.

THE MASTERS' POWER

The power of the capitalists appear great. They live in the finest of houses. The press and pulpit are their servants. Obedient legislators make the laws the capitalists desire. Army and courts and police enforce their decrees.

Those who are against them appear to be without power. It is for the masters to say when a worker shall work and when he shall be jobless.

Yet there is no cause to be downcast! The feudal noble appeared to be all powerful and he is dethroned. The slave holder appeared to have tremendous power. The slave who refused to obey was whipped. The slave who ran away was chased with bloodhounds. Yet the slave holder is no more.

The capitalists will be no more in a few years. Their power is crumbling. The spectre of Socialism haunts them. They know their fight to down the movement is doomed to failure.

The masters' power, buttressed by laws, courts, police, army, press, pulpit, is already on the decline. It is threatened and shaken. The hosts of labor press on. Jails may fill with the victims of capitalist rage, and the people sympathise with the jailed.

The henchmen at Ottawa are being more and more viewed in their true light. They are becoming objects of contempt rather than persons of repute. How different from a few years ago when the golden tongued Laurier could stampee an audience.

The bulk of the fight is over. It is now a question of the coalescence of the forces of revolution and the plucking of the fruit.

The city of Montreal is considering the manufacture by municipal enterprise of all the clothes required for its uniformed officials. The Garment Workers' Union is behind the move. Under present conditions profit, and not service rules. Clothes are contracted out. The employees are sped up and no account is taken of the wages paid. The city pays higher prices and the difference between the price paid and the cost of material and wages goes into the pockets of the useless exploiters. With the city doing its own contracting, the uniforms can be got cheaper while better wages can be paid with shorter hours for the garment workers. What could happen in this case could happen in all lines. With the profit squeezed out, the cost of living could be augmented. This is what the Socialists aim to accomplish. We can readily see why those who live on rent, interest and profit oppose Socialism, but no worker has any valid excuse for not working for the movement which will greatly improve his or her living conditions.

The Russian government took over the liquor traffic as a state monopoly. Drinking was encouraged as it meant big state revenues. The result has been the debauchery of the Russian people and the decline of the fighting power of the army as well as of the productive power of the nation. The rulers are now trying to undo the evil they have done. It is not well for any people to allow themselves to be ruled by a master class. This applies to Canada under the capitalist rule as well as to Russia under the rule of the bureaucrats.

PLATFORM

Social-Democratic Party of Canada

"We, the Social-Democratic Party of Canada in convention assembled, affirm our allegiance to and support of, the International Socialist Movement."

By virtue of the ownership of the means of production and distribution (natural resources, factories, mills, railroads, etc.) all wealth the workers produce, accrues into the hands of the capitalist class. This property the capitalist defends by means of the state (the army, the navy, the judiciary.)

The object of the Social-Democratic Party is to educate the workers of Canada to a consciousness of their class position in society, their economic servitude to the owners of capital, and to organize them into a political party to seize the reins of government and transform all capitalist property into the collective property of the working class. This social transformation means the liberation not only of the proletariat, but of the whole human race. Only the working class, however, can bring it about. All other classes maintain their existence by supporting the present social order.

The struggle of the working class against Capitalist exploitation produces a constant state of warfare between these two forces for the control of political and economic power.

As a means of preparing the minds of the working class for the inauguration of the Co-operative Commonwealth, the Social-Democratic Party of Canada will support any measure that will tend to better conditions under capitalism, such as:

- (1) Reduction of hours of labor.
- (2) The elimination of child labor.
- (3) Universal adult suffrage without distinction of sex or regard to property qualifications; and
- (4) The Initiative, Referendum, and right of Recall.

News From Amherst N.S.

Comrade C. M. O'Brien, of the S. P. of C., is here conducting a series of lectures. He is an able exponent of Socialist economics, his talk on Value is extra fine, and none but a bonehead could not understand it. He is to speak in the Empress Theatre on Thursday, to finish his campaign. His first three meetings were held in our rooms in the Duke Street School. His subjects were highly appreciated, they were "Value, Price and Profit," on Thursday, "Capitalism on Friday," in which lecture he drew a picture of capital as a big octopus whose tentacles were rapidly reaching over the world, exploiting, degrading and prostituting the working classes, squeezing the life blood out of every nation, irrespective of color or creed. On Saturday he spoke of Legislatures from the inside looking out, and drew a lurid picture of our parliaments, excuse the "our," Mr. Editor. He showed their functions in use and misuse. On Sunday we had two meetings in the Trades and Labor Hall. At 2:30 the subject was the Woman Suffrage Question, and at 8 p.m. on the subject of Panics. There was a good attendance at both meetings. I managed to rustle up the four seats, but Amherst is in a hellish state. The unemployed are numerous.—An Amherst Red.

Slavery in Athabasca

I have not been able to secure any work for over six months, and the homesteaders around here are all clean, and have been. The hard times are breaking the spirits of a lot of workers. We have been trying to form a local, but no one has the price. The country is full of reds, who are always agitating for the cause.

You will not join a Socialist local, you will not join a labor union, and you go slaving through the world with a lot of chains clanking on your carcass, and you directly cause the break the chains of everybody to wear themselves. You are surely selfish.

Many workers have toiled a long life and what have they to show for it? Nothing. Still they doddle on to their graves buoyed by the preachers' promise of pie in the sky.

Cotton's Weekly Premium List

Here is a list of premiums for the hustlers of Cotton's Weekly. For one hundred subscriptions or subscription cards for forty weeks with \$25 cash for same, we will forward to any local in Canada a banner for the local. This banner is four feet by seven feet with Social Democratic Party Local No. and name of town, also party crest, made of wool bunting and letters of felt. This banner would cost at least ten dollars. This is a chance for every local in Canada to have its own banner. You want a banner to march under. You want a banner to draw the crowd when you hold a street meeting. This is a chance to get a beautiful red flag for your activity in spreading the party paper and propagating Socialism. Let the members of your local work together to get subscriptions or order sub cards, get busy now. Which local will be the first to send in an order and win a banner?

For thirty-two subscriptions or order for subscription cards with eight dollars cash to cover the same, we will send a cushion cover with the word Socialism and the party crest on it, made of wool felt. Retail value of this cushion cover is two dollars. Ask for this premium with your remittance.

For twelve subscriptions or order for subscription cards we will send a copy of facts free. This premium is so well known it speaks for itself. You all want facts when you argue about Socialism with your neighbor. Contains over one hundred pages cram full of information. Ask for this premium when you send order.

For ten subscriptions or order for subscription cards, with two dollars and a half cash to cover order, we will send a pennant ten inches by twenty-eight, with the word Socialism and the party crest on it. Made of wool felt with the letters sewed on. Ask for this premium when you send order.

For six subscriptions or order for subscription cards we will send any of the following premiums while they last: The Panel set of pictures, five of them; the Princess Bonnie set of pictures, ten of them; For the Kiddies, pictures on stiff cardboard of cats, horses, etc., five of them. Ask for this premium when you send order.

When you send your order TELL US WHAT PREMIUM YOU WANT. Otherwise premiums will not go forward. Many comrades have pennants, Facts, Cushion Covers, etc., already.

Boom the paper and get a premium.

Martin on His New Job

Comrade Martin took a trip to St. Jacobs, Ont., and distributed literature from house to house. Many farmers were making their way to town and were handed literature which if properly read will prove to their advantage. He also made a trip to Elmira and managed to catch several hundred workers on their way back to work and announced an open air meeting. A large crowd stayed over an hour, as many of the factories are working short hours. The speaker dwelt largely on the cause of unemployment, panics, making it clear to the audience their class position in society, the commodity nature of their labor power, and that all they could expect to receive as long as this system lasts was wages just sufficient to keep them in working condition. He pointed out that reforms would be given in the shape of scientific exploitation, but these reforms were intended to keep the workers in working condition, to assist in the speeding up system, and not to relieve them from their slave position. Comrade Martin is working hard to poll a good sound Socialist vote in his constituency. This is the proper spirit for all candidates to show. Get after the votes and show the workers why they should vote the Socialist ticket. They must be shown the reason why the old party votes will keep them in slavery.

Making Money

"We understand that in some quarters Socialists are trying to make out that Cotton's is a gold mine for the editor. Those who know the circumstances, the three months of the paper, know this is not so. A word of explanation may help in counteracting this opinion."

I have spent \$14,000 since 1908 in the newspaper. Most of this has been spent on the paper since it became Socialist at the beginning of 1909. I have spent all I had, and now depend on what salary I get from the paper.

While I own the building in which Cotton's Weekly is published and part of the plant, no rent has been paid, while taxes, insurance, repairs, etc., have to be met.

I am supposed to get \$20 a week salary. This salary is now over two months in the arrears.

"If anyone can figure out how Cotton is making money out of devoting his time and energy in the Socialist movement, I would like to see that person very much. He would relieve me of much worry."

I have no complaints to make. Every true Socialist makes great sacrifices for the movement. I am only one of many.

If we can keep the paper going, make it a power in Canada for the emancipation of the people of Canada, I will be satisfied.

SOCIALIST REVIVAL IN THE QUEEN CITY.

A Toronto comrade writes: As far as we can judge at present, we are on the eve of a great revival in Toronto of Socialism. Too long have the workers of Toronto been blinded by the waning of flags, especially at election time, for they are beginning to see. The coming election will show the increasing strength of the Socialist movement.

ONTARIO ELECTIONS.

Ontario elections take place June 29th. Socialist candidates so far announced (June 5th) will run in North Waterloo, South Waterloo, Perth North, Lindsay, Temiskaming, and Sudbury. No doubt many other candidates will be nominated. There will also be a number of labor candidates.

If possible, run a Socialist-Democratic party candidate in your riding. A candidate shows the Socialists are to be reckoned with in the political arena.

The bank depositors of a busted bank get \$1,200,000 from the government. The worker with a busted job does well if he gets a meal from soup kitchen. Hurrah for Laurier, hurrah for Borden!

Train wrecks and marine wrecks are mainly caused by the insane hog for speed, and profits. The safety of the human being is the last thing taken into consideration.

The Canadian Commission on the High Cost of Living is still investigating. The commissioners draw their salaries and the workers continue to live in hell.

It is right that they who work should have the least and they who do not work should possess the most? If not right, why don't you stand for a change?

12,000,000 people following one banner and of one belief is something the world has never before seen. Yet some claim that Socialism is a myth.

The Dominion government will build the railway to connect Montreal with the national transcontinental. Is the railway graft played out that bad?

Capitalists know just as soon as the workers want to use their collective power politically, the rule of the capitalists will be over.

The Independent Labor party in Britain is ceasing to be the tail to the Liberal dog. It makes the dog sad and the rebels glad.

Socialism is forging ahead, forgetting the past and trying to make the future brighter for the men and women who toil.

The great reason for the rapid spread of Socialism is the great "spread" there will be for all when it comes.

Several thousand workers in the building trades in Vancouver are out of work.



The FIDING LINE

Two lists of four arrive from Brantford, Ont.

Spences Bridge, B.C., pipe up for four sub cards.

Souix Lookout, Ont., sends four and takes four sub cards.

From Pembroke, Ont., come three dollars for subs and cards.

Two dollars from Port Arthur, Ont., to keep the circulation going.

Five from Ladysmith, B.C., where the strike has been on for twenty months.

"I herewith enclose eight and hope to have a few more in a short while."

Winnipeg, Man.

"Your letter arrived today and am sending you a list of thirteen subs."

Naughton, Ont.

One dollar to spread the paper from Delburne and Lamont, Alta., and Kelowna, B.C.

"Please send the paper to these H. Dubbs," says a Neville, Sask., Comrade, with twelve.

New Westminster, B.C. Redditt, Ont., Woodrow, Sask., and Nanton, Alta., each send one dollar to spread the light.

"These four are the best I can do. The parasites keep the slaves so hard up that the poor fools cannot spare two bits."

Nelson, B.C.

"I had the means I would send you more. I am the only Socialist here and the workers are scared to death."

Hopewell Cape, N.B.

"Enclosed please find one dollar for the battery. Have been on the sick list three months and our shop is working half time."

Preston, Ont.

Eight subs go to a Montreal Comrade, and the same number go to a Toronto comrade, while a bundle of four copies go to Sutton Junction, Que.

"Enclosed please find \$5 for bundle and battery. Money is scarce, but that issue of May 14th is well worth a year's subscription."

Abernethy, Sask.

From Red Deer, Alta., comes a list of fifteen subs. Activity like that would quicken the glooms to joys should the activity become general.

"Send the good stuff to these fifteen. This is the first time I have done any rustling. Being a slave myself, I am against the slave system."

Rossland, B.C.

"I am a painter by trade. I attended a picnic of our local union and got to work-for subs and got ten. I am very busy just at this time after the hard winter."

Toronto, Ont.

"I enclose \$2.50 for bundle. Very sorry to see things are somewhat bad. They are the same every place. We shall come out on top yet. The people are real tired of the farce that is being staged."

Stratford, Ont.

"I am sending you two dollars for a bundle. I have my back, leg and arm broken for forty years and yet have kept myself for forty weeks and all I read for forty weeks is the wealth of Pierpont Morgan I would lavish it all on the cause."

New Westminster, B.C.

"Enclosed please find \$2.50 for sub cards. I make presents of the paper to all readers for forty weeks because they are in the dark. I read German, Polish, English and many different papers, but Cotton's is the best of all."

Bunkild, Man.

"If I had more time, I believe I could get more subscriptions, but it keeps a man busy from early morning to late at night to make money enough to exist. It is to be hoped that soon the toilers will get what they are entitled to."

Notaken, Sask.

"Enclosed please find five subs. We are bumping along on half time and this noble old county of Picton is sure on the hog. Discontent is everywhere and we are ripe for a change. A socialist candidate ought to get elected at the local election here."

Trenton, N.S.

Enclosed find one dollar for four sub cards. I beseech the comrades and all who read the paper to see this critical moment and keep our little paper afloat. If we workers will not do it for our own good, then we deserve a little more of the Iron Heel."

Fredericton, Alta.

"Please send me eight sub cards. I have recently come to Uncle J.P.R.'s country. I visited many people, preachers, priests and college professors and talked Socialism with them. I also visited little Fred Warren, the fighting Socialist editor, and what I could see, Socialism is quickly coming."

Pollockville, Alta.

"Please put these four on and send four sub cards. It hurts like the devil to see the list so small these last few months. Surely there are some comrades who are not working as hard as they might. If each comrade would get out and round up just one sub, what a mighty boost it would be. This is twenty for me since December."

Pembroke, Ont.

"Enclosed please find \$2 for the Battery. I regret to see the paper losing right along. I was just thinking last night as I stepped into a couple of hotels and saw some of the working mules throwing away dollars earned on short hours, if they would get some brains kicked into them they would spend a quarter for your little eye-opener and feel better the next day."

Hanover, Ont.

Families are scattered all over the country trying to make a living. Many a young lad today is writing letters home claiming he is doing well, while at the same time he is walking on his uppers. Others are ashamed to write home at all. As for the girls from the old homestead—well, you have eyes, and can see. Yet there are people who claim Socialism would break up the home!

How do you like capitalist prosperity?

Canadian "Justice"

A Comrade sends in the following and comment thereon:

Dear Sir:—Enclosed please find a sample of Canadian "Justice" as it is administered in Ontario courts. Here is a man who committed the heinous sin of "standing on grass", and who will face a prison sentence because he lacks filthy lucre enough to pay a fine of one dollar. His crime is his poverty. What right has a wage slave to stand on the "grass"? Surely he should know that only commercial "Pirates" are allowed to walk on velvet whether it is the kind provided by nature, or the silk variety, which comes from the loom.

This article appeared in the Toronto World-June 3rd, and is as follows:

"Ten days in jail is awaiting Thomas Adams unless he can find \$1 by Tuesday next. Adams pleaded guilty before Magistrate Cohen at the police court yesterday afternoon to the serious offence of standing on the grass in University Avenue on May 28. It appeared Adams had just turned out of Agnes Street when a number of cadets came by, and he, feeling the military fever in his blood, could not resist the temptation of watching them. To do this he committed the offence of 'the wearing of the green' and was duly summoned."

Not having the necessary funds with which to meet the demands of the city, he was given the alternative of ten days, or one day for every ten cents. The defendant had been out of work for some time and his wife was taken sick and he had to send her to their home in England. Since then he has had to send practically all his money, which amounted to \$7 a week when in work, to keep her and his child.

"A week," was given him to find the money."

Stiffs in the West

Dear Comrades:—Well, summer is here again and I suppose every "stiff" has got a job and making big wages.

Oh yes, it looks that way. While in Edmonton a few days ago I saw a mob of unemployed men parading through the streets demanding work. There is supposed to be well over the thousand mark in this place. Some Henry Dubbs will say they are bums and would not work if they got a job. This is a lame excuse. Just go to an employment office where a few men are wanted, and you are able to get trapped under in the rush for the office door.

Still, men are shipped in from other parts. I think there ought to be some law against this slave traffic. If working men got a few dollars saved it's all got to go for railroad fares, and they are turned out broke; and they are told by the cops to beat it, or they will be run in for vagrancy.

Well, workmen, what are you going to do to stop these conditions? Will you still vote for the capitalist power?

Blow the dust out of your eyes, ye wage slaves, so you may see the right cure. Get busy comrades. What we want to do is to educate the people to class consciousness. Let every comrade in Canada try and get at least a new sub for Cotton's, which I think would make it a very strong revolutionary paper. Yours for brotherhood of man.—J. S. New Norway, Alta.

COMRADE CARR IN BRANTFORD.

The comrades of Brantford have secured the services of Comrade Carr, senior editor of the Christian Socialist, and secretary of the Christian Socialist Fellowship, to give a course of seven lectures in the different churches there. The comrades should come out and hear the lectures and learn the reason why they are looking for work and cannot get it.

Workers have raved and fumed, and worked and slaved for their old party candidates in the past. What have they gained by it? What have their fathers and grandfathers ever gained by it? Just a tightening of their belts. Just a chance to double their output for the same old living wage. That's all.

You can't understand Socialism by remaining out of the struggle and trying your hand at criticism. Get in the fight for humanized conditions and Socialism will soon look mighty good to you.

Capitalism, without crime is unthinkable, since the very basis of capitalism, profit, is a crime.

To Help Nature Shed a Bad Complexion

Beauty devotees are enthusiastic over the beautifying qualities of mercolized wax. Nothing discovered within recent years accomplishes so much, so quickly, without harm, at such small expense. The principal reason for its wonderful merit is that it works in harmony with physiological laws. Instead of hiding complexion defects, it removes them. It actually takes off the age, faded, sallowness or blotchy cuticle, gently, gradually, causing no inconvenience. It is Nature's way of renewing complexion. When the natural process is retarded because of deficient circulation or nerve tone, mercolized wax comes to the rescue and hastens the skin shedding. The new complexion which appears is a natural one, youthful, healthy, exquisitely beautiful. If you've never tried mercolized wax, get an ounce of it at the drugstore, use at night like cold cream, washing it off in the morning.

Another natural beautifying treatment—for wrinkled skin—is to bathe the face in a lotion made by dissolving an ounce of axolite in a half-winch hazel. This is remarkably and instantaneously effective.

GREASING THE WAYS

The capitalist system is greasing the ways down which Cotton's Weekly is slowly sliding to destruction.

One of their methods is forcing employment on the workers. You are short of money to support your paper. They chuckle in glee, they know you will give less and less support as you have less and less money. They are giving you coal feet by the old well known process. They do not want thousands upon thousands of people reading an organ which is fighting them off the backs of the workers, and which, if left to live, would eventually chase them back to some useful toil.

You have a way out. Throw a "fat" stick sand on the ways and stop the steady downward slide. Every "stiff" should have sand. Then throw a little as we slide. We will stop sliding, and if more is used above as well as below, we will start climbing. And we will climb and climb till we get off the ways on dry land, and stay there.

If somebody don't use the sand method pretty soon, we will reach the level of the water, and gently sink to the bottom. Then R. I. P.

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THE MANITOBA ELECTIONS.

The provincial elections for Manitoba have been called for August 3rd, 1914. One candidate of the S. D. P. has already been named for Winnipeg, and others who have been waiting for the announcement of the elections should now get busy and select candidates. Get literature and flood your district. A good Socialist vote should be polled in Manitoba at this election, as the slaves have tasted the bitter fruits of capitalism in a way which they should not forget for many a moon.

Socialism is growing in Canada, and so it might be for there is no country under the sun more in the grip of the pies of capitalism.

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