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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 civic 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 Dynak, 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 led to jail 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. At least the workers use 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.

There is the fight for ultimate victory, and there is the day to day battle with the capitalist class for better conditions now, for relief from the galling misery.

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.

## 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, do not go down in the mines, and so let the miners be blown up without feeling it.

Mr. Justice Riddell of Ontario, has been telling the Illinois Bar Association that "a court is an evil," and "the less the courts are called into play, the better it is for the community." Riddell knows whereof he speaks. He knows the wastefulness of litigation. But avoiding litigation does not stop evils. A poor man cannot go to law. It is too expensive for him. We have millionaires and paupers. We have the idle rich and the overworked producing class. The courts may not be invoked at all and yet these evils continue. The people may avoid law and yet live miserably on poor wages while the owners of the factories have more revenues than they can spend legitimately. The evil of law courts is a side issue of the slave system. Establish industrial democracy, abolish capitalism, and the courts would die for lack of work. If Riddell really believes what he says, why does he not become a Socialist?

Dr. R. F. Ruttan, in a lecture before the Royal Society of Canada, in Montreal, declared that the gas used for lighting in that city was very dangerous because of the carbon monoxide therein contained. He had himself run across eleven deaths caused by this gas. The use of this gas was entirely unnecessary and was used because of its extreme cheapness. Private profit wants to extract big revenues and cares not whether people die. Were gas produced for the use of the people instead of for the profit of the few the people would live and not be poisoned. Private profit stands condemned.

D. R. Wilkie, President of the Imperial Bank of Canada, declares that the time is near when a bank of re-discount will be established under the patronage of the Dominion Government. The government is looked upon by bankers and other legalized crafters as their agent. The workers are the goats.

## 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 well. 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 bold 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 mumbling 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 know 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

### Socialist Movement Prevents War

It is now possible to estimate the respective gains 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 Alstian 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 across 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 other civilisation. The surest 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 furiously 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 save 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 hoard 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.

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 set 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 reformers are sneered at. The socialist "heaps 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 good will. They say our business is to teach economics. 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."

Of course in the beginning, this cannot be effected except by means of despotic inroads on the rights of property, and on the conditions of bourgeois production; by means of measures, therefore, WHICH APPEAR ECONOMICALLY INSUFFICIENT AND UNDESIRABLE, but which, in the course of the movement outstrip themselves, necessitate further inroads upon the old social order, and ARE UNAVOIDABLE as means of entirely revolutionizing the mode of production."

These paragraphs declare that the co-operative commonwealth will be ushered in by means of reforms which appear to be insufficient, and yet will lead to ultimate victory.

### REFORM BY FRIENDS.

There are Socialists who declare that the capitalists will bring about reforms in the interests of developing capitalism, and that it is needless for Socialists to advocate reforms.

Few capitalists will introduce reforms unless compelled to.

The Ontario capitalists were against the Compensation Act in Ontario. It was the pressure brought by the unions of the working class with their voting power which forced Whitney to pass the measure.

President Wilson of the U.S., and the Congress and Senate were against exempting the unions from the Sherman anti-trust law. It was the pressure of the American Federation of Labor with its voting power which caused Wilson to buckle under.

When the Republicans were in power they wanted to have the tariff revised by its friends. The voters distrusted this plea and put Wilson in power.

When capitalist governments enact legislation affecting the working class, the working class are beginning to keep a mighty close eye on that legislation.

It is the pressure of the working class upon governments which are causing the radical legislation of today.

Should the Socialists capture the political power, they would have to proceed to transform the ownership step by step.

Shall we leave the transformation in the hands of the friends of capitalism who will not act save upon tremendous pressure by the working class, or will we boldly advocate the measures which the workers want as a means to the ultimate end?

Shall we advocate the final aim in a bald and indefinite manner and remain a minority party, or shall we become one of the strong parties of the Dominion like the German Social-Democracy has become in Germany and by the same methods?

### 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 powers 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 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 powers of darkness.

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

### 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  
slain!  
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 innocency"  
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-beast 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 judgment-seat,  
Shudders at tremblings of the Underworld.

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 joyfully received  
even among those the capitalist class train  
for murder.

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 legislation of importance. 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 buildings 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, any laborer'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 defence 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 seaward 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.

### No Legislation this Session

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### THE MASTERS' POWER

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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 sympathize 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 put 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.

## 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 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 off. Diaz had 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.

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THE OPEN FORUM

Comrade Cotton—I think it is only fair that you should be acquainted with some of the facts that have led up to the present atrophied condition of the B.C. locals in general and Vancouver Local No. 12 in particular. I have watched your paper in vain for some statement of facts from Sam Atkinson but either he refuses to defend himself or you have refused to allow him to do so through the medium of your columns.

If the Social Democratic Party is going to be dominated by the S.P.C., the sooner it goes out of business the better, and for my own part, though I have been a member of the S.D.P. for about two years, I have no further use for an organization which will exclude its members on the say-so of an openly antagonistic body, for that is what it is to.

But that matters very much, for a propagandist of the splendid outspokenness and fearlessness of Sam Atkinson can undoubtedly do better work on a free and independent platform than he could ever do while bound by the tenets of any self-styled "democratic" party. For, even admitting that the matter was put to a referendum, the fact still remains that the great bulk of the votes were cast by people who had never seen or heard Comrade Atkinson, and many of them could not understand him if they did hear him, since they were Finns, or Europeans of other nationalities with little or no knowledge of English. These people, I say, were induced to sign a resolution which they did not understand, by a traitor to the party, a man who sold the private correspondence of a comrade to his avowed enemies, a Judas who betrayed a friend because he coveted his position, and envied him his admiring audiences, who "heard him gladly."

But Comrade Atkinson is not silenced, not so that you would notice it. Every Sunday night one of the largest theatres in the city is filled to overflowing with an audience which listens with rapt attention to his eloquence. And, meantime, what has happened to the propaganda meetings of the S.D.P.? The first week they persuaded Parker Williams to speak for them and had a poster displayed prominently outside the theatre announcing that Sam Atkinson would speak which, to say the least, was very uncomplimentary to Parker—and drew a fair sized house. The second Sunday they failed to get a speaker, so our old friend Doc Curry had to jump into the breach at the last moment. Consequently, a six-dollar collection and a motion picture were sent down for the "summer." This was in the early part of April—not to mention numerous withdrawals from active service, resignations, and heated discussions.

And then you ask, pathetically, for "an army of Jimmy Higginson," you implore us to "gather in the subs." What hope is there of winning others to us while we are eternally at each other's throats?—Yours for manliness and a square deal.—Truthtseker.

Come West, Enjoy Free Travel Your Pay Going On

The (mas) management of the Alberta division of the C.P.K. decided this year to make Monday, 25th of May, a day of enforced idleness and a day of unpaid idleness for every one of their track employees. In order to prevent the track employees from being able to get a pass that would on that day take them anywhere they might care to go over the division, the management very wisely kept back the passes to remain idle until it was away too late for anyone to apply for a pass.

This was in order that these men, some of whom have been working steadily for three years, might be deprived of the free passes to which their services entitle them and that they might be compelled to pay their own fare if they cared to go any place, thus heaping more money in the company's coffers and helping to keep more in them by depriving the workers of a day's pay.

Where, oh, where is Judge Meredith's fortnight's holiday with pay every year? Where is the free transportation?

Would that I could have the above printed upon enough bills to put one on every box car that travels over the company's lines, in order that all men who saw them might read learn and inwardly digest what glorious company this is to work for. But these are only some of the seeds of self destruction that capitalism is sowing, and rest assured, as it sows so shall it also reap. The blatant, barefaced robbery daily being perpetrated by the "chief thugs of this dirty, rotten, lying, cut throat concern call to highest heaven for retribution.

The master class will rule and rob as long as the workers allow them to control industry. Let the workers seize the control themselves through political action.—GIMBO.

Slavery on the Rand, South Africa

Few Englishmen realize the terrible conditions under which the natives live on the Rand. The life of the white miner on the Rand averages 4.7 years. That is horrible enough. But of the natives, 48 per cent die in the first year, and the mortality rate is in reality worse than these figures denote, since the mining authorities hastily despatch them home as it is apparent they are suffering from disease. The Kafirs are treated as creatures without souls. Often they are driven to work at the sting of the lash, and when they die their bodies are rolled into ditches and covered over without any apology for human burial. Yet, despite these acts, which are notorious, the South African Government, at the bidding of the mine owners, has introduced legislation to enable the freer and fuller employment of natives. Mr. Cresswell and the Labor Party are strenuously fighting the measure, but we fear it will be carried by the capitalist majority. General Botha can command.—Labor Leader.

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Enjoying Cut Rate Prices

Budapest has suddenly changed itself from being Austria-Hungary's dearest city to the cheapest, writes Curtis Brown in the Springfield Republican. This is entirely the result of municipal trading. At a municipal meeting last month Bürgermeister Barny announced that the cost of food in the last four years has been reduced 19 per cent whereas in Vienna in the same period, the average price of necessities has gone up to 14 per cent.

While Vienna is the dearest city in central Europe, and suffers from chronic high price riots, Budapest citizens are rejoicing in general cheapness. Austria and Hungary have the same tariff system. The only difference is that in Vienna the storekeeper makes a big profit, whereas in Budapest you now buy your meat, cereals and vegetables in stores conducted by the city which make no profit at all. "Our town," says Herr Barny, "is becoming a universal trader. That is the only way to fight high prices."

MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP DID IT! Budapest's initiative in starting municipal food stores is a result of the bread riot of four years ago.

Vienna clamored for relief, but the government gave none. The municipality kept to the policy initiated by the late Bürgermeister Löwe—"handsome Carl"—the policy of favoring at all costs the small storekeeper.

Budapest did the opposite. It resolved that as the government would not cut down the tariff, it would cut down the storekeeper's profits, and ever since then it has been cutting them down.

First Budapest started as a butcher. It established in Buda, in Pest, and in the Alton district, handsomely equipped municipal meat stalls. The stalls were intended for the poor. But as the meat was better and cheaper than in private stores, all classes patronized them. Prices were above those of the private stores' prices. The butchers were threatened with ruin. They sent complaining deputations to the inexorable municipality and the inexorable municipality replied that it would open more stores.

The municipality then relented, and made an agreement with the butchers. If they would cut down their prices it would open, it promised, no more stores. The butchers had to face the problem of making a profit out of lower prices. They made it by compelling the cattle dealers to cut prices. "Our cattle dealers next complained. This did not disturb the municipality, as the principle of Herr Barny and his fellow municipal traders is that each town should look after its own interests and ignore the interests of outsiders."

Next Budapest attacked the private bakers. It established four public bakeries and reduced bread prices 7 per cent. The private bakers were obliged to cut down their prices. Today in Buda and Pest 50,000 families, counting in all 250,000 persons, buy their bread from the city. Doctors say that Budapest's municipal bread is purer and more nutritious than the bread of other Austro-Hungarian cities.

Having established its position as retailer, Budapest challenged the producers and distributors. It was moved to this because the producers of meat, eggs, and milk in the country round have an agreement equivalent to a trust for keeping up prices. The municipality built additional slaughter houses and behind the trust farmers' backs began to import cattle, sheep and pigs from remote parts of Hungary.

CITY BRINGS FARMERS TO TERMS The stock was bought on the spot—at low prices, and by good organization was transported to the city at minimum rates. The city began selling its own meat, in its own stores. The farmers outside Budapest were angry but helpless, and they reduced prices.

The city next organized a big municipal general food store, to which it affiliated twenty-three branch stores in different wards. These stores sell practically all home-grown products. Their function is to frighten the private tradesmen and act as price regulators.

They forced down prices everywhere. Like the butchers, other traders implored the city not to ruin them. The municipality graciously granted their petition. "Keep prices down," said the town cynicus to a deputation of milk traders. "In that case we will put a limit on our competition. But if we find anyone making unreasonable profits we shew double the number of our stores."

Budapest municipality justifies this attack on private enterprise by the argument that private retail profits have been abnormally high. An examination made of the accounts of various traders confirmed this view.

Traders predicted that in reality the number of bankruptcies has fallen. The town has lost no money. The initial financing of its enterprise was difficult. A capital of over \$1,000,000 had to be invested.

But the loss suffered in several municipal enterprises was recovered by the profits in others. The municipality's principle, as far as possible, is to take on direct profit.—New York Call.

Net profits of the Imperial Bank for the past year were \$1,236,984. There are over twenty banks in Canada. You wonder why the use of money is so dear. How many stop to think that if interest were abolished, if national co-operative credit were established in place of private banking for the profit of the few that the money monopolists could be broken. But the money monopoly is only one phase of the profit system. Why not abolish all phases of exploitation while we are about it. Let the people produce for all the needs of all without paying toll to landlord, profit lord or interest lord.

The Nova Scotia government is guaranteeing the principal and interest of \$100,000 for the Intercolonial Coal Company. Why should it not? Is not the government the agent of the labor skimmers?

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World Notes

The record of the British Liberal Government against labor is piling up. On twelve occasions it has ordered out the military to awe and if necessary shoot down strikers. It refused the miners a minimum wage of five shillings a day, allowed the railways to raise rates and refused to enforce a minimum wage for railway workers of twenty-one shillings a week.

The British Fabian Society is thirty years old. Mr. Jotiben, the noted Finnish writer, is the latest victim of Russian tyranny (South African brand). He has been sentenced to eight months' imprisonment because he refused to submit to the law of "equality" which has been unconstitutionally imposed on Finlanders. All the members of the Wiborg Court of Appeal have been sent to prison for sixteen months on the same account, and have had their civil rights suspended for ten years.

Last year at Ghent the Co-operative Society started a labor bank on May Day. Already a gross profit of \$2,500 is shown, and the net profit is about half that amount. It is proposed to open further branches in Brussels and other large industrial centers.

Last month the Bulgarian capital was visited by a small deputation from the International Federation of Trade Unions to urge the amalgamation of the Trade Unions of Bulgaria. In the largest theatre in Sofia 6,000 workers crowded to hear the message of solidarity, which was very heartily cheered. The proposals have to be considered by the separate sections.

Commander Villa is exiling the Catholic priests from the region he has conquered. The reason he gives is that they sided with America against the Mexican people.

Never since 1870 has there been so great a crisis, so much unemployment, so much unrest and so much power behind a movement for change as exists in Italy today. This is the statement of Arturo Coradi, the Italian Socialist deputy now in the U.S. He is in America to arrange a working union between the seamen and tobacco workers of Italy and America. A strike of eighteen thousand cigar workers is on in Italy—all government workers. In December, 1912, the party membership in Italy was 30,936. It is now over 50,000.

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A net gain of twenty-one seats was made by the Socialists of Scotland in the municipal elections which took place lately. Two mayors were elected at Aberdeen and Mossley. Prior to the elections the Socialists had only six seats on the municipal councils of Bonny Scotland. They won twenty-five new seats and lost four, leaving a total of 31. Reds now sitting in the municipal legislative bodies.

On June 2nd five new buildings of the Women's University at Constantinople were dedicated.

The closing session of the Reichstag proved a very disagreeable one for the Kaiser, who, though he knows that the Socialist Deputies have little respect for him, does not wish to be continually reminded of it. It had been decided by the Socialists to leave the chamber when the Kaiser's admirers and understrappers cheered him, but today they kept their seats while "hoops" rang through the hall. All the "hoops" couldn't induce the Socialists to arise and the shouters hoisted and hissed the Reichstag speaker, Johannes Kappeler, drew the attention of all the Deputies to the alieced disrespected shown the Hohenzollern house and the hisses became louder. All that the Socialists would say was "that it was their own affair" if they chose to keep their seats.

The Women Suffragists of Italy have decided to be allied with the Socialist movement, believing that the Socialists are carrying on a much more effective fight for universal suffrage than they can as a separate organization. The support of the women was largely responsible for the election of many of the 80 Socialist deputies.

The government of Hungary is using every possible effort to kill the Socialist and labor press. A new law has just been passed making daily papers deposit "security money" with the government officials to the amount of \$10,400. Weekly and monthly papers have to deposit between \$2,000 and \$4,000. The publishing of false news is punishable by a fine of \$400 and one year imprisonment. In addition to these requirements are many others centering around "moral" damages done to any person—especially employees.

Conditions in the Calumet copper region have not improved since the settlement of the strike. The mine managers have not stood by their agreement, and things are made as hard as possible for the union miners.

Upton Sinclair says the working class of Colorado is ripe for revolution. Starving miners of Duluth marched the streets carrying the red flag and crying "We want work." The shutdown of the U.S. Steel Corporation mines has caused suffering. The miners have been receiving only enough wages to keep them in working shape, and a shutdown puts them on the breadline at once.

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Mixed Farming

I read with interest an article entitled: "Put all your eggs in one basket." Conditions differ somewhat between the farmer and such manufacturers as the Massey Harris. I have never been in one of their factories, but I take it for granted that all the machinery there has one special purpose—the making of farm machinery. The farm machinery is different. The same binder for No. 1 hard wheat will cut and bind green feed. The same plows are required for stock growing discs, etc. Of course I am speaking of the small farm, and not the big ranches whose day is nearly over. Further climatic conditions favor mixed farming on the western prairies. For instance, the wheat is growing fine, when a hard frost hits it. The one basket man threshes it, takes it to town, gets perhaps one half, say 30 or 40 cents a bushel, which don't pay for growing. From personal experience I have observed that if the mixed farmer has not got enough stock to feed it all he is in a position, financially to go out anyway enough. Not so the straight grain farmer; he has to sell for what he can get to pay his debts. Still further, the waste of straight grain growing is enormous, as one day in a threshing gang will prove, grain scattered over the fields. A drove of hogs would take ten there with a supply of water. To sum up, a farmer today in order to prolong his existence on the land, must take all there is out of the farm, and in order to do so he must have a full outfit of machinery as well as a full line of farm stock to leave nothing go to waste and to keep up the fertility of the farm, also to utilize the big straw-stacks which make such bright fires burning all over the prairies the autumn nights. As to organizations, a farmer's organization must cover ground enough to take in both the grain grower and the mixed farmer, otherwise so many lines-of-farmers and all specializing would require a dozen pretty organizations helpless to do anything to better their conditions. For instance, a grain growers' union; a grain growers' union, a stock growers', another for poultrymen, etc. The transportation companies and other corporations see so many farmers on their last legs grain growing that they boost mixed farming as a means of keeping him going for a time, as they take a deep interest in him, the same as in a good mule, and want to see him get his feed without interfering with their dividends, also taking his mind away from politics which might corrupt his morals, and circumstances are forcing the farmer into mixed farming, whether he likes it or not.—E. E. Geer, Banff, Alta.

When the spirit of our modern way of living, the idea in it, the bare facts about our modern human nature have been noticed at last by our modern artists, masterpieces shall come to us out of every great and living activity in our lives. Art shall tell the things these lives are about. When this is once realized in America as it was in Greece, the fine arts shall cover the other arts as the waters cover the sea. The Brooklyn Bridge, swinging its web for immortal souls across sky and sea, comes nearer to being a work of art than almost anything we possess today, because it tells the truth, because it is the material form of a spiritual idea, because it is a sublime and beautiful expression of New York in the way that the Acropolis was a sublime and beautiful expression of Athens. The Acropolis was beautiful because it was the abode of heroes of great individuals; and the Brooklyn Bridge, because it expresses the bridging together of millions of men, it is the architecture of crowds—the Brooklyn Bridge—with winds and sunsets and the dark and the tides of souls upon it; it is the type and symbol of the kind of thing that our modern genius is bound to make beautiful in the future. The very word "bridge" is the symbol of the future of art and of everything else, the bringing-together of things that are apart—democracy. The bridge which makes land across the water, and the boat, which makes land and water like these are the physical forms of the spirit of modern life, the democracy of matter. But the spirit has countless forms. They are all new and they are all waiting to be made beautiful. The dumb crowd waits in them. While it cannot be said of many of these tools of existence that they are beautiful now, it is enough to affirm that when they are perfected they will be beautiful; and that if we cannot make beautiful things that we need, we cannot expect to make beautiful things that we merely want. When the beauty of these things is at last brought out, we shall have attained the most characteristic and original and expressive and beautiful art that is in our power. It will be unprecedented because it will tell unprecedented truths. It was the mission of ancient art to express states of being and individuals, and it may be said to be in a general way the mission of our modern art to express the beautiful in endless change, the movement of masses, coming to its sublimity and immortality at last by revealing the beauty of the things that move and that have to do with motion, the bringing of all things and of all souls together on the earth.—Gerald Stanley Lee

Dr. A. M. Low, of London, England, has given a demonstration of "seeing by wire." He has an invention whereby people can see each other as they talk over the phone. This is great, but how many wage workers have phones in their homes? The problem facing society is not only the creation of new inventions, but of democratizing and bringing within reach of all the benefits arising from the labor saving machinery. New inventions are feared by the working class instead of being received joyfully. When the people have won industrial democracy, then all inventions will be received with joy.

How will inventors be rewarded under Socialism? Listen how they are rewarded now. On May 27th, at Hartford, Conn., Wm. F. Haas, eighty-three years of age, committed suicide by hanging. He was despondent because he had received so little profit from his invention of the shoe machine for turning out welts. This machine with various modern improvements, is in use wherever shoes are made. Under capitalism the suicide's grave is the inventor's loss. Socialism could not do worse.

The net profits of the Canada Steamship Lines, Ltd., which is the company running the boats on the Great Lakes, has declared its net profits for the past year to be \$1,596,382. The capitalists feel the system is "fine." They get the maruma. If you starve, there are plenty more slaves for them to get profits out of. We cannot blame them raking in their big profits when so many wage slaves hurrah and vote for the system that robs them.

There are between fifty and sixty thousand motor cars in the Dominion, and the wage slaves still hoof it to work.

Quebec city is looked upon as behind the times. Few Socialists are there. Yet Quebec is to have a labor temple, just like Toronto and Vancouver. The industrialization of Quebec produces a wage slave class which combine among themselves for mutual aid. Whether in Toronto or Quebec the gathering hosts of labor threaten extinction to the capitalist class.

Striking workers of the London Federation of Building Industries has taken over the contract to build the \$500,000 headquarters of the Theosophical Society. The private exploiter is not necessary.

New Ontario Notes

Out of works are more numerous than ever. So many beatings in from all parts, under the mistaken impression that there is lots of recent advertisements in a Montreal paper, "Miners wanted, etc. for Cobalt." This has attracted considerable attention and great indignation amongst men of all classes and political beliefs. There are over 300 out of work in this small corner of Canada. The speeding up system under the new eight hour law is at work, and the tendency is to reduce both wages and working staff.

Everything possible is working in our favor in driving home the fact that the class struggle on it makes our educational campaign both political and industrial, comparatively easy. This applies to the Cobalt Camp and other mining centres.

With regard to the great agricultural belt immediately to the north, you should see the smile on the face of Comrade Hill, our S.D.P. of C. Candidate and Organizer, when he relates his experiences. He has been working his way among the farmers, for several weeks calling at the houses and holding meetings wherever a schoolhouse or hall could be obtained.

Every man to educate but at present he is ready for anything, conditions are almost impossible, the worst in ten years, and all he is hoping for now is to sell out to some poor sucker from the cities who longs for the simple life and prosperity as guaranteed by the government pamphlets and other truthful literature (good bye savings).

I'll give one instance as to the esteem the usual slave community are looked upon by the servants of the master class. In Charlton one of the store keepers, when approached on the subject of a candidate for parliamentary honors, said, "Oh yes, I can swing my bunch." The bunch referred to are the average individual who is always in debt to the local storekeeper, who makes you crawl to him to get enough grub to keep your aggro stagnation. He charges you anything he likes work always excessive, also charges you interest, usually from nine to twelve per cent. When he employs you he pays you the least possible, and when you have any product to sell, ah, that's where you also get it in the neck. Oh you swinging bunch.

Don't let these things get you down. You have no use for Socialism. You don't know anything about it, though you may think you do. Your masters' papers tell you the whole truth and nothing but the truth, you think. Your masters don't work, but own everything, and work all the time if possible and how much do you own? Don't read about Socialism, because you will find out how cute and clever you are, just sit around in the store as usual spit on the floor, talk about who's going to get the government road jobs, and fake sides with the storekeeper on reciprocity, read your "Star of Mail and Empire." Believe all you read. Don't ask why both the late Liberal government and the present Conservative government, give vast sums of public money to private railway interests, also large tracts of timber lands for nothing while you have to work all the time if possible and how much do you own? 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# 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 on 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 these four subs, but Amherst is in a hellish state. The unemployed are numerous.—An Amherst Red.

### The Unity Question

Dear Comrade—Being a subscriber to your paper for some time, and always interested in the Socialist movement, I am glad to see that some progressive comrades are now advising a fusion of the two socialist parties of Canada. I will be very glad to see them unite or co-operate as no doubt a saving of energy and expense and a more effective propaganda will then result, and certainly an increase in membership. I would very much like to join a local now, but in company with many of my Socialist friends we are waiting for the happy day when there is but one strong, unanimous party to which we will lend our aid both financially and otherwise.—A Montreal Red.

### Receipts for May

Cash receipts at Cotton's Weekly for the month of May in 1914 as compared with the month of May 1913 were as follows:

	1913	1914
Subscriptions	\$567.65	\$765.49
Book Sales	42.61	39.15
Advertising	69.85	65.21
Job Printing	118.85	117.93
Stock sale	131.50	4.50
Total	\$930.26	\$1,032.28

Total amount kept up \$930.26 will spell failure for your paper. Our expenses are between eight and ten thousand dollars a year. The mounting deficit will eventually put your paper out of business. You can change failure to success if you will gather in subscriptions.

Conditions all over the west are fierce, yet the Borden government are allowing immigrants to be landed in cities where workers have been on the bread line since last fall. Instead of spring bringing better times to the workers, they are in a worse condition than before. Every job has a hundred applicants. The immigrant must live, and is forced to sell his labor power for the least possible living wage. This pleases the masters.

You elected tools of capitalism to represent you in parliament. Now you are getting yours through unemployment and drudgery. There is only one come back—vote them out of power and replace them with intelligent men from the only useful class—the workers.

## 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, ten 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 supporters 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, but now they are 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 you 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, but now their attention 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?

32,000,000 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 Fading Line

Two lists of four arrive from Brantford, Ont. Spences Bridge, B.C., pipe up for four sub cards. Soix 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, R.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 paper." "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 out of work 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, Ont. From Red Deer, Alta., comes a list of fifteen subs. Activity like that would quicken the glooms to joys should the activity become regular. "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 have a few more to 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 my back for forty years and the wealth of Pierpont Morgan I would leave it all on the cause."—New Westminster, B.C. "Enclosed please find \$2.50 for sub cards. I make presents of the paper to different readers for forty years because they are in the dark. I read German, Polish, English and many different papers, but Cotton's is the best of all."—Bunkid, 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."—Notken, Sask. "Enclosed please find five subs. We are bumping along on half time and this noble old county of Pictou is sure on the hog. Discontent is here and there 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 to do their best for 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."—Hitchin, Alta. "Please send me eight sub cards. I have recently come from my Uncle J.D.'s country 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 on 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 property?

### 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 be the silk provided by nature, or the silk variety, which comes from the loom. This article appeared in the Toronto World of 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 to see 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 one 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.

### 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 of the face, faded, sallow, freckled or blotchy cuticle, gently, gradually, causing no inconvenience. It is Nature's way of renewing complexions. 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 with 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 unemployment 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 they are giving you gold feet. They are giving you gold feet by the old wheel 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 few dollars and you are on the way and steadily downward slide. Every "stiff" should have a fighter. Every "stiff" should have a 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. Circulation statement for week of June 4, 1914.

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Quebec	12 22 832
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Foreign	5 1 384
New Brunswick	0 0 248
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Newfoundland	0 0 105
Prince Edward Island	0 0 58
	280 273 17584
Loss for week—	
Total issue last week—	18,600

### 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.

### NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS

Harry R. Fisher, 30 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, is the accredited advertising agent for Cotton's Weekly for Canada and the United States. All commercial advertising and the payments therefore must come through his hands. If you wish a contract for advertising drop him a line and you will receive courteous treatment at his hands.

### OUR BUNDLE BOOSTERS

Comrades who subscribe for bundles are good workers. We consider they do not wish their bundles discontinued at the expiration of time paid for unless we are notified. We send bundle bills in every month. Upon receipt of bundle bill, kindly notify us if you wish your bundle discontinued.

### Tobacco Habit Easily Conquered

A New Yorker of wide experience has written a book on how to get the tobacco or snuff habit may be easily and completely banished in three days with delightful benefit. The author, Edward J. Woods, 534 Sixth Ave., Station E., 274 A, New York City, will mail his book free on request. The health improves wonderfully after the nicotine poison is out of the system. Calmness, tranquil sleep, clear eyes, normal appetite, good digestion, many vigor, strong memory and a general gain in efficiency are among the many benefits reported. Get rid of that nervous feeling, no more need of pipe, cigar, cigarette, snuff or chewing tobacco to pacify morbid desire.

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