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MAIN ADVANCES! The Age of Knowledge Replaces Age of Faith

MORE PAY TO MINISTERS

At a joint meeting of five committees of the Methodist church held recently in Toronto it was pointed out that many ministers of the church are not getting the minimum salary laid down by the conference for ordained married men, which is \$900 a year, a free house, and maintenance for a horse. A recommendation was passed that the payment of a minimum salary be enforced.

According to this standard, the minimum pay for the Methodist parson will be equal to \$1,100 a year. The average pay of the wage slave of Canada in 1910 was \$469 per year.

We have no objection to the minister getting as much as he can. Let him get two, three, four, five or ten thousand a year, if he can shake the plum tree to this extent.

But when the lowest pay of the minister is \$1,100 a year, with whom do you think his tastes, his inclinations will be? Will they be with the wage slave who works from eight to twelve hours a day and gets \$469 per year, or they will be with the gentlemen and ladies of leisure who dress nicely, have time to read books and who enjoy afternoon teas?

This is not a question of religion. If the fundamental belief of Christianity is the brotherhood of man under the fatherhood of God, as I have heard the Rev. Graham Taylor, of Hull House, Chicago, fame, declare, then Christianity is not practicable under the present system. The chasm between the non-owning producer who gets hardly a living wage, and the owning non-producer who gets many times a living wage, absolutely forbids the practical application of Christian ethics. When the non-producing Methodist parson in return for a sermon or two a week and a few pastoral calls gets a wage double that of the average wage worker who works till he is exhausted, that parson's outlook is warped by his economic condition. He cannot see the anti-Christian class antagonism at the heart of our so-called Christian civilization. The most he can babble about is a "living wage" for the working class. He can babble about this to his heart's content and his parasite parishioners will fervently echo "amen," for if the worker does not get a living wage he dies, and the parasite parishioner would no longer have any wage slave to rob.

PREPARING TO HOP

A special despatch to the Montreal Star from London, Eng., opens thus: "Year by year England observes religion less. No change so marked as this has come over the character of the country. It is especially true of London."

So pronounced is this tendency become that the Bishop of London, representing the Anglican church and the Rev. F. R. Meyer, Secretary of the Free Church Council, which represents the Baptists, Methodists, etc., have written the "London Daily News and Leader" requesting that paper not to proceed with its usual ten-year census of church attendance throughout the London area.

Says the despatch, "There is not a thinking bishop in England who does not admit that nine out of ten of the population are entirely apathetic, as regards religion." This, of course, has reference to religion as promulgated in the conventional churches.

To show what kind of religion is objected to, and why the people do not go to church, the Nottingham County Council has centered attention upon this verse in frequent use by the Episcopal church:—

"The rich man in his castle,
The poor man at the gate,
God made them high and lowly
And ordered their estate."

A prominent member of the council has pointed out that the Almighty did nothing of the kind. It was on a par, he declared, with the line:

"May we to our betters bow."
The Vicar of Brixton, a well known London clergyman declares, "I do not think God made men rich or poor. Many of these hymns are bad theology, bad economics, and bad everything."

Within the churches in England there is a growing body of preachers who are on the verge of throwing in their lot with the workers. There are many ministers who are Socialists.

We Socialists do not jump with joy because the churches are showing signs of coming our way. We do not think that now that the churches are awakening, there will be a great new cause at work producing the social revolution. We simply say that the churches are preparing to hop. For the coming of the churches to Socialism is not a cause producing Socialism, but an effect of the Socialist spirit pervading the mass of the people.

Primitive Christianity was a movement of the oppressed for economic justice. That movement was seized by the officials and perverted. Since then organized Christianity has been a parasite movement.

When the feudal system came into being, the ecclesiastics with their organization hopped to the support of the feudal lords. They stood with

the rulers against the people. The morality they preached was a class morality wholly in favor of the feudal ruling class. This was the medieval Catholic church which covered Europe simply because the feudal system covered Europe.

When Henry the Eighth of England seized the Catholic domains many of the Catholic ecclesiastics hopped to the side of Henry the Eighth. Thus was founded the Church of England. They have preached a class morality to uphold the rulers of England against the people. These ecclesiastics who did not hop, got expelled from England. The ecclesiastics who did hop got fat livings for hurling their spiritual thunders against those who would not bow down to the rulers and those set over them.

When the capitalist system began, the rising capitalist class had clashes with the king and nobles of England. The Church of England stood with the old order, so the capitalist class started dissenting pastors going, and the schismatic churches were born. These were schismatic because they would not hurl their spiritual thunders in unison with the Anglican church, but often denounced it. The economic and political interests of the king and nobles clashed with the economic and political interests of the rising capitalist class, hence the spiritual thunders of their respective spiritual henchmen were hurled at each other. The hand that fed the rival churches controlled the style of thunder launched.

Now the people are forsaking the former rival churches. They are not listening in awe to either brand of thunder. If the people cannot be spiritually cajoled, the ruling powers will be confiscated, and the donations to the dissenting will no longer be forthcoming. The Salvation Army is competing heavily now for they have discovered a brand which is fooling some of the people.

What will the churches do in this crisis? They prepare to hop again. The working class are rising to political and economic supremacy. The master class are shaking in fear. So the ecclesiastics are preparing to hop. They are flirting with the common working man. They are talking about God never having made the rich and the poor. They are talking about the enormity of the exactions of the ruling class. This is all a bid to the working class. The ecclesiastics are practically saying, "If you will let us hop on to your backs, we will hurl our spiritual thunder against those who oppress you. We will lambaste them in the name of God and religion." In other words, the ecclesiastics are again preparing to turn traitors to the hands that formerly fed them, providing the workers will let the priests, parsons and vicars ride their backs directly.

Wherefore we Socialists do not jump with joy when we see the religious exhorters flirting with us. We have read history, know that the organized churches are in for a great economic cropper, and the ministers are looking round for a soft place to fall on.

We are glad to see the rats leave a ship we want to see sink, because then we know the ship is so unseaworthy that it is going to go down. When the ecclesiastic rats leave the capitalist ship we are glad simply because it is a portent of its quick sinking. But then, do we want the rats to board us?

We are perfectly willing to have the Ministers come to us as Revolutionary Comrades willing to abolish the capitalist system. But in this way they come as brothers, not as ecclesiastics.

THE DIFFERENCE

There is a difference between an ecclesiastic coming to Socialism as a comrade and as an ecclesiastic. As a comrade he comes as one of the rank and file. He takes his place in the political fight against privilege and organized robbery. He is one of many. But if he comes as a minister, an ecclesiastic, he comes with the odor of sanctity about him. He comes with spiritual weapons to help fight the carnal battle of the workers for their full social value of their produce. There is a great difference.

The Anglican clergy are the present benchmark of the English rulers. Mark you, I do not say spiritual benchmark, for the question of spirituality is something apart from the functions of the Anglican church.

Every Sunday the Anglican clergy pray for the King and the Royal family and the welfare of other parasites. With regard to the king, they pray, "Grant him in health and wealth long to live." The wealth of the king is stolen from the workers. He is a legalized robber. Laws are maintained giving him part of the wealth the master class have stolen from the working class. The Anglican clergy pray that his wealth may long continue. When the system of robbery continues and the wealth continues, they lay it to the Supreme Being, instead of laying it to the robber laws on earth. If we protest against dragging the Supreme Being into the rotten business, we are told that we are irreligious.

Supposing the clergy swung round to the side of the workers and got their fat living in return for their spiritual services. What kind of services would they render? They would get the workers into some public place where the light was

dim and teach them to chant some such hymn as the following:

INTERNATIONAL ANTHEM.
God save the working man,
Long live the useful man,
Save the working man,
Serve him with sirloin steak,
Plum-pudding and angel cake,
And do it all for mercy's sake.
Save the working man,
God save the worker's mate
In every land and state,
She'll absorb your beauty
With downright gratitude,
In every latitude.
Save the worker's wife,
Paralyze the parasite,
Knock him out with all your might,
Save the man with shovel and pick,
Save Tom and Harry and Dick,
And do it mighty well,
With blessings galore.

Does that sound blasphemous? It sounds no more blasphemous to you than the singing of the National Anthem sounds to me. In that they sing about the king, "Send him victorious, happy and glorious, long to reign over us," etc. Why should the supreme intelligence back of the universe be invoked to help George smash the Boers for the sake of a Diamond Syndicate, kill hundreds of Chinamen for refusing to buy opium and bleed the bones of thousands of English trained murderers on the plains and in the hills of India, so that the British capitalists may suck the life blood of the natives? Is not the singing of the National Anthem nothing but arrant blasphemy? If you take off your hat while it is sung, are you not supporting blasphemy, if, as the ecclesiastics tell us, God is love?

However, we need not worry over the church organization slipping on to the backs of the workers directly. The very nature of such a change would render the churches on their political and economic side so ridiculous that they would not be able to carry through the deal.

Suppose the preachers tried to teach us some such hymn as the above suggested. The workers would not stand for it. They know that if they want angel cake or plum pudding they have to hustle for it. If they want sirloin steak, they have to hike to the butcher for it. And they have to have the wherewithal, obtained by hard work, to pay the butcher.

You see the working class produce the wealth. The master class do not. The workers know where the material necessities of life come from. The master class, if they know, are ashamed to say it. So the master class steal from the working class and lay it on to the Supreme Being, while the working class produce what they themselves consume, and also what their masters and their masters' priests consume.

When the priests and preachers, therefore, try to step on to the shoulders of the working class and tell them they ought to support their spiritual advisers in order that the Supreme Being may furnish them houses, to live in and beef to eat and clothes to wear, the workers will reply, "Get out, you've got things twisted. What we get we have to buy, and if we've got no work, we starve. God don't feed us. We feed ourselves."

The workers also know that God does not paralyze the parasite, any more than He kills the African with the dum dum bullet. If the workers want to paralyze the parasite, they have got to do it themselves by strikes and by political action. God won't raise wages nor shorten hours nor make the landlord put new floors in the place of rotten boards. Finally they know God won't abolish the master class. The workers have to do the job themselves.

RELIGION

The above articles are not an attack on religion. If we confound hierarchies and conventional moralisms for religion, then every attack on an institution is considered to be an attack on religion. But such attacks are not religious attacks. They are attacks upon those things which hinder the progress of the race, and which shroud the broadening spirit of humanity in swaddling clothes. Humanity has advanced by escaping from the control of its hierarchies.

In primitive times the religious element was large, because the scientific element was small. The thunder and lightning, the storm, the flying of birds, the winking of a frog were all religious portents and the doings of the gods.

In early civilizations the priest, is not only the religious adviser. He is also the doctor and the lawyer. Men are sick, because they have offended the gods, and men who do wrong according to the customs of the times offend against the gods.

The Romans were practically the first people to distinguish between divine and human law. They called the first "fas" and the second "jus." They took the handling of the laws out of the hands of the priests and placed it in the hands of lawyers. The system of jurisprudence was built in the light of reason which is the basis of the law of all the Latin countries today.

Medicine was taken out of the hands of the priests, much to the benefit of medical practice. There were then left to the priests the preaching of morality, the persuading of men to do their duty towards God, the dealing with the question of

the life after death, and the mediation between the spirits of heaven and the souls in men.

The preaching of morality is slipping away from the church. With the modern science of economics, it has been discovered that morality is not a universal thing, but that it is a class thing. Thus the workers have one standard of morality and the masters have another. The scab is the hero of the master while he is the accursed of the worker. If the spiritual adviser preaches a morality pleasing to the masters, the workers leave his church, and if he preaches working class ideals, the masters leave. So he preaches a hodge-podge mess which can be referred to no standard of ethics.

There remains the question of life after death, the comforting of the dying and the cheering of those bereft of the loved one, and of man's relation to the eternal. Even here the functions of the church are being invaded by science.

The study of comparative religions has been carried on by earnest students and they have investigated and collected the phenomena which are common to all religions. They have sifted the accidental from the central facts around which the religions have been built. Societies for Psychological Research have been at work studying apparitions, thought transference and other allied phenomena. Scientists have been studying the question of mediums and the materialization of the dead. A whole literature has grown up upon the question of man's survival after death. These books have been written by men who have approached the question from a scientific point of view. Alfred Russell Wallace, co-discoverer with Darwin of the theory of evolution, has declared that the fact of man's survival after death has been proved as much as any other scientific truth. Sir Oliver Lodge, William Crooks, Frederic Myers, Wm. T. Stead and a host of other men have approached this question from an investigating spirit and they declare that we do survive death. So even the death-bed functions of the ecclesiastic is being shorn from him by the discovery of ascertained facts.

There remains the question of man's relation to the supreme being, which the religious leaders still claim as their prerogative. Even this the common man is denying as their right. For the common man has been studying evolution. He has learned how life, implanted on the earth in primitive form, has through the ages grown and branched and become more and more complex till all the orders of animal life on this planet have developed to their present state. In spite of all the adverse forces of nature, all the destructive epochs in geological history, all the fightings of animals with animals, all the wars and pestilences which afflicted primitive tribes of man, all the cruelties and slaughters and religious persecutions of historical ages, he has seen that the life force has pushed onward marching from triumph to triumph. He begins to see that the intelligence or power moving the universe which was at work millions of years before the ecclesiastic appeared on the scene, can be trusted to carry us on to higher heights of evolution, and that the meddling parson who seeks to tell us what is God's relation to us, ninety-nine times out of a hundred is speaking from a monumental ignorance as to what the plans of the Eternal are.

We are not departing from the religious spirit, we are coming into it. We are arriving at that age when every man shall be his own priest. The age of knowledge is replacing the age of faith. The doctor knows medicine, the lawyer knows law, the economist knows morals, the scientific investigator is slowly winning knowledge of our state after death, when the spirit has sloughed off the trammels of the flesh.

A comrade in Vancouver denies the statement of the Encyclopedia Britannica that the ethics of Socialism and of Christianity are identical. He says that the ethics of Christianity are low, while those of Socialism are high. He forgets that the capitalist class has captured organized Christianity and made it a stench in the nostrils of all decent people, just as the feudal lords captured it and made it a stench in the nostrils of the peasants. There is no grander story in the past history of the world than the story of primitive Christianity. The ideals of the brotherhood of man and economic equality therein preached caused the common people to flock to it, and Christ was killed because he stirred up the multitude and caused the rulers to fear the rise of the people against their thievery. Because of the equality and brotherhood doctrines, the slaves of Rome flocked to Christianity and all the horrors of Christianity and proscription were showered upon the Christians by the terrified rulers and exploiters of that day. Modern Christianity, with the politicians and capitalists and financiers and the modern "respectable" element occupying the pews of our churches bears the same relation to primitive Christianity that margot meat bears to rare roast beef. Christianity has departed from the churches of Canada, therefore the common people are departing from the churches. When the churches begin to preach economic justice, they will again grow in respect.

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ECHOES FROM THE ANTIPODES

Far off Governments Look Good to those who Believe Capitalist Press

A comrade of Mission City, B.C., requests that Cotton's give an article on New Zealand government, and says that a little about Australia would not hurt. Several views, he declares, are expressed in that neighborhood upon these topics.

These two countries are supposed to be better governed than other capitalist countries. Their legislation has been hailed as ideal. As a matter of fact these reports are put out to make people think that reform legislation will produce widely beneficial results. The reports are fakes. Capitalism rules in both countries, and the same ruthless means to suppress strikes and to pile up profits are adopted. Advancing capitalism is shoving the workers down into the usual misery.

NEW ZEALAND.

As to New Zealand, the Maori Land Worker, published at Wellington, N. Z., declares, "In the past, it is true, owing largely to certain local conditions that cannot now be set forth, the wage-earner here did enjoy conditions somewhat superior to those enjoyed in older lands. But those days have passed, with the result that the average worker is up against it here as elsewhere. Yes, the old story about New Zealand being a paradise for the workers is badly punctured. It has been shattered by the onward march of capitalism."

Those conditions largely resulted from New Zealand being a new country. The reform laws which were hailed as so wonderful had little to do with the prosperity. The scarcity of wage workers formerly forced the price of labor up, as it does today in certain few parts of the Canadian west. But competition among job seekers have changed these conditions.

The wonderful laws of New Zealand prevented large land holdings by taxing the big estates. There was much government ownership. The railways were and are government owned. There was and is compulsory arbitration, and legislation requiring fair conditions for sheep shearers. All these loudly hailed measures do little for the workers.

Charles Edward Russell visited New Zealand and Australia a couple of years ago. He found both countries highly exploited by the capitalist class. Cheap railway fares in New Zealand did not benefit the workers. The country was in the grip of a steamship combine and a bank monopoly which plundered the small scale producers and exploiters. The model houses of the municipalities were too expensive for the wage workers who were huddled in slums just like in other countries. Russell pronounced the capitalist reforms as huge fakes.

Let us examine the facts concerning this marvelous country as shown in one issue of a Socialist publication, the Maori Land Worker above quoted.

The debt of New Zealand is \$400,000,000. With a population a little over a million, it has a larger debt than Canada with a population of over seven millions. It is drained of \$13,000,000 interest on its public debts, most of which goes to Britain. The government has announced an increase in rates on its railways in order to pay 3 1/2 per cent to the bondholders. The government owns the railway and owes the purchase price and construction price of the railways upon which the parasites still get unearned revenues.

New Zealand has a conscription act in force. This was passed in 1909, and amended in 1910. Children as well as grown men are forced to learn the art of murder. This law has added \$3,000,000 to the debt and the burden is constantly increasing. 73 boys have been jailed for refusing to drill, 50 men have also been jailed, while thousands have paid fines, and other thousands have refused to serve, with the government not daring to touch them.

The law to protect the sheep shearers is flagrantly disobeyed by the masters. The shearers are compelled to sleep on the floors of sheds without any bunks at all. The bosses laugh at the awards granted the shearers. In one case Campbell, M. P., laughed at the agent of the shearers on his Peka Peka station, declaring that the award was not worth the paper it was written on. If shearers insist on their legal rights, they are blacklisted. But the law is enforced against the workers, just as the Lemieux Act is used in Canada.

In this "Paradise for the Worker" there is compulsory arbitration. As usual the law is crooked and made for a crooked purpose. A handful of workers can apply for an arbitration board, and all the workers are bound by the award. Such a law can be used and is used to compel a majority of dissatisfied slaves to submit to the wage which a handful of tame and obsequious slaves are content to accept.

Besides all this, there is the illegal use of the police to smash strikes. At Waikato, N.Z., is a famous gold mine. \$50,000,000 in gold has been taken out, of which \$22,500,000, or almost one half, has been paid in dividends. Every week \$57,500 is taken out in gold, of which \$25,875 is paid in dividends. As the normal number of employees is 1,100, this means that for every employee working \$23.52 goes to the parasite capitalists each week.

A strike began there seven months

ago. There was some hocus-pocus arbitration proceedings as usual with a handful of employees claiming to represent the workers. Strikebreakers were imported. One striker was bludgeoned to death. Others were brutally assaulted. The police continued at and at times aided the outrages of the scabs. The red flag was burned in the street amongst a howling mob of scabificationist scissorblades business people and armed and half-drunken scabs. The union hall was broken into, the union safe was chiselled open with the aid of the police, the money stolen and the private letters of the union published by the capitalist press. Many of the strikers were pursued by whiskey-mad scabs and had to flee for their lives, assaults innumerable were committed by the scabs and the women-folk of the strikers were threatened with nameless atrocities. Strikers were imprisoned in the Waikato lock-up and subjected to unprintable jeers. Others were railroaded to jail. The government refuses any kind of an investigation, after the manner of the McBride outfit in the case of the railway construction workers in British Columbia.

The New Zealand "Paradise for the workers" is a damnable myth originated and maintained by the capitalist press.

AUSTRALIA.

In Australia conditions are about as bad. In Australia there is a labor government which has passed many reform laws. But capitalism has its grip on the country and the workers suffer. In the coming elections the Liberals have put forth a platform as radical as the labor party platform. They are willing to grant like reforms. The labor party holds power only by bowing to the will of the capitalist class.

In Australia the labor party maintains a compulsory arbitration system. In Sydney fifty-seven slaughterers' assistants have been fined from \$15 to \$50 for going on strike in opposition to the decision of the Wages Board. To show how reactionary this is, we need only point out that the deadly Canadian Lemieux Act does not demand compulsory obedience to the arbitration award. After the award the parties can follow it or not in Canada. The British exploiters would like to have a Lemieux Act in England, but Sir George Asquith has told them that OWING TO THE REVOLUTIONARY TEMPER OF THE WORKERS the act with its thirty days notice of a strike would not be workable. From these facts it can readily be seen how reactionary the so-called advanced Australian government is.

Australia has a compulsory military service. School boys are forced to drill or they are flogged and are now going to be detained in the military barracks until their drill is done. Anyone who knows what military barracks are like will know what disastrous results to school boy morals will result from being incarcerated in these more pest places. A military caste is being created and snobbish officer-buttcher trainers are parading the cities in the usual swashbuckler style. This is the work of the labor government.

At Wollongong, New South Wales, a free speech fight is on in which policemen pull Socialist speakers off the box and the prisoners are hauled to court for "creating a nuisance."

In the state of New South Wales, are 12,000 coal miners. They want the eight hour day. A labor government was in power, yet it did nothing. The outcry of labor rones louder and louder, till the government was forced to pass the eight hour day in the lower house. It was thrown out by the upper house. Of the four labor members chosen by the labor government to fill vacancies in the upper house NOT ONE DEFENDED THE EIGHT HOUR BILL. The whole-four of them absented themselves while the bill was up for slaughter.

Cotton has exposed the banking graft of Canada. In Australia the banks are just as rapacious. There are twenty-one of them there. The labor government proposed the establishment of a Commonwealth Bank. With a Commonwealth Bank run by the government it was considered that competition with the private banks could be carried on and drive them out of business. Then the state-owned bank-controlling credit could be used to beat down the trusts and establish publicly owned utilities to be run for use and not for profit. The government named an obscure financial hack named Miller as "Governor" of the national bank at a salary of \$20,000 a year. After being chosen, Miller declared, "I intend to make the national owned bank a strength to other banks."

A few weeks later Miller published a statement of the operation of the nationally owned bank, showing it was lending money to the private banks. When questioned on these transactions, Miller laughingly declined to answer, saying the bank was to be free from political influence. Thus the national bank lends to the private banks and the private banks lend to the trusts to help them extend their operations, and the national bank, instead of fighting the trusts for the benefit of the people, is hand and glove with the trusts against the people.

Faroff hills look green, and faroff governments are "paradises" for the workers if we are green enough to believe the capitalist press.

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We have been kept so busy during the past three years paying for necessary machinery and equipment, fighting for circulation, finding ways and means to get enough white paper, paying our staff of loyal workers and many times struggling hard for the life and existence of Cotton's as a going concern, that we neglected our rent account. This shows we have an easy landlord who did not press us. This building was put up especially for us, and power and other machinery installed, a total investment of over \$4,000.00, and we have paid only \$63.68 on rent account, about one year's taxes.

Now the time has arrived when Cotton's must do something about reducing this rent account. WE MUST REDUCE IT. Our landlord insists strongly that we make some effort to cut it down, and being intensely interested in our circulation, and wishing to see it largely increased in Eastern Canada, he makes the following very generous proposition:

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That means that every dollar sent to the Battery on this campaign will ring \$2.00 for Socialism. Every dollar will double itself. Its a corking



good idea. Boosts Socialism, is a bargain for you, and helps Cotton's, because your dollar will put on four subs in Eastern Canada, help to meet current expenses and knocks a dollar off the debt. The more dollars we can cut out of the rent account the more circulation we can shove into Eastern Canada, where interest in Socialism is at a low ebb. It is a very generous proposition for a non-Socialist landlord.

The Agitation Battery is going to conduct a big campaign in the provinces of Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island. Interest in Socialism has fallen behind in these provinces, and our sub list has gone down. We are going to revive a big interest in Socialism, and we have the best scheme for this campaign we have ever hit upon. IT'S A CLEAR WINNER RIGHT THROUGH. We'll make capitalism look like thirty cents on a frosty night. ALL WE WANT IS YOUR CO-OPERATION.

The more dollars for the Battery Campaign, the more dollars off the debt. Get the idea from that YOUR DOLLAR more than doubles itself for Socialism. You don't want Cotton's to have the name of not paying its rent, do you? Let's keep the "Temple of the Revolution" account

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There is a blank at the bottom of this page. We know a good lot of you husters and friends don't like to cut your paper, but Father Socialism will forgive you this time, and you have our fraternal permission. Cut out the blank, sign it, and mail to Cotton's with at least \$1.00. Let us show with a vigorous spirit that we can take advantage of a real business offer for the advance of Socialism.

REMEMBER, THERE'S SOMETHING BIG COMING.



The FIDING LINE

Minahago, Ont., gets four.
Four more to Saskatoon, Sask.
Hnause, Man., gets four more copies.
\$5 for bundles from the Dom. Ex. Com., Berlin.
Four from Rosemead, Alta., helped feed the revolutionary flame.
Five more help to zizzle the plate system round West Toronto.
A Woodstock, Ont., red enrols six more under the Red Flag.
"Enclosed please find twelve new subscribers."—Brantford, Ont.
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Eight from Sudbury, Ont., jump on to the Socialist bandwagon.
Five from Kinley, five from Villavay, and four from Piquet, Sask.
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"Will try and send more," says a Waterloo, Ont., comrade with five.
Gladman, Man., will have four copies puncturing the hide of capitalism.
From Milverton, Ont., comes the happy news of four enthusiastic readers.
"Here goes four shots for the Socialist's famous Dreadnaught."—Fonoka, Alta.
A bundle booster appears in Dartmouth, N.S. He takes four copies for a year.
Four from Swift Current, Sask., will help jar things loose round those diggings.
Twenty four subs go on the list from Amherst, N.S. That is going some from one huster.
"I find it no easy matter to get subs, but I have managed twelve."—Tetrasville, P.Q.

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References: Third National Bank, Sedalia, Mo.
Could you do any better act than to send this notice to some poor sufferer of Eczema?

Rent, interest and profit are nothing but legalized robbery.

Are not the workers of Canada foolish to send their robbers to Ottawa to make laws? How can the workers expect any laws to be made in their favor when they vote so foolishly?

William Foster Coehshutt, M.P. for Brantford, Ont., is interested in the agricultural implement industry. He represents the exploiters. The exploited have no one to represent them in Parliament.

The Hon. Geo. Clare is M. P. for South Waterloo, Ont. He represents the stove interests in parliament. He belongs to the master class aggregation. What representation has the workmen in parliament? None.

There are 38 members of parliament who own bank stock and draw unearned revenues therefrom. They are all on the side of the legalized capitalist thieves. What M. P. is on the side of the exploited? Not one.

On February 13th, Alfred Weikels, of Montreal, shot himself in the stomach. He suffered from that common working class complaint, "out of work for some time." Up in Ottawa, Borden at a glorious banquet declared that Canada was the great land of opportunity. The opportunity over which Borden gloats is the opportunity for himself and fellow capitalists to rob labor.

R. Swartman, chauffeur, Toronto, worked seventy-seven hours and forty minutes in one week. He came in two hours late one morning, and when spoken to by Townsend, his employer, muttered something in his own language. He was worn out and naturally irritable. Townsend sacked him on the spot. Townsend has forty men under him. Swartman got \$15 a week, I suppose, according to the capitalist press. Swartman ought to have been thankful to his employer for "giving him work," and the more work he was given the more thankful he ought to have been. It is a safe bet that the employers do not "give work" unless they can take the hide of the workman in profit.

As long as the capitalist system exists there will be two classes of the capitalist robbers and the robbed workers. The average man has to be one or the other. If he is a laboring man, he is robbed. If he is a receiver of rent, interest and profit, he robs. It would do no good for the capitalist to climb off the backs of the workers, give up his unearned revenues and become a slave. That would not change the system. As long as the workers are willing to be robbed and will stand for it, the robber system will stand for it and look up to the thieves as superior persons, what good would it do for the individual capitalist to give up his wealth? Some other robber would immediately take his place, and the average worker would only consider that capitalist to be a fool. The robber system will have to continue until the working class become wise enough to put an end to it.

Jack Canuck, the radical Toronto paper, and its editor, Mr. Rogers, have been haled before Mr. Justice Latchford for contempt of court. It is alleged that certain comments made by Jack Canuck in a suit in which a St. Clair is one of the parties, has put the paper in contempt. The investigation was held in secret. When asked if the press would be admitted, Mr. Justice Latchford said, "I don't think so," in a manner more final than the words. Jack Canuck has little of our sympathy as a publication. But we do not want any star chamber methods in Canada. Publicity is needed particularly in contempt cases. Judges trained in the capitalist law of Canada, paid seven thousand dollars a year to enforce the robber laws, should not be allowed to try contempt cases in some little back room with the public excluded. Heaven knows, our judges are biased enough. Let them do their work in the light where the people can see what is done.

There is an order of nurses in Montreal which goes by the name of the Victorian. This order of nurses go freely where they are needed. No stated charge is made. The recipients of their services give what they feel they are able to, and the order is kept up as to the balance by charitable donations. Recently for two weeks beggars of this order went from door to door all over Montreal soliciting alms. Over \$10,000 was realized. The necessity for this order is a shame and a disgrace. Instead of being something to be proud of, we should hang our heads in shame. The nurses no doubt, poor short-sighted creatures, try to do good. But why should there be necessity for their charity assistance? Simply because the class which praise these nurses so highly are stealing the workers blind. The plunderers of Montreal, the men and women who live on Sherbrooke street and other aristocratic quarters, are draining the life blood out of the toiling many. They take so much of the wealth created that the workers are crowded into slums. The workers live in poverty. They are forced into unhealthy conditions and disease naturally results. Then these nurses paddle around and take care of a tiny little bit of the disease caused by the parasite capitalist class. The parasites go to church, and the preachers tell what a noble sacrificial the nurses lead and glorify God for them, while the parasites wink slyly to themselves, but hypocritically cry amen. The Socialist looks at the conditions squarely, and cannot be fooled. Wherefore the capitalist class, whose revenues create the misery, become alarmed. They have good reason for their fear, for the Socialist will continue his political agitation till everyone of the blatherkite stone hearted robbers are pulled from their parasite positions and shoved, neck and crop into the ranks of the useful producers.

"Enclosed please find nineteen subs. This is my first effort to collect for any paper. Although I have spoken on behalf of our paper many times, I have left it to others with whom I did not wish to interfere to get subs. But the sub list is falling, and in future I will do what lies in my power without waiting for the other fellow. Let this be instructive to the other husters who do not hustle and I know that Cotton's Weekly will soon have a circulation of fifty thousand. These will make a very good base from which to start for the hundred thousand. We shall get the co-operative commonwealth just as soon as we want it, and not one day sooner. The sleepers awake it will not be necessary for you to go to jail. You are of much more use to us outside the pen."—New Liskeard, Ont.

"I am back on my old stamping ground once more. Being an agent for your paper I have many discussions with learned men who show by their arguments that they have read but little of the Socialist philosophy, and this puts them at a disadvantage. Please

THE WINDOW SMASHERS

No one familiar with the long, crooked history of English politics could have been in the least astonished at the dirty trick that Lloyd George must have carried out on the English Suffrage movement.

In my observation the lowest creature that crawls on this earth is an English politician.

Compared with him, Hinky Dink, Bath House John, Tim Sullivan and John Powers are eminently respectable citizens. The worst product of Tammany Hall is better than the typical English politician.

Tim Sullivan in his prime did many good and kindly deeds. John Powers is a kind of father to his ward. Thousands of poor people have been relieved by his generosity. Hinky Dink has an open purse for the unfortunate. All of the condemned politicians of America that I know anything about have had strong manly traits and were on the square with their fellows. They kept faith. Not one of them would stoop to crawl and crawl around in the Lloyd George manner. If they said they would do a thing they would do it.

The American ward politician takes money from predatory corporations and the world howls vigorously about that. As a rule he turns back to some of the people some of the money that the corporations have stolen from them. I don't see anything much in that. The worst of the most corrupt cause is the load infinitely lighter than the price of milk and adds some hundreds a week to the lists of infant mortality.

The English press has for many years been pleased to throw fits of horror about the Tammany heeler. I know a lot of Tammany heelers, and I never knew one of them that didn't seem to me infinitely superior to Lloyd George and Bonar Law. As a choice between the two, I'd a million times prefer a man that takes money from a thieving corporation to one that plays filthy tricks on a band of women demanding their rights and the abolition of an ancient and indefensible wrong.—Charles Edward Russell in the Coming Nation.

FARMERS' CAMPAIGN

The Agitation Battery is just finishing up the Western Farmers' Campaign preparatory to taking up Quebec, the Maritime Provinces and Newfoundland, where a good cause awaits. The latest contributors are: E. A. B. New Westminster, B.C.; Mrs. O. K. Port Arthur, B.C.; S. E. A. Ottawa, B.C.; R. Mapee, B.C.; C. B. Victoria, B.C.; F. R. M. Box Grove, Ont.; E. Preston, B.C.; G. G. Star City, Sask.; J. S. Parks, Coalbrook, B.C.; W. A. G. Lind, B.C.; R. B. Rossland, B.C.; F. Fernie, B.C.; Mrs. M. A. O. Perle, B.C.; J. Nummola, Sask.; \$60, making a total of \$450.

The Battery is anxious to close up this fund, as they are polling to get the big sum for the awakening interest in Eastern Canada. Send along a contribution, Mr. or Mrs. Reader, and help the good cause along. We accept anything from a dime to a hundred dollar gold piece. Receipt sent for all amounts of \$1.00 and over. \$5.00 gets Facts.

Conditions Just as Bad

Dear Comrade, I am just getting acquainted with your noble sheet. I want to express my admiration for it, and also pledge my support, and will try to send in a sub once in a while. I am an Appeal law student, and am working hard so as to make myself more of an effective worker for the cause. I think that Socialism is, in fact, the only religion that is not based on practical religion, and no man can be a true Christian without being a Socialist. I have been thinking that Canadian workers must be free, since Canada was going to be a free labor market, and help working conditions just as bad.—Harry A. Butler, Hilabro, N.B.

GET INTO THE FIGHT

To the front, to the front! For subscriptions start a hunt. Either in the rank or file, or in the ranks of a smile. If we lead a lazy life, we are laggards in the strife. Let us get into the fight, let us get into the fight, let us get into the fight. There are many wrongs to right; let us get into the fight, let us get into the fight, let us get into the fight. Let us do the best we can. To help our fellow suffering man, let us get into the fight, let us get into the fight, let us get into the fight. And make Socialists every day.—G. H. Winwood, Taber, Alta.

Notes from St. John

The Board of Trade has been carrying a booster campaign and have succeeded in getting over 700 new members, but the only boost which the workers are going to get is a good boost in a shape of largely increased rents for their so-called homes (sic). Vice President Bruce of the plumbers visited this city and gave a very interesting talk on social and industrial topics. He said the remedy was to acquire power by political action and so alter the state of affairs that exists at present. We held our first fair here this week. It was successful from all points. The workers gained both experience and finance. When locals are short of funds this is a good and easy way to raise the dough. During the past few weeks I have met some people who have resented your remarks with reference to the dinner visited by Bishop Le Blanc on his arrival here. Unfortunately these remarks have been attributed to me, but as I am not the author, I am not out to take any credit for them. Generally I am blamed for things which don't concern me, but very seldom get credit for anything I do. I hope my St. John critics will please take note. The Longshoremen of this port have made the city sit up and take notice of the accidents which are occurring around the ships at St. John. Steamship checks, scowmen and harbor have recently been organized here.—F. Hyatt

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Subscribers in B. C., Take Notice

The B. C. Executive of the Social Democratic Party of Canada have had numerous requests from as far as Dawson City, Yukon, to send them some thing must be done to justify our existence, and like all working class organizations, we are not to be taken for granted. If you are sincere in the cause of Socialism, we ask you to send us all the money you can spare, to make it possible to spread Socialism in every nook and corner of British Columbia. If you have read the papers you will have seen that the Farmers' Convention throughout Canada have gone on record against militarism; against Borden's \$5,000,000 gift for the navy; and strongly against their children being trained to be soldiers in schools. Could there be more important cause to support than these before these farmers? All that is needed is funds to carry on the work. Are you game? If so, support our contributions to B. C. Organization Fund. All monies received will be acknowledged. J. Jordan, Provincial Secretary, Box 419, Nanaimo, B.C.

NEW LOCALS

New Locals of the Social Democratic Party are being formed every two or three weeks. This report shows the following locals have been formed: Ontario, 10; English, 10; Caltos English, 10; North Bay English, 10; Inverness, 10; South Porcupine Ukrainian, 10; Saskatchewan, 10; Amelia English, Kinross English.

4,807 MEMBERS

The semi-annual statement of the Social Democratic Party is about ready for the press. This report shows progress. In six months the membership has increased by 1816, a gain of over 50 per cent in half a year. The membership by provinces is as follows: Ontario, 3,425; British Columbia, 538; Alberta, 10; Saskatchewan, 10; Quebec, 100; Manitoba, 273. Total 4,807.

SOCIALIST ELECTED IN NELSON

At the city elections of Nelson, B.C., Comrade I. A. Austin was re-elected alderman, and the head of the poll, and Comrade Wm. Johnston was elected as School Trustee.

FOR FRENCH LOCALS

The Dominion Executive Committee of the Social Democratic Party of Canada have issued dues cards, platforms and leaflets in French. If interested, write to H. Martin, 61 Webb Street East, Berlin, Ont.

Join the 1917 Club. Four year-sub for \$1.00.

This Skin Peeler All the Rage in Society

(From Society World.) There is a growing tendency among women of culture and fashion to pay more attention to hygienic means of preserving their skin. The advent of mercurized wax doubtless has been largely responsible for this. This remarkable natural produces complexion so natural in appearance, so free from artificial, artificial complexions are no longer desired. Instead of doctoring an offensive skin, the skin is peeled with this peeler, so gradually, in such fine particles, no discomfort is experienced. The treated skin is soft, smooth, wholly in evidence within a week or two, is lily white, satiny soft and smooth. It's not a patchwork complexion, but a brand new one. That's why mercurized wax has become such a rage among society folk. The wax is put on nights like cold cream and washed off mornings. All druggists have it; one ounce will do.

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INNOCENT BORDEN

Premier R. L. Borden is an innocent little man. He should have a nurse along to keep him out of trouble, and should have a tutor appointed to manage his affairs. Also the people of Canada should immediately relieve him from the Premier-ship, or we do not know what a financial mess the innocent little fellow may get us into.

The Bishop of Kingston had a talk with the rector of St. Paul's church, Halifax, and the rector of St. Paul's church told the bishop of Kingston what a goodly goodly little man Borden is. He told him how Borden taught the Bible class there and showed little boys an example of goodness marvellous to behold.

This innocent little man has become Premier of Canada, and do you know what he did? He appointed Bob Rogers, the agent of the Roblin machine of Manitoba to be Minister of Public Works. Does not our premier know the reputation that Robert got in the west? Does he not know that millions of dollars are annually spent by the Works Department for public works? What is to prevent Robert from making wicked contracts with contractors whereby a reptile fund will be started which will be used to bribe the honest electors? Some kind friend should tell Mr. Borden that there is danger of corruption creeping in. A nice kind nurse whom Robert L. Borden would be the best person to tell him about the naughty company he is keeping.

But it is not in the realm or morals alone that Robert L. is in the wilderness, if we are to believe him. He is also lost in the wilderness of finance, and the wicked deeds of the modern capitalist class are closed to him.

On February 10th the Richelieu & Ontario Navigation Company had a bill before Parliament seeking to increase its capital from \$10,000,000 to \$15,000,000. Many members of Parliament wished to have some clause inserted in the bill, whereby this stock could not be made a melon and distributed to the shareholders. Mr. Borden, in surprise, asked Mr. Turf, who had the floor, "What is the hon. gentleman's authority for stating that this stock may be issued below par?" Mr. Turf patiently explained, "I say it may; there is no restriction." Then the innocent little prime minister asked, "Does the hon. gentleman mean to say that it can be legally issued below par?"

You see how innocent the little fellow is. He does not know how the capitalist class work. Let us patiently explain a few things to him. When the C. P. R. was built, the road was not built by the C. P. R. O dear no. The promoters formed railroad construction companies. Then they as directors of the construction companies, put in high tenders to the C.P.R. for the building of the line. And they, as directors of the C.P.R., awarded the contracts to the tenderers at high prices. Wa-

tered stock? O no, just rewarding ability and making millionaires.

MacKenzie and Mann are building the Canadian Northern lines. They build the lines personally, then hand them over to the C.N.R. for stocks and bonds. Watered stock? O no, just plain business deals whereby millionaires are being made.

A new sugar company is being formed in St. John, N.B. For weeks this stock was offered to the public at \$95 per \$100 shares, and for every preferred share taken \$35 worth of common stock was thrown in.

When the canning combine was formed there was no outcry about watered stock. Millions of dollars worth of stock was issued, but then, don't you know, the good will of a business is a valuable asset. If you do not believe it, ask any corporation attorney. These millions of stock were issued to pay for the good will of the various concerns taken in.

There is a law on the statute books declaring that no stock must be issued as water. No stock is issued as water. It is paid over for a consideration. If the purchasing company pays too much for what it buys a contract is a contract, and the law will hold them to it.

Under our system of freedom of contract a consolidated corporation for the making of millionaires may buy property worth \$100,000 and pay \$1,000,000 for it. A contract is a contract, and the deal holds in law.

Thus no watered stock is issued as a matter of law, and nearly every corporation in Canada is waterlogged to the limit. Every lawyer knows this, but it seems that innocent little Borden does not know it. Hundreds of thousands worth of private property, and has climbed to the premier, his remarks in parliament would lead us to believe that he is a simple little innocent.

Or—can it be possible that he is a hypocrite?

KEEP YOUR GRIT

Hang on! Cling on! No matter what they say. Push on! Sing on! Things will come your way. Sitting down and whining never helps a bit. Best way to get there is by keeping up your grit.

Don't give up hoping when the ship goes down. Grab a spar or something—just refuse to drown. Don't think you're dying just because you're hit. Smile in face of danger and hang to your grit.

Folks die too easy—they sort of fade away. Make a little error, and give in dismay. Kind of man that's needed is the man of ready wit. To laugh at pain and trouble and keep up his grit. With compliments of a new subscriber, Albert Mines, P.Q.

A sample copy is always useful to pass along. Order a bundle of four for a year at \$1.00, and a copy will always be available.

LABOR RAMPANT

Sir George Asquith has been investigating the Canadian labor problem. He has been investigating the Lemieux Act, that measure which has been hailed so ecstatically by big business. He thinks it could not be made workable in England because labor would not stand for it.

The Pall Mall Gazette points out that thirty days' notice of a strike would be impossible to enforce in England. It says that if it has proper operation in Canada, it is because Canadian labor has not yet acquired the revolutionary temper visible in recent British disputes.

The first attempt made to enforce the penalty provisions of the Act against labor was at Porcupine, when three men were sent to jail for infringing the provisions of the Act.

The protests of labor rose throughout Canada, and Crothers, Minister of Labor at Ottawa, has had the three men released on ticket of leave. Had labor not protested, those men would still be behind the bars. Labor's only salvation is its solidarity and revolutionary resisting power.

Justice has not been done. The men are still under the stigma of offenders. And other workers are still in jail. The following protest, therefore, should be acted upon at once, individually and collectively. It is important that the Minister of Justice at Ottawa be awakened to the widespread nature of the working class indignation at the outrages upon the working class.

To the Working Class of Canada, and all lovers of liberty—On January 1st, 1913, Ivan Trochyn, Hryhor Propp, Milo Jakscic and Adolph Lundberg were sentenced to six months imprisonment at hard labor on a charge of unlawful assembly.

The facts in the case are as follows: On the arrival of train No. 47 from Toronto on December 20th, 1912, the Ontario police boarded the cars and prevented the travelling public from entering, their pretext for doing this being that there were strikebreakers aboard and the strikers would interfere with them. People who understood the orders of the police remained off the cars. A majority of the people on the station did not understand English, therefore did not understand the orders of the police, and were entering the train in the usual manner. The police threw them off the cars, clubbed them unmercifully, and placed the four mentioned under arrest.

On December 31st these men were tried. They did not have legal counsel until the previous evening. Three of them elected to be tried by judge and jury. This was denied them. They asked to be tried by another magistrate, as Torrence was reported to have said that the next strike coming before him on a charge of unlawful assembly would get the limit. This was also denied. They asked that the cases be transferred to the magistrate of Whitney township,

where the cases originated. This request was also refused.

The illegal and unauthorized action of the police in encroaching on the rights of the travelling public was the sole cause of the disturbances for which four of our fellow workers are in prison.

The high-handed methods of the Ontario police, the unjust decision of the magistrate, the false accusations made at the trial and the heavy punishment inflicted, reveal a condition which stamps Northern Ontario as the Siberia of Canada.

The undersigned are seeking the co-operation of all who love freedom to protest to the Minister of Justice, and urge him to conduct the fullest investigation into these conditions. We therefore ask you to write to your local member of the Dominion Parliament asking him to bring this matter before the House, so that immediate action may be taken.

If this state of affairs is allowed to pass unnoticed, the working class of Canada will be subjected to the iron heel of police oppression when they seek to improve their condition. Workers of Canada, act at once, so these victims may be free.

Porcupine Miners' Union, No. 145, W. F. of M. James Dogue, Secretary.

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Manitoba under Roblin has shelved votes for women. Roblin is a troglodyte who ought to be sent back to his cave.

The capitalist class are digging their own graves. It is for the working class to bury the capitalist system therein.

There is many a worker who thinks he could create wealth unless he had a capitalist boss to take most of what he created away from him.

The stables of Sir Henry M. Pellett, Toronto, are to cost a quarter of a million dollars, according to the capitalist press. That back hovel is good enough for the worker.

New Zealand labor on February 14 went on record as opposing military aid to the British empire. The labor of the world bears the burden and suffers the horrors of war—and realizes it.

The lord and the duke and the feudal noble thought their power and wealth were permanent and would flow to them and their heirs forever. However, the revolution came and their power and wealth were swept away. The unthinking capitalist considers that the capitalist class will endure for centuries. But the end of their power and wealth is even now at hand.

The Socialists lead the world in thought. A good many Canadians do not know this. They do not know that the big writers and scientists and the leaders of thought realize that society must move into the cooperative era and have thrown their political efforts to the Socialist cause. When men say that Socialists are ignorant people they but betray their own ignorance.

The dividends distributed in January from the securities listed on the stock exchange in Canada were over \$20,000,000. Let the common working man be content to produce millions for his masters. He should be content to see his family worried over the high cost of living, for that is the lot decreed them by the capitalist system. The cost of living does not worry the parasites, why then should the workers raise a howl?

Recently Sir Edmund Osler gave a banquet in Ottawa to Premier Borden. The banquet was attended by 200 members of parliament and senators. Osler is one of the twenty-three men referred to by Emerson as controlling Canada. Borden was hailed with the refrain "For he is a jolly good fellow." Of course he is, to Sir Ed. Osler. The 23 who control Canada find Borden a very friendly fellow. This banquet of Osler's to the Premier should make every workingman of Canada ponder deeply why the labor skimmers think so much of their Premier.

The net earnings of the Toronto Railway Company and the Toronto Power Company for 1912 amounted to \$4,426,980. Sir William Mackenzie, R. J. Fleming, and the other gentlemen had times very prosperous in Canada. As for the low common workingmen, they should be content to labor faithfully so that these four millions of dollars may be spent by their philanthropic masters in wines, servants, private cars, and in purchasing more machinery so that more wage slaves may have an opportunity to faithfully labor. Above all, let not the worker listen to the wicked Socialists who tell him that those who labor should reap the reward.

A correspondent declares that the articles in Cotton's have an eternal sameness about them, like a violinist trying to play on one string. He wants to know why we do not copy articles from the capitalist papers where they expose conditions, and why we do not work with reform organizations moving along the same lines. Cotton's plays on one string, the slavery of the working class. Its aim is to rouse the working class to seize the political power so as to seize the mines, mills, and means of production and distribution so as to run them for the benefit of the producers and not for the non-producers. Only Socialists have this aim in view, hence we work with them.

In Vienna, Austria, on February 13 Paul Kunschak, a Christian Socialist, assassinated Franz Schumier, a member of the lower House of the Austrian Parliament and a Socialist. Kunschak followed Schumier from a political meeting to the Northwest Railway station, where he shot him with a pistol. The "Christian Socialists" of Austria have been organized by the Catholic church to oppose the revolutionary Socialists. They bear the same relation to the international Socialist movement that the scab Catholic unions of Germany bear to the international trade union movement. The Catholic ecclesiastics of Canada are telling their followers that Socialism is wicked when not under the thumb of the church. Will the Catholic ecclesiastics kindly explain how their brand of Socialism produces assassins?

The New Liskeard, Ont., Speaker yaps away about this being a free country and that the Porcupine strikers, if they do not want to work for the mineowners, should allow their jobs to be taken by scabs and make no protest. To the Speaker the mineowners are an enterprising bunch of money-owners who are doing the workers good by putting money into the pockets of the workers. The Speaker seems to think the capitalist gives work to the workers. He does no such thing. He buys labor power. He buys the life of the worker day by day, takes all his energy and pays the worker a wage that will barely keep him. The worker has nothing to be thankful to the capitalist for any more than the slave driven to work under the lash had to be thankful to the man who drove him because that man furnished him fodder, a blanket and a stall. It is wonderful what stupid brains write articles in our little country papers.

BLAMING THE DEAD

A few weeks ago the Grand Trunk Railway lost one of its firemen who was killed in a railway accident at Prescott, Ont. The engineer on the same engine was fortunate, having got off with being severely injured.

The coroner's inquest was held at Prescott, and as usual the same old faces were in the box to decide who was to blame and who was to pay the penalty. As usual the dead man was blamed. Dead men tell no tales, and cannot answer back. The jury also placed some of the blame on a living person. Wonderful, wonderful.

In the usual way it takes a railroad three years to learn the rules of the road, and even then they are often puzzled to know where they are at.

Although railroading is a highly technical business, nevertheless farmers are sworn in as jurors, placed in the box, and judge who is to blame. What they know of railroading is gained from seeing their chickens killed on the railway, or getting their ticket punched by a conductor when they go to town.

While the chief witness, the engineer, was in the hospital unable to defend himself, these farmers, these scissorblades who think they are in the capitalist class, hear a garbled account, and lay the blame of the accident upon the dead fireman and the severely injured engineer. What a wonderful bunch of men! These jurors could learn in a few minutes by listening to a little talk what it takes railroad men three years of practical work to learn.

The origin of the jury goes back to pre-capitalist times. Originally, when one man killed or injured another, the men in the immediate neighborhood would gather to decide the issue. They were chosen because they were near the spot and most likely to know the facts. Today if twelve men were found wandering round the G.T.R. property, in among the engines, they would be arrested on suspicion of being dangerous characters anxious to steal G. T. property. Although not near the spot, and ignorant of railway matters, they are perfectly fit, in the eyes of the capitalist class, to swear away the life of a wounded man and the character of a dead worker.

When I was practising law in Montreal a few years ago, the coroner's jury was a laughing stock. The street railway company were killing pedestrians with a clockwork regularity. The coroner would hold an inquest, and from among the bystanders would pick out a jury. The same old faces would be peering forth from among the crowd and would be chosen jurors, and with the same clock-like regularity that the street railway killed the pedestrians, the coroner's jury would hold the railway blameless. The lawyers alleged that the men chosen jurors were detectives in the employ of the company. I do not know if the same rotten conditions continue. They probably do.

Our laws are rotten at heart. They are made for the capitalist, and the worker has no show under them. The sooner the working class realize that the courts, the juries, the judges, the police, are all loaded against the worker, the sooner they will get mad clear to the backbone and topple the damnable capitalist system into limbo.

ACCIDENTAL DEATH VERDICT. (From the Montreal Star, Feb. 24th.) Accidental death was the verdict of the coroner's jury at the inquest held this morning into the death of Noel Pressseau, son of ex-captain J. B. Pressseau, who was killed by a street car at the corner of Richmond and St. Denis streets, late yesterday afternoon.

Edmund Boyd Osler is M. P. from one of the Toronto constituencies. He is one of the 23 referred to by Emerson as controlling Canada. The votes of the workers put him there. He represents the interests of the masters. What representation has the workers? None.

As an aftermath of the Tripolitan war unemployment is rife throughout Italy. In the Midlands thousands of capable workmen stand idle. The average number of working days is only from 100 to 120. In Milan alone 60,000 are out of work.

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