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There is a marked distinction between "private" property and "capitalist" property. Capitalist property is that portion which is held by the owning class to exploit labor. Private property is just exactly what the term implies.

While the Clarion cannot agree with the Cranbrook Herald upon many questions, here is one suggestion worthy of adoption by the government, and we feel certain such an act would receive the approval of the two socialist representatives.

The child begins to develop its lungs before it does its brain. The majority of socialists have to travel over the same road. Like the child that is being pricked by a pin, as soon as the agitation, press or speaker, has aroused us to a knowledge of our condition and we begin to realize that we are being robbed, we let forth our rage, we act like the child in trying to acquire everyone else with our condition.

A subscriber has asked the Clarion to give a definition of Socialism. The personal of the Socialist Party platform, however, is to be operated by the I.W.O.M. and the Socialist Party.

one way to get Socialism, and that is by voting for it. Commenting upon the B. C. election, the Los Angeles Socialist concludes: This splendid vote is an increase of over half a thousand per cent. in the last election.

Evidently "labor" editor Twigg, of the Victoria Colonist, says the fact of the laborer's club and six months in jail. The murder of little glory Whalen at Collingwood—though the crime was never proved to have been committed by a tramp—was a case of extermination.

The citizens of Sloan, B. C., are wasting their time at public meetings passing resolutions of condemnation against the C. P. R. for attending to their own business of making—employing Japanese laborers.

OUR TORONTO LETTER

TORONTO, Oct. 14.—The question of compulsory voting, which for many years has periodically cropped up in an abstract and academic sort of way, seems at last to have got into practical politics.

THE DEPOSIT IS RESPONSIBLE. It is noteworthy that not one of the candidates in the debate on the subject had a word to say on the arbitrary and unjust requirement of a \$200 deposit.

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serfs. They worked harder than slaves. They produced more than slaves. They had more privileges than slaves.

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MOTHER GOOSE UP-TO-DATE.

Mary had a little lamb, His fleece was white as snow, Behind her on a green hillside she was fond to go.

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WHERE "CAPITAL" COMES FROM

Marx spent his life to make clear where capital is obtained. He took this capitalist system of the manufacture and exchange of commodities, looking so innocent and defended by its apologists, the political economists, as a work of nature, good and perpetual, and he discovered, by an uncontroverted analysis, as scientific as Darwin's similar work in the domain of Biology, exactly where and how wealth was created and accumulated. And we know, with terrible precision, that there is just one place, and only one, where the creator of wealth loses the wealth he creates.

We all know now that Labor produces all wealth though some capitalist economists still refuse to admit that bottom thesis. And we know, too, that Labor loses about all the wealth it produces; it is evident enough that Labor is poor.

THE EXACT POINT OF ROBBERY.

Now the question of questions is this, where, just where, exactly where, does he lose the wealth he creates? This one question, Marx and Marx alone, has answered. No one else has used the term "Surplus Value" and no one else has demonstrated the fact expressed in this term.

Surplus value means the wealth extracted from the Proletarian in the wage process. This is the central fact of the capitalist system, that when the proletarian sells his labor power for his "wages" and performs his day's work, he contributes unpaid labor to his employer, and that unpaid labor is the source of the modern Croesus fortunes.

ANALYSIS OF CAPITAL.

That sounds very simple and elementary. It is simple and elementary. So is the fact expressed in the law of gravitation, but it took thousands of years to find it out.

The processes of exchange on the market are very complex and perplexing. The man who sells a watch or buys a coat, knows no more about the laws that control the markets of the world than he knows of the laws that govern the locomotive. Banks and money and foreign markets and panics and tariffs and riches are all a part of a great mysterious process to the average man. It seems to him that some men are rich and others poor by direction of fate or Providence. The poor ye have always with you," is the highest law he knows.

MARX LAID BARE THE HEART.

Now Karl Marx was the first to tear aside this veil of ignorance which rested over modern history and show just how it all came about.

The heart of this modern capitalist system, the secret, central law of industry, the spot where the great fortunes and the little fortunes are made lies in the payment of wages.

This is all elementary, primer-like, to the student of Marx. But when many Socialists overlook it and its practical bearing, it is time to reaffirm it in all its simplicity.

A SIMPLE ILLUSTRATION.

To illustrate: A man has a fishing boat and tackle. He goes out alone and catches, say, 20 salmon for "two bits" apiece, and he gets \$5 for his day's work. But he has boat rove and tackle for hire in the sun cracking their heels together. He hires one of these unemployed men, the cheapest he can get. One of them contracts for a dollar a day, barely enough to keep him alive. The other, who stands ready to refuse, and he sells his labor as a salmon fisher catches twice as many fish, so he gets the dollar agreed upon, leaving himself nine dollars instead of the five he had worked alone. Where did he get that extra four dollars for? Who created that extra four dollars' value for him? That is easy. His wage-worker, of course. He

paid one dollar for the use of his labor power for ten hours, but his labor itself was worth to him five dollars. That is, he got four dollars' worth of labor out of that laborer without paying him anything for it. In fact, he robbed him of four dollars in one day.

WHERE FORTUNES ARE MADE.

Now then, what Marx has proved is this, that always in this wage system, this capitalist system, that same robbery goes on. He proves, as a matter of hard fact, that these enormous fortunes of modern times, have been got, and are being got, by means of this wage robbery. That Salmon Boat was not capital until the second man was hired. The owner of the boat could never get very rich by means of his own labor at \$5 a day. But enlarge that boat to a "Salmon Combine," with wharves and vessels and "canneries" and seines and fishing grounds, with thousands of wage-laborers, and how long will it take our capitalist to make his fortune?

A LITTLE SUM.

Let us calculate a bit. For this is the central fact of modern capitalist production: we are dealing with—else the work of Karl Marx was not a scientific elucidation of facts.

So let us make a little calculation: Suppose the Salmon Combine employs Five Thousand men at Two Dollars a day. It pays them Ten Thousand Dollars a day in wages. But mark, it also borrows an equal sum at least. Those men work half the day to produce the value of their two dollars in wages and then they go right on working the other half day for nothing, producing Two Dollars more value which the employing capitalist takes or himself. That is what Marx called "Surplus Value" and it is the prime source of Rich Men.

ANOTHER LITTLE SUM.

Here are Ten Thousand Dollars a day got for nothing, unpaid labor, out of those Five Thousand men. If they get it for one hundred days only, that makes a Million Dollars got for nothing, robbed from the men who created it.

We are speaking now of the general law, the one great fact and place of exploitation. We are not noting exceptions or details. It is important for the present argument to make clear the one central fact of capitalist production, namely, that the injustice, the expropriation, the capture of the workers' product, occurs in the payment of wages.

STILL ANOTHER.

Now make one big calculation based on Census Bulletin No. 120. There are about Five Million wage earners engaged in manufactures (not including railroads or mines). They are paid about twenty-five hundred millions in annual wages, or, so-called wages. By our Marxian Law of Surplus Value they are deprived of a certain sum over and above their wages, according to our supposition, at least an equal sum of labor not paid for, wealth produced for nothing, appropriated, stolen by the holder of the capital. That is, twenty-five hundred millions was captured in one year by the capitalist class from the proletariat.

The actual facts are worse. Stated in this report, the net value of the products of these Five Millions of proletarians was about nine thousand millions. Subtract from this the wages, twenty-five hundred millions, and a Surplus Value, riches not paid for, of at least Six Thousand Millions in the one year of 1900.

It is this SIX THOUSAND MILLIONS which the wage-working class, the true proletariat, engaged in manufactures alone, was compelled to deliver up in one year for nothing, not a cent paid for it. It was this enormous amount of wealth that made your trust magnates and will continue to make them so long as a proletarian remains.

—Scientific Socialist.

she never rests until she is forced to do so by old age or broken health.

Under Socialism the opportunity to work is made available to every man and woman. But the government will own the machines of production, as it now owns the postal system, and there will be no anachronism of profits from the fingers of the toilers to build up enormous private fortunes. Flour will be abundant and pay much larger than at present, because it will have what the laborer now gets, plus that which goes to the private owner as profit. Women will have the opportunity to work when conditions demand that they have rest and quiet. Families will have the opportunity of building more spacious and comfortable homes. The tenement house, which is a disgrace to any civilization, and which is run strictly for private gain, will be torn down, and in its place will rise the homes of individual families, such as now appear only on the boulevards and in the wealthy districts of our cities.

Socialism has been accused of desiring to "level" humanity. This is its desire; but the leveling process will be an end instead of a downward one. It desires to lift to the highest possible development all the useful avenues of life, and to make every man an opportunist. Our constitution says that all men are born free and equal. Under Socialism, Socialism proposes to make that declaration true. We have in the United States at the present time 20,000,000 native-born white children under the age of 16 and 14 years who are in favor of our present "free and equal" system? Under Socialism that law will be compulsory; thus we will have an educated and cultured people. Socialism will strike at the root of evil and will make the home and the child what they should be, respectively. It desires that upon these depend the welfare of the nation. To claim that Socialism is anything but just to our women and our children to-day is the rankest farce, and the individual who makes the contrary and the continuity of the present order of things bind to the real conditions of the real world.

These are points that every woman should consider intelligently. Read the platform of the Socialists of the United States of B. C. and see for yourself the true meaning of this great movement.

The report of the Royal Commission into the South African war only confirms our past criticism of that hideous crime. It was not only a crime but a blunder from beginning to end. The Government has muddled into it—at least so far as some of their number were concerned—of malice aforethought; and then, having determined upon the course to be followed, they have continued to muddle. They failed to make adequate preparations for the "big steal" they were determining upon, and blundered along in criminal ignorance of the forces with which they had to deal, and the expense and trouble by their own agents.

The report is no less a condemnation of the diplomacy by which the war was brought about than the incompetence and folly which characterized its prosecution. The references to the Jameson Raid and to Chamberlain's despatch of September 9 of 1899, clearly fasten the responsibility for the "inevitability" of the war upon the Colonial Secretary. But, although he had the right at the immediate head and front of the offending in precipitating the war, his colleagues in the Ministry cannot desert themselves of their full share of the responsibility as well for that as for the conduct of the campaign. It is evident that they, as well as their more masterful colleagues who instigated the Jameson Raid, the wealthy mine-owners of the Rand who are still dictating British policy in the conquered territory. This gold-grabbers' war cost some thirty thousand lives and over two hundred millions of money. What the policy of which that war was an incident will ultimately cost it is impossible to say.—Justice, London, Eng.

The job which the employer holds is the property of the employer, and the man who owns the job has the legal right to discharge, and the fellow who is minus the job which he does not own, has no right to any tribunal in the nation. What difference does it make whether the discharged employee is cognizant or not of the reasons for his discharge? Will the knowledge of the causes that brought about his discharge be treasured as a comforting souvenir, as he tramples the hills and valleys in search of another owner of a job, who is willing to grant him permission to be his temporary slave? Under our system the laboring class must hold the mortgage upon the job, and the employer is under no legal obligation to assign any reason as the cause of an employee's discharge. When the cause and machinery of production and distribution shall be made the collective property of all the people, these things will be different.

shall be factors in the production of wealth. Under the present system, the employer has the right to employ, without giving a reason, and he is certainly justified in exercising his privilege to discharge without stipulating the cause. Legal rights and justice are two different propositions, for justice cuts a sorry figure in the present dog-eat-dog scramble to earn a living.—Miners Magazine.

The Kaiser has had another chill, in fear of the Socialist Party of Germany. The minister of war has issued a decree prohibiting non-commissioned officers and privates from having in their possession, or distributing, any Socialist literature without the permission of higher authority, or singing songs, giving expression to any Socialistic sentiments, and from attending any meeting, contributing money to or belonging to any society, without the permission of their officers. The German soldier, in order to pass muster must be a physical as well as a mental slave. The issuing of this order is the strongest proof that could be advanced, that the German army has become incalculably contaminated with the philosophy of Socialism, and a million of such decrees coming from the trembling monarch of Germany, will only have the effect of planting deeper the seed of economic liberty. Three million of people who are now voting against king rule in the land of Teuton, will not cease their labors until the weapons of wholesale murder in the hands of an army shall become harmless in that fraternity that ultimately destined to crystallize into the brotherhood of man, which means the crumbling of empires and the crash of thrones.—Miners Magazine.

Every system that has prevailed on earth has had the essence of slavery in it. Each has been arranged to give the cunning a part of the labor of the working class, and the present system of these cunning a greater part of labor products than any previous system or arrangement. Feudalism gave the master one-third of the produce, because of the degraded condition, gave less, for the slaves produced less. Capitalism has spurred the workers to greater exertion, and their inventive genius to make machines to still greater increase their productivity, and leaves the mass of workers with only that amount which is necessary to keep them and their worthless surplus product going to the master class, which has produced more and richer millionaires than the world ever dreamed of before. The working class is still a class of slaves.

"When has there been any organized effort on the part of the workers to correct any of their present ills? The American Federation of Labor represents millions of laborers, but are they bound together to correct any real organization as though that was an end instead of a means.

They never have a time in the history of trade unionism when it was as easy to accomplish something. These are the days when they should not be lagging over the mere question of raising wages and the mere question of nonunion workmen here and there, but when they should shape this great movement into a political industrial army into a political force until it had convictions upon economic questions and until these convictions became a part of their religion, and until they would stand by these convictions."—Leader.

Socialism must be brought about by intelligent action on the part of the working class. Socialism is not a class. The working class must agree to commit class suicide by establishing a state of society where no classes can exist. Those who claim to be Socialists think and argue that Socialism is going to fall down upon us unexpectedly and without any warning or warning of our part. How can we be logical? If you want to inaugurate Socialism you must work for it. Go after Socialism and we will get it.

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SOCIALISM AND WORKING MEN.

(By Josephine Conger)

The ethics of Socialism are so generally discussed to-day that there are few, especially in centres where the general thought is more progressive, who have not heard arguments for and against the movement. But it is not its effects upon the moral and industrial life of women that I am desirous of speaking.

We know that women in all times have borne the consequences of social changes. We know that they have done this without having a right in the determination of these conditions. They have borne passively, but the burden has not fallen more lightly for their electricity. Indeed, the consequences of misrule and oppression have been more serious because of women's sensitiveness. This is because of the difference of the fact that she is an intelligent, responsible being, with a moral soul, and that she is not a mere part on the part of those who understand to control her, so that the responsibility has been demoralizing and opprobrious to the highest degree.

Our friends, the opposition, tell us that women are making a great mistake in their desire to take the industrial organization of their times. They say that a woman's chief mission is, briefly, keeping the home and supporting the man.

Today, while a number of various talents and longings of their souls, in the majority of cases they are compelled to repress these and live in the consciousness of an undergrowth state all their lives. And even those who are so fortunate as to develop one or more of their capacities must immediately sell their capabilities in the market for a price. Women work to-day, with few exceptions, because they have to work. They work until the pleasure of the moment and long after it has become a bitterness and a drudge. They must bend over to their labor in order to hold their places, for if they lose these positions they are face to face with the need of their own bread. Every woman's work will tell you this. And besides making a slave of herself in the market, she must still care for the home and bear the children.

It is to-day that mothers receive no respect for their peculiar function in life. It is to-day that the mother receives no respect for her peculiar function in life. It is to-day that the mother receives no respect for her peculiar function in life.

Every true woman should have wide vision and the experience that comes from association with broad minds and deep hearts. It is necessary to her as a social worker and mother, and no woman is fit for her position unless she has a good motherhood who will make a good mother of her. It is for this reason that every woman should have wide vision and the experience that comes from association with broad minds and deep hearts. It is necessary to her as a social worker and mother, and no woman is fit for her position unless she has a good motherhood who will make a good mother of her.

Straws in the Life Stream

Com. Phillips, of Courtney, B. C. is in the city. Vancouver Socialists are getting ready for the municipal campaign...

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WHAT IS A SOCIALIST?

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THE LOCAL UNITE

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