

"BEASTS OF PROPERTY" SPEAKS

Enslaved Labor Treated to Convincing Discourse in the Usual Manner

The "beast of property" has again proclaimed its disinterested... It has announced its will by the same token as throughout all history...

It will be a shorter, period, however, as thousands of Russian workers already know that such governments are purely capitalist and must eventually be upset by the workers...

MORE INDUSTRIAL HOCUS FOCUS.

Another Attempt to Intense New Life Into a Dying Cause.

We note from an eastern exchange that a manifesto (?) has been issued by a galaxy of labor leaders from Michigan to Geo. Estes, and on he went, calling a convention to be held in Chicago during the coming June for the purpose of organizing a "new industrial union" based on the class struggle...

Among the passengers who arrived Sunday on the ocean liner New York were a number of "socialist" workers, who were here to attend a convention of the "Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers of America"...

With the cowardly treachery of Bryan the velvet "masked" mob was used... The "beast of property" has again proclaimed its will by the same token as throughout all history...

AFTER THE STORM

Some Reflections Concerning the Outcome of the Dominion Elections. The political storm after being driven by the districts of Victoria, Nanaimo and Vancouver City for a couple of weeks has subsided with the counting of the ballots and things have resumed their usual course...

workers in loath for further unbridled and merciless exploitation at the hands of their masters. This is as it should be long as slaves, which is what they are, such their will should be granted and the lash laid upon their servile backs to their thorough and complete satisfaction...

Every institution in present society has its roots planted in capitalist property, and thus draws its sustenance from the sweat and blood of the workers. All such, prompted by the instinct of self preservation, must, therefore, follow the same mode of procedure...

LIBERTY WORKS OVERTIME.

Enlightening the World on Ellis Island in Up-to-Date Yankee Fashion.

The following account of a recent happening within the shadow of Bartholdi's famous statue is clipped from an eastern exchange. It is given as a warning to anyone who contemplates entering the ranks of the free, to keep their eyes fixed on their political condition...

A MODERN STATESMAN.

Governor Expects to Sweep Back the Tide with a Boom.

A worthy get-to who tears the cognomen of Albert E. Mead, by the grace of God and the ignorance of his fellow citizens was recently elected to the office of governor of the State of Washington. In speaking of his inaugural address, delivered at Olympia, the capital of the State, on January 11, the daily press said:

Just who has been guilty of assuming the pseudonym systems of government to be ruled. The underlying principle is to abolish all special privileges and to establish a system of government based on "falloacious" principles. He refers to the growth of Socialism in the State University...

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A NEW RICHMOND IN THE FIELD

An Atlantic Awakening Portends the End of Capitalism

The history of events of the past year in Manchuria, which culminated in the capture of Arthur, is a chapter from the pages of fiction. The ease with which the little known man has adapted himself to the handling of modern military armaments, and the carrying on of so-called civilized warfare is something marvellous...

RONNIE SCOTLAND.

In the northwestern counties of Scotland there is a large area of land upon which agriculture is carried on strictly capitalist lines...

Little did the western nations expect the Atlantic that civilization in the Atlantic that he might easily prove too apt a pupil for their own country. That is, that some day turn upon them and read them with the very flags with which they have been so long waving him...

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of handling the modern implements of both industry and war, with their knowledge of the modern machinery which he actually deflected them from their true and natural beginning. Having taken into their hands as it were, ready-made, they prove themselves even more at home in their use than those whom which grew up with them...

The victors of Japan in the present struggle with Russia call a most dangerous. It is to the bitter understanding of the cause of western capitalism. The advance of the Atlantic to the potentiality of modern machinery and weapons must be adapted to the handling of modern military armaments...

The process of awakening the "Atlantic" is well advanced. As the new "Atlantic" is well advanced, it will hold that position until eclipsed by the stars of the new world revolution in the western world. Let it come...

As the "hart panth" after the winter brook" so far more than thirty years has the conservative heart and mind and the "beast of property" has again proclaimed its will by the same token as throughout all history...

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PUBLISHERS' NOTICE.

After a year of "blind staggers" and gapping for breath, the Western Clarion with this issue resumes publication on a sound basis. The paper is now equipped with a complete plant, including a power press of 1500 impressions per hour capacity, up-to-date Monoline typesetting machine, etc. There will be no further interruption of publication.

We believe the Socialist Party should have control of its organs and the means of their publication. Therefore, while we have undertaken the publication of the Western Clarion upon our own account and as a private undertaking, we have entered into an agreement with the Executive Committee of the Socialist Party to surrender the paper to the Party in full payment of the payment to us of the actual amount of money we have invested in the plant. Such surrender to be made at any time demanded by the Socialist Party.

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THE LESSON. The result of the poll in the various districts in British Columbia where November 8, will, no doubt, be disappointing. Candidates were voted for on November 8 who were confidently expected to bring about a substantial increase over the vote cast at the last Provincial election. The careful inquiry into all the circumstances and factors bearing upon the matter will discover no cause for such disappointment, but, on the contrary, will furnish ground for the most substantial of conclusions.

There were lively times in Italy during the recent elections. The workers, becoming class-conscious, are rallying under the flag of Socialism for the purpose of overthrowing the monarchy and the rule of the bourgeoisie. For some time past the Italian Socialists have been endeavoring to form an alliance with the anarchists in order to hold the workers away from the party movement. It is evident that all the institutions of capitalist society will combine to protect their mutual interests against the working people who are the slaves by watching current events.

It is striking that Macpherson promised the striking fishermen that in case of election he would see that the New England Fish Company's license would be taken away from the company and given to the strikers? If such promise was made can it be possible that these fishermen could be so stupid as to believe that it could be kept, even if Macpherson's intentions were genuine? For some time now the fishermen have been in the process of clearing it away many costly investments, and it is not surprising that what at first glance would appear to be a bet back will be met.

It is considerably more than a year since the reform or palliative notions and ideas. They are still led away with the delusion that the condition of the working class can be improved while the powers of government still remain under the control of the political party between capital and the industries of the world. The reform, however, well intentioned, does not belong to the class of the proletarian. They may even receive votes from the Socialist, but at the first opportunity they are quite likely to desert and throw their support in favor of some particular candidate. The only way to prevent the furtherance of their party reform or patchwork hobbies. The only revolution which will benefit the workers is through the overthrow of the present system, it can be achieved only by the workers themselves. The Socialist Party is the only party which will not only prevent the furtherance of their party reform or patchwork hobbies, but will also prevent the furtherance of their party reform or patchwork hobbies.

Similar at the provincial elections of 1903 under no circumstances be properly considered as a vote for the Socialist Party. Had it been such A. R. Stebbings would have received an equal number. As it can be received for the Socialist Party, and this vote was largely mixed up with that of capitalist candidates. The vote for the Socialist Party was only about 150. All outsiders of that must have gone by reason of personal or intimate connections, or as a result of sloppy tendencies. Such a vote is much more easily lost than gained. The vote for the Socialist Party on November 8 was 752. This shows a falling off of nearly 800 votes since the election of last year. On top of this it is well to note that about 1500 more names were upon the list than at the Provincial election. This means that the evidence could be offered that the vote of 1903 was an extremely sloppy and unreliable one.

Just what per cent. of the 752 Mortimer votes that were cast on Nov. 8 were clear and sound it would be impossible to determine. On top of this the face of the pressure brought to bear by Liberal "boodles," espionage, threat, promises, cajoling, and the constant no-nothing, stood by their guns is greatly to their credit.

The election of last year in the vote occurred in Victoria and in Nanaimo, also undoubtedly for the same reason. It is to be hoped that all those whose votes were influenced by such considerations and mental reasons will afflict the Socialist movement in this province no more.

The lesson to be drawn from this campaign just closed is that only the soundest and most thorough propaganda can prevail in marshaling the votes of the polls to vote for their emancipation. Campaigns of personalities must be relegated to the back ground. There is nothing that can be done by new laws and vital principle will be inculcated in the human mind by such procedure.

It is only necessary to see that workers be educated along the lines of their political and economic needs in order to get them to vote right. The workers require steady, persistent and thorough work upon the platform, and the scattering of literature that is beyond question sound.

As the workers grasp an understanding of their political and economic needs, they may safely be trusted to do the rest.

THE RESULT.

In No. 304 of the Western Clarion upon the signature of John T. Mortimer was given an account of the treatment accorded to three members of the working class who found themselves in Vancouver without work or money and were compelled to resort to a G.P. to help car for their necessities. It will be remembered that for this heinous crime they were given six months in the penitentiary. As a result of Comrade Mortimer's investigation of the matter a demand for the release of these men was signed by about 1000 citizens of Vancouver, and sent to the Minister of Justice at Ottawa through the medium of the Attorney-General's office in Victoria. For some inscrutable reason the men were forthwith released. We are told that the release was due to the fact that the men were not guilty of the crime. It is to be hoped that the Socialist Party will be able to do something to help these men.

The demand for the release of the men was also coupled with a demand that the magistrate who imposed this brutal sentence be fired from office. This demand was made in the form of a petition. This worthy is a fine specimen of a similar brand, and to the undoubted satisfaction of the many profit-mongering interests of the province. The next demand made will undoubtedly be the same.

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REPORT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE Fourth Annual Convention of the Socialist Party of British Columbia, Which Was Held in Vancouver on Saturday, December 31st, 1904.

To the Socialist Members of Locals Throughout B. C.

Comrades—I herewith submit for your consideration and approval a synopsis of the proceedings of the fourth annual convention of the S. P. of B. C. In accordance with Sec. 4, Article V, of constitution secretaries of the Local Party set that all members in good standing are supplied with the ballots enclosed and that same are returned to the undersigned on or before Tuesday, February 14th, 1905.

Yours on behalf of Provincial Executive Committee.

R. P. PETTIPiece, Secretary. 25 Tenth Avenue E., Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 7th, 1905.

In compliance with the call issued by the Executive of the S. P. of B. C. on November 22nd, the fourth annual party convention met in Vancouver on Saturday, December 30th, 1904.

The delegates assembled in the headquarters of Vancouver Local, 315 Cambie street. The convention was called to order at 2:15 p.m. Com. Cartwright, Nanaimo, was elected to the chair and Com. Pettipiece as secretary of the convention.

The chairman and secretary were elected as a credential committee, and reported the following delegates present: R. P. Pettipiece, Secretary. Ladies' Local, No. 10—Frank Hampton. Vancouver Local, No. 1—A. R. Stebbings, J. G. Morgan, E. T. Kingsley, R. F. Pettipiece.

Affecting the Nation from the following comrades, who had mislaid their credentials they were seated as delegates: Victoria Local, No. 3—James Cartwright, Daniel Livingstone. Moved by Kingsley, seconded by Nimmo, that J. H. Hawthorn, J. H. Williams, and Parker Williams, our representatives in the provincial house, be seated as ex-officio members of this convention, having a voice, but no vote. Carried.

Comrades Kingsley and Hawthorn-thwaite were elected a committee to draft an ordinance of business for the convention, and their report as follows was adopted:

- 1. Press reports. 2. Secretary's and Treasurer's report. 3. Legislative report. 4. Provincial organization. 5. Dominion organization. 6. Amendments to constitution. 7. Suggestions from Locals. 8. Good of the movement. 9. Adjournment.

PRESS REPORT.

Moved by Kingsley, seconded by Nimmo, that representatives of the capitalist press be not admitted to the convention. Carried out at the close of the convention. Carried unanimously.

REPORT OF SECRETARY.

Vancouver, B. C., Nov. 1, 1904. To the Delegates of the Fourth Annual Convention of the S. P. of B. C.:

Dear Comrades,—In reviewing the work of the Provincial Executive Committee for the past year there is matter for triumph and matter for regret, matter for congratulation and matter for condemnation. The Socialist Party of British Columbia came into the hands of this committee an infant in pinning blankets, its strength latent, its powers undetermined. Today it is a lusty youngster, with full knowledge of the use of its legs. At the same time it has been able to get its feet into the Legislature, and is turning indignantly away from its stunted nostrums with which it has long been the habit of the two old parties, who preside over the misery of Canadian industry, to put troublesome political infants to sleep—ever—and there does not exist a political party in the world who are so humble who would dare to insult the strenuous child with an offer of "pap." We are proud of the growth and development of our political party, and we congratulate you, the comrades and representatives of that party, by the strength it has attained under your tutelage. To you such credit belongs as may be claimed, not to this committee, which is but the machine by which you execute the orders of the party.

That there is, however, a slight lack of that solidarity that cohesive element, so essential to the health and power of any political movement, is a matter for regret and for thought and consideration. If, as is probably the case, the apparent want of "altogetherness" which has been manifested from time to time in the year past, is only the natural outcome of rapid

growth, and the separateness of territorial distance and peculiar industrial conditions, rather than any division of purpose or principle, then we have only to keep on growing, to spread ourselves further and faster, and the difference will disappear. If the S. P. of B. C. is not thoroughly a unit in self-conscious revolutionary action, the attempt was abandoned. There is yet a rich field of work in that direction open to the B. C. S. P. Ontario organization seems to have fallen to pieces, and the movement must naturally spread in a westerly direction. During the summer the Locals throughout the Province began to besmirch themselves in the way of securing the approval of the Dominion Parliament. Conventions were called with no reference to the provisions of the constitution, and in some cases the Executive Committee was obliged to take action that may have seemed arbitrary and uncalled for by the members concerned. One of the lessons learned this year which will make the work of conducting the Party business easier for the next Executive Committee, has been the desirability of conducting all its business through the appointed heads of the organization, from the Committee and "doing things" in your "own way," will not make the movement more cohesive. This has not been made, and will be made by future action. Point out these mistakes, take counsel together and ask for referendums. Only by such procedure can harmony prevail and the organization be saved. Some of the Locals have done this; they have roundly "called down" the Executive Committee for certain acts and certain opinions have been expressed. In every such case the result has been renewed confidence and co-operation following an explanation of the reasons for the case in point.

The adoption of the program of transportation companies by Socialist legislators is one of the points of difference between the Executive Committee and the Locals, and in this matter should be discussed in this convention.

There is a disposition on the part of the comrades of the interior to secure a distinct organization with an executive body of its own. To discuss some plan for the division of the party on territorial lines, with one Central Executive Committee, may meet the demands of the comrades of the interior should be one of the duties of this convention.

A short time ago, on representation made by Comrade Hawthorn-thwaite the following resolution was passed by the Committee: "Resolved: Where representatives in the Provincial House of Parliament are called upon, after the close of the session, to visit the capital upon legislative political business for their services, a sum not exceeding three dollars per day and necessary expenses. They shall first, however, obtain permission of the committee, to which they may bring to attention to which they shall make report on conclusion of the work of all such wages and expenses."

In order that the attitude of the Party on such a matter as this should be fully understood it was also determined to refer this matter to the convention for its consideration.

In September the services of Geo. H. Goebel, United States Party organizer, were secured for a few lectures in the Province. He held meetings in Vancouver, Victoria and Rossland, the latter meeting not being under the auspices of the Executive Committee, although the services of the Party were made by Comrade Goebel and a Rossland comrade. The result has been the organization of a Local at Rossland.

Walter Thos. Mills also gave one date to the Province this month, speaking in Vancouver on the 1st October, with splendid effect.

B. MERRILL BURNS, Prov. Sec.

To the Delegates of the Fourth Annual Convention of the S. P. of B. C.:

Since the foregoing report, prepared by the late secretary, was made ready for submission to the delegates upon the 25th inst. named for convention, many things have occurred in connection with the party organization which should prove of interest to you and the Locals you represent.

With the assistance of Comrades Mrs. B. M. Burns, and the inability through lack of time, of Comrade Dabberly to act, I was elected as your secretary for the balance of the term, which expires with the closing of a new executive at the first regular meeting of the Local existing at the seat of the Provincial Executive Committee.

During the present month Phoenix Local, No. 8, has surrendered its charter to the Provincial Executive Committee. The late secretary has been unable to get a statement of his work and to correspondence in connection therewith.

Owing to resolutions passed and reported on in connection with the foregoing.

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Socialist Directory

Every Local of the Socialist Party of B. C. should have a copy of this Directory. \$1.00 per month. Secretaries please note.

LOCAL VANCOUVER, S. P. of B. C. No. 1. Business meetings every Saturday. Headquarters, Inglefield Block, room 202, 318 Cambie street. Educational meetings every Sunday night at 8 o'clock in the Le Petit theatre. Gordava street. D. P. Mills, secretary, box 836, Vancouver.

Union Directory

When They Meet, Where They Meet. Every Local Union in the province should have a copy of this Directory. \$1.00 per month.

Greenwood Miners' Union, No. 22, W. F. M. Meets every Saturday evening in Union Hall, J. R. Ritchie, president; Ernest Mills, secretary-treasurer.

Phoenix Trades and Labor Council. Meets every alternate Monday. John Riordan, president; Edward Brown, vice-president; P. H. Llanes, secretary-treasurer; W. H. Barnard, secretary-treasurer; P. O. Box 198, Phoenix, B. C.

Phoenix Miners' Union, No. 8, W. F. M. Meets every Saturday evening at 7:30 o'clock in Miners' hall, Wm. Burns, president; John Riordan, secretary.

Nanaimo Miners' Union, No. 177, W. F. M. Meets every third Saturday evening at 7:30 o'clock in Miners' hall, Wm. Burns, president; John Riordan, secretary.

The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers—Local No. 215. Meets second and fourth Thursdays at I. B. E. W. Hall, Room 3, 1052 Broadway, Vancouver. J. Dillabough, recording secretary; Geo. P. Farr, financial secretary; A. H. Sellar, address all communications to the hall. All sojourning brethren cordially invited.

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