

A CLOUD UPON THE HORIZON

What the Capitalist Awakening of China May Mean to Europe. The breaking out of the war between Japan and Russia, opened up a rich field of speculation as to the future of the student and observer who is inclined to watch the moves of the great chess-board of human events, for the purpose of fathoming their meaning and discovering their portent. The startling rapidity with which the Mongolians demolished the prestige of what was supposed to be one of the most powerful of European countries, awakened in the breast of more than one cautious observer a feeling of alarm. In a dim and un-conscious way they began to realize the approach of what they termed the yellow peril. This cloud upon the horizon, as events follow each other in quick succession in the east, is looming more portentous and taking on the form of a steadily yellow spectre that is already striking terror to the hearts of the more observant Europeans, and the western world deserves more than passing notice by the people of this western continent. That which, as yet, appears but a spectre, bids fair for the near future, to become a living fact with which the white race will be forced to grapple in sheer self-defence. Asia, containing more than one-third of the population of the globe, has been asleep for centuries. Owing to her backward industrial development her people have plodded along in a primitive and comparatively peaceful way, manifesting little disposition to spread their peculiar civilization beyond the confines of Asiatic territory. Their somewhat primitive method of wealth production, based on a very pronounced surplus product, therefore the factors necessary to force them into trade and commerce outside their own borders was practically lacking. So long as resources of their own country were sufficient to supply their needs, there was no motive to drive them beyond its borders. Under such circumstances they could not develop the spirit of aggression and become world-conquerors, but fell an easy prey to the people of those countries whose industrial development had reached the point where a surplus of products were available that must needs seek an outside market. The aggressor, the conqueror, came in the shape of those countries which had reached the stage of capitalist development. England first, then followed later on by France, Germany and the United States. These capitalist countries, with an utter disregard of the customs and traditions of the Asiatic people, and with brutal interference to their wishes, opened up their ports and territory to trade and commerce. Where it could not be accomplished by civilized trickery, deceit and smooth talk, all of which is spoken of in capitalist phrase as "diplomacy," it was brought about by the mouths of cannon. England's enslavement of India, and opening of China to the opium traffic, are among the most notable achievements of the capitalist, un-conquering nations in this respect. In the newer countries of the earth have been more completely conquered by the great capitalist nations, more inevitable has it become that their surplus products must be forced upon the Asiatic people, not yet brought completely under the sway of the capitalist system of wealth production. Like a pack of hungry wolves they at last gather around the Chinese Empire with its vast resources, and hundreds of millions of people, England bites off some chunks, Russia, Germany and France follow, and then the opportunity offers the United States grabs the Philippine Islands. So utterly rapacious do the plunderers become that the project is openly discussed of dividing up what is left of China in as if it were a banquet as the guests at a table might carve a roast, the mouth of each vessel watering in anticipation of a juicy cut. The breaking out of a halt upon the caravan process, and a great war has arisen among the white plunderers that the knife is not sufficiently keen-edged to slice the roast. The almost unbroken chain of victories to the credit of the Japanese—their breaking out of the war, is either a marvel or an accident. Japan has been by becoming a capitalist country for the past forty years. She has been supplied with the modern factory system by the

capitalist system has thus been brought to the Japanese ready made. They have been merely called upon to adapt themselves to it, and her young men have been instructed in the art of building and factories of Europe and America, just how to do it. She has at once commenced to create a surplus of products that must and can be sold in other words she has been forced to expand. Hence Manchuria and the war. From a peaceful, quiet, unassuming nation, content within her own borders, she is forced to become an aggressive, an expanding, a conquering nation, and go forth in true capitalist fashion, with fire and sword to enlarge her domain in order to dispose of her surplus products. If she does not do this she will soon smother in her own capitalist fat. Every capitalist nation will perform her duty to her national power. Surplus products must be forced into the world's market against all opposition. If a capitalist nation performs her duty to her national power, the exploited wage slaves at home can be, in the last analysis, held in subjection by no other means than the force of her national power. The training of the Japanese in capitalist production, includes all that is embodied in the modern engineering and science of warfare. The engineers, with which the Japanese have gifted themselves to the capitalist machinery and method of production has only been equalled by that with which they have adapted themselves to the capitalist machinery and method of securing additional markets for the surplus. The older capitalist countries have been supplied with instruments and training in either case. They have proven apt pupils. Just as shipload after shipload of tools, machinery, etc., have been, and are being shipped to the east, with which to equip that country for entry into a world's commerce and a world's market, so are shiploads of similar material being shipped into China, and for the same purpose. Just as the very pick and flower of Japan's young men have been, and are being trained for the purpose of their deliverance from wage bondage, they will have assumed the attitude and character of manhood. No longer mad beasts engaged in a fierce and unmitigated indiscriminate conflict among themselves over the miserable crumbs that fall to the lot of the slave in the modern labor market, they will have become men with a definite purpose in view, with a problem to solve with a mission to perform, and with a sense of the power of numbers, that only a great cause can employ, this awakening army of labor will be invincible. No more Huns, no more Cheyenne, and no more Indians, but a steady, persistent and determined advance upon the seat and citadel of capitalist authority, the powers of government: a peaceful advance if possible—a forcible one if necessary. Upon the back of labor must always rest the burdens of the world, but the time is near at hand for the giant to untold the weight of the last expression of the bondage of centuries. That weight is capital and its wage servitude. C. H. Allison, a writer in the National Bureaucrat for April, by a carefully studied Bulletin, No. 12, issued by the Interstate Commerce Commission, discovers "indisputable proof that every one of the collisions and most fatal derailments, comprising more than 90 per cent. of the casualties, were directly traceable to the neglect or disobedience of employees." He exposes the source of the trouble by adding that "discipline on American railroads is weighted down by the incubus of ignorance, which is the chief cause of accidents that have not become extinct with the death of Ananias, and Baran Munchausen. Carnegie has donated some \$10,000,000 for the purpose of providing for the welfare and maintenance of worn-out college professors. This is very commendable. Few people realize the terrible strain upon the college professor who loyally defends the present system of property, by allowing a student to escape from college with a diploma in his hands. The college professor deserves the greatest of consideration at the hands of those who profit by the present system. As far as workers are concerned it would be better still were the entire professional fraternity pensioned off at birth. The employing printers of San Francisco have notified the Typographical Union and the Pressmen's Union that according to July 1, the working day will be nine hours instead of eight as heretofore.

TIME TO UNLOAD

Wage Slaves Should Throw Off the Yoke. When the miners of Hibbing walked out upon a strike, demanding better conditions from the copper magnates, the business men immediately organized and equipped themselves with deadly weapons to strike terror in the hearts of the brawny men whose patronage made it possible for them to reap profit in the commercial realm. The following dispatch shows the fraternal spirit that permeates the breach of the working class, whose few and fast and fat on the bone and muscle of labor: "Duluth, Minn., April 18.—The business men of Hibbing, for the purpose of striking terror in the Mesaba range without calling upon the governor for troops, have organized a rifle brigade of 100 members, and it stands subject to the call of the sheriff." It is only a question of time when the laboring masses will realize that the wage slaves must stand together as a class, depending upon their own efforts to break the yoke of their oppressors. The laboring man is the prey of all and when he once awakes to the fact that he is a victim of corporate and commercial exploitation, when he becomes convinced that upon his back rests the burdens of the world, he will rise to his feet with might and untold the weight of centuries of "Truth—Miner's Magazine." True enough. As the workers awaken to an understanding of the position they occupy in present-day society, and the problem they must solve to relieve themselves of the burden that presses so grievously upon them, they will abandon their old line of rebellious action that converts them into mad beasts, and place them as an easy prey to the policeman's club, the rifle, the bayonet and the ball-pipe. They will no longer expect the energy of their bodies to carry them out of the following victims of capitalist exploitation, nor physical energy in invading the legal rights of others, and thus falling down upon them the powers of repression. In open, courageous and consciously revolutionary warfare against the master class for the purpose of seizing control of the powers of government in order to effect their deliverance from wage bondage, they will have assumed the attitude and character of manhood. No longer mad beasts engaged in a fierce and unmitigated indiscriminate conflict among themselves over the miserable crumbs that fall to the lot of the slave in the modern labor market, they will have become men with a definite purpose in view, with a problem to solve with a mission to perform, and with a sense of the power of numbers, that only a great cause can employ, this awakening army of labor will be invincible. No more Huns, no more Cheyenne, and no more Indians, but a steady, persistent and determined advance upon the seat and citadel of capitalist authority, the powers of government: a peaceful advance if possible—a forcible one if necessary. Upon the back of labor must always rest the burdens of the world, but the time is near at hand for the giant to untold the weight of the last expression of the bondage of centuries. That weight is capital and its wage servitude. C. H. Allison, a writer in the National Bureaucrat for April, by a carefully studied Bulletin, No. 12, issued by the Interstate Commerce Commission, discovers "indisputable proof that every one of the collisions and most fatal derailments, comprising more than 90 per cent. of the casualties, were directly traceable to the neglect or disobedience of employees." He exposes the source of the trouble by adding that "discipline on American railroads is weighted down by the incubus of ignorance, which is the chief cause of accidents that have not become extinct with the death of Ananias, and Baran Munchausen. Carnegie has donated some \$10,000,000 for the purpose of providing for the welfare and maintenance of worn-out college professors. This is very commendable. Few people realize the terrible strain upon the college professor who loyally defends the present system of property, by allowing a student to escape from college with a diploma in his hands. The college professor deserves the greatest of consideration at the hands of those who profit by the present system. As far as workers are concerned it would be better still were the entire professional fraternity pensioned off at birth. The employing printers of San Francisco have notified the Typographical Union and the Pressmen's Union that according to July 1, the working day will be nine hours instead of eight as heretofore.

SLAUGHTER OF THE INNOCENTS

Children of the Working Class Grown to Death for Capitalist Profit. It is beyond the power of language to describe the horrors that are inflicted upon human kind under the baneful rule of capital. Coldly indifferent to all consideration for human comfort and well-being, without conscience, scruple or remorse, it pursues the even tenor of its way, mercilessly grinding the bodies of men, women and children into its hideous grip. The history of capital is told in the one word, murder—and it is written in the blood of the working class. In its infancy the blood was drawn from the veins of the adult male workers, later on as its machinery became developed to a point making it possible to profitably utilize the labor of adult females, these were drawn into its grasp, making victims, to be followed still later by the children, even down to the years of helpless babyhood. And while the beneficiaries of this capitalist riot and luxury and affluence upon the proceeds of this wholesale murder; while its trucking apologists in the pulpit turn their pious eyes heavenward and call down divine blessing upon it; while a vile press with fulsome unctious piety flatters out upon the industrial and financial giants of the age, and gleefully and approvingly chronicles the vulgar orgies of their spawn and hangers-on; while a gaping multitude with belly-crawling adulation follows with servile interest the moves of murder-loving Czars, Emperors, Kings, and beaurocrats, Presidents, the mills of capital, with ever increasing mercilessness and abandon are grinding the bone and flesh and marrow of the very pick and flower of the race, men, women and children alike, into that red stream of profit in which capitalists and their vulgar henchmen, hirelings, apologists and hangers-on so delight to wallow. The following from an article by Elbert Hubbard in the American Federationist for April throws some light on conditions as they exist in the cotton mills of the South. The owners of these mills are undoubtedly good Christian gentlemen, amply qualified to point out how they hold their capital in the right way, and how Socialism would destroy ambition, individuality and the home. The infant factory slaves of South Carolina can never develop into men and women. There are no mortality statistics; the mill owners battle all attempts of the outside public to get at the facts, but my opinion is that in many mills death sets the little prisoner free inside of four years. Beyond that he cannot hope to live, and this opinion is derived from careful observation and intensive meditation. The child does not think, he ceases to suffer—memory is as dead as hope. No more does he long for the green fields, the running streams, the freedom of the woods, and the companionship of the wild, free things that run, climb, fly, swim, or burrow. He does his work like an automaton; he is a part of the roaring machinery; memory is seared, physical vitality is at such a low ebb that he ceases to suffer—memory is at a short limit on torture by searing insensibility. If you suffer, thank God—it is a sure sign you are alive. I thought to lift one of the little fellows to ascertain his weight. Straightway through his thirty-five pound skin and bones there came a tremor of fear, and he struggled forward to tie a broken thread. I attracted his attention by a touch, and offered him a silver dime. He looked at me dumbly, from a face that might have belonged to a man of sixty, so furrowed, tightly-drawn and full of pain. He did not know what it was. I tried to stroke his head and caress his cheek. My sunlit of friendship meant nothing to him—he shrank from my touch as though he expected punishment. A cry was unknown to this child, sympathy

INTERESTING CONTEST

Evans Got Fired and Boss Cuts His Toe. The Chicago Sunday Tribune publishes an eight-page supplement called the "Workers Magazine," devoted to fair tales of how the poor, but honest, industrious and faithful office boy worked his way up to the proud position of bank president, or manager of great railway system. In a late issue has been inaugurated a contest among the readers of the magazine's pleasing fiction, that is quite unique in its way. The readers are invited to send in a statement of the reason why they have, in the course of their experience, lost their good jobs. The one giving the best reason will receive a prize of \$50 at the end of each week's contest. The following are the reasons given by 72 persons who entered the contest during the past week. Drunk, 11. Carelessness, 8. Swelled headlines, 7. Office troubles, 5. Greasing the wheels, 4. Laziness, 4. Went to sleep, 2. Misplaced confidence, 1. Rejected by the market, 1. Discovered Company's crookedness, 1. Licked a knocker, 1. Woman worked cheaper, 2. Accused of swelled head, 1 (pleads not guilty). Sassed the boss, 1. Asked for more salary, 2. Fellow clerk stole, 1. Business closed down, 2. Didn't belong to union—discharged after strike, 2. Not needed—force being reduced, 2. Given too important position after short term of employment, angering head of company, 1. Beer was too strong, 1. Salary of \$75 a month too high, 1. Beer brought into his department, 1. Lacked and "lost his passents," 1. Mental laziness, 1. Dull season, 3. Stopped on boss' toe, 1. The prize money is in the hands of the 8 who conferred with the editor, which seems rather unfair to the chap who stepped on the boss' toe. A WISE JUDGE. "I look upon the profession of the law as one of the most august professions on earth—if those of other high professions would pardon me, I should say the highest upon earth. It has to deal with the dearest possessions of man. It is the profession charged with the earthly administration of the justice of God." The above gem fell from the lips of Judge James G. Jenkins at a banquet given in his honor in Chicago, the occasion of his retirement from the United States circuit bench. Just what the learned Judge had been drinking is not known, but whatever it was it came near making him see things. If any person wishes to become familiar with the way the legal fraternity attend to the "earthly administration of the justice of God," it would be advisable to start in with the small debts court, and go right through the gamut up to the Supreme court. By the time he gets through with the trip he will be able to recognize the "justice of God" wherever he meets it, at least in its earthly form. The knocking out of the bakers' ten-hour law in New York by the legal lights of the Federal Supreme court was a splendid illustration of it. It was this same Judge Jenkins who in 1893 issued an injunction against the Northern Pacific Railway employees restraining them from quitting the service of the company, under penalty of being found guilty of contempt of court, and sent to jail. What Jenkins does not know about the "earthly administration of the justice of God," is scarcely worth knowing. Anti-Semetic disorders in the Crimea culminated in a fierce battle between Christians and Jews on May 4, in which stones and revolvers were freely used. When the Jews at last fled defeated, the Christians demonstrated the superiority of their brand of religion by engaging in a carnival of pillage and plunder lasting from noon until midnight. At a meeting of the master plumbers of Vancouver on May 10, the principle of the "open shop" in the local plumbing trade was adopted. This applies only to the Journeymen Plumbers Association. The Master Plumbers Association still remains a "closed shop," which, of course, is quite proper. A new and flourishing line of business is being opened up by the capitalists. Whenever profits in the ordinary lines are not altogether satisfactory, the shortage is being made up by using some union for damages. The "freeing of the market" means a more profitable line of business than manufacturing, mining or transportation, in the near future.

NO CAUSE FOR COMPLAINT.

J. N. Hurty, of the Indiana State Board of Health, is responsible for the statement that "65 per cent. of the total death of infants in America last year was due to poison administered in impure foods, and the deadly concoctions placed on the market by fraudulent food manufacturers." As this is the first report of its kind, a number of writers seem inclined to think it quite a horror. It is very unimpressive, the kind of looking at things in this unimpressive practical age. As to whether the year's events are satisfactory or otherwise, should be determined from Dunn & Bradstreet's reports of Boards of Trade and Commerce. Statistics bearing upon the growth of the infant trade, baby clothes, etc., and not upon the mortality among infants. The death of a trifling number like a half-million or so amounts to nothing, so long as there is enough left to supply the requirements of the factories, shops, mines, charity joints, and other paraphernalia of our glorious Christian civilization. Such trifling money loss as has been sustained through the death of these infants, has no doubt been more than offset by the profit made through their poisoning, so what is there to make a fuss about anyway? Events as they occur must be accepted as they are, and not as they are as they are, rather than from that of which we might wish them to be. The sooner the workers awake to a full realization of the nature and character of the rule of the capitalist, and its sordid and callous indifference to the health and lives of its victims, the sooner will they be ready to rise like men and by conquering the powers break its stranglehold upon the life of the race. Until that time capital will continue to be both infants and adults will continue as a matter of course, and might as well be considered philosophically. The John S. Spradleys & Bros. Co. of San Francisco, have sought the aid of the Federal courts to assist them in fighting the riggers and stevedores' unions, whom it is alleged have been guilty of a violation of the interstate commerce law by interfering with the loading and unloading of vessels plying between San Francisco and Honolulu. The court has granted a temporary restraining order and set the hearing for May 15. The company is suing for damages to the amount of over \$100,000. An exchange vociferously declares "the class war is raging in Chicago." The only cause for complaint on the part of the capitalist is the case of an owner who while driving one of his own teams, was pounced upon by a gang of strikers and put out of business before he had time to explain that he was a non-combatant. The injuries he received should, therefore, be attributed to accident rather than warfare. The Colorado legislature has passed an eight-hour law that is really a peach in its way. Under it the employer can violate the law as he chooses unless someone brings action against him to stop it. As the only person interested in having the law obeyed by the employee himself, and he would, of course, lose his job if he brought action, it was readily seen what a clever and reliable eight-hour law it is anyway. The Wisconsin assembly has passed a bill prohibiting graft in private corporations and in business affairs. It is a wicked invasion of the principle of "free contract" and of individual liberty and should be promptly knocked out by the supreme monkey, no, no, we mean judge.



# The Economic Evolution

One of the most solemn things to the thinker is the way in which the economic evolution pursues its course, without appearing to be influenced by moral, ethical or religious considerations.

About two thousand years ago, in a fable, a man came regarding to some as more than God—God himself—and preached peace on earth and goodwill towards men; that men should use and enjoy the earth in common; that there should be no heaven, and that there should be no brotherhood of men on earth.

Since his day, for two thousand years, a thousand crops of saints have preached the same doctrines. A million preachers in a million churches and chapels are preaching the same doctrines today. Yet peace on earth and goodwill towards men have not come! Church members and peace congresses meet, while they are praying, the seas seize each other by the throat, and before the praying has ceased they have once more let forth the thousands and have piled their corpses in heaps, food for beasts and fowls.

main a surplus in the warehouse. Then no further goods can be made. Then work is stopped. The unemployed army is increased. On the one hand a pyramid of unsold goods, on the other hand an army of unemployed.

If no further markets be opened the pile of unsold goods must grow greater and greater, until the day comes when there is no more work for the wage-slave, and no more profit for the capitalist. This is the day of capitalist bankruptcy, when every capitalist finds himself a Socialist in spite of himself. He is in favor of peace now, as he has always been. But he is willing to keep the peace until he is going to war. No more market! He has produced goods sky high at one end of the economic scale and has completely emptied the pockets of the people at the other.

How shall a class owning the means of production, and producing wealth by machinery, which machinery has displaced the hand labor of the people, continue to sell their products to the people, who have all been thrown out of work by the advanced machinery, and have no more money to buy them?

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Christ has come, but whence comes Christianity? And how shall it be? And what will bring it? Certainly not the preaching of moral, ethical, or religious. This has been tried, until the Christian dispensation alone for nearly two thousand years. And the peace and goodwill are not evident. Their opposite war and bloodshed, are as violent as ever, and the means for feeding them have been increased by one a thousandfold. Not the man who preaches the best sermon gets the most money, but the man who seduces the best gun. And while the preachers and potentates listen to the man at their peace conferences, they are eager to compete with each other to buy the best gun. Showing early that they believe in the power of the gun before the gospel. And were the old gun could kill its ten, a new gun can kill its thousand; and the bloodshed that was done in a month, when Christ walked the earth, is now done in a day—may, in an hour—so potent, perfect, and actual has man become in the business of destruction.

Peace and goodwill, then, have not come, with the preaching of the Gospel, but war and the science of war, have grown in spite of the preaching of the Gospel.

It is, then, the cause of war due to those which defy ethics and religion, and which, until they play themselves out, are recognized and rewarded, and continue to render peace impossible, and all preaching of peace vain? We Socialists say that the cause is due to such economic forces which so long as they exist must continue to make men fly at each other's throats even while they have the gospel of peace upon their tongues. What, then, is this warfare that laughs in the face of peace? And the answer is: the capitalist struggle for the world market. The capitalists will listen to appeals for peace, and applaud the same to the echo. But let the clouds appear, and bigger than a man's hand, they laugh with fear that their portion of the world-market will be contracted, or fought with hope that their portion of the world market may be expanded, and instantly the peace speeches are blown to the four winds and the peace orators are thrust aside, and the particular gain of capitalists, which fears danger to its market, or sees hope of increasing it, is in arms. War is declared, blood must flow. And even while they listen to the peace speeches they are careful not to neglect the securing of the best guns, the best ships, and the best men, and to keep themselves in readiness for the instant war.

While they say, we are brothers and peace is blessed, they continue to rear their armaments sky high and against another, which shows they do not believe in peace, and will fight, the first instant that their portion of the world-market is threatened, or the first instant they can see a hope of extending it. Nor can the national gangs of capitalists help this, nor as individuals doing that which the capitalist system compels them to do, can we blame them. It is no use blaming, but it is a man's duty to see that he is not a man against the system, but as long as capitalism holds the forces of the same must operate, and both capitalist and wage-slave must reap the fruits. Goods are produced; goods must be sold; goods must realize their profit.

If there is no market the goods cannot be sold; and if the goods are not sold, there is no profit to be realized.

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A gigantic army of unemployed on the one hand; a gigantic surplus of commodities on the other; a vast volume of capital in the banks, with no avenue of investment left for it. The crash of banking; the bankruptcy of capitalism.

This is the event that awaits capitalist production, and to stave off this event its statesmen, generals and captains of industry must move earth and heaven for fresh markets.

Never mind about peace. Peace is all very well as a sentiment. Certainly, blessed are the peacemakers, but don't you let those blackguardly Frenchmen, Germans, Russians, or whoever they may be, encroach upon our markets, and keep your eye on the horizon for any fresh territory that may come, which may produce fresh markets, and mind we are in a fit to seize it. Peace! Oh, yes, very fine! And verily it shall prevail. But not yet. When there are no more markets to be captured; when there are no more profits to be made by our capital and business; then we will hand them over to the commonwealth, and wealth shall be produced for use and not for profit, and you shall find us as good Socialists as any. This is the day that Marx foretells in that majestic paragraph of "Capital":

"Centralization of the means of production, and socialization of labor, at last reach a point where they become incompatible with capitalist appropriation. The infatuation is burst asunder. The knell of private capitalist property is rung. The economy of the market is expropriated."—"Capital," vol. I, page 487.

And the best watchmen on the watch tower of capitalist society are now declaring that the point which Marx foretold is not far off. Few men can claim to have studied society with greater zeal and ability than the late Emile Zola. A few years before his sad death in 1902 he delivered in New York his great speech. The wonderful doctrine he advanced in this speech we have something like a prophecy from the great novelist in these words:

"If believe in less than ten years we will see great events occur in the social fabric, almost simultaneously on all points. I believe in twenty years, though it were idle to expect the realization of all we want, profound political, economic, and purely social modifications will have bettered the world considerably, brought a greater sum of happiness, made the good things of life more evenly distributed more equitably, divided."

And let the tremendous economies in production, and the tremendous growth of the unemployed arising therefrom, and the tremendous glut of commodities that cannot be disposed, and capital which cannot be invested, tell the rest.—John Tamlyn, in London Justice.

Comrade declares most vigorously that "organized labor is not a destructive force. It is a force to be organized, merely just how 'hotter' and at the same time better homes and higher and happier lives for the people."

If the modern conjurer would deign to explain clearly just how "hotter results for employers," and "hotter homes," etc., for the workers can at the same time be conjured forth from the present system of property, both employer and employee could well afford to give him hearty support. In fact they could not afford to do otherwise.

## A MONKEY LEGISLATURE.

It remained for the Nebraska state legislature to enact unique eight-hour legislation. Now, do not think that this applies to wage earners—not at all. The Nebraska legislature has enacted the eight-hour law, but they wanted to try it on a representative of the Bar. While before applying it to the completed species represented by that theory. A correspondent in Lincoln writes as follows: "In regard to the proposed eight-hour law, the Union working eight hours, what do you think of that? A bill was passed prohibiting monkeys from being worked more than ten hours a day. A case in point: During the late fair—which is held in Lincoln—a couple of organ grinders worked these little fellows twelve or fourteen hours a day. The outcome was a little legislation. It has come to a pretty pass with the monkeys. They will get their heads under the Lincoln Wage-work says: 'The legislature of 1905 has made a record for the enactment of labor laws. It has enacted a law that is thundering down the ages and is preserved in the archives of labor as long as time shall last. And when the heavens shall be rolled together as a parchment scroll; when Gabriel leaving his post of duty by the side of the great white throne, shall stand forth with one foot upon the mighty land and the other upon the bottomless sea, proclaiming in thunder tones through his golden trumpet that the instruments of the law of the Nebraska legislature upon the labor question will rise up like a resurrected soul and be the wonder and throughout the world will get their law a legislature of 1905 enacted into law an eight-hour day for monkeys. Heavens! it will be unlawful for a monkey to work more than eight hours a day in Nebraska. Men, women and children may be forced to toil from sun to sun, but the monkey is given an eight-hour day from now on. Glorious news. Carry it around the world and emblazon it upon the banners that are flung upon the outer walls—Nebraska's legislature thinks more of monkeys than it does of human beings. But perhaps that is natural. It is said that 'a little fellow feeding makes us wonder how he does it.' So there arose for the lawmakers of Nebraska the given order of the tenth of the century. What else but a 'fellow who feeds' and 'a fellow who feeds' that brought the light of nature that brought the light of nature, every request of human workmen to give the monkeys an eight-hour day to work more than eight hours a day, and thoroughly represented in the Nebraska legislature. Blood is thicker than water.—Type Journal.

key legislature." Its monkey business is shown to be of a high standard of excellence, and the feeling of morality, strictly predominant, by the fact of its affording relief by an eight-hour law to the most helpless, and not the least deserving part of the monkey tribe. The poor, downtrodden, organ-bringing monkey had no franchise or other rights of citizenship with which to protect himself. We are glad the legislature came to his relief.

## THE CONDITIONS OF WOMEN.

In Chukogen, the organ of the Japanese Socialists, published in Tokyo Japan, under the above caption we find the following in the issue of April 28, 1905. In what essential particulars does the condition of the Japanese women are here portrayed, differ from that of the women of other capitalist countries?

"Japanese women, in a word, are utterly subjected to men. Girls are possessed of no rights as if they were private property, and are compulsorily married to men who are wretchedly chosen by the fathers without almost any regard to the girls own consent. After the marriage the wives are possessed by their husbands as the objects of pleasure, as the instruments of breeding children, and as the convenient servants for the household.

"In lower classes the wives are helplessly the slaves of men. Some are abandoned and linked by the drunkard husbands. Some are forsaken with their numerous children. Some are drugged all the time as if they were with chains. And there are girls who are unfortunately or unfortunately pretty are all compelled to become prostitutes, of which Japan is so famous. It is true that favoring education in this country made great progress. But it is only from the necessity for the women to get a living in competition with men. So there arose women, most of them unmarried. They are nurses, teachers, telephone girls, petty clerks, etc. And there are girls who are beginning to awake to consciousness of their commercial situations."

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## ONE OF JUDGE'S FABLES.

"Oh, papa!" said a little frog to his sire, who sat beside him at the banks of the pool. "I have seen such a monster! It was as big as a house and had horns, horns, and a long tail." "Tut, tut, son-of-a-bitch!" said only Farmer Green's helper. "It isn't so large, either. It may be just a trifle taller than I, but I can easily make myself quite as broad!" and with that he commenced to blow himself out, and blow himself out. "Was it as big as that?" asked he. "Oh, much bigger," said the young frog. "But have a care, pa; for if you blow yourself like that you may go broke." For the young frog was in fear that the blow would almost kill his father. But again the old one blew himself out and enquired if the helper was that large. "Larger, pa, larger," was the answer. So the frog took a deep breath until he had inflated himself to the buoyant consistency of a toy balloon, and the next moment soared off on a prevailing zephyr to an adjacent swamp, while the young frog fell a victim to a post-hunter's net the next morning.

Moral.—Inflations blowing occasionally lands one all right.

has gathered in three townships, by questionable means, and his descendants did not have to go about picking up hot stoves in order to live.

But for all she was not happy. Not that any of the women in her set had homelier and more expensive hats than she had. It was no trifle like that that stirred her bosom to its depths and made the Missouri river freshet come unbidden from her eyes. Her only son, heir to the estate, on whom she had built so much, had disgraced the family, and she felt she could never look the world in the face again. He had gone to work.—Duncan M. Smith.

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## OUT OF THE SIX MILLION SCHOOL CHILDREN...

Out of the six million school children in the United States in cities of over 5,000 population, only about four million are enrolled in the public or private schools, and of those one million are most of the time absent on account of poverty. And some one has figured out that in one hour of one hundred men in one condition is equivalent to the production of enough food to supply ten thousand men for one year. But we are assured by most of the professors and preachers that this system is all right, and Socialism would destroy religion and the home, and bring the world once more into barbarism. Surely, being wise men, they ought to know. Down with it.

## PLATFORM OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY OF CANADA

We, the Socialist Party of Canada, in convention assembled, affirm our allegiance to and support of the principles and program of the international revolutionary working class.

Labor produces all wealth, and labor it should justly belong. To the owners of the means of wealth production belongs the product of labor. The present economic system is based upon capitalist ownership of the means of wealth production; therefore all the products of labor belong to the capitalist class. The capitalist is master; the worker is slave.

So long as the capitalist remains in possession of the reins of government all the powers of the state will be used to protect and defend their property rights in the means of wealth production and their control of the product of labor.

The capitalist system gives to the capitalist an ever-swelling stream of profits, and to the worker an ever-increasing measure of misery and degradation.

The interest of the working class lies in the direction of setting itself free from capitalist exploitation by the abolition of the wage system. To accomplish this necessitates the transformation of capitalist property into the means of wealth production into the property of the working class property.

The irrepressible conflict of interests between the capitalist and the worker is rapidly culminating in a struggle for possession of the power

## of government—the capitalist to hold the worker to secure it by political action. This is the class struggle.

Therefore, we call upon all workers to organize under the banner of the Socialist Party of Canada with the object of conquering the public powers for the purpose of setting up and enforcing the economic program of the working class, as follows:

1. The transformation, as rapidly as possible, of capitalist property in the means of wealth production (natural resources, factories, mills, railways, etc.) into the collective property of the working class.
  2. Thorough and democratic organization and management of industry by the workers.
  3. The establishment, as speedily as possible, of production for use instead of production for profit.
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WHITE SLAVES OF ADELAIDE

For the benefit of those who are under the impression that conditions for the workers are better in Australia than elsewhere, we clip the following from the Sydney Worker of March 18.

The persistence of the boot-lickers' assertion that there is no sweating in Adelaide has led to the making of some private inquiries by the members of the Labor Party and other interested persons...

Another Song of the Shirt. The other typical case is that of another woman who works for Asiatic hawkers for their city boss.

Factory Inspection Farce. In many of the factories, especially the outside ones, things are no better than in the factory inspection...

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do the work more cheaply than human labor. Whether they will organize under the banners of "pure and simple" or "industrial unionism," has not yet been determined.

A German physician has devised a simple apparatus for the cure of snoring, which holds up the lower jaw and prevents it from dropping during sleep.

The comparative usefulness of the glory in the world's work was nicely illustrated in the opening of the Simpton tunnel.

Another time-honored custom has received its death blow. A Tacoma man has invented an umbrella so constructed that upon removing the member from the umbrella stick...

THE FIRST REAL SHOCK.

One morning Adam walked abroad his soul was filled with joy and laud. By chance he wandered near the tree Where Eve had clothed her nudity.

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ARMY OF THE UNEMPLOYED.

Just at present the working people of Chicago are very much worried by the fact that the State militia and the United States troops are likely to be used by the employers to assist in breaking up the tent-cities and hordes of deal block-out-blow to unionism in Chicago.

men, driven almost insane from centuries of poverty, always ready, ever anxious for an opportunity to earn a living and being unable to do so...

Under Socialism both of these great capitalist institutions, the United States standing army and the standing army of the unemployed will naturally pass out of existence.

The secretary of the San Francisco Citizen's Alliance says: "The closed shop and the principle it represents not only destroys civil liberty, but the fabric of human society and the brotherhood of man."

WHAT OF TOMORROW?

It is a rash person who is willing to paint the details of the civilization of tomorrow. The shallow person who has no better idea of a race...

This type of individual may be called the idiot brother of tycoon. He might as well talk to a monkey about differential calculus.

Another question always on the lips of the intellectually dead is why the platforms should vote things apparently so remote, when there are numerous things close at hand...

Socialists are elected one at a time; the wedge goes in slowly. Each one in his locality has to meet different problems.

He is simply directed by one all-directing principle. It is that every measure, whether introduced by him or anybody else, having for its object the improvement of the condition of the masses...

Andrew Carnegie's favorite niece has been secretly married to a successful master named Heaver. That is, he is a poor man, and not necessarily a poor riding master.

J. A. McBride, a striking machinist, of Chicago, was recently sentenced to twenty days in jail for contempt of court.

It is reported that tape worms are being used in Vera Cruz as a successful cure for consumption.

The Illinois Senate has passed a House Bill on divorce, which forbids marriage by either party within a year.

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