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EVILS OF CHILD LABOR.

Assertions made and facts brought out at the sessions of the national child labor committee in Washington will have a startling effect upon many who had supposed that, after continued agitation on the subject, the evil of child labor had been to a large extent eliminated from the industrial field. Humanity cries out against the employment of young children in occupations that keep them at work all day, too often in close and ill ventilated rooms, and amid surroundings that are physically, socially and morally ruinous. But, with some employers the greed for wealth is too powerful to be affected by humane considerations.

The same spirit which leads some men to the corrupt and extravagant use of place and money in order that they may swell their bank accounts or increase their power and gratify dishonest ambition is at work among the employers of child labor and among the parents of the children and the children themselves. It is the same overbearing, arrogant, unscrupulous attitude of the better impulses and characteristics in man to the one great desire that is bringing discredit upon so many in the American commercial and financial world.

It is earnestly hoped that the committee which has been discussing and investigating the child labor problem may derive some means and possible machinery into operation that will effect a cure of this national malady. The conditions, of course, are worse in the crowded industrial centers, but they exist everywhere in some degree, and it will need vigorous action and constant watchfulness to effect a betterment. —Spokane Spokesman-Review.

Everything is grieved that comes to the mill of capitalist production. It is a welcome grief if profit can be ground out of it easily and in large volume. Child labor is an especially toothsome dish to capitalist property, as it is cheap. Many places in the process of production can be as efficiently filled by children as by adults. As the labor of the latter can be obtained more cheaply than that of the former, there is ample reason why child labor should be given the preference. The cheaper the labor the greater the profit accruing to the capitalist employer.

The utilization of child labor in carrying on capitalist production is undoubtedly an unmitigated evil from a moral or humane standpoint. But it should not be condemned by reason of this. Production is not carried on for the purpose of complying with lofty conceptions of morals, ethics or decency. It is carried on for profit. If a greater profit will result from the employment of child labor than from that of the adult labor, most assuredly ordinary business common sense would determine that it should be taken advantage of. In fact to refrain from so doing would not be business, but folly, and if persisted in would entail the person so doing the well-merited contempt of every sane business man in the land. And besides, were a capitalist to allow "humane consideration" to warp his judgment in such an important matter as the purchase of labor-power necessary to operate his business, he would very soon go broke, and his privilege as a laborer would be usurped by others of the business world who had sense enough to leave such "considerations" and other sentimental notions to poets, dreamers and other silly theorists.

Capitalist production is carried on for profit. Anything in the nature of man, woman or child, out of whose flesh, blood and bones this profit can be ground is its legitimate prey. Capital is King, and so long as it holds the throne by the gracious permission of its loyal subjects, the slaves of labor, let no treasonable voice be raised because it wields the sceptre of exploitation. To King Capital belongs all the juice in the bodies of its subjects. It has a perfect right to grind the father even down to the babe in the cradle into momentary profit out of which arises the grandeur of its kingdom and the glory of its reign.

Slaves of labor, we entreat you to be content with your lot. Be loyal to the great and good King, the only whose beneficent reign the grand achievements of our glorious civilization have been attained. Deliver your bodies, and those of your wives and children as a sacrifice upon the altar of profit in order that King Capital may smile graciously upon thee.

Do not listen to the silly talk of the Spokesman-Review and other ridiculous ones who would lead you to believe yourselves wronged while merely trying your loyalty to the good King by offering up the whole "Damsel" family that his power and glory may be increased. Be strong; be patient; be submissive; be content, and be loyal.

VERY MUCH ALARMED.

It appears that the governments of Europe are becoming greatly alarmed at the turn events are taking in Russia. The remarkable vigor displayed by the proletariat of that country in its struggle against the Czar's government, and the readiness with which it has devised weapons to be used for the purpose of conquering its political rights, has aroused the fear that such vigorous example of class-solidarity and power will have a stimulating effect upon the proletarians of other lands, and induce them to uprising against the rule of their masters. Already, in Austria, the proletariat has manifested a renewed zeal in its forward march, by a demonstration for universal suffrage such as the world has never seen before. From Germany, France, Italy and even sleepy Old England, come indications showing that the workers of these countries are watching with intense interest the tragedy that is being played upon the Russian stage. Small wonder that the ruling class of these various countries scent danger to their rule in present Russian events.

It has been commonly supposed that the Russian workingmen and peasants as a result of ages of the most brutal tyranny and oppression that human ingenuity could devise, having been held for so long in that state of ignorance that alone conserves the interests of the autocratic Church and State, would be incapable of successfully rising and striking an effective blow for their freedom. The remarkable events of the past few months have proven them wrong, and that even centuries of oppression could not crush the spirit of the workers. The swift and effective blows they have struck in their own behalf, and against the most appalling odds, must prove an inspiring lesson to the workers of other countries in showing the overwhelming power possessed by the proletariat once it is possessed of the courage to rise and use it.

It looks at this moment as though the Russian revolution must inevitably be the opening of a revolutionary epoch that will sweep all Europe. In sweeping Europe it will sweep the entire capitalist world, for if the deathstroke be given to European Capitalism, it means the speedy ending of it everywhere.

Will may the ruling class in the various countries be alarmed, for the signs preange the early ending of their long-enjoyed privilege of plundering the workers. The alarm into which the action of the Russian proletariat has thrown them will be increased later on to a veritable terror, when the workers of the other European countries get busy along the same line, which they undoubtedly will.

Let the workers of this Western Continent also closely observe the Russian situation for the purpose of profiting by the experience of the Russian proletariat, should the time come when it were necessary to resort to drastic action on this side of the Atlantic.

All honor to the Russian workingmen and peasants in their present struggle for freedom. May they win out so emphatically as to proclaim to the world that the 20th century belongs to the working class and not the workers of other lands. Let us all join in wishing good to the Russian workers.

THE FINAL STRUGGLE.

The dispatches coming in from Russia all appear to bear the same tenor. The moment for the final struggle between the Russian autocracy and the proletariat is rapidly approaching, and from present indications it appears that the latter has the advantage with more than a reasonable prospect of winning out. One thing seems absolutely sure. The autocracy will go down and out, and whatever the government that will rise from its ruins may be termed, it will be more profoundly suited to the political needs of the proletariat than any now existing. The present aspect of things in Russia affords an opportunity to the virile, uprising political expression of the working class to demonstrate to the workers of the world that it alone is capable of dealing with the problems that are so insistently pressing for solution upon the people of all lands. That the working class alone is able to furnish the material and wisdom necessary for the adjustment of social and industrial institutions, so that peace may prevail upon earth, and the horrors of class rule be relegated to the past.

Right nobly have the Russian workers so far fought the good fight against the most terrible odds ever confronted by men. Every move made seems to have been the right one under the circumstances, showing those who have been entrusted with the responsibility of directing the revolution to be of the right stuff. It is said that great movements produce the men to carry them out. Out of the ranks of students and workmen hitherto unknown has come an army of heroes men and women who have grappled with the conditions of the hour in Russia in a manner to excite the admiration of the world, and that should and must prove a powerful stimulus to urge on the revolution in other lands, and develop the ties of class solidarity that shall in the near future bring the workers of the world into labor's common brotherhood.

In the day of final struggle between the Autocracy and Proletariat of Russia, may the latter emerge triumphant and henceforth mark time for the proletarians of the world in their struggle for complete emancipation from the tyranny of class rule.

The political strike is a method of warfare to which Socialists not only of Russia but everywhere look forward to, but which those of Russia are the first to make formidable. It was well described by the St. Petersburg correspondent of the New York Herald in his despatch of December 1. In reporting that the Czar is once again face to face with this "most modern weapon of terrorism" he explained:

"The ordinary strike is one created by the workmen as against his master. The political strike means an arbitrary, absolute order by the committee of the workers' alliance to all members of all trades, all occupations, and callings of the country, to stop work. Its object is by paralyzing the entire industrial arteries of the country simultaneously to force the government into obeying the demands of the workers' alliance. To accomplish its ends the alliance has worked out a combination so terrifying that the world may well stand aghast at it. In fact, the workers' alliance stops at nothing in its plan of campaign when it comes into action. Its political strike is nothing less than to prevent life being livable. It calls upon the employer of railroads and of factories, electricians, engineers, printers, telephonists, clerks, waiters, tramway and omnibus conductors, even droshky drivers, and others to throw up work and to lie idle." —The Public.

One hundred and sixty-five members of the Master Plumbers' Association of Toronto, are being prosecuted in the Police Court of that city, under conspiracy charges. And some people claim that the Plumbers have a lead-pipe "pinch in the ordinary way of carrying on the business." If such were the case it is not easy to see why they should thus desert the straight and narrow path. These alleged culprits are all either Liberals or Conservatives. It makes no difference which.

The Great Northern is going to make a vigorous campaign for freight and passenger business in the sections of British Columbia which it has already invaded, with its lines. Thus it may be seen that the capitalist is kept continually hustling in order to make a living just like a common "working-man." If Jim Hill doesn't get a little more business he will not be able to get through the winter without standing the goose.

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 to 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 in the means of wealth production (natural resources, factories, mills, railways, etc.) into the collective property of the working class.

So long as the capitalists remain 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 collective or 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 into 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. The Socialist Party, when in office shall always and everywhere until the present system is abolished, make the answer to this question its guiding rule of conduct. Will this legislation advance the interests of the working class and aid the workers in their class struggle against capitalism? If it will, the Socialist Party is for it; if it will not, the Socialist Party is absolutely opposed to it.

In accordance with this principle the Socialist Party pledges itself to conduct all the public affairs placed in its hands in such a manner as to promote the interests of the working class alone.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE SOCIALIST PARTY OF CANADA

I, the undersigned, hereby apply for membership in _____ Local, _____ Socialist Party of Canada.

I recognize the class struggle between the capitalist class and the working class to be a struggle for political supremacy, i.e. possession of the reins of government, and which necessitates the organization of the workers into a political party, distinct from and opposed to all parties of the capitalist class.

If admitted to membership, I hereby agree to maintain or enter into no relations with any other political party, and to vote and all other legitimate means the ticket and the program of the Socialist Party of Canada only.

Applicant _____
Address _____
Occupation _____
Age _____ Citizens _____
Admitted to Local _____ Chairman _____ Rec-See _____

Two men claiming to be farmers have been arrested for robbing the bank at Colby, Wisconsin. There seems to be a deliberate attempt to cripple individual "initiative" and industry even under capitalism.

The United States Congress is now busy devising means of controlling insurance companies and compelling their officials to be honest. Did some person remark that people cannot be made good by law?

The result of the recent municipal election in Berlin, Germany, gave the Socialists every seat in the City Council except four, and the possibility of gaining even those on the second ballot.

The Socialists of France are busily engaged in preparing for the approaching elections for the Chamber of Deputies. The election comes off in May, 1907. It is expected that Socialist candidates will be run in every district in the Republic.

The Prussian government has been asked to oppose the efforts of the American Tobacco Company to gain control of the tobacco trade in that country. The small dealers are said to be badly frightened. Later on we may expect to hear that they have been scared to death altogether. That is what has happened to the small firm in many lines of industry in the United States already.

By a dynamite explosion in an excavation for a building at Fifth Avenue and 24th Street, New York on Dec. 19, six workmen were killed and more than a dozen injured. A cave-in at the mouth of the tunnel being built under the East river, imprisoned two men, or possibly more. Though 200 of their comrades are digging against time in the effort of saving their lives, the result is by no means certain. No capitalists were included in either of the above casualties.

Three Chicago banks and one in Denver go to the wall. The depositors of the former, it is said, are to be paid in full. The latter will receive something like ten cents on the dollar. The more we know of banks the more convinced we are of the truth of the old saying, "the fool and his money are soon parted."

The new newspaper reformers from offering its columns for the discussion of Socialism. The Minneapolis Tribune, lacking wisdom, recently offered its columns for such purpose. In the very next issue the editor confessed that so many articles had been received that "we fear the discussion is getting tired of the discussion." It rather strikes us that the "tired feeling" was experienced by the editor himself in consequence of the call-downs he received at the hands of the capitalists whose instruments such sheets are.

VANCOUVER LOCAL, N.O.I.

The regular business meeting of the Local did not take place last Monday evening owing to the fact that the special meeting called off to meet at 7:30, to nominate candidates in the municipal elections took up the full time of the members, and the consideration of the regular affairs of the Local was postponed to Thursday, the 21st inst., at eight o'clock, p.m.

It was decided at the special meeting to confine our nominations to School Trustees only. Comrades A. J. Wilkinson and Ernest Burns being the two members chosen to represent us. A preamble setting forth our demands, no School management was adopted and will be published after it is passed on by the Executive.

The Local held a Social and dance at Cedar Cove last Friday evening, and I avail myself of this opportunity to thank the many friends who helped to make it the success which it was. More anon.

D. P. MILLS, Sec.

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Every Labor Union in the province is included in this directory. Secretaries please see.

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Phoenix Miners' Union, No. 1, meets every Saturday evening at 7:30 o'clock in Miners' Hall, V. Ingram, president; W. A. Pickard, secretary.

Socialist Directory

Every Local of the Socialist Party of Canada should run a card under this head. \$1.00 per month. Secretaries please note.

SOCIALIST PARTY OF CANADA

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AS GIVEN OR EXPRESSED BY SOCIALISTS THROUGHOUT THE DOMINION

Edited by R. F. PETHYPIECE, to whom all correspondence for this department should be addressed.

LIVE-WIRE PHILOSOPHY.

The only difference between the "good man" and the "bad man" in politics, is that it costs considerably more to buy the former and it has to be done in an indirect sort of a way.

In the labor market, every day is a bargain day.

The worker who is "loyal" to a capitalist government, is a traitor to his class.

Nature and society are both very pleasant of racials, but merciless to ruined fools.

Canadian politicians as has been richly observed by the party press, are usually die poor. So do burglars. But this may be a mere coincidence.

Capitalism has no country, no creed and no conscience.

Nothing is too good for the workman—and he often gets it.

A farmer is a workman who fancies himself a capitalist because he still owns the tools of his trade.

"Two of a trade can never agree"—and if they did, they would be fined for "conspiracy."

Capital is the reward of the absence of other power.

Workmen who petition the governments which they might command serve to get snuffed for their sins.

The middle class is no stupid, ignorant and cowardly that it lacks in the instinct of self-preservation.

Competition is no powerful an incentive to work that it is surprising that it has never been proposed in connection with government officials.

PHILLIPS THOMPSON.
119 Indiana, Toronto.
Dec. 18, 1906.

The Big Bargain Day of commercialism will soon be over for this year.

"Monopoly" may be able to alter prices, but a monopoly of supply stomachs is a poor lot in trade.

If you lost your job tonight, how many days from bankruptcy are you, Mr. Wage-earner? You must like it, Mr. Wage-earner, you vote to help it.

At the recent elections in Sweden, the Socialists polled 30,000 votes, and started fourteen members of congress. In the last previous election they polled 10,000 votes, and four members were elected.

Remember unto Caesar (Capital), that which is Caesar's, (wile, cunning, and greed), and rest assured that Caesar will make full payment for your loyalty in the medicine that's coming to you.

The Liberals accuse the Conservatives of corruption and vice versa. Both will make full payment for your loyalty in the medicine that's coming to you.

The shareholders in the new department store, and the investment company, it is alleged, have just confidence in the management of it at all. If this is all they have left, they are getting off lucky.

A great crowd there has been framed for the workers of England to vote for or against that old familiar "Free Trade" or "Protection." Which ever wins the wage-earner loses. The theory of the wage-system goes many miles under either either form of capitalism.

Christmas has been turned by capitalism into a mere bargain day. Every man has a pocket full of money, but one time has possessed, has been in the present senseless scramble for trade and profit. If you can't believe it, look at the columns of your daily paper.

Probably one of the most brazen exhibitions of humiliation ever heaped upon workers of Vancouver is the exhibition of the "Blood-stained Garment" by the management to "TOSE WHO WOULD OTHERWISE GO HUNGRY ON THE STREETS." It is a mere and a mere of their "charity" label. The management also appeared for contributions, adding "WARD THE BLOOD-STAINED GARMENT REPORTER." Glorious property! But, after all, the owners are the givers who unselfishly partake of the handout. "Give to the poor that they may love you," says the good old parable and a thing "God said the thing."

The official statement issued by the management of the "Blood-stained Garment" is a thing "God said the thing." This is what occurs in a bargain, according to an eye-witness.

INEVITABILITY OF SOCIALISM

SUBJECT OF A MOST INTERESTING ADDRESS.

COM. H. F. TITUS, SPEAKER

The Material Needs of the Working-class Will Drive Them to Make Common Ground; Organize Politically; Seize the Reins of Government; Abolish the Wage-System and Capitalism; Take Possession of Their Collective Product, and Stand Forth Free.

The mass meeting held by the Vancouver Local, S.P. of C., last Sunday evening in the City Hall, was well attended, in spite of the "Hockey Mountain fever" obtaining—and proved of unusual interest.

A goodly number of ladies were present.

Com. H. F. Titus, of Seattle, and Toledo, Ohio, editor of "The Socialist," published in the latter place, was the speaker of the evening, his subject being "The Inevitability of Socialism." And that he handled it well, no fair-minded man can deny. In fact, the address was a surprise to many who had heard the comrades speak in this city some four years ago. His analysis of the workers' position, his pointed utterances as to the necessity of sticking to practical things—political action—and his advice re the "economic movement," did much to strengthen the Social Party of Canada's revolutionary basis and attitude; and likewise to dispel many impressions concerning Com. Titus' position heretofore gathered from one source and another.

Com. Titus, with the assistance of like comrades in the United States, will continue to voice such a message as delivered here last Sunday evening, when he returned here for the propertyless wage-earners of that portion of the capitalist world.

Before 9 o'clock had struck, the City Hall was comfortably filled. Com. A. R. Stobbing occupied the chair, and briefly announced that there would be a collection taken to pay expenses; that Vancouver Local headquarters were located in the Ingalls Block, Cambie Street; and the sale of good Socialist literature at the door, and also put in words for "The Western Clarion."

Introduced amid applause, Comrade Titus spoke of the wonderful changes in the P.C. and Vancouver movement since his previous visit some four years ago. "And it is in the same way the world over—the same forces are at work," observed the speaker.

The fear expressed by the daily press of the tremendous influence of the organized Socialist movement upon the affairs of the world was amply confirmed. "Although too numerous for their number," as one member of the French bourgeoisie had said.

There were only 35,000 day-paying members of the United S. P. of France, yet a million votes were polled; 20,000 members of the S.P. of Canada, yet a million votes were polled; and the same could be said of all other countries.

The movement on the part of capitalist governments to place restrictions upon the number of candidates, dates, deposits, etc., and the general alarm of the mouth-pieces of capitalism all indicated that they realized there was something afoot in the Socialist movement, which had been lacking in other movements—populist, etc.—which had come and gone.

The reason for the success, influence and fruitful progress of Socialism is that it alone offers a solution by which man may become individually free," asserted the speaker.

"The wage-earners of today have a part in the noblest mission ever assigned in history—the overthrow of capitalism and the inauguration of liberty" (Applause).

After briefly outlining the conditions confronting the workers from the point of view of the capitalist, he said, "The rapid and wonderful changes in the mode of production, and increased productivity of labor," Com. Titus asked, "Are you ever or can it mean to you, workers? Nothing but a bare living. (You can't live on) and it is impossible for the wage-earners to get anything more than a bare living so long as there is competition among the men who need jobs and the men who get them."

Owing to the introduction of modern machinery, the necessity of skilled labor is being eradicated, a factor which will intensify the competition.

All this change—from spinning from hand to power, from the hand railway from individual to collective production, in short, the development of capitalism—has taken place in the hands of the capitalist. And yet, we scarcely realize it. One man can produce as much

wealth today as 100 men could 100 years ago. What of the other 99 men? Why, looking for a job, or engaged in waste-labor.

Where such a condition exist wages can never be more than a bare living—a mere existence.

There is any freedom in sight for the workers?

They don't own their jobs; they own nothing, (except an appetite); and must work for someone else.

The desire for the expression of freedom, the desire for the expression of the wage-system; we are slaves to fashion, customs, Churchianity and numerous other samenesses of capitalism throughout the world. Only under Socialism could this desire be gratified; art, culture, etc., be developed.

State Socialism—or capitalism, and now extolled by Liberals and Democrats—is the worst system that ever occupied the attention of the speaker.

He pointed out that "public ownership of public utilities" already existed in Russia, New Zealand, and Norway. Only under Socialism remains-alike in Russia, Canada, the United States, England, everywhere.

The robbery of the working-class by the method must be abolished before universal poverty can be prevented.

The organized Socialist movement of the world proposes to bring the workers together, to vote together, and act together; taking possession of the machinery of production, and giving to the worker the full product of his labor, and the opportunity of unfolding his individuality.

There is no longer any need for poverty; there is enough for all. The necessities of the workers must compel them to stand together. And then what stop it?

Socialism is inevitable because the power behind Socialism is the power behind evolution.

One thing prevents its immediate triumph, and that is the economic ignorance and subservience of the working-class itself. This largely because of the influence of the capitalist press, pulpit and educational system.

But "students" are giving voice to the message of revolution, and soon the workers must triumph!

Major Harrison said the other day, under examination, that Governor O'Dell owed his political influence to his relations with him (Harrison) and his family; and the same could be said of all capitalist party politicians—their relations to capitalism determined their influence.

Com. Titus, in the beginning to see this and recognized the old party governments as merely the hired men of the capitalist class.

Capitalism has had its functions and its day. It also carries with it its own death warrant.

The mission of Socialists was to carry the message of freedom to the workers. They had, in fact, their own ready for the responsibilities of administration which must soon be placed upon them.

The questions put to the speaker from members of the audience were well handled by Com. Titus. The I. W. W., the development of capitalism in the Far East, and the Revolution in China, were the topics round which interest centered.

In closing the meeting, Com. Titus emphasized the necessity of the Social Party everywhere "Organizing the slaves of capital to vote their own emancipation."

CLARION QUESTION BOX.

W.H. Greenwood, B.C.—"I'll admit Com. Titus is a very able speaker. He visited your camp on this, (he will explain when he does go), but like most workmen, he must earn a living, which occupies a good deal of his time. And the Executive broke. However, when he was in Vancouver last week conferring with the Executive Committee as to the matter of the closing session of the local House, he assured that right after adjournment, he and probably Com. Williams would light out for your district. Get together for your meeting, and organize; develop your local talent and stir the boys to action. Your participation depends upon yourselves, and no one else. An organization of the party is being formed. There will be more money available to further organize. We will soon be over the hardest position of the financial struggle, and then the look out for speakers, agitators and organizers salaried."

AMONG THE WORKERS.

Worship in Committee: Morrison, Oberlin, Mitchell, O'Driscoll, Sloan, Stuart and numerous others in the Socialist movement, are in the city. They are all working for the contrary in this city.

I have been instructed by Local No. 7, to notify the "Clarion" that we extend thanks to Com. Sibble for the good work for Socialism done by him in the past. We are in circulation of some 100 copies in this "wage-earners' centre," H. H. Stoghill, Sec. Revelstoke, B.C.

LOCAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

E. T. Kingsley will address a mass meeting in the City Hall tomorrow (Sunday) evening. Be there!

Last Sunday night's meeting was a pipkin. There are more voting Socialists in Vancouver today than there was a week ago. Come again, Com. Titus.

DAWSON, Y. T.

By David Crocker.
Dawson, Y. T., Nov. 20.—The appended clipping is from the "Dawson Daily News," a similar report appearing in the "Yukon World":

SOCIALISTS FILL NEW HALL.
Ladies Present Even at the Meeting Last Night.—Those who took part.

Every seat was filled in the little hall of the Socialists on First Avenue last evening when the first meeting was called to order. There were several ladies present.

L. E. W. Kinnick occupied the chair and announced that the subject for the evening would be the introductory chapter of N. A. Richardson's pamphlet, "Methods of acquiring our National Industries." After W. W. Scott had read the article, short speeches were made by Messrs. Mulehag, Findlay and Johnson.

Demands of each speaker a great number of questions which were answered and which tended to show that there was interest taken in the discussion.

On Wednesday evening, "Confiscation" will be the subject for discussion and Sunday afternoon the club will take up the opening chapter of the same work, "The Struggle for Existence."

The chairman extended an invitation last evening to the men who were not Socialists to attend and also participate in the debates and discussions.

As will be seen from the above we are busy spreading socialist propaganda, and each speaker has elected as secretary, vice A. A. Douglas, who has taken a lay on Dominion Creek, and placed him in charge of the headquarters of the party. By the getting of each speaker as how to make the place self-supporting, a speaker from the outside, which, no doubt, will be acquired later on.

What we need now is a good number of Socialists to do their duty and hope to keep pace with any Local in Canada. Yours for the overthrow of the wage-system, and the collective ownership of the means of production, the private ownership of things used privately—and to the man who works the full product of his toil.

TO SOCIALISTS OF ALL SHADES.
Comrades: I hate to break in on your pleasant meditations, but will you be so obliging as to wake up? "The Shadow of Revolution is at work."

Finland has cast off the yoke and torn down the banner of the Romanovs. The Russian people have taken the white flag of the Finnish nation, side by side with the red flag of the world nation.

In Germany the Emperor has watched 400,000 voiceless workers parade by in ominous eloquent silence. In Germany the proletariat is sitting up the pavement as material for bastards.

In England royalty has heard hiss where it has been wont to hear hurrahs.

Revolution is in the air. Is it to find us in the midst of several select mutual admiration societies? Or is it to find us in the midst of a white flag of the Finnish nation, side by side with the red flag of the world nation?

Not! If we are to be revolutionaries, let us be revolutionary.

Too often has the proletarian battled, "unhonored and unnamed," for the sake of the reform. Henceforth, let us battle for ourselves alone, and our fight will be the world's fight.

Far more to be feared than the threat of the proletariat, is the assumed friendliness of the bourgeoisie. "Beware of the Greeks when they come bearing gifts."

The mission of the Social Party is to revolutionize society; not to reform it.

Not one reform can we advocate that the radical cannot advocate also. Such a reform as the Umpire, Crand, Grand, Ousek, and priests, all the savagery, superstition and ignorance of Holy Writ should be made together at this time and then the world will be a better place.

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Revolving stories are told of the barbarities practiced on the German peasants are in revolt. This is very much to be deplored. In view of the fact that landlords often get their own or otherwise have never been hurt by the natural process of decay and is prepared to sit down—and watch it die, not forgetting the while, to congratulate himself on his progress. South this pseudo-scientist, "Nothing we do or leave undone will ha-

len, by one minute. A sentiment as to the brilliant revolution is a domesticated clam. "The only way to teach the workers Socialism," continues our sentimental pseudo-scientist, "is to starve them."

If that is not seeing the world through a knot-hole, I don't want a continental cent.

The suggestion from such a basis would be to agitate for the repeal of all Factory acts, Eight-hour laws and other crumby and rotten factory laws. The capitalist table. We have already enough starving workers to raise a good sized revolt if they possessed the spirit of an expiring feline with eight lives in the grave.

But they have not, and so are no use to us.

Revolution will come through that sort of the working class that occasionally battles with its masters on the industrial field under the impression that it is fighting for its "rights."

When the panic knocks the flimsy foundations out from under this dream-castle of unionism, they will find themselves face to face with facts.

The wage-slave will have time to pause and think.

Even those who are unable to see the contents of their cerebral cavities for the weight of their hat. "The opportunity of competing with their social peers."

That will be the golden opportunity for the Socialist.

And then, too, will we need men, not men who will fight about the contents of their cerebral cavities, but men who will fight about the exploitation of boot-lacks, but men who will proclaim Socialism from the housetops, soap-boxes and other organs of vanity.

Let us have more of these demonstrations and indignation meetings, who will stir discontent until it boils over in revolt; stir revolt until it flames into revolution.

Let us tear down the Utopia in it to tear it up by the roots.

What if we fail the first time. We will at least so weaken its grip on the earth that it will never flourish again.

Comrades, wake up; jar loose. You have been frozen up long enough. Throw out your feet and rustle up a new philosophy.

Work, work, work! We have never enough to leave the lump when the lump is ready to do as much for us as we can do for it. Let us be prepared to turn it to account.

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The strike, unlike the strike in many, the strike political as distinct from the strike economic, does many remarkable epoch-making things in Europe in the last few months.—Daily Paper.

all the world, or at least that part of it which "hath eyes to see and ears to hear" recognizes the mass strike of the Russian workers to be political action with political purposes as its object, that portion which sticks its head in the sand of ignorance and therefore has neither eyes, ears, nor any other useful organ or faculty available will solemnly persist in imagining it to be "economic."

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