

VANCOUVER'S BUMPER MEETING

Grand Theatre Crowded to the Doors on Sunday August 12 to Listen to J. H. Hawthornthwaite on Revolutionary Socialism—Hundreds Turned Away—Enthusiasm Galore.

Grand Theatre, this city, was crowded to the doors on Sunday evening last to listen to Hawthornthwaite on Revolutionary Socialism. Hundreds were turned away as the seating capacity of the house was filled long before the meeting opened. The temper of the audience, the close attention given to the speaker, and the enthusiastic interest manifested in the movement were particularly noticeable, and may be taken as portions of an encouraging augury for the future success of the present régime in this city and province. As is to be expected the Liberals could not refrain from advertising the speaker, and the usual amount of advertising was given to Hawthornthwaite's address. An individual sporting the name of Kane, popped up at the close of Hawthornthwaite's address with a list of some twenty names, including every well-to-do individual with which the Liberal party of the various associated unions were connected. The speaker, however, was not in the least perturbed by this, and proceeded to deal, and the law of competition, which he also dealt with.

The working man, he resumed, existed by the sale of his labor power in the labor market. Labor power had the same qualities as other commodities, and its value was determined by the cost of its production. It was not a law written in the provincial legislature, with Pooley in the chair, but it was a law of nature, and it was a law that could not be evaded. It was a law that was written in the hearts of the people, and it was a law that was written in the hearts of the people. The speaker proceeded to deal, and the law of competition, which he also dealt with.

At the close of the address a collection was taken to defray the expenses of the meeting. The collection amounted to over \$40. The following were taken from the "World" of August 12th, is a fair report of the meeting. The credit for this is due to the reporter: J. H. Hawthornthwaite. The speaker's address was a masterpiece of logic and eloquence. He showed that the system of production had existed since the beginning of time and that it was a system that was based on the exploitation of the laborer. He showed that the system of production had existed since the beginning of time and that it was a system that was based on the exploitation of the laborer. He showed that the system of production had existed since the beginning of time and that it was a system that was based on the exploitation of the laborer.

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TO ALL WORKING MEN, GREETING.

For some time past the Mining Commission of the Province has been advertising for men and as usual in such cases setting forth only that which best suits their purpose in inducing men to come into a district there is no mention of the fact that their souls is their own. We therefore set forth some of the conditions existing in this district, which have not been mentioned in the aforesaid appeal for men.

First, ever since 1899 they have had in operation in the Coeur d'Alene country a completely despotic and tyrannical system of blacklisting in existence, and when a working man comes to this district he is bound to be blacklisted. The cost of the production of labor power is conducted through two employment offices, located in Wallace and Gardner and all men employed by the Standard Oil interest, or the Bunker Hill and Sullivan Mining Co., must pass through this hall of infamy in order to get employment, and in the event of a strike the gentle of the firms asked, you will find the most watchful care of that degenerate specimen of humanity, the spotter, who spots and even suspects you of showing any signs of independence, immediately reports to his master, the employment agent, who in his monarch of all surveys, and in his right of the working man to work when, where, and for whom he pleases.

SHOTS AT CURRENT HUMBUGS

Collier's Weekly Prattles About Fair Trials, While Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone Languish in Jail—Winnipeg Aldermen Look out for the Main Chance.

"The Socialists in convention in Idaho passed a resolution declaring their belief in the innocence of Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone, charged with the murder of former Governor Steunenberg. As they don't know whether these men are innocent or not, and only know that they are Socialists, they would do better to wish for a fair trial and not turn their backs on the simple matter of evidence into a party issue. John M. Martin, nominating Haywood for Governor of Colorado, is reported to have said to the press: 'I am a Socialist, and I believe in the right of the people to elect their own representatives. I believe in the right of the people to elect their own representatives. I believe in the right of the people to elect their own representatives.'

The above is from Collier's Weekly that valiant defender of the "people" from the "robber trusts." Its mission is not to defend the working class against the robber capitalist, but to defend the robber capitalist against the working class. It is a mission that is as clear as the nose to the face. It is a mission that is as clear as the nose to the face. It is a mission that is as clear as the nose to the face.

FROM AN ONTARIO VIEWPOINT

Some Observations Upon the Rights of Labor, Political Cry-Babies, the Crime of Being Poor and Consistent Liberal Support of a Notorious Renegade.

Toronto, Aug. 7, 1906. An illustration of how far a judge is prepared to go to subvert the interests of his capitalist masters has been afforded by the decision of the Ontario Court of Appeal in the case of the Toronto Street Railway. The trouble arose out of the Winnipeg strike when several Toronto Street Railway men went to Winnipeg as "strike breakers." Naturally enough the Toronto Street Railway men objected to work with them when they returned, and they had to make their lives miserable. For what reason? For no reason, a number of them were promptly fired. Whereat followed a strike of the men, which was finally settled by the Ontario Court of Appeal. Two union men said the men were right—two capitalist representatives said the men were wrong—and the Ontario Court of Appeal decided in favor of the men. The court was presided over by a judge who was a member of the Ontario Court of Appeal.

THE CRIME OF BEING POOR.

True to its function as promoter of the interests of the privileged class the Ontario Government is following the footsteps of its American predecessor by sending out circulars to police magistrates, J. P.'s, and other "capitalist" benches, throughout the province, urging them to punish "tramps" with the utmost severity of the law—all unfortunate wanderers caught riding up on the cars are to be held for two months. The brutal law which makes this possible was enacted by a Cret legislature and is now being solemnly enforced by a Toronto administration. That's the capitalist's answer to the congested labor market in the industrial centres by assisted immigration. Just till there are two men for one job, the latter one is the consequence of the wage-slavery of labor as a means of keeping down wages, jail the poor devil who travels in search of a better life. It is a crime to be poor, and it is a crime to be poor. It is a crime to be poor, and it is a crime to be poor.

LABOR HAS NO RIGHTS.

There has been too much twaddle about the rights of labor anyway. There is no such thing as the right of labor. Nobody in this world has any rights except such as they can seize and hold by strong arms and cunning policy. If labor has no rights it possesses what of a great deal better power, if it only knew how to exercise it. The phrase "rights of labor" is one of the most ridiculous things that ever came out of the tongue—usually as an answer to a question as to the equality of the rights of labor and the rights of the capitalist. It is a question of power, each will use its power to the limit, and respect no rights that the other is unable to enforce and that the other is unable to enforce and that the other is unable to enforce.

POLITICAL CRY-BABIES.

What a pitiful, pusillanimous lot these partisan politicians are! Was there ever such a whining and squealing as the cry "outlet" are making over the discharge of the Fisheries Inspector Bastedo who got freed the other day by Whitney for offensive partisanship? It was a good thing that Bastedo was not a politician, and that he was not a politician, and that he was not a politician. It was a good thing that Bastedo was not a politician, and that he was not a politician, and that he was not a politician.

The cover of the current number of the "Laborer" magazine is a masterpiece of an excellent picture of the veritable Samson Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor. An article in the same issue, under caption, "He who blaweth not his own horn." In no way refers to that distinguished philosopher and publicist, however. In fact, it could not.

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THE WAGE EARNER.

The most amusing animal on earth is the chap that makes his living by working for wages. Though he is not a bare existence as a result of incessant toil; though rendered down before his time; though rendered stiff in the joints, old, humped-backed and worthless while he ought still to be in the prime of life, this simple ass plods his weary way, as a rule, oblivious of the fact that he is the most important factor in human society as at present constituted; that he is in reality the very cornerstone upon which is built the entire superstructure of capitalist civilization. He will stand awe-stricken in the presence of the might of the earth without even a suspicion that their power and glory are due solely to his own stupid gullibility. And if they perchance pass him by without giving him a swift kick where it will do the most good, his state of beatitude is only exceeded by that to which he is raised when they drop him a few toothsome crumbs in passing.

And yet this wage slave is, in his way, a brainy chump, if such a term is permissible. In the matter of producing wealth he is a prince. He can do everything. There is no artifice he cannot perform, and he is such a good-natured and unselfish nicemonger that, with a gravity of countenance that would make a self-complacent jackass look like a circus clown in comparison, he will accept a miserable pittance called wages, and consider himself amply compensated for his labor. He is the only "goose mark" that ever happened. All others are bogus in comparison. Because of these and other complacencies he is an invaluable asset of capitalist civilization. In fact he is its entire stock in trade. Because of his meekness, docility and gullibility he becomes a fairly safe corner stone upon which the superstructure of this most glorious civilization rests. Long live the wage earner! May his title increase! Also his meekness, docility and gullibility, for upon these virtues (?) depends the stability of our present robber civilization.

ANOTHER REBELLION.

Until quite recently about 150 men were working at the mines of the Britannia Copper Syndicate on Howe Sound, B. C. The holding of the syndicate at the point in question consists of a veritable mountain of copper. One day the men were out of "glory holes." These holes are the means by which the men get their air. They are taken out of the rock by means of dynamite. The syndicate takes out of them helps to swell the volume of "out" commercial transactions and thus extends and adds lustre, to the glory of "our" empire, and the infernally dangerous character of these holes and the process of making them, sends souls to glory with an expedition and despatch that would make "Tommy Atkins" achievements among the unarmed natives of South Africa seem slow in comparison.

So that as it may, however, these Britannia miners got along for a time fairly well. They braved the dangers of the "glory hole" and some of them at least, escaped with their lives. But another danger lurked. It arose, to beset their pathway and seal their doom. It came about something after this fashion: The boarding house at which the single men are forced to board, for the excellent reason that there is no other within forty miles, is run by Halls & Hemming, who have a five-year contract with the mining company to board their men at the modest rate of \$1.00 per day. While

it is not asserted that the purposes of these worthy boarding house masters is to put the finishing touch to such as the men as might escape the dangers of the "glory hole," some of the men declare the texture and chemical preparation of the grub put upon the table for them to eat was sufficiently villainous to at least warrant the suspicion.

One day the men came in to dinner and found strawberries upon the table. They nearly dropped dead for fear they were bogus. Upon investigation, however, they were found to be genuine. The strawberries taken in their mouths carried the taste back in memory to the days of their youth, those joyous days when they used to kick toads on the farm for exercise, and greedily cream their digestive apparatus with the delicious fruits of orchard and field. But the next day there were no strawberries. Instead of chasing toads and plundering field and orchard, they were rudely yanked back to dodging the dangers of the "glory hole" and gagging over salt and canned junk of ancient vintage.

The advent of the strawberries, however, effected a transformation in the aspect of things. It opened up such a splendid vista of possibilities before the men that they became imbued with wild, strange notions. They became filled with the queer idea that, as Vancouver was but a few miles distant and a steamboat from there touched daily at Britannia, they should be provided with at least an occasional taste of something less than salt and canned junk. While they were inclined to be reasonably thankful for a thin slice of strawberries once per annum, they still felt that a fresh proximity of a market where fresh fruits etc., could be provided in abundance and cheaply, coupled with the fact that they were paying \$1.00 per day for their board, ought to entitle them to something in this line upon more frequent occasions. With these peculiar notions in their heads, they made note of the frock and unkempt appearance of the cook. The stench arising from his laboratory became an offense to their nostrils, suggestive of anything but cleanliness. The salt and canned junk became tougher and more unpalatable and abominable. They made a bid to the boarding houses and were requested to take a vote as to whether they would prefer a Chinook cook in place of the frowny one. The men decided unanimously against the Chinook. They probably preferred short hair in their soup. They were soon informed that they would have to put up with a Chinese cook whether they liked it or not. About 60 or 70 of the men made up their minds that they would not stand for any more of it. They had had a plenty of bum grub and worse cooking, at a first-class rate of pay. They came to Vancouver and when they got good and ready will seek employment elsewhere. It is reported that more of the men will quit in the near future. They are merely hanging on until they can get a few dollars together with which to go elsewhere and find a better life.

The working man is supposed to be the legitimate prey of every profit-hungry cockroach in the land. It is fortunate for the working class that at least some of them have sufficient manhood to resent the dirty imposition of the more contemptible of the lot. With a daily boot from this class touching at Britannia Beach, and a tram line in constant operation from there to the mine, there is no valid reason why the men should not be as well fed there as here and at the same price.

FREE LABOR.

If there is one thing more firmly fixed in the mind of the average workman than any other, it is that of his own freedom. To him it is a self-evident fact. No one owns him. He can quit his employment, whenever he chooses. He is at perfect liberty to go where he will in search of conditions more suitable to his taste.

Capital cannot exist without labor at its command, and that labor must be free of all means of self-employment. The laborer must be without property in the means of production, and thus he is free to sell his power to labor to the masters of capital. If he possesses property in the means of production—land and tools—by the operation of which the man provides himself with the things he requires for the maintenance of himself and family, it is manifestly clear that he will not surrender his power to labor to the capitalist. He will utilize it for himself by means of his own instruments of production. If his means of production are too limited to enable him to fully supply his needs he will make up the deficiency by working a part of his time for some outside employer or concern. If he has no means of production of his own he will be compelled to surrender his labor-power to the capitalist. This latter condition

tion is the ideal one for capital. Being free of property in the means whereby he can employ himself, he must proffer self-employment as a wage-earner in its service.

While it is true that he is not owned body and soul by any particular capitalist or concern, it is also true that under such circumstances he is not free to exercise his power to labor. He can obtain the necessities of life in no other manner than by obtaining employment somewhere in its service. This employment is conditioned solely upon the possibility of the employer getting a greater value in product out of his labor than he is compelled to pay him as wages.

The freedom of labor under capitalism is a hoax. It implies merely that the laborer is free to sell his labor-power to the capitalist because he has no means of production of his own whereby he may utilize it in order to feed, clothe and shelter himself. Thus he is not only free to sell his labor-power but is absolutely compelled to sell it of starve, which is, to say the least, a most peculiar sort of freedom.

This sort of "free labor" is the ideal kind, from the stand point of present day masters of industry. It is cheap because the masters do not need to own the bodies of their slaves. This obviates any first cost (as with chattel slaves) and relieves the master of all further responsibilities. Having no money invested in the body of the slave he suffers no financial loss of he "gives up the ghost" or runs away, i.e., quits his job. The master knows full well that out of a well stocked labor market another slave will voluntarily appear to take his place.

"Free labor" under capitalism, merely signifies that the worker is absolutely free of all true freedom. He is at liberty only to run around over capital's plantation serving an individual master, or concern, now here, and now there, as the masters needs may require and the slave's stomach demand. That which he receives from the master in return for his labor may very properly be termed a "handout." Great is the freedom of labor under the beneficent sway of capitalist property.

BREIF TRUST BEATEN A BLOCK.

For many years past the wealthy inhabitants of the little town of San Gabriel, near Valparaiso, Chile, have been the beneficiaries of the needs of their breakfast table from some Chinese sausage-makers famed for the excellence of their goods. In their advertisements, the Chinese guaranteed that all the sausages were manufactured amid the cleanest and most sanitary surroundings, and from the choicest materials selected by their merchants. While cutting open his breakfast sausage recently, found in it, to his indescribable horror, the tip of a human finger, evidently that of a young woman. As a result of the gruesome discovery, the merchant became violently ill. The matter was immediately reported to the sanitary police, and the terrible news was made. It appears that the Chinese sausage makers had several years before established their factory on a hillside, and in the night they entombed the cemetery, opened graves, and dug out recently interred corpses, which were then made into sausages. In nearly every case the sausages were consumed unwittingly by the relatives and friends of the dead.

The Voice.

Whatever the cause of the disgust may be, it is the result of our dear old-fashioned capitalist greed, and the result of these disclosures will, no doubt be alleviated by the mere fact that our dear old "incentive" still lives and thrives. It is evident that the Chinks had confined their depredations to the graves of the wealthy classes. Their flesh being no doubt well-flavored with wines and other auxiliaries of high living doubtless accounted for the excellence of the sausage. To have gotten hold of the corpse of a working man, would have ruined the trade at once.

In that recent Canadian revival of Connecticut "blue laws" passed by the Ottawa aggregation of political betwixt bigots, all Sunday trading is prohibited. It will henceforth be unlawful for either saint or sinner to take collection in the city of Ottawa in exchange for Salvation. Holyday, however, he legally contributed for the purpose of soothing the hysterical nerves of the orthodox hypocritochurch who pounds the pulpit for the glory of God.

The Vancouver World of August 16 was most tiresome and uninteresting. It was the original fit of its own writer about Socialism, but was tempted to fill a long fall want by substituting an extract from a milder epileptic apam recently included in the fall by the name of Bonaparte, who is secretary of the navy in the United States Government. Much dissatisfaction is expressed over the World's introduction of the local taste, through long familiarity with its own excellent production in this line will be satisfied to see the World's editor, who has been 100 days for Vancouver.

A SLAVE WITH UNDERSTANDING.

Englishman's River, Aug. 4, '06.
Dear Comrade:
When the Brochin Mine, Nanaimo, closed under the old partner, "What shall we do now, stay here and be beaten down with the rest of the slaves, or hit the road to look for a vacation among the woods and lakes and rivers. Being possessed of a blanket apiece besides the insignificant sum of one dollar for our union's work, we took to the pinus, and having splendid physique we are more than enjoying our outing. Our breakfast consists of tea and toast and fruit, and for dinner, we have grouse on toast and for dinner, baked salmon and deer meat.

Lying on the banks of the beautiful stream with the murmuring pinus overhead for a tent, our minds fly back to the slave pens of the industrial centres. We wonder how long such things will continue for the slaves. The present economic system as breeding pens for the labor market and themselves as beasts of burden for the parasites one sees whirling along in their automobiles. He said he had to take his farmer the other day. He wanted to hire my partner and myself to go to work for two dollars a day and ten cents for board. We were going to do with the crop. He said he would sell it. I asked him how long it would take him to eat it. He said it would take about ten years. "And you said 'you say you can't take a week off.' He couldn't see where the trick was done. Finally we made a bargain to go to the mine for ten days. We worked along till Saturday night and then he wanted us to work on Sunday. I asked him if he wasn't afraid of the Lord, but he said he had to go to work. He said he would not afford to pay it, but I told him I couldn't afford to take any union principles and as he was a capitalist with ten years' supplies ahead, I had a perfect right to hold him up. He said we didn't work hard in the summer and save our money what would we do in the winter? I told him that, as I kept no breeding pen for the capitalist class, if I did not get but one place, I could go to another.

Then the old gentleman and I went into the house and I suggested we make a trade on Socialism and he agreed. The first question he asked him was where did he come from? He said from the Highlands of Scotland. I asked him what was his trade? He said he was a farmer and he was born and raised on a farm. I asked him he was able to make any better a farmer than his father was? He said "No, I have to work harder and am not so well off." I asked "how is that?" "Your father had to pay rent and did not have a reaper and a 160 acres of land."

I then proceeded to show him how the working class had been dividing up the means of production, all the lives, and that the Socialist proposed to put a stop to this dividing up process, and assure to every one the means of production. He pointed out to him that if he got the full product of his toil he would be able to dress his wife and family in something better than four-seas. He said he would like to see the woman's position under proper conditions. She said it cost fifteen dollars to have a doctor come to the house when her little one was sick. She and her husband and family had to work from daylight to dark and all they could get out of it was no more than a few cents. They did not have cheap labor they couldn't make a living at all. The Chinese made farming possible on Vancouver Island as land cost over \$100.00 an acre. He pointed out that it was the old story of the small man trying to compete with the Bonanza farms. I showed them that it was no trouble for the western Fuel Company to pay \$5.00 a day on their coal-farm as they had the modern tools of wealth-production. He said he would like to be forced to the wall to make room for a higher civilization. If they would study Evolution they would see that they were at the head of a History of the Highlands and I asked him if a slave was justified in cutting his master's throat. He said "Yes." "Well," he said, "you small farmers are the most abject slaves in human society, for it takes the whole family of you to make a living, while the industrial slave in the city can make a living for his wife and family. The only hope for you is to throw in your lot with the Socialists and demand that they raise upon their rules. The Co-operative is the only way. There are only two classes in society, the workers and the capitalists and sooner or later the former will be the victors. The latter belonged. I showed him that Dunsmuir had been given the highest position in British Columbia by the British Government. He said that he was a union-smasher and that Socialism was a god post by the Conservative party after beating his men in the election. He said he would show how friendly old parties are to the workers.

"By the way, all the grouse and deer we were eating 'O.P.R.' They eat just the same, though."

"AROUSE, YE SLAVES."

It is not because he is a leader of industry that a man is a capitalist, on the contrary he is a leader of industry because he is a capitalist. The leadership of industry is an attribute of capital, just as in feudal times the leadership of the general and lord was attributed of landed property.—Karl Marx.

PLATFORM

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

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 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-widening stream of profit, and to the worker an ever-widening 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 this end the Socialist Party proposes the transformation of capitalist property into the means of wealth production into collective or working-class property.

The irrepressible conflict of interests between the capitalist and the worker, each seeking to possess 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 in the ranks of the Socialist Party of Canada, to make the subject 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 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 welfare of the people its guiding rule of conduct. Will this regulation 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 shall always and everywhere conduct all the public affairs in its hands in such a manner as to promote the interests of the working class alone.

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Comrade Theo. McGrady of the United States, will deliver an address upon Socialism in the old Grand Theatre...

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SHOTS AT CURRENT HUMBUGS

(Continued from Page One.) Why is rent so high? Not because the owners...

It is said that "beauty unadorned is adorned the most." This is no doubt true...

SPARTAGUS

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Last week I saw in Kansas City a vicious brute which should have been at large...

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UNSUBDUED AND UNTERRIED

W. J. Curry Replies to Gen. William Birney and Defends Socialism.

There are, perhaps, more grounds for General Birney's assertion that I have said nothing as to "the political machinery necessary to put Socialism into operation."

To the Socialist, however, this is of no immediate importance, and any detailed description of the death and burial of capitalism must be more or less speculative. A reasonable understanding tells us that the forces which have led humanity up from the dark valley of its primeval ooze through long dangerous waters and steep ascents which some have reached, will not only enable us to replace a corrupting system of industrial anarchy with one of co-operation, but in spite of the fears of General Birney will enable us also to satisfactorily compensate the injury of an Adelsa Patti! Under Socialism.

Socialism relies on the force of legal enactment and once it becomes the dominant power the capitalist class must yield to Labor as entirely as the producing class now submits to its political and industrial masters, but the Socialist class is striving to keep Labor in a condition of servitude, the Socialist Party seeks only to abolish the class rule and the class struggle and to GIVES EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES by making all members of society equalizers in the means of production.

Capitalism must necessarily destroy itself, and since no only alternative of capitalism, ownership is collective, and Socialism will be applied, and if applied it must be practical, in spite of the opinions of General Birney to the contrary.

No protest that I should discuss the "medicine" and not the diagnosis of the social disorder, and it is indeed a pleasure to know that he has now admitted that he is wrong.

From his latest utterances it is evident our opinions differ, not so much regarding the medicine as its manner of application. The fact is the disease which affects society today is similar to many other parasitic affections of mankind. It is now generating a virus which is spreading itself. "Capitalism contains within itself the germs of its own destruction." General Birney also protests against my depicting much space in describing the horrors of city slums and child slavery.

This protest is quite natural. To prove by government reports that widespread poverty exists and that this poverty is actually keeping pace with the power of wealth production must be an unpleasant dose for one who defends capitalism.

In General Birney's article he tells us "there are few deaths if any from starvation" and that charities report few cases of child starvation, while trade unions have money to burn.

He tells us that poverty is not due to capitalism but to "wages, bad habits, want of thrift, intemperance, etc." He tells us it is because people look to the cities for a good time, so that they "blame, blame, blame, and pray meetings."

The "medicine" he prescribes for the pauper elements that capitalist enterprises dump annually into the cities of America to starve in the country where they can lead a life of "simplicity and duty," and he tries to split the difference between revolutionary guns and the reports of city slums and starvation are "but Socialist fulminations." According to the "sequences of pessimism." According to him the world is logging along quite comfortably.

In my previous article I showed that widespread and increasing poverty did exist, and that the inevitable result of capitalist production.

Karl Marx, in his theory of "surplus value" has shown how the wage-earner is robbed out of the field of production. Marx may not have foreseen all the details of modern industry, but his theory of surplus value has been a rock against which the "fulminations" of capitalist lawyers have expended themselves in vain.

Capital is that form of wealth used for the exploitation of labor. The capitalist class is the class which owns the means of production and distribution of wealth; while the laboring class consists only the labor-power, production produces wealth or surplus value. Labor-power is purchased from the wage-earner at the cost of his production, and is sold to the capitalist as a commodity. The capitalist pays the wage-earner for his labor-power and enables him to live. He therefore sells his labor-power and receives for it its exchange value, and the surplus value of labor keeps it at the level. To no one else would the producer and kill the means of production. The object of capitalist production is to produce surplus value, and it is the rule of labor and capitalist alike. Because of this it is folly to rail against the capitalist as an individual. An individual who has the gift of prophecy as largely developed

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labor, and their struggle is becoming more desperate every day. The struggle against the system which brings mental blindness and spiritual pauperism to the upper classes and which forces millions to "grind and sweat under a weary yoke to sticken and rot in city slums because the want of that which debauches the ruling class because it has too much.

THE EXTENT TO WHICH LABOR IS EXPLOITED.

The difference between what the wage-earner receives as wages and the exchange value of his product after deducting the cost of raw material, etc., constitutes the amount out of which labor is exploited. The Government reports for 1900 show that the average workman in the United States produces value to the amount of \$2,450, while his wage is only \$437. The surplus value of \$2,013 is divided up between the owners of the means of production and the energetic individuals who fight over the balance as they pass the buck to the consumer.

The United States census report for 1880 shows that after deducting the cost of raw material, etc., the producing class has disposed of \$80 millions. Is it any wonder that Socialism is unpopular among those whose sentiments are now being re-echoed by their legislative, educational, and theological leaders?

Labor produces over five times as much as it receives in wages—eight hundred millions in one year to a single capitalist in the same time in squaring profits from labor and in gambling with the proceeds. They, as capitalists, do not produce; they own the earth and the things thereof and that give it its fruits. "But the capitalist class gives labor a chance to earn a living, and they should be paid for their enterprise and the risks they run. Most men make money. These are arguments we sometimes hear. When capital gives labor employment it is not out of philanthropic motives, but because it sees a chance to skin the employees out of the surplus value of their product. There are to-day in the United States hundreds of mills and factories for the production of goods which are sold for a profit, and there are also millions of the laboring class seeking employment, and suffering in hunger or cold, and the capitalist class cannot employ them at a profit.

If the capitalist runs risks it is because of competition, which is part of his system. His belief in competition unites him as a partner of the capitalist. In that case he sees that monopoly reduces expense, prevents overproduction and panic, and is, therefore, necessary.

Money has no reproductive function but when functioning as capital it can be used to squeeze profit from labor. The capitalist class will always have the upper hand. "But the capitalist class employs his time in managing his business, and frequently works harder than the down-trodden wage slave who Socialists rant about."

If the capitalist employs his time in work actually necessary in production he does not do so as a capitalist, but as a laborer. He may also own stock in a railroad, and to that extent he is a capitalist. If the capitalist works harder than the laborer, he is a laborer, and other individuals who tax their energies in appropriating the possessions of other people.

The highwayman and safecracker may even, through the exercise of brain and muscle, produce their income by honest operation, but society prohibits the exercise of these talents of these artists from being exercised.

According to General Birney to deprive the rights of a minority is "another form of robbery." The robbery of sand-bagger, a traveller or robbing a bank compared with that resulting from the exploitation of labor.

The capitalist class makes and operates the laws governing the market, and they control those which give the privilege of robbing the producers of all that makes life worth living.

Socialists say: "Labor has produced all wealth, and the capitalist class also own it and give for the sake of a few dollars' interest the capitalist in idleness and being allowed to live on the profits of the work of the laboring class." General Birney tells us that this would be "re-establishing of slavery." By the same method of operation it assures us that a cooperative industry would be a "barbarism"; humanity to attempt, he evidently believes that in union there is weakness, and that was the sugar trust, convinced that one-fourth of its plants to idleness, the formation of the whisky distilleries out of business, and yet more sugar and more whisky is produced.

General Birney believes that under Socialism production would be reduced from twenty-five to seventy-five per cent.

Under capitalist trusts, production is increased, although three-fourths of the plants are closed; but under the present system of trusts, where production is reduced to one-third requirements of society, and when millions who are now of the unproductive class will become producers, the manufacture of social utilities "would be reduced to twenty-five to seventy-five per cent."

One is almost led to believe that the opponents of Socialism have the gift of prophecy as largely developed

as the old Utopians. Under the present system of capitalism men will struggle to accumulate a hundred times as much as they know they can ever consume, and will commit theft and murder for the necessities and luxuries of life.

Under Socialism the working class for himself and will have all the produce, all desires for the necessities and luxuries of life will be gratified, and yet some opponents of ours tell us that we are to be too foolishly expect human nature to be capable of rapid transformation.

When the desire to obstruct Socialism can only produce something such as those of "General" Birney, one is reminded of a certain old lady who once attempted to push back the tide of the Atlantic with a broom.

A GOOD STARTER.

First Lesson in Marxian Economics As Expounded by a Non-Socialist.

The working class of Vancouver is recognized as an important factor by the local Daily World. So long as they are not to be able to secure half-crown is devoted to their interests under the appropriate heading of "A Corner for Workingmen." Be this as it may, if the wage-earner or reader who is interested in the contents in last Saturday's issue, they will find food for careful thought and reflection. Whether the World writer intentionally gave the place of white workingmen. A laboring man is in the same class as all other merchandise. He sells his ability to the highest bidder, and when he is imported into this country, and the place of white workingmen. A laboring man is in the same class as all other merchandise. He sells his ability to the highest bidder, and when he is imported into this country, and the place of white workingmen. A laboring man is in the same class as all other merchandise. He sells his ability to the highest bidder, and when he is imported into this country, and the place of white workingmen.

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REYNOLD'S NEWSPAPER AND UPTON SINCLAIR.

Mr. Upton Sinclair, author of "The Jungle," the novel which exposed the horrors of the Chicago meat-canning trade, is an ardent Socialist. No one reading the ordinary Tory and catch-all journals would know this, for these friends of the millionaires have carefully concealed the fact. In the current number of the World's Work, Mr. Sinclair contributes a short article on "The Socialist Party in the United States," from which we take the following extracts:

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Another recent and interesting development in the Intercollegiate Socialist Society of which Jack London is president. This is a Society organized for the purpose of interesting college students in the subject. It is now forming study-chapters in a number of colleges and high schools, and is planning to edit a College Men's Edition of several of the Socialist papers, and to put a copy of these into the hands of every college student in the country.—Reynold's Newspaper.

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Mrs. Dawson seems to be wedded to the idea that a woman's only happiness lies in marriage; but for her life to be full and happy her marriage must be so, and unfortunately, the prospect of happy marriages is deplorably small. Then again, she loses sight of the fact, that there are not enough men to go round. How that difficulty to be overcome? Work will help no woman, indeed it is beneficial to them to turn out into the world and rub shoulders with all sorts and conditions. "Is it not likely to broaden a woman's mind and open her eyes to the reforms that are so badly needed for her sex? No, it is not the work that cramps the woman's soul, but the conditions under which she works; it is these that want altering. The girls are employed in commercial houses as typists, bookkeepers, etc., at salaries which a boy fresh from school would almost look askance upon. But even if no man would do half the work—work requiring brains and intelligence. That is why women workers are so foolish, they work, work, work all day for a pittance that provides them with bare sustenance, and leaves no fraction for legitimate pleasure and relaxation, and their employer grows richer every year. They are largely themselves to look to for the betterment of their condition. Men won't help us—we cannot expect them to. In many branches we are usurping their places. But even if we were enough for all, and more—enough being made to provide each worker with a comfortable livelihood, only that we are allowing our masters to have it all!

But, to return to our subject of woman's happiness, it is quite clear that she cannot marry and have homes and children, and does it necessarily follow that those who have to work must be wretched? Mrs. Dawson draws a melancholy picture of a woman returning home to lonely, solitary lodgings after her day's toil, but she can be dreary, lonely, or wretched? Can there be no interest or pleasure in her life? Do we seek of men, turning to lonely and dreary lodgings after their day's toil, but they take interest and pleasure in their lives? Is it not possible for a woman to make the leisure hours of her life interesting, profitable and profit to themselves and those around them. Of course it is, but just at present; I grant you, particularly in this country, where the miserable wage that they cannot afford relaxation, and partly because of the heavy hedge of conventionalities which a woman's life is surrounded by. But let our girls turn out and work and fight and stand up for their just rights, and broaden their minds and enlarge their sympathies, and soon we shall see the change brought about, and our single women leading happy, useful and bright lives, and being ever a brave face to the future.

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