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LABOR DAY.

While the European workers have adopted the First of May as International Labor Day, and celebrate it as such with or without their employers' permission, it has been left to the workers of this continent to accept, and so far be content with, a legal Labor Day set aside for them by their capitalist masters. The undoubted object of the United States and Canadian governments had in view in establishing the September Labor Day was to head off the adoption of this western continent. By this ruse the capitalists hoped to prevent American and Canadian workers from falling in line with their European fellows and thus becoming a part of the only movement of labor that the ruling class fears, viz: the Revolutionary Socialist movement that has not as yet adopted the First of May as the day upon which Labor shall lay down its tools and proclaim working class fraternity common interest, and solidarity throughout the length and breadth of the earth.

For a time this ruse worked with no small degree of success. Flattered by the condescension of their masters in thus recognizing their importance in the scheme of things and granting them one day out of 365 that they might at least call their own, the workers initiated their cheers and devoted the day largely to the purpose of parading themselves before their kind and condescending masters so that they might see what a promising bunch they were from a profit-making standpoint. This disposition, however, is now beginning to show signs of becoming weary. In fact it is becoming frayed at the edge. The workers are no longer disposed to display themselves as merchandise along with laundry wagons, butcher carts, etc. They manifest a preference for spending the day in sport and pastime, thus maintaining at least a brief respite from their daily drudgery in the service of the capitalists, not only that but hundreds of them are beginning to think along the same lines as their European fellows. They are becoming imbued with the same aspirations and hopes, all of which presages the "approach" of the day when each day in the year shall be Labor's Day, not by virtue of the condescension of masters but because the working class shall have demonstrated that Labor conquers all things.

With each succeeding year the "First of May" becomes more widely recognized as International Labor Day, and the September date set aside in this country by a capitalist government falls more completely to the back ground. The forces made by the working class (for the purpose of giving expression to Labor's determination to emancipate itself from the domination and exploitation of capital, is of far greater significance to the world's toilers than all of the holidays ever established by the grace of a ruling class.

BESTIALITY VS. HUMANITY.

For centuries Russia has been the scene of ruling class bestiality and unbridled crime; the counterpart of which has not been recorded in history. Language cannot depict the outrage, agony and horrors which have been perpetrated upon the Russian people at the hands of the most senseless, brutal and vicious rulers that have ever cursed the earth. It is said that "hope springs eternal in the human breast," and certainly the Russian people likewise never close their eyes in spite of the horrors, cruelties, floggings and tyrants to another day. In the awful face of capitalist tyranny, rapacity and brutality that has been forged a Russian peasant and proletarian class the strength of whose moral fibre, and whose unselfish devotion to Liberty's cause cannot but command the admiration of every soldier in the army of Freedom throughout the civilized world. And who shall say that these Russian peasants and proletarians are not courageous men; men of moral fibre, men of the loftiest aspirations and most noble purpose, in their heroic struggle against the "evil forces" that have so long held harmful sway over the Russian millions and beset untold millions upon the globe. With the abolition of the Duma, the last promise made by the autocracy to the peasants and workers for relief from their miseries, was broken. The last hope for a peaceful loosening of the bonds that tortured their flesh was shattered. The only promise left unbroken was the bayonet, the sabre, the knout and Siberia. The only alternative left was to pit their strength in mortal combat against that of the Czar and his minions, and right nobly have they risen to the occasion. The dispatches bring daily accounts of their heroic deeds. One day thirty or forty of the Czar's henchmen and police are sent on their long journey by means of a bomb judiciously placed. The next day a bomb cutthroat at Warsaw is shot to death while riding along the street in his carriage; while another uninformed ruffian and murderer is given what is coming to him by five well placed shots from a revolver in the hands of a courageous young woman. And so the good work goes on and must go on until the rule of centuries of bestiality is brought to an end and humanity stands triumphant.

In order to be intelligible with the problems that are being forced upon human society for solution by the present system of property (in the means of production, it is imperatively necessary that the workingman understand clearly the nature of that system of property, its purpose, and the position in which it places himself and his fellow-workers in the great scheme of human affairs. Unless guided by a knowledge of these things he will be more than apt to pursue a line of action that will rather tend to aggravate matters than to arrive at anything like a solution of the difficulties that beset the pathway of the working-class. Agitators galore have worn out their vocal apparatus and tons of paper and ink have been used in spreading confusion in the minds of working people just because the agitator has no understanding concerning those of that which they profess to talk or write about. It is about time that some effort was put forth to simplify the propaganda and bring it within reach of the understanding of the working man who because of a wearisome life of toil has little time or inclination to sort over tons of chaff in order to discover a possible grain of wheat.

The present system of property is not difficult to understand if anything like careful observation is made. He who goes forth to traverse his fellows in regard to its workings and offer them advice as to the course to pursue in order to escape its evils, ought first to equip himself with sufficient knowledge of capitalist property and the present system of production to enable him to make at least a half-way lucid explanation of it.

The present system of property has grown up out of those systems that preceded it, more directly out of the private ownership of property in the means of wealth production. As the implements of production gave way to the collective property of associations, and as the implements of production thus became capital, i.e., the means of exploiting labor under the wage-system.

All men must have access to the resources of the earth and the means of converting such resources into the necessities of life in order to prolong their existence. They may have such access direct or through others, as the case may be. With the means of production, i.e., resources of the earth and the instruments of labor, the capitalist system can only obtain that access upon which their lives depend through, or by permission of the capitalist, the owner. In order to obtain such permission they must surrender to the capitalist their power to labor. This places the capitalists in possession of the wealth produced by such labor, no matter how large the quantity may be.

The workers having no ownership in the things upon which they depend for a living, i.e., land and machinery, are converted into mere sellers of labor-power. The capitalist purchases this labor-power to the extent of the needs and requirements of his operations. They may at times purchase the entire available supply. Then again they may be able to utilize but a part of it and the balance remains a drug upon the market, with the natural tendency of dragging the price downward.

Capitalist property thus divides society into two hostile camps, masters and slaves. The former owning the means of production upon which all men depend for a living, the latter owning nothing but their labor-power which they must offer for sale to the capitalists or starve.

It may be easily seen that these relations between capitalists upon the one hand and workers upon the other are purely a result of the present system of property in the means of production, i.e., land and tools. No one will dispute the necessity that the productive power of labor is sufficiently great to enable workers to supply themselves with everything necessary for their material comfort, provided they can have access to the means of living. This access is denied by the present system of property, which will allow them to expend their labor-power in the production of useful things only at such time as the capitalists may be able to realize a profit from the transaction. Whatever evil befalls the workingman is so far as obtaining the things requisite to the sustenance of himself and family is concerned, it arises purely as a consequence of the present system of property in the means of production, which denies him freedom of opportunity to expend his energy in providing himself with needed things. It is therefore purely a question of ownership of the means of production.

The needs of the hour, from the standpoint of the workingman, demand such a transformation in the system of ownership as will secure to him the unobstructed right to expend his energy for the purpose of providing himself with the material things necessary to his existence, at all times and without paying tribute to another for the privilege of exercising such right.

This means that the ownership of the means of production shall be taken out of the hands of the capitalists and vested in the community, or in some form of National or Commonwealth, of which the individual workman is a part. With the industrial owned and operated democratically, and for the sole purpose of producing the things necessary for the use and comfort of every citizen of such a commonwealth, no argument is required to show that poverty or the fear of it will no longer curse the workman, but the opportunity will be absolutely secured to him of obtaining for himself by his own labor all of the private property necessary for his comfort and well-being. It is time these things were made plain to the workingman. Too much trash has been poured into his ears in the name of Socialist propaganda already. Cut it out.

The President of the Real Estate Trust Company of Philadelphia speculated unwisely with the funds of the institution and brought about its collapse. He was not only a good Republican or Democrat, but an A.I. Presbyterian besides. As he committed suicide he is now supposed to be having a glorious time on the other side along with numerous other shining lights of capitalism that have gone before.

The financial statement of the Canadian Pacific Railway for the year ending June 30, shows net earnings of almost \$25,000,000. "Net earnings" is only another way of saying "net plunder." This financial statement causes the Toronto Sun to refer to it as of "unusual interest to the people who provide the traffic on which the road thrives." It strikes us that it should be of greater interest to the C. P. R. employees, out of whose hides the 25 million was taken. Those traffic providers got what they paid for.


What has happened to all of that howl and fuss that was being indulged in a few weeks since over the filthy practices of the Chicago meat packer? Why, it has just died out, that's all. The incident is closed and the affair forgotten. The cantankerous wo-logged man that was so vociferously haying over the infamy of being unsuspectingly fattened on "boiled" chicken, diseased cow-dung, ham, and doughnuts from "working-man" lard, is now flogging his lip over these time-honored delicacies with his usual gusto. Door sweeping, dead rat, tuberculoid and lumpy-fat taste good to him once again. He is a noisy one when he is stirred up, but he does not stay stirred up long. He'd die once again between times.

The Socialists of Illinois held their state convention in Chicago on August 26, and nominated a ticket for the November election. The platform adopted is the most wonderful and complicated jumble of confusion and crazy notions that it was ever our evil fortune to run across. To make confusion worse confounded about a dozen ridiculous resolutions were added to a string of 23 equally ridiculous platitudes not one of which, in either case, has any relevance whatever to the movement of the wage-slave to break his chains. The whole mess of trash appears to be the product of a brain whose nearest approach to an understanding of Socialism is some sort of a hazy or half-baked idea of something akin to a "benevolent feudalism," a dog nursery or an old man's home. It is about the worst mess of trash that ever happened even in this age that is especially devoted to the production of that sort of fodder. It is both too long and too laughable to be reproduced in these columns. If it is typical of the Illinois movement, capitalist may well tremble upon its throne—with laughter.

Our language is the language of a free people and fails to furnish any form of speech by which the right of a citizen to work upon his piece of ground for whom he pleases, and on such terms as he pleases, can be successfully denied. Antitrust Code, Article 100, Section 1000.

Just the same ever here, too, every working-man in Canada works upon his piece of ground for whom he pleases, and on such terms as he pleases. The other fellow has nothing to say about it. What was that Antitrust Code Article 1000, Section 1000, that says that? Those folks must fancy they are exclusively "C."

PLATFORM



The irrepressible conflict of interests between the capitalist and the worker is rapidly culminating in a struggle for possession of the power of government 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 converting the nation's power for the purpose of attaining 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 (including the means of production, land, tools, 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 a system of universal suffrage for the purpose of electing a Socialist Party, which in office shall always and everywhere maintain the answer to this question: "What is the best way of carrying out the program of the working class and aid the working class 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.

We, the Socialist Party of Canada, in convention assembled, affirm our allegiance to and support of the principle of universal suffrage for the purpose of electing a Socialist Party, which in office shall always and everywhere maintain the answer to this question: "What is the best way of carrying out the program of the working class and aid the working class 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.

So long as the capitalist remains in possession of the power of government, all the efforts of the worker will be purely for the benefit of the capitalist, and the capitalist will continue to exploit the worker as slave.

The Socialist system gives to the worker the entire control of the means of wealth production and their control of the power of government. The capitalist is master; the worker is slave.

APPLICABLE FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE SOCIALIST PARTY OF CANADA.

I, THE UNDERSIGNED, hereby apply for membership in the Socialist Party of Canada.

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Local Vancouver, No. 1, K. P. of Canada. Meets every Monday evening at headquarters, Hastings Block, 213 Cambie Street, (room 1, second floor). Educational meetings every Sunday at 2 P. M., in Sullivan Hall, Cordell Street, Frederic Perry, Secretary, Box 68, Vancouver, B. C.

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These columns have been placed at the disposal of the Party Secretaries or Locals are requested to take advantage of them in as far as possible...

DOMINION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Vancouver, B. C., Aug. 28, 1936. Present, Comrades Stibblings, Leah Dale, Pritchard, McKenzie, Kingsley and the Secretary.

The minutes of previous meeting were read and approved. Communications from Toronto and Port Arthur Locals and Comrade Dale were authorized to sign charters as chairman.

RECEIPTS: Toronto Local, stamps and supplies, \$10.25; Port Arthur Local, stamps, 2.00; H. C. Prov. Sec., stamps and supplies, 13.00.

Total \$25.25. J. G. McDONALD, Secy.

PROVINCIAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING AUGUST 28.

Present Comrades Kingsley, (organizer); Dale, Leah, Morgan, Pritchard, Stibblings and the secretary. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

RECEIPTS: Nelson, charter fee on clearing Greenwood Local, supplies and stamps, 2.50; Nanaimo Local, stamps and supplies, 7.50; Rossland Local, stamps, 2.00; Port Arthur Local, stamps, 2.00; Central campaign fund, 1.00; Organizing fund, .50.

Total \$22.00. D. G. MCKENZIE, Secretary.

VANCOUVER LOCAL, NO. 1

Regular business meeting August 27. Comrade Pritchard in the chair. Minutes of previous meeting read and adopted.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Collection Sunday evening, August 26, \$25.20; Literature sales for the week, 8.00; Dues received, 5.00.

Total \$38.20. Report received and meeting adjourned. FREDERICK PERRY, Secretary.

BODY SNATCHERS

The title of a brief article describes the present Governors of the States of Colorado and Idaho.

It represents the commanding political issue in your two States this fall. Do not deceive!

The alleged issues of the two old and rotten parties are but to divert your attention from the real thing.

The unexpunged flashlight of the Socialist press has revealed them to the world in their malignant roles of body snatchers!

The Governors of two Sovereign States, accessories of human hyena, a final denouement of the century of man in the dark lantern roles of body snatchers!

Contemplate the picture, ye voters of Colorado and Idaho, at your own leisure.

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into the hands by these body-snatchers. Government and their body-snatching administration that are in truth but the vessels of corporate powers, riding iron-hoofed over all liberties, bringing down all legal restraints, and crushing out all opposition, even to the extent of making midnight raids and snatching the living children of those whose integrity cannot be doubted, and whose courage defies intimidation.

The Governors of two Great States, sworn to uphold the law and above the law, are the very first example, in the degenerate roles of law breakers and body snatchers!

Gooding, McDonald and McParland are the real criminals, the only ones who have violated the law and ought to be behind the bars.

They are in fact and facing the gallows. These wretches are breathing the free atmosphere.

Mayer, Haywood and Pettibone have violated no law; no shadow of credible evidence has been, or can be produced against them.

A fine state of affairs is a republic. As a matter of fact, Mayer, Haywood and Pettibone are as far above Gooding, McDonald and McParland, in point of good character and all the lofty attributes of true manhood, as are the eternal stars above the mounds of prairie dogs or the holes of rattlesnakes.

Body snatching! The people of Colorado and Idaho versus Gooding, McDonald and McParland!

A vote for the Republican ticket or the Democratic ticket is a vote for Gooding and McParland; for the approval and legalizing of body snatching.

A vote for the straight Socialist ticket is a vote for Gooding, McParland; for the approval and legalizing of body snatching.

IN MERRIE ENGLAND

"In the early part of the last century there was a great want of employment, which increased year by year. In 1818 a Committee of Royalty on the subject was appointed to inquire into the cause of the want of employment.

Soon after there was the repeal of the corn law, and there was a gradual expansion of trade and commerce. But the case is different today. Up to the middle of the last century we had the little masters with us.

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in view of the failure of the Madison Avenue Bank of Chicago and the withdrawal of the funds of a large number of working people, a number of newspapers are drawing lessons for savings bank depositors. They say that only a few dollars in banks that are absolutely sound, and there should be a large staff of bank examiners to go through the books of banks, and to make sure that everything is all right.

CASE FOR SOCIALISM CLAIMED

General Birney also tells us that under the direction of August Debel the German Socialists are a reasonable, liberal party and are doing a good work.

Debel and the supporters of the Socialist Party in Germany and Belgium are Revolutionaries, Socialists and Marxians, and the practical work done by them is entirely in accordance with the program of International Socialism, and therefore Socialism has already proved itself a practical" according to General Birney's own argument.

The policy of the Socialist Party "to do" all in its power to promote the interests of the working class and to aid the workers in their struggle against capitalism."

In this province of British Columbia the two Socialist members of the Local House in one session introduced fifteen bills and amendments in the interests of labor and peasant workers. This was done in the face of strong opposition, backed by the cash of corporations.

These facts prove that the principles of the Socialist Party lead to practical results and that the defeat of capitalist government will be followed by the establishment of the co-operative commonwealth.

It is obvious, however, that until capitalism is defeated at the polls very little can be done for the laboring class and the value of opportunistic movements will be more educational than material.

W. J. CURRY.

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WHAT THEY VOTED FOR

Capitalist Class Determined to Overstock Labor Market in Order to Keep Wages Down to Subsistence Point.

The white workmen of this province have been giving expression to their commodity nature at the polls, instead of acting like men. For the reason the job-owners are given the privilege of overstocking the labor market by the wholesale importation of Sikhs and other brands of cheap labor from the gutted markets across the pond. Another batch of 500 East Indians were dumped in Vancouver last week, with numbers shipments to follow. As one of the local dailies puts it, "White working men of the city collected in crowds to look at the gathering, and the remarks let drop by nearly every one would form a good pointer on any politician who wished to play a winning game with the labor vote by introducing legislation concerning this class of immigrants."

CAPITALIST DEVELOPMENT

In British Columbia Means Hastening the New Social Order.

J. H. Hawthornthwaite, M. P. P. of the Socialist Party in British Columbia appeared much struck with the resources and the possibilities of the Province, during the recent trip. "But how do you like all this as a Socialist?" he was asked by a Nanaimo correspondent of the local Daily Province. "It's all right," replied Mr. Hawthornthwaite. "It's too bad Nanaimo does not go ahead. The city has been working under adverse circumstances, but some will come to themselves and assert themselves and then things will be better."

So, no, Socialism does not wish to retard capitalist development. It is the system under which we are existing. What we Socialists do propose to do, however, is to see that the working man's interests are protected. All our aim so far at Victoria has not been to crank development, but to see that development goes on in the province under the best possible conditions. We're not through yet. There's a whole lot of work for us to do, and after the next election you will see it done, for just as sure as anything we are going to elect the very least nine Socialist members. That will give things into our hands at the House. "Well, that score of the capitalists, Mr. Hawthornthwaite, and dump British Columbia development?" "Not a bit of it. The capitalists know, or should know, that we are not trying to put them out of business by harassing reforms. We are trying to establish a system of equity and justice. The Socialists have practically forced every province in the province for the benefit of the working man, and we are going to introduce a new system under which we are existing at present. It is bound to be with us for a time, and while it does we propose to make it the best for the laborer that we possibly can. That is all that timely evolve into a question that time and conditions will govern."

DOMINION TRADES AND LABOR CONGRESS

The annual convention of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada will be held this year at Vancouver, beginning on September 29. Few labor unions in Vancouver are affiliated with the organization, chiefly because of its unwelcome reputation as the official party of the labor party. The annual party has been to pay for salaries to political and labor party politicians to be elected around the legislative halls at Ottawa, and beg for crumbs from the table of capitalism. However, this method having proved such a dismal failure, a move is now being made to elect all up and down the line of official labor "leaders." The old-fashioned workers of Canada are not assured though, that nothing will be done which will disturb the sacred right of capitalism to own the earth, and every last wage-slave on top of it. It is to be said, however, that the Party is still divided, the Socialist Party in the corner, a fact which augurs well for the future of labor in this and all other countries.

ANOTHER STEP NEARER SOCIALISM

The new Socialism is in the air in British Columbia, in the form of a great "economic" revolution, the prime factor being the introduction of the "fourth" principle, the chemical "striking" device, invented by D. A. Smith of Seattle, the rights of manufacture and sale have the recently been secured by George B. Buhly of Vancouver. It will do the work of nearly 200 men and even the cheap Chinese labor will be eliminated. The benefit of the new machine of Socialism will be seen in the new "factory trust" which the wage-slaves turned loose will be given an opportunity to in-crease competition for the remain-

CARPENTERS SEND DELEGATES

At the last regular meeting of the Vancouver Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, two delegates, E. Young and S. O'Brien were elected to attend the annual convention at Niagara Falls, on September 19. Vancouver's representatives also with them a number of resolutions of unusual interest to their craft in Western Canada, particulars of which will appear in the Clarion upon the return of the delegates.

"THERE'S A REASON"

The campaign committee of the Socialist Party in British Columbia always state in the Clarion where the money comes from to pay election expenses. The old-party committees dare not publish a similar statement.

NO MORE SLAVE-SHAGS

Members of organized labor in Vancouver—over 5,000 in number—have decided to cut out the "parade" for the local Trades and Labor Day as a result a real parade will probably take place next election day. Western wage-slaves are coming to look at exhibiting their commodity, labor-power, before the boss on other day in the year. A good omen.

He who tears down for the joy of it, or for the attention he may draw toward himself, should himself be torn down. But he who points out the evils of the time and in so doing how they may be remedied, he who points to the good that is being done, and the good that may be done, he, we believe, has a place in the world.—Erie

"UNION LABEL LEAGUE"

A "Label League" is to be a feature of the local Trades and Labor Council. President McKay will name the chairman at next meeting. This "league" will act in conjunction with the Allied Printing Trades Council of which McKay is president and Mr. Fowler, a pressman, the secretary.

VANCOUVER TYPO'S DELEGATE

At last Sunday's meeting of the typists, Robert McKay was elected the accredited delegate to the Victoria convention of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress. A delegation consisting of Harry Gowar, chairman of the typists, and J. G. Guthard was also elected to bring certain matters of interest to the congress, before the convention. The delegates to be elected to represent any movement for "independent" political action, whatever that means. A motion that the typists' delegate be elected McKay was carried by a vote of 15 to 5. The Socialist Party is quite capable of looking after itself. It is the only labor movement in Canada because it is the only Party giving expression to the needs and requirements of the working man. The old ghost of "independent" labor parties with capitalist phantasms is too harmless to bother with, and the new "Columbia" is concerned, will die, like its predecessor, aborning.

W. J. MCKAY WAS ELECTED AS A DELEGATE TO THE TRADES AND LABOR COUNCIL

Chairman W. J. McKay was elected as a delegate to the Trades and Labor Council at the meeting of the typists.

ITALIAN SOCIALIST PAPER

Italian comrades and sympathizers are making a paper, the "Socialist" in Columbus, Mich; for sample copies.

HE OF THE BULL-PEN STATE

The consignor Governor Gooding of Idaho, has over-reached himself in banning the Republican convention, which re-nominated him. Gooding is now in the hands of the "Board of Prison Commissioners" and the hangman's role he desires to assume. The act has swept away his last words about the "Board of Prison Commissioners" and the hangman's role he desires to assume. The act has swept away his last words about the "Board of Prison Commissioners" and the hangman's role he desires to assume.

MAY SPEAK HERE

Comrade James Shannon, of Toronto, vice-president of the Trades and Labor Congress, has been invited by the local program committee to address a mass meeting of workers in Vancouver during his visit to the province next week.

WIDE OPPOSITION

Generally the more thoughtful opponents of Socialism in the world know the least of what they are opposing. Probably never was a Socialist literature so widely read as the "Socialist" in this country. It has an enormous circulation and a literary meaning of the word. Socialists must bear with such. The work wonders.

A NEW VERSION

Conrade Cloak, Bellingham, Wash. writes the Vancouver Local Program Committee that he will be unable to appear on September 29th. His duties as alderman in the Bellingham lumbering and fishing center require all his spare time just now. However, the Comrade's services will be available at a later date.

"NO GOOD COMES FROM STOLEN MONEY"

"No good comes from stolen money," said a Chicago defaulter who returned the other day after two years' absence to take a dose of penitential horoscopes for his crimes. Daily Press. No wonder capitalist society reeks with vice, hypocrisy, crime and degradation, and the press reports of the cost of "iniquity" fairly stand in the nostrils of decent working people. Every last dollar they ever had as capitalists, is stolen money, wrung—legally—from the workers through the present system of wage-slavery.

THE "PREFERENCE" QUESTION

D. C. Government May Do McDonald Good, and Furnish Him With a Message For His Easy-to-Satisfy Electors in the Old Country.

J. Ramsay McDonald, member of the British House of Commons, and supposed to vote the interests of labor, is in John Burns, in Canada. He will cross the continent in a O. P. E. private car also will also be entertained while in the portion of capital's domain as the guest of the Government.

In a statement to the press, this "labor" representative says he wants to "study the Canadian view of the preference question." Again said he: "I have come to this conclusion that I find out what the great part of the Empire think about the great questions of the day, and whether or not they are working for the great objects we are in the Old Country." If the object above noted in what Mr. McDonald is wanting in this time at the chance are he will find Canadian workers with a "preference" for such who hold a "preference" for such well enough to be convinced that "preference" issues are of no account whatever to wage-slaves. Move along.

WIREMEN MUST WANT TO UNLOAD

The I. Typo. Union, at their Colorado Springs convention last week, decided to continue the fight for an eight-hour day. The convention also went on record in favor of government ownership of the telegraph, and instructed its committee to use their influence to elect men favoring such ownership.

NOT "UNDER SOCIALISM"

The Bureau of the Census has just completed and issued a bulletin on the statistics collected last year on the number of insane in confinement in the hospitals of the country, and therefore they do not regard the extent of insanity in the country. They indicate, as has been frequently stated, that insanity is on a progressive increase in the United States.

During the thirteen years which have elapsed since the last census of the insane was taken, the number of hospitals for their treatment has more than doubled and the increase in the number of the insane has been almost identical proportion. The total number of insane in hospitals for the insane in 1890 was 74,000, and in December, 1900, it was 130,251. The total number of insane in hospitals in 1890 was 1,000 and 184,2 on December 31, 1900.

STREET-SPEAKING IN SEATTLE

Herman F. Titts has been thrown into jail at Seattle for daring to speak the right to speak on the street. Although he was not arrested for street obstruction can be tolerated in Seattle with amazing tranquility, the Socialist movement to tell the truth, and to bring about a change to have him incarcerated. It is more fortunate for the Socialists that the capitalist "lawyers" have so little influence in this matter. A most faithful watch dog.

movement and re-establishing the Autocracy. We wish hope to see from this great revolutionary movement the sparks fanned into a veritable revolution of the whole social system, to be our duty and duty to do everything within our power to impede this outside intervention; by means of the haunting fear of a universal strike. By making a series of agitations in this cause, and preparing the people for a general strike, we will secure the greatest result possible to the cause of the Russian people, and it will be the best, most practicable and most useful manifestation of our feelings towards our Russian brethren, who at this moment are struggling desperately and are staring death in the face for the cause of liberty. For this purpose a group of men in New York city have formed themselves into a body, who propose to start this great and useful work. Let all those who wish with us—who have the greatest interest in the cause of liberty—begin now, by putting themselves in communication with the group by writing to T. Vidal, 57 Liberty street, Brooklyn, N. Y. P.S.—We ask all Socialist journals to re-produce this appeal.

A CAPITALIST APOLOGIST HANDLED WITHOUT GLOVES

Capitalism, Like Autocracy, is Furnishing the Rope to Hang Itself. —Comrade Thompson, a member of the Socialist Party, Ont., Takes a Fall Out of a Grit Cent-Header. "That the interests of workmen would be advanced by the presence of a few social representatives in parliament is probable, but the benefits expected are likely to be subject to more or less discount because of the practical impossibility of achieving very much without the assistance of either one of the great political parties. This is the comment by Brantford on the daily Grit about the Socialist Party of J.'s proposed launching into politics. Workmen ought to read it over, then cut it out and paste it in their pocket for future reference. The capitalist class, as we all know, have control of the entire legislative machine. They make the laws, and have full control over their execution. They say in effect 'Look here, you must do such and such and so and so.' They have the army and police ready at their elbow in case they should refuse. So we are forced to toe the line. A new situation opens up at this point. The workers get restless and inquire into social conditions, their causes and remedies. They refuse to let the capitalist class 'keep the show' all around and longer. They determine to elect men of their own class to the national and provincial assemblies to 'butt in' to the plans and schemes that are concocted there for their (the workers') further enslavement. Now comes out a Grit editor who tells us that the workers cannot expect to benefit much because of the 'policy of expediency' of doing much without the help of either one of the parties of capitalism. Yes, we all know that. We don't expect any help from that quarter. The acceptance of capitalism have all that they can manage in defending their class interests, without 'assisting' anyone. Just at the present moment such acceptance of opinions as valuable. They go to show how hazy the situation are our political enemies. Like 'His' Van Winkle, they are unconscious of what is being said around them, and other such, we will not, acknowledge the support of the Socialist movement. When they do awake they will find us with our guns fixed on them, but alas! it will be too late to have capitalism from being counted among the things that were."

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A RUSSIAN MARTYR
The story of the Russian Socialist movement has been the devotion of its women, and the following letter which the noble Marie S. Spiridonov has written to her mother, is a brave and courageous record of her life and the sacrifices she has made for her friends before she met her fate. It is indicative of the bravery and fortitude of the women of the Russian Socialist movement. "Thanks, dear comrades, for your news and your true words. You ask about my health. I hope to return soon, but I am completely cured, at least sufficiently so to be able to come good to the cause. I cannot see with my right eye. I have pains all over my body, especially in my chest and in my head. If my nerves in Siberia for five years, and if I can conquer my bodily weakness and physical ailments, I hope to give to the world all my life and love to the cause of the Russian people. I will not let my life be in vain. I will devote myself to study and work until liberty comes at last. I have faith in our cause. Dear comrades, your sympathy makes me feel that I am not alone in this struggle."

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