

THE CONFESSIONS OF A DRONE

Through the Columns of the New York "Independent." Joseph Medill Patterson of Chicago explains how he lives in Comfort at the expense of the Workers.

The "Independent" has asked me for a short economic autobiography. I comply in the understanding that I am taking about myself, the type of the fellow rich young man, not myself the individual.

My income doesn't descend upon me like manna from heaven. It can be traced. Some of it comes from the profits of a daily newspaper; some of it comes from the profits of a large real estate business; some from the profits of the United States Steel Corporation; some from the profits of the American Tobacco Company.

As to Chicago real estate, I didn't put it there. Some of it I have never seen. I came into possession of some of it some years ago, when it was cheaper. People came to Chicago to work and in proportion as their numbers increased, the value of this real estate rose astronomically.

I have never been inside a steel mill; I know about tobacco only as a consumer. Yet the makers and users of steel and tobacco send me on their little checks twice a year. I have had to buy a few thousand dollars a year. Yet, after all, while among exclusively capitalist circles I am nothing much, still as compared with the average American I am pretty well off.

For instance, it takes to support me just about twenty times as much as it takes to support a working man or a farmer. And the funny thing about it is that these workmen and farmers work hard all year round, while I don't work at all.

I have better food, better clothes and a better house than the workers who supply me with money to go on my travels. I can travel wherever I want, on faster trains and in more comfortable berths than the workers who supply me with money to go on my travels.

with the walls of a prison as outside. The negro boys have a separate room; some of the boys being as young as seven years of age.

UNOISE JIM'S CABIN.

Editor Socialist Voice:—The Atlanta Work-House is called a "Stockade" and is a very large room, the stockade was a kind of open corral in which the newly imported as well as the rebellious slaves were kept at night.

Everybody is around at three-thirty (3:30) a. m., for breakfast, after which we are made to clean the dining room, another chunk of cornbread, another piece of fat hog and beans. The bill of fare for supper is identical with that for breakfast.

The food served here is as follows: Breakfast consists of a large chunk of cornbread, piece of fat (salt-petre cured) hog and some sliced corn. Dinner consists of another chunk of cornbread, another piece of fat hog and beans. The bill of fare for supper is identical with that for breakfast.

A COURAGEOUS RUSSIAN GIRL

Maxim Gorky Tells of the Awful Cruelties Practiced Upon Maria Spiridonova by the Molesters and Blood-Thirsty Ruffians of the Russian Czar.

Citizen of Free-Grand America: I will tell you a story of a Russian girl, Maria Spiridonova, a story of one of those thousands of Russian women who perish in the struggle for freedom like a candle in the wind.

And you, women of America, you must know not only that you are proud of what you have achieved and are achieving in your country, but also that you may inspire in your children the same sense of pride and of manly manhood.

UNCLE JIM'S CABIN.

Comrade James Osborne, Socialist candidate for Governor of Georgia, is serving a thirty-day sentence in a southern jail for the heinous crime of street speaking.

That only did the Cossacks notice the little girl—she stood pressing the pistol to her temple. A Cossack followed her, and with a blow from the butt of his gun. A Cossack officer, Abramov, sprang at her, and, grabbing her by the hair, hit her with the toe of his boot, while with the other he was raining blows on her head.

When the cell door closed upon me, and I found myself once more in prison, my mind flashed back through the past, to certain days when I had wandered in the city of London.

A VIEW OF THE PROMISED LAND

The Comfort and Security of Life Within Prison Walls Graphically Contrasted With the Dangers, Uncertainties and Insecurities That Prevail in the Jungle Outside.

When the cell door closed upon me, and I found myself once more in prison, my mind flashed back through the past, to certain days when I had wandered in the city of London. Our ship had put in for repairs and I was paid off with the other sailors.

On Sundays we have preaching services, beginning about 10 o'clock a. m. and lasting until about 1:30 p. m. The attendance being compulsory. The first Sunday I was here, I was given a copy of the Bible, but when the minister in charge came to ask me if I was a preacher and I told him I was a Socialist speaker.

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where a carriage stands waiting for you. Livered servant upon the box, and another liveried servant beside you; and after a short ride, fall down at your feet. One servant has you out, another servant takes you in, the door closes and all absorbs you.

fall first takes of your filthy rags and gives you a wash. To many it is the first wash for weeks, to some for months. After your bath, fall down at your feet, another servant takes of your filthy rags and gives you a wash. To many it is the first wash for weeks, to some for months.

The working man, then, now at last protected, and purified from the filth of his habits, is now placed in clean clothes, stands ready for his cell. His filthy rags have been tied into a bundle, and will be burned with the other filth.

The cell above which is painted a sober brown below. The window is very large, but, owing to the walls being so clean, there seems to be plenty of light.

And you have this cell all to yourself, and you are protected from any outside influences. Many a time I have seen your contemplations will not be broken by the noise of fools, whose noise is the crackle of thorns under a pot, or the clatter of many a shoe.

It is a most remarkable institution. It strikes me as the only institution in which the poor man is thoroughly cared for. Here he is protected from the cold, the rain, and the sun. Here no rack-resting landlord will call for his rent. Here no one will trouble him for past debts.

One other general impression, and I will close with my subject in due order of its details. Jail is, in my opinion, an institution which advances upon average working-class conditions outside, and therefore I advise that the best of workers and the unemployed, the casuals, and the unemployed-to-be, should be brought to the attention of the State, and that they should be given the opportunity of earning their own living.

And the protection offered you throughout—I pray you consider this. It is so manifestly a complete failure that a doctor calls and attends to your ailments, and a parson calls to pray with you, or talk with you, and you are attended to by a young man, one of your servants calls, stands in the doorway, and says: "Have you any complaints?"

And again, how neither with nor without, nor through and across, nor trouble you in jail. And the protection offered you throughout—I pray you consider this. It is so manifestly a complete failure that a doctor calls and attends to your ailments, and a parson calls to pray with you, or talk with you, and you are attended to by a young man, one of your servants calls, stands in the doorway, and says: "Have you any complaints?"

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### BREAKING UP.

It requires no particularly keen powers of observation to note that old party lines are undergoing a process of breaking up. The old issues no longer suffice to hold men loyal to their previous political allegiance. For some mysterious reason large numbers of men are seeking out a new light to guide their footsteps and a new course by which they may steer to the realization of those hopes and aspirations for a greater freedom and a pleasanter life, that has always been the motive that has driven humanity along the pathway of progress.

The reason of the breaking up of old party lines and the abandonment of old political traditions is not far to seek. As the development of capitalist production becomes more complete and the ownership and control of industry more thoroughly concentrated in the hands of a few giant concerns, the former conflict of interests in the business world out of which arose the political differences between protectionists and free traders, gold standard and free silver, etc., vanish. The particular policy that conserves the interest of the huge capitalist combines becomes the order of the day and, as completely dominant in controlling and shaping the political institution of a country as they are in controlling its industrial affairs. In this event the previous political issues lose their significance. The old time slogans which once aroused men to political conflict fall upon deaf ears. The former political alignment can no longer be maintained. The economic reason for such alignment no longer exists. The hour has struck for a new conception of the material factors upon which civilization rests and for a new alignment of those forces that instinctively make for still further advancement and progress.

The conception that is now fastening itself upon the minds of men is that the material factors of wealth, production—land and machinery—the things which are collectively operated, and upon the operation of which all depend for their sustenance, should be owned and controlled as they are operated, collectively. In the means of production, should be the collective property of the workers who operate them, i.e., the property of the working-class, then securing to every member of the community the opportunity to feed, clothe and shelter himself as a result of his own labor, without being exploited by another man or set of men. To bring about the necessary transformation of property from capitalist hands into the hands of a working-class state, for the purpose of ending the present class rule and freeing labor from exploitation, renders it imperative that the workers obtain control of the present, or political, state. This is the new political move that is being made upon the chessboard of events. It is for this purpose, that the new political alignment is being made; the prelude to which is the breaking up of the old political parties. The reason for this breaking up and the new alignment of forces need not be sought in the whims, caprice, or vicarious tendency of men. It lies in the material factors upon which civilization exists; the development of which has reached the point where they become incompatible with their capitalist judgment.

In other words, human society can no longer feed, clothe and shelter itself under capitalist administration of industry. The greater the volume the more impossible does it become

for wealth produced under capitalism to be equitably distributed or even produced. Among the members of human society. The more certain does it therefore become, that suffering and even starvation must ensue. In the face of these facts the capitalist system is doomed. As it can no longer satisfy the needs of human kind it must give way to some arrangement of social and industrial affairs, that will, by breaking up of the old political movements, inaugurate the coming form, that will regulate the rule of capital to the lumber room of history among the things that were.

### THE STRONG ASS OF CANADIAN POLITICS.

And Jacob called unto his sons and said, gather yourselves together, and hearken unto me. A father is a Strong Ass, crouching down between two burdens.—Genesis 49:12-14. Canadian farmer is the son of Isaac. He is the Strong Ass of Canadian politics. He is crouching between two burdens. One is the protective tariff; the other is in the form of bounties to corporations. Thus, Brooks, at the Farmers' Association Convention.

The somewhat doubtful honor attached to the position of "the strong ass in Canadian politics" need not all be heap upon the farmer. His low rate of the load will be quite sufficient to gall him, exceedingly, once he realizes the nature of the game that is played upon him under the rule of his present economic masters. The "protective tariff" and "bounties to corporations," that Brooks had in his mind's eye, are merely incidents of the game, and are not in themselves the cause of the sore spots that are becoming all too numerous on the farmer's back.

The working farmer, in common with the out and out wage-earner, is a victim of capital. Into its capacious and hungry maw he must surrender the products of his labor; fortunate indeed, if he secures enough in return to keep himself and family outside the porchouse. Out of the labor of farm, mine, factory and transportation is coined the fabulous masses of capital that constitutes the enormous and crushing economic power of the ruling class in modern times. Every dollar of such capitalization, represents the unpaid toil of the workers of city and country alike, and to which still further tribute must be paid in the shape of additional surplus value in order that they may still further prolong their existence as economic slaves of capital.

If the farmers and the wage-earners will but stop and think for a moment they will discover that they are in no sense of the work working for themselves. The farmer must surrender the product of his labor to the capitalist concerns which control the avenues through which it must pass in order that its final price may be realized through sale to the consumers; the latter is compelled to deliver his labor-power direct to the same concerns. These capitalist combinations and concerns are not in the business either for their health or for the purpose of making life easy for those who come within their power. They are in business for profit, and as they occupy a position that enables them to absolutely command the services of labor and set the price of their labor, they realize all the "trickle will bear." This means to workers only a bare living at the most, no wealth, beyond their necessities, and no security, continuing as long as the means of production are allowed to remain as the property of a ruling class and to be used as capital or means of exploitation.

Surely the working man is the "strong ass of Canadian politics" as it is by his consent alone that the present economic and political regime is tolerated. That he can be induced to give his consent to a system of property in the means of production that is continually heaping increased burdens upon him, not only proves him an "ass," but an uncommonly stupid one at that. The work workingman is here intended to apply to the farmer and the wage-earner alike. The difference between them is only one of degree. They are the equally exploited victims of capitalist property. Each is compelled to surrender his life in exchange for a miserable and narrow existence.

It augurs well for the future that both the farmer and the wage-earner are beginning to chafe under the collar of capitalist rule. The hungry horde of poor-mongering labor shirkers had better refrain from bearing too heavily upon the "strong ass of Canadian politics," lest they discover to their sorrow that what they quote for an "ass" was really a lion in an ass's skin.

Now that Trepoif has taken it upon him to be a member of the Revolutionists the necessity of popping him off with a bomb.

Seventeen hundred condemned to death for participation in the Swaborg mutiny, were sent in Helsinki, Finland, on Sept. 18, in this mutiny as a result of which done merely in the interests of "law and order."

A Socialist labor has been established in Charleston, South Carolina. That is Senator Tillman's state, and that worthy recently said: "If Socialism were to be established here, I have to shoot them, like niggers." The Senator can now go forth with his shot-gun and begin his lynch.

The local daily "Epitaph" came out on Monday last with scare head announcements of the dissolution of the Provincial Council, and the calling of an election in December. These fits are occurring with most alarming frequency. No condemned murderer could be more nervous over the probable date of his execution.

The postoffice employees of the United States have formed a national union and will work for shorter hours and an increase of pay. If necessary they will strike in order to attain their purpose. Harrah, the government ownership of us exploit our energies in getting more of it. It is a lot better than capitalist ownership as any one can see, with half an eye.

The last of the trumped-up charges against Vincent St. John of the Western Federation of Miners is to be quashed at Grand Jury at Junction, Colorado, on October 8. The foul conspiracy of the mine owners' association to murder officials of the government ownership of us exploit our energies in getting more of it. It is a lot better than capitalist ownership as any one can see, with half an eye.

The interest in Meyer Haywood and Pettibone persists in not dying out among the workers of the United States. Enormous meetings are being held in all parts of the country, and resolutions passed in denunciation of the outrage perpetrated upon them by the clumsy ruffians of capitalist property. The result of the election will be to determine whether the protest is an intelligent one or otherwise.

In its report to the convention at Victoria, the committee of the Trades and Labor Council marks: "That the Congress is truly the Parliament of Labor." If such parliaments were sitting at Ottawa and the government ownership of us exploit our energies in getting more of it. It is a lot better than capitalist ownership as any one can see, with half an eye.

Samuel Gompers, the Don Quixote of the American labor movement, went down to the Republican windmill, Littlefield, during the recent election. Iko Gervanie's hero, Sam, was not a Republican, but a windmill escaped unscathed. Littlefield was re-elected to Congress. This is Sam's policy of "rewarding his friends and chastening our enemies," indicated as the only correct and feasible policy for labor to follow. Great is Samuul!

J. Ramsay MacDonald, the much-heralded labor member of the British House of Commons, brought joy to the heart of the Victoria Times during his recent speech in that city. Although he is not a Socialist, he is a Socialist in the sense that he is in no way connected with the Socialist Party as it existed in the United States. With all due respect to J. R. and his type it occurs to us that there is something peculiarly suggestive about the brand of Socialism that can bring joy to the heart of a British Columbia Liberal at this stage of the game.

From the New York Worker we learn that when the public schools of that city opened for the fall term on Monday, Sept. 18, it was found that nearly 100,000 children, or 10 per cent, were without sufficient school accommodations. The Worker does not fail to point out that the 100,000 children have prevailed for a number of years regardless of what political party was in power. The American people, the Worker says, enjoy prosperity that they do not deserve, to be sure, but they are not to be deprived of such trifles as providing educational facilities for children.

According to "The Herald," one of six Japanese exchanges, there is much discontent in the Japanese army. Among the troops recently dispatched to Korea an entire company revolted. About fifty of them were sentenced to terms of imprisonment ranging from one to two years. The Japanese government broke away in Tokyo on account of the cruelty of their officers. The leader of this revolt proclaimed himself emperor of the new Japan, and was under trial and will no doubt be severely dealt with. "The Herald" sees in these outbreaks the beginning of a new era in the East. The Japanese ruling class in the East lately is earnestly hoped that they may get all that is coming to them.

Having failed to defeat Littlefield, one of the Republicans who has especially aroused his ire because of his attitude toward labor, the Don Quixote Gompers is now going into "Daisy Joe Cannon's" district in Illinois to take a fall out of him. It will be remembered that Cannon is a speaker of the House at Washington, and particularly obnoxious because of his contempt for the sons of toil. As the only candidate running for re-election in the district of the Socialist Party, it will be quite interesting to know what Samuul will do under the circumstances. The Socialist candidate happens to be a member of the House of Representatives, one of Sam's revenue producers.

To that street corner handful of semi-anarchist freaks who are busy denouncing political action as Utopian, and vociferously of some "economic" contraption that has been hatched from their own ignorance, the following from an article recommended for consideration: "The economic power of organized labor is increasing by a rapid pace. On the industrial field it is absolutely necessary to control the brush of shows every strike to have been lost through the interference of courts and militia." It is now up to those worthies who can see no menace to the working-class except in the "labor lieutenant" and "craft unionism," to call for the repeal of the laws that give their practical repudiation of their pet aberrations.

### STATE OF WASHINGTON

TACOMA, Wash., Sept. 17.—Killed by a coal-belt. The sign of the day. They are to hold a county convention in that county in the very near future. They stand for the abolition of private ownership of the means of production. The Comrade A. T. Hilgry, of Lytle, is the pioneer Socialist of that region, and he reports that he is leading a county convention in that county.

Reports reach this office that enthusiastic meetings are being held in all parts of the State. Two more locals were granted charters at the meeting of the State Executive Committee, and there are two more applications now on file. People begin to see that if the workers were all organized Socialists, they could do nothing without thorough organization. One Socialist in the organized movement has been granted a charter to the cause than twenty unorganized demands for speakers, and there is a scarcity that is discouraging.

### ANATOLE FRANCO SPEAKS FOR RUSSIAN FREEDOM

Distinguished French Author With His Fellow Exiles on World Workers to Support the Social Revolution. The Committee of Free Russia in Paris has issued a remarkable indictment of the Russian Government's complexity in "programs." The work is compiled by E. Semczak, and published in the "L'Espresso" (Les Programmes). The preface, written by Anatole France, is to form a portion of a book, shortly to be published, on the moral of the Russian Revolution. This distinguished French Academician are of more than national interest. He speaks, it is true, to the French proletariat, but through them he addresses the workers of the whole world, as the concluding paragraph of the preface attests. He begins by pointing out that the Russian proletariat is to work out their own destiny and that outsiders are not in a position to criticize their tactics. But he goes on to address the moral of the Russian struggle for freedom and the way in which the workers of France and of the world can render help. He continues:

"I stand transfixed with admiration and overwhelmed with anguish at the sublime refusal of these workers, before the invincible front they hold up against the Russian Czar and his empire, a multitude of people exposing themselves with a single heart to the hunger and cold, and counting only for its own safety and the triumph of the cause, on its indefatigable will to suffer; has ever anything greater been seen in the world's history."

### AUTOCRATIC TREACHERY.

"The general strike, the strike of the proletariat and the intellectual—united for a few days—has conquered. For the first time in the history of the world, wealth, power, honor, before workmen who can be hanged. The strike was victorious, and the Tsar gave way. He promised to give up the crown. One knows the rest, how the military bureaucracy to cancel imperial promises, organized massacres, massacres of workmen, of students, of the people, and the same time, black bands, carrying the image of the Tsar and the flag of the Empire, marched, armed with machine-guns, to the aid of the Jewish quarters. They kill, violate, pillage and burn, for whose sake and against whose?"

"This, alas! one sees at Baku, Odessa, Kiev, Nikolai, Elizavetgrad, at Hontof-on-Don, Barstov, Tomsk, Turp, Ekaterinburg, Tiflis. When you learn that the Jewish workers were escaped from death, went in silence, sitting on the ruins of their burnt homes, near the corpses of their butchered relatives, it is the blood of the dead, cry out and we hear them. We have the religion of the Jews, the religion of the non-Christians. We only know murderers and their victims. Dead of Kiev, Baku, of Barstov, and of Odessa, and of the Caucasus, and of Ekaterinburg, show your faces to the earth, you rich, to the happy of the earth; you mutilated corpses, you who have been the cause of the whole world revolts with horror: A UNIVERSAL REVOLUTION. "How long will the mad agony of Tsarism endure? Of what terrors is the mother yet to come? The revolutionaries and the Russian Liberals are paid for all their labor? Can all the general blood of 'intellectuals' and 'bourgeois' be shed in the streets in a perpetual for justice and for liberty have been shed in vain? Whatever may be the issue of an anti-Tsarist revolution, the workers have, in the present, exercised a decisive influence on their country and the world. The

Russian revolution is a universal revolution. It has revealed to the workers of the world its means and its ends, its powers and its destinies. It menaces all despots, all oppressors, all exploiters, and all who are shaken by it. In ancient Austria the revolution rumbled. In Germany Social-Democracy powerfully organized, had up to now to St. Petersburg and to Moscow and began to stir itself. Rebel has led the Chancellor and the deputies of the empire of it, and the old Socialist has given to the councillor of the Kaiser this sinister warning: "Be aware, the revolution is upon us, and its which is taking place in Russia has its echo in the heart of the German workman."

And we Frenchmen, in our political and social state such that we have no need to occupy ourselves with the great changes that are preparing in the world, have we not an light enemy in the time of Maline and Dupuy so far distant, when the Nationalist terror reigned in Paris, and when a Dominican monk publicly exhorted the abolition of the future of France, and the massacre of the Republicans? "We do not lose sense of proportion. The affairs of our country are an light enemy in the time of Maline and Dupuy so far distant, when the Nationalist terror reigned in Paris, and when a Dominican monk publicly exhorted the abolition of the future of France, and the massacre of the Republicans?"

### GREETINGS AND HOMAGE.

"At this hour, when noble men, whom it is for us neither to urge on nor to hold back, labor and suffer for the deliverance of the oppressed of Russia and of the world, the French proletariat ought to declare their solidarity for the Russian revolution. If our governors, if our ruling classes, attempt at any time some unwelcome diplomatic maneuver, or financial in favor of Tsarism against the revolution, the French workers ought to oppose it with all their might. "If we pledge ourselves here to help, to serve by all the means in our power the revolution, which, far off though it may be, rumbles in our ears, for there is already no distance between us and the Russian fraternal greetings and respectful homage to the Russia which fights for its liberty to Finland no firm in its hold on the moral of the Russian Czar and his empire, a multitude of people exposing themselves with a single heart to the hunger and cold, and counting only for its own safety and the triumph of the cause, on its indefatigable will to suffer; has ever anything greater been seen in the world's history."

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# PLATFORM

## Socialist Party of Canada

We, the Socialist Party of Canada, in convention assembled affirm our allegiance to and support of the complete 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 wealth produced. The present economic system is based upon the capitalist ownership of the means of production, and all the products of labor belong to the capitalist class. The capitalist is master; the worker is slave.

So long as the capitalist remains in possession of the reins of government, all the power of the state will be used to protect and defend the present rights of the capitalist class, and their control of the present of labor.

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

The interests of the working class lie 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 in the means of wealth production into the collective property of the workers.

The irreconcilable conflict between the capitalist and the worker is rapidly intensifying 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.

The interests of the working class require us to organize under the banner of the Socialist Party of Canada, for the object of capturing the public power for the purpose of setting up and enforcing the economic program of the working class, as follows:

1. The transformation as rapidly as possible of capitalist property in the means of wealth production (mineral resources, factories, mills, railroads, etc.) into the collective property of the working class.

2. The national and democratic organization and management of industry by the workers.

3. The abolition of the present system of production for profit.

The Socialist Party, when in office shall always and everywhere wield the present system as abolished, shall be the answer to the question of the guiding rule of conduct. With this legislation we shall be able to bring about the ending of the workers' struggle against capitalists. It is the Socialist Party in for it; if it will not, the Socialist Party is absolutely opposed to it.

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE SOCIALIST PARTY OF CANADA

I, THE UNDERSIGNED, hereby apply for membership in the 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 the capitalist class.

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

Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Citizen: \_\_\_\_\_

Admitted to Local: \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_ Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_ Rec. Sec'y: \_\_\_\_\_

# PARTY MATTERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

These columns have been placed at the disposal of the Party Secretaries of Local and Provincial Committees in order that they may, at intervals, report on their activities in their respective localities. Communications under this heading should be addressed to the Provincial Secretaries. Local Secretaries are further requested to look to these columns for announcements from the Executive Committee. It is the business of the Party to be facilitated and the Dominion and Provincial Secretaries relieved of a little of the increasing burden of correspondence.

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In order to afford comrades an easy access to standard works on Socialism, the committee has decided to lay in a stock of literature. The following are on hand and will be sent post-paid to any address at prices quoted. Two-cent stamps will be accepted for sums not exceeding 25 cents.

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## TO SECRETARIES OF LOCALS LIST OF SUPPLIES

- Constitutions, per dozen ..... 50
- Membership cards, per 100 ..... 50
- Application blanks (with platform) per 100 ..... 25

The committee being a stockholder in the co-operative publishing house of Chas. Kerr & Co., can procure literature for the locals at prices ready and will be furnished to locals at a cents each.

## FOR THE SINEWS OF WAR

As will be seen good use has been made of the money subscribed so far to the organizing funds. Further organizing work is under contemplation if funds are available. Further subscriptions are therefore urgently solicited as, with the greatest interest, that is at present being manifested in Socialism, no better time could be found for spreading the propaganda and building up the organization.

## DOMINION ORGANIZING FUND

- The following sums have been received to date:
  - Balance on hand ..... \$12.50
  - W. J. Wade, Fort Harvey ..... 1.00

## PROVINCIAL ORGANIZING FUND

- The following amounts received to date:
  - Previously acknowledged ..... \$116.60
  - W. J. Curry ..... 4.50

## CAMPAIGN FUND

It has been decided by the Provincial Executive to build up a central fund to be used in generally assisting in the coming campaign and more especially for the purpose of printing and distributing campaign literature.

## SOCIALIST PARTY CAMPAIGN FUND

- Previously acknowledged ..... \$94.00
- J. Matthews ..... 25
- J. Macco ..... 1.00

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- Previously acknowledged ..... \$14.60
- J. B. ..... 1.00
- Two Clarion subs ..... 1.00

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Keep your optic upon the Socialist speaker who calls forth words of praise from the capitalist press. The only recommendation of value that can come from that source is vilification and abuse.

## VANCOUVER LOCAL, NO. 1

Regular business meeting Monday, September 17, Coirado Leah in the chair. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved. Warrants ordered, drawn as follows:
 

- Clearing Headquarters ..... 50
- Advertising ..... 2.00
- Literature Agent ..... 2.20

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Collected Monday, Sept. 16: \$3.65  
 Literature sales for week 2.20  
 Dues ..... 100  
 Total ..... \$9.85  
 Adjourning ..... 50

## FREDERIC PERRY, Secretary

## INFORMATION WANTED

The mining partners of the late Tom Smirli anxious to be placed in communication with Wm. Smirli, brother of deceased. For particulars address, A. Shilland, Sandon, B. C. Other papers please copy.

## A View of the Promised Land

(Continued from Page One.)

have been reduced to a condition far below the standard of comfort of the man in jail; it is borne in upon you that many with great hearts and strong brains must have resisted the malignity and greed of the ruling classes and refused to have bought the capitalist jail to what it is. They must have demanded more and more; that the fighters driven in here from the jungle should be recognized as human beings; and so these great hearts must have gone on with their prison until now they have brought the standard of comfort to some purpose to have will allow two-thirds of his drudges in the jungle outside.

My brother, with your rights bit by bit slipping from you; with son being arrested for no reason; with your food, work, and everything in a hap-hazard and insecure state; you need have no fear of jail. You will be there for a while, but you are daily getting outside. And my advice to you is, rather than let slip one title more of your rights, and rather than allow the ropes to be tightened about your neck, always be prepared to go to jail.

Here are some words said by the chaplain to me while he talked by my cell door: "I am glad to see you are clean and healthy, and look sane; and after a few months, they come of them after a few weeks, they are looking for you to be 'precisely.' "I said, "you are bearing out what we Socialists say. You take them out from your coop, and clean them up, and then put them back into your coop again. And so it must go on. And your prisons, and asylums, and workhouses must continue to increase until you locate the cost of the same and put society itself on a right social basis." "Well," he replied, "it is as you say."

In conclusion, if one may point the line of future prison reform, I would say it ought to be in the direction of less confinement, more association with the outside world, and less labor for the women. But I am afraid that without great pressure, while capitalism lasts, reform will be but slow in this direction. Because, as things are, the wily capitalist can see clearly enough, that if he lifted ever so little the pressure of solitary confinement, unless he had some time conditions outside, he would soon have all the workers in jail.

As it is the confinement of jail is little punishment to me. Throw in a few books, and pen, ink and paper, and I fancy it might become a positive luxury, and the capitalist might find it a little more difficult to keep the prisoner in the jail, and there studied the type called criminal. There is an immense difference. Your pauper represents me, and I am called, you come across force: abuse or perverted, but which force is a right society and which is a right society, grand things—John Tamlyn in Justice.

## SOCIALISM ABROAD

### GERMANY.

One of the phases of the activity of the German Social Democracy, of which I know in know that of some others, is its "Labor Secretaries" and "Information Bureau" for the benefit of the workers which the party conducts in co-operation with the trade unions. These publications furnish legal advice, assist in getting details of the insurance systems relating to workmen, and so on. There were 67 Secretaries and 111 Information Bureaus in operation during the past year. The expenditures of these were amounting to 930,000 persons, of whom 100,264 were unorganized workers. All such use by non-unionists teaches a strong lesson of the

helpfulness of organizations, these institutions are powerful means for reaching the unorganized and bringing them into the unions and joining into the Social Democratic Party. The Neue Preussische Zeitung, in comment on the capitalist papers, complains, that because of the semi-official position enjoyed by these officials (a position due to the activity of social legislation) the socialist unions enjoy an unfair advantage over the Christian Unions. The Social Democratic Party has just undertaken the publication of two "Laborers' High Schools," to be located in Berlin. These will open their work during next September and the season will last six weeks. The party undertakes the entire support of the students while at the school and estimates that an expenditure of between 25 and 30,000 will be necessary. The students will be chosen by various local organizations of the party and the trade unions, who will be expected to assist in their support in some cases. The students must be between 24 and 30 years of age, and the teachers will be chosen to secure a representative from each political division of Germany. The teachers will be largely drawn from those already active in party service thus obviating the necessity of paying salaries. The capitalist papers show their fear of the results of such systematic educational training for social agitators. The Arbeiter Zeitung, by the abuse and ridicule which they heap upon it. The Haus-overscher Courier declares that it is an attempt to turn out a lot of ill-felers in "Marxodoxy" who will blindly follow the party leaders, it never seems to occur to them that they are being used as a tool to have eyes opened instead of blinded. The German National Congress of the socialists will be held at Mannheim 23rd and 24th October following, with the names of the speakers who will present the topic to the Congress: "Parliamentary Activities," G. Schuydin, "May-day Celebration," R. Fischer; "The Political Mass-Strike," A. Bebel; "The International Congress of 1907," F. Singer; "Socialism and Popular Education," C. Zetkin and H. Schultz; "Criminal Law, Procedure, and Punishment," H. Haase. A Socialist Women's Congress will meet the day before the meeting of the party Congress, and a Congress of Socialist Youths the day after.

The principal interest of the Congress in all will center around the question of the "Mass-Strike" and the relation of the party to the Labor Unions. Just at the present time, the divergence in the Central Committee of the party and the Labor Unions. To add to the confusion the "Localists," who are in the majority in the Central Committee of the American "Imperialists" although in a much smaller and saner form than the most of those we have, are denouncing the present movement, and Bebel in particular. Of course the capitalist press are certain that the party is going to split all to pieces at the meeting of the party Congress for the past twenty years.

### BELGIUM.

The socialist daily of Brussels, La Peuple, has been publishing a series of articles exposing the shamming of the "Lepoeder" who they have been giving pictures of his various mistresses and describing his escapades in an great detail as decency will permit. The result is that a storm of denunciation has broken loose upon the Socialists in the Clarion papers. They denounce the action of the socialists as unparliamentary and indeed almost everything else, but a desirable expose of a kindly role. This is another instance of who are the real deflowers of the family.

### SWITZERLAND.

No country in Europe is furnishing more examples of military outrages against unarmed peaceful strikers than Switzerland, the "armed" with its ideal military system toward which many American socialists sometimes cast longing eyes. During a recent lock-out in Zurich the strikers were insulted, attacked and interfered with in every possible manner.

### ITALY.

The Italian socialist party is very badly divided at present, and there seem to be many reasons to expect an open rupture in the near future, although it may be averted by some means to avoid such a happening. There are three factions within the party ranging from the syndicalists, who wish to substitute direct action through strikes for political activity to the extreme reform wing that wishes to almost merge the identity of the party with some of the radical capitalist parties. As has happened elsewhere, these two extreme wings sometimes pursue so much the same line that they themselves coalesce together in the voting.

### FINLAND.

The recent reform of the suffrage which is about to become a law will be a big step up for women as well men. For this the socialist agitation was mainly responsible. To be sure the women comrades took the most active part in this phase of the movement, holding enormous mass-meetings throughout the country. One such demonstration, held last December, was attended by over 25,000 women, and issued a manifesto of which hundreds of thousands of copies were circulated—International Socialism.

### ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS

If H. S. Nova Scotia. Thanks for subscription. Sample copies will be sent to parties mentioned, as requested. The Western Clarion is not in the business of advertising in order to bring in money to keep it in circulation. A paper that cannot live upon its merits as an instrument for the promulgation of the principles and program of Socialism is a dead weight instead of a help to the movement.

Two Clarion agents are kept busy with the work in British Columbia each covering his allotted territory at least once every six months. It is found necessary to do this for the reason that the average territory is either too busy or too careless to attend to the matter of keeping his subscription up of his own volition. Outside of this the paper depends for the extension of its circulation solely upon such of its readers as may deem it worthy of being called to the attention of others, and this without solicitation from this office. The circulation is climbing steadily upward at the rate of about 75 per week.

There is no room in the columns of the Clarion for "Christian literature or articles" revolving from the same or similar publications. In existence that are intended as vehicles for such and the Clarion publishers are altogether too busy to attend to such a new ethics to infringe upon their territory. It may be as you say, "thousands who believe in Christianity are revolting from the Church." Any believer in Christ and His teachings that does not revolt from the Church, as well as all other institutions of capitalism, must have a stomach like a rhinoceros.

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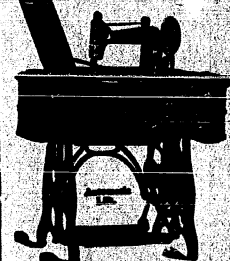
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