







# NEWS AND VIEWS

## AS GIVEN OR EXPRESSED BY SOCIALISTS THROUGHOUT THE DOMINION

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### OLD-PARTY INTERESTS ARE IDENTICAL

(According to some of the papers in Idaho, there appears to be a difference between the Democratic and Republican, the provisions of which are that Gooding, the Republican candidate for Governor, is to be favored by Democratic electors, while the Democratic legislator is to be elected insuring the return of the United States Senate, of the present incumbent.

The "Spokesman-Review" of Spokane, Wash., advises this course in the editorial head, "Mixed ballots in Idaho."

The Chicago Daily Socialist made its first appearance on Thursday, October 25th, starting with about 25,000 subscribers. A number of subscriptions have been sent to the National Office. They should be sent direct to the Publication Office of the Chicago Socialist, 163 Randolph St., Chicago, Ill.

The "Kiowa Breeze," published at Kiowa, Indian Territory, has announced its support of the Socialist Party. The Socialists of Oklahoma have already nominated delegates to the constitutional convention in forty districts out of the total of 111, with a number of districts yet to be heard from.

### A GOOD STARTER.

In commencing the study of Socialism the student should remember that the Socialist basis is his claims upon a philosophical interpretation of history. The law of evolution he recognizes as operating in all its ramifications. Society is analyzed in the same way that a chemist analyzes a material compound. It is reduced to classes, and each class is treated as an economic factor. The name designating a class also designates the economic rank. The working class, sometimes called the producing class, is a term used to represent a class that produces all the wealth upon which society subsists. The ruling class is a name applied to an economic rank evolved from the capitalist economic system of production. It formerly consisted of individuals who performed an executive function, but who, through the operation of the law of evolution, have become a present a superfluous or parasitic class, with no further function. The Socialist shows that the law of evolution has brought us to face the problem of Socialism which solves the question of producing goods for the future upon the basis of the present. This will establish a condition of exact justice, as every man will produce for himself and not for others. There will be no exploitation of one class by another class. The necessities of life will be produced socially, and a man will be paid for his labor upon the basis of his labor and skill, and not of his position. The underlying principle will be "Every man according to his labor." Exchange will be conducted without profit. — John S. Pyle (Toledo, O.).

### AN EARLY ELECTION IN B. C.

The daily press keeps right on predicting an early general election in British Columbia. The Socialist Party is ready for action in every constituency.

### STRAIGHT GOODS.

The commonwealth of today is a pyramid-shaped structure, in which class is built upon class in inverse ratio to their usefulness, until a few men with a few million dollars of immense power sit enthroned at the summit in imperial splendor, while millions of the producing class, who with their toil support the crushing weight of the whole, live in a state of hopeless poverty. Built upon the principle of individualism, it is today unable to cope with modern industrial development and to serve the purpose for which it was instituted—namely, to insure life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness to the majority of its citizens. This necessity, the working class, must to readjust this social anomaly and emancipate itself, unite politically, vote itself into power, and institute a system of social control, to give every man a privilege to live off another man's labor. — Frans Boström, Washington.

At the recent elections in Norway the Socialists increased their representation in parliament from four to seven, with excellent prospects of securing three more seats at the second balloting.

### REGISTER! REGISTER!

#### WORKING CLASS FOOLS OF RULING CLASS COERCION.

Ottawa, Oct. 25.—A telegram to the Michigan Socialist Party in this city. Harry Stevens, a member of the Governor-General's Foot Guards, was drafted for service at the scene of the riot. Upon his return to the city he resumed his quarters in his boarding house in the Albert street, but was quickly made aware of the fact that his presence was obnoxious to his fellow boarders, some seven in number, and members of the

unions. He had, hitherto, been on good terms with them, but his service at the call of the government, assisting a "subversive" labor strike was something that could not be tolerated, and his landlady was given the option of dismissing Stevens, or losing the tenancy of the house. She losing the latter, he was forced to quit and quit he must. She explained that there was no reason for requiring him to go other than his service at Buckingham.

Mr Stevens is employed as a case-maker at the Eclipse Manufacturing Company, and is a friend of the labor movement. If there was a union for men in his line of work he says he would join its ranks. He asserts positively that his conduct in the regiment was by no means affected by his personal attitude toward the Socialist Party press.

The above statement is quoted, not for its novelty, or rarity—such cases being increasingly common—but as being a highly typical one, and expressing in clear terms, the difference between the working and employing classes, and the means employed by the latter, under all circumstances, to keep the former in his line of work.

The fact cannot be over-estimated by the wage-slave class that their slavery is first made possible by their own ignorant political vote, and then maintained and enforced by their voluntary enrollment in those coercive forces, military, police, etc., which exist only for the maintenance of their own subjection, and the control of the ruling class.

In the last analysis it is a literal fact that labor is performed at the point of the bayonet, and the man behind the bayonet is a working man when cut out of uniform, or drawn for permanent service from that class.

"But for bands, bricks and brass buttons there would be few soldiers." — James Easton Crosby; true enough. A line and a glamor of the thing, coupled with a little patronizing fraternity from a "gentleman officer" of the Governor-General's Foot Guards, these, the thoughtless and feather-brained youth, full of vital energy, has nothing either to withstand, or to acquiesce in, and he stands, and sworn to surrender his will and convictions, if any, to his "superiors" he becomes the blind and pitiable tool of the oppressions of his own class.

Alone, the ruling class is as helpless in its coercion as in its exploitation. For both it depends on the aid of the most cheering signs of a growing social sanity is the increasing disinclination of workers to put their necks in the yoke of a military dictatorship. A working man soldier today is a supreme contradiction, a lie in uniform.

### COMPLETE CHANGE NEEDED.

The greatest crisis in the world's history is presently facing the people of all nations. Threat is upon us and changes in conditions, social and economic, are inevitable. The man who is both blind and deaf cannot realize the fact. The workingman is beginning to realize the part which he plays in the political game. Revolutionary Socialism, and a form of Socialism, is the only system. No reform can help you. What you need is a revolution. — Geo. Lavolette (Washington).

### ABIDING FAITH SHAKEN.

Is it any wonder the workers are becoming a suspicious lot? Is it not about time the rank and file were seriously investigating the merits of Socialism? Labor parties and "friends of labor" with political bees in their bonnets?

### UNDER GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP.

As your query, "What is the matter with the typical?" I may say that the trouble is that some two hundred million are working in the government printing bureau and imagine they have a little bit and do not require the influence of organized labor. They are working in the government, they will find out their mistake before long.

Accept my thanks for the copies of the "Friend of Labor." I have read each carefully. — P. M. DRAPER.

### PRINTERS ON W. F. M. OFFICERS.

The following resolution, introduced by Messrs. Bels and Koop, Chicago, was passed at the last annual convention of the International Typographical Union, held in Chicago, Ill. (The state administrations of Colorado and Idaho, evidently in collusion with the all-powerful mine owners' organization, have by a novel device, the "Colorado" and "Idaho" American citizens, kidnapped in the dead of night, and incarcerated the leaders and officers of that trade union organization, the Western Feder-

ation of Miners, under the false and damnable charge of murder; and whereas, they are denied either immediate trial or release on bonds under various subterfuges, evidently in accordance with the intention of the law to death and their organization out of business; be it resolved, That the Typographical Union No. 16, at its regular meeting, do hereby instruct its administration of the state of Idaho that these men, in compliance with their request, be given an immediate trial in the courts, or be, according to the process of law, released on bonds. Be it further

Resolved, That our delegates to the international Typographical Union be instructed to present these or similar resolutions at its next session at Colorado Springs.

### THE ISSUE IS PLAIN.

Com. Ald. John Cloak, Bellingham, is again a standard-bearer for the Socialist Party in B. C.'s neighbor State, 42nd District, Washington. This time as State legislator, he has returned to the working-class, Com. Cloak says:

"The worker is again called upon to decide upon the kind of a future. The issues are plainly set forth by the contending political parties, and the truth so plainly stated that he who will may read and understand. The dominant class parties are bold in proclaiming their intention to encourage capital by giving it an advantage, and as there can be no advantage without a corresponding disadvantage, they intend to place a handicap upon labor. The Socialist party demands that the rock upon which the future government shall be built must be the rights of justice and equity. This can only be established by the working class, we therefore make our appeal to the worker to vote for his own emancipation."

### THE MISSION OF THE SOCIALISTS.

The Socialist Party as a political organization, is in the field for the purpose of obtaining for the workers of all classes their economic independence of the capitalist class. Socialists proclaim that the working class, in the birth of civilization, have been held, in one way or other, as slaves to do the world's necessary labor, and that the time is now ripe for the social independence of all classes and nations. The Socialist movement is an anti-slavery movement, and it will not cease its work until every man is the equal in opportunity of every other man. It is not only a social movement, but a political one. Freedom for the working-class means freedom for everybody. The Socialist Party invites the aid of every one who feels with it. The working-class is especially urged to study the principles of Socialism. As a class, you have everything to gain, and nothing to lose by your chains.

### REGISTER! REGISTER!

### NOT MOUNT SICKER, B. C.

Editor, News and Views: I am a fanatic with the common or garden capitalist sheet to favor its daily output with something about Socialists, Socialism, or the doings of one to the other of the other. From the Atlantic Sea to Persia, from hell to the Atlantic, it is ever thus and if anything in this world disgusts the man-up-street, it is this same feeble attempt at will to do good. I am a fanatical Socialism to deny the movement that is surely working out the truth that will make their religious impossible. We have got to get up in the next morning or evening, and get a list of what lots of tricks or outrages the socialists have been up to late and how the old ladies are going to defeat what our Lady Smith's neighbors choose to call the "Common Enemy."

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looking for a market in which to sell labor power. Where in a few months past the new comers either did not interest themselves in politics, or else were so overcome by a delusion, such as this new freak of which we hear so much of, and will be called upon to hear more.

October 14th in your city. Now, the market sealer will, in most cases, deliver himself of some remark indicating that he can see a fortune and that he has no vote. Same old tale, "not registered." In a great many cases the victim can not be blamed for this. He takes him away from his "happy" home, and keeps him going at such a rate he can't find time.

But things are coming our way with a certainty, and it is not the coming that bothers us, 'tis the other fellow who throws the fit. The workers should enjoy his agony as much as he enjoys theirs, when he had them harnessed to a wheelbarrow for \$1.10 per day.

Yours for the revolution,  
JOHN RIKESHONSH.

### SPEAKS FOR ITSELF.

Mount Sicker, B. C., Oct. 24, 1906. G. F. Gray, Esq., 29 Princess Avenue, Victoria, B. C.

Dear Sir, My Brother,—We the official and members of Mount Sicker Local 215, W. F. M., in meeting assembled, to discuss the proposed new movement re workingmen's politics, and our views are asked for to be voiced in Vancouver on the 29th inst., we beg to submit the following resolution:

Whereas, there has been in existence in B. C. and Canada for some time past a workingman's political party, and said party has at present two members in the Provincial House, who by their action have kind of labor representatives, and whereas the platform of the aforementioned party is framed for the working class only;

Then be it resolved that we view with distrust the forming of a second labor party, and consider it a well-laid scheme to assist the bourgeoisie and I labor parties in defeating any and all labor members next election;

And be it further resolved that this local extend its aid in assisting the workers in the latter case, only safe workingman's political party, the Socialist party of Canada;

And be it still further resolved that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the "Socialist" Magazine and the Western Clarion.

Respectfully submitted, Edwin Lee, Thos. C. Jones, Alex. Cameron, G. M. Morrison, J. Woodruff, committee.

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### FROM NANAIMO, B. C.

Nanaimo, B. C., October 31st. Editor Western Clarion:—I have a meeting of the dirty dozen, self-styled "Liberal-Labor Party." They passed resolutions that the fight was now on between the Socialist and Liberal-Labor parties. There were present at the meeting Richard Booth, George Johnston, John McLean, Hugh Aiken, William McCallum, William Lee, Sam Wilson, and others. It was the great trade-unionist that rode around the streets with "His Honor" James Dunnamir at the reception to His Excellency Earl Grey, in Nanaimo, that all month he held, at another meeting Saturday night. I will keep you posted.

Yours for the Revolution,  
"AROUSE YE SLAVES."

### REGISTER! REGISTER!

### MOVING OVER HERE.

Nanaimo, B. C., Nov. 6, 1906. Editor Clarion.—Things are still moving over here. The local labor parties are in the agony of birth, trying to bring forth another "labor party." They have gone to the expense of publishing a pamphlet, but for the awful dogging of Comrade Havelock, the "Liberal-Labor" party that Columbia & Western land grant matter. The revelations are of course horrible.

They had an interesting time of it, however, in the evening, was spent in committing to memory the heart-rending story of Hawthornthwaite and Williams' infamy in the C. & W. land grant case. Nearly all of those present were in the ranks of the "Liberal-Labor" party, and many of them, Williams and Manson, the member for Nanaimo, for some time to obtain for them some special privilege in the land grant case. It is a pity that the "Liberal-Labor" party is so divided, and that the efforts of these two members in behalf of their road schemes, is not merely a coincidence, nothing more.

Three or four of this "labor party" aggregation are party bosses in the mine. No reflections upon their line of action are intended. The balance are equally sincere and honorable "healers" of Ralph Smith. This small but worthy group has been in the daily struggle (Herald) die week calls upon all who are opposed to Hawthornthwaite or, at least, the meeting. It is a pity that the "Liberal-Labor" party is so divided, and that the efforts of these two members in behalf of their road schemes, is not merely a coincidence, nothing more.

Yours devotedly,  
B. SMALL STUDS.

# PLATFORM

## Socialist Party of Canada

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

...The ownership of the means of wealth production belongs to the producer of labor. The present economic system is based upon capital ownership of the means of wealth production; therefore all the products of labor belong to the working class. The capitalist is master; the worker is slave.

So long as the capitalist retains in possession of the reins of government all the power of the state will be used to protect and defend their property rights in the ownership of wealth production and their control of the production of labor.

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

The interest of the working class lies in the direction of setting out the abolition of the capitalist system, and the transformation of capitalist property into collective or working class property.

The international working class, however, the capitalist and the worker is bound to struggle for possession of the power of government, and to hold the water to secure it by political action. This is the class struggle.

Therefore, we call upon the worker to organize under the banner of the Socialist Party of Canada with the object of capturing the political power in order to effect the economic program of the working class, as follows:

...The transformation of the means of wealth production into the hands of the working class, and the nationalization of factories, mills, railroads, etc., to end the capitalist property of the worker.

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