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PROFESSORIAL CHEFS' FULSOME EULOGIES

Lauds Russian Reaction and Praises Capitalist Philanthropy.

Defense of the brutal reign of the Russian autocracy. Fulsome eulogies of charitable (?) capitalists. Smearings and misrepresentations of Socialism. Denunciation of American labor agitators, form the principal ingredients of the new service up by that literary chef Goldwin Smith (Hylander) in last week's Toronto Sun.

Because a philanthropic capitalist in Toronto devoted a part of the plunder he has been able to wring out of the working class towards erecting a hospital for sick infants, the Socialist contention that a capitalist as such is necessarily a parasite is altogether wrong; at least so says our capitalist cook.

"The wealth which furnished this munificence was as fairly earned as the wages of any man who works in a factory." "It is true, my dear professor, that this wealth was fairly earned, but it was not earned by our philanthropic capitalist. It was earned by the workers of the capitalist who was able to exploit by his ownership of some of the means of production the workers had to have access to in order to live. All this consists of various articles of food, clothing, shelter or the machinery for producing the same. Our professor cannot put his finger on one of these articles that was produced by the capitalist as such. And yet capitalists own the bulk of it. A varied assortment of laborers, working collectively produced it all and gave it to the capitalist.

The laborer earns his wages. Yes, he earns more than his wages. If he did not so he would not be employed. One second after his master found it out.

"American agitators ought to be excluded; their baleful influence was seen in Hamilton." No suggestion that the galling conditions imposed on their slaves by the street rally capitalists had anything to do with the disturbance. Oh, no, the way to exhibiting "class hatred" if we are to exclude American labor agitators, why not American capitalists, why not American capitalists? It is the exchange value of the products of Canadian labor that is consumed by foreign capitalists. Not that it matters very much to the worker who is under the skinning process. The knife of the Canadian exploiters cuts as deep and removes the hue about as well as any other that is sent by way of detestable hypocrisy of the capitalist patrie, mouthing about foreign labor agitators and welcoming foreign capital with open arms, and so on.

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"The government of Russia does well to control the elections of the Duma." It also does well to maintain its army of torturing, maiming, murdering Cossacks to put down the "vile, dastardly" bomb throwing and incendiary young girls with treated heads and minds as indicated.

"The interests of civilization" (better spelled exploitation) "lies in scientific reform." If the history of Europe be considered, it is plain that progress has not been made peacefully. The bourgeoisie to which class our professor belongs got the power they had by blood and terrorism. It maintained it now in "free Canada and America" by similar means, "graduated" to turn every working man and woman into a slave of the capitalist. No subject-class ever used violence until provoked by long continued oppression.

Carlyle, in commenting on the hypocritical howling of the rulers of Europe because some of the few humanity partied company with their heads in the so-called Reign of Terror in France, noted that for centuries the peasantry of Europe had to work the land for the lord without protest before rising in revolt. And so it is in Russia. Bomb-throwing is not the product of the great industrial revolution. Young girls ordinarily do not throw bombs. The case of the unpeppared, outraged, maltreated Marie Spiridonova alone ought to turn every working man and woman in Russia into bomb-throwers. Would that they could do more and give these brutal rulers a dose of their own medicine. Let them hang their torturing, Russian ruling class murderers over the divide by a bomb is too easy a thing for them to do.

"At least the Duma." Why a Duma at all? Apparently a sop that did not work out as a sop else they would not need to control them. As for the army, part of the Russian Revolution.

All hail to the bomb-throwers. It shows the proletariat of all lands the way out when their ruling class endeavors to bolster up their power to enslave by similar means.

JOHN T. MORTIMER.

THEN AND NOW.

In the days of chattel slavery in the South there was a lucrative business carried on by wealthy plantation owners. Business sagacity could rake in much goodly profit.

"Expeditious were fitted out with expert man-anchors and set sail for the coast of Africa and there enticed the nigger with the persuasive influence of a chain around his neck to forsake his heathen ways and come to America and there to be blessed of christian civilization picking cotton under the lash of a master.

It was of course all for the good of the different races.

It existed by divine sanction. The good book proved that the chosen people of God had come from America and made of them hewers of wood and drawers of water all for the benefit of the heathen.

At least the chosen mountpeakers of the Deity in their pulpits said so.

No longer, however, do bloodhounds hunt down the slave in the primeval forest.

They get men now-a-days to work for a master class it is not necessary to chase them.

They chase the master. The master sold the nigger, we have the labor market, where the worker sells himself.

They now have a more refined method of getting the wealth away from the workers who produce it.

They need only now to own the means by which the workers live and they will rally sound and offer themselves for just about what it costs to catch the nigger.

However, there are lands and it is alleged British Columbia is one of these. There is an insufficient number of workers to suit the interests of the master class.

In others, such as England, there are more than is needed, about one million and a half of them.

In British Columbia the workers, preoccupied with the necessities of their kind, begin clamoring for more grub—wages—and the masters look profitably forward to the prospect of less profit, when lo! the Salvation Army steps into the breach.

The Salvation Army is a "spiritual" institute which deals with the material affairs of life only for the purpose of peopling the heavens with the largest number it can fish out of the ocean of sin and depravity here below.

That it should assume the role played by the man-catchers of slavery days in this case is not surprising.

But so it is.

"It is true they do not use bloodhounds and compelling force.

The empty stomachs of the English workers is force enough.

Adjutant Wakefield, who is the head of this department of man-catching, has issued a circular through the local press that he has 25,000 packages of human merchandise on the way from England. He assures his customers that they are all good goods—not a bad sample in the bunch.

Merchants who wish to buy can have them at bargain-counter prices.

"They are frugal and hard-working"—that is, they will produce much wealth for the buyer for little food.

Some of them, he says, "have money to invest." The English capitalist overlooked this is not stated, but never mind, his Canadian cousin will attend to it.

He also states he has some goods of the feminine gender useful for domestic service, but he has not as yet speculated much in that line.

It is not surprising, as good, however, he will get more of the same kind.

All of which goes to show that the afore-mentioned spirituality is only a device to cover up the commercial nature of the whole outfit.

General Booth, in his "Darkest England" uncovered some of the festering sores of the British capitalist. He showed to the shocked gaze of the world the sweetening mass of human misery

which has never been paralleled under the worst system of every time the world has seen. He appealed to the minds and consciences of the people to assist financially to relieve this condition. Funds were gotten—in first the Salvation Army, if as adept in this matter as any of the other spiritual institutions, and they are not at all slow.

However, the stum proletariae can stew in suffering.

"They are to stay where they are. The demand is for sound goods and more but those strong in wind and limb are eligible to come.

That this rushing of the masses of labor to this Province will cause the same conditions by every workship in England apparently is not considered.

Capital must have labor to feed on and all its institutions temporal and edifice, must fall in line and obey its edict.

JOHN T. MORTIMER.

Abstruse philosophy and fine spun theory only tend to confuse the average mind." Cut them out.

The duty of the Socialist propagandist is to explain to the workers the character of capitalist production and its results to the working class.

"Things are coming to an awful pass in the British House of Commons. The government is accused of trying to give Ireland a first instalment of home rule. Such a reckless innovation upon the part of the government should be frowned down by every workship at the shrine of this venerable class instrument of coercion and oppression.

"Spectacular 'jill'" the German Kaiser, was so gladdened over the fact that the village of Lunow, a place of some 1500 inhabitants, did not pull a single Socialist vote in 1902 that he gave the town a medal. Judging from the development of the Socialist movement in his "neck of the woods" there is being prepared in the crucible of time a medal for the spectacular jills that will bear eloquent testimony to his effective statement as a public nuisance.

"In reference to the killing of an average of 20 persons per day by the railways of the United States a press writer asks: 'What happens to the people of the United States have to say about it if the powers at Washington act as if they were ten regiments of the standing army marched out in a single year and shot down?' We do not know what the 'people' would say, but of this we are sure, and that is, that the socialist class would offer no serious objection to what happens to their president and secretary just by the killing.

SLAVISH "JOBITES" NEATLY GRILLED

Working Class Brains a Scarce Commodity.

The officials of the Western Federation of Miners are still in jail, with every one of them confined in the never leaving Idaho away. We pay our money to their trial is set for March 5th and the Lord himself has no idea how much longer the mine owners will postpone it.

Organized labor in this country should be proud of itself and in addition to the W. F. of M., since they participated to the ballot boxes last November and practically told the mine owners, and so you please with their officials, they do not care. All we want is our little job of slavery and male existence, with the difference that the mule eats after his job stops.

Let the blame rest where it belongs. Let it rest on the laboring class who at every election and every other time they get a chance to vote, endorse our every solitary man in Idaho and Colorado that were on the ballots and that have openly upheld the actions of the mine owners and their officials. The Hunlike were elected with hardly votes enough against them to be noticed.

Now that the workers have elected their own representatives, it is their past actions, I presume they will hold a few protest meetings, pass some resolutions, and do nothing but a little paper and wind, subscribe a few actual dollars to be spent in the capitalist class, then swell up and think they have done something.

The fact of the matter is, the officials of the W. F. of M. are likely to hang and we who would like to see justice done can only do this: We are not to put our trust in the capitalist class. They are not to be trusted. They are not to be trusted. They are not to be trusted. They are not to be trusted.

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A part of life we cannot get along without. Hang our officials if you wish, just so our country has a little job, just so I get my miserable adulterated feed, with a little on the side for cheap booze; that is all we want. What matters that happen to their president and secretary just by the killing.

Organized, or rather divided labor, is a superior or wiser than his little job of slavery and male existence. They can neither be drove, led, persuaded or argued with unless there is a dish of gold in sight and when they catch the grub with their little claws, I say, haste the day when even that disappears. Possibly then we can argue with them when we have an empty stomach and their backs up, but not otherwise.

There is a time coming in this country when the capitalists will have such complete control that they will be able to place for them to reinvest their money. When that time comes they will only care for the money and the rest will be left to the workers. They can use and waste, which will certainly only be a small per cent. of it. Some may think then that it must be the workers who will be the ones to die without a murmur from them. It can be done with mules and I cannot see where the present mind in human form is a superior or wiser than his four-legged brother.

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POLITICAL SITUATION IN UNHAPPY RUSSIA

Peasant Leader Gives Interesting Account of Affairs in Czars' Domain.

M. Aldin, ex-member of the Russian Duma, contributes to the Times a three-column article in which he analyzes the forces facing each other in the Russian electoral contest. On the progressive side, he says, the learned classes and the Hottentots of the revolution, who have been not seldom at variance, are now being driven by the force of circumstances into concerted action.

The government's operating plan of campaign has one simple object in view, that of elimination from the actual field of contest—which for a time at any rate will be the floor of the next Duma—of many of its opponents as possible, but the means by which they seek to attain this end are varied and ingenious. In future only householders will be entitled to vote, and they may select one of themselves as their representative. According to the previous interpretation of this law, at the election of the first Duma, any male inhabitant of the age of 25 years possessed the franchise and was eligible for election.

In addition to the peasant holders of the soil, the complicated system of community, a certain number of the more prosperous peasants who have acquired small holdings of their own, and the holders of the land in the Russian election, were always polled with those of the large landholders in the district; the latter, of course, stand clear of the contest.

On various pretexts, too deep to be fathomed by Russian, let alone foreign, minds, large numbers of these small freeholders have been disfranchised, leaving entire control in the hands of the large landholders. In ten districts over 60,000 men have thus been excluded from the vote. The Kadetes (money-lenders) and the wealthy peasants have been made the devoted servants of the Government.

By what may be termed as little more than the stroke of a pen, a skillful plod has also been dealt at the working classes, which must have been the fruit of severe thought on the part of the author, and reflects no little credit on his ingenuity. The franchise has been restricted to working men occupying a separate room containing stove. Two good strokes of the pen have also been seen from the following figures of those deprived in this manner of the vote:

Kursk	3,400
Taurin	3,000
Vilna	3,457
Other districts	30,000
Kief	15,000

Etc., etc.

The railway men form another set of disfranchised of orderly government, with their general strikes. A circular letter has been addressed by the Minister of Ways of Communication to his subordinate officials, directing them to see that no railway employees must be allowed to neglect their duties on election days, a sufficiently broad hint, and it will no doubt be strictly observed. Government employees are ordered to be present at the electoral lists.

By good fortune, 180 of the undesirable ex-members of the Labor group were expelled from their seats in the Duma, and their names were struck from the electoral lists. Of six clerical members who took to preaching on subjects outside the cure of souls, one was expelled and the rest were suspended. The ex-members of noble rank have also been removed from the Duma, and their names struck off the lists of provincial nobility by their provincial assemblies, a penalty which deprives them of all political rights.

So much for the forces of the Imperial Government. What are the plans of the opposition? The chief contest of those in the opposing camp.

The peasants, as we have said, are the chief constituent of the Party of Progress. Some people seem to have an idea and the result of the next elections will depend mainly on their attitude. If any expression of their views at the last election can be counted it will be safe to think that they have at any rate not receded from them.

These views have been expressed in no faltering or indistinct tones in the platform addressed to their representatives in the late Duma. These "instruct-

ions" may be aptly compared to the cahiers and requests of the French Revolution. We will take two points which were insisted upon by 180 out of 183 which I had time and opportunity to examine. These are—

- (1) The general amnesty.
- (2) A responsible Ministry.

The 183 names which omitted to mention these points were too much concerned with their own local troubles to think of those of their neighbors. One quotation—which may, however, be regarded as typical—must suffice for illustration of each:

"We peasants, believe in Christ, desire to elect our representatives toward all prisoners, and knowing well how and why our Saviour Christ was crucified and his disciples persecuted, we see, too, in our time, how fighters for the people's freedom suffer for us. Eternal glory to them."

(Valostev-Voronezhskaya Prov. Novgorod.)

You are humbly and loyally to beg his majesty the Tsar to trust wholly and in all matters the Duma, elected as it is in the future, which must be chosen for his present Ministers, who are hand in glove with our enemies, we trust them not, nor is it our intent to trust them in the future. We must be chosen from the members of the Duma.

(Naiman. Prov. Simbirsk.)

In the attitude of the working classes a certain change has occurred since the last elections. At that time they had been utterly disheartened by a series of unsuccessful strikes, into which they had been led by their own leaders. The attitude of the working classes towards the next Duma is very different. They are now resolved with one mind to go to the polls and to elect a government that retains the right, and as a preparation for the campaign there have been formed, despite all difficulties, during the last six months, no less than 35,000 members.

In St. Petersburg, 39 unions with 35,000 members.

In Moscow, 50 unions, with 30,000 members.

In Ekaterinoslav, 24 unions, with 15,000 members.

Similar not altogether insignificant figures might be given for other large towns, such as Samara, Ufa, Saratov, Nijni Novgorod, Voronezh.

The middle classes generally do not seem to be more enthusiastic in their support of the Government than they were at the last elections. It has been whispered, too, that even in the regiment of officials, not all are heart and soul with those above them.

I have tried to state facts to thinking men, and not to excite the sympathies of the sentimentalist. As every man in Russia, be he in the ranks of the Government or in those of the people, is fighting (if he fights) for the benefit of the people. The issue lies in the hands of the gods.—London Times.

Over 1500 Socialist aldermen were elected at the recent civic elections in Denmark.

A wealthy banker of Memphis, Tenn., recently committed suicide in fear that his business associates would get his money away from him. The realization of what an unscrupulous gang of thieves constitute the business world upset his reason. It is not to be wondered at.

The owners of the Le Roi mines at Rossland only received a 3-4 per cent. dividend on the 1st of January. This is a record showing when it is taken into consideration how hard they worked. The Rossland miners ought, in common decency, to at least weak up with them.

Louis E. Recabarren, Socialist member of the Chilean congress, has been sentenced to 441 days of imprisonment for contempt of authority. Recabarren is a printer by trade, and bears the distinction of being the only Socialist member of any of the legislatures on the western continent. The fact of his imprisonment is proof that his brand of Socialism is not of the broad type, which is not in any way in the field mind and non-disturbing to bourgeois prejudice.

One Kingston, Ont., society woman has sued another for \$29,000 damages for having alienated her husband's affections. Some people seem to have an utter disregard for the property rights of others. \$29,000 seems, however, to be an exorbitant price for an ordinary child of that sort of property. It might be argued that it is not so very much and reasonably unworkable in appearance and ought to be able to get a bunch of affections to take the place of those which have been alienated. These "instruct-

NEWS AND VIEWS

AS GIVEN OR EXPRESSED BY SOCIALISTS THROUGHOUT THE DOMINION.

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PATENT MEDICINE GRAFT.

The people of the United States are duped yearly into spending \$100,000,000 on patent medicines. They buy these medicines with the assurance that they will get well. They use them and they get worse. Their appetites will become depraved and their health ruined. It has been proven that alcohol, cocaine, morphine, acetaminophen, and other drugs are plentifully used in these mixtures. But the patent medicine graft is only one of the curses under which capitalism lays humanity. Only one of a hundred cures equally great.

GROWTH OF SOCIALISM.

Within forty years the Socialist vote of the world has grown 23,233 per cent. In 1867 it was 30,000; in 1878, 444,000; in 1887, 913,000. During the next six years it jumped up to 2,855,000. Five years later it amounted to four and a half millions. In 1903 it equaled 28,000,000, and in the 1906-7, 40,000,000 mark. Pull out your pencil and calculate what it will be in 1912.

If your next-door neighbor had typhoid fever in his house, kept man and invited boarders to share a common roof with him, what would you think of him? Yet such a thing is done in the United States on a colossal scale. Typhoid fever is epidemic in Pittsburg, yet the papers of that city suppress mention of it. San Francisco "concealed the bubonic plague which ravaged its citizens four or five years ago. Many towns in the Middle West, says Ridgway's Magazine, suppress the fact that they are afflicted with small-pox. Now, why is this health of the nation thus jeopardized? Is it because the local business interests fear that their trade will diminish through people moving from the town and strangers keeping away? Now the merchants are the advertising patrons of the local newspapers and thus are able to dictate what the press shall and shall not print.

Agitation, education, organization. These are the words which should disturb the repose of the Socialist. At present they are the most important in the propaganda of American Socialism, and should be written with capitals. Upon the walls of every local office should be printed the following, in large, emphatic letters upon which we Socialists should concentrate our efforts, the necessity which we should keep ever before us.

In Germany, Italy, France, Belgium and other European countries, the Social-Democratic movement is confronted with political and economic conditions which its parliamentary position compels it to face. But in this country we have only one question to solve and that is, how can the public mind be educated in the working class in particular, be imbued with the philosophy of Socialism and won over to our movement? Socialism is a revolutionary enterprise. It stands for principles which the great bulk of the nation ignore or reject, because they either misunderstand or do not understand it. It has a great mission to win over to the light and how to convert the heathen is the problem before every member of the party.

WHY?

Why do saloon men sell "dope" at all hours, to all people, until they are dead drunk?
Why do soldiers pawn their liberties, their wills and their consciences to the government for a pittance?
Why do "pete-men" break into safes and steal their contents?
Why do men steal and graft and swindle and commit crime?
Why do women sell their flesh?
Is it not because their present existence compels them to do these things in order to make a living? Would they do so in a society where there would be no incentive for dishonesty?

SOCIALISM AND PROGRESS.

It is frequently objected to Socialism that it will put an end to progress by removing the incentive of gain. It is argued that progress is the offspring of competition; that rivalry compels men to cudgel their brains for ways of out-distancing their fellows. In short, that necessity is the mother of invention. A plausible objection this, but one that will not stand the test of logic. The first place, the incentive of gain is not utterly removed. To the inventor and innovator there will always remain the gain of the world's esteem, the gain of self-advancement, the gain of the respect of his fellow-men. The advantages that will be sought as eagerly as now.

But a more effective answer to the critic of Socialism is mention of what governments are now doing for industrial progress. In manufacturing government-patent scientists are constantly at work devising into chemistry and the military sciences that they may discover new methods of production and make them known to manufacturers, all over the land. In education they seek to improve the schools and pedagogy, and it is admitted on all sides that the common school is unsurpassed by private institutions. It is doubtful if the present service would be superior to what it now is if it were left to private enterprise. But it is in agriculture that one sees most clearly the nature of collective enterprise. The government has acquired the right of perpetual lease, proceeds invest-

ONE THING AND ANOTHER.

The New York Herald out of its reservoir of wisdom utters a note of warning with regard to the proposed interference by adverse legislation with the sport of horseracing as carried on in that supposedly rich little, tight little, island, Great Britain. It appears, and it is doubtless true, that a sum of money is spent on "the sport of Kings" and that a great number of workers are employed and depend on the unimpaired continuation of this sport for their subsistence. An even greater amount is spent in the U. S. A. on horseracing than in Great Britain, hence the interference should spread to this side of the water and may be thrown out of employment.

The figure given as being the cost of horseracing in Great Britain, to the owners of the horses, is \$5,566,720, and the cost to the public, \$1,000,000, the estimated cost of maintaining the grandstands, courses, etc. Needless to say, the New York Herald does not tell the public how much money is spent so lavishly upon this noble game but the figures show that only the wealthy can afford to keep horses for sport. It is well known that a workman who keeps a horse will help him earn his subsistence. It is obvious, therefore, that the wealth spent in maintaining aristocratic equines, trainers, jockeys and other horse people is spent by members of the idle class, who first suck it from the lifeblood of the working class and immediately become philanthropists when for their own pleasure they incidentally furnish the means of subsistence to sundry members of that class.

WORKERS' WAGES AND CAPITALIST BOUNTIES.

There are many people who think that if industry is put on a profitable basis, that is good prices can be obtained, for the commodities sold by the owners of these industries, the workers to operate them will in some mysterious way benefit. In other words, that the ability of the capitalist to pay good wages is necessarily limited by the will of God. The following table taken from the Toronto Weekly Sun should help to disillusionize them somewhat. It shows in what manner the Ontario and Quebec workers received in each year from 1901 to 1904 inclusive, and how much they received in Dominion and Provincial bounties in the same time:

Year	Wages	Bounties
1901	\$7,971,515	\$15,433,320
1902	9,754,554	25,536,113
1903	10,107,349	34,956,113
1904	285,628	81,253,560
1904	320,428	70,720,000

This shows that the government paid eight per cent of the wages paid to the workers. The amount of profit can only be conjectured, but inasmuch as their competitors in the U. S. were taking in huge dividends, the workers to operate them must have been of mighty volume. Now, these bounties came from the taxation levied by the government on the other capitalists of the Dominion. It does not come out of the profits gotten out of their workers, and therefore these other capitalists naturally resent this unfair appropriation of their plunder. It is the workers who are the worst off, whether or not these bounties were paid. If they had not been paid and the iron industry had not been established in Canada, the workers would have had to seek employment from a United States capitalist instead of a Canadian labor skinner, and the amount of their wages would have been much less. The worker being in all essence a commodity, he is subject to the inexorable laws that govern the production and sale of commodities. Now, why chance one with the other on the basis of the amount of necessary social labor time embodied in each? Let us for the sake of illustration suppose all wealth to be represented by loaves of bread. One loaf will support keeps a workman one day. Two hours of the laborer's time are expended in producing one loaf of bread. Therefore, the loaf of bread and the day's labor power are worth the same thing, namely one with the other. The same piece of money will buy each. But the expenditure of ten hours labor power of the worker produces ten loaves of bread, the owner of the machinery, however, pays to the owner of the machinery of wealth production in profit and to the worker in wages. Let us further suppose the machinery is owned and operated by the capitalist which will enable the worker to produce ten loaves of bread in the same length of time. Why does the capitalist pay the worker wages because of his increased production? No! Because one is enough to keep him one day. The remaining nine go to the master capitalist. Now, why cannot he demand more? Because he has to have access to the machinery. If he goes on strike there is another unemployed man ready to take his place. The development and perfection of the tools of wealth production are displacing workers to ever increasing quantities. The result is a surplus of unemployed workers space in every capitalist country. Where there is local scarcity such as is alleged by our capitalist henchmen extended by government agents, the surplus labor from other parts. While the present mode of wealth production is a general production of labor cannot be remedied. While it remains a commodity it must be subject to the laws that govern the production and sale of commodities. There is only one way out—the conquest of the public power by the revolutionary proletariat—and through their control the transformation of the machinery of production from its function of capital exploitation to a function of labor for profit to that of tools operated by workers for the production of wealth for their own use.

JOHN T. MORTIMER.

Labor unions of Tennessee have legislation which will require the labeling of all penitentiary-made goods. Just why this distinction between goods made by the penitentiary and those made by the free citizen has not been made clear.

THE PRICE OF CAPITAL.

No Wonder the Workers of Fernie Want a Change in the Form of Property Ownership.

As will be noted from the resolution below from the Fernie Local on the morning of the 8th inst. by a snowslide at Coal Creek, which demolished part of the carpenter shop in which the Fernie Coal Co. Ltd. The shop was a new structure, erected for the first time for working purposes directly after the strike last November, the old shop not being a permanent structure. A little more labor power in the moving of cars, etc., it was discarded and a new one built right in the track of previous snowslides, which have occurred almost every year at that point.

The Crown's Nest Pass Coal Co., Ltd., made no proper safeguards against possible attack and allowed our late comrade to be done to death.

It is feared on good authority that correspondence and plans of proposed snowslides at the particular place were in the company's offices—which goes to show they were conscious of the danger that put our comrade into an untimely grave.

It is time to put the responsibility of this crime where it belongs—at the door of the Crown's Nest Pass Coal Co., Ltd. Furthermore, a slide occurred at the same place a week or so previous, breaking the window over the bench where Com. Douglas worked, and the company (through its officials) did not put in a new window, nor did it get the window boarded up, thereby shutting out of view a possible chance of seeing the danger.

The number of men killed and maimed at the Coal Creek mine during the past few months reads like a battle casualty list. It is simply appalling.

The miners live in constant fear and upon the return one can read the unwritten, "Who will be next?"

A Socialist Protest.

At the regular meeting of Fernie Local, No. 17, Socialist Party of Canada, held on Saturday, Feb. 23, 1907, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Whereas, by the sudden and untimely death of our late comrade, Charles Douglas, the Socialist Party of Fernie has lost a willing worker who was always ready to do his part for the emancipation of his fellow workers, and whereas, his death was the direct result of a corporation greed which does not recognize the sacredness of human life in its insatiable demand for profits.

Resolved, that we strongly protest

against the Crown's Nest Pass Coal Co., Ltd. for not taking proper precautions to safeguard the lives and limbs of its employees, and we call upon all workers, in the name of those bereaved of husbands, sons and fathers, to specifically arise and forever abolish such a damnable system which is responsible for so much suffering and misery and which has made the mines of Coal Creek like unto a Shambles.

And be it further resolved, that we instruct the secretary to send a copy of this resolution to the family of our late comrade and also to the Western Clarion and the Fernie Ledger for publication. Signed, W. H. MOORE, W. SYMONDS, F. WEBBER, Protest Committee.

WANTED

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