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## KIER HARDIE ADDRESSES BIG MEETING AT VICTORIA

### Largest Audience Seen in the City for Years Gathers at A. O. U. W. Hall to Greet the Leader of the British Labor Party—Speaks Words of Hope and Cheer to Canadian Workmen.

Comrade Kier Hardie arrived in Victoria at noon on Sunday, accompanied by Mr. W. R. Trotter, western organizer for the Dominion Trades Congress, after having spoken to a big crowd at Nanaimo from the bandstand on Saturday night. It had been arranged that he was to speak at the Labor Hall in Victoria on Sunday night, but owing to the "Empress" being delayed, the opportunity was utilized to engage the A. O. U. W. hall for Monday night, being the opinion that the Labor Hall was far too small to accommodate all who would wish to hear him. It was a wise decision, for the audience was the largest that has been seen in Victoria for years.

J. E. Watters, president of the Victoria Trades and Labor Council, presided, and was surrounded by representatives of all sections of the labor movement in Canada. His opening remarks he stated that it was 21 years ago since he had first met Kier Hardie, in Queen's Park, Edinburgh. Since that time Kier Hardie had made a great record, and hoped to try to bring about the realization of a great labor movement.

Mr. Hardie, on rising to address the meeting met with a fine reception. He said, "My chairman and friends, I thank you for this warm greeting. While I can take part of it as extended for myself personally because I have met so many old friends, yet I know that the bulk of it is intended for the great movement that I represent. Before leaving London I was authorized to convey the fraternal greetings of the British Labor Party to all organized bodies of labor, and to all Socialist and Labor bodies in Victoria and elsewhere. Not only Canadian movement in particular are these greetings presented. The Labor movement is an international movement in the fullest sense of the word and one of many objects it tends to accomplish is to break down national animosities. It is a very long time now since Thomas Carlyle pictured the horrors of war and its absurdity, by calling attention to the fact that the Scotch peasant, who was busy tilling the soil of his little farm, or tending his sheep and cattle, and was taken by the recruiting sergeant, dressed up in fine clothes, and given a gun, had no possible chance of getting with the peasants of another nation, whom he was called upon to murder for his country's good. If the international movement of the workers stands for anything at all it stands for peace, and in the very near it will make war difficult if not impossible. Even to-day this organized Labor and Socialist bodies of France and Germany would prevent war between those two countries. My commission is not to the workers under the British flag alone, but to the workers of every land, creed, and color we wish God speed in their efforts to secure for themselves and their children a rational human existence."

Continuing Kier Hardie said that the success of the Labor Party in Great Britain had come as a great surprise, not only to people in this country, but also to many people at home. It is really surprising how ignorant an enlightened press can keep the people. They had ignored the fact that the revolt had been in process of creation for 25 years. The case we had not succeeded in the country, they believed that the English worker would not take to Socialism. But now there appears on the scene

a separately organized political party, that defies Liberal and Tory parties alike, and there is a great stir, and men asked each other, "What does it mean?" It means that the workers and a large percentage of the educated middle class are in revolt against the social system that piles up wealth on the one hand and poverty on the other.

Alluding to the Preferential Trade agitation Comrade Hardie said that they were told that it was needed to bolster up our decaying trade. As a matter of fact the trade of Great Britain has been developing and wealth increasing at a rate that has never had a previous record. According to statements made by the present and late Chancellors of the Exchequer the increase of riches of the country has been at the rate of 540,000,000 per year, and we have only 10,000,000 of a population. "One would suppose it was a land of milk and honey, a New Jerusalem paved with silver and gold, but while the national wealth has been increasing, tens of thousands of our bright and best are compelled to go into exile to find the necessities of life they are denied access to at home. Campbell-Bannerman has said that 13,000,000 of the population live on less than 1000 of a population. They are termed as living on the poverty line, who, even in good times, cannot earn sufficient to live as well as the paupers in the work house and there are 13,000,000 in that condition. We have a goodly number of the worker who loaf and drink, but we hear little of the idle loafer who will not work and to whose exploitation of the worker all this misery is due.

In London alone during the last few years medical inspectors certified that 125,000 children attended school without touching food. Medical men all over the country were pointing out that the race was degenerating and that it was due to the poverty of the parents making it impossible to provide proper nourishment. During the Boer war, in spite of the fact that the standard of measurements for recruits was lowered more than once, difficulty was experienced in getting the required number, and many of those who were accepted would have been rejected if it had been a right examination. A large proportion of the population did not have chests wide enough to stop a bullet. The day he sailed from England, evidence was taken before a commission which was investigating conditions in the sweatshops of industries, and government inspectors stated that there were 90 men working from 74 hours to 90 hours per week for 5 shillings per week. (A voice—"Send them to Alcatraz," we are not going to send them to Alcatraz. We are going to make their conditions better so that they can live at home. That is what the Labor Party is for. It exists to abolish poverty. Many well-to-do people have made the assertion that poverty is due to the drunkenness and thriftlessness of the workers. These statements are easy to make and satisfactory to those who are too lazy to investigate, but they have been proved untrue. The investigations of such men as Chas. Booth, and Bebborn, Rowntree, etc., have proved that these two causes only accounted for a very small percentage of the poverty in the country. The real cause is the private monopoly of land and capital. Don't blame the rich for being rich. You would do the same in similar circum-

stances. So long as the present system is upheld it will produce grinding poverty and hard toil for the many and superfluity for the few. Who could accuse the Scotch crofters of thriftlessness? They were hard-working, frugal and thrifty, but when their landlords found that they could make much more money by turning the little crofters' farms into a desert, they did so, and let the land to American millionaires for deer forests. In many cases the military were called in, burnt their little "shelties" over their heads, drove them down to the seashore, and shipped them to Canada against their will.

Private monopoly of land cannot be justified. That which was made by nobody but needed by everybody should not belong to any men to be used as a means of oppression against the non-possessors. Canada will run giving away her lands to railways and speculators. The British Labor Party stands for the abolition of landlordism. The House of Lords is strong, not because the peers are any wiser or stronger than other men, or because of any special ability, but from the fact that they are the owners of the lands of England, Scotland and Wales. Deprive them of the source of their strength and they will cease from troubling.

Some people say that capital should be treated differently from land, but nationalization of capital is as necessary as land if social inequalities are to be abolished. The modern trust has made its appearance through the ruthless crushing of competitors. Twenty years ago there was no such concentration of capital as we see to-day. In those

days it was not unusual for a worker in the pits to become the owner of one or two mines. He worked alongside his employees and social distinction never entered his head. After the day's work was over he would go with his men to the tavern, get drunk with them, and fight with them that is all over now. The small concerns embracing one or two mines has been replaced by the trusts that have swallowed them all. The old human relationships between master and man have disappeared. Capital has no restrictions, no country, no religion, no human feeling, no bowls of compassion. Industries are carried on with the sole idea of profits—dividends for shareholders. Competition has been eliminated, carried over by labor, and that is the only form of competition the trust does not try to crush. Machinery has displaced men, men are being displaced by women, and women by children. In one place we could mention Chinese and Japs were employed because white labor was too dear. As capital concentrates the condition of the laborer grows more and more precarious. Instead of many employers, in one line of industry, he finds one—the trust—and one black list. He is absolutely dependent for his livelihood upon his employer, and he has no security of employment. It is the same all over Europe, everywhere. Industries are carried on for the profits of the few. When they cease to produce profit the workers starve.

So long as capital is private property all this is inevitable, and for that reason we are laid nationalizers. (Continued on Page Four.)

## A WORD TO MORALISTS ON THE DOGMA OF WORK

### While Encouraging Slaves to Consider Work Honorable the Masters at All Times Properly Recognize It As The Hall Mark of Vulgarity, Degradation and Shame.

Our moralists are very modest people. Even if they have devised the Dogma of work; they are nevertheless not quite ready to lay stress upon the tranquilization of the soul, the elevation of the spirit, and the healthy functions of the nerves and of the rest of the organs. They wish first to test it upon the masses, to measure the consent, to "submit a vote" (upon a lower scale) before they apply it to the capitalists; for it is the mission of the moralists to ensue and to defend a virtuous vice of the capitalists.

But ye philosophers at five cents a dozen, why then so torment your brains in working out morality, the practice of which you dare not recommend to your bread givers? Do you wish to see your Dogma of Work which you set as a model for beneficent purposes, scorned and damned? If so, turn to the history of the ancients, to the writings of their philosophers and law givers: "I cannot say," writes the Father of Ethics, "that the Greeks have copied the Egyptians in their dogma of work, because I find the same contempt spread among the Scythians, Persians, and Lydians; in a word, because the consent of the 'barbarians' (non-Greeks) those who have lived and even their children are regarded as the lowest of citizens, all Greeks, especially the Lacedaemonians, are educated in these principles."

"If Athens only those citizens who occupied themselves in the defence and administration of the community were real nobles, like the savage warriors, from whom they took their descent; it is a waste of breath to have free disposal of their whole time that they might devote their intellectual and physical powers to caring for the interests of the

Republic, they assigned all work to the slaves. Thus in Lacedaemonia the women were not allowed to work, they were to devote for fear of degrading their noble rank. (Blot: De L'abolition de l'esclavage Ancien et Moderne, 1840.)

The Romans recognized but two levels of free calling: agriculture and military service. All citizens had the right to live at the expense of the State Treasury and could not be compelled to depend for a living upon one of the "servile arts" (dirty arts) as they termed the trades which by right fell to the lot of the slaves.

When Brutus the Elder wished to incite the people, he accused Tarquinus, the tyrant, in particular, of having a "vile, ignominious, and mean" trade, and of being a "vile citizen" (Blot: This Livius, book 1.)

The ancient philosophers wrangled over the origin of ideas, but when it came to the horror of work, they were all in agreement. "The man in his utopian society, in the Platonic Republic," has created "neither occupier nor smith; such occupations degrade the people who practice them; allow" workers "to be called 'meanest beings who by their position are already debarr'd from political rights. The tradesman being accustomed to lies and deception will be considered only a second citizen in the community; the citizen who degrades himself by commercial business shall be punished for such transgression. If convicted, he shall be sentenced to one year in prison. For every repetition of the offence punishment shall be doubled." (Plato: The Republic, book 6.)

In his political economy, Xenophon writes: "The people who devote themselves to handicrafts are

## THE SOCIALIST VICTORY IN THE COLNE VALLEY

### Editorial from London Justice Pointing Out the Significance of the Election of Victor Gaayson to a Seat in the British House of Commons—An Uncompromising Revolutionary Socialist.

A great victory for Socialism, that is how everybody, friend and foe alike, has regarded the result of the bye-election in the Colne Valley. And they are right. Victor Grayson fought for Socialism, straight pure, uncompromising, and without equivocation—and he won! That is the significant fact which has startled Liberals and Tories alike into terrified recognition of the growth of the Socialist movement, and of the fact that the old party alibi—others are losing their hold on the people and that the working class are organizing to use their political power for their complete class emancipation.

Some of the Radicals point to the fact that after all the Socialist secured little more than a third of the total vote polled, and suggest that the moral of the election is the present. The Liberal government had any faith in their own principles, Cockerill, Jarro, and now Colne Valley, should lead them to take steps to institute the Second Ballot as soon as possible for all future elections. We have always been in favour of the Second Ballot—falling proportional representation. But the Radicals are mistaken if they suppose that the Second Ballot will help them and injure us. Our chief desire for the Second Ballot is based on the fact that in innumerable instances people are induced to vote for the Liberal, as the lesser of the two evils, with the result that the Second Ballot would vote for the Socialist.

For us of the S. D. F. the election is especially encouraging. Even though our comrade Grayson does not happen to belong to our organization, the victory, as our comrade Markfield points out, completely justifies the position we have taken up of refusing all compromises and rejecting all entangling alliances. Victor Grayson won the election by a landslide vote for Socialism. That is the salient fact which confronts our opponents. Other Socialists—as our comrade Thorne—have won an election with an immensely larger majority and on an equally unqualified Socialist platform; but their victory has been deprived of its Socialist character. It has fallen short of being

never promoted to higher positions, and rightly, considering that all the day long, some were philosophizing, some were trying to endure a conflagration, the majority of them cannot prevent their bodies becoming deformed, and it is hardly possible that this does not also reach up to the mind.

"I can anything honorable come out of a shop?" declares Cleo, and can commerce bring forth anything lofty? Everything called shop is unworthy an honorable man should do nothing with his hands, and that is more shameful than a thief; therefore the calling of those who sell their labor and skill must be considered as low and vulgar; for whosoever gives his labor to another man, he is degraded; and he is degraded upon the same plane as the slave." (Cleo: "Duties", 1, tit. 8, chapter xvii.)

Proletarian, made stupid by the Dogma of Work, do you hear the loud cries of the philosophers, which are hurled away from you with jealousy? Caret! A citizen who gives his work for money lowers himself to the rank of slavery; he commits a crime that deserves a whole year's imprisonment.—Paul Lafar, etc.

a triumph for Socialism, in consequence of alliances with non-Socialist organizations. Other Socialists, few from such alliances, and fighting as unequivocal a fight for revolutionary Socialism, have polled even a larger proportion of the votes cast—but they have failed to get elected. The result has been that the real strength of Socialism has been belittled and our enemies have persistently maintained that no Socialist, as such, could get elected. In vain we have pointed out that certain members of the Labor Party were not only Socialists, but had fought the election on a thorough Socialist programme. "Oh no," it was said, "they were merely Labor candidates or they would not have been elected." In vain we have pointed out that Social-Democrats, standing as such, without any qualifying adjective, have polled quite as well as mere "Labor" men under similar circumstances. The reply has always been, "Yes, but they didn't get in." However, neither of these objections will serve. A Socialist has been elected, not only on a thorough Socialist programme, but as a Socialist and without the active support of any but Socialists.

It is the chief significance of the election for us, and one which our enemies have been quick to recognize. While endeavoring to minimize the importance of the event by suggesting that the people who voted for Grayson really did not vote for Socialism, but only for a mild sort of social reform, they are vociferous in denunciation of this menace to property and the established order, and in frantic appeals for an anti-Socialist vote. It is precisely what we should like. For our enemies to come into the open, and oppose Socialism in public debate, would suit us admirably, and would immensely increase the impact given to Socialism in the country by the splendid victory in the Colne Valley.—London "Justice."

### ONE MONTH'S SLAUGHTER

The July Labour Gazette gives the number of accidents occurring to work-people in Canada for the month of June as 437. Of these 158 were fatal and 279 resulted in serious injuries. 22 persons were killed in lumbering, 28 in the railroads, 24 in mining, 16 in navigation, 16 in the metal trades and 15 in agriculture. The balance of the 158 were scattered among various minor occupations. As an illustration of the most atrocious case of the Dominion toward commercial greatness it is worthy of note that a healthy and injured has occurred during the past year. In the railway accidents 12 were killed and 29 injured during the month of June, 1906, while during last June 25 were killed and 26 injured. In the metal trades during the month of June, 1906, but 10 were killed and 10 injured while the showing for 1907 gives the output as 16 killed and 70 injured. The mining industry scored but 14 killed and 12 injured during June, 1906, as compared with 14 killed and 23 injured during the same month this year. Accidents to capitalists during these periods are not given. Such as occurred were due to over-indulgence in food and drink and other causes incidental to the most atrocious, and should, therefore, be entirely out of place in an industrial report.



PARTY MATTERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BE YE ALSO READY.

Ever since Society has constituted of classes, ruling and oppressed, there have been men ready to act as champions for their oppressed fellows.

Read the pages of history and note the long list of worthies whose memory is kept green by the rebellious slaves of to-day, and whose example is an inspiration to all wage-workers with red blood, stout hearts and hard heads. The measure of freedom we have to-day was bought for by the courage, devotion, and self-sacrifice of such men as Spartacus, Wat Tyler, Jack Cade, Garibaldi, John Brown and a countless host of others whose names have not lived, but whose memory will endure for price for the measure of freedom they were able to leave to posterity, so must we be prepared to pay for a fuller and completer liberty. That there are men and women as ready to die and to endure to-day as at any time in the past requires no proof.

The latest example is Haywood, who has just passed through a Germanian of eighteen months and it was only the support of a large army of class-conscious workers that prevented its becoming a Calvary, and has thrown himself right into the fight again.

What need to instance any more, you know or should know, of many a present day martyr, such as that brave and gentle girl, Marie Spiridonova. I am not writing this just for the sake of holding up those I have mentioned to admiration. The one thing is are we ready to pay our share in the price that must be paid for economic freedom.

It will be a high one, but freedom is cheap at any price.

I don't see any joining the party; just taking a paper; just saying "I'm a Socialist"; just saying "It's a shame," when mentioning the Haywood-Moyer case of the Junction arrests, but we're ready to give the socialist extraction, the blacklist, or the "disgrace" of arrest for asserting the right of free speech. If not, if we cannot take the mild medicine of to-day what sort of a figure will we cut when larger doses of a stronger medicine will be served out later on. Oh! yes, I know you "have an old mother or a young wife," "your people don't like it" and so on, but we all have mothers or wives, Haywood has both and they thought it no disgrace for him to face a jury on a false charge, and to face him as well as he knows that the capitalist class will try to make a chance to victimize him again they are not trying to hold him back from playing his part in the movement. This article is especially meant for those comrades who are supposed to be active in the movement.

Make no mistake, comrades, its coming our way, we will be really tested before long. Are we getting ready for the test? Capital in Canada is becoming rapidly concentrated; the class struggle is becoming fiercer and the conditions that produced an Orchard can produce a Deb. For every Orchard, there will be a hundred Haywoods when the need comes.

This may seem absurd to some, but think a moment. Think of what has been shown in the last few years. Who would have believed that the red flag of Socialism would be held aloft in the forests of North Ontario as it is now, if hold so two or three years ago. His time to stop putting the object on the back, doing the mutual admiration stunt, or saying what a fine fellow Kier Hardie, or Debs is, and realize that we have a part in this fight and that it is no runaway battle either.

Oh, it was sickening, when Debs was here last, to see the crowd of toolies, male and female that fawned on him. When he had concluded his Sunday address they swarmed around him to shake "Mr. Debs' hand. One over-dressed person was begging her plug-tugged, frock-coated husband to clear a way for her, saying, "I must shake hands with Mr. Debs." "Madam," I said, "what the most moment wants is not to shake hands." "Of course I got the Society stare, but that made no difference. Then the pair of them had the gall to turn up in the evening to spend it with Comrade Debs, neither of them being in the party then or now.

Comrades get ready. Let your Socialism like charity begin at home, show your wives and your mothers,

and not you who will lift the English-speaking branch out of the slough in which it is engulfed just now.

Wake up, comrades. Your comrades in Russia are dying for what you are falling to work for here in any way worthy the same. Do what you can, however little, or however humble. Men and women get together, British, Italian, Jew and Pfander, get together. We are divided by

When they realize its significance they will see no disgrace in your being arrested or even jailed for the sake of the cause. They will strengthen you by their sympathy, encourage, and sustain you, and if not too retiring will come into the party and help actively if they can. There are wives and mothers who are doing so. I know of one mother, a gentle woman, who has a fine tall son far away. When he went away she didn't tell him to do his duty. She knew he would do it and he's down where the fight is far hotter than here, in the front ranks of the revolutionary working class like the man and the Socialist that he is, strengthened by the knowledge that his mother's proud of her boy and of the work he is doing, the greatest movement the world has ever known.

Comrades assert yourselves, don't take things for granted. Don't think that because certain comrades have offices, that they will control everything and need no support or supervision. This is not a one-man movement, nor a movement for a clique to run.

Don't you think if you had an office in this organization and saw few of the members of your branch at their own branch meeting, and that is only once a month at this time of the year, and seldom saw your fellow delegates at the meetings of the Central Committee, don't you think you would have occasion to speak?

When you know there are none in your branch who are seriously drilling themselves as speakers, aside from those who are already speakers, and only two or three of these latter are available to any extent, don't you think it time to use strong language?

At the last Central Committee I was speaking of the need of speakers and exhorting comrades to prepare themselves as such and was told that everyone hadn't the "gift of the gab" that I had. Fancy me having the gift of the gab, you who know me.

Now, the same comrade who told me, was for years a lay preacher in the Methodist Church. Oh, he had the gift of gab then, why not now?

Comrades, do you take the Western Star as a paper? If you do you would see that the Central Committee invites you to attend their meetings, you haven't been there. Again—why not? I know there are comrades, really earnest comrades in the English branch who I seldom see and to those comrades I appeal. Comrades, do you know that the majority of the English branch is a byword to the Italian and Jewish comrades? I am free to mention that this verdict is just. When I go to the meetings of the so-called foreign comrades, see their earnest faces, watch the number of them that take part in the discussion, etc., see how they are growing in numbers and discipline, in just what I know of my own branch?

"What can I do?" Don't wall, get together that is what you can do, and by doing so you will learn what size the nation. This is an international movement. Do you know it? An Italian comrade asked me the other night, "Why don't we see more of the English comrades?" "Do those we don't see, think they are any better than us?"

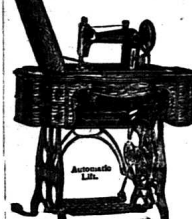
I said, "I don't know comrade, but if they do they are wrong, for they are not as good."

I have not lost all my race feeling and I want to see the English-speaking branch at least equal to any other in the city.

And let me tell you this, you who occasionally sneer at the Englishman, that there is no finer fighter on the face of the earth than the Englishman, when he clearly sees something worth fighting for.

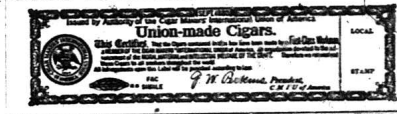
Let me tell you a secret. For this considerable time past, knowing this to be so, I have been pegging away at a number of men in my own branch at least equal to any other in the city. These men are coming on fast. I am not going to ask them to join the party, I never have and never will. When they are ready, and it will not be long, they will come in, and they will be worth having when they do, which is more than I can say for some who are in it now, and if you are not careful, it will be these men

language alone and only partially so. We belong to a common class, with a common cause, a common



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WILFRID GRIBBLE. Toronto, Ont., August 1st, 1907.

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# THE LESSON OF VICTORY

Now that the trial of William D. Haywood is over, now that he has been triumphantly acquitted of the heinous crime charged against him and his associates, now that every man and every agency identified with the attempt to convict and execute Haywood has been discredited, now that the cause for which Haywood stands and those who defended and supported him have been vindicated, now that the long strain of anxious watching and waiting is over let us summarize briefly some things in connection with the case which must never be forgotten, if the workers are to benefit from this experience.

Never in the history of this country, and perhaps, in no other country, has such a striking victory been won by the working class against such tremendous odds. Every agency of capitalist power from the most obscure politician in Idaho to the President at Washington, was called in to service in the effort to send Haywood to the gallows. Newspapers and magazines, capitalists, and not a few "men of God," the class that professes to represent the refinement, learning and culture of the country, deified Harry Orchard, the man who confessed to taking human life with a little compulsion as ever primitive savage wild animals for food.

All these forces that the man who liberally assassinated ex-governor Steiensen would not kill Haywood to secure a few weeks lease of life for himself. The many times murder was "converted." He could not die. Witnesses for the defense, honest men with clear consciences and no criminal records might lie, but Harry Orchard had forgotten how. Newell Dwight Hillis, the Brooklyn preacher, secured the "confession" of the murderer for Harry, bestowed his blessing on it, and a "great" magazine began its publication.

Hugo Munsterberg, Harvard professor of psychology, gave the weight of this "scientific" expert's evidence. Orchard was telling the truth, and for once the ancient enemies, science and religion, shook hands at the prospect of giving the executioner three human beings. And the few of the great capitalist class who dared to editorially commit themselves against Haywood during the trial, their correspondents in the news columns willingly performed the dirty task.

The struggle between the working class and capitalist class was displayed in all its tremendous significance. But a jury of twelve men, living almost on the scene of the crime, admittedly prejudiced in advance, one of them having dwelt with the murdered man for two years, after listening to the evidence, was won over to the defense. They acquitted Haywood and therefore justified our confidence in our comrades and our faith in humanity.

And now that these twelve men have given their verdict we are surprised that the capitalist press, in the same breath that declared Haywood guilty before the evidence of either side was known, should still declare that the officers of the Western Federation of Miners encourage murder in the "inner circle." The press has to save itself. It has to save McPherson, Gooding, Peabody, McDonald, Hawley, the mine owners, and even the President of the United States from the indignation that their atrocious conduct has evoked. They have pilloried themselves. The whole capitalist world leaned on the rotten red Orchard. That red broke under the feet of twelve men and precipitated the hideous sections down to the level of the creature they leaned on. They must continue to vilify the victim whom they could not hang. They must still pin their faith to the monster whose crimes were followed with a longing interest by the civilized world.

They must even refuse to accept the verdict of the jury which they declared all along to be honest and fair.

We would not have it otherwise. The capitalist class can have their saluted Orchard while the working class will take Haywood, the proletarian who never flinched while the ruling class was waiting for his confession down to the level of the creature they leaned on. They must continue to vilify the victim whom they could not hang. They must still pin their faith to the monster whose crimes were followed with a longing interest by the civilized world.

the shameless falsification this press would stoop to. But in doing so no service was performed for the working class, though that service nearly cost the life of one of their bravest members. The capitalist owned and controlled press again proved itself untrustworthy as a source of information when the cause of the workers is at stake. We can thank the capitalist class for that much.

Inspired by this glorious victory and enlightened by this example of capitalist perversion of news, workmen need have little regard for the assaults the capitalist press are making and will continue to make on Haywood, his colleagues and the organized proletarians they represent. The workmen, east and west, have no apology to make for their attitude in this case. They do not condemn Haywood, his colleagues and the organized proletarians they represent. The workmen, east and west, have no apology to make for their attitude in this case. They do not condemn Haywood, his colleagues and the organized proletarians they represent.

As though in the midst of the class struggle, that struggle can be waged without resort to the bomb and the stiletto. We who have seen our brothers fall in the mines and factories because of the heartless greed of the class who exploit us are by no means less learned something of the sacredness of life. We know what the word humanity means. We have learned that lesson and unless the class who exploit us are entirely deaf to the voice of humanity we will not cease to protest until they learn the lesson too. They shall learn the lesson too. They shall learn the lesson too. They shall learn the lesson too.

That is the lesson the working class has tried to teach those who clamored for Haywood's life in advance of his trial. Our enemies have not learned that lesson and we have no reason to expect their repentance, better judgment may teach them its value.

"Socialism is a power in America. We have won no great political battles as yet, but we have won a victory that many of our European comrades might well be proud of. This does not mean that the workmen who do not yet vote with us have no share in the splendid result. We should have had their co-operation it would have been impossible. But from the hour that the special train carried the proposed victims from Colorado, it was the Socialists who saw what that election meant. They took the initiative in arousing the working class to the significance of what had transpired and what the kidnapers had meant to do. It is the face of this common danger, regardless of party and political opinions, it is to the credit of the workers that they forgot their differences and united to oppose the enemy.

The acquittal of Haywood is a triumph for the entire working class. When that class realizes the full extent of the power it demonstrated in this single issue, and unites at the ballot box with the Socialist Party, all the forces now employed against the workers will be in their own hands.

And that power and those forces will then be used for a nobler purpose than they have ever been used before. For the replacing of the present system of greed and criminal and unrestricted crime with the system of social ownership of industry that will make possible of complete development those other qualities of freedom, equality, and peacefulness which the trial of William D. Haywood has so vividly and inspiringly revealed to the working class of the world.—The Worker.

## RUSSIA.

The Executive of the Russian Soviet Democracy has been elected by a large majority to take part in the new elections for the Duma, despite that the new suffrage law is most unfavorable to their chances. On the other hand, the Polish Socialist Party (Revolutionary Section) has determined on a strict boycott of these elections. Of course, it must be borne in mind that Poland and the non-Russian parts are put under special circumstances and that the representation which is of set purpose made much smaller than that accorded to Russian provinces—but the same may be said of the proletarian—they are practically excluded from representation. The aim of

the new law is naturally that they these sections of the people shall be represented by whom it can be assumed that they are loyal to the Czar, but the whole history of the Duma has historic shows that the Czar's government can place no reliance on any section, and anyway it is a pity for the revolutionary sections to lose any opportunity of strengthening the parliamentary opposition.

The agrarian disturbances in Russia continue. The struggle centres round the endeavours of the landlords to obtain labor out of the districts affected by famine in order to reduce the wages of their own, and the attempt of the workers to prevent their getting the help of these workers. Naturally the government, at once, invariably takes the side of the landlords. But the movement has a wide interest that would appear at first sight, if only for this reason, that so long as the movement continues the Government is obliged to hold the army scattered in small hands all over Russia, with the result that every day the men over whom no effective official supervision can be held, lose their discipline, becoming more and more independent of their officers, so that there is really no more discipline at all in the Russian army, as a Russian comrade assured me.—Exchange.

## LABOR DAY PICNIC.

The Miners' Unions of the Boundary district are arranging for a big picnic and outing at Curlew Lake, Washington on Labor Day. Vincent St. John and Mrs. Ida Crouch-Hallett are to be the speakers at this occasion. A special programme of sports is being arranged. Everybody is invited to attend. Special trains will be run for the occasion.

The total number of "trade disputes," i.e., quarrels between masters and slaves, occurring in Canada during June last was 41. About 262 establishments and 5,728 employees were affected. The loss of time in working days resulting from these 41 "disputes" was about 54,710. The number of men who were on strike during the corresponding month of last year. It may thus be seen that the greater the prosperity the more ample the proof of the "identity of interest between capitalist and labor."

In referring to Bowser's vote at the recent by-election we were made to say in last issue that it was approximately 509 less than at the regular election in February last year. His vote in February was 2222 and at the by-election referred to it was 2359.

Is it true that there will be a Dominion election within the next few months? What are you doing towards getting the workers in shape to act along the line of their class interest when it does come? Are you going to wait for others to do what you ought to do yourself and then blame them for not doing it and kick because it was not done?

So long as the resources of the earth and the machinery of production function as capital, the workers must remain paupers and slaves. If they would be free they must, as a class, obtain control of the powers of the capitalist state and use those powers for the abolition of capital and thus make way for the rearing of a commonwealth of free men.

## KIER HARDIE ADDRESSES

### BIG MEETING AT VICTORIA

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and Socialists as well. The private monopoly of capital is as great a menace to the worker as the religious domination of the individuality that Liberalism or Toryism. Socialism is an economic human creed, founded on the basis of co-operation instead of competition in human affairs, and the elimination of strife.

Some people claim that the present order of civilization results in the survival of the fittest; but the slavish, servile man will survive under these conditions, and it is not good that such should survive. What

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The labor movement stood for equality of the sexes and women's enfranchisement was a prominent plank in their platform. They also contended for the rights of subject races. They did not say that all races were equal, but they did contend that fair treatment and a chance to develop the best that was in them should not be denied them. In India food stuffs were being exported. At the same time 75,000 people there were dying every week from starvation. And yet they laid India "the brightest jewel in the British Crown."

The only hindrance to progress was the apathy of the workers. When we awake to the sense of our power, all opposing forces will be routed. You can't see it now, but you will appear to forget all their little differ-

ences, cease all petty bickerings, to select men from amongst themselves as their leaders. "Men whom the last of office will not kill. Men whom the apolls of office will not buy." To enter their trade unions, Socialist and Labor parties, to extend the hand of fellowship to the workers of other lands and inspired by the ideals of human brotherhood to sweep from off the face of the earth the misery and wretchedness which are the blight of modern civilization.

A few questions were answered, a collection of \$25 was taken and then W. R. Trotter, reading a vote of thanks to Comrade Kier Hardie, took occasion to hammer home the lesson of Chinese labor in South Africa as a warning to the workers of Canada not to let up on the subject of Asiatic immigration; if they would preserve this country for the white race.

With the seconding of the motion by Rev. A. J. Brace it was carried with great enthusiasm, and many crowded up to the platform to shake hands with the "most loved man in Britain."

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