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OUR MODERN 'OPIANS AND REFORM DREAMERS

Why Business Men and Intellectuals Oppose Proletarian Socialism—The Workers Alone Interested in the Abolition of Wage-Slavery and Capable of Carrying It Out.

There is to-day a considerable number of individuals calling themselves Socialists, who either through ignorance of economics or because of financial or other reasons, will not join the working class movement.

They seem to think that they can capture the stronghold of capitalism through a display of their dazzling visions in which the lion will lie down with the lamb and antagonistic interest will cease to exist.

The Socialist movement has been obstructed in every country by these utopians, who, like Saltz Simon, are of the opinion that the co-operative commonwealth might have become a reality five hundred years ago, if only it had been presented properly. They do not look upon the Socialist commonwealth as an inevitable stage of industrial evolution, the product of economic forces, and a step which in the struggle for existence the workers must take or perish.

These reformers admit that the big capitalists now control the instruments of state, but they do not think that any of their class can be induced to join the workers on a platform broad enough to contain both middle and working classes. These benevolent gentlemen, being business men and professional men, would naturally be the directors of this utopia, the wage-earner being ignorant and coarse wretch naturally confined to the performance of dirty and laborious duties necessary under any conditions.

The truth is, these opportunists and independent labor movements are not for the special purpose of opposing revolutionary Socialism, are meant to assist the small trader and manufacturer to escape the tentacles of the trust. It is the middle class instinct of self-preservation asserting itself and the same cat's-paw proposition made to and accepted by the workers of France and other European States more than a century ago.

In that industrial revolution the proletariat did the hard work and the business men as usual worked the workers. The feudal lords were thrown down and the capitalists were set up. The workers simply changed their masters and changed their position from serfs to wage-slaves.

A century of suffering has taught many of the workers to distrust these middle-class Messiahs and that where, as they are one time persuaded the workers to lift them up, now they want them to keep them from falling.

This opportunist, step-at-a-time Socialism is a diversion to the wage-slaver, the most insidious and therefore the most dangerous.

The marvelous vigor and solidity of the revolutionary movements of countries, such as Finland, Austria, Germany and Belgium, is due to the fact that there the workers have awakened from their utopian dreams, have based their movement on the class struggle and have found defiance in the face of all classes but their own.

who, when summoned to assist the North to free the slave, said: "Wait till I go and ask massa."

It is not possible that the middle-class movement will ever develop to more than a fluctuating nuisance on this continent owing to the fact that the approaching financial and industrial panic will put the small capitalist forever, out of political business.

True we will still have retailers of material and mental wares, our professional men and State functionaries, but these will more and more assume the social and economic status of salaried men and agents who will attach themselves to whatever class affords them the best accommodation.

Why Business Men and Intellectuals Oppose Proletarian Socialism.

When we examine the subject carefully we find adequate reasons why the middle class opposes revolutionary Socialism. The business and professional men are of the educated class. They have been influenced through schools and colleges founded and maintained by our Carnegie and Rockefeller. From their earliest infancy they have been taught that this civilization is great and glorious. The missionary has taken their subscription to send its raldance to the heathen. The papers and magazines which help to furnish ideas, flourish through the advertising of capitalist commodities. The laws, morals and religions which are held to be the foundation stones of civilized society are in harmony with the property rights and productive methods of the capitalist class. To expect individuals to assist a movement for the overthrow of a society which affords them so many comforts and luxuries and which all their ideas and ideals harmonize with, would be like expecting water to run up hill.

Why should the busy trader striving for greater profit and stimulation with the knowledge of social economy, only equal to a hog's knowledge of music, want to assist in the abolition of profit and competition. Why should the preacher desire to forfeit his six days a week leisure, his sure stipend, the admiration of his flock, the respect of the community, for a position in the ranks of the unwashed multitude, opposing their "natural superiors" and striving to cause the state in life to which it pleased God to call them?

Why should the lawyer use his influence to abolish individual and class antagonisms and to help facilitate an order in which lawyers, politicians, stock certificates and corporation grafts could not be?

Why should the physician who grows prosperous and rotund in patching the wounds inflicted by the rule of capitalism, climb down and help the rabble destroy the pedestal on which he stands, and dispel the mystic halo in which ignorance sees him?

Why should the professional vendor of education join a party which teaches that popular education and ethics are false and destructive to true education and ethics because based on the exploitation or robbery of the producer?

dry goods, adulterated groceries, cigarettes or patent medicines?

How could we expect the middle classes to wage war against a system, which feeds the most of them so well fed and respectable, and the balance at least hopeful?

When the revolutionist comes and exposes to view the running rascals and general repulsiveness of the society which the middle classes love so well, and proves that this society rests on the back breaks of wage-slaves, that their boasted society is in fact the most murderous, degrading, thievish, traitorous system of slavery which has ever cursed humanity, can we wonder that those respectable people are so shocked, repelled and angered, that they become unfit to judge or even to examine the evidence which their opponents produce?

The Only Class Capable of Abolishing Wage-Slavery.

With the wage-earner it is different, because of their poverty and toil they have no opportunity of awakening their mental and moral perceptions by becoming "educated and cultured." The under-world in which they live, with its slums and tenements, mills and mines, is an inferno from which they would fain escape. Because of their position in society the workers have nothing to lose but their chains, and to them socialism comes as a message of hope showing them that they "have a world to gain." It comes as a light revealing to them why their road is so steep and their burden so heavy. It shows them how they can forever abolish poverty and suffering which they endure.

The message of Socialism develops in them the love of liberty, the

hatred of oppression. It inspires in them the highest sentiments and ideals. Class-consciousness is the plan which binds and blossoms into fraternity, brotherhood and true religion.

With the working class alone the current of economic might, of self-interest, runs parallel with the sentiment, of the love of freedom, justice and harmony instate in all.

With the workers alone can all these forces unite into one great good bearing humanity on to the new civilization in which classes and their struggles will not be and it which popular education will for the first time teach us that true egoism and altruism are one.

W. CURRY,
Port Eslington, B. C.

WORTHY OF HIS HIRE.

A country minister in a certain town took permanent leave of his congregation in the following pathetic manner:

"Brothers and sisters, I come to say good-bye. I don't think God loves this church, because none of you ever die. I don't think you love each other, because you have not paid my salary. Your donations are mostly fruit and wormy apples, and by their fruits we shall know them." Brothers, I am going away to a better place. I have been called to be chaplain of a penitentiary. I go to prepare a place for you, and may the Lord have mercy on your souls! Good-bye."

Roosevelt's present term of office will expire in March, 1909. This gives his verbose strenuous about-face months in which to destroy the few bad trusts that he has not yet put out of business.

LACKEYS OF CAPITALISM REPEATING THE PROCESS

At the Instigation of the Steel Corporation the Brutal and Ruffian Methods That Made Colorado Infamous Are Now Used Against the Striking Minnesota Miners.

The striking events which have occurred in the Western mining States during recent years have opened the eyes of many people to the infamies that capacity of the profit-grinding process and extract surplus value from their tortured flesh. The history of the Cour d'Alene and Colorado has been made familiar to countless thousands of readers and observers. The building of "bull pens," the torture of prisoners, the deportation of workmen, the outrage of women, the persecution of union officials and their attempted murder has shown the present ruling class to be as devoid of all humane attributes as any of its predecessors. The result has been that it stands revealed in all its naked and loathsome brutality.

Many there are who were inclined to believe that events as they occurred in Colorado during the Cripple Creek troubles were of an abnormal character and could not be taken as an indication of the real character of the capitalist beast. It was thought that perhaps circumstances of an unusual character had arisen that had goaded the beast to a greater degree of ferocity than would ordinarily have been the case. But they evidently misjudged the beast, as current events in Minnesota are amply testifying.

Minnesota is largely an agricultural State. To in the northern part there are, however, extensive iron mines. In fact there is a mountain range of iron ore. It is one of the richest iron deposits in the world. It is the property of the U. S. Steel Corporation. As the demand for wage-slaves is employed to mine the ore and ships it away to the great

A LABOR DAY SENTIMENT BY AN "UNDESIRABLE" CITIZEN

Words That Ring True to the Cause of the Proletariat in Its Struggle for Freedom From the Galling Yoke of Capitalist Bondage.

Capitalism is the common enemy of the working class, whether in the realm of czars, kings, emperors or "captains of industry." If there be a difference it is against the last named, who are the monarchs of the globe. While the workers toil and sweat, the shirkers are now, as usual, spending millions and hundreds of millions of dollars in Europe. This is only a part of the wealth, the prosperity, that the producers are bled out of by playing at the capitalists' political shell game. The workers are neither big nor fools, but they have been ligitated to sleep with the lethel weed of patriotism, while scoundrels who sing "My Country 'tis of Thee" are plotting their further downfall, asserting that commercial supremacy "demands a lower standard of living among the American working class." Are you prepared for it? Already the wife has been driven from the home, the children from the school room and harnessed like beasts of burden to the industrial wheels of capitalism.

The Socialist platform is the cornerstone of industrial liberty. The programme is clean, clear-cut, uncompromising. Principles cannot be arbitrated. For the class conflict will go as long as one man eats bread it the sweat of another man's face.—W. M. HAYWOOD in Socialist Democratic Herald.

GOD AND THE GOOD MAN.

A FABLE.

By E. R. Suthers.

A Man of the People stood before the Throne of Judgment, and God called for the Book of Life, and the Recording Angel opened the Book and read therefrom. And as he read the Man of the People wept, and the sound of his weeping was terrible.

And God said to the Man of the People: "Toll and trouble have been thy lot on earth. From childhood even unto the day of thy death thy days and nights have been given to drudgery toils, and contumely were showered upon thee. Yet didst thou never rebel."

And the Man of the People answered: "Even so I suffered."

And God said to the Man of the People: "When the laughter of children at play called thee to idleness thou didst ever close thine ears, because thou wast afraid to disobey thy master. In tears and silence thou didst eat of the scraps he threw to thee. Wary was thy poor body when the long day's toll came to an end, and to thy master wast thou always respectful."

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And God said to the Man of the People: "In manhood suffering was also thy lot, and the woman who brought thee love drank of the bitter cup. Pain and anxiety were ever in thy house, and the mother of thy children wept in secret. Hard and long didst thou labor, yet were the bellies of thy children, plucked, and never didst thou hear their voices sing with the joy of life. Many times did the worm creep through holes, and the pale cheeks of the woman who brought thee love hurt thee like a deep wound."

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system, with swaggering blasphemy, tell of the nation's present prosperity, per capita, the richest country in the world. But they neglect to say that four per cent. of the people own over seventy per cent. of the wealth and practically control the balance. While the workers toil and sweat, the shirkers are now, as usual, spending millions and hundreds of millions of dollars in Europe. This is only a part of the wealth, the prosperity, that the producers are bled out of by playing at the capitalists' political shell game. The workers are neither big nor fools, but they have been ligitated to sleep with the lethel weed of patriotism, while scoundrels who sing "My Country 'tis of Thee" are plotting their further downfall, asserting that commercial supremacy "demands a lower standard of living among the American working class." Are you prepared for it? Already the wife has been driven from the home, the children from the school room and harnessed like beasts of burden to the industrial wheels of capitalism.

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PARTY MATTERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROVINCIAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Regular meeting held August 27, 1907.

Minutes of last meeting read and adopted.

Communications were received from Louisa Vancouver, Gabriola, Ladysmith, Victoria, Revelstoke, Ymir, Nanaimo and Fernie re Convention.

The number of locals signifying their disposition to take part were so few the committee did not feel warranted in proceeding further in the matter.

It was therefore resolved that the convention be postponed, the secretary to inform such locals as had responded.

From Revelstoke local enclosing \$3 for due stamps.

NEARING ITS END.

Savagery, barbarism, chattel slavery, feudalism and capitalism have followed its logical sequence as chapters in the history of the growth and development of human society.

Each had its mission to perform and carried within itself the germ, which, at the proper time, quickened into activity under the pressure of economic development and tended to be, at one and the same time, the herald of the death of the old and the birth of a new order of human society.

Each succeeding order took up the work where its predecessor left off. Each discovered and developed new arts and harnessed new forces to do the bidding of man.

Every forward step increased the complexity of human relations and more completely submerged the individual in the organization of society as a whole.

Each marked a distinct advance over its predecessor in man's mastery of the secrets and forces of nature and brought the race nearer to the time when human society would be effectively safeguarded against those adversities that have so often in history claimed their victims by the thousands and the millions.

Neglect of the lessons which the flood, pestilence, famine, war and other evil visitations no more be inflicted upon humankind.

The terms of the present or capitalist order of society were contained within the structure of feudalism. They were quickened into activity when the handicrafts developed in town and village to a point enabling the master workmen to force their admission into the ranks of the privileged class.

With its roots laid in private property in the means of wealth production, with "freedom of contract" and "free competition" as its slogans, infant capitalism that set merely to work to grow big and strong and successfully accomplish its mission in the inexorable process of the development and growth of human society.

This mission of capitalism was to wipe out the form of property which its roots were laid and substitute thereof a form of property and a method of production that would multiply many fold the productive power of human labor.

Such production, carried on by the use of puny and primitive tools, was to be transformed into large production carried on by the use of complex and machinery.

Such production, carried on by the individual workmen in the old time, was to be transformed into production by a vast army of workers organized, drilled, and hewn together as with bonds of steel by the very mechanism of industry itself.

The result has been reached in obedience to the laws of natural selection. Like all of nature's processes it has been marked by many seemingly cruel circumstances. Private property in the means of production at one time secured to its owner, the

From Nanaimo enclosing quarterly report.

From Victoria with regard to the election of a certain member at present in the United States. The secretary was instructed to write for further information pending action.

From comrades at Trail enclosing \$5 applying for charter.

The secretary was granted. Receipts:

- Literature..... \$0.90
Local Revelstoke, due stamps..... 3.00
Local Trail, charter and supplies..... 6.00
Local Vancouver, stamps..... 15.00
and supplies..... 15.00
Total..... \$24.90
Adjournment.

J. A. PETERSON, Provincial Secretary.

worker, his independence. Owing his meat, of production he was master of the products of his labor. This was especially true of the worker of this Western Continent, and that, too, in a comparatively recent times. But that form of property, like all other forms, was not permanent. It did not remain stationary. It grew into firm property; into active under the pressure of economic development and tended to be, at one and the same time, the herald of the death of the old and the birth of a new order of human society.

Just as private property has thus grown into capital has the one-time independence of the workingman been lost. As economic power, i. e., the command of wealth production, has been massed in the hands of the great combine of capital, it has been lost to the workers. All economic power is today controlled by a small handful of capitalists.

The working class controls no economic power. It has no command of wealth production. It owns no resources of the earth and instruments of production. Economic power signifies command of the process of wealth production. This in turn of necessity implies ownership of the factors of production.

The factors of production are owned by the capitalist class. The owners of the earth, mills, factories, railways, etc., are capitalist property. By means of this ownership the capitalists are in command of the labor-power of the working class. Although the workingman is supposed to be the owner of his labor-power, inasmuch as he must surrender it to the capitalists in exchange for a slice of, or share to, death, it is ownership in fact.

Capitalist property in mills, mines, railways, factories and distributive agencies is now supreme. Farmers, etc., with small property in land, and their products are supposed to compare their products to those of man, and wage-earners must conform to their boilies before it and beg for jobs.

Feudalism brought forth an economic class, which driven to action by the pressure of its material necessities, stripped the feudal lords of their political supremacy and thus gained its economic freedom. By the same token, economic pressure, capitalism has conjured forth a class whose material needs have upon it aspirations for economic freedom, against whose political onslaught the present ruling class must prove helpless, that one-day.

Capitalism can only maintain itself by continuing in control of the machinery of the State. By virtue of its overwhelming numerical strength the working class, through the proper exercise of its political power, can strip the capitalist class of its power to rule and rob, by ousting it from control of the machinery of government.

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formed its mission of transforming private property in the means of wealth production. Into capitalist property, and individual production into collective or social production. Its beneficiaries (the capitalists) however useful they may have been during the process, have now become purely parasitic. Instead of being an aid to further progress they are a drag upon it. In fact the capitalist class has become a public nuisance. The rule of capital must be broken. Capitalism must be swept from the stage of events and the way made clear for the next step. It, social evolution, or Socialism, as the workers term it.

The voice of labor in every capitalist land today has the revolutionizing cry that portends the rapidly approaching end of capitalism. The triumph of labor will usher in the dawn of Freedom's Morning. Master and slave shall be no more.

NOTICE.

Take notice that I, Claude Pinder, decedent, of Vancouver intend on days hereinafter, to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described lands in the West Westminster District, starting from the N. E. corner of Sec. 14, T. 13, R. 14, marked Imperial Timber & Trading Co's N. W. cor. post, these North 40 chains, these East 10 chains to point of commencement, these West 10 chains to point of commencement, these East 10 chains to point of commencement, these West 10 chains to point of commencement, these East 10 chains to point of commencement, these West 10 chains to point of commencement.

CLAUDE PINDER.

Take notice that I, E. L. Kinman, of Vancouver, intend on days hereinafter, to apply for a special timber lease over the following described lands in Report thereof:

I, R. Commencing at a post planted near the N. W. cor. of Sec. 17, T. 13, R. 14, marked Imperial Timber & Trading Co's N. W. cor. post, these North 80 chains, these East 80 chains to point of commencement, these West 80 chains to point of commencement.

E. L. KINMAN.

I, R. Commencing at a post planted about one-half mile west of the S. W. cor. of Sec. 14, T. 13, R. 14, marked Imperial Timber & Trading Co's N. W. cor. post, these North 80 chains, these East 80 chains, these West 80 chains to point of commencement.

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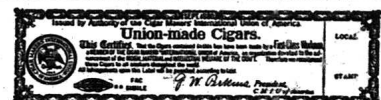
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HAROLD ROUND.

Vancouver, B. C. Aug. 12, 1907.

NOTICE.

Take notice that I, Thomas Edward Knapp, Optician, of Vancouver, intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described lands situate on Bowen Island, New Westminster District. Starting from a stake near the S.E. corner of Lot 1849, these West 25 chains, these South 20 chains, these East 25 chains, these North 20 chains to point of commencement, containing 100 acres more or less.

T. E. KNAPP.

August 19, 1907.

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