



ORGANIC EVOLUTION AND HUMAN PROGRESS

From the Simple to the Complex Mankind Moves Ever Forward Towards the Goal of a Completer Knowledge and a Higher Life.

The theory of organic evolution has been so firmly established, in the light of empirical science, as to practically compel the assent of every informed and open mind.

The evidence in support of the belief that the various forms of life upon the earth gradually evolved from lower forms is very conclusive.

And just as man has descended (or, if you like, ascended) from the higher anthropoids, so they in their turn may be traced through still lower animal forms.

A necessary postulate of this theory of man's ceaseless evolution from the simple to the complex, and his eternal advancement toward yet higher things, is his continued progress in the future toward the goal of perfection.

Apparent contradictions to the theory of continuous human progression disappear in the light of this theory.

We all know that there is more misery in the world today than there was two hundred years ago.

The burning question is Coffee and Porterhouse.

CADETS' PATHETIC STORY

A case presenting pathetic features was heard at the North Sydney Police court yesterday, when Albert Osborne, a youth from Chatswood, was charged under the Defence Act with failing to attend his drills as a cadet.

The foregoing is taken from the "S. M. Herald," of August 30, and is not an isolated case.

TO THE WORKING CLASS

In addressing these lines to the members of the working class in Vancouver the Socialist Party of Canada wishes to state its position in no uncertain manner regarding the relation of the working class to modern society.

The eventual entry of the Socialist Party into city politics in Vancouver will mark a step forward in the proletarian movement of this city in its endeavor to educate all workers to their true position in society and the necessity of gaining control of the political administrative machinery in all its branches.

At some not very far distant date the whole of the complex system of modern society, industrial and social, local and national, will fall into the hands of the workers.

In order to be free members of a free society we must own those things which are necessary for our existence.

IF YOU WANT COMFORT

Together with the news that several thousand Lawrence workers went out on a demonstration strike, that free bread is to be abolished in restaurants, that Harriman personally sent Bliss \$50,000, and that the mother of twenty-seven children sued her husband because last week he gave her only \$1.95 to support her and the younger ones of the brood, comes the consoling information that nine pedigreed toy dogs came over in a first class cabin suite on the steamship Merion.

While this is not the reason why one comes over in a first cabin suite and the others crowd into a leathome steerage, it is interesting to note the difference in value when they arrive here.

CONRAD E. T. KINGSLEY WILL SPEAK

Conrad E. T. Kingsley will speak in Nanaimo, Sunday, October, the 20th.

Then there will be no capitalist class to take all the products of labor and deal out in return wages barely sufficient to keep the workers in working condition.

Then, what is now the wage-slave class, will be free and not until then.

Any advantage that can be won by the workers in this fight is in line with human progress and we call upon the workers to get ready for the fray.

SOCIALISM THE HOPE OF AWAKENED LABOR

It Presages the Ending of Capitalism, With Its Mansions and Luxury for Masters and Husks and Hurts for Slaves.

The question has been asked, and no doubt will be asked by a great many because it is a subject which is being put before the people on every hand.

The Socialist is one who has broken away from the old traditions taught by the schools, the prostitute press, and the pulpit, and started a new political party which stands for revolution.

The old parties have gone empire mad and prate about national lines and that is where they show their class interests.

One thing which is very necessary to keep the present system alive is war. By it all the surplus commodities can be filtered off and production can then go ahead, therefore it is necessary to keep the workers at log-holes for if they did not, who would fight the wars?

The right to own anything is the might, if the state gives you title deeds to anything then the state will back you up in the ownership with all the power they can muster.

The study of Socialism teaches us that everything is produced for profit. The railroads were not built to carry freight, but to pay dividends.

Some Anti-Socialist "Arguments." "It will break up the home," pipes up the "white" slaver; as he sees his easy living slipping away from him.

"It has been tried and failed," barks the antediluvian ape who does not know yet that machinery has been discovered, and that, if we let it, machinery will now practically do the work of the world.

"Who will do the dirty work?" gasps the carefully nurtured minkin of the pink tea and the drawing-room.

"It will mean free love!" gasps the keeper of the house of prostitution, Well, why not free love in preference to purchased love? Isn't it about time that love was free instead of being the exclusive property of the man with a bank roll?

"Everybody will be a slave of the State," remarks the fat-browed Jasper whose head aches every time he tries to think.

Say, aren't the "arguments" against Socialism a ridiculous line of slush to try to put over non-grown-up people? When they spring any of those things on you, you can set it down as a fact that they pick you out for a mental featherweight.

NEW WESTMINSTER Propaganda Meeting Comrade H. M. Fitzgerald will speak in the City Theatre, Sunday, October, the 13th. Doors open 7.30 p.m. St. Catherine's Local No. 30 To members, Socialists, and Clarion readers, in the St. Catherine's district, all are requested to attend the business meetings on Fridays at 8 p.m., and propaganda meetings on Sunday at 8.15 p.m. Be a Socialist all the time. DAVID THOMSON, Secy. Local No. 30.

DOMINION ORGANIZING FUND

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes Peter Zanol, Thomas Hartley, Joseph Naylor, etc.

ROUTE OF C. M. O'BRIEN, ORGANIZER

Leaving Coleman on the 9th of October, he will proceed along the following route: Michel, Fernie, Crawford Bay, Nelson, Ymir, Sloan City, Silvertown, Sandon, Nakup, Edgewood, Trail, Rossland, Grand Forks, Greenwood, Naramata, Kelowna, White Man's Creek, Vernon, Enderby, Mara, Salmon Arm, Kamloops, Merritt, and Vancouver.

CORRESPONDENCE

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Present, Comrades Karme, Kingsley, Mengel, Anderson (Chairman) and the Secretary.

Minutes of the previous meeting read and approved.

Correspondence from Alberta Executive with application for charter, signed by 17 miners of Pasburg, Alta. Charter granted.

Application for charter by 14 miners, etc., of Camrose, Alta. Charter granted.

Correspondence from Vancouver Lettish asking for Local Secretary's addresses. Secretary instructed to reply.

Letter from E. R. Atkinson of Saskatoon, Sask., asking for instructions re the forming of a local, replied to.

Financial Report as follows:

Receipts

Balance on Hand, Sept. 1.....	\$ 30.65
Stamps, Saskatchewan Executive.....	20.00
Stamps, St. Catharines.....	25
Dues, J. T. Dempster.....	1.00
Dues, W. Gribble.....	1.00
Charter, Local Pasburg.....	1.00
Supplies, Montreal.....	10.00
Literature.....	16.20
Stamps, B. C. Executive.....	22.85
Organizing Fund.....	106.45

Expenditures

Office Supplies.....	\$ 1.05
Literature.....	4.85
Expressage.....	4.30
Postage Stamps.....	1.50
Secretary's August Salary.....	7.60
Loan to Clarion.....	74.91
Balance on Hand.....	12.28

Adjoined.
W. WATTS, Secretary.

PROVINCIAL EXECUTIVE

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Correspondence from F. G. Tapert of Hydab, B. C., re forming a local, reply forwarded.

Financial Report

Receipts

Balance on Hand, Sept. 1.....	\$ 93.08
Local Gibson's Lending.....	5.00
" Vancouver, No. 1.....	10.00
" Langley.....	1.00
" Revelstoke.....	5.00
" Vancouver, Lettish.....	4.00
" Sandon.....	2.00
" Nakup.....	5.00

Expenditure

Due Stamps from D. B. C.....	\$ 16.20
Post Cards and Postage.....	2.60
Printing and Telegram.....	2.65
Card in Clarion, April, May, June.....	3.00
Salary, Secretary.....	7.50
J. M. Fitzgerald, Organizing.....	25.00
Balance on Hand.....	68.53

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According to instructions from Provincial Executive, I went to Nanaimo on Wednesday last and arranged a meeting in the Opera House for Sunday.

On Saturday night I spoke in the open air at a meeting arranged by the United Mine Workers. Comrades Foster, Pettigrew and Harland, all officers of the U. M. W., also spoke at this meeting. We had a very fine crowd.

The meeting at the Opera House came off according to schedule. Comrades W. W. Lefaux, Faister and Pettigrew speaking, as well as myself.

A good feature of the visit to Nanaimo was the spirit shown by the members of the S. D. P., who offered their help to make the series of meetings of which this was the first, a success. I am of opinion that this comradely offer should be made use of.

A collection of \$11.85 was taken, \$2.15 in literature, 50 cents for Clarions, four Clarion subs and a weekly bundle of 100 Clarions were disposed of. One member of the S. D. P., though he said he could find no fault with the propaganda, expressed himself as suspicious of the writer's motives. He'll get over that in time. This is a hasty report, as I have received a telegram from the States urging me to return at once, and am taking the next train.

I will try to keep arrangements as to serial, but it's the deuce of a job to write steadily when one is continually knocking about the country.

WILFRID GRIBBLE.

SLAVERY IN NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

I went all through the Amoskeag Manufacturing Co.'s mills recently, and found hundreds of children of 14 and under working there. These pale-faced little fellows never go to school, and they do the work of men from 6 in the morning to 6 at night.

Some of them I found chewing tobacco. Many of them are deformed, hunchbacked, bow-legged, and consumptive looking. I found the greatest number of them in what is known as the Coolidge Mill, built in 1911. This company employs about 16,000 persons, of which about 7,000 are women. These men, women and children work 24,000 looms and at 655,000 spindles. They produce over 250,000,000 yards of cloth, and over a million and a half bags each year.

The machinery occupies 137 acres of floor space. The buildings look like regular prisons, and they are.

There is not a single fire escape to be seen on them. In some of the rooms the temperature is as high as 125 degrees in the summer. In most of the rooms it is between 80 and 90 degrees all the time. The works are often closed on account of overproduction, and the workers find it almost impossible to live on the wages they receive.

The Amoskeag Manufacturing Company owns almost every foot of land of the City of Manchester, which has a population of about 75,000 souls. It controls almost everything in the city. They gave the land on which the armory, the Y.M.C.A., and the county court house are built, and have contributed large sums to every church in the city.

They have kept their slaves unorganized, and have held their iron fist on freedom of speech. A short while ago the local Chief of Police, M. J. Henley, stopped a hall meeting, and when asked by some one, "What will the citizens of Manchester say?" answered, "I am the citizens of Manchester."

Emil Seidel is billed to speak there on the 24th. The police chief says he will prevent the meeting from being held. The local Socialists spread

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REFORMERS DISGUST

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Sept. 28.—Bright, indeed, is the outlook for a Socialist victory in Milwaukee this fall. The re-election of Victor L. Berger to Congress seems to be almost assured, and there is good reason to hope that the Socialists, if they can keep up a vigorous campaign, will also carry the Fourth Congressional District and give Berger a comrade in the National Legislature. Moreover, they are confident that with good work they can re-elect the Socialist District Attorney and the rest of the Socialist county ticket.

The people of Milwaukee are already pretty thoroughly disgusted with the "non-partisan" and anti-Socialist administration which was given Milwaukee by the fusion of the Democrats and Republicans last spring. The same sort of fusion is being tried again in the present campaign, but it is not working well. The "non-partisan" idea is already pretty well discredited in Milwaukee. It is doubtful whether it will ever find the people again. All that is necessary now is to get the Socialist ideas before them, especially before the working people.

In fact, the Milwaukee Social Democrats are not backward in this matter. They opened the usual noonday meetings at the factory gates on September 16, and will continue every day except Sunday until the campaign closes. They are addressed by our best speakers, while at every meeting free literature and campaign books are disposed of. The meetings are well advertised in advance and always draw a good crowd. One cold day last week E. T. Helms addressed over 2,000 men at the Harvard works.

The "non-partisan" candidates are also represented by their agents industriously distributing campaign cards. Everywhere, however, the

WORKINGMEN THROW DOWN THE GAUGE.

"woozy" cards on the ground in deep disgust. The workingmen of Milwaukee have become too intelligent to be caught with such bait.

One of the reasons for the success of the Milwaukee Socialists has been that in all their campaigns they have systematically drawn together. They have always held "speakers' meetings" in which the issues of each campaign were carefully discussed. In the present campaign the high cost of living is the subject on which the speakers are making the fight. This is the problem in which the working men and women are vitally interested, and for which the "reform" parties have no solution to offer. These are the facts which Socialist speakers are presenting to the workers at the factory gate meetings.

Yesterday the house to house distribution of literature began. Outside of the city limits, where the distances are too great to distribute literature by this method, two wagons, each carrying three Socialists and a goodly supply of leaflets, books and posters, are doing this work for the outlying townships of Milwaukee County.

One wagon is covering the northern townships, the other the southern. Leaflets are given out gratis, books are sold and posters and cards are put up on telegraph poles and other convenient places. Before the cold autumnal storms come on, this work will be completed.

Mrs. Janet Pennimon Kotngold will make a tour of Wisconsin, beginning October 1. Mrs. Korngold's message is to the women. One cheery feature of the present campaign is the intense interest taken by the Socialist women and their earnest co-operation.

Thus with all hands at work, the campaign has fairly begun to hum in the Badger State.—New York Call.

"MIGHT VERSUS RIGHT."

"The excellent to have a giant's strength, but tyrannous to use it as a giant's."

How true is this statement, when one considers the actions of Lord Devonport in the recent dockworkers' strike in London. He it was who supplied the motive power which lay behind the masters, against whom the men were fighting, and as events proved, fighting a losing battle. Lost for the time, at any rate. At present, the men will have to be content to wait until a more favorable opportunity crops up.

For weeks these poor workers have been suffering the pangs of starvation. Their wives and families have also been undergoing the most extreme misery. Why? Because the men dared go against their employers, and demand a wage upon which they could enjoy a little more of the comforts which are, by right, theirs, and for no man to deprive them of. Yet these are denied the workers by those who hold the trump cards.

Might versus Right. And, for the time, Right has the upper hand. These men who call themselves human beings, Christians (?) deliberately starving thousands of men, women, and children. This for more than one reason.

In the first place, the masters stood to lose a certain amount of money periodically. If better wages were paid to those who were, rightly enough, asking for something on which they could live, the profits of the employer would most certainly be decreased. Those who are now enabled to live in the lap of luxury and ease would not then be able to do so. In many cases they would have to turn out and do some work themselves. Is not their position really pitiful? But what of those who at present do all the work, receiving but little in comparison for all their labour? How can anyone expect a man, unable, owing to insufficient wage, to obtain bare necessities of life, to obtain the work in which he is engaged? Even the slave-owners fed their slaves properly, but at the present time the dockers' employers (and thousands of other employers) will not pay enough to provide this. The worker of the world must, if he is to be physically and morally sound, have proper food and hours of labour, and not have to go to work (as hundreds do) on an empty stomach.

What of the man, too, with a wife and family? Can you imagine for a moment that a man in the position of family provider would strike work, knowing that in doing so he was jeopardizing the lives of those dearest to him, if his grievance was an imaginary one? Is it likely that for weeks they would suffer starvation (many actually dying because of lack of food) if their actions were not prompted by their necessity? For a man is surely justified in demanding a living in exchange for his labour. Surely a person can please himself at what price he sells his labour.

Many employers seem to think that the price of labour is fixed by the price of goods, whereas the truth is, the price of commodities is fixed by the cost of production alone. Another reason for the stubbornness of the masters is because of their pride. False pride, every bit of

LAUGH AND GET FAT.

There's nothing here on earth deserves Half of the thought we waste about it.
And thinking but destroys the nerves,
When we could do so well without it;
If folks would let the world go round,
And pay their tithes and eat their dinners,
Such doleful looks would not be found
To frighten us poor laughing sinners.
Never sigh when you can sing,
But laugh, like me, at everything!

One plagues himself about the sun,
And puzzles on, through every weather,
What time he'll rise—now long he'll run—
And when he'll leave us altogether:
Now matters it a pebble-stone,
Whether he shines at six or seven?
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form to those that give them an opportunity for security.

By One Who Knows Him, Labor Day has once more come and gone and with it we have had some sermons from the elect of God relating to the troubles and turmoils that the workers suffer.

It is only a couple of weeks ago that a note appeared in the "Western Clarion" not wanting parsons in the Socialist Party of Canada.

To conclude on that point, it is the economic condition that is so completely breaking up the Jewish religion. The synagogue of today is scarcely ever full except on the High Festivals.

Have you ever paused to wonder how much pleasure the average human being really obtains during life? Has it ever occurred to you that nearly all pleasure is merely the anticipation of something better than we at present have?

One of these sky pilots, with all the magnanimity that his clerical bosom was capable of conjuring up, declared the greed and rapacity of present day society and announced the fact that the workers must be educated up to realize their power to bring about a better state of things.

In England the Mecca of the political fakir, the paradise of the political parson, one usually meets these would-be self-sacrificing "Messiahs."

The increase in the cost of living is causing distress of a severe character. The Co-operative Wholesale Society, Ltd., has just issued a report on the cost of living, based upon calculations made on a turnover of about \$100,000,000.

It passes the limited powers of my mind to comprehend why some of us are here, as there really seems to be no need for us, and all we can hope for is private death during life and a pauper's grave after death.

The reverend gentleman, following that innate conservatism which characterizes the breed, failed to define just what he meant by a "paid agitator," but we have heard the term applied so often, and with so much flippancy, that we can hazard a guess without very much fear of being wrong.

The latter, the Reverend R. W. Cummings, is Rector at Withersea, near Hull. His sobriquet was the "Socialist Parson."

The C. W. S. even then only deals with the wholesale price to which must necessarily be added the value which is increased by transportation and handling out for retail.

Just think what "a peach of a time" a wage-earner has. The whole of his life is spent in the hope that he will in the end be a manager with a fairly large salary.

That, we believe, is the popular idea which the words "paid agitator" conveys and we have not the slightest hesitation in saying that this was the idea that the reverend cleric had in his Christian mind.

The present system was sent by God in order to punish the wicked capitalists. There you have it. Did this mental freak know that if all this system was from God he has a lot to be blamed for?

Taking as an average an order for £1 per family per week the figures, groceries, worked out in weight in 1898 would buy 80.81 lbs.

A wage slave's life may be divided into two parts. The period of anticipation and the period of realization.

We therefore have to remind the said cleric that he, himself is a "paid agitator," paid by those to whose interest it is to keep the working class believing in the dope that he and his kind hand out. We would further like to bring to his attention that whenever a change has taken place in the form of society, in other words, whenever there has been a revolution, the church has always been on the side of the ruling class and against the revolters.

The "Reverend" R. W. Cummings has now joined the Holderness Liberal Association and will henceforth bring divine influence to bear upon that party, and no doubt God will have a big say in deciding the candidates for that division.

Nor is this increase in prices only felt in England, for in Japan there is crime increasing, and admitted by competent authorities due directly to the high price in foodstuffs.

And now our wage-slave finds himself in the period of realization. "Too old—very sorry—he was a first-class man in his time." Anticipation has gradually faded to naught—realization is now the companion of his waking hours.

"Paid agitator," indeed! What is the public press but an instrument managed by a group of paid agitators, paid by the ruling class to print only such stuff as shall suit that class and to withhold such matter as is of vital interest to the workers? "Paid agitators," forsooth! Why, all of the prime ministers and the colleagues and supporters and opponents are nothing for nor less than "paid agitators," paid by the master class to bring in railway, police and immigration policies, the one complementary to the other, the first to give the natural resources to the masters and the second to secure for the masters the cheapest slaves the world can produce.

Another parson belonging to the I. L. P. has rattled and supported the "Rev." Townyn Jones, who was elected for some obscure place in Wales. All this is written to warn some who are doubting "Thomasases" of how sincere a good Christian can be when he likes.

Salt has increased from \$1.00 per koin (5 bushels) in 1894 to \$2.44. Sugar has increased from \$5 for 132 lbs. to \$8.20. Sugar (brown) has increased from \$3.42 for 132 lbs. to \$5.38. Kerosene oil has increased from \$1.26 per case to \$1.96. Soy has increased from \$8.38 (40 gallons) to \$11.28. House rents have doubled in the past ten years. Wages have only increased from 20 to 30 per cent. Commodities have gone up over twice that percentage. Nor is the complaint restricted to Japan.

God help him, he cannot help himself. He is among the unemployed, taking a well earned rest. He needn't work his jaws—the larder is empty. His digestive organs have a complete rest. But his mind begins to think. It knows no rest. The buoyant anticipation of youth has given way to the depressing realization of old age. He dies, for his sake the sooner the better, and is buried by the parish. "A martyr to capitalism—may he rest in peace." P. M. T.

And so we could go on enumerating the different species of paid agitators that are extant in society, but we will refrain and merely point to the fact that those whom we have mentioned enjoy their thousands of dollars a year for agitating, whilst the poor working class agitator only gets enough to keep himself alive, and usually has to furnish that himself.

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ALBERTA ORGANIZING FUND

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Mr. Clerlyman, you derive your living from the contributions of your congregation and no one says you nay. If you can do it and thereby gain a decent living, go ahead and prosper. Our "paid agitators," too, get their living from the contributions of their congregations, and without give a hither show for the money, and though they are not trained by experts as you are, they can draw a much better crowd, though they have not behind them the CUSTOM which directs a certain class of people to go to church.

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Comrade Eugene V. Debs, Socialist nominee for President in the United States, has been challenging the other nominees to debate with him, but one after another they offer puny excuses. You can bet your boots there will be no debate because if there is one man in the Socialist movement of the States that can debate on scientific Socialism it is Gene Debs.

Fifteen thousand mill workers of Lawrence, Mass., went on strike for 24 hours as a protest against the jailing of Eitor and Giovannitti on the charge of murder. During the parade the police charged the strikers, killing one and beating up several dozen others. On the return to work next day several of the men were refused jobs and at present it looks as though their will be another strike.

Reverend Sir, do not run down your own business, do not condemn those who gain their living in the same manner as you do, but try to act up to the principles that you preach and which are supposed to have been laid down by your Master, the great "agitator" and "do unto others as you would be done by."

The Jew at one time—yes, 20 years ago in England—was one who held religiously all the festivals that were ordained in the Old Testament, and also one or two that were put in as make-weight by the Rabbis. It was rare to see a Jew—in the town of Manchester—working on the Sabbath. Most of them used to quit just about an hour before sunset on the Friday evening. Is that the case now? No! Not by a damn sight! It is quite common to see workshops with "full steam ahead" on Saturdays. If I point out to an acquaintance that he is violating a law of God he generally reminds me that he has a living to get, and that comes first, and God's after. It is quite common to hear men of supposedly religious convictions state that they are compelled to work on the "day of rest." Jewish shops are open on Saturday because living is so precarious and the rent is paid for the whole of the week, then why not keep open? It is the constant and ever increasing struggle for existence that compels Jews to ignore God's "laws" and con-

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