

## THE WAR IN THE BALKANS

### Will the International Proletariat Butcher Themselves Again for Their Foes?

"Dividends Rent and Interest, Chicanery, Lies and Bribes, Their symbol—the British flag. By guile and craft the lands that laughed Now weep 'neath the white god's spell— Yet if blood be the price of attainment, Lord God! we have ransomed Hell!— A Song of the Working Class. My the Lord deliver us from all cant." —Thomas Carlyle.

In its historical career of exploitation the bourgeois governing class has revealed itself to be the most cunning and the most hypocritical of all governing castes who have preyed upon the lives and happiness of mankind. Formerly, there were societies in which the individual toiled and sweated under the dread of battle and murder and sudden death at the hands of an implacable monarch or feudal lord. The capitalist system is therefore the more remarkable because the power of life and death over its exploited wage-slaves is based apparently upon the willingness of the latter to accept the dominant class as their masters and overlords. The crude methods of violence wielded with such terrific force during the feudal system are used only as a last resort. Hypocrisy, humbug, and cant are the weapons of the bourgeoisie, and a "damned" set of rascals never existed than the clique of individuals who control the destinies of the so-called British Empire.

During the last hundred years this clique—of changing individuality but identical in being actuated by the same principles—has acquired by brutality, force and fraud about one-fifth of the planet Earth. Upon the specious pretexts of extending the blessings (?) of Christianity and civilization to barbarous and unprogressive people, the richest countries of the world have been and are being exploited in the interests of profits and dividends. During the process whole tribes and races, unable to adapt themselves to the environment thrust upon them, have been blotted out of existence, whilst others are in process of extinction. Yet millions of people remain to whom the Union Jack is the emblem of the strange terrors and ruthless bondage of a civilisation that increases the difficulty of the individual in the pursuit of liberty, life and happiness.

During their revolutions the wheels of Justice inexorably reveal the hypocrisy and cant of those individuals who, under a cloak of religion and philanthropy, oppress their fellow-men. Particularly is this to be noticed in the history of the British governing class, and particularly is it exemplified in its foreign relations with Turkey and the Balkan States. It is well known that Turkey is used by the British governing class as a buffer to resist the encroachments of Austria and Russia in the direction of the Mediterranean and Egypt. It is not so well known that the oppression of the Slavonic, Grecian and Armenian races by the bureaucratic Turks is practically ignored for reasons of State and high finance.

For the perhaps most ironical thing in the detestable game of world politics is the spectacle presented by Great Britain, France, Germany, Austria and Russia. Here are these five nations, each with a history, past and present, of robbery, murder, and spoliation, each of them armed to the teeth with a view to further aggressions and encroachments, each with an oppressed and exploited working class, calmly posing as the upholders of the teachings of Jesus Christ, as the keepers of law and order, peace and good government, and the maintainers of the freedom and liberty of the individual.

Let us examine these nations in detail (and here it might be noted that by nation is meant the governing class of each particular country). The masses of the people have no voice in the direction of affairs. Reserving our own particular den of thieves until the last, we look into the claims of Russia as an arbiter of peace. We find a constant oppression and massacre of the Jews, a shocking story of atrocities on the Amoor and in Persia, a suppression of the noble ideas of freedom amongst its own people by exiling and imprisoning the men and women who have dared to express them. This is the Russia of the twentieth century, the Christian (?) mediator in the Balkan dispute.

France and Great Britain are alike in their home and foreign policies. Both are greatly advanced capitalist countries; both have great colonial possessions which they have wringed from their unfortunate inhabitants. Also both are alike in that a large number of those oppressed races are followers of Mohammed, and acknowledge the Sultan of Turkey as his vice-regent on earth.

Knowing this, we can understand the policy of non-interference in the Balkans. Germany and Austria have large financial interests in the Turkish Empire; Russia has interests in maintaining the status quo; and her Eastern policy of expansion includes the taking in of Persia, Afghanistan, and the territory immediately adjacent, the bulk of whose inhabitants are Mohammedans.

France has obtained a footing in Northern Africa and in Senegal, England has "acquired" the Zanzibar Protectorate, Somaliland, Egypt and India. All these are Mohammedan countries, and India alone has fifty-eight millions of people who cry, "There is no God but Allah, and Mohammed is his prophet!" Now the Sultan of Turkey is the Khalif, or Pope, of Islam.

No wonder the Turk smiles behind his hand; he knows that Islam is the backbone of the Egyptian and Indian armies. The Sultan has the "kybosh" on the Powers of Europe.

Yet the situation has its dangers. As long as the five nations recognize that their mutual interests of exploitation lie in the maintenance of the status quo, the situation hardly affects their working classes. However much the Balkan States may fret or fume or wage war, however loudly those good, kind Christians and ministers of the Gospel may call for British Dreadnaughts and armies to aid the warring members of their faith in Macedonia, the terrible shadow of Islam and the Holy War paralyzes the hands of capitalist Europe. The conquering Turk must be maintained lest fire and sword sweep through their Mohammedan tributaries. The unurling of the green flag is the nightmare that particularly troubles the British governing class. Egypt and India were conquered by the sword, and by the sword they are maintained. At the present time both countries are seething with revolt, and the torch of Islam would light the fires of revolution from Kandahar to Madras, from Cairo to Zanzibar. At all costs these possessions must be retained. Paris was worth a mass to Henri IV.; is not India and Egypt cheap at the cost of a few Armenians, Macedonians and Greeks?

In the words of Horatio Bottomley, "What a game it is!" On the other hand, there is a possibility of Austrian or Russian intervention for or against Turkey. In "high" politics the merits or demerits, Justice, or injustice of any particular case is never called in question. The action of any State is based upon self-interest, and in this case the interests of Austria are opposed to the interests of Russia. Herein lies the danger of a general European conflagration. Austria and Russia at war would certainly involve Germany, and, in turn, England and France. The uneasiness affecting the financial centres of these States shows the danger to be a real one. This anxiety is not occasioned by the idea of the misery and suffering which would fall upon the masses of the people; it is the fear of a general stoppage of rent, profit and interest, and a possible upheaval of society as a result of the world-war. And although the capitalist system paradoxically makes for peace and war simultaneously, it must not be forgotten that the nations of Europe stand face to face armed with the latest scientific manufacturing machines, and powerful influences are at work to whom a resort to arms would be a welcome reaction against the social problems that confront them.

As the old despot remarked: "When a man is troublesome give him a position, when the people are rebellious give them a war." The governing classes of Great Britain, France and Germany are quite capable of following out this advice, if by means of war they could roll back the tide of Socialism and the aspirations of the people.



S. NUORTEVA Socialist Member Finnish Parliament

**VANCOUVER LABOR TEMPLE**  
S. Nuorteva, Socialist member of the Finnish Parliament, will speak (in English) on Friday, March 14th.  
Subject: The Socialist Movement and the General Strike in Finland.  
Collection to defray expenses.

To Subscribers:—Owing to unexpected trouble with the P. O. authorities, the first issue of this paper was delayed in getting in the mails. One cent per copy was demanded, stamps to be affixed, and eight cents per pound for bundles. This prohibited the mailing of the whole issue, but bundles were forwarded to every Local in Canada, as the need for rushing in the subs. is urgent. Single subscribers will receive their copy as soon as the difficulty with the P. O. is surmounted.

**RUSH IN YOUR "COPY" WE HAVE NONE IN RESERVE. THE "CLEAR STUFF" ONLY IS REQUIRED.**

**WHAT WAR IS REALLY LIKE**  
Brain and Brawn publishes the following extracts from a Balkan correspondence and comments them to those who glibly talk of war as if it were a frolic:  
"A gun collides with a cart (carrying wounded piled in heaps on filthy straw) and upsets it; with a crash, a shriek, a thud, the human cargo rolls into the slush, and the next gun goes right through the sprawling heap of maimed mankind. It does not much matter—only a few wounded men wounded a little more. Where they have fallen there is a purple pool; when we pass the spot a minute later the men's heavy tread splashes our faces with red specks."  
"There were three surgeons in the redoubt (Bagharbashi); these did their best with almost every necessary defecant. I saw them at their work with bare arms and blood-stained hands, soaked to the skin, faces streaming with the sweat of indescribably hard work; they looked with their saws and knives like the torturers of the Inquisition. Shirts served as bandages, volunteers assisted; but hardened men turned sick at some of the sights; halves of faces carried away, exposing to the core life's machinery; limbs torn off, bowels hanging out, pools of blood in which swam brain remnants and intestines like living worms; amputated legs and arms thrust into corners as offal for the dogs."  
"Water ran short, for the enemy held the springs in the vineyards. Many drank the muddy pool water mixed with blood which had collected in the trenches; this caused vomiting, followed by thirst even greater than before."

**BOUND VOLUMES, 1912.**  
Readers wishing to secure bound volumes of The Western Clarion for 1912 are requested to send in their names to this office as soon as possible. When sufficient orders are received, the work will be put in hand. Price, \$2.50 per volume.  
We still have five volumes for 1911 in stock at same price.

Schukmeier, a Socialist and member of the Austrian parliament, who expelled Joseph Neunranyer, the anti-Semitic Catholic mayor of Vienna, to resign on account of corrupt work, was assassinated by a leader of the Catholic trade unions in the streets of Vienna, shortly after a mass meeting at which Schukmeier spoke. The nation as well as the city is aroused over the assassination.

Socialism is the greatest political fact in existence today. By which we mean it is the only conception of society that even pretends to understand its structure and account for its phenomena.

Show your interest in the movement by working for it.

**FUTILE PROGRESS—AS YET.**  
This is an epoch in which the connecting links of a world science are being rapidly put together. Nature's forces have been explained and controlled. By their intelligent use man's wealth and comfort is in reach of all, yet poverty and misery grow apace in France, the world's centre of culture and learning, the population has decreased, and Americans are committing race suicide. But with the most essential questions of racial interdependence, conventionalism does not deal. Scientists tell us how the commonest food chemical process, but not how to distribute equitably the vast amount we already have. They have discovered the bacterial basis of disease and how to eradicate vocational disease. We have automatic machinery that does better work, and twelve times as much as could be done by the old hand method of one hundred years ago. Yet the conventional scientist do not tell us what to do with the laborers it has displaced. Everywhere we have progress, progress, progress, but what of the masses? Nothing. Statistical records and their daily experiences prove that, so far, science, art and inventions hold nothing in store for them. With every great discovery the private profit monger who hoards and prescribes its possibilities for good to the few, and as a further means of extracting surplus value from the workers. Search the metropolitan. Go to the colleges and universities. Search for the best spoken and written words of your eminent statesmen. No one here will you find a hint of applying inductive science to society. Workers of the world, unite and the game will be up.

Socialism is the most important thing for us to consider.—John W. Hornat.  
**RUSH IN THE SUBS.**

**B. C. WORKERS ATTENTION!**  
The Provincial Voters' Lists have been cancelled, and you have only until April 7th next to register again.  
**GET BUSY!**  
and don't let the McBride-Bowser gang deprive you of your franchise. Go to the Registrar of Voters in your district, and fill out a new application form, and get as many workers as you know to do the same. A Dominion Election is on the cards for this year, and the Provincial Voters' Lists are used.  
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## A CANADIAN NAVY—WHY?

### The Reasons For the Agitation and the Part to be Played in It by the Workers.

During the past few months the leaders of both political parties in the Canadian House of Commons have spent much time and relished themselves of many long-winded orations in discussing the formation of a Canadian navy and methods of defence in general.

The party organs throughout the country have contributed many columns to this discussion, each, of course, standing sturdily in defence of the policy adopted by the party which it represents. One day, we are told in glaring headlines, that Premier Borden has launched his naval policy in a lengthy address, interrupted at times by hearty applause from the ministerial benches, in which he reviewed the reasons for making an emergency contribution of three great battleships of the dreadnaught type, to be used in defending the shores of "our glorious empire." Next day we are told with equal enthusiasm in the Liberal papers that the "white plumed chief,"—Sir Wilfrid—has given an eloquent presentation of the attitude adopted by the opposition. The other members of both sides then rally to the support of their leaders, and have their little say in the matter, some of them taking up the time of the House for five or six hours, and each trying by all the means in his power, to surpass the others in eloquence and wisdom.

To the class-conscious Socialist who understands the whole proposition, knowing that both parties, Liberal and Conservative alike, are but the expression of Capitalist class interests, and actually standing for one and the same thing—the perpetuation of class ownership in the means of life—this noisy group of political quacks cannot help appearing as vaudeville comedians of a very high order. It must appear humorous, indeed, to all class-conscious workers, who are neither the owners of property or the possessors of steady jobs, to be told over and over again by Cabinet aspirants and ministers of the Crown, that "those dreadful Germans" are watching every opportunity to land on the soil of Britain, and that we must be ready, at the risk of our lives, to protect these shores with a strong military and naval force. It wouldn't seem so funny if we, who are asked to do the defending, only had some of our own to defend; but we haven't even got the right to work, merely the privilege of looking for work, and there-are regulations attached even to this, which our masters know full well. But as they have valuable property to defend, and are able, by striking those high imperial notes, to transmit them through the chief source of information available to the workers—the daily press—perhaps we cannot so greatly wonder that they have secured at all times a sufficient force of proletarians to protect their property rights.

Although both parties, Tory and Liberal, yes, and Nationalist and Labor also, have somewhat heated discussions about the methods they wish to adopt, yet they are all in favor of some system of naval defence. And why should they not? They are the chosen instruments for subjecting the members of the working class; so they must fulfil this function.

Canada is rapidly taking her place among commercial countries. Just as the emigrants from the older lands are flocking to her shores in search of work so is the surplus capital, which has ceased to find a profitable field of investment in those more highly developed sections, rushing in the same direction to exploit the great natural resources which are not yet developed. Larger profits and safer investments than those prevailing in England and Germany can here be secured by the owners of capital, more work, and probably a little greater degree of freedom, can here be obtained by the propertyless masses, whose only means of subsistence is the sale of their own commodity—labor power. Here, then, they are both coming. Each year finds a larger amount of capital invested and a larger influx of working men and women than the one preceding. meaning, of course, that only a short time must elapse till social conditions in the Canadian West are about on a level with what they are in the European countries.

With this development of industry, this growth of commercial activity, there naturally also arises the desire for armies and navies to protect this wealth. So this is the stage we are passing through today. After a lengthy visit to England and a consultation

with the Lords of the Admiralty (paid for, of course, by the property owners of Canada), Premier Borden has decided that for the present session his government will donate those three dreadnaughts, costing something like thirty-five millions of dollars, but it doesn't require the head of a prophet to see that a naval unit in Canada itself will soon be provided.

We are told by some of the revolutionary parties in Europe and elsewhere that the time is now ripe for the workers of all lands to join hands and refuse to fight, so lengthy resolutions are passed accordingly. But passing resolutions, even if done with the best of intentions, is hardly sufficient to prove the point, for so long as the social base is class ownership of the means of life, so long as the workers maintain by their attitude on election day that this base is correct, that they have no desire for a change; just so long will they be called upon to fight in defence of their masters' interests, and just so long will they meekly respond to this call.

J. A. McDONALD.

**RACE SUICIDE.**  
The butchers want more children to feed cannon; both the army and the navy chiefs are clamoring for more; the great industrial barons want more children born to keep up the full quota in the ranks of the army of the unemployed, thereby maintaining competition among the laborers and thus keeping wages at a minimum.

Why should proletarian women continue to breed victims, whose only inheritance will be toil and misery? The French women understand the situation and the great decrease in the birth rate in France is spreading a well founded alarm among the heartless exploiters.

There is no race suicide in refusing to bear children. There is no crime in this refusal, as hiring priests are instructed by their capitalist employers to preach. The crime is in adding to suffering already existing by bearing more children to suffer.

Mrs. Libby Macdonald treated this subject few days ago in an address before the Women's Party of Illinois at Chicago. Among other things she said:

"Women suffragists are mothers, and mothers do not believe in that absurd system of militarism which demands that men die for their country. We want our men to live for their country, and until the system is abolished every wife should refuse to bear progeny."

"The Boy Scout movement is the latest crime against women that the state has perpetrated."

"Refuse to bear another child until you are assured that that child will not be sacrificed upon an altar of bloody war. Race suicide rather than furnish food for the cannon's insatiable mouth!"

Her speech was cheered to the echo, which shows that women of America are getting wise.

The land is rich. The country contains the best mechanics and machinery. We have plenty of knowledge of all the sciences. We have learned how to produce more each year than we could the previous year. With these facts in plain view of all, we propose the following problem to our fellow worker who still sleeps mentally: Why has not every worker got enough food, clothing and shelter, as well as some luxuries?

Don't believe a thing just "because Marx or Engels or Kautsky says so." Study their works and find out why they said so. They always present incontrovertible proof for their utterances on Socialism. Know why you are a Socialist. To take somebody else's word for it when you can learn about it for yourself, is foolish and dogmatic.

What does your liberty amount to when some capitalists own your means of getting a living and only let you work and produce a living if you consent to give them all you can turn out over a bare living for yourself. You are enslaved to the whole capitalist class. We must change the whole system to become free.

Poverty may be no disgrace, but a man's a fool to vote for it.

**RUSH IN THE SUBS.**

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EXPLOITATION

There exist in society two classes, one of which exploits the other by means of the wage system; by compelling them to sell as a commodity their labor power which applied to raw materials, alone can produce wealth, they rob them of all right or title to the wealth they produce, reducing them to a condition of slavery even more merciless than that of the chattel slaves who, while they, under a somewhat different system, did the very same thing, that is produced for their masters, wealth to which they themselves had no title, had, yet, they more secure foothold upon their livelihood, in that they, being valuable property, had to be fed whether there was work for them to do or not, and they only be fed while at work and can be left to die over a period of unemployment as best he may.

The answer is simple enough. It must be remembered that to produce wealth not only is labor-power necessary, but also is raw material.

And these things are the property of the master class. There are, of course, raw materials and machinery of production that the master class do not actually possess.

The farmer for instance, apparently owns the raw materials and machinery that he uses; but this ownership is more apparent than real. The master class own the elevators and railroads and thereby control the marketing of the farmer's product.

It is clear, therefore, that for the workers, lacking the raw materials and machinery of production, it is impossible to utilize their labor-power in producing for themselves the things they require.

The remedy for this state of affairs should be manifest enough. To produce wealth for their own use the workers must own the means of wealth production, the mines, mills, factories and workshops, and the natural resources.

The class ownership of the means of wealth production, which made exploitation possible, must be abolished, for the workers cannot exploit themselves, the class has been broken down and classes disappear.

The method by which this end is to be attained should be as manifest as the remedy. Were the workers individually or in a body to attempt to take possession of the means of wealth production, they would find themselves face to face with the police, military and naval forces, that is to say with the repressive power of the government.

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Instrument whereby they can be ousted out of their possession. To the capture of the powers of government, therefore, must the workers bend their energy.

COMFORT FOR CONSUMERS.

The way of the consumer is hard, and to judge from the noise he (or she) makes, his (or her) feet are covered with blisters.

But cheer up, consumers, the poor Scotchman has good news for you. Things are getting cheaper. Particular two things. For this information may the Lord make you truly thankful.

It is even better than that, for not only are things getting cheaper, but they have been getting cheaper right along. And all this time you have been complaining that they have been getting dearer, and proving it by comparing the prices of shoes, and ships and sealing-wax, and cabbages, etc., today and ten years ago.

You compare the price of shoes today with the price of shoes ten years ago, and you say shoes were cheaper ten years ago, which isn't true, as you will see by the following method of comparison.

Compare today's price of shoes with the price of sealing-wax, cabbages, etc., and then compare ten years ago's price of shoes with the then price of sealing-wax, cabbages, etc. You will find they are all just about where they were.

At the same time, owing to improvements in machinery, things are produced very much more cheaply today than ever they were, and are, moreover, sold cheaper. But, you say, shoes that you could buy ten years ago for three dollars, you cannot now buy for five, so dearer they must be, the Scotchman's unquestionable veracity to the contrary notwithstanding.

Well, supposing you and your neighbors were in balloons up out of sight of the earth, how would you determine which of you were going up or down? You might say Tom was going up, Dick was going down and Harry was keeping still.

Just so, by assuming that the dollar is a fixed point you say things are dearer and more cheaper. But you have no more proof that the dollar is a fixed point than you would have that Harry was.

Except, of course, one thing, And that is your rent trouble. The only thing that you have to sell is going down almost as fast as the dollar.

And there's the root of the trouble. It isn't that things are getting dearer. It is that you are getting cheaper than they are.

What good does that do you? Grateless wretch! Is it no comfort to know what it really is, even if it's only till April 1st to get on, to have a remedy? Now, in place of crying to have things made cheaper, you have but to insist on being dearer. Pray insist. It amuses.

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INTERESTING BUT NOT EXCITING.

'Adrianople is reported to be in flames and threatened with utter destruction, and Mexico City is falling to pieces under the artillery fire of two contending factions, but no particular excitement can be observed here regarding this destruction of sacred property.

The Chicago paper box king delivered himself of this brilliant view of the situation in the ordinary course of the regular days' work.

In the meantime the little fingers of the diminutive girls toiled on. They cut and shaped and glued together the materials that go to make those little dainty things—trinkets rare or sparkling jewels, or perhaps sometimes meaner things that go into the homes of those we might refer to as the lesser rich.

There are 4,000 girls employed in the cigar-making industry of Philadelphia alone. They also make up the greater part of the payroll in the factories of the tobacco trust.

'Tis said the nation must have its confederates. Therefore we, too, have candy kings who rule o'er little girls toiling endlessly at long benches, dipping chocolates, making caramels and peppermints and bitter sweets and many other sweet and appetizing things.

The glint looms more on. It seems as if some monster whip doth always crack across the backs of girls arched in lines before those things like galley slaves. There is no stopping for a breath, a second's thought or momentary rest.

'The chances are that Mexico City will suffer proportionately as much as Paris did in the Commune, so far as destruction of property is concerned, but five years from now it will be spottier in much the same manner as an accidental fire that might have ravaged the city, while the Paris Commune is still a subject of breathless horror after nearly half a century has passed.

'There would be infinitely more genuine weeping and wailing in capitalist society if a successful social revolution transferred all capitalist property absolutely intact into the collective control of the people than if nine-tenths of the existing capitalist property were actually destroyed in a successful effort to preserve the system from abolition through physical force.

'Every voter who was on the old lists has been struck off, and new lists will be made up during the month. You have only till April 1st to get on, if you are desirous of getting on but had better get busy right away.

'The British Columbia voters' list has been cancelled and voters will have till April 9 to get on again.

Those who think have struck the first blow for freedom. When there are no surplus values to fight over, war will end. To abolish the surplus value—profits—is the mission of the Socialists.

THOSE VERY LITTLE FINGERS.

'Their fingers are so very little, you see. That makes it so much easier for the girls to do the work. Men and women, you know, have big fingers and they cannot do the work so quickly and easily.'

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PATRIOTISM

What a wonderful thing patriotism is. Its composition is a sort of liquid ether that makes those addicted to it use feel like a sixteen-year-old kid on his first cruise of booze.

All one has to do in order to infect someone of the working class with this virus is to shout: "The workmen of Canada are the backbone of the country." The effect is instantaneous.

Has patriotism given YOU anything to be proud of? What about those who have sacrificed their lives under such silly pretense? Can't you hear the cry of the orphans and the lament of the mothers and wives?

There was a great crowd waiting outside the foreign office. Mr. Ellis Barker and Mr. Rosenbaum were conspicuous among the throng. Mr. Leo Maxse had been moved on by the police for shouting through a megaphone, "Tax everything" under the windows.

In another column we print an announcement of an address (in English) to be given in the Labor Temple, Vancouver, by Com. S. Nuorteva, of the Finnish Parliament.

CARDS IN THE DIRECTORY

The local Directory is the same as that in the last issue of the Clarion. Pressure of work has not allowed time for necessary alterations, known to the office, to be made.

Five million Chinese women have been given the franchise.

BALLAD OF THE BOLIVAR.

By Rudyard Kipling. Seven men from all the world, back to the docks again, Rolling down the Ratcliff road, drunk and raising Cain;

Racketing her rivets loose, smoke stack white as snow, All the coals drift on deck, half the balls below.

One by one the lights came up, winked and let us by; Mile by mile we waddled on, coal and focle's short;

Oh! her nose flung up to sky, groaning to be still— Up and down and back we went, never time for breath;

Then a grayback cleared us out, then the skipper laughed; "Boys, the wheel has gone to hell—rig the winches aft!"

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Let the workers make and administer the laws and wealth will belong to those who produce it.

SOCIALISM AND THE SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST

By J. CONNELL

There are people who tell us that Socialism is opposed to the teaching of Science, and that, therefore, it must be unsound. Those people say that the struggle for existence is a physiological law, and that to end it, or even to mitigate its severity, must result in the deterioration of the human species.

ANTIQUITY OF MAN.

The scientific view is that man is the result of an evolutionary process, and if the reader is to understand this process he must banish from his mind the notion that man was first created about six thousand years ago.

Evidences of the antiquity of man are scattered all over the earth. One or two points only can be dealt with here. The proofs furnished by the delta of the Mississippi may be taken first.

We will ask the reader to come back with us in imagination to the time when the conformation of this part of the American continent first became what it is today. That which is now the delta of the Mississippi was then a valley, bounded on either side by a row of hills, which the Yankees call bluffs.

But one need not go to America to find proofs of man's antiquity. They exist here at home. Near the town of Torquay, in Devonshire, there is a cavern called Kent's Cavern, in a limestone hill, which will probably satisfy the most exacting inquirer.

(To be continued.)

THE WAR IN THE BALKANS AND THE WORKING CLASS

(Continued from Page One.)

In any case it can be taken for granted that our God-given (7) rulers will follow out their own interests, and it behooves the working class at this critical juncture to ask themselves some very serious questions regarding their position.

These orders must be disobeyed at all costs. Although Socialism has made great headway within these capitalist States, yet the ruling classes still hope that by means of a lying press and pulpit the war fever shall again seize upon the masses of the people.

Because this is so, it must not be assumed that all the capitalist class desire warfare. The average British capitalist generally desires the "peaceful" exploitation of the working class.

The armies and fleets of the European Powers are in a high state of efficiency; they are commanded by men whose trade is murder and whose hopes of promotion and martial glory can never be realized in times of peace.

Therefore the expressions and prayers for peace in press and pulpit must not be taken very seriously. The Boer War was professed with similar appeals to the Almighty, who, however, proved to be powerless against the machinations of the Rhodes and Chamberlain gang.

Yet it is foolish to believe that the working class can prevent war except by organized effort, and the time is HERE AND NOW, to commence a great campaign against militarism on behalf of the working classes in Europe.

Comrades and fellow-workers, your help is required in the fight. In times of peace we suffer from laborious toil, low wages, and unemployment, and the thousand and one evils that capitalism brings upon us, our wives and children.

Down with the bloody pomp and panoply of war! Long live the International! S.P.R.T.A.C.U.S. (In the Glasgow "Socialist.")

AUCTION BLOCK IN AMERICA.

Associated Press Report. New York, Jan. 31.—That girls are sold at auction in New York by white slave traffickers was charged today by Samuel H. London, of El Paso, Texas, who for seven years has been studying the subject from Alaska to the Panama Canal zone, and from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

In the back room of a cafe in the lower East Side Mr. London says he saw a crowd of men gathered around an auctioneer, who conducted his sale just as he would an ordinary auction of horses.

"No girl in any class is safe, you have but to take notable disappearances like the Dorothy Arnold case."

Slaver's Code.

"I have a code of the white slavers by which agents in one city report the capture of a white slave in another, and she rebels against her master who is forced to submit. I have known of girls who have broken away from men in this city and have gone into another city. The code was used for telegrams just as in every other business and was flashed from city to city. The headquarters for commercialized vice have their agents on the lookout, and the girl is eventually found and terribly maltreated. It is easier to escape the police, than those vigilant agents."

would not lose anything through the catastrophe.

Mr. London was aided in his work in New York by a special agent of the department of justice, and a report was made by the agent to the department at Washington more than a year ago.

Sixty Thousand White Slaves.

"White slavery is carried on in New York on a much larger scale than any other place in the world," said Mr. London. "There are 26,500 white slave captives in the city of New York, amounting 37,000 in all other parts of the country. The slaves are protected by the ward politicians."

"The reason there are so many white slaves in New York is because of the glare and glitter and narrow belief of the average New Yorker that there is no place outside of New York."

"If the people at large knew the real condition they would be horrified. The trust has agents working in all the sweat shops. There it is easy to pick out the best looking girls, because of the hard conditions under which the girls work."

To the heathen or orthodox economist the social world is a meaningless scuffle in which the fiercest or least come to the top and without any other law to govern. To the Socialist every event falls into its proper category and confirms his belief and strengthens his hope and endeavor.

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