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GOVERNMENTAL THEORY AND PRACTICE

GOVERNMENT IN ACTION

On Vancouver Island Gives the Lie to the Professions of Its Beneficiaries.

The wage war between the mine owners and the mine workers of Vancouver Island is still on. But instead of being confined to Cumberland and Ladysmith, it has been extended to the rest of the mines throughout the island, the miners everywhere responding to the call almost to a man.

The sympathetic attitude of the miners of Nanaimo, prior to being called on to take part in the strike, has been the cause of much speculation.

Commercial Travellers Said "The miners of Nanaimo are well satisfied with their condition, and have no desire to be drawn into trouble which would affect the harmony that exists between them and their employers."

The whole capitalist press stated that "The men of Nanaimo were good, respectful and loyal British subjects, who realized the necessity of the mutual peace and harmony of employer and employee, whose interests are identical, if the prosperity which they have in the past, and still are enjoying, must be continued."

Real estate sharks said: "The miners of Nanaimo, for the most part, own their own homes; they are property holders, and they realize that if they join the organization in sufficient numbers, they will be called out in sympathy with Cumberland and Ladysmith, and they would run the risk of losing their property, hence, they refrained from joining the union. Besides, they have no use for any foreign organization.

They must have a union that must be a good Canadian union. However, by a Fine Stroke of Tact and Strategy which could only be accomplished by men of long and bitter experience in such work, the whitest element were won from a number of the mines, and all their theories exploded. This strike came like a bolt from the blue.

At the end of a week, every man in Nanaimo had joined the union. The reason they didn't join before was because the boss had so many suckers and spies on hand that made effective organization impossible. This action of the miners of Nanaimo is evidence that their condition, no matter how low it may be, is not to their satisfaction.

That the interests of employer and employee are not identical. That they are the simple patriots, who satelliite often would have us believe, and that even though they do own property, that they prefer a Fighting Organization and No Property.

Increased Output of Crispettes, copries and cold cash. The merchants are dealing in articles that are still weeping and wailing and gnashing their teeth. The only people to "report progress" are the doctors and undertakers. The strike-breakers are reaping and sowing, and are being fined \$20 and costs for stealing another's blankets.

Last pay day a few strike-breakers were out drinking together and talking about to which side they were loyal subjects. Words came to blows. As a result a striker was arrested for assault. The man arrested was a mental in-law, who had been in the hospital in receiving the truth of the facts to his fellow countrymen that had been called to come here to work.

Not the slightest evidence to prove the man's guilt, one of our Provincial judges appeared to the court to convict this man, that an example may be set to the rest. However, the man was released. This same judge was told by the chief of police that he had the right to walk around with rubber shoes on. That he was a suspicious character, and he should wear shoes that would enable people to find him approaching. The chief of police said that he had the right to wear his shoes and that his bare feet were on the ground. Another Provincial policeman was up before the court for assaulting a striker.

For assaulting a striker being accused of knocking a man down without provocation, and kicking him. In view of the abundance of evidence to prove the man guilty, sufficient evidence was produced to convince the judge that he was innocent, hence he was released. All manner of means and devices are being resorted to to incite the men to violence, but all their efforts are in vain. The men on the strike are the most part survivors of more than one strike. They have proved that they are not only fighters but that they also know how to fight.

The Latest Saboteur is the charge of the union officials concerning with the mine operators of

THEY'LL AWAKE

By Will Gribble.

The workers are sleeping, as we were one day. Till somebody gave us a shocker. The workers are easy as gibbers to play. And he robbed of the wealth that they make; The workers are foolish, the workers are tame, But we can look back to when we were the same, Although we should far from them, we never should blame, By blame we can never awake.

On their eyes it's our duty the light to direct, As someone once did on our eyes; The will, as we did, in time stand erect, Intent on the work as a prize. They'll come, they are coming, in power sublime, To combat and to punish old Capital's crime; They will strike off their chains in the fullness of time, When enough shall, restles, arise.

NEW WAR MENACE AND THE WORKERS

(By G. Dimitroff, Secretary of the Bulgarian Trade Union Central.)

The clouds so long overshadowing the Balkan Peninsula have not yet been dispelled, but seem to have grown blacker and more terrible. We are on the eve of a new and more frightful war—a war between the Christian allies over the dividing up of the spoils won from the military slaughter probably exists in this appalling catastrophe, the consequences of which are beyond the pale of human imagination, being averted. It seems that the agents—provocateurs of European imperialism in the Balkan Peninsula, have a special interest in such a catastrophe, in order to realize their dreams of freebootery.

On the other hand, the madness of the government and the authorities, especially in Bulgaria and Serbia, has reached such a stage that they neither shrink from seeing their people completely destroyed, nor from the military so frequently takes place in the army. The mutineers—i.e., the majority of the troops—openly demand that the war be concluded, and the army mobilized; they want to return to their homes and declare themselves against war with Serbia.

Meanwhile the poverty of the working classes is growing deeper, and further help is forthcoming from the municipalities. The state displays absolutely no concern for the poor working population. Things have reached such a stage that masses of starving women and children are meeting in the streets and before the town halls, protesting against the plight in which

WHAT GOVERNMENT IS

Which Is Not What the Rulers Would Like Us to Believe.

What would we do without government? How often this question is asked of the Socialist who endeavors to explain the state of affairs to his fellow slaves. Without government! Would it not be just as sane a question to inquire what we would do without masters? To the Socialist either question must be answered when he glances back to review the centuries of social evolution; white to the non-Socialist both must seem the expression of high intelligence, as anything else but a contradiction to existing conditions.

In all the different avenues of learning we are given to understand, by the instructive use, that government is merely an agent for regulating as smoothly as possible the mechanism of society. That by its rights and freedom of all the people is assured, that when a person, or number of persons, begin to create disturbances of another or others, that the machinery of government is treated at the disposal of those who see already of the need of it.

Quite a nice definition! But they forget to tell us that government is, and has always been, the tool of those who own, to keep in subjection those who are dispossessed. That other societies before the inception of slavery have got along without it. That only when a certain stage of evolution had been reached, the institution of slavery was introduced as a means of property by the father's children, thus centralizing wealth in the family and forming a power apart from the early gens; the consequence of the less progressive of the primitive tribes by those who were more advanced; that only when these changes were accomplished was another institution necessary to stabilize, rather than extend, the machinery of traffic rules, and have it replaced by a system that secured the property of private individuals, and later on, of a class, the aristocracy, the form that has previously existed. And this was provided with the establishment of government—an institution that was never meant to voice the interests of the masses, but to protect the property that existed in early society, but on the contrary, organized for the purpose of perpetrating the division of classes on a property basis, giving to the ruling class the power to rule and exploit the masses, whose only means of existence is in selling themselves to a master, either for life as in the case of the slave, or for a few days or the day, or the week, as in the capitalist system of today.

Being founded in early years to perform this function, for the very same purpose it has been maintained. That government may take, whether a monarchy, an aristocracy, or a democracy, one thing is certain, that where such an institution as government is necessary, there must also be something to be enslaved or governed. As it appeared in early history the state was openly and above board on studied, and so clearly understood by the masses that it was in the hands of the masters to maintain their

Authority over the Slaves and who were bought and sold like cattle and sheep. There was no hypocritical pretence, such as exists in the control of property the government represented the interests of all the people, for the slaves were not at that time recognized as members of the state, and were not entitled to the benefits accruing from its existence.

But in bourgeois society—a system supposed to be founded the liberty, freedom, and equality of all—there is no such thing. It must Not Appear that any institution remains for the purpose of coercing one class

British "Representation" The Daily Citizen, the organ of the Labor Party, has published a table showing the different interests represented in the House of Commons. The classes (6,000,000) are as follows: eight in nine of the seats, shared almost equally by the Tory and Liberal parties. The working class (40,000,000) are eight in nine of the seats, and they hold one in nine of the seats. And the workers send them all there.

De la Barra, Mexican minister of foreign affairs, takes first prize as humorist. Formally and solemnly he declares that Mexico cannot for the present recognize the new Chinese Republic, since "conditions there are too unsettled."

Men belong to unions and pay dues all through the year to protect their freedom in price. The editor was arrested on days go to the polls and vote men into power whom they have been paying out their money to fight—

The Socialist movement is going ahead in the Argentine. In spite of corruption that baffles description, two seats were won in recent by-elections for the Congress, making a total of four seats in that body held by the Socialist Party.

The Socialist Party in Virginia have come out of the contest, with the mine owners' executive (the state government) with flying colors. All the suppressed passions and the national and state-wide campaign with meetings and literature is being organized which will reach every square mile of the state.

"Here's freedom for him that had read; Here's freedom for him that had seen; Here's freedom for him that had written; Here's freedom for him that had saved the truth and had led it." —Hana

The first of May was celebrated in Servia on what corresponds to the 15th of the month. The editor saw the spectacle of 7,000 demonstrators parading the streets demanding the cessation of the war. They marched through the streets lined with military. Small parades took place throughout the country.

STAY AWAY FROM VANCOUVER ISLAND GOAL MINES AS THESE ARE NOW INVOLVED

WOMEN IN INDUSTRY

The position of women in the class struggle today should be seriously considered by men and women alike, for it is only by the abolition of this system that emancipation of both can be accomplished.

This vital problem finds its solution in the quotations of Marx and Engels. They say that the more modern industry becomes developed, the more is the labor of man superseded by that of woman; difference of age and sex have no longer any distinctive social validity, for under capitalism the working class are but instruments of labor more or less expensive, according to age and sex.

When we consider the accelerating rate at which women are taking the places of men in every sphere of industry possible, it is obvious that in the near future, owing to the high efficiency and simplicity of the machine, man will be a minus quantity in some of the staple industries.

Here is where an error is sometimes made by the beginner studying economics. He at once concludes that because a commodity has been produced by female labor, and the labor power of woman is cheaper to the employer than that of man, the value of the commodity produced will be affected. This is erroneous, because if a commodity is produced by

ATOMS--AND THE MASS

(By Willfrid Gribble.)

(In answer to a comrade who wrote asking for "advice" and "advice" and "advice") You ask advice of me, comrade and friend— Be patient to strive, impatient for the end; That you can do, but little need I tell. It is for you to do that little well.

Encouragement! The fight is hard, I know; There's little for you to show; As you see weeks and months and years fly pass; Be not discouraged—atoms make the mass.

You do a little, I a little too, And millions more are doing as we do, And millions more to come will do as we, And when enough—the workers will be free.

Comrade, take heart of grace; your work will last. As has the work of rebels of the past; We share a common fate, and share a common goal; We'll add what more we can—and pass it on.

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OUR CONSTRUCTIVE PROGRAM.

The question of our constructive program is a point that has been raised, and will always be raised. It is a point upon which the future of the Socialist Party depends.

But education, such as is carried on by the Socialist Party, is constructive, and on the other hand, reforms, when originated by the working class, are destructive.

Therefore educate! Educate and organize! If every member of the working class in the Rocky Mountain district was properly educated they would all have voted the Socialist ticket.

ATOMS OF THE TRUTH.

An Organizer's Point.

When we try to analyze the mind of the workers as a class, and see the spatio displayed, especially by those who are the most oppressed, we may ask ourselves the question: Of what use is the state?

Therefore, any state that allows obstacles to be placed in the path of education for no other purpose than to obtain and amass fortunes, and make us become more docile and submissive, will find that great things never develop from small minds and dwarfed bodies.

This system of society through which we must evolve has reached an advanced stage of decay, and human society is transmuted into a state of mental and physical degeneracy.

Not being one of the type who are easily discouraged, I thought it wise to give the puppets a week to consider, and perhaps they would come to their senses.

On my return the slimy swamp snakes had accumulated a little more poison. I was again refused to partake of a meal in the Company's eating house and was told to go from the place; but I was determined to speak, so as the men were finishing supper I started to address them.

After speaking for about ten minutes one of the special thugs employed by the Company to do dirty work came along and told me to stop speaking and go from their property.

Along Came the Manager.

McAllen, and another plug ugly with white teeth, they demanded me to beat it, while the going was good. I told him if he could make the going good to wade right in. It would almost seem that no manhood was left in the vast bulk of the working class, for while McAllen and I were exchanging remarks, a few hundred men ran into their filthy hovels, hiding their head for fear they would be seen and they might possibly lose their 27 1/2 cent job.

Some of the docile, submissive job-hunters ran away had the false courage to tell me they were I. W. W. men; with such men the spirit of direct action must have died a natural death in the face of competition for who must eat the next meal.

When the meeting was over I walked on to the next station, and

Flagged the Train for Exshaw.

where they manufacture cement. About 400 slaves are employed in and around this factory, some of them being paid as low as 22 1/2 cents per hour, and they lug their chains, as if working in an atmosphere laden with cement dust was the only means of existence on this earth.

"Human actions are governed by human knowledge," so says Buckle. We must admit that a certain amount of truth is contained in that statement, for the actions shown by the majority of workers at the last election in Alberta did not show a very high standard of knowledge, especially of things pertaining to our own material interests.

"Actions being governed by knowledge," if that be true, what is knowledge, and how is it obtained? Man's sense of activity is the starting point of all knowledge, and it has been slowly and gradually developed from that of his nearest relatives, the primates.

There is one thing more which I must not allow to go unmentioned, and that is the spirit manifested by many of the workers, especially the miners throughout the Kicking Horse Pass. They asked no questions concerning the actions of certain individuals, some of them in Vancouver, Calgary, Lethbridge and other places who were supposed to be Socialists and leaders of labor.

VINCENY PROSHAM.

AFTERMATH OF THE RUHR STRIKE

The great coal strike in Germany of last year was hampered by the action of the Christian unions, which attacked the strikers in securing evidence against the strikers. More than 2000 strikers have been prosecuted, of 1200 were sentenced to prison, 274 men and 148 women were acquitted, and in 29 cases the charges were dropped because the strikers had no money to pay their lawyers.

SOCIALISTS AND ORGANIZATION.

A Socialist should always be a convinced optimist, and not only that, but firm in the knowledge that his principles are absolutely inviolable, and he certainly should not waver in the attitude of the average worker towards Socialism.

It is not passive agreement that is wanted but—fighters—ORGANIZED WORKERS. It is possible to carry on propaganda without money, but the working class must proceed to its emancipation as a class.

"WE RISE TO REMARK"

The Socialist Party of Canada has needed to prevent any comrade from doing propaganda, but has not always assisted—even those who do not adopt its tactics; very often too, when they do not much encourage them.

I know that you do not mean to do evil to the Socialist movement, but the road to hell is paved with good intentions—and it is KNOWLEDGE—not good intentions—that our masters fear.

The S. P. C. never did discourage "unity," but always has, and does now, offer a welcome to all comrades to join with us. Now that the Dominion executive and the B. C. convention have declared themselves, suppose you turn the trick back on the lawyer, and also show your GREAT LOVE FOR "UNITY" by pointing the finger of scorn, and leveling "The S. P. C. members, if they wish to bring about unity, will have to take the initiative over the heads of their executive."

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