

THE ARMOR-PLATE PATRIOTS

CAUGHT WITH THE GOODS

Socialist Representative in the Reichstag Lays Bare the Motives of the "Patriots" PERSONAL DOCUMENTS. (Copy)

Yours faithfully, For the German Arms and Ammunition Factory, W. VAN GUNTARD, POSEGARTEN.

DR. LIEBKNECHT'S EXPOSURE OF THE ARMAMENTS CONSPIRACY

In these days when Conservative papers can cry, "Lord, give us a war!" and military writers pray that we may be saved from false righteousness...

DR. LIEBKNECHT'S SPEECH, 19TH APRIL

The Minister for War says that in the present Krupp affair certain sorts of secrets have not been betrayed. Secrets have been betrayed. The Minister must be aware of that.

"Needless to say, I have informed the Minister for War of these facts. The Minister has taken every step that the case demands, proceeding both against the military and the civilian officials implicated; the inquiry has now concluded and has established what I have said down to the last iota.

Propaganda Meeting held every Sunday at 7:30 P.M. in the EMPRESS THEATRE. Meetings at 8:30 P.M. in the Palace of the Working Class on Thursdays.



THE BALKAN MUDDLE

A few months ago the capitalist papers were loud in their denunciation of the terrible Turk. No accusation was thought too strong to hurl against the land of harems and tobacco.

All this great desire for change for stronger motives, and they seem the government and the people of Turkey have long been worshippers at the shrine of Mahomet. They never evinced any friendly relations to the capitalist missionaries who were sent to convert them.

With anything like the precision their importance deserves, would require a volume instead of a page; while the other members of the Balkan Confederacy have done their utmost to keep stronger neighbors, but notwithstanding this strange situation, a war broke out.

Workers can expect nothing new in Canada; but just sufficient to enable them to live and propagate the species is the slaves portion all over the world. It is not this the same Duke of Sutherland family in Scotland, trying the same plundering game in Canada that they practiced on innocent and ignorant clannishmen of their own nation?

It is only a matter of time until commodity production will reach its limit. Only a few more years and the burden of surplus values will cease to move, no more gets open to new markets. Stagnation, unemployment, poverty, starvation and death will burn the shell of capitalism and then will spring forth not a primitive communism; but a modern communism, when every person, irrespective of color or creed, will produce and enjoy the full extent of what is produced, rendering compulsory migration impossible.

"YOU STOLE IT ALL" My hair is gray, and furrowed is my brow. My limbs are maimed, my strength is gone; I have the moustache look upon my brow. As if I were to them unknown, I built the house, the mansion where you dwell, I tilled the soil that yields you daily bread; I wore the elks that wrap you in their furs; I saw the young and all my strength are fled, And now you stand beneath the sky my bed, You stole it all—my youth, my hopeful life, You drank my blood through hard and constant toil; You starved my child and drove to shame my wife, To add a tittle to your lavish life. —RADMANN A. WIDING.

OBJECTIONS CONSIDERED AND MET

The writer has recently been made the recipient of an interesting communication from an acquaintance of his in the Old Country, a regular reader of "The Western Clarion," and a studious youth to boot, wherein a slight criticism is launched at this poor ink-blinger's article on "Objections to Socialism" in Clarion No. 712, dated March 15, 1913.

The above mentioned critical observation is couched in the following terms, and considering that there may be many others in the same position as my friend, I have taken it upon myself to give some kind of an explanation.

"I have read your article dealing with Objections, and in the main, think you dealt with it well. Your remarks about the church are very sweeping, and no grounds are stated for them. I am not trying to defend the church, as my opinion of it has not changed, but when making statements of this kind it is as well to state, I think, the reason for them, as mere denunciation, to a person with a deeply rooted belief is like water on a duck's back. They class you as a blasphemer, and not worthy to be taken notice of."

"Then again you remark about the future Society's provision for literature, art, and science, and suggest that it will look after it as well as the present society, but state that you cannot prophesy. There is a vein of uncertainty about that which might not favorably impress a reader searching for knowledge, and would perhaps cause him to wonder whether that society would not be worse than the present one. It could not be much worse, I admit."

"I suppose you could support the remark by a reference to history and previous changes in the basis of Society, but everyone has not studied things from this viewpoint."

Now let us be perfectly clear about this matter. I had dealt with several stock objections to Socialism, in a rather crude fashion. I will allow, and after having spent quite a time upon those I considered as being most important, just used the little space at my disposal to refer to the very common objection, "Socialism will destroy religion."

Taking religion to be the institution we find bearing that name today, remembering the opposition all through the ages that the church has offered to science and progress, not omitting the fact of her burning of heretics, "witches," etc., etc., and knowing that at the present moment she stands for the hypnotizing of the human mentality in the interests of the ruling class, crying "peace, peace, when there is no peace," I think my statement "that the sooner such an obnoxious institution was swept into oblivion the better for all concerned"—whether blasphemy or no from a capitalist standpoint, was certainly in order from the viewpoint of the great, useful portion of society, the working class.

I know I might have made a more searching analysis of the question, showing the economic basis for religion, pointing out that in every succeeding economic epoch, religion, along with other institutions, changed in accordance with changes in the manner of wealth production and distribution. That, as Roman Catholicism was the ideal religion for Feudal Society, Dogmatic Protestantism, or the religion of the Calvinistic Bible puncher, was made possible only under a system of production, whose economic golden text, "it is not of him that willeth, or of him that runneth, but of the wisdom of superior economic powers," was in keeping with the religion which inevitably sprang therefrom.

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"DOLLAR PATRIOTISM."

We are shortly to be favored with the sight of a perambulating advertisement of the armor-plate trust in the shape of the battleship "New Zealand," whose arranged trip to these shores has been assiduously boosted in the capitalist press for these many weeks.

These capitalists, congressmen which deal in the munitions of wholesale murder—guns, powder, armor-plate, uniforms, etc.—form, if not the largest, numerically, at least the most influential, because of their immense wealth, groups in the parliaments of the great nations, and also in those of the South American republics.

They are despatching valuable energy by carping at those who, working in the same field as yourself, though unaided, are trying to do away with the adict to adopt different methods than your own.

THE STATUS OF THE WORKER.

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criticism of the actions of revolutionary parties, the nature of whose propaganda problems you of all people are the best equipped to understand.

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FROM A "CANDID FRIEND."

Being Some Comments on the Letter to the Editor of the Western Clarion, August 1, 1913.

organization which the majority of the people are compelled to live under. For the present we will not take into account the excessive crudities of the time, such as child labor, and patented machinery, and other dangers.

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2. The democratic organization and management of the working class. The irrepressible conflict of interest between the capitalist and the worker is rapidly culminating in a struggle for possession of the means of production. To accomplish this necessitates the transformation of capitalist property in the means of wealth production into collective or working-class property.

3. The establishment, as specifically as possible, of production for use instead of production for profit. The Socialist Party when in office should always and everywhere defend their property rights in the means of wealth production and their control of the product of labor.

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that is what he is doing now. He has been editing a paper for the "outs." The returns probably do not total enough to him. So he is to enter greener fields.

Hebert claims that the regular organization in this state is an I.W.O. organization. The state party is offered by P.O. LITIGAL, Socialists. He makes this claim to cover up his own compromise and to attract the attention of his supporters here.

There never has been a time in the recollection of any Vancouver Socialist when so much propaganda work was done in the city as is being done at present.

At least two open air meetings are being held every night in the week with an extra open air meeting and a theatre meeting on Sunday.

There is no reason why all this propaganda work should be confined to Vancouver alone. Every little hamlet or town in B. C. has been communicated with.

Ontario and Quebec locals are busy making preparations for their coming annual convention in Gribble (Wabou, at the time of writing), in Brandon.

From the Atlantic to the Pacific the signs of activity are everywhere. The circulation of the Clarion is improving as a consequence.

The attention of B. C. comrades and locals is drawn to the contribution to the Provincial Organizing Fund by the comrades in Toronto.

A new local with 32 charter members has been formed in Kenora, Ont., chiefly due to the good work done by Comrade Hartley of Winnipeg.

Comrade J. B. Osborne, of Oakland, Cal., has written for arrangements to be made for a trip through the Coast.

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Editor Clarion:—In reply to your request for a letter on conditions in the Maritime Provinces from the Socialist point of view, I don't know what I can say that would be of any particular interest.

The latest movement which is to remove the cause of labor unrest, and put the Socialist propagandist out of business is "scientific management and industrial efficiency."

The man machine is to be geared and tuned to such a condition that he will be in perfect harmony with the mechanical forces and implements at which he toils, and, through that harmony of action, the whole of the life force of the individual, will be utilized with a minimum of waste in the production of profit.

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WHAT ABOUT IT? I passed my copy of the Western Clarion last week, and was sorry to learn that it was in financial difficulties so soon after its revival.

The lifeblood of a paper is its circulation—the very existence of a Socialist paper depends on the funds received from new subscriptions, and one of the reasons I believe why the Clarion is backward in this respect is because it has always been a "trial-blower."

To follow in its trail is comparatively an easy matter: to exploit the rising spirit of revolt already in evidence without attempting to still further educate and guide towards the goal of intelligent revolt has proven a successful, if not commendable, line of action by most Socialist publications.

It has at length come to this, and we may as well admit it now as later, that the ups and downs (usually during) experienced by the Clarion during its existence has proven conclusively that we cannot depend upon the already educated and revolutionary readers to push its circulation.

To be a factor in moulding men's minds to the revolutionary ideas of working class action the Clarion must ever continue its hitherto uncompromising course, but to increase its usefulness and to become the power that such a policy makes possible I believe some necessary change as I have suggested is necessary.

Comrade C. M. O'Brien and going trip into Montana recently and got into hot water right away, but got out with flying colors. He was addressing a street meeting in Conrad when a limb of the law pulled him off the box, and allowed to speak on the streets of Conrad.

Just as a man to develop his muscles must exercise, so an organization to hold its members and build itself up, must work. It must exercise an organization, or it cannot live.—Argu.

