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SIMILAR METHODS IN S. A. AND B. C.

BUTCHERY ON THE RAND

The Aftermath of the Boer War. Death Comes Quickly—If Not By Disease, Then By the Bullet.

Putumayo is not such an ancient history but that one person here and there, with an exceptional memory for grisly tales of barbarity and suffering, can with an effort recall something of the facts of that interesting case. The present writer endeavored to show that the wave of indignation which swept over the land, from the Cabinet Ministers in our (immaculate) Parliament to the poor folk (now deceased) who once stirred the nation's soul with their deathless poem calling upon the British bulldogs to "Hurry Up for Fly-Skate!"

It is the story of Whitehaven retold in more colorful letters. There is no need for me to repeat the facts of the case, but I will give you a few figures which will show the extent of the crime. The following table shows the number of deaths in the Transvaal during the Boer War:

Years of service.	Percentage of men affected.
2 1/2	25
3 1/2	55
4 1/2	70
5 1/2	80
6 1/2	90
7 1/2	100

There can be no escape from such a mass of evidence supplied by the captives themselves. In the Transvaal, it is estimated that over 100,000 natives have been killed in the phrase "since the war." (Mr. R. L. Outwater, M.P. in "Reynolds," 6.7.13.)

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PUTTING DOWN REBELLION.

A Liberal Government are in power. This, of course, is equal to saying that during the period of the present administration we have had many notorious examples up to date, and now we are treated to another, in which humble people in Ireland are arrested and charged with conspiring to bring about a general strike.

We are perfectly well aware that a statement does not necessarily have to untrue to be false. We know that a famous lawyer has laid it down that "the greater the truth the greater the libel," and it will be very interesting, in view of the use that was made of troops in Belfast a year or so back, in view of the part the military played in the great railway strike of August, 1911, in view of the police activities in Manchester, Liverpool, and London during the last year, in view of the menace of the gun-boats at Grimsby and Hull, and within the last fortnight, at Leth; it will be interesting, we repeat, in view of all this, to observe that the Government intend to rely upon the truth of the libel to mask the enormity of the "crime."

However, we do not blame the Government for representing every attack upon the conduct of the ruling class as a "crime." The soldiers and police are used by the Government to crush the working man when he stands up for his rights, and the force of the law is used to prevent those forces to be set in motion directly a blow is aimed at those who control them. To let light in upon the purpose of the armed forces was therefore bound to be regarded by the law officers of the Crown as of the highest importance. Only what might be expected, therefore, has happened.

The latest piece of bullying, however, shows up the Liberal's what they are—the most cowardly of all politicians.

GRAY HAIRS.

Gray hairs come not through pleasant long years. But come through hours of grief without tears For the dear that got wrecked, and who never appears.

Gray hairs come but through hours of sorrow, Through night's sleepless until the morrow, And through the dark moments your death wish to borrow.

Gray hairs come not through glee and leisure, Come not through years of ease and pleasure, But come through the toll of your strength's daily measure.

Gray hairs come not through eyes by the fire With child and wife; but when hopes When vainly your dear ones bread from you require.

Gray hairs come not through being ill-fated, Come through the weal that ye have created While being to slaves, not to masters, related.

—RADIANT A. WIDING.

A portion of the late King Edward's letters are to be destroyed—there's a reason.

The Salvation Army are supplying strikers with the suit and cloak-makers strike in Vancouver.

For "King" Carson can openly incite to rebellion, and even go the length of enrolling and swearing thousands for the adventure, yet the Government dare not lay hands upon the powerful rebel. But when it comes to a couple of shop-assistants, then—why then it looks like a dodge of Lloyd-Georgean cunning to convert them to Home Rule by the simple device of locking it of "Saxons" tyranny.—SOC. STANDARD.

"JUSTICE" IN CUMBERLAND

Capitalist Courts Performing Their Function As Bulwarks of Capitalist Interests.

Last week an article appeared in the Clarion on the recent affairs on Vancouver Island, and a letter from Joe Naylor. Probably a little more on the subject will be interesting to readers. Naylor was without doubt the most popular and powerful man belonging to the I. W. O. in Cumberland, and was respected for his integrity even by the strike-breakers, but being a class-conscious man he was naturally a thorn in the side of the capitalists, and a victim of the rapacious thugs that are at present infesting the Island.

Previous to his arrest he had conducted a here from the beginning of the strike, and his wisdom and judgment in all matters was asked for and acted upon, so it is easy for one who has learnt to look upon things from the standpoint of the capitalist, to exclaim that he is now in jail. For nearly eleven months the powers that be have been scheming for his arrest. When, in the week previous to July 19, he was arrested, the I. W. O. members were going to drive the strikers out of town, the latter massed on the main street to await the onslaught, and Joe was busy keeping the boys from getting into the street, and keeping perfect order until a scab by the name of Cave, big of frame and apparently glorying in his position as the leader, came into town with about twenty more. About 8 p.m. July 19th, one of his men clashed with a striker, and both were arrested. The strike-breaker was proved to be the aggressor and fined \$10 and costs, the striker being discharged. This was the commencement of the supposed riot. Cave walked back up the street challenging the strikers to fight, until one of the latter took it up, and they clashed. The strikers were then gathered round, and he was released—and that is about all that happened.

About a week after arrests were made, all of them of indubitable offences were discharged. This was the execution of their duty. These cases were so flagrantly unjust that it raised the indignation of the whole population. The mayor and his whole staff were so impressed with the justice of the case that the strikers and the way the police were shielding the instigator Cave that he had a warrant issued for the latter's arrest, and he was taken into custody, for which the case came up for hearing the information had not been signed, although the mayor put it in the hands of the judge himself.

Naylor's case was generally accepted as the result of his endeavor to restrain Cave, and shows plainly how the authorities and the company are working together to break the strike. It is difficult to see how the police, the men who were working directly and indirectly, around the mines. As the outside work is a source of supply for strike-breakers, this irritated the strikers.

EXPLOITATION OF LABOR. In so far as wealth is expressed in terms of exchange value, it is not to assert that labor produces it all. If labor produces all wealth, as expressed in such terms, and other than the producers are found to be in possession of it, it logically follows that some of some trick or device, they have been deprived of possession. In other words, they have been plundered, unless it can be shown that they received an equivalent to their products. If change therefore, would be to completely nullify capitalist profit. Such an assumption, however, cannot be entertained, as it is well known to everyone that the capitalist class is continually being built up through the operation of productive industries, which would manifestly be an impossibility were the workers given an equivalent in exchange for what they produce.

As a rule the worker receives an equivalent in exchange for his labor-power (mental and physical energy) necessary to the production of such a commodity. He receives an equivalent from day to day. But he can produce far more value than he himself consumes. This arises from the fact that with the modern implements and methods of production the productive power of a laborer (skilled or unskilled) for a given time, say one day, is sufficient to produce more than enough food, etc., to sustain him for the day. In other words, by one day's labor he can produce enough food, etc., to generate more than one day's labor-power, receiving as an equivalent the price of one day's labor-power in the place of the one sold, and he received all that he was justly entitled to out of the transaction. He was paid for what he sold—his labor-power, not for the result of his labor, or what he did. The difference of the exchange value of his labor power and that of the products that came into existence as the result of his exploitation, measures the extent of his exploitation, and whatever little pleasures afterwards indulged in by the members of the capitalist class, are merely the ceremonies, customs and courtesies peculiar to thieves busily engaged in dividing the plunder accruing from their ransacking operations. Such a state of affairs is known to all, and has already been done up. His exploitation was made complete under the wage trick. Unless he understands that he is skinned not only as a worker, but as a consumer, he will be every day a victim of the "robbed as a consumer" belly-ache.

CIRCULAR LETTER ISSUED BY B. C. FEDERATION OF LABOR

Tuesday, Sept. 2, 1913. To All Labor Unions in the Province of British Columbia.

Fellow Workers:—For the past eleven months a lot of us have been working at the mines in Ladysmith and Cumberland. On May last the miners of Nanaimo and South Wellington went on strike to support their fellow-workers and also to secure better conditions for themselves.

The Provincial Government was requested by the Federation last January to attempt to bring about a settlement between the operators and the miners. Instead of so doing the district was flooded with special police who have acted as scoundrels and generally harassed the strikers.

In spite of this the operators were unable to break the strike and as a last resort the militia were called into use, in order that those most active in the strike might be removed out of the district, or put in prison.

Over one hundred and sixty miners have been thrown into jail on the most frivolous charges. In the afternoon of the 1st of September, Vice-president J. J. Taylor, is among those in jail. The Nanaimo representative of the workers in the legislature has been committed for trial on the charge of conspiracy, in intention being to deprive the workers of Nanaimo of a representative in the legislature.

It should be borne in mind that the only two working-class organizations in the Province are the B. C. Federation of Labor and the B. C. Miners' Association. The latter is a body of men who have been elected by the miners now on strike, and that the main cause of the present strike was the non-enforcement of the Coal Mines Regulation Act, in its entirety.

We are convinced that this is an organized government to stamp out this working class representation on the island, in the hope of killing the growth of the workers' political movement, and to prevent them from keeping in existence an industrial organization. The Federation was formed for the purpose of protecting as far as possible the interests of its membership.

The coal miners on Vancouver Island are affiliated with the Federation and for several weeks a number of members and officers of organized labor have been urging the officers of the Federation to call a general strike as a protest against these methods that are being used by the provincial government. In an attempt to break the miners' strike.

However, each organization when it affiliates with the Federation reserves the right to govern itself in its own way. Therefore as each union has its own autonomy the Executive Board of the Federation has not the power to call a general strike, moreover it has no funds to carry on an extended strike. We are also aware that a number of the organizations have agreements with their employers covering a period of four years.

Despite these conditions, adverse to a general protest of organized labor against the endeavors of the government to undermine our freedom of action on Vancouver Island, we believe that the membership of the Federation have the right to express their approval or disapproval of the provincial government's attempt to break the short duration, by its workers of British Columbia. If you are willing to lay down your tools and leave your employment for a period of forty-eight hours, in order to make the most emphatic protest possible against the actions of the government, you will vote "YES," if however, you approve of the actions of the government, you will attempt to defeat the workers you will vote "NO." The officers of the Federation have no power save that granted by the support of the membership. We do not call upon you to protect the working-class but the members of that class. We request that special meetings be called to deal with the following: the earliest possible date. After the vote has been taken local secretaries will please fill out the attached form and forward at once to P. O. Box 164, Vancouver, B. C.

MEMORABILIA. By "WAP." A flying visit of the most illustrious professor, Elbert Hubbard, was made to the city of Vancouver some few weeks ago, of which a most striking account is given by the learned gentleman himself in the August issue of Maclean's Magazine.

It is a wonderful thing that one wonders what kind of animal this "long suffering public" is, for of all the puerile pliffs that ever appeared in the columns of a profligate press, there is none so stupid as the typical bourgeois muckraker states that: "Happy and healthy are the People who Work."

After this he dilates upon the blessings of work, the glories of the Single Tax, etc., etc., until the reader's head begins to swim. Let it if it were too solid to perform such an aquatic stunts. However, we have known men who WORKED in the ditch with a pick and shovel until their backs looked like a camel's, and their hands became like iron, and their feet like granite, and the cotton mills of Lancashire until their faces took on a death-like hue, and whose teeth fell out in consequence of the regular process of such work; we have known plunders who became more and more like the puddling-furnace who worked every day of their lives, owing to the constant prosecution of that health-giving, happiness-producing exercise of WORK; we have known—what's the use?

We, who have handled the pick and shovel, who WORK at the mill, mine, puddling-furnace, etc., and whose labor produces everything of value on this terrestrial globe, recommend a good course of WORK, such as the I. W. O. (especially of the "Old Mother" type), our silk-and-ladies and all the rest who can so advantageously mouth pleasant platitudes. Know in advance that we are now engaged in discussing our fellow WORKERS so that, when suddenly enlightened, they will proceed to take the fruit of their own labor for themselves.

Propaganda Meeting and Party Sunday Evening. EMPRESS THEATRE. Reservations: Dr. East. In the interests of the Working Class. Tickets: 5c, 10c, 15c. Doors open 7:30. 9:00 P.M. DISCUSSION.

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government. By Gerca condemnation and such days of hunger they hope to attract sufficient support from the un-intelligent portion of the workers as will enable them to oust from office the present occupants of the treasury benches and that they will be able to take a more coveted position themselves. 'Tis a forlorn hope, but 'tis a hope, and there has been existing on hope for it, these many days.

Economic development in B. C. has removed the necessity for the presence in the political field of a party representing the small fry of capitalist class. Big capital reigns supreme, and its requirements are fully met by its traditional political expression, the Liberal party.

The "Labor" party is a party (its still more forlorn) hope remains to them. That lies in renouncing the name of "Liberal" and adopting that of "Labor." Experiments on that line in B. C. and Alberta in the past have been disastrous, it is true, and are doomed to be more so in the future, but Liberal politicians are themselves the remnants of the class they represent as are notorious for their lack of political insight as for their proclivity in the arts of chicanery, fraud and deceit.

THE LESSON FOR THE WORKERS. British Colonial capitalist rulers and their tools are busy writing history these days, and incidentally their own epitaph. It is significant that this is happening in those portions of "Our Globe" which comprise the most completely subject to the rule of big aggregations of capital—South Africa and British Columbia. In both these portions of the Empire the middle class and its political expression is, in the main, a failure. The field is pretty well cleared of their confusing and misleading influence. In the former the gold and diamond magnates have things their own way, and in the latter the railway and coal and oil owners carry the government in their vest pocket. And that the power of government is no shadow" many of the workers will be able to testify, pointing, if further proof is needed, to the grossly unjust hundreds shot on the streets of Johannesburg and the crowded prisons of this province, both filled by the bodies of the workers who dared to assert the right of the exploiters to ruthlessly kill and maim, and condemn them to death by the lingering process of "miners phthisis."

Drunk with the knowledge of untrammelled control of the executive power, the exploiters are busy with the political factions of the middle class so disorganized and quarrelling that there is no danger of the reins falling into their hands, the exploiters of the workers are looking for no misgivings as to the road they are taking, and demonstration that their right to rule is founded on their might. That they went to further limits in South Africa than in B. C. in their demonstration of the tyrannical nature of the working population, which militates against the sense of class-cohesion and makes co-operation difficult. That the will to do the work of the miners in Vancouver Island was not fully as strong cannot be denied. Officers and men, press and politicians alike, have expressed it in unmistakable terms, and who would deny that such happens to be the case in the present? The local magistrates have seconded and encouraged their efforts by the most shameless and outrageous decisions and verdicts, and by their courts for resisting assaults from the strike-breakers, and the police of the government have refused to arrest the latter for assaults on the strikers.

Results to the workers committed right under their noses. Responsibility for this attitude on the part of their forces cannot be evaded by the government. Such conduct could be prevented by simply committing it only on instructions, definite or implied, from their superiors. From this charge there can be no escape.

Workers will now realize that the government is of thugs, in broadcloth and fustian.

LIBERAL TACTICS.

The Liberal party has such a malodorous record in B. C. and has been so decisively defeated that the chance of it ever again being handed the reins of government is negligible. The policy of sitting on the fence adopted by their organs in connection with the troubles on the Island will but serve to confirm the opinion of the workers of the aggregation of hypocritical reformers, "radical" persons and fourth-rate politicians. Realizing that as a party that aspires to the interests of the workers, they must do nothing to offend them, or the campaign which funds will not be forthcoming, they are profuse in their pretensions that "law and order" must be preserved, and at the same time they are printing details of the situation that reflect credit on the miners and give publicity to the public demonstrations in their favor.

The government press, which is edited by the government, is another "proof" that the Liberal party is the only one fit to be trusted with the interests of the "intelligent" workers of B. C. The first step which "fall" for this game is a foregone conclusion, but their numbers are getting smaller by degrees, and beautifully

In the political history of the province no capitalist exploiters have risen to greater heights of security in resisting the "attacks" of the law-abiding, "intelligent" workers. Socialism members in the past have introduced, as the boasted party of "progress" and the "friends" of labor. The spontaneous outbreak of execution with which they inaugurated the present government, created the action of the miners in taking the steps they did to secure the protection afforded them by the powers that rule, and the "intelligent" workers in the conduct of their demonstration, and the words of the miners here, but to an appreciation of the possibility of making a capitalist class the action of the

strong light on the extent of human struggles, the struggle between the sexes. Yet, notwithstanding all the obstructions in the way of woman, we see her by leaps and bounds getting nearer her goal. The practical environment into which modern circumstances have thrust her, making a career for her, has been the result of the last few decades shaped her character to fight for her economic "rights," and developed her consciousness to a point where she is no longer content with a merely domestic life as assistant when the man who will look upon woman as a necessary machine to be introduced to him when he is touched, unsold, to suit his manly appetite, will be considered as wild as the ancient Hebrews who stoned their wives for adultery. It is now for woman to ask questions.

FUTURE WOMAN'S DEMAND.

By J. K. Mergler. Daughters shall be born to him; They will be put to sleep on the floor; They will be clothed with wrappings; They will have ties to play with; It will be theirs neither to do right nor wrong; (Only about the spirits and the food will they have to think, And to cause no sorrow to their parents. —Chinese Classic.

With the burning question rising to the lips of humanity, "Is one man justified to the products of another man's toil," came the other no less important query—whether woman was really "created" for subservience to man. The question arises as to the sexual, as the two are after all strongly interwoven, and almost inseparable. Centuries of experience have to sweep over human life, for certain conditions to take on a definite form in the mind and in the body as gigantic cities evolve from a little station house on the bare back of the vast prairie, so may our attitude toward a certain subject have emerged from its primitive stage and taken a definite form. To the student of sociology the correlation of past and present, the simple and complex, becomes more obvious, the more analytical the mind becomes. In any instance, that militant suffragism is only a sequel to the great rebellious manifestations of women of ages gone by, and that it could not end with the vote. The classic illustrations of the Pankhursts, or the notorious knowledge of the Pankhursts, but that it has to take its course of progress, onward without end, its aim, the very best of mankind.

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So long as the capitalist class remains in possession of the reins of government all the powers of the State will be used to protect and defend their property rights in the means of wealth production and the control of the product of labor.

The capitalist system gives to the capitalist an ever-widening stream of profits, and to the worker an ever-increasing measure of misery and degradation.

The interest of the working class lies in the direction of setting itself free from capitalist exploitation by the abolition of the capitalist system under which is cloaked the robbery of the working class at the point of production. To accomplish this necessitates the transformation of capitalist property in the means of wealth production into collective or working-class property.

The irrepressible conflict of interest between the capitalist and the worker is rapidly culminating in a struggle for possession of the reins of government—the capitalist to hold the worker to secure it by political action. This is the class struggle.

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- 1. The transformation, as rapidly as possible, of capitalist property in the means of wealth production (natural resources, factories, mills, railroads, etc.) into the collective property of the working class.
2. The democratic organization and management of industry by the workers.
3. The establishment, as speedily as possible, of production for use instead of production for profit.
The Socialist Party when in office shall always and everywhere until the present system is abolished, make the answer to this question its guiding rule of conduct: Will this legislation advance the interests of the working class and aid the workers in their class struggle against the capitalist class? If it will the Socialist Party is for it; if it will not, the Socialist Party is absolutely opposed to it.
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