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WESTERN CLARION

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BE THE WORK OF THE
WORKING CLASS ITSELF."
KARL MARX.

The mission of the Socialist Party of Canada is not to further the efforts of the commodity labor-power to break the galling chains of wage servitude, and itself to free itself, but to realize the aspirations of enslaved Labor to break the galling chains of wage servitude, and itself to free itself.

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WAR--ITS CAUSE AND OUTCOME

AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE FABRIC OF MODERN SOCIETY
IN THE LIGHT OF THE PRESENT EUROPEAN WAR

By J. Harrington
ARTICLE III
SOCIAL CHANGES.
B. Modern.

(Continued from last issue.)

The Vandals pillaged Southern Italy; the Lombards plundered the North, but the animal which survived the Ice Age was too far advanced to succumb before a less obdurate foe. A recital of the horrors of this period would merely prove that, where his existence is at stake, man is prone to madness as the sparks fly upward, and this is scarcely requisite.

CONSOLIDATION OF THE FRANKISH TRIBES.

Let us, therefore, commence with the consolidation of the Frankish tribes under Clovis in 511 A.D., stating the facts, without recounting the process. A temporal power is thus established.

Let us, also, take note that the pagan religions had given way everywhere to Christian proselitizing. The rankest forgery of records, the most amazing mass of lies, the crudest and most incredible collection of miracles, characterized the propaganda of these servants of Christ. The beauty of their vestments and ceremonies were not less impressive than the painted toments of their hell; and the barbarian mind was duly impressed. A spiritual power had arisen, and flourished upon the ruins of the Roman Empire.

Production must be carried on, mankind cannot live exclusively by plunder any more than they can by selling town lots. The insecurity of existence outside the protected area of the monastery, and the petty kingdom, forced the landless freeman, the artisan, the landed proprietor, merchant, etc., to surrender whatever rights and property they possessed into the hands of those who could protect them. Thus the Church and the more powerful Counts became immensely wealthy, and possessed of large tracts of land. The land thus obtained was returned to the owners to be held in homage, payment to be made in fee and by military service, and in this manner the new Social System arises.

THE MEANING OF FEUDALISM.

Feudalism, without clouding our minds with derivatives, means precisely, Fee-landism. The habits and traditions of these tribes, where centralization first took place, were not such as would guarantee unrestricted growth to so loosely constructed bonds. Where power may bind, power may shatter, and the life of that power is in direct proportion to its might.

While the barbarian chieftain was regarded as a god when he had been dead long enough, during his life, anyone who could outmatch him, could outplace him; he was not hedged with divinity. Before the new social order could establish itself the old habits and traditions must be destroyed, and new ones taught.

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Peace! Perfect Peace!

THE Niagara Peace Society has sent to this office a circular entitled, "The Declaration of America." Along with it is a letter "respectfully requesting" that we "publish a coupon at the bottom of the attached declaration which can be signed and returned either to 'us' or to the Niagara Executive Committee at Niagara Falls, N.Y."

"The object of this PEACE campaign," states the letter, "will be not the ending of the present war, but the prevention of future wars through the establishment of a League of Nations, BACKED BY A POWERFUL TREASURY AND A POWERFUL POLICE FORCE." (Emphasis ours.)

We also read that this "League of Nations" has already been endorsed by many of the "most prominent citizens of the country." Then follows the names of many down and out politicians, such as "Bill" Taft and "Teddy" Roosevelt; also some well-known capitalists, including Andrew Carnegie.

"The 'Declaration of America' is a list of twenty principles," with a short preamble about the brotherhood of man, etc.

We cannot publish it because it is mostly nonsense. These people are either deliberately trying to fool the public or they are advertising their ignorance of the whole question. To talk of settling disputes peacefully between different countries whilst we have a system of slavery is humbug. How are they to do it? "Through the establishment of a League of Nations, backed by a powerful treasury and a powerful police force." So after all their cant concerning "Peace" they are compelled to have a "powerful police force" to maintain it!

In a system of society which is based on slavery there can be no peace. The exploitation of the working class would not be possible were it not for the "powerful police force" (all forms of militarism), which is always ready to beat the workers into submission. If any dispute between capitalists and workers cannot be settled "peacefully," then the state steps in and soon settles it by armed force—always in the interests of the capitalists. If, on the other hand, disputes existing between the capitalists of different countries over markets, spheres of influence, etc., fail to be settled peacefully, then the countries concerned have to fight it out between themselves.

Force is the arbitration board. Its decision is final. This "peace" society is composed of capitalists whose interests can best be served by avoiding war. However, we do not hear of them protesting against the wars of Colorado, West Virginia, Michigan and other places. No; that is another story.

What about Andrew Carnegie (president of N. Y. Peace Society) and his record of warfare with his workers?

Did he not, in the summer of 1892, employ a "man" by the name of Henry Clay Frick (now a big "steal" magnate) to turn his works at Homestead into a FORT?

Did he not also retire to the seclusion of Skibo Castle so that he could bluff some people into thinking that he did not know what was actually going on?

It is a well-known fact that "Andy" was the first capitalist in the United States to employ his own soldiers to defend his interests against his workmen. He had his private army much the same as Rockefeller has his today. Coining flesh and blood of the workers into Bessemer steel for dreadnaughts is hardly compatible with a "peace policy."

Principle No. 2 of "The Declaration" is the only one worth quoting. It states: "That the great masses of citizens of one nation have no real hatred for the people of any other nation."

This is a fact that is manifesting itself more and more every day. Even some of the soldiers of the opposing armies at the front on Christmas Day suspended operations and fraternized, as is amply shown in another column of this issue. Did they but understand that they are being used to fight the battles of their masters, and that they, as a class, are exploited in their "own" countries, with the knowledge also of the power they possess potentially, they would soon put an end to the system and war would be a thing of the past. All modern wars have been waged over the surplus stolen from the workers. So long as the plundering process is carried on there will be war and preparations for war, in spite of all the ravings of peace societies.

To educate the workers to the point where they will put a stop to their exploitation is the mission of the Socialist Party.

The Socialist Movement is the only movement which really makes for peace. It does not waste time dealing with effects but attempts to eradicate the cause.

WAR ON CAPITALISM

By C. Stephenson.

...the Philistines, are saying that this will be the... They say that this a war on war.

...the grounds that their conclusion is not very clear... when asked, they reply vaguely, "Oh, the people... and for it any more, this will teach them a lesson."

...is so, but the people have had many lessons in the... century the world has witnessed contending armies... each other. Pick up an ordinary school history, take... the false heroics and claptrap about kings, queens and... emperors, and about all that is left is a record of butchery... The few people have very short memories; they soon forget...

...will dope them; the puppet will put them gently to... till the next war—when these two agents of the cap... violence again will sound the tocsin, beat the drum and... in man that devilish passion, peculiar to man, his own kind... kill, kill.

WAR IS BUT AN EFFECT OF A DEEPER CAUSE.

There is no lesson to be learned from wars that will enable us... them, unless we delve down into the underlying pro... from which they spring.

Not by the imagination inflamed by hope and desire can we... the problem, but only by investigating into the material factors... their fundamental cause.

Remember the mind is the source of error, only in the world of... and reality is truth to be found. To exist is the law of every... of life and under what circumstances, how or by what means... those things necessary to its existence determines its... activities.

Man emerged from primordial gloom already a social being... The progressively changing method and means by which he... obtained his living has changed him, as on a mighty current, slowly... earlier times, now swifter, through many different forms of so... cieties.

Shortsighted, without vision of the meaning of things, he has... fought against the tide which will yet bear him into the haven of... new life.

The struggles and frictions within society are but society's half... conscious or instinctive efforts to adapt itself to the changes in its... method of production.

These struggles, frictions and changes within the structure of... society make up what is called history, but unless we know their... underlying causes, history is but a meaningless narration of events, without a lesson.

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But development does not proceed in solitary states. In 622 A.D. occurs the Hegira (flight) of Mohamet from Mecca to Medina, a flight which was the commencement of one long continuous victory, and which gave his career the term "Hegira." By the time Charles Martel had made his position secure, the Saracens had overrun Syria, Africa and Spain, and now, in 732, A.D., contemplated extending their domain across the Pyrenees. Charles Martel met and defeated Abdus Raman at the battle of Tours, and for a second time in history Europe was saved from African domination. "Had the Franks been defeated," sneers Gibbon, "the interpretation of the Koran would, perhaps, now be taught in Oxford, and her pupils might demonstrate to a circumcised people the sanctity and truth of the revelation of Mohamet."

Even so, champagne and sturgeon would still grace the festive board of Lord Vere de Vere, with shrimp and pale ale for John Smith; and the rate of exchange occupy the mind of Baron de "Bosschild," while Mick Mahoney would timidly enquire the wages for mixing mud.

The salvation of Europe gave a prestige to Charles and the Frankish nation, which induced the Pope to ask their assistance against the Lombards who were threatening the very existence of the Papacy. Charles, however, was not inclined to seek payment in the hereafter. His mind, more occupied with earthly needs, decided him to seize what church property he could in order to make payment to his own soldiers. The advent of the Saracens had called horse soldiers into extensive use. A soldier, who had to equip and maintain a number of men-at-arms and retainers, must have the wherewithal to pay the bill. Charles gave to his knights and barons the Church lands, or at least, the precarium or ecclesiastical benefices from these lands. He instituted the Champs de Mars—assemblies of nobles—for legislative purposes, and in many ways prepared the social soil for the growth of Feudalism. His son, Pepin the Short, was more inclined to heavenly glories and earthly extension than his father; Charles was content with securing what he had seized. Pepin, coming into his heritage in 741 A.D., could afford to dabble in foreign matters. Therefore, when Pope Leo approached him for help it was readily granted. This compact had a tremendous influence upon Society. On every hand the Church controlled the minds of multitudes, besides holding immense areas of land. Pepin destroyed the might of the Lombards, and then set about clearing Gaul of his own rivals. This accomplished, he was crowned and consecrated by the Pope himself, and fearful torments reserved in hell for those who rebelled against his authority.

THE ADVENT OF CHARLEMANGE.

The material and tools were at hand for the master workman, when Charlemagne appeared. The transcendent genius centred in himself all the requirements of a new traditional hero. He was the

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These products, necessary for the sustenance and comfort of society are produced for sale, and by that means distributed. Consequently all must be in a position to buy, or they have no legal right to any of the things produced.

The working class owning nothing but their power to labor must, therefore, sell it to the capitalist class in order to obtain those things necessary to their existence.

As all commodities are sold on a competitive market they sell at a price around their value, or their cost of reproduction, so it is with the workers' labor power, which is also on the market. He is only able to obtain, as its price, or wages, sufficient to buy those things necessary to enable him to produce the required quality of labor power and to perpetuate his kind.

During capitalism, through the discoveries of science, the development of technique, the progressive improvement of machinery, the productivity of man has increased manifold. But owing to the fact that labor power is a commodity the share of those who create this wealth in comparison with the portion which goes to those who own, constantly decreases, thus leaving an ever larger quantity of commodities on the hands of the capitalists for them to dispose of.

An accumulation of surplus products is thus created, for which markets must be found if the capitalist system is to continue.

THE ADVENT OF CRISES.

About the year 1825 a market phenomenon appeared in capitalist production. A condition presented itself during which commodities could not be sold, causing a glut on the market, consequently a stoppage of industry, bad trade, unemployment and their accompanying evils and miseries.

These crises of overproduction, as they came to be known, appear periodically with constantly diminishing periods between them and with greater violence. Capitalist society shakes to its foundations, smothered under its own surplus products.

Trade is the life of every fully developed capitalist country. Its very existence depends on the sale of its surplus products exploited from the workers.

Increased productivity demands wider markets, and so long as these could be found, so long as there was room to reinvest and expand, capitalism gained a new lease of life.

But the world is limited. India, China and Japan, formerly markets, have now become, with their teeming millions of cheap laborers, dangerous competitors.

They enter fully-fledged with the latest machinery into the capitalist system of production.

Out of this desperate need to sell their surplus products, out of the need for expansion, grows the clash of interests between the capitalists of different nations, breeding jealousy, suspicion, hatred, sparring diplomats, alliances, conversations between the leaders of armed forces, growing armies and navies, a howling press and so-called pulpiteers, inevitable, then, war, bloody war. What else?

"WAR ON WAR" MERELY NONSENSE.

But war can never end war. That can only be done by estab-

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THE MEANING OF 'FINAL UTILITY'

A SOCIALIST ANALYSIS

By H. Mayo Bartholomew

In my previous article I stated the theory of value associated with the name of Karl Marx. I showed that the value of any given commodity is determined by the quantum of simple social human labor time therein embodied.

It is my purpose in this article to examine the theory of value known as "marginal (final) utility," which is generally accepted at universities and scientific societies.

This theory is associated with the name of Professor Stanley Jevons, who, like his distinguished pupil, Professor Alfred Marshall, has simply rendered confusion worse confounded.

"Repeated reflection and inquiry," says Jevons, at the beginning of his work, "The Theory of Political Economy," "have led me to the somewhat novel conclusion that value depends entirely upon utility."

A few pages on our professor says: "Now, when we consider the matter closely, can we say that all portions of the same commodity have equal value. A quart of water per day has the high utility of saving a person from dying in a most distressing manner. Several gallons a day may possess much utility for such purposes as cooking and washing, but after an adequate supply is secured for these purposes, any additional quantity is a matter of comparative indifference. All that we can say, then, is that water, up to a certain quantity, is indispensable; but that beyond a certain quantity the utility sinks to zero; it may even become negative, that is to say, further supplies of the same substance may become inconvenient and harmful."

In other words, the value of any commodity is determined by its "final utility." When two articles are exchanged on a free market, that exchange, so transacted, proclaims that the "final utility" of the two sides of the trade equation to be the same.

Thus far all is simple and clear. This theory is so simple, and explains the problem with such apparent clarity, that the writer, even when a

Socialist, accepted it as a true conception of value.

But put Jevons and his theory to the test.

Here is an excerpt from his famous work: "Utility, though a quality of things, is no inherent quality. We

can never, therefore, say absolutely that some objects have utility, and others have not. The ore lying in the mine, the diamond escaping the eye of the searcher, the wheat lying un-reaped; the fruit ungathered for want of consumers, have no utility at all."

Carefully read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest this fundamental point in view of what Jevons has already told us. He says that a commodity has value in proportion to its utility, and utility, no value.

Now, this same economist tells us, without a smile, that "the wheat lying un-reaped has no utility; and, de facto, no value."

That is a complete self-exposure. But let us, in the pet phrase of Jevons, "consider the matter closely."

Here is a field of wheat. That wheat on the market has an exchange value of, say, one dollar per bushel. This exchange value has been determined, says Jevons, by the "final utility" of wheat as a commodity.

Very well! Now, says our illustrious professor, "the wheat lying un-reaped" possesses "no utility at all." In other words, the wheat has utility (and value) only when cut and threshed; or only when simple social human labor power has been expended thereon.

There can be no utility without labor, for labor alone can create utility.

Expressed in his beloved algebraic form, the theory of Professor Stanley Jevons, reads thus:

Value A equals Utility B.
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HIS FATHER'S SON

By Wilfrid Gribble

Karl Liebknecht, Socialist, was the only member of the Reichstag to refuse to vote in favour of the War credit.

The Social Democratic Party of Germany has repudiated his action.—News Item.

"War against war," one voice alone was clear.

One man for peace in all that war-mad throng.

Who would not compromise, who knew no fear,

Calm, steadfast, strong.

His soul undaunted by the War Lord's ire,

His mind unclouded, and unbent his will,

In him the spirit of his valiant sire

Is living still.

True to the cause to which that sire was true,

To Freedom's cause, "Oft lost, yet ever won,"

The only worth-while cause the father knew.

Or knows the son.

He kept the trust his party had betrayed,

To "Party discipline" he would not bow—

To Earth's oppress a higher vow he'd made:

He kept that vow.

Stood he alone? He did not stand alone.

For echoing his cry from lands afar

Is heard the coupled shout,

"Comrade, well done,

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The Logic of John Bull.

JOHN BULL is at war with Germany and Austria. We are not at present interested as to the why and wherefore of the interesting squabble. And it is surely some scrap.

There are some things happening in connection with this interesting affair, however, that we do not clearly understand. For instance, we might refer to the matter of John Bull and his allies interfering with trade between neutral countries and Germany and Austria. We note that John B. practically forbids any neutral country delivering goods to Germany, at least by the sea route, without his permission. There is something about this that perplexes us exceedingly much.

Of late we admired dear old John as he has been painted by the hand of "Punch" and other masters eminently qualified to portray his most striking characteristic. A snugg mug and a rotund paunch. While John is pictured as somewhat of a physical contrast to Uncle Sam, there is that in the appearance of both that is suggestive of the probability that he who would trade horses with either one of them had better make a thorough search for spavins, windgalls and other blemishes before closing a trade. But in spite of all this John hath a substantial look. There is nothing in his appearance to indicate that he would one day blow hot and another blow cold. He would undoubtedly be logical and consistent. At least that is what one would expect of him, judging from appearance.

Now we have noted upon numerous occasions that differences have arisen between employers and employees within John's dominions. They have quarrelled, in fact, and even at times gone to the extent of open hostilities. Upon more than one occasion a state of siege has been proclaimed by the workmen, a blockade of the offending establishment effected and the labor-power of neutral workmen proclaimed as contraband. By these means the striking workmen hoped to defeat the recalcitrant employer by cutting off his supply of labor-power, thus virtually starving him into submission. In every case, however, John B. came to the rescue by declaring such blockade to be a deadly attack upon "individual liberty" and all other brands of that sublime attribute, or afflatus, or whatever other sort of thing it may be, which collectively constitutes the very cornerstone upon which civilization with all of its attendant phantasmagoria rests. John B., logical old soul, immediately and always saw the danger lurking beneath these childish innovations attempted by ridiculously disgruntled plebeian members of his family circle and promptly squelched their efforts to gain their ends by interfering with the trade of neutrals. And he did this that liberty might not be destroyed.

Now he is engaged in a scrap himself, and in order to gain the victory over his enemy he falls back upon exactly the same method as attempted by the aforesaid workmen and which, upon every occasion, he forbade them to follow. He sets up a blockade of his enemy's territory and proclaims his plant in a state of siege. He declares the commodities that his antagonist would purchase from neutrals, to be contraband. In other words he does exactly the things that in the case of the striking workmen he emphatically forbade and

crush opposition and brush obstreperous competitors into the dull and sombre background. Let it be said for the good lady, however, that she never wasted either time or ink in bewailing the sad fate of the wage-slaves who surrendered their labor-power each day into the Standard Oil Co., to the end that the people's lamp might hold out to burn the proper kind of illuminant.

Miss Tarbell has been testifying before the United States Commission on Industrial Relations. In the course of her testimony she has given "scientific management" a boost that should tickle the fancy and arouse the interest of every labor-skinner who is not yet wise to the splendid volume of succulent juice that it is possible to squeeze from the wage-slave if he is properly compressed.

By tossing a few crumbs to the slave in the form of a bonus for submitting to the efficiency squeeze, the most beneficial results accrue to both employer and employee, at one and the same time. These results are clear gain and cost neither employer or employee a red cent.

One case in point referred to by Miss Tarbell was that of a laundry in which the previous long hours had been reduced to "forty-five and a half hours a week, at the same time increasing the earnings of the employees, bettering their condition and improving the efficiency of the plant."

According to the witness, the Commonwealth Steel Co. of Granite City, Ill., now a part of the U. S. Steel Corporation, had worked out an eight-hour day system that enabled the company to turn out more steel than it formerly did on a twelve hour basis.

At Vandergrift, Pa., Miss Tarbell said the employers had learned that the eight-hour day solved a great problem. "The men now do more work in eight hours than they formerly did in twelve and that not because the management tells them they must do so, but because they come back to their work rested and have had some recreation and social life." How sad it is to think of the tremendous volume of profit that has been lost to the capitalists during the past, just because "scientific management," or, in other words, the art of driving slaves at top speed, was not sooner discovered.

Another feature of "scientific management" was highly commended by Miss Tarbell and that is the "safety first" policy of the Steel Corporation and other big concerns. The adoption of safety appliances and the enforcement of safety rules has "paid the Steel Corporation well," says Miss Tarbell, although this safety movement has cost the Corporation millions of dollars.

In our youthful days we used to fancy that getting money from home was about the most satisfactory method of obtaining the needful things of life. We now discover this to be a delusion, for what the recipient gained the remitter was out. "Scientific management" beats the remittance scheme by a block, for both skinner and skinned come out winners. It is like unto Easy Street, sunny upon both sides. It is even preferable to a steady job working in a brewery.

SECRETARIAL NOTES

Little or no real response has been given to our request that the various bunches of REDS, centered in different portions of this Dominion, should make some organized attempt to make the sub list. One or two have given notice that they intend to ligitate a boost on their own. Beyond this we cannot report any definite progress.

Subs. etc., have, however, maintained a fairly good level, and we have nothing particular to growl about. Nevertheless, as this is a time when many slaves can be started on the road to real thinking, we must keep our flag flying at all costs. Winnipeg are about to commence a boost, and

With another two issues of The Clarion, the articles by Harrington, on the war, will probably be brought to an end. As what is to follow bears directly on current events it will perhaps, be more interesting even than what has gone before. We mentioned, one time, that this series would make a good pamphlet along with the Armageddon by Pincheon, which appeared in No. 755, all of which have been disposed of. No response to this query has been forthcoming. If you want this pamphlet, you must let us know early, as we are saving the metal used in the Clarion, in order to make a more economical production.

We have arranged with, H. Mayo

dogs begin to die. Hope fades fast.

The faces of that little band of men grow weary, wasted, sad. Hunger and despair are written large.

It is a race with death. No word, now, of beauty. They do not see the beauty-forms of snow and ice; nor hear sweet music in the wind. "Food! food!"—that is their cry.

When men so cry no beauty can exist.

It is a simple story. There is little need for me to adorn the tale, and to point the moral.

For simple though this story be, it is a scathing indictment of modern capitalism; a magnificent confirmation of present-day psychology; an unanswerable justification of Karl Marx. Truly great are the triumphs of simplicity.

Science tells us that life and mind are co-equal, co-extensive, co-related, of common origin, parallel, utterly one. From the ameba to man, all life is of the psychological order.

The whole of the body, and the whole of the bodily functions, have their psychological side, and psychological significance. The heart, the lungs, the legs, the arms—in short the whole body is the psychological, and necessary complements of the brain.

Modern Psychology proves that the human mind and the human body are veritably an entity; even as modern physics has demonstrated that the universe is a magnificent whole.

Furthermore, psychiatry (as the study of the mind diseased is called) beginning with the brain alone, has been compelled to extend its inquiries until it affirms that the whole of the body, and not merely the brain, is the organ of the mind. It shows that since body and mind are interdependent, the health and disease of the one finds its natural counterpart in the health and disease of the other.

This study of the mind in its aberrations, by European psychologists, throws a wonderful light upon the normal mind. It proves, beyond doubt, that morbid states of mind are associated with brains healthy in structure; so that this morbidity is the result of causes external to the brain. In other words, the mind diseased is the result of the body diseased.

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hours at strenuous, dangerous tasks in factory halls.

Poor deformed, crushed worm! Not for him did Shakespeare sing; Michael Angelo carve; Turner paint; Wagner harmonize.

He sees no beauty-forms in tree or flower, or bird. There is no beauty in slavery.

Capitalism makes all men slaves. It destroys the noblest and the best in men and women and children.

The hells of Pittsburgh; the strambles of the Congo; the ruins of Liege—those are the products of modern capitalism. But the Beautiful—never.

Now man does not live by bread alone. He is an animal with a mind. Man is man because of his mind.

He has a nobler life-mission than polishing pin tops, or sweeping dusty streets, or digging coal. These are means towards a fuller, higher life.

Man is not only an ape, but an angel. He is the incarnation of mind which is capable of high ideals; noble passions; and great deeds.

But modern commercialism, with its class antagonisms, stifles ideals, and passions, and deeds.

Men cannot worship Mammon and Beauty. The Sublime finds no resting place in the temple of Profit.

Yet says Walt Whitman:—"Divine am I inside and out, and I make holy whatever I touch, or am touched" from.

The scent of these arm-pits aroma finer than prayer.

"This head more than churches, bibles, and all the creeds."

Socialism, by abolishing capitalism, and its class-antagonisms will free mankind from the servile, the sordid, the ugly. It will open his mind to the beauty, and nobility which is his psychological inheritance.

That is the vision I see in the falling snow.

—H. M. B.

QUI VIVE? (Who Lives?)

Chas. MacDonald.

Rusted-by-a long-odour among the savages I will not venture a guess at the author of the phrase, "These be times that try men's souls," but were that author with us now he might modernize it to "These be times that try men's knowledge."

More and more has "what does he know" become the supreme test of fitness, so much so that it is reflected in the quite usual and widespread form of salutation, "What do you know?" May it spread further.

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Frenzied Violence, perhaps preparing against the coming Social Revolution. Speed the day! My master let loose that dog of war and see your dumb Hall comrades and fellow-workers who will live?

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erty" and all other brands of that sublime attribute, or afflatus, or whatever other sort of thing it may be, which collectively constitutes the very cornerstone upon which civilization with all of its attendant phantasmagoria rests. John B., logical old-soul, immediately and always saw the danger lurking beneath these childish innovations attempted by ridiculously disgruntled plebeian members of his family circle and promptly squelched their efforts to gain their ends by interfering with the trade of neutrals. And he did this that liberty might not be destroyed.

Now he is engaged in a scrap himself, and in order to gain the victory over his enemy he falls back upon exactly the same method as attempted by the aforesaid workmen and which, upon every occasion, he forbade them to follow. He sets up a blockade of his enemy's territory and proclaims his plant in a state of siege. He declares the commodities that his antagonist would purchase from neutrals, to be contraband. In other words he does exactly the things that in the case of the striking workmen he emphatically forbade and the especially convincing logic of it all is, that what he is now doing, or attempting to do, he professes to be doing in order that liberty may not perish from the earth and civilization sink to ruin because of the blowing up of its cornerstone.

In the case of a scrap between an employer and his employees over some petty little difference arising out of this unsufferable capitalist system of obsequy and exploitation, the picketing of a factory and the prevention of the sale of labor-power to the offending employer by neutral workmen cannot be tolerated because it is a denial of liberty and, therefore, a danger to civilization. A dirty quarrel involving nations, hatched in the same misbegotten cesspool of capitalist exploitation and trade that brought forth the scrap between employer and employee already referred to, results in the picketing of a coast line, or other national boundary, and the prevention of trade between neutrals and the offending nation. This is carried out in the name of that same liberty and civilization that was invoked as the excuse for throttling the efforts of workers to attain a similar result in their own behalf and by the same means. Oh, consistency, thou art, indeed, a jewel. Logic is logic; there is no doubt about that. The logic of John Bull is the logic of capitalism. The warrant for such logic and its application depends upon whose "ox is being gored."

Scientific Management.

For late years the policy of greater efficiency in capitalist production has become a veritable obsession with those apostles of capitalism who measure its virtue by the volume of surplus value that may be squeezed from the victims of its exploitation by the wage process. While we have noticed that sweet solace had been plentifully brought to the harried souls of various exploiters of labor as a consequence of the increased efficiency attained through the efforts of scientific experts in the way of eliminating all unnecessary motions of their wage-slaves and thereby making every lick count upon the right side of the ledger, we have not been so simple as to imagine that such increased efficiency in any manner redounded to the benefits of the wage-worker, either of lessening his burden or increasing his stipend.

And now comes Miss Ida M. Tarbell to emphasize the fact that "scientific management" and "greater efficiency" signify nothing short of an intensified exploitation of the enslaved victims of capitalist production. In other words, by these tokens the slaves of modern industry are to be more expeditiously and thoroughly squeezed dry of the precious juice that maketh capital both round and robust, than has hitherto been the case.

Miss Tarbell has been for some years evorting around the capitalist pasture uttering numerous and dire complaints anent the pernicious habit that so invariably prompts the big capitalist shark to swallow the little capitalist sucker who would like to be a shark if he could. It will be remembered that this delightful female person did, for a considerable period, camp upon the trail of the big Standard Oil Co., and audaciously and noisily smite that aggregation of Sunday saints and weekday sinners, both hip and thigh, because the aforesaid aggregation did ruthlessly, but none the less effectively

Little or no real response has been made to our request that the various bunches of REDS, centred in different portions of this Dominion, should make some organized attempt to raise the sub list. One or two have given notice that they intend to lift a boost on their own. Beyond this we cannot report any definite progress.

Subs. etc., have, however, maintained a fairly good level, and we have nothing particular to growl about. Nevertheless, as this is a time when many slaves can be started on the road to real thinking, we must keep our flag flying at all costs. Winnipeg are about to commence a boost, and word comes to us from the far east, Local Glace Bay, that steps are to be taken in this direction also.

A correspondent asks (see letter in another column) as to where the REDS of Hamilton, Ont., are. He thinks a Local of the S. P. of C. should be in evidence in that burg. Hamiltonians with a correct knowledge of the proletarian science, who think along this line, could not do better than communicate with C. M. O'Brien, c/o Geo. Rossiter, 52 Tiverton Ave., Toronto.

Toronto Local are well situated at present. O'Brien, Houston and Gribble being all together in the Holy City. Some Holy Trinity, eh?

John Lee, the new secretary of Local Rossland, B. C., informs us that, although they are not growing, they are still alive. He facetiously concludes: "It is better not to grow than to grow and slop over." Theirs our sentiments, John. Go to it.

Com. Joe Knight, of Edmonton, has undertaken to commence an organizing trip in the Province of Alberta. Those who know Joe, and have heard him, will join with us in wishing "more power to his elbow."

Do not forget to send any old Socialist papers, books, etc. to Jas. Stirling, 40 Livingstone St., St. Johns, Newfoundland, secretary of S. P. of N. F.

Local Vancouver, at its last business meeting, endorsed, without a dissenting vote or voice, the proposed amendments to Party Platform.

A LESSON IN PSYCHOLOGY

"Outside the snow is falling; it reminds me of a story. It is the story of Captain Scott's fatal trip to the south pole. He started in high spirits. No thought of disaster clouded his horizon. He possessed a good ship, excellent food, warm clothing, sturdy dogs, willing followers—all that science and wealth could give. His diary is a story full of significant events. Away he dashed! In all directions he saw the beautiful. Each day brought its magnificent vistas. A disc of pearl-white, snow-covered mountain crags; sweeping glaciers; multi-colored sunsets; a nightly panoply of myriad lights—all the wonders of the eternal snow he describes. He was ever in close converse with the Sublime. It was the response of a noble mind to the noble. Just as does a Turner immortalize a landscape; a Wordsworth cherish "a flower in the crannied wall"; and a Wagner weave tone-poems so that his "Echoes roll from soul to soul, And grow for ever, and for ever." But—the return! The goal has been gained—yet at what cost! The supply of food fails, and the

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All the characteristics and familiar mental phenomena of anaemia, for instance, are due to an inadequate supply of air to the organ of the mind (the brain) owing to the fact that the red cells of the blood are too few in number, or too poor in haemoglobin to keep the brain sufficiently well aerated. It is impossible to work such a brain at the intensity which a better supply of air makes possible.

This is but one illustration of many which shows that modern psychology must reckon not only with the essential organ of the mind, which we call the brain, but with all its accessories.

And now our bishops and editors and other humbugs deplore the decline of culture and art; the growth of insanity and crime; which characterizes modern life.

Well! organized religion has done its best to stife the highest and best in men. The bible tells the bishops to "feed my lambs." But the bishops, as advocates of class rule, "shear my lambs."

Of course, insanity and crime increase by leaps and bounds. How could it be otherwise? The mind diseased is the product of the body diseased.

Slums, and low wages, and adulterated food, and long hours, and unemployment are productive of tuberculosis and anaemia and fever and similar diseases.

What wonder that our prisons are full, and our art galleries empty! And slums, low wages, adulteration, and "bums" are the symptoms of a disease which is making men as brutes. They are the natural products of a class antagonism which finds its raison d'être in the private ownership of land and capital.

In short, capitalism is the one and only cause of crime and insanity. Not only so, but commercialism is the antithesis of beauty. There is nothing great or noble in a wild scramble for gold.

When men cry for bread, women hawk their motherhood for a living, and children die of fifth-born diseases there never can be beauty.

That is not only true at the south pole—it is true in every walk of life. Look at any city! The houses are ugly and dirty. The streets are without design or coherence.

Landlords build for profit, and profit allows of no nobility, no grandeur. Look at any worker! He tells long

modernize it. "These are times that try men's knowledge." More and more has "what does he know" become the supreme test of fitness, so much so that it is reflected in the quite usual and widespread form of salutation, "What do you know?" May it spread further.

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It is with no slight degree of quite justifiable pride that I hail my perhaps distant association with an organization capable of sustaining the successive shocks of such violent waves of reaction as the Frenzied Religion, Frenzied Finance and this Frenzied Patriotism which the movement has faced and emerged from strong and fit; fit to face the future where the discerning eye can see under the lowering war clouds a last final assault.

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We, the Socialist Party of Canada, in convention assembled, affirm our allegiance to and support of the principles and programme of the revolutionary working class.

Labor produces all wealth, and to the producers it should belong. The present economic system is based upon capitalist ownership of the means of production, consequently all the products of labor belong to the capitalist class. The capitalist is therefore master; the worker a slave.

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 their control of the product of labor.

The capitalist system gives to the capitalist an ever-swelling 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 wage 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 irrefrangible 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.

Therefore, we call upon all workers to organize under the banner of the Socialist Party of Canada, with the object of conquering the public powers for the purpose of setting up and enforcing the economic programme of the working class, as follows:

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 workers.
 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 class against capitalism? 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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The above comrades reside at Oxville, Alta. Please acknowledge in Clarion this contribution to the class war fund.

C. M. O'BRIEN.

notice, in issue No. 763, the editorial under heading "Working the Big Scare," which if not criticized I miss my guess.

The editorial says: "The interests of capital are best preserved by peace," and again, "It will require many years for capital to recover from the waste of war."

What kind of knowledge outside of Utopian can endorse that stuff after being taught that all modern wars have been fought in the interest of capital, and the interest of capital and labor are antagonistic. What benefits one hurts the other. One would think by the eighth paragraph of the article in question that the war is being waged against capital in the interest of labor.

Science is knowledge of facts. Facts will not dispute facts. It would be well for the scientific Socialists to use scientific expressions. Yours in the fight,
F. G. WHITE.

O'BRIEN REPORTS.

118 Edwin St. W., Toronto, January 12, 1915.

Comrades: The Alberta Executive has informed me that the \$10 they gave me is for organizing work, and that I do not have to pay it back, which makes it much better as there is not much prospects of me being able to return it. A comrade whom I have never met, but whom I have known through The Clarion and personal correspondence sends \$5.

Comrade Mushkat, a school teacher, during her two weeks Xmas holidays, was out speaking for the S. P. of C. in Alberta, and met Comrade John A. Bickman. He gave her \$1 to send to me. Those who read the Clarion will remember that Comrade Bickman was the first to respond to the call I made for funds about one year ago.

C. M. O'BRIEN.

WINNIPEG.

Editor Clarion: Please publish the following resolution and oblige, yours, etc.

WINNIPEG LOCAL S. P. C.

Per "Pat,"
Secretary, Ministerial Association, City:

Reverend Sirs: It is with great regret that we, Local Winnipeg No. 1 Socialist Party of Canada, note by the local newspapers that the great evangelist, Rev. Billy Sunday, is liable not to come to the city this year.

Owing to the reductions in wages and other evils consequent on the European war, it is almost impossible for a member of the working class to afford the luxury of a vaudeville show, and the non-coming of Billy Sunday makes the outlook on life sombre and fills the members of our party with sadness.

We, therefore, hereby resolve and would ask your association to convey to the Rev. Sunday our heartfelt sorrow that he will not be with us with his aroma of sulphur and brimstone, nor yet will we hear of those peary gates and golden streets with which

trouble with the average trades unionist is not that he, or she, has wasted his, or her, time by joining a useless and unnecessary organization, but that it is to be found in the fact that he does not understand its function and its limitations.

Did trades unionists understand that they were only capable, through this organization, of resisting within certain limits the encroachments of the capitalist class, and that only in any appreciable degree when conditions were favorable to them (namely, when the capitalist system was in its youthful bloom), then they would spend less time in patching up their organizations, which are fast dying because they have fulfilled their mission, and would devote more of their energy toward nourishing the child that is about to born of the social revolution.

It was never expected that trade unions could do anything more than force up the price of labor power when opportunity afforded a chance, and as we stated before, those opportunities were only to be found when this present system was in course of development and the master class was able to reinvest the surplus wrung from the slaves. At such a period labor power of certain trades, for a time, was in great demand, and through an efficient organization the sellers thereof were able to force up its price, somewhat above its value as a commodity.

This, of course, furnished the incentive for the invention and introduction of our modern machines which have displaced the skilled workman, making his particular brand of labor power of no more value than the unskilled. This was particularly noticeable in the glass-blowers' union, one of the last to give the ghost and come out in its real light as an organization that could not stand up against the onward rush of progress.

The Socialist mission is not to belittle the work accomplished by the various trades unions which we are largely indebted to for bringing us to that stage when a new social order is as unavoidable as it is desirable; but our work lies in teaching the working class that the function of trade unions, or any other unions, was, at best, but to bargain for better prices for a perishable commodity, and that, under the most favorable conditions the price could never approach the use value of the commodity sold, or, in other words, the wages received could never buy back more than a portion of what the laborer produced, that fraction ever decreasing until the minimum is reached, and the system brought to its breaking point.

As long as slaves continue to be content with offering their labor power for sale, they must prepare themselves to accept without a kick the inevitable consequences of an ever-narrowing market.

On the other hand, when they revolt against the abominable practice of offering themselves for sale, like hogs or cattle, they will seek a way out and struggle for the overthrow of a system that leaves them divorced from any other way of making a liv-

ing (officially known as T. & L. C.) said: "What you men want is work." Craig (sitting next to me) whispered that he was "fed up with work; he wanted more money." Still the plugs applauded his worship, and I guess they really need work.

The Salvation Army here have a new flag; on the pole they have this metal figure: \$ 3. I had always imagined that it was the god they worshipped, but had not noticed it displayed so prominently before. Perhaps because of the financial stringency they thought their god should be displayed.

Some say that workmen are poor because they are lazy. Well, I was on the river the other day, and I saw wage-plugs hauling home their fuel on sleighs. These men would go to the nearest bush (over 3 miles) and cut scrub oak and haul it home on hand-sleighs. I should imagine that after a day's most laborious work about 75 cents' worth of wood would be obtained.

A man 50 years of age committed suicide. In his pockets no money was found, only a pawn ticket. The jury gave a verdict of "Suicide during temporary insanity." Insane! Why, sure, too old to enlist and nothing to live on but a pawn ticket!

In all the store windows these days are pictures of the Canadian flag and these words: "You will fight for it. Will you buy for it?" There is also this sentence: "Don't be over-prudent in this time of trial." It seems that our masters are afraid that the capitalist virtue of thrift should be overdone.

Passing Brandon jail, I noticed two big signs: "Private; Keep Out!" At first it would appear an unnecessary warning, but on second thoughts its need is apparent. The jail is a commodious brick building, steam heated in winter and fixed up with all modern conveniences. It stands in nice grounds and faces a nice park, the largest in the city; during summer a band plays in the park twice a week. Is it any wonder they have to put up a notice to keep out?

In Social Democratic column in Voice of Dec. 25th, Eldor says: "We know this, that you cannot raise the real wages of the working class." Speaking on reforms in the next issue in the same S. D. column, A. B. says: "One of the greatest reforms the workers can have is an increase in the wage scale." What we want is harmony!

Taxation of land values benefits the worker, so the single taxers say. Amongst the contributions received by S. T. League is one of \$100 and one of \$480. The total is \$580-\$580 from two workers!

\$500 business failures in United States in 1914. "Business as usual," as the papers say.

It seems to me that it's the aristocrats and the workers that are getting killed at the front. The capitalists provoke the war; yet get rid of both troublesome factors.

Well, here's wishing you all a Happy New Year and lots of work!
Ed. Fulcher.

The Archbishop of Canterbury will take the chair at the monthly meeting of the Society for Promotion of Christian Knowledge. - London Times

rural parts of Europe, who, to some extent, huddle together in groups, speak the language and retain the ideals of the place from whence they came. But for a few notable exceptions the English-speaking members are of a type that the S. P. of C. has never been wholly free from, viz., those who prefer a Socialism that is only "skin deep." What is the rule with them is the exception with the S. P. of C. and vice-versa. Individual experience is an expensive school, but some wage slaves learn in no other. They wade through the mire of utopianism, reform and compromise, instead of benefitting by the experience of those who have gone before. Thus all is grist to the mill of working class education. Some are of such a low grade that the returns are small.

In the storm that is breaking upon society all reform, all Utopian elements will be blown like chaff before the wind. The only thing that will be left standing when the storm is over will be the tree of revolution, because its roots are firmly planted in the soil of knowledge. The machinery of wealth production has created an environment which says: "adapt yourselves or die." And the only thing that prevents the working class from moving in a right direction is ignorance.

"The old book says that when Adam and Eve inhabited the garden of Eden they were told that if they ate of the tree of knowledge they would surely die. The position of the working class is that if they don't eat of the tree of knowledge they will quickly die. And as it is about all that there is left for you to eat - go to it."

(From an editorial in Western Clarion No. 756.)

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SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

Ed. Clarion:

I got notice this morning that my literature had arrived, but can't get it out before tomorrow. I thought it was never coming. Just think of it, nineteen days to get an answer from Vancouver, and yet Lester says that we live in "stirring times!"

The Clarions came all right on last Wednesday. The only trouble there wasn't enough of them. I wish you would send one hundred copies of this week's issue. I am holding meetings nearly every night at present, and am on my lonesome, apparently, about an hour and a half or two hours, and then answer questions and invite discussion. There is a lot of competition on the corners - Athelists, thinkers, socialists (?), I.W.W.'s, free lances, etc., but they are easy to beat.

J. A. MACDONALD.

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We, the Socialist Party of Canada, affirm our allegiance to, and support of, the principles and programme of the revolutionary working class.

Labor, applied to natural resources, produces all wealth. The present economic system is based upon capitalist ownership of the means of production, consequently, all the products of labor belong to the capitalist class. The capitalist is therefore master; the worker a slave.

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 its property rights in the means of wealth production and its 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 setting itself free from capitalist exploitation by the abolition of the wage system, under which the exploitation, at the point of production, is cloaked. 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 necessarily expresses itself as a struggle for the possession of the reins of government - the capitalist to hold, the worker to secure it, by political action. This is the class struggle.

Therefore, we call upon all workers to organize under the banner of the Socialist Party of Canada, with the object of conquering the public powers for the purpose of setting up and enforcing the economic program of the working class, as follows:

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 organization and management of industry by the working class.
3. The establishment, as speedily as possible, of production for use instead of production for profit.

HAMILTON, ONT.

Ed. Clarion:

Would you spare me a little space in the Clarion by stating if there is a local in this city. I read the Clarion, but I never see this burg mentioned and am on my lonesome, apparently. I may say this is a town of 100,000, and surely there are some class conscious workers here who, like myself, would like to be doing something. I am fortunate enough to have a buyer for my labor power and there are such a lot of mutts where I am employed that need waking up.

Let's hear from the Hamiltonians. I can't speak too bold or I'll join the unemployed ranks. (Do you follow me?)

C. C. WILSON.
(We have no local in Hamilton. Ed.)

EARTHQUAKE AND WAR

Why should upholders of war be horrified at the work of the Italian earthquake? Nature has only wrought havoc, in a mild sort of way, of the same kind as they would rejoice to hear had been committed in war by an army of their countrymen. The universal horror at the awful calamity applies condemnation - of the "patriots" spreading similar calamities elsewhere. It would be as sensible and humane for those who applaud the soldier and rejoice at his victories to be joyful at news of the earthquake. Sympathy for earthquake victims comes with it grace from those who approve of similar destruction elsewhere. Coming from the heads of belligerent governments, it seems like hypocrisy. - S. D. in The Public.

The year 1914 will long be remembered on the eastern and western hemispheres as the year made notable by bumper crops of wheat and Hades - Kansas City Star.

WAR--ITS CAUSE AND OUTCOME

(Continued from page one.)

embodiment of the feudal spirit. The son of Pepin and the grandson of Charles; he was bred to war and trained to war. But his character was as many-sided as it was great. Unable to write, he read several languages with ease. He surrounded himself with whatever scientists, thinkers and scholars he could command, established schools and endowed and maintained libraries. He was a voluminous lawgiver; he legalized the tithes; ensured security in land titles; reformed the weights and measures; brought the currency into a more usable form, with a more stable nature, and encouraged commerce and expansion of trade.

Great as he was (and we consider him great only in the sense that Newton and Marx or any other man is great) he was specially endowed by nature and circumstances to plait together the loose and tangled strands of progressive ideas into a usable rope of practical knowledge; his fame far transcended his achievements and in an entirely different direction.

While his entire life was spent in subduing the Saxons, his lustre is built upon a life-long and successful struggle with the Saracens, against whom he fought but once, and that disastrously. Being driven from Spain, which he invaded, he was almost overwhelmed in the passes of the Pyrenees, his entire rear-guard being destroyed at Roncesvalles. On this occasion the death of Roland Nargrave of Breton March gave rise to that most famous of the Chanson de geste (Legends of Facts), the legend of Roland. This example of feudal fidelity figures prominently in Carolingian Myths, a mythology which served Huxley with an example of how the early Christian myths arose. War, red, raw strife, having removed all the old habits, lies, gross, and palpable, having implanted new ideals, the New Social Organism grew apace.

THE RISE OF TRADE.

But already the seeds of its own destruction were sown and rapidly germinating. Money payments were on the increase. Commerce was, of course, exclusively carried on by barter, but trading was now conducted on an ever-widening scale by the new and convenient money means.

The Counts grew in power, as did the Viscounts and Barons, some even rivalling their liege lords. This tendency had been observed by Charles, but his efforts to mitigate it had entirely failed. Only one power held supreme sway, the Papal Hierarchy. Human bapiness, human progress and human hopes passed into an eclipse. The Dark Ages had arrived. "It was said that even the saints slept." In Africa and Spain a light still burned, the Mohammedan world still remained.

While Omar was reforming the calendar and "wearing roses, who can tell, or singing to some girl that loved him well," Frankish Feudalism was being forced upon England. William of Normandy conquered our Dear Home Land (?) in the early part of the eleventh century and, with an iron hand, stamped out all semblance of British Feudalism. Concerning the difference we will not enquire. The political content is: the wild Norse traditions were supplanted by the servile cant of Rome.

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The crusades had exhausted the wealth of many of the nobles' families, which consisted of material things, that by its very nature could not be stored up against rust or corruption in the form of mortgages, and coupon bonds. With the increase of money these nobles were willing to release the serfs for a monetary consideration, would sell lands, and otherwise despoil their estates. A strong central government having arisen, men-at-arms, at least in England and

the front under more auspicious circumstances than in the 14th century.

Accordingly, when Luther attacked the sale of indulgences and was called before the Diet at Wums in 1521, his fate was different to that of Huss in 1415. The economic base had radically changed. For the act which condemned Huss to the stake, Luther was placed upon the highest pinnacle of fame.

The peasant uprising under Thomas Munzer was drowned in blood, to the applause of mankind's great savior, Martin Luther.

THE BEGINNING OF COMMERCIALISM.

The science of navigation had now advanced to that extent when voyages into unknown seas were carried on. Daring navigators had sailed around Cape Hope, bringing back great wealth. The conception of a globular world suggested sailing to India across the Atlantic. America was discovered. England, whose monarch had been dubbed "defender of the faith" for his opposition to Luther, now threw off the Papal yoke.

The year 1581 saw England at war with Spain. More plunder could now be acquired by killing Spaniards and stealing Papal lands than in skinning slaves. England turned pirate, laid Ireland waste, plundered every foe for the Glory of God and, on the side, the wealth of the world. The least Capital grew apace. The old Feudal forms were one by one removed. Charles lost his divinely appointed head in 1649. William of Orange took his job from the people in 1689 minus the divine ointment.

AMERICA AND FRANCE.

The American colonies in 1776 cleared that country of feudal and semi-feudal bonds. In France, in 1789, another divine head wobbled, briefly divorced from its divine body. Napoleon swept the last vestige of Feudalism from Europe. Capitalism was in the saddle. "Take away that bauble," said Cromwell. "I am the Ancestor," said the Little Corporal, and proceeded to tenant the thrones of Europe with his brothers and brothers-in-law. A pope created the divine right concept in the 8th century when the upstart Pepin was crowned. A pope shattered it a thousand years later when the upstart Napoleon was crowned.

This ends our long journey. In all that we have seen, all the fundamental changes, we may trace the possible doom of the present economic form of social life. It may not be long delayed. It may linger too long for some yet old to see. But the seeds of destruction are sown. The soil is fertile to rankness. In the words of the emotional mental chloroformers, "What will the harvest be."

N.B.—There is a chronological error in the last article, issue 763. Hannibal and Fabius were of the second Punic wars. Carthage was destroyed in the third. Instead of 145 B.C., the date when Hannibal crossed the Alps, should be 215 B.C.—J. H.

WAR ON CAPITALISM

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The productivity of the working class, which is now their curse, and which will press ever harder upon them so long as production for sale prevails, will yet be their savior from economic slavery, and then as owners of their own means of life they will enjoy a happier, higher and nobler existence.

THE MEANING OF 'FINALITY'

had not the spunk to do their own fighting for themselves. Not this only one of our speakers was arrested and imprisoned, while others were dragged before the magistrates and "bound over to keep the peace." In some instances the proceedings were discharged off by the victims being discharged from their employment by their "good, kind masters" for daring to hold political opinions of their own.

We fought this fight long enough to achieve our purpose. In the columns of the last four issues of the Socialist Standard stand recorded our actions in this crisis, showing to the working class of the world that the Socialist Party in this country, acting in accordance with its declared principles, kept its hands clean in this, the most momentous crisis of its history. That is an asset to carry forward to the time when the war is finished.

But now we are faced with a new situation. On the 28th of November last were issued Orders in Council (Defence of the Realm (Consolidation) Regulations) which render the prosecution of our propaganda a work of extreme peril. The following extracts from the Regulations will serve to show the nature of the impediment we are up against.

27. No person shall by word of mouth or in writing or in any newspaper, periodical, book, circular, or other printed publication spread false reports or make false statements or reports or statements likely to cause disaffection to His Majesty or to interfere with the success His Majesty's forces by land or sea or to prejudice His Majesty's relations with foreign powers, or spread reports or make statements likely to prejudice the recruiting, training, discipline, or administration of any of His Majesty's forces, and if any person contravenes this provision he shall be guilty of an offence against these regulations.

27. A person found guilty of an offence under these regulations by a court-martial shall be sentenced to penal servitude for life or any less punishment.

In face of these restrictions and penalties the Executive Committee of the Socialist Party decided to suspend propaganda meetings for the time being, and called a meeting of Party members, at which meeting their action was endorsed.

We are aware, of course, that we lost an unique opportunity of indulging in heroics. We shall be told, perhaps, that we ought to have gone on in defiance of the powers that be till we went down in a blaze of fireworks. Our view, however, was the same one dictated by our avowed principles. We have always held that the supreme power is in the hands of those who control the political machine. The most we could hope for by going on was to prove that contention. But it is not for us to prove our contentions by acting in opposition to them.

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THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE REFORMATION.

Amid a general complaint from Bohemia that Rome demanded too much and, from Rome, that even village chapels had wealthier ornaments in Bohemia than cathedrals had in Italy. John Huss, a Prague professor, led a movement against the sale of indulgences in 1412. Three years afterward he was burned at the stake. This caused the revolt to spread into the open. Under pretext of fighting for religious liberty the Hussites seized several towns and established communes. To labor it was taught: "As in labor there is no mite or thine, but all is held in common; so shall everything be common to all, and no one own anything for himself alone. Whoever does so commits a deadly sin."

The communists met and overthrew the finest armies of chivalry. But this communism was not in accord with production, but based entirely upon need. This could not fail to engender friction. Surrounded by enemies, with dissension within, they were doomed. In 1434 at Lipau, deserted by their cavalry through a treacherous leader, opposed by double their numbers, the communists were cut to pieces, and almost entirely destroyed. They still retained labor, but the commune languished and soon died. The one refuge for democracy was destroyed.

THE ADVENT OF CAPITALISM.

This was the commencement of Capitalism, but with the working out of the Bohemian mines in the 15th century, the manifestations of embryonic Capitalism disappeared. True as the stars to their meridian hour, the phenomenon of social movements rise and fall with changing economic conditions.

At the time Bohemia was exhausting her mineral wealth, Germany was discovering rich deposits of silver, and the Rhine was being exploited for gold washings. The eye of Rome was directed to this rich country—her greed knew no bounds. Germany, on her part, was not inclined to deliver up her surplus wealth. A crusade had subdued the Turks and the Elector of Saxony was powerful enough to resist the Papacy. Printing was now in general use, and the monks, Swarty and Bacon, had banished armor and castle walls to the eull pile of armaments. "Gunpowder had made all men alike tall," as Carlyle says.

The mines of Saxony and Meissen had created a new market for produce, and a proletariat receiving wages in money. The rivers and lakes became producers of wealth in the form of carp to be dried for the miners. The high altitude of the mines called for more cloth; woollen industries arose. Capitalism again came to

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THE MEANING OF 'FINAL UTILITY'

confidence in the preceding theories when he finds that they lead directly to the well known law, as stated in the ordinary language of economists, of the eminent Mallock that wealth that value is proportional to the cost of production."

At page 191 they will find Professor Jevons' inducting in an algebraic expression, thus:

"Value per unit of x equal cost of production per unit of x.

"Value per unit of y equals cost of production per unit of y.

"Or, in other words, value is proportional to cost of production."

Further, on Jevons states: "The well known and almost self-evident law that articles which can be produced in greater, or less quantity exchange in proportion to their cost of production. The ratio of exchange of commodities will, as a fact, conform, in the long run, to the cost of production."

Then he concludes, "Thus we have proved that commodities will exchange in any market in the ratio of the quantities produced by the same quantity of labor."

In other words, "final utility" is a bogey erected by our illustrious professor for the useful purpose of knocking it down again. It is a bogey which obscures the real truth; and, by rendering confusion worse confounded, blinds the workers to the significance of their position.

Certain it is that this is as com-

plete a self-exposure as Henry George's economic bull that what is not rent is wages; or the statement of the eminent Mallock that wealth is the creation of "superior brains."

Marx, and his analysis of value, has nothing to fear from Jevons and his "school." The reasoning and statements of Jevons and Marshall show that commodities are incarnations of simple social human labor power, and that their relative value is measured by, and is proportionate to, the quantum of that power there, in embodied.

But listen to Ricardo: "When I give 2,000 times more cloth for a pound of gold than I give for a pound of iron does it prove that I attach 2,000 times more utility to gold than I do to iron?"

Certainly not; it proves only that the cost of production of gold is 2,000 times greater than the cost of production of iron. If the cost of production of the two metals were the same I should give the same price for them; but if utility were the measure of value it is probable I should give more for the iron.

If, then, I give one shilling for a loaf, and 21 shillings for a zincite, it is no proof that this in my estimation is the comparative measure of their utility."

Such is the final utility of "final utility."

(Next article: "Surplus Value," H. M. B.)

UNDER MARTIAL LAW

Manifesto of S.P.G.B. on "Order-in-Council"

Those of our friends who lend support to our outdoor propaganda meetings will be aware that for the past week or two those meetings have been suspended. Also, readers of this issue will notice that the Lecture List which up to this date has appeared on the back page of this our official organ, has now been withdrawn. These occurrences demand some few words of explanation, which are offered here.

When the war broke out in August the Socialist Party unflinchingly proclaimed the Socialist position in relation to it. From our platforms and, at the first opportunity, in the columns of our organ we took up the clear and definite attitude dictated by Socialist

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The Executive Committee, Jan., 1915, S.P.G.B.

WAR FOR MARKETS.
(This succinct statement of the materialistic cause of the great conflict in Europe, and of the aims of the ruling classes of the several countries involved, is from an article by Louis Van Norman in the American Review of Reviews. As far as we know, Mr. Van Norman is not a Socialist. But he knows what is behind the antagonisms of the nations, and he states it truthfully. A Socialist could do no more. Our cutting is from the "Weekly People."—E.D.)

In the last analysis, Europe's fight is a fight for markets. The German Kaiser has called the best living drummer for German goods. The Teuton's "Drang nach Osten" has been responsible for most of the Kaiser's "Weltpolitik." In the Near East are the grain fields of Mesopotamia, where the race began, and in the far East are the vast markets of India and China. The great financial interests of Europe, the Jewish bankers and the immense industrial establishments have been seeking the commercial conquest of Asia for a quarter of a century. This has been behind the Eastern question, with the elimination of the Turk as a factor.

Whatever great power possesses Constantinople attains enormous advantages for the domination of Asia and holds the high ways of trade to the Near and Middle East. Britain controls the Suez Canal. But German capital has built railroads through Asia Minor, Russia, by patient intrigue, has welded the little Balkan States until a Slavonic wedge from the Black Sea to the Adriatic now bars

the German's way to the Orient. Berlin and Vienna have repented by keeping the Balkans at war, by establishing the "open sore" of Albania, and preventing the Serbs, whether Serbian or Montenegro, from being Russia's advance guard on the Adriatic.

German finance must have more lands and people to exploit. England threatens the Kaiser's expansion on the sea, while Russia, the largest military empire of Europe, and France, her strongest military republic, close the Germans in on both land sides. Therefore, at any cost must the power of the Balkan league be broken. Therefore, the little Sanjak of Novi-bazar between Servia and Montenegro (given to the latter at the end of the Balkan wars is frantically clung to by the Austrians as the gateway to Salonica and Asia.—War on War-Gazette, S.A.)

"Victory means value: Defeat means depreciation." (Lloyd George). Exactly: what have we always said? You, the Tommies, the recruits, the humble musket-bearers, are rushed up against the guns in your myriads of make-value and avert 'depreciation.' On the whole, George's money-bag candour is preferable to Asquith's 'Spiritual Conflict' rhetoric.

"I ask myself what is being decided, in this great day of God... What our boys are doing at the front is for the New Testament... The war has done good; it has led to a closer brotherhood... I must keep your son pure and clean."—Bishop of London.

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