

## THE WORKING CLASS AND THE GREAT CALAMITY

### Ignorance Being Wiped Out in the Hard School of Experience

### The Nations Are Going Bankrupt in Present World Struggle

ON EVERY subject from marriage to Shakespeare, from religion to war, Mr. Bernard Shaw claims to be, and generally is, an authority. In a lecture recently delivered at the National Sporting club in London, he declared as follows: "Germany made war because she could not trust the rest of Europe, but found it safer to slay her neighbors than to live with them. It is impossible to indict Germany for beginning the war, because once you recognize war, you must recognize also the right to commence war. Treaties, moreover, have always been broken, and Great Britain herself has made scraps of paper of international agreements." It is quite possible to agree with Mr. Shaw and at the same time condemn the violation of the neutrality of Belgium even though done in the interests of "national evolution." But on the other hand, small nations or buffer states, with their separate languages, institutions and customs, are so many bars to progress. Competition among nations, as among corporations and individuals, is an unspeakable evil, which in the opinion of Count Tolstoy, who made the statement in a lecture at the Hotel Vancouver, Vancouver, B. C., on May the 8th, should, along with autocracy, be abolished.

### A Necessary Calamity.

Since the occurrence of the flood, the present war, unprecedented and unparalleled, is the greatest calamity which has befallen the human race, yet it could not have been prevented, for if so, it would have been. Still, strange to say, the war is in the line of progress, for, just as slavery was necessary until the problem of production was solved, and the sinking of the "Titanic" required to awaken those in authority to the necessity for adequate protection of lives and property on the sea, so was the war of the nineteenth century necessary in order to demonstrate the futility and the cost of wars and to hasten the arrival of permanent international peace. This is a paradox, but the world is as full of them as the seas are with fish.

### The Chief Industry.

During the earlier stages of the war, the slogan of Great Britain was "Business as usual," which was soon changed to "The war is our business until victory is achieved." It has become the only industry and reached a stage in which almost anything done to bring it to a speedy termination is in order. Everything else has become subordinate to it and it is the all-pervading subject of conversation. When events follow one another in such rapid succession, it is not persons daily reading the headlines of the papers to learn the latest developments and news, but the military censors are graciously disposed to allow to filter through.

The literature on the war and its various phases would stock several Carnegie libraries, because there is nothing else to write about. From Maximilian Harden to Bernard Shaw, Bernhardi to Lord Northcliffe, and from Robert W. Service to Luke North, the war is the one and only text.

### Fashions Change.

Red Cross work has become as fashionable as formerly were monkey diamonds, the phrase "After the war," monotonous, "Somewhere in France," a platitude, "Your country needs you," as familiar as Mary's little lamb, while "Spring drives" come annually like house-cleaning. Since almost the entire population of the world is engaged, the term "slacker" has become worn out, and especially so in Canada, where it can no longer be employed with consistency.

### Preparing for Bankruptcy.

Momentous were the events immediately prior to August 1st, 1914, when the assassination of the grand duke by the members of a secret society was the spark which set alight the world-wide conflagration, and far-reaching indeed were, and will be, their after effects.

A state unprepared for war was like a lamb among wolves and unless armed to the teeth goes out of existence, but peace with its costly armaments had become very expensive. On the other hand, war is more expensive, and if persisted in for a little longer, its logical sequence will be international bankruptcy. When the interest on national debts can no longer be paid, the system must be reconstructed or a new one replace it.

On the one hand, the war has produced many thousands of millionaires; on the other, untold misery and privation, which is another paradox. But since there is no evil without a little good, the war has its compensations; for it has brought about state capitalism, the final stage of the capitalist method of wealth production, and consequently hastened the coming of the brotherhood of man and the realization of our dreams.

### Obvious Facts.

As clearly and concisely as the proof of a proposition in Euclid, it has been demonstrated that civilized warfare is an impossibility, that contradiction in terms, that wars are fought by workers and carried on by the wealth which they produce, and that any modern na-



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Elected Wednesday by acclamation for the eighth year as secretary-treasurer and business agent of Vancouver Typographical Union, No. 226—Chairman of South Vancouver school board.

## AT PRESENT WEALTH IS IN NO DANGER OF CONSCRIPTION

### Man Power the Only Sort of Goods Considered Fit for Conscription

### Canada's Democracy a Much Mouthed Phrase Without Meaning

CONSCRIPTION! Meaning, of course, conscription of men, has been on the lips of every man in the Labor world, organized and unorganized alike, for the past week. This because the federal government is likely to attempt to railroad through some edict or other of the kind, without as much as consulting the electorate. Nor has there been as much as mention made of any effort to conscript the collectively-used wealth of the country. Naturally there are many misgivings and utter lack of confidence in a government that has no mandate from the electors. Under such circumstances if an attempt is made to force conscription of man-power alone upon the country, there is going to be a lively time—and it will not be confined exclusively to the workers.

A good deal has been said since the outbreak of the war about fighting for democracy. It has been more than suggested that Canada is a democracy. But if the word has any meaning whatever, then the action of Premier Borden is most assuredly conclusive evidence that he holds contrary opinions. Otherwise the edict of selective conscription would never have been pronounced.

It is self evident that the premier has listened to the siren-voiced gentry of Downing street, who, playing upon his vanity, actuated him to ignore the fact that Canada is presumably at least a self-governing unit, possessing a constitution. Hence the procedure adopted would tend to the assumption that Sir Robert Borden considers the time ripe to pull down the old sign of democracy from the deliberative assemblage and install in its place the discarded escutcheon of Nicholas Romanoff.

In a democracy a question of such vital importance as compulsory enlistment should be submitted to those who are factors in the struggle. Otherwise the much-mouthing word is a misnomer, void of any real meaning.

If Premier Borden does not, nor will not, give the electorate an opportunity of saying whether it has any confidence in his government or policies or not, then perhaps the sooner it is made plain the better.

Organized labor will then know exactly what to expect and what to do.

tion can abolish poverty, which being done would cause all the other sores on the body of human society to automatically disappear.

It has also become obvious that no individual or set of individuals can initiate a war, but their causes are inherent in the capitalist system itself, and that they will continue until that system is abolished or until they are found too expensive.

### The Ignorance of the Workers.

If it is true that all great men had great mothers, the converse contains an element of truth. Did not the Kaiser's mother die insane? Ho, like some nearer home who might be mentioned, has the story above his chin but scantily furnished; although the dividing line between genius and insanity has always been thin, his brain would at best be an interesting study for the branch of biology known as psychology, and his helmet an excellent souvenir for the British museum.

The really great obstacle in the way of progress is not autocracy, but the ignorance of the working class. Wars and the capitalist system, as already pointed out, are closely related, and with them both is associated the lack of political intelligence among the workers. Since the world could do without all three, their disappearance would be highly desirable.

## "ETERNAL VIGILANCE IS THE PRICE OF LIBERTY"

### All the Reactionary Forces of the World Are Alive and Active in Filching From the Common People All Rights and Privileges—The Opportunities Afforded by War Are Being Seized Upon With Avidity By the Agents of the Ruling Class to Nullify All that Labor Has Gained Through Centuries of Struggles—Canadian Tools of Capital Willingly Obey Their Masters—Time to Halt

SINISTER INDEED are the moves being openly and persistently made by the governmental functionaries of the ruling class in all countries of the earth. Under the cry of patriotism and for the alleged purpose of rallying the fighting power of nations to the heroic task of safeguarding democracy and preserving the theoretical liberties of mankind, the most nefarious schemes are being brazenly and insultingly foisted upon the usually decent, well-meaning and peace-loving wealth producers of the world. All that has been won by organized labor as a result of a century of bitter struggle, will be completely wiped out if a halt be not called to the infamous proceedings of the power-drunken political henchmen of capital who are now bent upon using their power for the undoing of democracy and the rape of human liberty. While the forces of organized labor have not in the past been utilized along the line of invading and gaining control of the legislative and executive powers of government, and thus placing Labor in a position to defend the principles of democracy and buttress and bulwark the liberties already gained, and push forward to new conquests, there is no excuse worthy of consideration that can be offered to warrant our lying down and meekly submitting to the impudent nullification of all that has been so painfully won in the past.

### Of the Most Sinister Significance.

The most sinister and deadly move that can be made against democracy and the cause of human liberty, is military conscription. No more complete and sweeping denial of liberty and democracy has yet been conjured forth by the cunning brain of autocratic tyranny than that. And to pretend that it is inaugurated for the purpose of conserving and promoting liberty and democracy is to indulge in the most abominable and disgusting hypocrisy and deceit. Compulsory military service implies nothing short of the complete abnegation of all liberty, either theoretical or otherwise. It means the absolute surrender of all manhood and manly attributes to the conscienceless mercies of military tyranny, the ultimate expression of all that is vile and brutal in the rule of slaves by their masters. It is the complete and ultimate antithesis of all liberty. To submit to it is to return to the very starting point of the human race in its age-old struggle to rid itself of that selfsame infamy and curse. It is to begin again the long drawn out and bloody struggle of the race to lift itself from vulgar and debasing slavery to a decent and free civilization. Liberty's cause does not call for enforced service. Every man instinctively obeys her mandate once he recognizes it to be her own. If there be any lack of volunteers to fight the battles of the present war, it can only be due to the fact that there is grave suspicion that the call being now put forth in the name of democracy and liberty is but a mask and a pretense better calculated to cover designs of sinister significance to the enslaved wealth producers, than to further liberty's cause. There is more than ample justification for the suspicion to be found in the stereotyped line of action followed by all of the governments concerned, in not only wiping out all of the advantages that have been gained by organized labor in the past, but by putting the finishing touch upon all democratic gains and aspirations, by resorting to the permanent military lariat, the throttle of human liberty.

### It Hears the Master's Voice.

The dominion government evidently hears its master's voice. It is now taking steps to throw the lariat. Of course it was never elected to office for any such purpose, that is as far as the common herd was privileged to receive enlightenment upon the matter. There is one thing especially nice about our boasted freedom and that is that although we do not elect "our government" for the purpose of handing us any tough bunch of luck, it is perfectly free to do so if it pleases our industrial overlords and they so order. That is what is now happening to us, and as we did not offer serious objection to the election of the present government, and have never manifested sufficient interest in our own



**HON. J. W. deB. FARRIS**  
Who has this week been made attorney-general, and the new minister of Labor of the province, to succeed M. A. Macdonald, and who will succeed him by his Vancouver electorate on Saturday, June 9. Mr. Farris has been counsel for Vancouver Trades and Labor council for the past nine years.

welfare to butt into the governmental game in order to conserve that welfare, it rather looks as though we had no legitimate kick coming. But another fact obtrudes itself upon us and position looking to this precious combination decreasing itself a longer lease of life. Of course that is no abrogation of the rights of an enfranchised democracy. It is no autocratic act. Perish the thought, for are we not fighting valourously for the overthrow of autocracy and the freeing of the world, henceforth and forever, from its baneful sway? Why, certainly we are. Everybody knows that. Under the political plan now being hatched up at Ottawa, the country will be absolved from the bother and expense

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## LABOR TEMPLE MEETINGS DURING THE COMING WEEK

SUNDAY, May 27—Steam Engineers; Typographical Union.

MONDAY, May 28—Amalgamated Engineers; Pattern Makers; Electrical Workers.

TUESDAY, May 29—

WEDNESDAY, May 30—

THURSDAY, May 31—Sheet Metal Workers.

FRIDAY, June 1—Railway Car-men; Pile Drivers and Wooden Bridge Builders; Civic Employees; Molders; Letter Carriers.

SATURDAY, June 2—Bakers.

that is that the present government has no further legal right to an existence. An election should be held. We understand an undertaking is now on between the government and the possibility of the election of a government that might not be altogether and unalterably opposed to democracy and the right of a people to determine their own governmental policies, be averted. And then there will be nothing in the way of this precious political gang at Ottawa still further decreasing itself such additional longer leases of life as subsequent occasions might call for. If the schemers are allowed to call the tune to which the working people of the dominion are to be compelled to dance, without any protest upon their part, a great load will no doubt be lifted from the loyal and patriotic hearts of the political and industrial overlords whom the providence of privilege hath ordained to rule over and sweat them. If the workers take kindly to it, the pathway of the future will be made easy for further adventures along the same line, until all liberty will have been lost and the heavenly millennium of class rule and class beatitude will have arrived.

### Time for a Kick.

It is time the organized workers, and all others who think that democracy should survive and human progress continue, made a kick, and a most energetic one. A resounding demand should be made that no arbitrary prolongation of the life of the present government be put through. That an election should be called at once. If the result should be the return of a government with a distinct mandate to inaugurate conscription, there would be nothing for the minority to do but gracefully submit. But let the demand be made, and with no uncertain ring, that no conscription be attempted until the same has been authorized by the popular vote, and that the conscription of wealth to cover the expense of war shall precede the conscription of man-power. Let that be emphatically understood. And above all things, see that no conscription be authorized for a time extending beyond the ending of this war. We want no permanent military establishment in Canada under any circumstances that can now be imagined. We are not yet ready to be converted into swabbing, goose stepping, British Prussians, even for the sake of bringing great joy to the profit-thirsty souls that now rule over and rob us, to their patriotic satisfaction and enrichment. We are not quite ready for that. We have enough in the way of paternal uplift and solicitude for our immortal souls handed to us by our precious "upper classes" now, to render us supremely satisfied upon that score. But let us register a kick against being smothered with any more of it.

## STREET RAILWAYMEN'S TO HOLD MASS MEETING

### Employees Will Hear Report of Special Committee Elected to Seek a War Bonus.

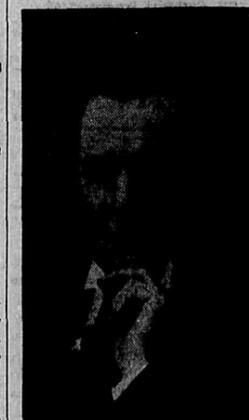
A special midnight mass meeting of the members of Pioneer Division No. 101 of the Street Railway Employees' union will be held in Oddfellows' hall, Mount Pleasant, on Saturday at 12:30 midnight, in order that employees of all shifts can be present. When the meeting assembles, the division executive committee will submit a report of the joint coast tri-city special committee, elected to approach the management of the B. C. E. R. for a war bonus, to meet the increased price of foodstuffs. In response to representations made by the committee last Monday, the company has made a counter offer: To all employees earning \$60 or less per month, it will concede a war bonus of 15 per cent; to those receiving between \$60 and \$70 per month, 10 per cent; these amounts to be paid by separate cheque.

Prior to the mass meeting Saturday night, the executive will hold a meeting at 10 p.m.

## BREWSTER GOVERNMENT MAY AGAIN NEED WILLIAMS

### May Be Necessary to Once More Call Upon P. W. to Pull Chestnuts From the Fire.

Says the Victoria correspondent of the News-Advertiser: "There is every likelihood that Parker Williams, who ran in Newcastle at the last general elections and was elected, and later was given a position on the Workmen's Compensation board, thus leaving that riding without a representative, may get back into politics again, be selected as the new minister of labor, a department just created by the government, and contest Newcastle, where J. H. Hawthornthwaite, former socialist member in the legislature, is seeking election, and in which, according to reports, his chances of success are excellent. In fact the likelihood of that gentleman's victory at the bye-election there, whenever it is held, is considered so strong by the government that the call to Mr. Williams to enter the contest is stated to be due to that fact."



**W. S. ARMSTRONG**  
Elected president of Vancouver Typo. union, No. 226, Wednesday, defeating President Benson by 17 votes. His running mate, "Bob" Marshall, was also elected vice-president over a field of four.

## OTTAWA LEGISLATORS CONSIDER TAX MATTERS

### Manifests Much Solicitude for the Welfare of Profiteers

### Minister of Finance Avoids Giving Information on Their Swag

THE HOUSE OF COMMONS has spent considerable time lately in discussing the matter of raising additional revenue by means of increased taxation. Much valuable light has been thrown upon the attitude of the government in its careful avoidance of pressing too heavily upon the profit grabbing interests that are making such tremendous gains out of the circumstances afforded by this world war. During the discussion, Sir Wilfrid Laurier and others made request for the production by the minister of finance of figures showing what the various companies in the Dominion had been gathering in the way of profits since the outbreak of the war. They claimed that it was most emphatically in the interest of the people of the Dominion that these figures should be made known, because they undoubtedly had a most important bearing upon the high cost of living. Sir Thomas White, minister of finance, true to the interests of the big profiteers, declined to produce the figures upon his own responsibility, but said he was in the hands of parliament. If an opposition member would make a formal motion for the production of the information required, he would give it "sympathetic consideration." Presumably this "sympathetic consideration" would be forthcoming from the standpoint of the profiteering interests, into the magnitude of whose loot the liberal members of the house were desirous of making inquiry.

### The Promise of the Future.

The information thus not being forthcoming the minister proceeded to defend the government's present taxation schemes, which he asserted were ample to provide for meeting existing conditions. He also stated that there would be no further changes in the tariff this year. He then proceeded to gloat over the prospect of the shipbuilding interests being assured of a very profitable period of business for a long time after the war. The avoidance of any undue interference with the gathering of rich profits now, and the fostering of such conditions as will assure the satisfactory continuation of the delightful processes of plentiful loot in the future, appears to be the chief function of the present government of Canada. Still there is nothing strange about that. All governments are thus constituted, and it is impossible for them to change their nature and habits so long as they remain exclusively the executive agents of loot and plunder. So long as there is no strong labor representation in the governments of the world, the privileges of loot will be dealt with gently, even in the face of war or other great calamity, but that less consequential thing known as man-power will be levied upon without stint and fed to the dogs of war without scruple and without mercy. The minister of finance is wise in refusing to uncover the magnitude of the loot that is gathered from the crucible of war and the nation's agony. If it were known in all its fulness, it is more than likely that not even the press gang would bring forth further food for cannon.

The best way to make a man fight for "his" country would be to give him a country to fight for.

Most of the political novices at Victoria are only now discovering who really runs the governments of Canada. Further "investigations" might disclose a whole lot of things worthy of note to amateurs.

When a government dare not take the electorate into its confidence, there is something wrong. If Premier Borden and Sir Wilfrid Laurier are agreed as to what the war policy should be, then what good excuse is there for postponing a general election long overdue? Who said something about democracy?

## OFFICERS OF TRADES CONGRESS WILL CONFER

### Three Members of Executive Appear to Be the Whole Works

### Autocracy Appears to Make Gains While Democracy Loses Ground

THE TRADES AND LABOR council has decided to hold a Congress of Canada executive conference at Ottawa, commencing June 1. Or rather three members of the executive, President Watters, Vice-president Simpson and Secretary-treasurer Draper, have decided to hold a conference. Vice-president Rigg, Winnipeg, was, it is said, unable to get away, and so advised the other members of the executive. The remaining members then decided that the services of Vice-president Watchman would be unnecessary. The "conference" purports to be a gathering of the executive members of the Congress and of the various international union officials throughout Canada. But inasmuch as there will probably not be one representative of organized labor present from west of Winnipeg, it may be rather difficult for President Watters and others to convince the next convention that the "conference" was designed to be representative of the voice of Labor in Canada. Much could be said. There certainly is need for a genuine heart-to-heart talk between officers of the trades union movement. But the "conference" of which the Labor press has not even been advised, will not tend to strengthen the confidence which should exist between the Congress executive council and the membership generally. There are serious issues to be wrestled with. So serious that practically every wage-worker in Canada is waiting for organized labor to indicate a definite line of action. If the Trades and Labor Congress officials rise to the occasion, it will be to their everlasting credit. If they fall, then the crisis is practically of their own making. The west is watching and waiting.

### President Watters' Statement

To judge by Associated Press reports, President Watters has arrogated to himself the duties of the entire executive council and, despite the pronouncements of Congress conventions, leaves an impression that probably the executive council will listen to the arguments of the visitors overseas before making a final decision. Usually it is necessary for labor officials to impress their views upon others, in order to secure concessions, but probably the Congress officers at Ottawa have discovered some new method of registering protests and carrying out instructions from the membership, through the delegate conventions. At any rate, here is the statement attributed to President Watters:

"After giving full consideration to the statement the prime minister made to the executive of the Congress, the executive sees no reason to change its position on conscription. The executive has considered the matter carefully and nothing has transpired to alter its stand of a year ago. The executive will meet again on Monday, after the debate on the measure, and a full statement, going into the details of its stand, will be issued on Tuesday."

## NELSON CITY COUNCIL'S METHODS OF FINANCING

### Provide Funds for Employers' Banquet By Raising Tax on Dogs.

NELSON, May 21.—When it comes to a question of finance, the city council of this city can give most of the legislative bodies some pointers. During the past week we had a convention of what was said to be mining men, about five per cent of whom could be classed as practical men of that industry. Of course the city had to provide a banquet. But how to find the necessary money was a problem, in these days of rigid thrift and economy. The feed cost \$200. After wrestling with the question for some time it was finally decided to increase the dog tax from \$2 to \$3 per year. A careful statistical compilation brought out the fact that there were just about 200 dogs within the city's confines, which would just meet the case to a nicety. So the dog tax increase goes.

At the same meeting of the council, however, an appeal for immediate aid for the victims of the recent Fernie coal mine disaster, was promptly laid over. The latter were only working people, and they could suffer and wait.

## SASKATOON UNIONISTS TAKE HAND IN POLITICS

### Will Contest a Riding in Forthcoming Saskatchewan Elections.

SASKATOON, Sask., May 19.—The Saskatoon Trades and Labor council has entered the political arena and have chosen for their standard-bearer A. M. Eddy. Mr. Eddy is a member of the Machinists' union. An election committee has been formed and the members are right down to business. In regard to the financing of the campaign the unions are responding magnificently and money is rolling in. The workers are aware that a stiff fight is ahead of them and they are resolved that they are going to give the "old parties" a run for their money. The Liberals have not yet announced their candidate, but Donald Maclean is the nominee of the Conservatives. The election is for the provincial house. J. G. S.

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FRIDAY, May 25, 1917

**THERE ARE patriots and patriots.** Some of them blow their bugles so loudly that none can mistake their genuineness. When a man noisily proclaims his patriotism, from the very house-tops as it were, who among us would have the impertinence to doubt his sincerity? If he admits it himself, there can be no further room for doubt. There is no further opportunity for objection or argument. That settles it. Then again, if he remains as silent as you please, but jumps to his feet every time he happens to hear some lugubrious national anthem musically crucified by raucous toned instruments, and stands at attention as though his spine was of cast iron and devoid of joints, there can be little doubt about his case. If, however, there be added to his department upon such an occasion, a disposition to frown menacingly and in a military manner upon some unlucky wight who does not understand such jumpingjack antics to be any part of a sane and healthy patriotism, and, therefore, does not enter into hearty participation in such antics, the last vestige of all doubt is forever removed. It is also supposed to be very convincing evidence of patriotism upon the part of old "gazabos" and other exempts from military service, impertinently bone others to offer their lives upon their country's altar. This is an eminently pleasing brand of patriotism because it is so safe. In fact that is the most commendable feature of it.

Through the columns of the daily papers we learn that the members of the house of commons at Ottawa have been recently deluged with demands for conscription in Canada. But we also note that these demands came from "boards of trade," "chambers of commerce" and "other public bodies." No mention was made of any coming from wealth producers or organizations of such. They apparently all came from those sections of the community that are engaged in the ancient and honorable calling of separating the wealth producers from that which they bring forth. Now as there is nothing that we know of to prevent the individual members of these "boards of trade, chambers of commerce and other public bodies" from volunteering and going forth to nobly fight, bleed and die for their country—and if it is not theirs whose is it?—we are compelled to confess that their demand for conscription looks exceedingly like unto an expression of real patriotism of the undisputed commercial sort. They would patriotically compel everybody else to offer themselves for sacrifice. There is no discount coming on that sort of patriotism. It is the real thing, that is according to the famous Dr. Johnson's definition of that sort of goods.

In the United States the real ruling class patriotism is also coming rapidly to the surface. No sooner was the war policy of the government announced than the sordid and baneful interests that skulk behind the governmental protective skirts began to thrust forth their dirty claws and proceed to take back whatever they wanted from the workers and which they had been previously granted. The first move was

the abrogation of the eight-hour day in government employ. This was granted without a murmur by the agents of organized labor. The pretense was that nothing should be allowed to stand in the way of the greatest production possible while the nation was engaged in such a heroic struggle on behalf of liberty and democracy. (It is to snicker.) Now the demand is to be made on behalf of struggling industry, especially of the south, that the child labor laws shall be nullified during the war. Also that all restrictions upon the introduction of Asiatic labor shall be removed, in order that the agricultural interests may be able to obtain a plentiful supply of cheap labor. One would think that the great republic was already upon its last legs in consequence of the exhaustion of its man-power, and yet there has not yet been a gun fired or a petard hoisted by the "star spangled" gent. The patriotism of trade, commerce and profit always rises to the occasion, without awaiting the coming of disaster and serious threat to the nation's life. It is always "Johnny on the spot," without the necessity of being conscripted. It is nothing but the spirit of reaction and tyranny that finds opportunity for a new lease of life out of the awful circumstances of blood and slaughter and leaves no stone unturned to seize upon still further power and, if possible, regain that which may have been previously lost to it. That sort of patriotism is the patriotism of ghoul. It is the sort, however, that meets with the noisiest kind of approval. Every country on earth is cursed with it, for every country on earth is cursed with class rule and class institutions. That brand of patriotism goes with it. It is a case of the "tail going with the hide."

**IT SEEMS** to be a sort of chronic weakness with the average man to make the most noise and fuss over matters that are of the least consequence, while those of the utmost importance are allowed to pass, oftentimes unnoticed. There is more than one person at the present time who is greatly disturbed over the huge national debts that are being accumulated by the various countries at war. Much fear is expressed that these debts will either never be paid, or that their payment will entail a heavy burden upon the future. And there are numerous well-intentioned ones who are exceedingly busy in trying to stir up the popular mind (if there is such a thing) to the point of repudiating these debts. It has been noticed that the noisiest authorities on matters of finance are usually to be found among those who know the least about the art of financial jugglery and legerdemain. It has also been noted that the most persistent and dogmatic of such authorities are to be found among those whose sole connection with the financial world has been limited to the handling of exceedingly small wages, with an occasional dash into the realm of high finance through the negotiation of a loan from some pawnbroker upon due and suitable collateral.

But our worthy friends who are disturbed over the magnitude of the national debts now being piled up on account of this war, and who are obsessed with alarm in regard to their ever being paid off, or yet again those who possess such an inherent hatred for the tribe of bondholders and coupon clippers as to desire that their claims be repudiated, need borrow no trouble. What they may say or do will have no result, either one way or the other, in that which the future holds in store for bondholders and their ilk. These so-called debts of the world have never been paid, and never can be paid, for the very simple reason that there is no thing, and can be nothing, with which to make payment. The people of the earth consume practically everything as rapidly as it is produced. There is next to nothing carried over from one year to another. All that there is to what is commonly termed debt—which is but another name for investment—is that he who holds it is enabled to eat, drink, wear and otherwise enjoy the good things of life, without cost to himself. There is nothing to it beyond that. Debt and investment, which are but two names for the same thing, are without significance outside of the fact that the holder of the debt, the investor, has a legal right to sponge his living from others who produce the things requisite therefore, by their labor and sweat.

If the individual holders of a national debt are paid off by the government of that country, it does not mean that their licence to plunder the producers of wealth has been terminated. It merely means that the plunder shall henceforth come to them through other than governmental channels. Their investments, instead of being in the form of government bonds, will now become bonds, stocks, deeds, mortgages or other paper evidences of ownership in industrial and financial enterprises. Their revenue will come to them from the same source as before, and likewise without cost to themselves. It will come from the unpaid toil and sweat of an enslaved and exploited working class. It can come from no other source for the very simple reason that there is no other. No one need worry over the eventual repudiation of this age-long and world-despoiling debt and investment hoax and swindle. It will come in time, but it can only come when the enslaved and robbed working class of the world becomes sufficiently wise to itself and the infamy that has been for centuries perpetrated upon it, that it will itself bring about that repudiation. Our precious ruling class states, whether outright autocratic or pretended democra-

tic, are doing all that lies in their power at present to bring the working class the requisite wisdom and understanding to do the job and do it well. In the school of bitter experience the working class of the world is learning its lesson. There is no other school. All the knowledge possessed by the human race has been gleaned in that school. And the lesson now being pressed to the front is the imperative necessity of totally repudiating human slavery with all of its property hump and its hoax of investment, debt and financial flimflam. If the working class learns the lesson out of this war, rises to the occasion and takes supreme control of the material factors of civilization, and by that token becomes master of itself and all that belongs to it, the war will not have been fought in vain. It will be worth all that it has cost in human blood and human suffering.

Who said Democracy!  
"National Service!" Well, let's have some!  
Huge war profits and talk of conscription of man power do not seem to go well together.

Word comes from Petrograd that 150,000,000 acres of land in Russia has already been seized by the peasants and distributed among themselves. They did not feel inclined to await the slow procedure incidental to the breaking up of the great estates, as promised by the Duma. So they attended to the matter themselves. This is really a war economy, as it cut out an immense amount of costly official red tape. The policy is worthy of being recommended to the workers of other lands, upon the grounds that if they want anything done they had better go and do it themselves.

War as a palliative of insanity is a theory unfamiliar to most people, but we have no reason to doubt the conclusions of Dr. Oswald, of Glasgow Lunatic asylum on the matter. One phase of the subject is instructive and significant. This is "the removal of the powerful effect of poverty on the mind, and its replacement by the higher standard of living and remunerative employment." Poverty and unemployment are thus by medical testimony more fertile causes of insanity than war. That is a lesson to be borne in mind when the war is over—London Globe.

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## SOUTH WELLINGTON COAL MINERS' DOINGS

### Action Taken to Determine Average Wage of the Contract Miner

### A Proposal to Inaugurate a Frequent Get-together Day for Labor

[By Walter Head]  
 SOUTH WELLINGTON, B. C. May 21.—Our regular union meeting was attended by Parker Williams in his official capacity of Workmen's Compensation Act commissioner. He wrote asking for a meeting to be arranged for the purpose of getting the contract miners to discuss the question of fixing a universal wage upon which to base any claims that may arise under the Compensation Act. The board is of the opinion that the adjustment of claims would be simplified by this method, and it would also guarantee the miner a fair compensation allowance, instead of some getting a great advantage due to better places.

The meeting decided to let the wage be fixed by the average wage made by the contract miner. I understand that a meeting was called at Cumberland for the same purpose, but as usual, it was packed with bosses, who wanted the matter turned over to the hand-picked grievance committee. But they didn't quite make it, so the matter is at present up in the air.

**May Day Inventory.**  
 Apart from the balance sheet presented by the May Day committee, there was very little business done. The balance sheet showed a favorable margin, and it was decided to hold another good day at some future date.

It would be a good thing if the workers would hold a get-together day at regular intervals. We, as workers, don't get together enough. The prevailing tendency amongst the workers is to be at loggerheads and it is patent that this tendency is fostered by the bosses at every opportunity. They always try to create jealousy by giving certain men favors. They very often attempt to buy men who are active in the labor movement, and by so doing bring dis-

credit on the movement. The history of the labor movement is replete with men who have been bought, but the intelligent worker will never be swayed by such tactics. He doesn't throw the movement down because some individuals have allowed themselves to be bought; because, in every case, the rank and file are to blame for adopting such an apathetic attitude. I have always maintained that there is no hope for the workers until they rouse themselves from their deadly apathy. We see evidences of this apathy on every hand. The worker takes so little interest in his economic condition that time and time again the psychological moment comes and goes and leaves him stuck in the mud.

### The Apathy of H. Dubb, Esq.

I was unable to attend one meeting, and hear the discussion on the proposal of the compensation board. I received word two hours before the meeting requesting my presence at a mass meeting at Ladysmith. The latter meeting was very sparsely attended. The men at the Extension mines are in full possession of that common property of the Henry Dubb, the aforementioned apathy. They also seem to have a pretty healthy fear of the boss; because they are paying their union dues, but not attending the meetings as they should. It is a hard thing to say, but the meeting was attended almost wholly by men in the prime of life, the younger men being conspicuous by their absence. The same young men will finally learn to fight for their rights, when it is too late. A bloodthirsty master class will drive them into the trenches and there make them fight the battles of said ruling class. It behooves the young men to take a tumble before it is too late. I would like to say more, but I must remember that I am living in a country that is blessed with democracy and freedom.

### Nanosee Bay Prospects.

On the day following the meeting I travelled to Nanosee bay, with two representatives of the U. M. W. of A., as the men there were holding a meeting to select a committee to draw up a wage scale. I distributed a bundle of Federationists. The majority of the men there are members of the U. M. W. of A. There are some 70 men working and I hope, very shortly, to see a local union organized. The men at present are attached to Ladysmith local, as it is a new mine and they haven't got the facilities for holding meetings. The mine is going ahead and we shall see a good local union built there shortly.

### British Justice Says "Shoo."

We are going to give the newly-elected Department of Labor something to do very shortly. We have a bunch of labor-hating kaisers on Vancouver Island, who have got to be placed where they belong before there can be industrial peace. The trouble-makers at Cumberland are looking for trouble, and unfortunately they are aided and abetted in their nefarious work by some of the aforementioned traitors, who

were formerly fighting on our side, and who have sold their birthright for a mess of pottage. A new man upon starting work is threatened with dire penalties if he dares to become a member of that terrible organization, the U. M. W. of A. A man doesn't have to take an active part in order to obtain the order of the can. If they know that he pays his dues his name is mud, and if he is seen talking to Oje Naylor he is excommunicated, crucified and fired. They have one of those diabolical exorcises with which our beautiful social system is blessed—the "company town," where the justice of the peace, if you please, parades the approach to said town to "shoo" such wild animals as Joe Naylor away. (What about the function of the state now?) A J. P. sabbings on the police.

### National Service and Spuds.

I received the above information from one of our members, who was driven out of Cumberland because he was a union man. The boss had the gall to give that as his reason, and made no bones about it either. No wonder the power that he has to force men to fight their wars. The workers have enough enemies at home without going to France. Let them rid the country of the parasites and give us back our country before they force us to leave to fight for said parasites.

We have had one of the food-speculator brand of parasite perambulating around this district. He has cornered most of the potatoes by making a contract to buy at a certain price, paying a deposit to make the deal a cinch. The possibility is that many of these potatoes will rot before they are taken away. If such tactics are being pursued in this district it is likely so in other districts, and if potatoes are being hoarded why not other commodities? Such a state of affairs will always prevail as long as we permit a gang of pirates to own the means of production. It is high time the government took a hand in the high cost of living proposition.

### The Liberty and Democracy of Capital.

But when we come to think of it, the workers have been fools enough to put the representatives of the aforementioned gang of pirates in the halls of legislatures; so the only course left open is for the Henry Dubbs to kick the parasites overboard and take a hand in the game themselves. It might not be patriotic, but it would be quite extremely sensible, and it would be quite a change to see the workers use a little sense for once, after letting someone else think for them for so long. They may start to wake up, now that their masters are going to try to "force" them to fight for liberty and democracy. It seems to be a poor sort of liberty, when men have to be forced to fight for it. Of course, the capitalist papers all say that everybody wants conscription. Let them take a referendum and see if everybody wants conscription. It may be that all the intelligibles want conscription, and it is very bad taste to want somebody else to do some thing that one cannot do oneself.

If the workers allow themselves to be forced into a limited form of conscription, the masters will become bolder and take away some more of the much-advertised liberties of the Britisher, and we shall become slaves of the very identical Junkerism that we are supposed to overthrow. But perhaps by that time the German workers may have revolted and bounced Kaiser Bill and his satellites.

## CONSCRIPTION

To the Workers of Canada:  
 Customs once formed find a place in the social structure, and long after the conditions which called them into being have disappeared, they are continued.

The few privileges and petty liberties which we now possess, and which have been gained by the struggles of those members of our class who have gone before, are about to be taken away. The necessity of our masters demands that we be stripped of the last vestige of liberty that we possess in order that we may be used in whatever capacity they see fit for the furtherance of their interests and to the detriment of ours.

Protesting against the system, known as capitalism, in all its forms, we take particular exception to being forced to take active part in any war between sections of the master class in which we would be compelled to shoot down, and be shot down by, other members of the international working class, no matter under what flag they may happen to be living or to have been born.

The placing of a large proportion of the population under military control means the annulling of all those privileges which are generally considered necessary to a peaceful development. We realize that whenever these privileges become dangerous to the owners of the giant means of wealth production they have power to curtail them. But in so doing they must adhere to certain rules. In carrying out their policy, certain legal formalities must be observed, and during this period the workers have opportunity to successfully oppose any attempted abridgement of their privileges.

We object to being forced to rivet still more firmly the chains of servitude about our limbs; to being forced to aid in the perpetuation of the degradation under which we of the working class suffer. And we hereby declare our uncompromising opposition to any attempt of the master class to curtail any of the liberties that we now possess.

Workers of Canada, you have but one enemy—THE MASTER CLASS! Your fight is not against your fellow workers, but against the system of exploitation under which we suffer and from which alone springs war with all its attendant horrors.

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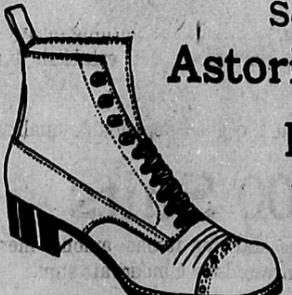
"What is it?" inquired Clarissa, suspiciously.

"Pig's feet."

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There is a strike on at the Coughlan Shipyards in this city. Like the employees of the highly esteemed great captain of industry, B. T. Rogers, of sugar refinery fame, the men at Coughlan's found it by no means easy to wrestle with the present patriotic prices of foodstuffs and other necessary things, at the equally patriotic low wage and patriotically unbecomingly long hours and other unseemly conditions prevailing in connection with the Coughlan servitude. They, therefore, decided to exercise their "God-given and inalienable right to quit work," until their grievances were remedied, and conditions of recompense and toil were brought more in tune with their actual requirements in order that they might retain the proud position, long since won by their sturdy ancestors, as worthy "sons of empire" and "hearts of oak." In fact, they wanted their wages and hours of labor brought up abreast of the wages and hours generally prevailing in the shipyards of this coast. The Coughlans were, of course, aggrieved. In fact, they were quite shocked to think that workers should be so lacking in patriotism as to strike, and thus interfere with the building of ships "for the empire," in this, the hour of its need. The workers probably overlooked a bet right there. They undoubtedly thought they were engaged in building ships for the Coughlans in this, the hour of their (the Coughlan's) need for profit. They probably never dreamed they were building ships for the "Empire." It is more than likely that many of them do not know it yet, even though the Coughlans have said it. It is undoubtedly very unpatriotic, ungrateful and extremely disloyal on the part of the workers in thus quitting the service of the "Empire," because they were getting too small wages and too big work. But it does not logically follow that the Coughlans are likewise unpatriotic, ungrateful and disloyal, because they refuse to pay the men living wages and grant them living conditions of labor. If the Coughlans keep their plant shut down "till the crack of doom," to use a B. T. Rogersism, that would be strictly patriotic and thoroughly loyal, especially when it was kept shut down for the purpose of frustrating such an unpatriotic and disloyal plot as the obtaining of higher wages and more comfortable working conditions. Anybody can see that.

### A New Day Dawns.

It is always the darkest just before the dawn. At least that is what is claimed by those who profess to have gained their knowledge through experience and observation. The Coughlans may well take cheer from the good news that now cometh unto us from the dear old "motherland." The head of a big Glasgow shipbuilding firm, recently speaking at the opening of an exhibition of women's war work in London, took occasion to express the greatest satisfaction over the excellent results that had been obtained in his line of business, from the "dilution" with woman labor. This "dilution," meaning the introduction of woman labor into the shipbuilding industry, in the place of the male labor that would otherwise be required. So enthusiastic did he become on behalf of female labor that he fairly bubbled over with it. "Given two more years of war," he declared, "I would undertake to build a battleship from keel to aerial, in all its complex detail, entirely with woman labor." He finds that "the woman

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who has trained for a trapeze can find her vocation at the giddy heights of a Scotch crane." It seems that all that will be required is to first train a woman on the trapeze and then she will be amply equipped for crane work in a shipyard. This opens up unlimited possibilities for the gentler sex, among which is that of becoming the future "rough necks" of the world. But why speculate? It is quite enough to know that woman is to come fully into her own, and man, mere man, is to be liberated from the slavery of the ages and realize his sublime destiny as food for cannon and the roll of honor. But when that happy day comes what a delightful and delighted line-up of battered and ancient war relics there will be down around the Coughlan shipyard, "rabbernecking" at the erstwhile Vancouver damsel of the French heel and the drug store expression, as she coyly rivets the ship's plates or imperiously commands the gantry crane. Let the prayers of all shipbuilders and similar loyal and patriotic souls be fervently offered up for at least "two more years of war." The golden age of the profit lord will then be here. The awful tyranny of masculine labor will be forever broken. Female labor omnia vincit.

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"Good God!" we hear the maiden cry, "This is a glorious showing; We hope the men have steam enough To keep the presses going." —Yonkers Statesman.

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He printed on her lips a kiss, It was a soul inspirer; And by his "form" she knew that he Was no mere "stereotyper." —Houston Labor Journal.

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He printed on her lips a kiss, Sans press, sans lock-up, type—light face; Such platonic osculation, Completely pried his case.

### THE SPORTSMAN'S LAMENT

I've lost my friend, my dog, my wife, Saved only horse and purse; Yet when I think on human life, Thank heaven it is no worse.

My friend was sickly, poor and old, Was peevish, blind and crippled; My wife was ugly and a scold, I rather think she tripped.

My dog was faithful, fond and true, In sporting gave me pleasure; I shouldn't care for 'other two, If I had saved this treasure.



### LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that under and pursuant to the Statute passed by the Legislature of the Province of British Columbia and being Chapter 21 of the Statutes of 1917, the Honourable William Alfred Gallier one of the Justices of the Court of Appeal of British Columbia, the Honourable Denis Murphy and the Honourable William Alexander Macdonald two of the Justices of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, have been appointed Commissioners to constitute a Commission to inquire into the matters referred to in the preamble to the said Statute. The purpose and scope of the inquiry to be held by the said Commission is to inquire into all the facts and circumstances connected with a by-election to fill a vacancy in the representation of the Vancouver City Electoral District held on the 20th day of February, 1916, and into the manner in which said by-election was conducted and whether any irregularities or illegal practices took place or were committed or attempted to be committed at such by-election, and if so, the manner of the commission of such irregularities or illegal practices and attempts to commit illegal practices, and all such particulars in relation thereto as may be necessary to fully inform the Commissioners in regard to such irregularities and illegal practices and attempts to commit illegal practices and of the person or persons guilty thereof and concerned, aiding or abetting therein, and of acts done or committed in the commission of such irregularities and illegal practices or any attempts to commit illegal practices, whether before or after such by-election; AND FURTHER to investigate and report on any facts and circumstances occurring subsequent to said by-election and connected in any manner with the irregularities and illegal practices and attempts to commit the same which are believed to have occurred at the said by-election, including therein the movements of any person or persons who might have been material witnesses on any investigation into such irregularities and illegal practices and attempts to commit the same which was held either by the Legislature of the Province of British Columbia or any committee thereof, or who might have been material witnesses on an criminal prosecution instituted or which might have been instituted in British Columbia in respect of such irregularities or illegal practices or attempts to commit the same, or in respect of any offence or offences under the "Provincial Elections Act" and amendments thereto, and as to whether any such person or persons who might have been material witnesses as aforesaid was or were permitted or assisted or advised to leave the jurisdiction and to remain thereout so as to prevent the evidence of such person or persons being available on any such investigation or prosecution, and if so, by whom and under what circumstances and for what consideration, financial or otherwise, and as to any expenditures of money or promises to pay money to cover up or attempt to cover up such irregularities and illegal practices and attempts to commit the same and by whom such expenditures of or promises to pay money were made.

The first meeting of the said Commissioners to proceed with the inquiry above referred to will be held in the Assize Court Room at the Court House, at the City of Vancouver, on Wednesday, the 31st day of June, 1917, at the hour of 11 o'clock in the forenoon of all of which matters all parties interested are required to take notice and govern themselves accordingly. Dated at Vancouver, B. C., this 22nd day of May, A. D. 1917.

### BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONERS.

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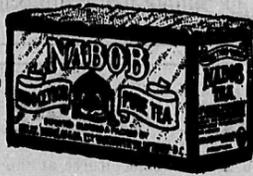
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