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## A GREAT MEETING

**Professor Nearing Delivers Brilliant Address on Far-Reaching Effects of Dawes Plan.**

**POLITICAL ALLIANCES**

**Will Undoubtedly Change Balance of Power From West to East—Imperialism.**

AN audience which taxed the capacity of the Theatre Royal, gathered on Sunday evening to hear Professor Scott Nearing. Before 7:30 the doors were closed, and to appease the numbers who could not gain admission, an overflow meeting was held in the I. W. W. hall, where another bumper audience listened with rapt attention to Dr. Nearing outline the far-reaching effects of the Dawes plan, which, he said, would reduce the standard of living of the workers of all nations, stating it was the last weapon of imperialism to rehabilitate the disintegrating system of capitalism and introduce a form of industrial serfdom.

Dr. Nearing's evening address was a masterly presentation of the difference between the capitalists' method of supressing and exploiting small nations, even empires, with the aid of its newly-formed imperialistic arm, the "League of Nations," and the democratic method pursued by the Soviet government. He declared that one of the most profound and far-reaching economic and political alliances now taking place was that being ratified between the Japanese, Chinese and Soviet governments. An alliance, both from its moral and economic aspects, as well as from the fact of their vast population, would undoubtedly change the balance of power from west to east. Hitherto, said Professor Nearing, the peoples of the east had good reason to tremble at the approach of christian governments, who treated them as inferiors, robbed them of their natural resources and drove them off their lands with factories, and their women and children into sweated industries at starvation wages and long hours. Compare these tactics, said Professor Nearing, with the treaties made by Soviet Russia, which recognizes the right of self-government, racial equality, the right of the people to exploit their resources for the good of their own people, no annexation, no indemnities, and the return of property and all rights taken from them by czarist imperialism, treaties of trade and cooperation only, and you have an economic alliance based on the principle of the brotherhood of man which will shake western capitalism to its foundations.

The latest encroachments, the brutal and high-handed suppression of common rights and political liberties of the peoples of China, Egypt, and India, where in the latter country there are more political prisoners rotting in jail than in any other nation, have awakened and dissillusioned these peoples and killed the last remnant of trust or respect left in them for British justice, or western civilization. Trust and respect are dead, owing to the ruthless oppression of the east by the west, declared the speaker.

In these nations, said Professor Nearing, there are at least 100 millions of people possessed of untold unexploited wealth, now awakening and facing the common foe of western imperialism, nations old in culture and communistic in their traditions of life, evolving toward the ideal of cooperation and with the common desire to stop western exploitation of their resources and peoples. This combination of eastern nations is the most significant and powerful force to be reckoned with by imperialists; a force bound to change not only the destinies of Asia, but of Europe as well.

It was Professor Nearing's first visit to Vancouver, but judging from his reception he had already planted himself deeply in the hearts of many, no doubt for his fearless championing of peace, truth, and justice to all mankind. He left the city with the wish of the many who listened to him that he return soon and remain longer.

### THE UNEMPLOYED OF SOUTH VANCOUVER

WE are having interesting and instructive discussions at our weekly meetings at the municipal hall each Tuesday night and making some progress but we have not succeeded yet in getting our organization recognized by the authorities. This matter is still in the hands of the government official, who gives out work slips, which consists of a few days' work. Our demand is for full work or full maintenance and we know we shall get this if we bind together in one compact mass. All are urged to attend these meetings and get to know what is going on for themselves, so that we can improve the situation and get the present distress relieved. It is the duty of all unemployed and workers to support each other for the general good of one and all. E. D. Brewer, secretary, 4854 James street, South Vancouver.

In economics we must do more thinking in terms of human life than in terms of dead wealth.—Mackinder.

## Canadian Labor Party

**NEW WESTMINSTER**

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## B. C. OUT-OF-WORKS

**Duties of Unemployed As Imposed by City Council of Vernon, B.C.**

**IMPERTINENT QUESTIONS**

**More the Persecution of Masses, Sooner Day of Awakening Will Come.**

[By Geo. Shovelenpick]

ALL ye sick, lame, and lazy shall report at the police station at the hour of 9 a. m., Monday, the 16th day of February in the year of our Lord 1925, for the purpose of answering the following questions given by the chief of police of Vernon, B. C., at the request of the city clerk, as the Vernon council finds that work is getting pretty scarce, and only those in dire distress shall be able to qualify. Questions to be answered:

(1) Your full name and address, married or single, how many of a family?

(2) Do you own any property?

(3) Do you owe any grocery bills in town; if so, how much?

(4) Do you owe any coal or wood bills in town; if so, how much?

(5) Do you owe any other bills in town; if so, how much?

(6) How much did you earn in wages last summer, and what did you do with it all?

(7) How much money did you earn this winter and what did you do with it?

(8) Have you any money in the bank; if so, how much?

(9) Have you borrowed any money from anyone in town; if so, how much?

Now isn't that just a splendid routine to have to go through to receive the large amount of two days work per week, especially when this beautiful world of ours is supposed to at least give every man, woman, and child, food, shelter and clothing? Here we are, at the mercy of a few, having to tell all our private affairs to receive just barely enough to exist on. I say, wake up, comrades of the working-class, and let us show those few that it was never meant that the masses should be dictated to (by those same few) as to whether we should, or should not, have food, shelter, and clothing. Until such times as we realize this, those same questions will have have to be answered by us. However, the more pressure those few bring to bear on the masses, the sooner the dawn of that great day of awakening will come. Yours to be there at the great home coming when every one will be entitled to his or her portion on an equal basis of the only thing which we the masses have to sell (on our worlds markets) our labor power.

## FEDERATED LABOR PARTY

**Vancouver Branch Resolves Federal Government Should Take Care of Unemployed.**

The regular meeting of the party was held on Wednesday evening, February 18th, at 319 Pender street west. The chief business of the evening was a discussion on unemployment. Nearly everyone present took part in this discussion and various proposals were put forward, not as a cure for unemployment, but as a means to provide the unemployed with the necessaries of life, and also to prevent the standard of living of those being employed being lowered. A resolution was passed to the effect that unemployed maintenance was a function of the federal government and should be taken care of by a system of unemployed insurance.

Mrs. C. Lorimer was elected as a delegate to the Unemployed Association.

Our members should keep in mind that the regular meetings of the party are held on the first and third Wednesday of the month. The next meeting will be on March 4th. Members try and get your friends active in the Labor movement. Visitors always welcome.

## GENERAL ELECTION

**F. L. P. Should Bring Ultimate Success of Labor Party in East Kootenay.**

**OBSTACLES TO OVERCOME**

**Rural District Problem—Concerted Effort Necessary in Ways and Means.**

[By James Sims]

IN the issue of February 6th a timely warning is given to those of us interested in the Labor movement of the approaching dominion general election. It is to be hoped that it will have the effect desired. Especially do I hope that the district of East Kootenay will awaken from its long winter sleep, and commence, or perhaps I should say resume, active operations. A reflection on Labor's past performances in federal elections in this district clearly demonstrates that they may look forward with confidence to victory in a three-cornered contest. As one who was actively interested in the last two elections, and knowing of the lack of organized effort on both occasions, I do not believe that I am unduly optimistic in pronouncing a victory for Labor certain, if steps are taken to stimulate the workers' intreests in the forthcoming election. I am not aware of what political organization exists in the Fernie district which has had a Labor representative in the provincial house for years. In Cranbrook, there is a branch of the Federated Labor Party, and it is to this organization one must look for the effort to bring about the ultimate success of the Labor party in a federal election in the East Kootenay riding. Having spoken in terms of victory, it will not avail us much if gained only by the way of personality or good fellowship methods, which, I do not hesitate to say, assissted us greatly in the past.

**Justice of Labor's Cause**

We must pave the way to victory by getting the people to understand clearly the justice of Labor's cause. A true democracy can only operate when surrounded by a people of understanding. Therein lies our great work in such a constituency as ours. I am under no illusion as to the task that is before us, i. e., to bring about a state of mind conformable to the principles of the Labor movement. It's a loud call, a clear call, and cannot be denied by those of us who are actively interested. Let us waste no more time, but commence to prepare our plan of action for the coming contest.

Traveling afield from my own constituency I realize there are many ridings, or electoral districts, that Labor cannot hope to approach with any degree of success at this time, yet I am of the opinion that no opportunity should be lost to contest the seats. It gives us the opportunity to place our viewpoint to a larger number of people than other times would permit. While at election time much talk is given to the adopted platform of the party, I am sure the movement would benefit greatly if the immediate causes leading to the necessity and construction of such platforms received equal attention. History has given students the key, but we are dealing with the man in the street, and we have to find the most effective talking point.

**Questions Raised**

For instance, the questions, "What has aggravated this unemployment disease? Why this prolonged high cost of living? Why the necessity for immigrants, or visa versa?" We hear the farmer remarking "The bigger the harvest, the greater the disaster," trade unionists bewailing the fact that craft unionism is becoming impotent. They rightly ask, "Are we a poor people because Canada is a poor country?"

It must be proven to the people that these things are the products of progressive capitalism, accentuated the more it progresses. Experience teaches us that very few people now resent the suggestion that the late war was a commercial war, that is, for commercial supremacy. They may

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## PROFESSOR NEARING

**Gives Enlightening and Inspiring Address at the Open Forum on Sunday.**

**"NEW SOCIAL RELIGION"**

**Instead of Organizing for War, Organize for Production and Peace.**

BEFORE the largest audience ever assembled at the Open Forum, Prof. Scott Nearing gave a enlightening and inspiring address. His subject was "The New Social Religion." He asserted that the new social religion would concern itself with human nature. He did not believe that man was the fallen creature that we have been taught he is, but rather that he was the product of the process of evolution. The great primary urge behind man today was the desire on his part, not alone to perpetuate his kind and to preserve himself, but to improve his environments, to ameliorate the unfortunate conditions under which he was forced to live.

Today we are living in a state of fear. It is more or less the dominating factor in our lives. The fear of hunger, of unemployment and of misery. But a small percentage of the workers of America are organized, and, therefore, the great masses of them are more or less at the mercy of their employers. They are living in a world where the standard of living is being forced down day after day. For human beings to live under such conditions and in a constant state of fear, it must inevitably result in having a disintegrating and blighting influence upon the great mass of the workers the world over.

Fear, greed and plunder were the predominating influences at work today. It is a case of grab while the grabbing is good, he said. You could hardly expect a very high type of manhood or womanhood to be developed under such debauching conditions. Not until we had a system in which such factors were eliminated would we expect the highest type of men and women, a system in which people learned to cooperate for the common weal rather than to grab for themselves. Instead of their future happiness and welfare being dependent upon fear and greed, and their ability to grab from the other fellow, it would be dependent upon their ability to cooperate with their fellowmen in an effort, not alone to preserve themselves, but also to preserve their fellowmen. So long as our habits are being formed in the present social mould we need hardly expect any marked improvement in the individual or society as a whole.

"Instead of organizing for war, let us learn to organize for production and for peace?"

"We should learn to organize as workers or as trades, not as nationalities."

"Culture belongs to the human race as a whole, and not to one class alone."

"Today we have a working class and a leisure class. That is quite wrong. We should all work and we should all have leisure," he stated.

The professor was listened to with rapt attention throughout and hearty applause greeted many of his remarks.

After the address some considerable time was given over to the answering of question from members of the audience.

## NEWS OF PRINCE RUPERT

**Figures of Timber Scalings—Trades and Labor Council Elect Officers.**

(By Our Own Correspondent)

PRINCE RUPERT, B. C.—Timber scalings during past month were small, the total being 2,239,887 board feet and 12,500 lineal feet of poles. The lumber consisted principally of coast spruce.

The Trades and Labor council has elected the following officers for the ensuing term: President, S. D. McDonald (re-elected); vice-president, James Black; secretary-treasurer, Frank Derry (reelected); statistician, E. W. Tucker; sergeant-at-arms, J. G. Anderson; executive committee, H. J. Smith, J. J. Gillis, James Coombs, with the president and secretary.

**DR. CURRY'S LECTURES**

This (Friday) evening the subject will be: "From Savagery to Civilization." The meeting will be held in the C. P. hall, 666 Homer street. All interested invited to attend. Community singing.

**Socialism**

Socialism naturally goes with an unselfish or altruistic system of ethics. The most characteristic feature of the old societies was the exploitation of the weak by the strong under the systems of slavery, serfdom, and wage labor. Under the Socialist regime it is the privilege and the duty of the strong and talented to use their superior force and richer endowments in the service of their fellow-men without distinction of class or nation or creed.—Encyclopaedia Britannica.

## NEW PAMPHLETS

MANY requests have been made to this paper to have the articles on the farming situation, by George Sterling, printed in pamphlet form. Orders have even come in, in anticipation. We anticipate complying with the request, and we would appreciate others sending in their orders in advance so that we might the better estimate the number required to be printed.

A new pamphlet will be off the press shortly. It is entitled, "Woman and the Game of War," by Mrs. Rose Henderson. No woman can afford to not read it. It is startling and frank, and contains a wealth of information for every earnest student of war and its causes.

There are still some pamphlets left on "Russia Today" and "Some Startling Disclosures on Child Immigration." Prices 10 cents and 5 cents, respectively. Send in your orders today.

## J. S. WOODSWORTH

**Member for Centre Winnipeg Delivers Important Speech in Parliament.**

**GOVERNMENT OF INTERESTS**

**Decidedly Not One Representative of the Great Masses of the People.**

[From Hansard of February 10]

THUS a very real and pressing need is brushed aside as of comparative unimportance and we have a purely technical, legal, constitutional attitude presented. Even then the Minister of Labor might have remembered that so far back as 1920 a report on this subject of the draft conventions was submitted to the governor-general in council by the minister of justice on March 2 and duly concurred in by the council and approved by his excellency the governor-general on November 6. In that report we find the following statement:

Unemployed insurance has a pronounced federal aspect and on the whole the minister thinks the establishment of a system of unemployed insurance is competent in the Dominion in the exercise of its residuary legislative power with regard to the peace, order and good government of Canada.

As I think I said last year in this House, where there is a will there is a way. And where there is no will there is no way. The position of the minister of labor was very largely backed up by the acting minister of finance (Mr. Robb). In flat contradiction to the representations at the conference of Canadian manufacturers and to the evidence submitted by mayors and responsible officials from Halifax to Vancouver, he said:

I say trade in this country is good. . . . That is the reason for unemployment. . . . There are too many people flocking to the cities. . . . There is work for them on the farms if they want work.

Where can we get with statements of that character, in the face of the undoubted evidence to the contrary? Since that conference conditions have not improved. According to the press despatches as published, we had a deputation here a few weeks ago from Eastern Canada headed by Premier Armstrong, in which he is reported as having stated:

That at the Sydney mines in one of the coal towns, so acute is the situation that people were suffering from hunger and some were actually living on mushrooms picked in the woods. Such a situation, he said, required action by the government. There were 23,000 people unemployed and more than 100,000 dependents affected.

In my own city of Winnipeg we have at the present time some 1,200 married men and 800 single men in receipt of relief, very largely owing to their unemployment. Large and influential deputations recently waited on the city council of Montreal to bring to the attention of the council the extremely serious situation which prevailed. Within a few days we have had deputations from Toronto and Ottawa. We had evidence presented at the unemployment conference with regard to the serious conditions even among the immigrants from northern Europe. The Danish consul and the Scandinavian emigrant station have both protested in the very strongest terms against the bringing over of Norsemen into the midst of a population where there was a great deal of unemployment.

I do not wish at this time to discuss the responsibility of the federal government, but I should like again to take the position I have taken on previous occasions, namely, that the body which is so largely responsible for the immigration policy and for the financial policy of this country cannot possibly escape responsibility for the unemployment which is largely the result of those policies. The government which through its arrangement fails to make it possible for people even to obtain the necessities of life—food, clothing and shelter—cannot possibly have a claim upon the loyalty of its people. It may be a government of certain interests; decidedly it is not a government

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## LITTLE CRIPPLES

**Annual Meeting of Society With the Object of Benefitting Necessitous Cases.**

**THEIR ALTRUISTIC WORK**

**Difference Only in Degree Between Their Socialism and the Scientific Socialism.**

[By Nemesis]

THERE is a group of Vancouver ladies who have banded themselves into a society, with the object of benefiting necessitous crippled children, of whom there are many, not only here in British Columbia, but in all our so-called civilized countries. These ladies recently held their annual meeting, and gave an account of the results of their labors. Representing myself as a press agent, I was graciously permitted the privilege of listening to the proceedings. I say privilege, because there was an air of earnestness and enthusiasm through the whole proceedings, which was the more enjoyable as these ladies were giving their time and talents voluntarily in the interests of others, and of others who could not help themselves in any way.

I was soon impressed by the fact, that not only were they possessed by the true altruistic spirit, but that they were also a highly educated and capable group of women, who conducted their proceedings in a thoroughly business-like way.

The presidential address dealt with the history of the association, dating back some two years ago, and was deservedly applauded. Her simple, well-chosen phrasing, clearly and forcibly enunciated, rivetted the attention of her audience. It was not of wearying length, as so many presidential addresses are.

**Secretary's Report**

The report of the secretary-treasurer followed, and showed that 41 necessitous cases had received benefit; that over $3000 had been collected, and that $2000 stood to the credit of the association, invested in Victory bonds as a nucleus fund for a children's orthopaedic hospital in Vancouver. She appealed eloquently for more sympathy and practical support for their association.

Two well-known doctors of Victoria also addressed the meeting, one of them advocating a preventorium, an institution dealing with incipient cases of infantile paralysis, etc., by means of the various light rays which have proved very beneficial to such cases, as revealed by the work along these lines in Switzerland and England. This means, of course, curing the first stages of the diseases by the powerful, natural, health-giving

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## JUNIOR LABOR LEAGUE

**Educational Meeting Tonight—Comrade Mrs. W. C. Nelson Leaves City.**

The Junior Labor league is holding another educational meeting tonight at 883 Twenty-seventh avenue east. Several of the questions which were brought up at the previous "hat night" will be discussed.

The committee has arranged for a social and dance to be held at the Elks hall, Fraser and Forty-ninth avenue, on Saturday, March 7th. Good music and a good floor assure a good time.

The league lost an active member when Mrs. W. C. Nelson, formerly Miss Eleanor Charlton, left the city last Friday evening to join her husband at Magna Bay, Shuswap Lake, B. C., where they will make their home.

The law as it exists is a horrible incubus on civiliaztion; one of the worst expressions of the rotten economic system. By its means the dead hand of the past presses heavily on the living present, and mankind are manacled by fetters forged by their brutal ancestors. — New Zealand Worker.

## VERY DANGEROUS

**Opening Carrall Street to Union S.S. Wharf Is Absolutely Necessary Undertaking.**

**TEMPORARY FOOT-BRIDGE**

**Would Eliminate Great Danger of Accidents at the Present Railway Crossing.**

OPENING Carrall street to Union steamship wharf by temporary foot-bridge would give relief to 250,000 people annually, who at present are compelled to make a long round-about detour to reach these docks, via the dangerous and congested level crossing at the foot of Columbia avenue.

125,000 citizens of Vancouver, men, women and children, seeking passage to coast resorts with the usual responsibilities of children in arms, luggage, etc., are compelled and exposed to this inconvenience and danger in trying to reach the Terminal steamship company's docks. Also 5,000 passengers to and from the large number of logging camps, canneries and mines, not to mention our important tourist traffic. All of the foregoing facts are vital contributions to Vancouver's safety as well as prosperity, and have to take the present long roundabout approach to the Union steamship company's dock. 13 steamships leave Vancouver each week from the foot of Carrall street for all B. C. coast points, as far north as Alaska.

**Inconvenience to Passengers**

All passengers over the Pacific Great Eastern railway from the Cariboo, Lillooet and northern inland B. C. points embark or arrive directly at the foot of Carrall street. Two steamers, each carrying 1100 passengers, leave this dock daily during summer months carrying picnic parties, tourists, etc., for Bowen Island, Selma Park, Squamish and many other points.

Every street car line with passengers from every district of greater Vancouver, Westminster and Fraser valley lines are bought in very close touch to these wharves via Carrall street.

Seventy-five per cent. of all B. C. coast logging companies, canneries, pulp and paper companies, and mining companies, are dependent on these wharves at foot of Carrall street, and the present route is a source of much inconvenience and delay.

On behalf of the principals of these companies or their employees almost every petition, representing these interests, can cite cases of missed boat connections.

It is readily understood that the greater part of this stream of traffic has its origin west of Carrall street, but is compelled to reach these docks by a detour of at least two long blocks.

It is a great inconvenience to men and industries that contribute very largely to our city's prosperity and whose importance is fully realised at a time like this without comment.

**Level Crossing**

Columbia avenue crossing, over C. P. R. tracks, owing to congestion of traffic, necessitates gates which can be closed legally for periods of five minutes to allow frequent passage and shunting of trains at this point. Frequently the delay is 10 to 15 minutes. This statement is easily verified by the complaints made to the steamship companies named before, by passengers who have missed their boat owing to the delay on top of an unnecessary awkward approach.

The daily reports of level crossing accidents throughout the country is too well known to require emphasis.

At this crossing, so far our city has been fortunate, although the danger exists.

By diverting the pedestrian traffic, seeking the before mentioned docks to the natural approach by an overhead foot passenger bridge at the foot of Carrall street, the danger of accidents at the present crossing will be greatly decreased.

The cost entailed in constructing the suggested foot-bridge will be comparatively small. With the early approach of spring, the logging and cannery season, its benefit will be fully appreciated and approved by nearly every visitor, customer, business man and citizen of Vancouver.

**Progress of the World**

The progress of the world depends upon the men who walk in the fresh furrows and through the rustling corn; upon those who sow and reap; upon those whose faces are radiant with the glare of furnace fires; upon the delvers in the mines and the workers in shops; upon those who give to the winter air the ringing music of the axe; upon those who battle with the boisterous billows of the sea; upon the inventors and discoverers; upon the brave thinkers. —Ingersoll.

I have a terrible conviction that if the human race in peace had ever been willing to undergo half the sacrifices—even the money sacrifices—which it was willing to undergo in time of war, we should have had Utopia painted on the map of the world long ago.—Robert Lynd.

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### THE JUDASES

AMONG the many books on child labor, none created a more profound impression on public opinion than "The Bitter Cry of the Children," written by John Spargo. John Spargo was then a socialist, a writer and speaker of ability, and none seemed more aflame with the cause of humanity. During the war his brains and services were given to the rulers whom for years he denounced and unmasked; his principles became as dead weights; he threw them overboard and served his masters well. Having once renounced his principles and taken his stand with the exploiters, junkers and befoolers of mankind, it is no surprise to find him today lined up beside those who uphold child slavery and bitterly opposing the child labor amendment. Another evidence of how far men can descend when once they sacrifice their principles to gain social or financial power.

The tragedy of the labor movement has been, and still is, that there are so many of the Spargo type of leadership, ready to use the labor movement as a stepping stone to their own advantage. Labor is enslaved by its own decree. Labor has been betrayed, not by the capitalists, but by its own leaders and their defenders.

### CLASS JUSTICE

A BOY of nineteen years, one of society's victims, a son of a son of toil, was sent to the penitentiary last week for three years for robbery and assault on a woman. Robbery and assault, whether on man, woman or child, should and must be put down. The community must be made as safe as possible for the ordinary citizen. On this we are in absolute agreement with his majesty the law.

In sentencing this youth, whose environment, we understand, tended not to elevate but to drag him down, the judge remarked that had his physical condition permitted he would have ordered the lash.

This we consider—taking into account the youth of the culprit and the lack of opportunity his environment afforded him—to be wrong, reverting to barbarism. Apart from the fact that having in mind recent robberies and murders committed by rich and prominent people, it savors of class justice, and sets thinking people wondering if there is not a good foundation for the growing belief that there is one law for the rich and another for the poor.

A while ago an atrocious assault was committed on a young woman, which resulted in her death, by a moving picture artist. This man was tried and given his liberty, let free to continue his debauchery, and is again entertaining if not edifying the public.

He murdered indirectly in a foul manner, but he was neither jailed, hanged nor lashed.

A few months ago two young men, sons of wealthy parents, provided with the best of education and every advantage that wealth could buy, murdered a child of tender years. They were proven guilty, and moral degenerates. They were sent to the penitentiary where, we are informed, they were promoted to the teaching staff, but were neither hanged nor lashed. Had they been sons of poor men, we wonder what would have been their fate.

The Home bank has been robbed, the thieves have been—for a wonder—hailed before the courts and found guilty. The judge did not order the lash for these robbers, whose education, advantages and environment gave no excuse for their dishonesty and betrayal of the people's trust. Judging from the past history of such cases, we venture to remark that the sentences of these criminals, if served at all, will never be served in full. If they were ordinary men, like the six who were recently hanged in the province of Quebec for the hold-up of a bank manager, and murder, there would be no extenuating circumstances, they would get the maximum penalty and probably the lash.

An unprotected, friendless immigrant girl was recently murdered in the home of a prominent citizen of this city. This respected citizen had the undertaker embalm this girl and dump her into a "suicide's" grave. Doctor, undertaker, and prominent citizens, all in the know, yet not one facts, have been jailed, hanged, of those responsible, or knowing the lashed or brought to account. It looks to the man-in-the-street very like class justice, the law—reduced to the level of an organiaztion to protect one class of criminal, provided they have money and pull, against the penalty their deeds deserve, while on the other hand giving the full penalty to the unfortunates whom society has in most cases manufactured out of the raw material of childhood with the finished product to the adolescent or adult-criminal.

We are opposed to the lash—it brutalises not only the delinquent but those administering it—and we are opposed to the present form of punishment meted out to criminals through the medium of jails and penitentiaries for the same reason. Above all we are opposed to the present growing practice of making examples of, and giving the full benefit to, society's poor victims, while letting the rich and powerful go, if not altogether free, with the minimum of punishment. We are opposed to class justice. All should be equal before the law.

### IRREGULARITIES AT VERNON

SOME considerable dissatisfaction is being felt in Vernon these days over the manner in which two of the councillors have been conducting affairs. It appears that the two men in question have been having business transactions with the city. This is quite out of order, it is claimed, since no alderman is allowed to have such transactions with the city while holding such an office.

The local press is trying to belittle the whole affair, claiming that the offense which has been objected to is one that has been overlooked for many years, and had not been considered a disadvantage to the city. Here, as elsewhere, it would seem, our capitalist friends feel that so long as the sin that is being committed, is being committeed by themselves, then it is not a sin at all. If a member of any radical movement were to err so grossly he would be punished forthwith and starved into submission if no other means were possible to accomplish their objective.

There are principles which are involved in such matters as these, and it is with these rather than with the few dollars that might be concerned in the transaction, that we are most vitally concerned. The transaction was a direct contravention of the municipal act, and should be, therefore, sufficient to disqualify a person from serving on the council. The resignations of the two aldermen, Oliver and Robertson, are being asked for and will likely be accepted. Doubtless they will run again and, having more or less the support of the local press, they might be able to accomplish their ends. However, a number of the local citizens are making a determined effort to make known the real facts of the situation to the local voters.

### CATERING TO TORY WORKERS

IN looking over a labor paper recently we were astonished to read the following statement:

"We must cater to the tory and liberal trade unionist." Surely the object of a labor paper, if it has any excuse for existence, is not to "cater" to reactionaries, and the enemies of labor, but to educate them. To cater to their prejudices and ignorances is to perpetuate the same old game of fooling and ruling the workers to do their master's work. The press lords are past masters at the art of "catering to" (God save the mark) that greatest of all contradictions, the tory and liberal trades unionist. If a labor paper has any excuse for existence, surely it is not to "cater" to and perpetuate the politics of the oppressors and exploiters of labor, but to so educate and enlighten the masses that one day they may have intelligence and self respect enough to abolish the whole horrible system of exploitation and establish a system of cooperation and justice, where master and slave will be no more.

The tory and liberal working man holding in one hand a trade unionist card and in the other a ballot which he casts for his master's political representative constitutes one of these human anachronisms far too numerous on the backs of the workers. They retard progress at every turn and instead of "catering" to them they must be educated, in order that they may be abolished. They constitute a load which labor cannot afford any longer to carry. They are parasites, who through their ignorance, and on account of their numbers, are far more dangerous to labor than the capitalists.

The labor press must not cater to this human anachronism who while carrying a union card proudly takes his place in the ranks of the enemies of labor on election day, striving by his vote and political activities to perpetuate the poverty and subjection of his class and undo what he tries to obtain through his union. This human contradiction must be educated, organized and enthused with self respect and not "catered" to.

## J. S. Woodsworth

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representative of the great masses of the people.

The speech suggests with regard to our big problems that their ultimate solution lies largely in increased production and the development of new and wider markets, apparently ignoring the fact that already from one end of this country to the other we have production that is altogether in excess of the buying power of the people. Surely it does not require a man of any great economic knowledge to recognize that if we have already too great production we shall not solve our problems by having still greater production. It would seem almost obvious that what we need to do is to increase the buying power of our people. That is the point of view which again and again during the past two or three years members in this quarter of the House have been trying to urge upon the government. There are only three or four factors necessary to production. We need the natural resources; we need labor; we need equipment, and under the present financial system we need financial capital. It is not necessary to speak of the natural resources of Canada; the prime minister has already waxed eloquent on that. It is not necessary to say anything in regard to labor; I have already indicated that there are vast numbers of our Canadians who are not able to obtain work and who could readily be utilized in developing these natural resources. In regard to equipment, you will permit me to quote just a few of the recognized authorities along this line. Mr. Beatty, president of the Canadian Pacific Railway company, says:

Canada is blessed with more railways than she has traffic for.

The Jornal of Commerce declares:

We now have a plant capacity which in many lines is 20 per cent. ahead of domestic consuming demand. In order to run full, 20 per cent. of the output must be sent abroad.

The Shoe Manufacturers' Association declares:

The productive capacity of the Canadian shoe manufacturing industry and the distributing facilities of the shoe trade of Canada are much in excess of the requirements of the present Canadian population.

Mr. S. G. Latta of Saskatchewan said:

My province is now producing enough to feed approximately thirty million people. Our population is about three-quarters of a million and we are not making a living out of our production.

So much for the equipment that is necessary to develop these resources. But we have been told all along that in addition to these primary factors we must have financial capital Well, that problem is now solved for us; for Sir Frederick William-Taylor, at the last meeting of the Bank of Montreal, stated:

It is a matter of national importance that the commercial loans in Canada in all our banks are $100,000,000 less than a year ago. . . . These figures indicate the ability of the banks of Canada to finance a trade revival when it occurs. Furthermore, while there is this excess banking capital in the country, borrowing abroad, which increases our interest remittances—already too heavy—is not a necessity.

(To be continued)

### Parliamentary Power

Whose fault is it, you clothesmakers, that any English child is in rags? Whose fault is it, you bronzed husbandson, that, through all your furrowed England, children are dying of famine? Your own fault. At all events, it will be now, seeing that you have got parliamentary power in your own hands.—John Ruskin.

### Socialist Propaganda

Socialist organization is useless without propaganda needed to make socialists, and socialist propaganda without socialist organization simply means making socialists without enenabling them to work definitely for the principles to which they have been converted.—London Justice.

**If you are really in sympathy with labor, be a booster. The Federationist is out to do its bit. Help it.**

## General Election

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debate with you as to the nation responsible for bringing it about, but their argument is not tenable any longer that one nation was solely guilty in the light of information now at our disposal for which a large measure of thanks is due to the late Mr. E. D. Morel, who was secretary of the Union of Democratic Control. His colleagues looked upon him as the chief inspiration of the movement, both in Great Britain and abroad, for democratic control of foreign policy.

Canada's close relations in the past and at this time makes it the bounden duty of the Labor movement to be vitally interested in the foreign policy of Great Britain.

### Evils of Progressive Capitalism

We now find the present government of Great Britain resolving to discontinue the practice, inaugurated by the late Labor government, of submitting all treaties to parliament before ratification, and publishing all agreements and commitments with foreign countries. This is surely a warning to us of the return to the era of secret treaties, the results of which expose fully the evils of progressive capitalism. For the immediate cause of unemployment and the high cost of living the real purpose of the late war can be held responsible. Capitalism can only function by deception, and the slogans used to encourage the workers to kill each other are now admitted to be mythical by those who used them the loudest. I am convinced that we must avail ourselves of the opportunities a general election will present to us to convey the truth to the people of how war affects their economic and physical welfare, and for what purpose wars are staged. We must make it clearly understood that the next war is now being prepared, as a result of the last. Let us demonstrate the injustice of being afflicted by a war debt, from which there is no escape for us, or our children's children, to gratify the avaricious cravings of the self-made privileged class. The best argument in favor of socialism is to prove the futility of war.

### People Indifferent

The editor of Foreign Affairs trenchantly expresses this in the following words in the January issue: "The essential brotherhood of man is either a truth or a falsehood. If it be as we believe, a truth, the supreme task which faces mankind is to apply that truth in terms of economic and political science to the conduct of international relations."

Socialists know that capitalism is paving the way to socialism. Even now we regard it as obsolete, but are we all aware of the dangers lurking in its death struggles? Our vision must be directed to its every move, knowing that the great majority of the people are indifferent, in order properly to advise them of the obstacles we have overcome, so that the transition is peaceful and orderly.

I am aware that the points I wish to convey are contained within the manifesto of the Federated Labor Party, but my purpose is to urge that the immediate causes for the prevailing conditions of today can be sufficiently illustrated by the cause and effect of the late war .

The policy pursued by the Labor party in the past, of selecting their candidates just prior to any election, is, I think, detrimental to its best interests, especially must this be so in respect of the up-country constituencies.

### Flagrant Patronage

It is hardly to be expected that people residing in rural districts will support a man that they have neither heard of, nor seen; and when one knows of the flagrant existence of patronage, which is none other than economic tyranny in such districts, it is essential that provision shall be made to meet such conditions. A worker in the cause may accomplish a great deal with the individual, but it requires a candidate-elect to demand an audience. Rural districts (other than regular organized farming districts) will prove themselves to be a serious problem to solve, and will require a concerted effort of the whole movement in ways and means. Now, in conclusion, I would like to make a suggestion, since we have been warned of an approaching election, that The Federationist set aside a column for the insertion of news relative to campaign activities in various districts.

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Poverty is a thing created by that which is called civilization.—Thomas Paine.

## LETTERS TO THE FED.

**[The opinions and ideas expressed by correspondents are not necessarily endorsed by The Federationist, and no responsibility for the views expressed is accepted by the management.]**

### WORK FOR UNEMPLOYED IN WINTER

Editor B. C. Federationist: The unemployed, to get work in winter, should organize a working class union besides all these other unions in existence; or, if the government would do it, they could collect one dollar a month from all wage earners, to be used for relief work in the winter. If there were two million workers in Canada, this would mean $24,000,000 in one year—say, $25,000,000, or five million dollars a month for five months. This would give work to 100,000 men from the first of November to the first of April, earning $50 a month; 10,000 men to every 1,000,000 inhabitants.

I don't mean the men to work every day in the month for $50. All relief work should be close to the cities. What kind of work the men should do, I don't know, but they could build themselves camps and work inside. It is wonderful what a man can do with a dollar a month, and he would not lose his dollar if it were used in the way I suggest. He would get it back with interest. Yours, etc., PETE.

Kamloops, B.C., February 21, 1925.

Charity is twice cursed—it hardens him that gives and softens him that takes. It does more harm to the poor than exploitation, because it makes them willing to be exploited. It breeds slavishness, which is moral suicide.—Bouck White.

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(Signed) DAVID HINTZ.

CITY OF VANCOUVER

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City Hall, Vancouver, B.C., Feb. 17th, 1925.

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A list of the sidewalks, specifications, conditions and form of tender may be obtained on application to the municipal engineer on payment of Five Dollars, which will be returned if a bona fide tender is made.

A deposit by certified cheque of ten (10) per cent. of the amount of the tender must accompany each tender as security that, if called upon, the contractor will enter into a contract for the work and provide the required bond.

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Municipal Hall, 5851 West Boulevard, Vancouver, B. C., Feb. 19, 1925.

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# Woman and the Game of War

[By MRS. ROSE HENDERSON.]

(Continued from last week)

**The Betrayal**

Women were asked, commanded in the name of democracy, God, and home, to hand over their sons to the state. Almost without questions they did so. In return they were promised that war would be abolished, life made more secure, and their children rescued from poverty, ignorance, and slum life.

What are the realities seven years after the "Peace that ended peace?"

The men responsible for the war of 1914 have not ceased their diplomatic intrigues for one hour. Night and day they sit in every chancellory of the world laying plans for the "next war" which according to their own statements will be more terrible than the world has yet experienced. These old men fossilized in hypocrisy, corrupted to the core with their lust for power and greed. These old men not a hair of whose head was injured through war, these old men who waxed fat, achieved "glory," and "honor" for heroic deeds, mostly performed on paper, at the end of telephones, or wireless, far away from the Hell of battle, are gathering up their sinews of war, laying their plans and setting their nets to again ensnare and entrap the youth of all nations. These men no sooner "dispose," of one war than they set to planning another.

They are planning wholesale extermination and debasing science for the purpose of war. The nations are groaning under a load of debt, the legacy of the late wars. Standards of health, education, and home life, are being reduced to alarmingly low levels in order to obtain millions for the "next war." Every advance in knowledge and science heralds new discoveries in the art of man killing.

If there is another war it will be terrible beyond thought, the inventions of death during the war were becoming more terrible. month by month, since then the ingenious mind of man has gone on perfecting these hellish devices at a rate hitherto undreamed of, except in Germany where it is prohibited by the terms of the Peace Treaty. Experiments in the use of chemicals as war weapons are being openly conducted by all nations, and by the Signatory Powers who are party to the Washington Treaty, to prevent the use in war of noxious gasses and chemicals.

If the war had lasted a little longer, on the authority of our air lords, "we should have bombed many more regardless of sex." All governments are spending huge sums experimenting in laboratories with a view to making poison gas, lethal acids, high explosives, more deadly, to be dropped on innocent defenseless women and children from dragons of death, poluting the sky as their murderous bodies glide through the air.

**How Britain Prepares for Peace**

The exchequers issues as to war, given in the House of Commons last March (in answer to Mr. T. Johnson, M.P.) showed that between 1st of April, 1914, and 31st of March, 1919, there were £9590 millions. Since that time another £1,290,000,000 has been spent on militarism.

Francis Ahern, Australian correspondent reports the following interview with a highly placed military officer who was recently in Australia on a secret mission:

"Behind closed doors of laboratories and in secluded workshops, and in lonely bays or remote spaces of the world, has begun, with government secret funds, the strangest and wierdest battle of wits that has ever been embarked upon.

"Tanks that swim, great metal sea destroyers that fly, uncanny air machines which dive silently beneath the waters to hide themselves, crews who must learn to live and fight in three different elements—land, sea, or air—it is with such marvels and closely guarded schemes that the great push has begun for world power.

"Great Britain is carrying out tests secretly. A machine is being built for the air ministry by the Fairey Co., in which there are four of the new Condor engines, built by the Rolls-Royce Co., cleaving the surface of the water prior to taking wing, and developing nearly 3000 horse power.

"To keep abreast of the times, the British naval authorities have entrusted to a well known supermarine company the construction of the largest flying boat ordered by them since the war. This winged vessel is intended to go out with the fleet for almost any length of time desired.

"Its hull when resting on the water will ride out rough seas. It will taxi along the water like a surface ship, or speed off through the air. It is to have anchors, foghorns, riding lights, and all the equipment of the ordinary vessel of the sea while its crew within the hull will eat and sleep on board just like the crew of an ordinary naval craft. Designs also in hand for machines which will be an amplification of such amphibians as the 'Vicker's Viking'.

"The new machine will fight like a tank on earth, be a superdestroyer on water, and climb to give combat in the air, and when concealment is required, it will fold its wings, seal its hull and dive like a submarine beneath the surface of the sea.

"These uncanny monsters are to be called Tessaurins, meaning 'machines which live in all elements.' Science is striving to make these crafts both silent and invincible."

In the next War "the whole of the Manhood most of the Womanhood, and part of the Childhood of the Nation will be involved."—Army and Navy Gazette, 11/12/20.

The British Air Ministry has given orders for the construction of a three-engined battleplane which will be the most powerful and destructive weapon in the world. It will be run with three 1000 h.p. Napier "Cub" engines, and it is expected to attain a speed of 140 miles an hour.

General Swinton says that progress is being made in the development of rays for lethal purposes. "We have X-rays," he says. "We have light rays. We have heat rays. . . . We may not be so very far from the development of some kind of lethal ray which will shrivel up or paralyse or poison human beings."

General Swinton also prophesies the coming of germ warfare. "I think it will come to that," he says, "and so far as I can see there is no reason why it should not. . . We must envisage these new forms of warfare and as far as possible expend energy, time, and money in encouraging our inventors and scientists to study the waging of war on a wholesale scale instead of. . . . thinking so much about methods which will kill a few individuals only at a time."

**Headlines in the London Daily News (18-12-23)**

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GAS MASKS FOR ALL

Says Commander Burney:

"Gases now exist that are more than 1000 times as powerful as anything used in the late war, and on a still day I venture to think that containers carrying gas instead of explosives would kill more people than the same weight of bombs. There is one gas so powerful that the person inhaling it would be killed instantaneously. When the gas was tried upon a cat, the animal fell over dead without even a tremor. Such a gas would not give people time to put on gas masks."

"With regard to germs and bacteria, I do not propose to enlarge on this matter, but I am given to understand that flasks and containers filled with those could be popped into reservoirs and would thus poison the water supply of all towns."

A Happy New Year!

The ramifications of war are international. War Lords and munition makers know no nation. Their patrioism is a cloak for profits.

In Bedford, England, they have a gun—"a trophy"—and in front, on a brass plate, is engraved: "Captured by the Bedfords at Gaza from the Turks." And on the back, on a bigger brass plate, we read: "Made by Sir George Armstrong, Whitworth & Co."

Japan, we are informed, is turning out aeroplanes at the rate of 500 weekly.

The Daily News of August 9, 1923, has a picture in it. The Crown Prince of Japan is seen walking with the Chief of the British Air Mission in Japan. Underneath we read: "Since the disarmament Conference Japan has been constructing huge fighting planes under the direction of British aerial experts." Why are British aerial experts helping Japan to construct "huge fighting planes"? And against whom does Japan propose to use those planes? Apparently Vickers are building some of them for the Japan Chronicle reports the accidental destruction by fire of "a new airship at Oppama," costing 170,000 yen and built by that firm.

**How America Prepares for Peace**

Successful tests have already been carried out by the United States Air Service with automatically-controlled pilotless aeroplanes.

In these tests the automatic "pilot" was described as using a gyroscope for its brains, and pneumatic appartus, similar to that in an automatic piano, for its muscles.

By the use of such appartus, flights of over 90 miles were carried out. Hertzian waves were not used in those tests.

The American Government has built a triplane for war purposes capable of carrying 10,800 lbs. of bombs. This flying machine is the largest yet constructed in America it will weigh 20 tons, and it will be driven by six Liberty (!) engines, developing 2,400 h.p. Two pilots and two engineers will be carried.

**Poison Liquid**

The United States Chemical Warfare Service has announced the discovery of a new poison liquid so deadly that **three drops on the skin will kill a man.**

Captain Bradner, the Chief of the Department, says that one aeroplane carrying two tons of the liquid could **kill every man within a space of 7 miles long and 100 feet wide.**

The War budget of the United States shows an increase of 74 per cent over pre-war figures, and on December 10,1824, chairman Hale of the senate naval affairs announced that he would introduce a new bill, which provides expenditure on modernization of the fleet to the extent of $111,000,000.

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# Little Cripples

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influences, which the present system of society denies to the great majority, causing the present deplorable state of the people's health, and the breeding of children such as these dear ladies are laboring to benefit.

Altogether it was an interesting meeting of an association worthy of the support of the working-class organizations, as they deal only with necessitous cases.

I must sincerely and seriously congratulate that association on the nature of their work and upon the success which has attended their efforts, but now probably I am about to offend them.

**Altruistic Ideas**

As I looked round at their earnest and intelligent faces, glowing with enthusiasm for their altruistic ideals, the thought struck me that here were gathered together a band of true socialists. To make it clear what I mean, and to convince them that I have no intention of hurting their feelings, I must explain my remark. No doubt, in the majority of those ladies' minds, the word socialist is anathema, and visions of plunder and violence spring naturally before their eyes at the mere name; that is the result of their past training.

I will willingly excuse them if they feel a little skeptical when I tell them that in their altruistic work—in their unselfish work in the interests of others—they are conforming to the principles and the ideals of socialism, and, therefore, inasmuch as they are doing that, they are true socialists. Yet there is a difference between their socialism and the scientific socialism, but not in kind—only in degree. While the ladies of such associations as the one I have been dealing with are engaged in a loving effort to heal the wounds of a suffering world, the true socialist is planning and directing his efforts to remove the unholy and law-breaking cause of those wounds, and to make humanity pure and clean; to free it from its ills and distrsses, and restore it to its lawful inheritance.

While true socialism resents the pulling down of one iota of that which labor has created or filching from anyone a cent of that which he has lawfully and honestly earned, it claims for man the right to work, to live, to enjoy and to develop the right which selfish greed has taken from him, but which shall be restored to him in the near future.

## Praises the 'Fed.'

I RECEIVED the copy of The Federationist which you were kind enough to send me. I am in fullest sympathy with its principles. Each column is worthy of profound study. The B. C. F. gives practical instruction and its logic strikes the vital questions. There is more of interest in that little paper than all the N. Y. papers combined. Organic Evolution, article XV, is especially interesting and instructive. Socialism, what great significance! One of the reasons why it has not dominated the world yet is because our principles and its real merits have been suppressed; the truth distorted to represent a monstrosity-like murder. Yes, murder to graft, to injustice, and the exploitation of the masses by the few. In this U. S. A. only 25 per cent of one hundred and ten millions or so peoples are productive. What a glorious world this would be without the sham, suffering and brutality so prevalent in every form in all the corners of the globe. Socialism is feared when it should be encouraged. It is feared by those in power for, through the eyes of socialism what they do is wrong, their methods are for their own gains regardless of how many suffer and toil to give them ease and luxury and the fine things. Matteotti, Mussolini knew, was too able to define the word "socialism" to the masses of the world. What happened? Matteotti was assassinated. Without stretching the imagination one can see that socialism will some day triumph. Wishing you the success which is rightly yours.

(Signed) PIETRO GENTILE.

**Earning a Living**

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# MODERN ARTS & LETTERS

**Mr. James Taylor Lectures on "The Democracy of Burns"—Scottish Songs.**

On the evening of Friday, the 20th inst., the membership and guests of the Modern Arts and Letters club met at the Woman's building, Thurlow street to hear a lecture upon "The Democracy of Burns" by Mr. James Taylor. While Burns is not of the twentieth century, in a sense, he was the forerunner of the century which is realizing the ideals of human brothhood, for which he pleaded so eloquently. In an age bound by a narrow theology and a social system which was artificial and effete, he dared to voice the dignity and divinity of the ordinary man. His homely lines found a response in the heart of everyman and his unprecedented influence was due not so much to his artistry as to the fact that he had a message for his age. He combined the the function of poet with that which is its natural companion viz., the role of prophet. This was the gist of the splendid address in which Mr. Taylor showed a deep knowledge of the poet and his place in the scheme of things.

Mr. Hargreaves delighted those present with his rendering of several Scottish songs. A lively discussion followed upon the conclusion of the lecture. The President announced the fact that C. G. D. Roberts is expected in Vancouver about the 16th of April and urged the membership to support his Recital in every possible way. Refreshments were served by the ladies of the club.

At the next regular meeting of the club, Miss Marjorie Reynolds, playwright, will lecture upon "Some Aspects of the Modern Drama". At this meeting on the evening of March 6th, an instrumental trio will furnish examples of music by modern composers.

Incidentally, the club have secured the promise of Mr. Jatrinda Goho, to lecture in the near future upon contemporary Indian art and literature.

**Fine Souls vs. Fine Society**

We have a debt to every fine heart, to every fine genius; to those who have put life and fortune on the cast of an act of justice; to those who have added new sciences; to those who have refined life by elegant pursuits. 'Tis the fine souls who serve us, and not what is called fine society. Fine society is only a self-protection against the vulgarities of the street and the tavern.—Emerson.

**Virtue of a Higher Nature**

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# BIRTH CONTROL

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**THE FALLING BIRTH RATE**

**Dr. J. J. Heagerty's Views in His Article in "Social Welfare" Taken to Task.**

[By Mrs. C. Lorimer]

AS it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be—poverty, disease and misery without end; Amen. So says J. J. Heagerty, M. D., federal department of health, Ottawa. Writing in Social Welfare on "birth control," "always has been and ever shall be," is the pet phrase of reaction. The doctor is against birth control; and his article in question takes the points of the birth control advocates and tries to build up a case, of which no thinking mind can approve. I, in turn, will deal with Dr. Heagerty's points:

The chief factor, says the doctor, of the falling birth rate is voluntary restriction—the cowardly off-spring of "higher civilization."

There is no mention made about the cowardly killing of millions of humans already born into the world, or their potential off-spring; millions of men blown from the cannon; millions of men, women and children, slain with disease, misery and degradation, all of which is also the cowardly offspring of "higher civilization." "Why is it not mentioned? Has he forgot that part of our culture?

Statement two—That birth control first had effect in the higher grades of society, and then it reached the more skilled workers; but now it has reached all classes. Many women no longer wish the pain and inconvience of child-bearing, and they are supported by the advocates of birth-control. And herein lies the bone of contention.

There was no outcry when the higher grades introduced the system of ceasing their ouput of humans, and took to rearing poodle dogs in their stead; neither when the middle classes curtailed their quota of humans. They were wise in their generation; economic conditions were such that they were and are driven to restrict their families, and, being educated, they realized that without such measures they must get into the poverty line—a place that has always been reserved for the mob. And that they must continue to be so is the opinion of the doctor.

He admits there is overcrowding in many of our large cities. This, however, does not mean over- population, but is because of the herd-instinct in mankind. Such a statement is a poor excuse for overcrowding in our cities. The herd instinct does not make our population prefer poverty, and degradation to the clean wholesome life of the open spaces. The large per cent crowd to the cities because they cannot obtain a living from the land under existing conditions. In fact, the land has been stolen from the people of all countries; and they are driven to the cities to take part in machine production. Perhaps, Dr. Heagerty does not know that we live in the machine age; and that our cities, with their over-crowding, is a product of the machine.

Statement four—That the arguments, more commonly in favor of contraception, are the economic and social aspects of the problem, yet the the report of the national birthrate commission "that there is no valid reason to believe that a reduction in the birthrate would give a larger yield of wealth per head." No. That is understood; because the higher grades of society control all wealth—that is, the natural resources, the machines of production, and, last but not least, they control the wealth producers. It was Shakespear who said "he who controls the means whereby I live controls me." A few own the means of life; and, because of that fact, we have built up a system which we call "Christian civilization". Built on the highest possible achievement of the human mind! Oh no; but on over-crowding, poverty, degradation, starvation, wars, and all the other abominations of our time.

Statement five—To destroy the race, because living conditions are hard, is cowardly: that is what birth control will do is the opinion of the doctor. He does not see that living conditions, under the present system, are destroying the race. Birth control will not destroy, but conserve. Thus we will get quality instead of quantity.

Statement six—Economic pressure has diminished with modern methods of production; misery and individual suffering has decreased; and we have less of those evils than we had fifty years ago. The reverse is the case; misery of the common people has increased by leaps and bounds, and every year that passes adds to their miserable condition, owing to the modern methods of production and distribution. The world war was an outcome of their misery. Had they been properly fed, clothed and sheltered, there would have been nothing to fight about. All the manufacturing nations got their people to produce under a system of sweated labor. The workers not being able to buy back what they produced, the owners of the machines had to find a market for the goods. Then came the clash. They were all after the same quest—markets, trade routes, and raw materials.

Statement seven—We cannot get away from poverty, from disease, from misery, because the individual standing depends to so great an extent on personal initiative and energy. There will always be over-crowding, always economic pressure, that must be felt by all in varying degress. So the misery of the people is due to the fact, that they lack initiative and engery.—some statement. The doctor cannot see, or will not see, that it is the energy of those who get the least that makes all things possible. All wealth represents the energy of the common people, and their misery is due to the fact, that they do not control what they produce.

The standing of the individual depends on initiative and energy? Oh, no, it depends on the depreciation of the pockets of the poor, or the ability of the individual to keep standing on the neck of his fellow-man. The doctor says the larger a family is the more unselfishness and sacrifice on the part of the parents; the same applies to the children. The child of a large family, with the asset of unselfishness and sacrifice, can better compete with his fellow citizen. The doctor needs a lesson in plain economics. To compete with your fellow-citizen means that you must eat him up or else he will eat you up. The asset of unselfishness and sacrifice is a pretty good thing for the master, to have when the child of a large family appears at the factory gate in quest of a job. He is offered work at two-dollars a day. So he thinks in this wise: that two dollars is not much, but if I do not accept this offer I will be in the bread line, and compelled to accept one dollar a day for breaking rock. He thinks of the need at home and accepts the work; and ten chances to one, he has ousted the head of a family who was being paid three or four dollars a day; perhaps he has taken the job from his own father, that also is competing with your fellow-citizen. And, the greater the care, the more work, unselfishness and sacrifice, the doctor thinks so much or. What is the result? A condition is created that is a menace to the workers, and thus the misery of the many goes to swell the coffers of the few.

Dr. Heagerty admits conditions are bad, but they are capable of improvement. Nevertheless, they are not being improved. And preaching the hateful creed of submission and sacrifice will not bring relief to suffering people. Poverty has been glorified and sanctified too long. It is G. B. Shaw who says "poverty is a crime to any country wherein it may raise its head."

Statement—Various religious bodies, as well as the medical profession, have given the subject due thought. Yes; economic necessity makes them give the subject due thought. The profession of the clergy is to function at marriages, births and deaths; that of the doctors, at births and deaths. The church has always been against the enlightenment of the people. It was they who were against women receiving an anesthetic to relieve the pain of child-bearing. The reason given was because it was a decree of the Almighty to punish woman for being the cause of original sin. But science and progress won against reaction. There is always a fight going on between the false and the true, that is between superstition and science. May I ask who made the law that man should decide for woman whether she should bear children or not?

It was Samuel Butler who said that if the first man who made God in his own image had been a perfect model, all might have been well. But he had no sense of proportion and no sense of humor, and accordingly, we see the result in a world mismanaged. The only original sin we are suffering from is man's enslavement of woman.

(To Be Continued)

# 'LABOR STATESMAN'

**Its Inconsistencies Exposed By a Believer in the Education of the Workers.**

**"FRIEND OF UNION MEN"**

**The Real Purpose of the Labor Press Should Be to Enlighten the Masses.**

[By John Pickenshovel]

THE writer has been a reader of labor papers for a number of years. He has done so for the reason that he believes that the function of the labor press is, or should be, that of the education of the workers. He has been disappointed several times in that respect, but he recently had the surprise of a lifetime in reading what appeared in the local labor paper, "The Labor Statesman." In the process of reading the issue of February 20th, he came across what looked like a terse article on some working class topic, but was disappointed in doing so, to find that it was possibly an advertisement he was reading. But it was the headline that occupied most of his attention. It ran as follows: "P. C. Gibbens, Father of City Markets, Friend of Union Men," and went on to describe him as one "who has ever been recognized as a firm friend of the plain people." In his surprise, he again looked at the head of the page to make sure what he was reading. Yes, it was the "Labor Statesman" alright. As regards what P. C. Gibbens has done for city markets, the headline imparts no new information, for the daily capitalist press have already told us all about that. But it is information to the writer to learn that the same individual is a "friend of union men," and it is from that source that he proposes to start out for further information.

He learns that the said "Labor Statesman" is the official organ of the local Trades and Labor council, and that it is supported by thirty-four unions, also that it is managed by a press committee. It is admitted that the Trades and Labor council and its 34 constitutent unions should know who are the friends of the "union men." It is also a fact that the said council is in a position of control in the local branch of the Canadian Labor party. That being the case, it might be pertinent to ask that if P. C. Gibbens is a "friend of union men" then why did that body nominate a candidate to run against him in the last municipal election? The writer has information to the effect that not only was that individual interested in his own campaign—and against a labor candidate—but also went out of his way to work against ex-Ald. W. J. Scribbens in Ward 7, also a labor candidate. That is something that might be explained by ex-Ald. Scribbens, W. Dunn, secretary of the Canadian Labor party, and P. R. Bengough, who was manager for that organization in the last municipal campaign, all three of whom are members of the press committee, managing the "Labor Statesman." In other words, if P. C. Gibbens is the "friend of union men," what reason have they to offer for opposing him in the last municipal election? In the opinion of the writer such a policy is neither in accordance with fealty to labor, good statesmanship or sound logic.

Of course, the item in question may have been an advertisement. In that case, another question is raised. If P. C. Gibbens pays that paper to tell the readers that he is the "friend of union men" and the same paper asks the workers to render financial support to a candidate nominated against him in municipal elections, how much different is such a labor paper from the capitalist press? If that is its alleged labor statesmanship the sooner the working class disapprove of it the better.

A working class press should function as a medium for conveying information to the workers. It should disseminate the facts, as they occur from time to time, and also strive to educate the workers as to the fundamental principles underlying the present system, and not forgetting to lead the masses in the trend of thought that will bring a new and more just system of production and distribution into being. If it can survive only by the same method, intellectual prostitution, as the capitalist press, then the less it should say about the capitalist class and its organs of public misinformation, the better. If the "Labor Statesman" can subsist only by camouflage and public deception, the workers should not hesitate in withdrawing their support from it. The purpose of a labor press should be to enlighten the masses, and the workers universally should repudiate all others.

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[By George Bartley.]

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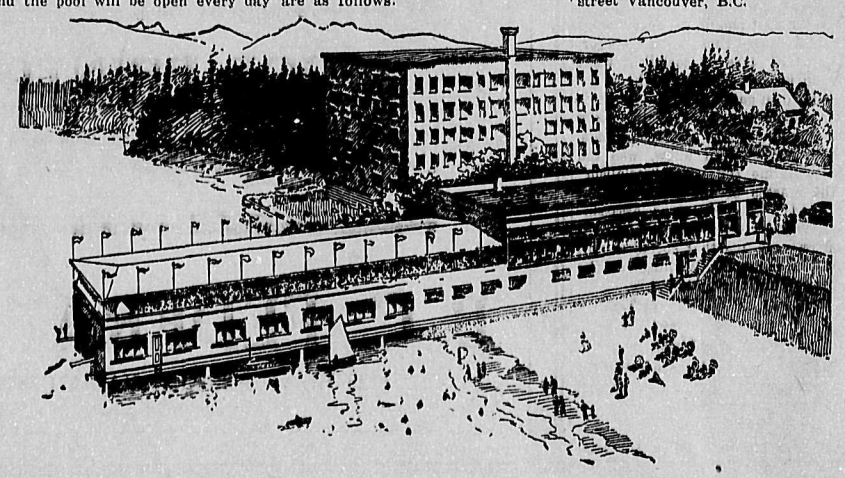

# Workers! Support Your Own Press!

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SO FREQUENTLY we hear workers complaining about the injustice of the "daily" or "capitalist" press, and about how unfair it is toward the cause of labor—and yet they continue to give their hard-earned money to perpetuate that institution.

**YOUR OWN OPPRESSORS**

The capitalist press today is thriving on the one and five-cent pieces of thoughtless—or ignorant—workers, while their own press has to struggle against long odds in its efforts to serve them. Why be your own oppressors? Why serve in the ranks of the enemy?

**THE REMEDY IS SIMPLE**

If you are desirous of improving your own condition, and that of your fellowmen, then support the press that is honestly endeavoring to fight your battle for you. That is the very least you can do for **your own cause.**

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