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Baldwin Government to Review System of Organized Labor in Great Britain.

FIGURES TELL THE TALE

Trade Unionism Is a Product of Capitalism—Carries Imprint of Its Environment.

ACCORDING to press reports the whole existing system of trade unionism is to be reviewed in Great Britain, by the Baldwin government. The Vancouver Province editorially states that it is not the intention to introduce any legislation in this connection at this session.

Sir Robert Chadwick, parliamentary secretary to the Board of Trade, in a recent speech said "that the time had come when more must be known about the whole administration of trade unions. "It must be known," he said, "why a good workman, if he chooses, may not work as hard as he likes and produce to the utmost of his capacity, thereby earning for himself a higher wage and enabling the trader to compete in the world's markets."

Now, we do not claim to have any peculiar knowledge of such matters, at least not enough to have a knighthood bestowed upon us by our sovereign, but we would venture to suggest that it is precisely the same reason as which prompts, or compels, the manufacturers to come to agreements to limit production to the nearest amount which can be absorbed by the market at a profit to themselves.

A trade union is no more organized to protect the whole of society than are manufacturers' associations and chambers of commerce.

Opposing Interests

They are organized to protect themselves from the encroachments and exactions of capitalist exploitation. In the struggle which arises because of their opposing interests the welfare of society in general is usually lost sight of.

Sir Robert Chadwick should know, if he knows anything, that while the system of capitalism is supposed to be based on competition that its natural tendency is always towards monopoly. The first thought that comes into the mind of any person or association of persons, when entering into business, which employs capital, is how to eliminate their competitors. The next is how to regulate production so as not to exceed the capacity of the market. In other words, to create a scarcity of the particular commodity, within certain limits, which they produce. In the same manner, trade unions endeavor to control the sale of the commodity which they have for sale; in their case their labor power.

Future of Great Britain

Another knight, Sir Auckland Geddes, is also much concerned about the future of Great Britain in the markets of the world, because of the restrictive policy of trade unions. "In England," he said, "that the cost of production had become so high its own in many sections of foreign that the country was barely holding trade." He then goes on to quote figures to show that in the first half of last year 7,500,000 days were lost in strikes—an equivalent of 27,000 years of production.

It is really wonderful what an appetite some people have for gathering statistics on the loss to the community because of strikes, while totally blind to the loss to the community because of enforced unemployment. Now for a few statistics on unemployment: Since the beginning of 1920, the average yearly number of unemployed in Great Britain was about a million and a quarter. Which, in the past five years, equals 1,706,250,000 days, or 6,250,000 years of production, or for any six months of that time, 62,500 years of production. This is the loss in material things. Who can compute the loss to humanity, to the individual because of the deteriorating effect of unemployment.

Fault Lies Not With Unions

If there is a slowing up of the processes of production, and we are of the opinion that there is, the fault lies not with the trade union, but with a system of production that for its aim, not social welfare but individual gain. Any one who stands for the present system of production is guilty of all the misery and crime that arises out of it. Trade unionism is a product of capitalism and consequently carries the imprint of the environment of which it sprung. The Province states, "Increased production and wider markets are vital to Britain if she is to return to normal progress." Increased production and wider markets are vital to Britain, Germany, France, Italy, United States and Canada, and every capitalist country on the face of the globe. But all of these countries and many others are exporting capital to other countries: China, Japan and India where the workers have a lower standard of living.

Greater Production

They thereby increase their immediate profits, but incidentally destroy the markets which they so much need; create more unemployment and eventually bring down the system which they would perpetuate in collapse about their heads.

We would like our readers to grasp one thing and grasp it well. It is this: when our captains of industry and finance speak of "greater production," what they have in mind is not a greater mass of products, out of which the needs of the whole people could be filled, but greater production per person engaged in the productive process. In other words, cheaper production.

'Labor's Only Salvation'

The above will be the subject of an address to be given by

MRS. ROSE HENDERSON

At the VANCOUVER THEATRE

Next Sunday Evening, at 8 o'clock

(Take Hastings East car, get off at Boundary Road and walk east on Hastings street to the Theatre.)

Mr. Justice Murphy

Addresses Open Forum — Peace the Ideal of the Geneva Protocol.

SIGNATURES NECESSARY

League of Nations Not Effective Without Russia and Germany Being Adherents.

"THE peace of the world is the ideal underlying the Geneva protocol."

"War is the negation of Christianity."

"No disarmament conference can be successful unless all nations with any military force at all participate. Russia and Japan must enter the conference or it will be a failure."

"It is doubtful if the protocol will gain sufficient preliminary adherents to make it successful."

"The League of Nations will never become effective unless Russia and Germany become adherents of it."

"All right thinking people should support the League of Nations, and earnestly endeavor to make it effective."

"Oil is one of the great powder magazines today, at the base of war."

The above are but a few of the outstanding reamrks made by Mr. Justice Murphy in the course of his address before the "open forum" in the First Congregational church on Sunday afternoon.

Since the nature of the covenant of nations was such as to render it impossible of amendment, a new treaty, under the name of the Geneva protocol was drawn up. Ex-premier Ramsay MacDonald's speech before the Geneva conference was really the genesis of the protocol.

Signatures Necessary

Before it will be possible for invitations to be issued to all the nations of the world calling them to the disarmament conference, outlined in the protocol, it is necessary that three of the larger powers, such as Italy, France, England and Japan adhere to and ratify it, and ten of the smaller nations. In the event of there not being the necessary number of preliminary adherents, or in the event of the disarmament conference failing, then the protocol will be of no avail.

War International Crime

The protocol declares all aggressive wars to be international crimes. In the past war was the right of every sovereign nation. Sixteen nations have signed the protocol, but to date only one nation has ratified it, Czecho-Slavokia. All branches of treaties, or legal questions, under the protocol, must be submitted to arbitration or international court. In reference to political questions, nations must agree, in no case to go to war, but rather, they must guarantee to submit such differences to arbitration. In other instances, where an agreement can not be reached among the disputants a period of three months must elapse before before they can engage in war. During this period the matter is placed in the hands of the council which utilizes its good offices in a further effort to avoid war.

In the event of war breaking out, or there are preparations being made for war, the council is empowered to declare an armistice immediately. Four nations, not adherents, will be invited to utilize the office of the council. In the event of their not doing so they are to be totally ostracised.

Who Is Aggressor?

In the past it has been hard, and oftimes impossible, to ascertain which nation was the aggressor. Under the protocol the nation which disobeys the ruling of the council becomes, automatically, the aggressive nation in any war.

All treaties are now to be registered at Geneva and become public property. In this way all secret treaties are wiped out—admittedly a definite step towards greater security. In the event of any two nations desiring to have a demilitarized zone between themselves, under the control of the League of Nations, their wish will be granted. The first nation definitely entering that area becomes the aggressor.

Sanctions Necessary

In event of definite action having to be taken, when one nation becomes the aggressor, all the other nations are bound to cut off all communciations of whatever sort, with that nation. Every adhering nation must give assistance, financial, military, raw materials, etc., to the attacked nation, according to their willingness, and to their ability. The council has no right to compel any nation to give in any specific manner. The control of all their military or naval forces remains with the nations themselves.

In closing Mr. Justice Murphy painted a mental picture of the war that has passed, of the suffering and sorrow resulting from it, and he also painted a picture of what we might expect in the event of another world war occuring. He believed that another still more horrible war was not only possible but probable unless we, as thoughtful, intelligent citizens performed our duty to the coming generations and endeavoured to prevent such a catastrophe.

JUNIOR LABOR LEAGUE

This Is "Hat" Night—Membership Increasing—Business Meeting Friday.

Apparently that much talked of prediction of the end of the world for last Friday had no terrors for members of the J. L. L., who spent a very enjoyable evening at the home of the vice-president, Mr. W. Rees, 6262 Chester street, South Vancouver. Someone has suggested that the end of the world had been postponed to Friday, the Thirteenth, if so it will find the J. L. L. in session at their educational meeting to be held at 883 Twenty-seventh avenue east, South Vancouver. This meeting will be a "hat night," each member drawing from the hat some question on which they will speak for a few minutes, followed by a general discussion.

The membership of the League is increasing steadily. The small initiation of 25 cents and dues of $1.00 a year being easily within the reach of those interested. New members will always be made welcome, the only qualification to those within the age limit being a consciousness of their position as members of the working class.

The secretary will be glad to hear from anyone in other parts of the province interested in this work. Communications may be addressed to the Junior Labor League at 883 Twenty-seventh avenue east, South Vancouver.

Regular business meeting on Friday the 20th at the above address.

THE UNEMPLOYED OF SOUTH VANCOUVER

There was a fair attendance at the Municipal hall at Tuesday night's weekly meeting. We have formed a centrals committee, with delegate from North Vancouver City and Burnaby, to make a united stand for a fair share of the work given out. At present the Municpality refuses to allow our organization to handle the slips for work, but prefer a government official, who cannot be expected to select the most deserving cases first, hence the injustice we complain of.—E. D. Brewer, secretary, 4854 James street, South Vancouver.

Land and Labor

All economic products result from two factors only: land and labor—using the word "land" in the large sense of theoretical economics, so as to include water and mines and all the natural resources of the planet. Capital is not really a third factor. Capital is a product of the application of labor to land and is merely a stage in production. Without land, human life is impossible; without labor, very little human life would be possible.—Bertrand Russell.

LABOR PAPER

On the front page of the Winnipeg One Big Union Bulletin of February 5th, the following item appears:

"Labor Statesman Suspends Publication.

"Vancouver, B.C.—The Labor Statesman suspends publication as a labor organ with its last January issue, after about a year's life as official paper of the Vancouver, New Westminster and District Trades and Labor Council. Lack of support is the reason assigned."

J. S. WOODSWORTH

Has Harsh Words With Federal Government's Attitude on Labor Policies.

CANADA'S UNEMPLOYMENT

Problem Treated in a Useless, Senseless Manner, Says Winnipeg's Member.

THAT the solution of Canada's unemployment, as suggested by the department of immigration and colonization, was a "stupid and senseless" one, was the opinion of J. S. Woodsworth, Labor member of parliament for Winnipeg centre, who addressed a mass meeting recently at Ottawa.

The department in question had been doing all in its power to increase immigration, he declared, at the same time raising the old cry of "increased production," such a policy instead of mitigating the seriousness of the problem, served but to intensify it. Canada had already produced more than it could find a market for, and as a result a period of stagnation and unemployment had followed.

"Any government that fails to make such social adjustments as would ensure at least food, clothing and shelter, had lost all claim to the loyalty of the people," said the speaker. The slogan of the country's unemployed—"Work or maintenance"—was not an unreasonable or unsound one. There was little use of the federal government seeking to get away from the fact that they and not the municipal and provincial governments were responsible for unemployment.

MEANDERINGS

(By Peripatetic Pagan.)

OH these patriotic capitalists! Recently the Austrian government floated a loan in London; £60,000,000 was subscribed. The Hungarian government loan was subscribed up to £20,000,000. The German loan next, and the money bags came forward offering £120,000,000; all bearing high interest. Then, our own Victoria attempted to raise a loan, security gilt edged, but bearing interest at only a fraction less than five per cent; did these flag-waving patriots rush to subscribe to this? Oh, dear, no; their regard for kith and kin only reached about one tenth of the amount asked for. You see, with these gentry the interest is the only consideration. The flag, unity of Empire and such like sentiments are all very well for the boobs at election time, but when it comes to an investment, its what pays, my child.

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British-American tobacco company's net profits for the last five years have ranged from four and one-third millions to four and four-fifth millions pounds per annum, with dividends, despite watered shares, from 24 per cent. to 30 per cent., tax free!

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The following is from this month's issue of the "Locomotive, Fireman and Engineer's Magazine:" "Never in the history of wage negotiations affecting men in engine service, have railroad managements adopted such a variety of obstructive measures to prevent peaceful and satisfactory settlements as in the negotiations incident to the present wage movement of engineer, firemen and hostlers on the western railroads." Be warned, the subtle workings of the capitalists are active to a degree. Jack London in his "Iron Heel"—hell we were going to write—gave the danger signal. Further, because those comrades in the States who are in work with good wages. Now, let them not fail to watch out. The powers that be are consolidating to a degree far from healthy, and a sudden tightening of the grip may come with a shock, much sooner than expected.

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The great thing for labor unions to do here and everywhere, is to recognize the socialist's ideal as the foundation for all action for the benefit of the worker, with the application in its fullest meaning of the sympathetic international.

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So, Britain has another little question on her hands—the native demands in Sierra Leone. The educated natives are making some strong demands for self-government, trial by jury and the reform of land abuses which have arisen through over favouring private trust companies, and, they are going to get them.

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There seems to be a pretty pother at Ottawa over the Shipping Combine. One wonders what is behind it all, especially considering the indignation reported as being expressed by the shipping magnates.

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Pity 'tis we have not more socialists in the school boards of the country, for there is much room for an overhaul of the whole scheme of education. George Bernard Shaw writes a fine caustic reproach on the British educational system. "Our schools," says G. B., "teach the morality of feudalism corrupted by commercialism, and hold up the military conqueror, the robber baron and the profiteer as models of the illustrious and successful."

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Friday the 13th! Never mind, get your "Fed." read it and pass it on.

Don't Fail to Reserve the Evening of

SUNDAY, February 22nd

TO HEAR

Prof. SCOTT NEARING

At the ROYAL THEATRE

136 Hastings St. East

Tell your friends and let us make it a bumper meeting. Our Communist friends have kindly consented to discontinue their meeting on Sunday evening so that all their adherents may have an opportunity of hearing Prof. Nearing.

University students are cordially invited to come along.

Voluntary collection to defray expenses.

The Power of Wealth

Mrs. Philip Snowden Now Champions Imperialistic Capitalism.

THE RUSSIAN SITUATION

Reply to Mr. Noel Robinson's "Star Window" View of Soviet Russia.

[By Dr. W. J. Curry]

I WAS present when Mrs. Philip Snowdon delivered her much heralded attack on the "Despotism of Soviet Russia," and last week my attention was called to Mr. Robinson's criticism regarding Mrs. Henderson's opinion of the fair labor leader, who now champions the cause of imperialistic Capitalism.

Mrs. Snowdon has always been an anti-Communist, and visited Russia over four years ago, just when conditions seemed hopeless, largely due to the British blockade, and the famine intensified by the activities of the Allies, who were then expressing their boasted regard for "the self-determination of nations."

I know Mr. Robinson well and admire his sincerity and frankness, but like most of our middle-class intellectuals, he seems somewhat muddle-headed on economics and as ignorant of the cause he champions as of the theory and practice he assails.

Upton Sinclair in his "Brass Check," shows how the advertising columns mould the editorials and policy of the press. "They who pay the piper set the tune," and if the "Star Window" deals seriously with the subject of Soviet Russia, it must take Mr. Snowden's part and oppose the views of Mrs. Henderson.

The testimony of Mrs. Henderson who recently spent several months in investigating conditions in Russia, has been corroborated by many other independent investigators, the majority of whom were not Communists, but who nevertheless declare that the workers' republic is steadily building up her social and economic foundations, and it is quite evident that our system based on "production for profit," is in a state of decline which will result in social chaos or a revolutionary change in the management of our economic structure.

I am inclined to believe that the time has come when we should make efforts to enlighten the class represented by Mr. Robinson, which is not only economically enslaved but in most cases mentally shackled with bourgeois fallacies and ideals.

Mr. Robinson should first understand that capitalism instead of being an eternal, divinely ordained system of ruling and exploiting subjects, is one of various systems which in accordance with economic laws have arisen and passed away. Even the Vancouver Daily Sun some months ago in an unguarded moment declared that some from of Communism was destined to supercede the present social structure.

Today power and wealth are concentrating in fewer and fewer hands, while millions, able and anxious to produce wealth, are suffering famine because the owners of the means of life cannot find markets for the commodities produced by these suffering armies of unemployed.

Within the last few days over one hundred masterless slaves have been thrown into our provincial jails as an "act of charity," and even Bernard Shaw has recently declared that "if other planets are inhabited, this world must be the lunatic asylum of the universe."

Can we wonder that Mrs. Henderson and others who know the cause of these miseries, express their resentment when people like Mrs. Snowdon who claim to be Socialists, are feted and flattered by all the forces of reaction for their services in misleading the public regarding these problems which mean life, or death, to millions?

"When Business Men Were Revolutionists."

Mr. Robinson should know that ever since primitive Communism there have been class struggles between masters and slaves, and that today the class he represents were once progressive and revolutionary. The bourgeoise overthrew the feudal powers in bloody conflicts when feudal institutions obstructed these rising merchants and manufacturers.

The "reign of terror" in France was a business-class revolution in which the feudal leaders lost their heads and the Holy Church its property, while in England the same class represented by "dictator Cromwell" made war on the old order, overthrew parliament and even beheaded his Royal Highness the King.

This class struggle is even with us. Seventy-five years ago Carl Marx, and Ingles, in their "Communist Manifesto" first gave the world the law of social development and placed history on a scientific basis. The introductory sentence to this first presentation of scientific Socialism was "A spectre is haunting Europe, the spectre of Communism." Today this spectre has materialised and captured Russia, and will sooner or later capture the world.

In spite of its mistakes and miseries the Soviet state today represents the transition stage between capitalism and the next social order, the cooperative commonwealth.

Revolution is but the mutation, the culminating phase of evolution. The chick absorbs the egg, it must break through the shell, or perish. Every birth means birth pangs and disruption of old alignments.

Mrs. Henderson seemed almost amused that the people of Russia though ragged, unwashed and famished were enthusiastic and happy because freed from the shackles of Czardom.

No class was ever more regardful of human life and more docile than the workers, but in the light of history and their experience, what other manner than through force could their class enemies have been conquered? There is no one to blame, the lion will defend its prey and the ruling class its economic basis. The desire for ease and luxury, the tendency to become parasitical, if it can, is bilogical, it is common to all life.

Perhaps one of the unpardonable crimes of Soviet Russia was its publication of the secret treaties between the Allies. These prove that the Great War was being organized and that the working-class classes tricked to the trenches in the name of freedom, were but pawns in the frenzied game for plunder.

In a few days Mr. Robinson will have the opportunity of hearing Prof. Scott Nearing, a writer and debater of international prominence, who is also a champion of Soviet Russia. Nearing has been discharged from three American universities because he failed to "goose-step" to the money bags who finance these institutions and erect their educational schemes for perpetuating plutocracy.

Mrs. Snowdon and Mr. Robinson are equally horrified at the brutal dictatorship now ruling Russia. It is a dictatorship, not of the Czar and his lords of the land, but of the workers, who, time after time, continue to re-establish its power with their franchise.

It seems too bad that after twenty centuries of the gospel of peace and brotherhood the river of progress

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U. S. FARMERS ADVISED

Not Increase, But Hold Down 1925 Crops to Last Year's Acreage at Least.

American farmers are advised by the department of agriculture according to a Washington dispatch, to hold down their 1925 crops to last years acreage at least, in order to avoid a glut and a consequent break in high prices. A decrease in farm earnings is forecast for 1925.

Here is the carefully weighed and deliberate statement of the department of agriculture on the outlook for 1925 issued last week:

"In the wheat belt farmers should not expect a repetition of the unusual situation of 1924—a very good crop in this country and a short crop for the rest of the world. In the corn belt, the short crop of hogs probably will be only partially off set by higher prices, while reduced feeding demands for corn will tend to reduce the total value of the corn crop. It is, therefore, probable that in the wheat and corn belts, which comprise a substantial portion of American agriculture, there will be a diminished income as compared with 1924."

Dr. Curry's Lectures

This Friday the subject will be: "Our Savage Survivals." Meeting will be held in the C. P. hall, 666 Homer street. Community Singing at 7.30 p.m.

Judges cannot read hearts, and their strictest justice is only rudimentary and superficial.—Anatole France.

RIGHT TO "BUTT IN"

Children Leaving School Constantly Increasing—Must Find Employment Somewhere.

SEEK THE PROFESSIONS

"Children of Gibeon" Necessary—Not Sufficient Farmers and Laborers for Dirty Work.

[By J. C. Harris]

WE have grown up in a civilization where the right to "butt in" has been regarded as sacred. "This is a free country" and "it owes me a living" has been a sort of North American gospel whose soundness was beyond question. As we are not so well satisfied with ourselves, nor quite as sure of our philosophy as we once were, it may be possible to examine even these axioms of our civilisation to see where we are drifting under their guidance.

The question raised is a very serious and pressing one. The number of children that we are passing through our high schools and universities is constantly increasing and, as they emerge from their studies they are certainly going to "butt in" somewhere, and deeply affect the happiness and prosperity of themselves and the rest of us. If we could ask the children now attending high school what they intended to do after they left, we shouldget some most interesting and surprising replies and some information that would make us question if the right to "butt in" is going to prove a sound gospel. Amongst the girls, we should be sure to find a very great number who intend to go teaching, or nursing, or to take a business course and become stenographers, etc. Amongst the boys there would be plenty of future doctors, lawyers, chauffeurs, bank clerks, etc. A good many also would mean to go into business and, if they bother at all to think of the future, would imagine themselves as commercial travellers or government officials.

There would hardly be a farmer amongst the lot; a few would intend to go mining (as the boss, of course), but remarkably few would choose any really productive work that entailed dirtying the hands and going without a white collar.

Now this is a most serious state of affairs for some "children of Gibeon" are essential, and the supply is running short. We are not raising enough farmers and laborers to do our hard dirty work, and the bohunks, etc., that we manage to import have a disgusting habit of drifting into our cities and there beating us at our own games, whilst the Honorable William Sloan has given notice to all Asia to get out.

We cannot blame the children for this state of affairs. We have worshipped our smart business men and get rich quick artists; we have despised our farmers as mossbacks and Rubes, and we are sowing as we have reaped. We have not only despised these essential workers whose society was good enough for Christ, but robbed them shamelessly until a child growing up in Canada knows the hardships and injustice of a farmer's life and dare not attempt it.

So under present arrangements nearly all these young people are going to "butt in" on the city people's jobs. Finding so many applications, the bank officials will invite them to "butt in" to the bank clerk's job at a lower wage. Some will "butt in" amongst the lawyers, and, rather than starve, will attempt any meanness and rascality. Perhaps the right to "butt in" is not the height of wisdom or a sound philosophy; it reminds me of my pigs butting their way into the trough, and lying down in it, if possible, to keep the others out.

We will examine the "right to a living" in another article.

At the Little Theatre

The Little Theatre on Commercial drive, near Venables street was crowded on Monday night when "The Devil's Disciple" was produced by Mrs. E. A. Woodward. The play is considered the dramatic masterpiece of George Bernard Shaw, and the local talent in its representation was a real success. Characterization in both male and female parts was striking for its well supported quality and make-up The detail work of each act was all that could be desired and well deserved the liberal applause of the audience. In love and war, Ernest Young made a perfect hero. He was ably supported by Miss Betty Somerset and James P. Ferguson. Harold D. Bechtel and Alfred Spence were too funny for words and relieved the tension of the main action.

Garfield A. King, as the honest horse-dealer, and Sam Wellwood, as the village lawyer, pleased everyone, while Miss Georgina McKinnon as loyal Essie, was most captivating. Warm congratulations were extended to the performers as well as to H. H. Simmonds, stage manager; Ross A. Lord, scenic director; Sam Wellwood, lighting director; and Mrs. A. H. Douglas, in charge of costumes. "Devil's Disciple" was certainly well played.

Courage is, on all hands, considered as an essential of high character.—Froude.

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FRIDAY.....February 13, 1925

GENEVA PROTOCOL

OUR readers are urged to read, if they have not already done so, the report in this paper of Mr. Justice Murphy's address on the protocol. He is apparently an ardent believer in the efficacy of this instrument of peace. The idea underlying the protocal is, indeed worthy of the earnest consideration of every thoughtful man and woman. It is, manifestly, one of the best schemes that we can ever hope to have evolved under capitalism. We fear, however, that even if a sufficient number of nations do ratify it, that the disarmament conference will fail, and so resule in the ultimate failure of the protocol. For such a scheme to be a success, it must be operated and controlled by real statesmen, men of intelligence, and integrity, and men who have the interest of the masses of human kind at heart. Otherwise, it will be manipulated and controlled by the big, international, financial octopuses. That are today shaping the future destiny of the world, through the medium of our "penny ante" politicians of today.

The great masses of the common people today, the world over, are opposed to war, and would soon, were they left to follow their own judgment, uninfluenced by our daily "paid press" and our present-day politicians, outlaw war.

ADVENTISTS SORRY!

CONSIDERABLE interest has been shown by many, in the prophesy that the world was to have come to an end a few days ago.

It is about time these individuals gave a little more concern to those things, and those conditions, which have a more direct bearing upon the lives of the people as they live here on earth. The reason why so many ardent labor followers fail to find themselves in sympathy with the teachings of our modern churches, is because such teachings are more or less in a class with the teachings of the Rowenites.

They neglected the fundamental needs here on earth. When our preachers and adherents of the churches show some real interest in the bettering of the lot of the great masses—other than by the aid of charity—here on earth, then the future of their institutions will be on a much firmer foundation.

INCONSISTENCY!

OUR Japanese neighbors have been the city's guests for the past few days. Our daily press has been quite awake to the opportunity this afforded them of increasing their income from advertising. In spite of the fact, that many of these newspapers used, or allowed to be used their news columns to disparage our Asiatic friends, nevertheless they rush out with open arms to take their advertising toll.

As soon as the fleet has gone, they—the newspapers—will again cry out about "Asiatic exclusion." Why always attack the more or less innocent Asiatic? Why not attack first our own Canadians who are employing the Asiatics? The Asiatics are here, because many men, who are today urging Asiatic exclusion either brought them here or utilized their services to the exclusion of their own citizens, after they were here. No doubt many of these same men did their part nobly in welcoming the fleet! It would be quite in keeping with their well-known inconsistency.

FLOYD COLLINS

TRAGEDIES never cease in this old world, it seems. Floyd Collins, on this occasion, was the unfortunate victim. He is only one among the many. Our hearts went out to him in his agony. Workers as a rule, are the ones who have to suffer in such cases. Rarely is the owner so caught. If he had to go through his works under the conditions under which his employees work, we are firmly of the opinion that few such tragedies would be enacted.

Human life, is one of the cheapest things we have on the markets of the world today. The absolute indifference that is shown by the many employers of labor, towards the health and general welfare of their employees is appalling, to say the very least. So long as a few dollars extra can be made, to help swell their dividends, little they care for anyone's welfare.

And, again, so keen is competition becoming, in life's struggle, that it is considered cheaper to risk human life rather than practice "Safety First." Not ntil co-operation, rather than competition, is the rule of our present social order, will human life be valued as it ought to be.

VETERANS OF INDUSTRY AND THE SYSTEM

TO the observer, life holds many marvels, but none greater than the way in which mankind is evolving, or rather, allowing himself to evolve. Most evolution is at best, an exceedingly slow process; man's progress is more than slow; it is reluctant, and it is roundabout. Life's little ironies bear witness to the fact.

For instance, the real "veterans," the disabled and the aged members of the industrial army, those who produce and distribute the means of life, are allowed to go to the wall when kindly charitable civilization can use them no longer; and those who do not really need them, the higher-ups of officialdom, receive handsome pensions.

In comparatively slack times (that is, times of peace), our soldier-comrades, whose trade is destructive, alas! are paid a fairly high rate of dole in addition to the means of existence, such existence as common clay requires.

The industrial worker and some others, whose work is absolutely necessary to humanity, are refused even the degradation of the bread line, and are forced to starve or literally beg their way. In thickly populated industrial areas where this would be impracticable, where starvation might give rise to some drastic action on the part of the disinherited, the government pays a weekly pittance to the unemployed and received in return something like gratitude and—peaceful acquiescense.

Absentee landlordism has been another little irony and still is. Not only in Ireland, but everywhere else and right here in Canada. It is the dodge whereby one man hands over to another his right to toil, and receives in return the means of parasitism. The principle of shareholder is somewhat similar in substance, though it is the question of degree that most people concern themselves with.

We may be logical enough to deny that life is made up of two classes, rich and poor, owner and slave, exploiter and exploited. We may even be shrewd enough to admit that all the poor would be rich, all the slaves masters, and all the exploited exploiters, if they were unfortunate enough to get a half-chance. Perhaps, after all, it all depends on the particular brand of human nature with which one happens to be stamped.

Such logic, however, does not alter the fact that there is an ever increasing army of people on the border line of starvation, and if we only get a few more Versailles treaties and Dawes plans put into operation by the powers that be (whether they happen to be conscious of the evil or not makes no difference), the class division will grow wider and the class enmity more marked. The poor are becoming poorer and the wealth of the world is being more and more concentrated. The most optimistic cannot expect any very amiable feeling on the part of the masses.

An ever growing number of people realize just what is wrong with "the system," and are quite convinced of how things ought to be; yet the wrongs continue and the rights don't come. And though it is always sensible to blame the other fellow, we can't blame the capitalist altogether. Even William Shakespeare told us that if there weren't sheep there wouldn't be wolves. And the exploited aren't sheep altogether either. For when it comes to a question of fair play and real effort for the good of the team, the majority of people would rather not trouble, or if they do trouble, they are content with throwing bricks at the "enemy" and merely raising a dust.

Socialism and similar economic ideas are accepted as being a panacea for most ills. Whether this is so or not, they will at least remedy quite a good many of our social evils. They have just one glaring disadvantage. They will not come into force of themselves. The capitalist class and all its surrounding satellites may realize just how logical and reasonable and practicable socialistic ideas are, even compared with a good liberal or conservative creed. But we can hardly expect them to overcome their little prejudices against socialism in practice. That is no excuse, however, for apathy on the part of intelligent workers.

The Power of Wealth

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cannot flow steadily onward without these cataclysms, but as John Masefield says, "Tragedy at its best is a vision of the heart of life. The heart of life can only be laid bare in the agony and exultation of dreadful acts. Commonplace people dislike tragedy and cannot exult. The carelessness of life and beauty marks the glutton, the idler and the fool in their deadly path across history."

But who are responsible for these outbreaks except these dunces and dupes who dam the river of knowledge with falsehood and platitudes and so bring destruction on themselves and others?

The revolt of a slave class is the unpardonable crime and to stem this red flood swelled by increasing misery every atrocity used becomes the highest virtue and the sublimest duty in the opinion of rulers.

The leaders of Russian revolt understood this and so raised the ire of political and moral anarchists such as Emma Goldman, by establishing a dictatorship, an invincible Red army, which alone saved the Soviet government from destruction.

The first great rising of slaves was in ancient Rome, the culmination of these revolts ended in the defeat of the rebel chief Spartagus. A hundred thousand slaves were slaughtered and as a warning to others 6,000 prisoners were crucified and their crosses strung along the Apian Road, leading to the "Eternal City." No more revolts took place and yet Imperial Rome perished as all nations founded upon class rule must perish.

In March, 1871, the workers of Paris through the ballot captured the municipal government, the result was 30,000 men, women and children were slaughtetred by the bourgeois defenders of "law, order," and especially of the right to rule and rob the common people.

"Democracy and Self-Determination"

The late E. D. Morel, Labor M.P., in July last in the British house of commons, showed how lavish Lloyd George & Co. had been in supplying funds to crush Soviet Russia while they refused to advance her a loan to open up trade and purchase British goods. In this speech he says: "The millions of electors will not readily forgive this kind of thing that has taken place and they know well the source of these attacks is the same as that which caused nearly two hundred million sterling to be used in attempting to smash the Russian revolution by subsidising civil war and a blockade which destroyed tens of thousands of lives of innocent poeple."

Frank Anstey shows how these funds were spent. A lot was expended to make Ukrania a centre of counter-revolution, and months before the armistice the warring imperialists of Britain and Germany united to destroy this common enemy known as Communism. It was not until June, 1918, that Mr. Balfour in the house of commons declared that the gold subsidy for Ukrania had come to an end.

In Finland the same cooperation of Britons and Huns took place. The workers revolted, overthrew their Swedish masters and joined the Russian Federated Republic. Then the German Junker Mannerheim landed his troops, and joined by the forces of the British Admiral Kemp, laid this "hideous spectre of Bolshevism."

The London Times referring to this "splendid" work of the German war lord says that he quickly finished the job, and casually mentions that out of 80,000 prisoners, 30,000 were shot out of a population of 3,000,000.

As Anstey says "The glory of the noble task was not exclusively German. They were ably assisted by Allied forces."

Our own "Sun" at that time published a photographic picture of German heroes shooting lines of Finnish workers and casually remarked that 10,000 had been recently disposed of in that way.

Mrs. Snowdon saw Russia at its worst, Mrs. Henderson four years later when improvements were visible on all sides. Mrs. Snowdon is today working in the interests of imperialistic capitalism. She is like a gaudy parrot in a gilded cage, chattering her platitudes and responding gladly to the rewards of her masters and the applause of their muddle-headed dupes.

As Mrs. Henderson suggests, no wonder Lenin continually smiled at this representative of British Labor.

The recent delegation of British Trade Unions, which is returned from Russia, is publishing their report. These delegates are unanimous in declaring Russia the vanguard of the world's labor movement. One of these, A. A. Persel, says: "The Russian working class is a colossal mirror which reflects everything which is best in the working class of the world."

E. D. Flemmon, ex-secretary of the Amsterdam International Labor movement says: "I made this journey at my own expense, the working class of Russia has taken its fate in its own hands. The economic situation is slowly, but surely improving. What impressed me most was the enthusiasm of all for their work. They realize they are producing for human consumption, and not for profit. The great fact is, that in Russia the workers hold power."

Mrs. Henderson may meet with opposition, and sneers, those who espouse the cause of humanity in a fundamental way have ever met this fate. Tens of thousands of Communists in Europe are today enduring the tortures of prison, because of their educational activity in the cause of progress. Two hundred and thirty thousand of Indian Nationalists are imprisoned because of their activities for independance.

History repeats itself, but while the re-handed Herods, and the Judas Iscariots live only in the Hell of imfamous memory, those who drink the hemlock for "perverting the mind of the youth," and those who feel the crown of thorns, and the suffering of the Cross, for being seditious, and "stirring up the people," reap an immortality, for they live in the mind, and affections of freed humanity, and in the new social order of which they are part.

THE GOLDEN GOD

[Nemesis]

I WATCHED a group of sturdy children at play. They were imagining themselves to be soldiers and were dispatching enemies to the next world in large numbers and with great gusto.

Children are worth watching and studying for, if you know the child intimately, you know the adult, for the latter is only a child who has camouflaged himself in a hundred and one disguises other than whiskers.

Like our children, we are all moved by a primitive imagination, for it is a quality which has never been properly trained as it should have been, harnessed to a power of reasoning. Ultimately that will come, when a sane and international system of co-operation has displaced the present, insane competitive struggle for pelf and power or for a bare subsistence.

As the child imagines himself to be a hunter, soldier and slayer generally, so the adult imagines himself to be a pontentate, a millionaire, a Christian or a Solomon, and he never will admit what he really is and what the system which governs society has made of him, a true and ardent worshipper of the god of gold.

At Christmas time, you will have noticed that our imagination glows in a sudden flame. We talk of the poor in Christ-like terms; we imagine we are Christians; the capitalist press presents lurid, agonizing yet unexaggerated pictures of the sufferings of the poor, each picture a telling and terrible indictment of the system they uphold; we respond and send our mite and sign it, "In Jesus'name"; we glow with satisfaction at our imaginings, yet Christmas passes and having fed them for a day, press pulpit and people leave the poor whom Christ loved, to their own resources for the next 364 days.

The language of a people, though often employed as a camouflage, reveals the true pulse beat of the nation's heart, and using the English language as a guide, I will try and show you that we have only one god the almighty, ever present, never forgotten god of gold.

If it were left to the little savage of six to imagine his heaven, we know that it would be a place where soap and water were non-existent, and marbles and jam tarts distributed free and without restriction. Let us see what the adult idea of heaven presents to us, as revealed in our hymn-books, pulpit discourses and other reliable sources of inspired knowledge. We have often been joyously impressed with the references to the golden gate of heaven leading to the golden streets and harps of gold.

It never snows in heaven, or we should have reviled in glorious pictures of golden snow, gleaming in the golden sunshine.

Christ, the greatest of earths teachers, spent his life and ultimately sacrificed it in teaching the great, eternal moral law, by obeying which man could find rest and peace. We do not call this God's rule or Christ's rule but the golden rule, and we love to mouth it not for its own sake, for we only publicly recognize it one day a year, but for its beautiful and inspiring name.

There is a large association of people who believe that God will soon bring a true kingdom of justice here on earth, a sort of kindom which true socialists are working for, and they have a magazine to show how God will introduce this eternal and just state of things and they call their magazine and refer to this new era, not as God's kingdom or as the age of justice, but as the golden age.

Our hymns present to us such pictures as the following, "Soon in the golden city, our boys and girls shall play." I presume all iron and copper gods will be strictly barred from such a beautiful place even more rigidly than liquor from the Holy land—the land of golden hopes to the south of us.

Our sunsets are never yellow nor orange, but golden, the golden flush of dawn takes first place in all our descriptions of early morning. When we describe a person of generous disposition we say he has a heart of gold, and we can pay him no higher compliment. Our poets revel in golden description, golden days, gold tipped mantled summits, golden sands, golden glints and golden glows.

When the altruist draws a picture of what our earth might be under a common-sense system of co-operation, of universal happiness and absence of want and woe, the offsprings of our present system of gold grabbing and greed, we dignify it by the name of the golden dream. "All is not gold that glitters," we exclaim, when drawing attention to the spurious, thus revealing our worship of the pure and perfect god of gold.

All will remember the golden opportunity advertized in England on the car of the paid agent from Canada in the legend "Canada Needs You." It truly was a golden opportunity for that paid agent and the shipping companies.

If we write "The sun was setting and the inlet lay beneath us like a yellow lake," our readers yawn, but if we say "like a lake of burnished gold," their eyes gleam with a warm joy, so mentally stimulating is the golden metaphor.

The above examples, and you can recall many others to your mind for yourselves, reveal our national worship of the golden calf. Aaron and his co-conspirators proved themselves good psychologists when they got together when their leader, Moses was away up the mountain.

When our god has been discovered in some unfortunate spot on the earth, either in torrid zone or under arctic ice and snow, you have read of the wild and frantic rush of maddened men to the spot; of the crimes they have committted, of the terrible hardships they have endured in the hopes of clutching it; but have you ever read with such enthusiasm, such red-eyed fury displayed in the service of Him whom we describe as the living God?

Here and there a martyr perhaps, whom we have tolerantly regarded as harmless abnormalities, with smile, tear, or sigh, according to our disposition.

And we know the power of gold. It floats the majesty of man-made law and brings contempt upon it, which is social chaos. Murder hides with leering grin behind its camouflage. The rich may revel in their iniquities behind doors which fear not raid nor rush, but woe to the poor when they trangress, for the law in its unhampered wrath, opens wide its dungeons for their shivering bodies.

We have a prayer which we call Our Lords Prayer. We mumble it to our own hurt, for we have missed its significanse and its beauty, and I should like to suggest something like the following as a substitute for it, so that we may at least feel that we are true and consistent in our supplications, which is a great advantage.

"O! almighty god of gold, whose face is burnished gold; whose heart is pure gold; whose limbs are nuggets of the purest; in whom there is no alloy; whose intestines are golden gullets; whose perpiration is refined gold dust; whose breath is as the vapor from the crucible of molten gold; we hail thee with frenzied and fiery joy. We grovel at thy golden feet: thou art our life, our breath, our thoughts, our soul; we sacrifice to thee our honor, our humanity, our love, our all: at thy command we will plunge into the bottomless pit or slay without fear or favor: we are thine. O! shining god of gold, for thou art the truth, the light, the first and only cause and when thou turnest from us we are damned and cast into the outer and utter darkness of despair. O! god, O! golden god, pour thy riches we beseech thee into thy servant's life. Amen and Amen for ever and for ever."

QUESTION BOX

[Note—As many enquiries reach this office from time to time, the editor will reserve space to deal with such matters, under the above heading. Communications addressed to "Notes and Queries Editor" will be handled as quickly as space permits. —Ed.]

P. A.—Much appreciate your letter which sums up the ideal for the worker, a full week's pay for a fair week's work, with full time for recreation and study, when he needs not worry about old age, knowing he will be cared for as his right, by the Commonwealth, when we are not taxed for parasites to fatten on, for wars and for grafters and profiteers. Be sure, that time will come, all right, all right! See us when you come to Vancouver.

E. GRAY—J. Wilson, and others referred to last week. The figures were unavoidably crowded out, but appear in this issue.

S. Watson—The Mr. Stead you refer to is F. H. Stead, warden of the Brocouing Hall, London. In his book he certainly succeeds in showing that the labor movement in its aims and ideals is at heart a religious movement. How can it be anything else, when it aims are for the good of humanity.

W. WHITE—Mexico is doing well, and great hopes are felt that President Calles, may, with his sabor government be the stabilizing force after the revolutions of many years.

MRS. A. Parker—Samuel Gompers was born in London, England in 1850, of a Jewish family, came to the United States in 1863. One writer of a biographical article says: "he was, in my opinion, one of the ten or twelve greatest Americans. . . .his greatness was as much in his enemies as in his friends."

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It is not so desirable to cultivate a respect for the law as for the right.—Thoreau.

Before the war there were 50 museums in Russia. Now there are about 250. Large numbers are being opened in the provinces and many of the art treasures from former noblemen's homes in Leningrad are being sent to provincial museums.

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Timely Topics

BERNARD SHAW, whose ideas are nothing if not contrary to every one else's, reminds us somewhere that the bulk of our "charity" is folly, because we turn our attention only to the deserving poor. He pleads for the undeserving poor; those who haven't the energy, or the will-power, or the knowledge, or the application, to make a "success" of even obtaining bread and butter. Society, however, takes a different view, and adds its heavy condemnation to the already rather burdensome lack of ambition and effort on the part of unfortunate, undeserving poor.

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But then it's really hard to say just who is deserving and who isn't. Comparatively speaking, it is not very long ago since "vagabonds," that is to say, the unemployed, were treated very cruelly by an ignorant government and its illiterate J.P.'s. Nowadays we have reached the stage where we give vagrants (the unemployed poor) free lodgings in his majesty's gaol or pay them a dole or just let them starve. When the end of the world comes (and there's a big difference of opinion between the strictly orthodox and the adventists) civilization will have a big charge to face.

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A famous psychologist points out that whenever a man is sent to prison, *the rest of society* should go too. In strict justice. For every criminal, every weak drug or alcoholic addict, is really the victim of circumstances: circumstances for which society is responsible. But society realises few of its responsibilities. Because the individual sees no further than his own back door. We wonder what Bernard Shaw would say in the matter!

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No doubt he would pass a few complimentary remarks on the police court system. The machinery of the police court system, to be correct. And he would compare it with what ought to be in this so-called age of science and reason. In judging a criminal, account would be taken of these facts: who profited by the offence — whether an international clique of drug producers, or a liquor corporation, or just the miserable individual in question; the history of the offender; whether or no he was responsible for his make-up, mental or otherwise; whether or no he had chosen and arranged his environment; whether or no he was responsible for the economic or domestic conditions which forced him into his present position. No doubt the authority in question would recommend some treatment or decent living conditions or interesting work. But after all, we are still groaning under the capitalist system, the profit system. So such procedures would be entirely useless and far too costly.

I do not like the name Empire; it conveys ideas of mastery over unwilling populations.—Viscount Morley

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Mr. Dooley on Mr. Dubb

"'Tis a shtrange thing when we cme to think iv it that the' less money a man gets f'r his wurruk, th' more nicissary it is to the wurruld tha he shud go on wurrukin'. Ye'er boss can go to Paris on a combination wedding and divoorce thrip, an' no wan bothers his head about him.

"But if ye shud go to Paris—excuse me f'r laughin' mesilf black in th' face —th' industhrees iv th' counthry pines away."—Mr. Dooley.

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Organic Evolution

ARTICLE XVII.

[By Charles Hill-Tout, F. R. S. C., F. R. A. I., etc.]

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In the last article we traced the evolution of the Amphibia, the earliest of the land vertebrates from some preceding fish-like form, and saw that although there still remains some difference of opinion among evolutionists concerning the precise line of descent of these animals, whether they came from this or that species of fish, no doubt at all exists in their minds concerning the fact of this picine descent.

The early aquactic phase of life these intermediate forms normally pass through, and their possession during this period of fish-like gills or water-breathing organs, placed their origin beyond doubt or question. The remarkable metamorphosis these creatures undergo at the close of their larval life today is, perhaps, the best and clearest instance that can be offered of the truth of the biogenetic law, that the early life-history of the individual (ontogeny) is in large measure a recapitulation of the life-history of the species to which it belongs (phylogeny).

The Amphibia during the first *three months of their existence may* be said literally to climb up their own ancestral tree, and no reasonable explanation of these recapitulative phases can be given apart from the doctrine of evolution. Apply this principle and the life-cycle of the frog or newt, with the deep-seated transformations manifested therein, becomes clear and illuminating. Disregard it and one is faced with an inexplicable problem. No "Fundamentalist" teaching can solve it.

Taken at one period of their existence the Amphibia are gill-breathing fish that cannot live out of the water. At a later period they are seen to be lung-breathing animals that cannot exist in and under water for any length of time any more than we can ourselves. If, as the anti-evolutionist would have us believe, they were created out of hand in the beginning, in which of the two phases of their lives were they brought into being? As fish or as land animals? And how did the fish-form become the land-form or vice versa, if there be no evolutionary process in nature?

Between the Amphibia and the next higher class of land vertebrates, the Reptilia, the gap is slight. They *merge almost insensibly into each* other. During the Carboniferous, and the earlier phases of the succeeding Permian period, important changes of the land surfaces took place. The shore zones underwent elevation which brought about a consequent recession of the sea. This resulted in a more varied habitat for the Amphibia which apparently called forth new adaptive responses on their part; for we find many new forms now arising. The earliest fossil Amphibians known to us were characterized by layers of fish-like scales on the surface of their bodies, which we can only suppose were inheritances from their picine ancestors. This feature disappears in the newer types, and we find the same variety of forms arising among them as were later to appear among and characterize the Reptilia. Thus we have the Salamander-like **Eumicrerpeton**, the eel-shaped Ptyonius with its single pair of short limbs, and the strange-looking **Diplocaulus** whose solid, broad, bony skull had the appearance of a gigantic, triangular arrow-head attached to the spinal column. There were also alligator-like forms and others with protective armature and enormous spines.

The Amphibia reached their greatest development during the Permian and early Triassic periods, some of them during the latter period attaining immense proportions. One of these, known as the Mastodonsaurus on account of its great size, had a skull four feet in length and a body nearly 20 feet long. In general appearance it resembled the present-day Salamander. Thus the Salamander type is seen to be one of the most persistent of all the Amphibian forms. It is one of the earliest types known to us and is also one of the most interesting and characteristic forms of the modern Amphibia.

Another of these huge late Permian forms was the Eryops, a crocodile-like creature with massive head, short, strong limbs and a long, powerful tail.

With the closing of the Permian and the on-coming of the succeeding Triassic period, the golden age of the Amphibia passes away to give place to that of the more highly-organized Reptilia. From this time onward the evidence of their presence grows less and less. In the Cretaceous only a few fossil specimens of the small Salamander type are found, after which the links between the modern Amphibia and the more ancient forms—apart from the Salamanders —are wholly absent. The day of the Amphibia is over.

But so insensibly are the Amphibians of the Permian seen to merge into the Reptiles that it is often quite difficult to determine from the external appearance of the fossil alone whether it belongs to the Amphibia or to the Reptilia. There is, however, one important structural difference between the two great classes. In the Amphibia articulation of the skull with the back-bone is effected by means of two knuckle-like condyles or bony projections. In the reptiles, as in the birds which evolve from them, there is only one of these condyles. This fundamental, anatomical difference enables us to distinguish between one fossil form and another from these geological periods, and feel certain which we are dealing with when these parts of the skeleton are present. Another characteristic difference between the two classes is that the Reptiles are exclusively air-breathing, lunged-ammals. They never rear their young in the water as we have seen the Amphibia normally still do. Yet their genetic relation to and descent from the Amphibia is plainly evidenced by the presence of gill-slits and traces of the gills themselves in the embryos of certain of the Reptilia.

Our earliest knowledge of the Reptiles dates from the Permian. We know of none before this period. The most primitive forms known to us are termed cotylosaurs. These differ from their later kindred by the possession of solid, roof-like skulls. They closely resemble in this respect the solid-headed kind of Amphibia known as the Stagocephalia from which, Osborn thinks, they are derived. They are a kind of animal intermediate between the Amphibia and the Reptilia proper.

The rise and distribution of the Reptiles would appear from the fossil evidence to have been rapid, geologically speaking, when once they had been evolved. Their range of form and structure was wide and varied, and their adaptive responses to their environment very remarkable. We find them living under almost every possible condition of life. There were aquatic, paddle-footed, free-swimming forms like Limnocelis, which propelled itself by means of its long tail; semi-aquatic, short-tailed forms such as Labidosaurus. There were marginal or marshland forms, insectivorous or carnivorous in their habits. Terrestrial, lacustine, fluviatile and aerial forms both herbivorous and carnivorous; some being active during the day and others during the night. Some of the terrestrial forms, the Dinosaurs, were of fearsome aspect, massive, predaceous creatures with sharp dog-like teeth. Other of the gigantic terrestrial forms were herbaceous in habit, feeding upon the leaves and shoots of trees. Three of these great Sauropods, as they are termed, namely Diplodocus, Camarasaurus and Brachyosarus, attained incredible proportions having bodies 100 feet or more in length most of which, however, was composed of their huge necks and enormous tails. They could brouse with ease upon trees 20 to 25 feet high.

Taking the Reptilia as a whole they comprise no less than eighteen distinct orders which are again subdivided into a great number of families, genera and species. These eighteen orders sprang originally from some common Amphibian ancestor; and though we cannot yet positively assert what this common ancestral form was, there are good grounds for thinking that it was of the Varanops type, a primitive, lizard-like creature resembling in general appearance the modern monitor lizard Varanus. It had a long tail and four limbs of equal proportions each carrying five digits. Its structure was such that in the opinion of Osborn it could easily have been the prototype from which all the eighteen orders of the Reptilia might have sprung.

The Reptilian period extends from the Permian, the closing phase of the Palæozoic, through the whole Mesozoic or middle-life era to the Eocene, the earliest phase of the Cainozoic or modern-life era—a period of from 15,000,000 to 20,000,000 years.

The Reptiles are the dominant life-forms of the Mesozoic era. Of the eighteen orders that came into existence five only apparently survived into the Tertiary period. The descendents of these are represented by the present-day turtles, tuateras (the giant lizards of New Zealand), snakes, lizards and crocodiles. The passing of the Reptiles is generally attributed to the high degree of specialization to which most of them had attained, and their consequent lack of ability to respond to the very considerable climatic and other changes which marked the close of the Mesozoic era and ushered in the Tertiary period.

Our study of the life-realm has made it very clear that while high specialization aids an organism in the struggle for existence, it also carries with it the doom of early extinction should radical changes in its life-conditions take place; its very specialization rendering it unable to make the necessary adaptive responses to these changes.

Two classes of Reptiles stand out in particular from the rest as having high evolutionary interest for us. These are the Theromopha or beast-*like forms, and the Pterosaurs* or flying-forms. Of the former the Cynodont, a creature with dog-like teeth, and the Therodont, a creature with wild-beast-like teeth are typical forms. These pro-mammals, as they are called, are now generally regarded by palæontologists as the forerunners of the animals which were later to succeed and supplant the Reptiles. They were marked-off from the other forms by their much more highly-developed and sturdier limbs by which they were enabled to get over the ground more rapidly, and by the higher adaptability of their teeth. Speedy specialization of the teeth is seen to be one of the marked features of mammalian development, just as a lack of it is characteristic of the Reptiles generally.

Before the geological record had revealed these pro-mammalian forms to us it was commonly thought that the direct line of descent of the later mammals was through some amphibian ancestor, so difficult was it to connect the Mammals with the Reptiles, as they were then known to us, on anatomical grounds alone. The fortunate discovery of these fossils not only removes this difficulty but also at the time affords encouragement to hope that other missing links will likewise in time be brought to light; for while anatomy and embryology each yields valuable evidence to the evolutionist, it cannot carry with it the same degree of certainty as the more direct evidence of palæontology is able to do.

The Pterosaurs or flying-reptiles constitute one of the most interesting of the many strange reptilian forms. In size they ranged from creatures not much bigger than a sparrow to forms with a spread of wing greater than any bird of today. They are not to be regarded as the direct ancestors of the feathered birds later to appear. They are merely flying reptiles, and their mode of flight, by means of bat-like wings, is believed to have been a kind of soaring or gliding motion from a higher to a lower level. Their chief interest for the evolutionist lies in the evidence they afford of the wide adaptive radiation of the Reptilia. We learn from these Pterosaurs that the Reptiles had conquered the air as well as the land and the sea and that in this way they foreshadowed the birds.

The origin of the feathered, true birds must be sought, it is believed, elsewhere, in some small, lizard-like reptile whose habits of locomotion were largely bipedal, and which had been forced to adopt in large measure an arboreal existence to escape its many enemies. We gather this from some of the peculiar characters displayed by the earliest of the birds known to us—the Archæopteryx. The wings of this creature were tipped with finger-like claws which —on the analogy of the tree-climbing habits of the present-day young of the hoatzin, a strange species of South American bird—it probably used for climbing purposes. From this habit of living largely in trees a modification of its limbs would have been brought about something after the manner of that seen in the flying-squirrel of today. Exactly what lines this modification followed we have at present no means of knowing. Fossils of the earliest birds are yet very rare.

Our chief authorities on the evolution of birds and their wings hold two distinct views as to the origin of the latter. One, known as the "pair-wing" theory, deduced from the earlier studies of the wing of Archæopteryx, regards the long, primary feathers upon the fore-limb and also those at the sides of the tail, as arising from modification of the earlier reptilian scales. The other, known as the "four-wing theory," more recently put forward by Beebe, and based principally on the presence of large feathers on the thighs of the embryos of modern birds, accounts for the later disappearance of the hind-leg wings by increasing non-use as the flight function of the fore-limbs and the steering-function of the tail became more and more developed and specialized. As our knowledge of the primitive fossil birds increases we may be able to determine which of these two views is the more correct one.

But though we are as yet uncertain of the precise mode of evolution of the wings of the bird, no doubt at all exists as to the reptilian origin of the birds themselves. The earliest fossil birds known to us possess far too many striking reptilian characters for us to entertain any doubt on this head. The gradual approach, too, from the early reptilian forms, all of which seemed to have possessed teeth, to the present-day forms, as revealed by palæontological evidence, also strongly confirms us in this view. And even the modern birds, highly modified and specialized as they are, still plainly show many marked reptilian characters. One of these is the way in which the skull is articulated with the spine. It is identical with that among the reptiles, both birds and reptiles possessing equally but one condyle. This is a very important homology and carries much significanse with it. Both, too, are egg-layers.

Another specific character showing the close relationship between the two forms is the third eye-lid or "nictitating membrane" common to bird and reptile alike; only in the former, as we might expect under the evolutionary principle, the moving mechanism of this lid shows an advance upon that in the reptiles similar to that seen in their brains.

It is not without significance, too, that certain birds of today never sit upon their eggs to hatch them, but bury them in a mound composed of vegetable matter and earth, and leave them there for the chemical heat generated by the decaying matter to do the hatching. The alligator, one of the present *day amphibians, treats* its eggs in just this way. This significance is not lessened when we remember that a group of birds which follow this practice is found in Australia, the region where the evolutionary process has been less active than elsewhere, and where the most archaic birds and mammals are to be found today. It is quite possible these birds have practiced this reptilian way of hatching their eggs from Eocene times downwards.

The young of these birds have interesting characters too, which speak eloquently of their ancestral history. While in the egg the first downy covering is shed and a second and more complicated generation of down feathers appears, together with the wing quills. They are ready for flight at once when hatched. There is much significance in this. It furnishes another example of the adaptive power of life-forms, and recalls the instances of the ready-born frogs and salamanders, which skipped the tadpole stage.

That the feathers of the birds are merely modified scales has been made quite clear by some recent researches upon the leg-feathers in the ostrich by Dr. Duerden of the Rhodes University of South Africa. He has been able to show that where the minute scales of the leg pass into the feathered part above, they bear elementary feathers at the time of hatching. The scale and the feather are associated together as if of one and the same structure, the latter being clearly an outgrowth of the former. His observations in this direction have led him to the conclusion that we can entertain no doubt at all about the genetic relationship of the birds and reptiles.

The palæontological record is thus seen to be strongly supported by these supplementary lines of evidence. We can have no doubt, therefore, of the reptilian origin of birds.

(To be continued)

"The Dumbells" at the Orpheum

The one big annual event in the theatrical life of Canada has become definitely regarded as the yearly visit of Captain Plunkett and his world-famous Canadian soldier company, "The Dumbells," and the mere an*nouncement tha this splendid organi*zation is booked to play an engagement of three nights and Wednesday matinee, commencing Monday evening, Feburary 16th, at the Orpheum theatre, Vancouver, is enough to start a flock of letters and long distance phone orders from the nearby cities and towns. "The Dumbells" are presenting a new revue called "Ace High," this season, and reports from the east, where they have been playing the past twenty-five weeks, would indicate that it is the greatest show yet.

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Music in the Schools

SOME time ago the writer went to the John Oliver high school, to hear the children from several of the South Vancouver schools, give a concert in aid of the Elks' Christmas fund. The conditions under which they appeared were not calculated to enhance the beauty of the performance, there being no dressing rooms suitable, and very little stage accommodations. There was at once evidence of an enthusiasm on the part of a section of the teachers, which is likely to produce good results in the near future, if proper encouragement and opportunity be given. Musically, with the exception of a very tuneful little operetta, and several girls' choruses, the performance was crude and lacking in the finer points, and altogether gave evidence of how far we are behind in school music in our community.

The object of the writer is not to attempt to belittle the work of the teachers, or the children, as there was evidence of hard work throughout the whole performance, much of it, no doubt, done after regular school hours. There was also a quiet dignity and lack of sophistication, which showed the evidence of skilled training. The fact that apart altogether from its aesthetic value, music is the greatest factor in developing the artistic temperament in mankind, is the sole reason for my taking this opportunity of advocating its inclusion in the curriculum of our schools.

Music is the natural means of expression of the pure emotions of the human soul, and one of the greatest essentials in the new civilization which is rapidly approaching, is that the coming generation should have their minds attuned to the high ideals of love, liberty and brotherhood.

It has heretofore been the privilege of the wealthy to have all the advantage of culture. The time has come when the children of the masses must have all the essentials to a full, uncribbed and wide horizoned manhood.

Mahomet the Prophet is credited with saying: "If I had two pennies, with one I would buy bread, and with the other violets," thereby placing the appreciation and enjoyment of the arts on an equal plane with the pursuit of the essential loaves and fishes. The educational system of today has little time for violets, its object being to train the children to become efficient cogs in the wheels of industry; to have their day and cease to be, as part of the machinery which grinds out profits for the few. The parent teachers' associations and other bodies interested in education, can do a good work in this connection.

First—By seeing to it that time be given to the study of good music.

Second—By pressing for the appointment of a qualified instructor to superintend and direct the work of the teachers.

Third—By establishing a school competitive festival or becoming associated with the existing festival and establishing classes for annual competition, making entries from each school compulsory.

Fourth—By establishing open air classes in the summer at the beaches and in the open spaces for the teaching of singing games, action songs, etc., so that the children will sing sweetly in their play instead of rancorously, as is their want in these uncultured days.

Take a hand in this work, fathers and mothers, and know that your boys and girls will grow up to love the beautiful and know not that which is vile.

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Woman and the Game of War

[By MRS. ROSE HENDERSON.]

(Continued from last week)

Pass in Melancholy Procession

If these boys, as they passed by in the melancholy procession, could look into your eyes or could speak to you, what do you imagine their message would be? Would they tell you of the victories and heroics of war, or would they tell you that in war there are no victories or vanquished? The common people who supply the canon fodder pay the cost—95 per cent. of all the cost—in life, suffering and taxation for generations after the war is over. They would tell you that for every **Victoria Cross** on the breast of the living there are 100,000 wooden crosses on the graves of the dead. They would not tell you of the glories of war; they would try to unfold, as Philip Gibbs does, in his book, "The Realities of War," what war really is. They would not speak of victories and victory balls. They would not speak of "magnificent charges" and "triumphal marches." They would not speak of "territories taken," "armies captured," "cities razed." Their message would not deal with profits, oil wells, coal fields and "spheres of influence." Rather would they demand that the women of the world search out the causes of war, where the germs of war are hatched and nurtured, and having found the source of the disease, join with the mothers of every land to wipe from the face of the earth war—the senseless, loathsome, diabolical game of war. When women set themselves the task of finding out the true cause of war, they will need to prepare to be shocked. The lie of its causes and sole responsibility has been trotted out by so many "good people" and "reliable authorities," for so long it has, I fear, become for most people an undeniable truth. There was never less excuse for retaining this unfounded belief. Never less excuse for remaining ignorant of the true causes of war—if women will only set themselves the task of reading books written by Brailsford, Lowes Dickenson, Bertrand Russell, Morel, Seymour Cox and Scott Nearing.

If the dead could but return for one hour, that hour would be spent in shocking the women of the world into a sense of their responsibility. They would portray as Gibbs tries to do in his book, war in all its realities. Even Gibbs palls before the task and says he sickened because the things he saw were so unspeakable and the worst of them unprintable.

"All that the mind would shrink from of excesses;
All that the body perpetrates of bad;
All that we read, hear, dream of man's distresses;
All that the devil would do if run stark mad;
All that defies the worst which pen expresses;
All by which hell is peopled." —Byron, Don Juan.

But who can portray the realities of war? Its cost in life, its moral degredation, its foul miasma of lies, hate and fear? The scars of the body are minute as compared to the scars that corrupt the mind, becken the soul and poison both soul and body of generations yet unborn.

If these dead men could speak, they would tell a story of heroism and cowardice, murder and mirth, selfishness and sacrifice, laughter and tears, groans of agony and shouts of victory, prayers and curses, despair and disillusionment, dope and debauchery, profanity and obscenity such as would beggar the imagination.

If these dead heroes could speak, they would tell of romance—yea, of heroric deeds of bravery and sacrifice, yes—but they would concern themelves far more with the side of war that is shrouded in silence, and of which women are kept in ignorance, for good reasons. They would unfold a story that would shock women with a greater sense of responsibility towards their children, and arouse in them a hatred and loathing for the whole horrible game of war that would make war well nigh impossible. Let mothers once understand the horrors of war and there will be few so unhuman as to turn their sons over to it by the millions, unquestionably as they do today.

They would tell of their mangled comrades writhing in trenches tormented by lice, rats and mice, wallowing like swine in the blood, mud and filth of the battle fields. They would speak of barbed wire entanglements, shell-holes, guns, tanks, bombs, grenades, liquid flame, disease germs, poison gas, the babblings of the insane, and the ungodly spectacle of millions of men, armed with every device known to science, doing one another to death over the length and breadth of a continent.

And yet this picture but lifts the curtain on the first act of the drama of war. It would convey only a glimmer of the suffering that men endure.

Back of the millions of men are millions of women—mother, wife, sister or sweetheart. Back of these women are millions of children, the mute, outraged, exploited victims of an accursed system making for war.

Capitalized Value of Life

This computation is based on the estimate of the value of human life made by M. Barriot, a French acturary, fourteen years ago. He estimated the average social value of the individual to the leading countries as follows:

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The Morning Post then reaches the following figures:

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United States	109,740	103,549,560
France	1,654,550	963,639,000
Russia	4,012,064	1,620,873,856

Bankers figure the cost of war in money; manufacturers in lost labor-power and raw materials; merchants in ruined commodities and lost markets; humanitarians in loss of life; money changers would barter and wrangle over their profits and losses. Ministers of the gospel speculate on their heavenly gain in departing souls or acquired virtues in war, but, so far, no one has dared to estimate the cost of war to those innocent, helpless victims who bear the greatest burden, the women and children of the masses. The mother heart sinks as she catches a last glimpse of the babe she has born on his way to embark. The wife stiffles the anguish and terror that clutches at her heart, when she hears the words, "I'm called up." Dazed, like an animal at bay, she gathers her babes around her, and shudders as she thinks of facing the world alone—protector, breadwinner gone. The father of her babes taken from her without question. The maidens heart sinks when she questions, "Will he ever return?" and sees her dreams of home and children shattered perhaps forever.

In her heart of hearts every intelligent woman questions if her men folk will be strong enough to withstand the moral degradation of the battlefield and war physchology, and fears when they are returned to their homes of their moral and physical fitness to be fathers and husbands.

For the women of the middle and ruling classes, generally speaking, war exists for them in conversations, military balls, reviews, victory balls, anniversary banquets, organizing and raising patriotic funds, and kindred activities. Their husbands and sons to be sure go to war, but keep well away from the danger zones. They are officers or subordinates. They fight the war by telephone, from arm chairs, and luxurious clubs, the best that can be provided is theirs by "divine right," and their wives and families are especially favored in many ways, They belong to a different class, many having large investments in munition works, railroads, shipping, etc.

(To be continued)

The Fight for Socialism

The fight against private ownership of land and capital, the fight for socialism, for the nation's control of its own resources, is the last fight in the age-long struggle of humanity for freedom; a struggle which can have but one end. And that end is the final disappearance from human society of the right of an owning class to live by tribute upon the labor of a subject class.—F. Henderson.

Two hundred jobless men sleep in New York City church.

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Muddling Through

WE ARE muddling along nicely these days. The report of the recent meeting at the joint conference on law enforcement between the city authorities and the local M. L. A.'s was indeed enlightening reading. They are finding it difficult to enforce their righteous laws which is a very serious state of things.

Though we are quite sure they will muddle through, one begins to wonder how this muddling process will ultimately end. Let us look at the facts. Recently there has been many major crimes undetected and unpunished and our new member Mr. Woodward blames the Chief of Police, we think quite illogically. Bootlegging has developed to such a pitch that the Attorney-General has had to come forward and intervene with his authority, as the government is losing considerable profit by this so-called illicit trafficking.

It would seem that the government and the bootleggers are struggling for mastery as to which shall ultimately control the immoral trafficking in alcohol.

In the pharmacopœ, alcohol is listed with opium, cocaine and other narcotic drugs. The government with its right hand is trying strenuously to put down the sale of opium and cocaine and with its left pushing vigorously the sale of the other narcotic drug, alcohol, for the unholy profits that sale produces.

They had a mandate from the people you exclaim. Yes! From a body of voters engineered by what was called the Moderation League, and if they want it they can get a mandate from a moderation league of the other dope takers. There would be a lot of money in that too. Why not try it?

Manson and his colleagues are filling our prisons with men and women for doing that which they themselves are doing, peddling alcohol. A corkscrew kind of logic, isn't it? And a hybrid species of morality also. There is only one letter's difference between might and right but a whale of a difference otherwise.

Pity the poor police. There is a cause for the ever increasing crime which is easy to point to. Anyhow the police are not the cause, Mr. Woodward. If you don't know that cause consult the pages of the B. C. Federationist, and you will soon find out.

Serious crimes, occuring as they do every day, there must be hundreds of those crimes on the Police list, and how do you suppose the police are going to attend to them. They couldn't give five minutes a day to each unsolved crime. Their day would have to be a month long to do that and each day the long list lengthens. When the police are called in to these clueless cases, what are they to do, Mr. Woodward. They can only put the police machinery to work and trust to luck. What could you do, Mr. Woodward, more, than that if you were called in to solve a crime in which was no clue.

The Vancouver Police are as smart and clever as any other body of crime dectectors, when they have a clue to work upon. And, Mr. Woodward, from the Chief down they are a little above the average in human intelligence and I don't think you can claim much more than that for yourself.

How would it be, Mr. Woodward, to consult your colleagues, and jointly try and discover the cause of all this crime, and then if you are successful try and remove that cause. That perhaps would be more logical and more helpful than casting the blame upon the police.

A gentleman who reads, or delivers an oration publicly against a certain measure, and as publicly votes sheep-like, as bidden, in opposition to his oration—well should we designate him as a black or a white sheep? In any case a little serious self-analysis of his own mental and moral atmosphere would do no harm.

Good manners is quite a virtue, according to the old copy-book text, which our great Attorney-General forgot when he told our mayor, elected by a large majority of Vancouver citizens, "to hang around, and he might get an interview." A course of elementary etiquette would not be out of place here, Mr. Attorney-General, because it is quite true that courtesy is a virtue well worth practising.

The mythical man in the street is puzzled these days, for he is beginning to realize that his "betters" are logically, morally and mentally not so far above him, that he cannot reach them with a very short stick.

Things are not as they should be. The storm signs are in the sky, and lo! the people's heads are buried in cross-word puzzledom. Why scorn the poor ostrich?

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COLLINGWOOD BRANCH F. L. P.

The first meeting of the month, of this branch, was held in its new headquarters in the new Community Hall on Kingsway. Comrade J. W. Wilson occupied the chair. Applications for membership were received. The chairman gave a resume of the meeting of the Burnaby Federation of the F. L. P., held in the Holden Building recently. Cmrade J. Neville was appointed delegate to the C. L. P. in place of Comrade Cropley, who resigned. It was agreed that the officers of this branch for the ensuing year be elected at this first meeting in March. A report on the progress being made for the coming social was made by Comrade Mrs. Neville.

It is hoped that a debating club may be formed shortly in connection with this branch, arrangements being left in the care of W. Wilson.

There was some discussion over Comrade J. W. Wilson having run as a candidate for the South Vancouver council while he was not endorsed by the C. L. P. The branch has requested a committee from the C. L. P. to come to their next meeting to explain the attitude regarding their stand on this matter.

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