

idual artizan to purchase and operate a modern factory. The ability to do in either case requires considerable capital and a wide field of operation.

Agriculture, as well as all other lines of production, will be completely brought under the domination of capital. The means of production will become capitalist property. The operatives (workers) will become wage-slaves.

Small property, whether agricultural or industrial is already little better than a sham and pretense; a veritable millstone around the neck of the possessor holding him in fealty and bondage to capital, whose rifling of his pockets he fails to see because of the aforesaid millstone collar.

The capitalization of agriculture, which is now coming rapidly along as a result of discovery and application of cheap power, will speedily remove the millstone from the neck of the small farmer. The property he now fancies he owns, but does not own, in fact, will pass into the immediate possession of capital in such a way that the farmer will understand what has happened. He will discover himself as a wage-slave. Rid of the millstone he will be able to stand erect and view things from the standpoint of the slave who is conscious of his slavery. Porchance he will become imbued with the spirit of revolution and a valiant warrior in the struggle for the overthrow of capitalist rule and abolition of wage-slavery.

The day of reckoning for the capitalist class is coming. The downfall of small property in agriculture, etc., and the consequent swelling of the proletarian host in a cheering herald of its rapid approach.

#### WOMAN IN SOCIETY.

We are now living in an age of many changes, always undecided but ever mounting upwards. New thoughts are being propagated, many questions are being discussed, but none more so than the woman question.

Those who say that the present social position of woman has always been the same and will always continue to be so pervert the facts.

When we look back along the line of human evolution we see the horde representing the first human community living promiscuously together with very little knowledge of anything but searching for the means of subsistence. But with new discoveries, new inventions, making the means of living more stable and secure, a powerful stimulus was afforded primitive man in the direction of the development of family and social ties. The prominent feature of the various stages of family growth during the early days of humanity was the preference given to women in the line of descent. Woman enjoyed a position in ancient society that she has never enjoyed since. She not only assisted in providing the necessaries of life, but had a say in the making of the laws and took an active part in the development of the social structure.

The institution of private property made it imperative to change the laws of inheritance. Not that woman was mentally inferior; not that she was physically weaker; not that she couldn't bear her share of the burden in the chase; but because of the path that she must travel in the evolutionary process of human development, did her position change in society.

Dr. Livingstone, during his travels in South Africa, discovered among some of the wild tribes that woman was not only man's equal physically, but in many cases his superior. Woman's mental deterioration and physical weakness has been the result of her environment. Her path through the long ages of chattel slavery and serfdom, in company with that of her masculine copartner, has been a path strewn with agony and oppression. The practice of Malthusism, even by the great Aristotle, painted a picture too black to describe. It wrested from woman the last vestige of liberty and held her in the lowest estimation by the leading men of the age. The Athenian mother of ancient Greece was imprisoned within the walls of her castle, denied the right of sitting in company with her husband at the table, refused permission of friendly conversation with visitors; she was bound and gagged, reduced almost to the level of that of the dumb brute. The position of woman in this modern era world under the present method of capitalist production is little better than that of her Athenian sister. She is shut up within the walls of her prison (home, they call it), performing her maternal duties under the most strenuous circumstances; she may be allowed to sit at the table—providing she has one—in company with her husband, but the meagerly decorations of the same with the necessaries of life, handed to her male provider for services rendered to the owners of the means of life, is fast reducing her to a position that cannot possibly mock the blackest period in the history of civilization. Capitalism has torn

woman from the home, thrust her into the economic field in competition with the opposite sex, grinds her life into profits and ultimately forces her to sell her body in order to live. Capitalism today is fast destroying the home, the palace that we are told woman should exclusively occupy as her position in society. As woman fought fiercely resisting when their rights were being wrested from her in the ancient world, so must she fight side by side with her proletarian male partner, under the Socialist banner, in the modern world for the restoration of that which she lost in primitive times, "liberty and equality"; also for the establishment of the home, where peace, happiness and plenty will be the rule.

GEO. PATON.

The Socialist Party in Spain has now 200 branches. It has ten newspapers and has elected over 100 city councillors and has one representative in parliament.

#### IN AMERICA AND ELSEWHERE.

With the explosion, the mine took fire. The experts declared that there was no chance to get the men out alive. They ordered the mouth of the mine to be closed so as to shut off the air and by that means smother the fire, otherwise valuable hay, coal, timber and machinery would be destroyed. When the air was shut off the slaves in that mine would also smother, but slaves are cheap. It is easy to replace them. Anyhow, they may have been killed by the explosion or might get poisoned by the gases that accumulate as the fire consumes the air. The relatives of these entombed miners and fellow workingmen, women and children rushed to the mouth of the mine and tried to tear it open, but the local state authorities would not allow them to do so. At the same time twelve carloads of regular soldiers were ordered from Chicago. Before they arrived, McDonald, an official in the miners' union, gathered a mob in another district, marched to Cherry Hill, united with a local mob and in spite of the authorities tore open the mouth of the mine, went down into it and brought out a number of those miners alive. We in Canada, England and other parts of the world threw up our hands in holy horror. What are these awful Americans coming to? Mine owners under the British flag would never dare do the like. Why, the Government would not allow the mouth of a mine to be closed as long as there was a chance to save a life. One Briton, he was not killed by an -1700 you produce as well?

Be a man by being a Socialist and working for the power to live decently, anarchist, neither was he killed while doing useful labor, but after about seventy years of a most useless life, and in spite of the efforts of the best physicians that could be had, he died, completely worn out. Orders were given for the Empire to go into mourning. It was a mental suggestion. Even moral men and women who only knew of this individual as a very immoral man, were affected and all joined in weeping and wailing. Crocodile tears came from those who knew him best and who live as he lived. It cost more to bury him than it costs to bury all the useful folks that die in a year.

Six days after his death bulletins were posted showing that the atmospheric conditions were very bad in the mines at White Haven, Cumberland County, England. Any one familiar with the science of mining would not have allowed valuable animals to go underground while such conditions lasted. As wage animals work for nothing and board themselves, 137 of them were not only allowed but were eager to go under lest the privilege be given to others of their species, for even at that price of the greatest danger the supply is much greater than the demand. Soon there was an explosion, followed by fire. Not even ordinary safety appliances were at hand. Had to send to Glasgow and Manchester for them. By the time the safety appliances arrived the experts said there was no chance to save any lives, so they ordered the mouth of the mine bricked up to stop the air to smother the fire. Also the 137 wage animals, but what of them? Valuable coal and machinery was burning. Relatives, fellow working men, women and children tried to prevent the mouth of the mine from being closed, but their well-taught respect for law and order enabled the authorities to keep "peace" and the Queen, who was only six days a widow, headed a list to raise a relief fund for the dependents of the 137. Fourteen days after the explosion the legislative assembly of Alberta convened. The first minister introduced a resolution asking that august body to extend sympathy and condolence to whom?—to the relatives of the late 1377. Not much; but to the relatives of the late King Edward VII and to assure George that they were pleased he got the job. The leader of His Majesty's loyal opposition assured us that he was proud to associate his name with such a resolution. He spoke eloquently as he told of the liberty and freedom that British Queens

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