

Bare Colossal Interests Behind Intervention Policy

Powerful Concerns Want Mexico Censored Despite Yielding of All U. S. Oil Men

Simultaneously with the announcement by the Mexican ministry of industry, December 21, that all foreign oil interests had yielded to the Mexican land and oil laws and had prepared applications for 50 year concessions...

International Labor Rallies Behind Mexico

Threat of American Imperialism Brings World-Wide Pledges of Solidarity

MEXICO CITY—"European workers will stand firmly back of their Mexican comrades as well in their hours of need as in times of triumph," was the message of Jno. W. Brown...

Congress May Probe Poison Gas Propaganda

Charge American Legion Was Used by Private Interests to Smash Gas Treaty

WASHINGTON—Behind the shelling of the poison gas treaty last week by the Senate stands the American Legion and Gen. Fries; behind the American Legion division, legislative representative for the American Legion...

National Executive Committee Asks Every Reader to Give \$1 or More to Insure Life of the Appeal in 1927

Donating a total of \$250 themselves to insure the existence of the American Appeal in 1927, the members of the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party in session in New York last week...

This is the first birthday of the American Appeal. It is a significant event in the post-war Socialist movement of America. A report is due the Army in the field, the men and women who have made the paper, those who know of its work of education...

An important feature will be added this year. Mr. Harry W. Laidler of the League for Industrial Democracy will join our editorial staff. His contributions to the editorial work are varied and important.

We know that we are building the greatest institution for Socialist education in the United States. It is YOUR paper. You have made it what it is and you will make it what it will be next year, the year after, and the years that are to follow.

But you in the field have the idealism and the enthusiasm, the joy of the battle, alone. We share the joy with you but we have never asked you to share the anxiety, the hours of perplexity, that come to the staff in Chicago.

The American Appeal has no other income than what it receives from subscriptions, with one notable exception. The Daily Forward of New York has given generous financial help since the first issue.

Then in our effort to provide you with the best propaganda paper in this country we overestimated our resources. Frankly, friends, WE ARE RUNNING BEHIND.

We know what this means to you. There are nearly 20,000 readers of the American Appeal. If the Appeal had a dollar from EVERY READER for a sustaining and expansion fund it would "go over the top" with a rush this coming year.

The members of the National Executive Committee present, enthused with the possibility of the American Appeal, made the following contributions: William J. Van Essen, \$50; J. W. Sharts, \$25; James O'Neal, \$25; Morris Hillquit, \$50; Victor L. Berger, \$50; William H. Henry, \$25.

Is Nicaragua Intervention Prelude to War on Mexico?

Coolidge Yields To Militarists on Navy Increase

War-Makers Put Over Usual Tricks Endangering Washington Pact And World Peace

WASHINGTON—Preparedness propaganda such as preceded the entrance of the United States in the World War, and which has been spread by most of the daily press, the American legion, and army and navy officers for several months, has finally turned President Coolidge from the pacifist stand expressed in his recent message and has paved the way for an increase in navy building.

Mosley, British Laborite, Wins Great Victory

Former Aristocrat Swamps Tory and Liberal Opponents in Socialist Landslide

LONDON—Oswald Mosley, British Socialist and Laborite, who in company with his wife, Lady Cynthia, daughter of Lord Curzon and grand-daughter of the former American millionaire, visited the Socialists of the United States early in 1925, scored a smashing victory in the "sublink" parliamentary election during the week, obtaining a majority of 2,522 votes over the combined votes of his Conservative and Liberal opponents.

Only U. S.-Owned Road Shows Gains

Earnings of Uncle Sam's Alaska Railroad Increased 54 per Cent During Last Year, According to Report of Noel W. Smith, General Manager

WASHINGTON—The Alaska Railroad, the only U. S.-owned road, showed a gain in earnings of 54 per cent during the last year, according to the report of Noel W. Smith, general manager. Extensive mining operations in the Fairbanks district is given as the chief reason.

U. S. Legalizes Private Monopoly

WASHINGTON—Monopolies can continue to exact their toll from the public if they adapt themselves to the legal requirements laid down by the Sherman anti-trust law and the department of justice, William J. Donovan announced to the U. S. district court in Baltimore, in agreeing to withhold prosecution against 36 of the 39 defendants charged by the government with violation of the antitrust laws in the manufacture and sale of fertilizer.

Socialist Party States Its Labor Position in Greeting Needle Trades

The National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party, in session in New York City, Dec. 19, 1926, sends fraternal greetings to the needle trades unions in New York and with the earnest hope that the causes of the fratricidal strife that has disturbed the unions for a number of years will soon be eliminated.

Something About Our New Department And its Editor

Here is the Appeal's proof of its supreme faith in the Army: WE ARE GOING TO EXPAND. INCUR NEW EXPENSES TO GIVE YOU A BETTER PAPER AT THE MOMENT WE MOST NEED YOUR UNITED HELP TO SAVE THE PAPER.

Dr. Harry W. Laidler joins the editorial staff of the American Appeal. This is the good news we send to our army in the field.

We feel that nothing is too good for readers of the American Appeal. We know that we are assuming an extra obligation at a time when the American Appeal is urging you to help in the financial emergency that now faces it.

We want to introduce Comrade Laidler to you. He is Executive Director of the League for Industrial Democracy. He is a graduate of Wesleyan University, was awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy by the Department of Political Economy of Columbia University, and holds a degree from the Brooklyn Law School.

So much for his preparation. Comrade Laidler is also author of "Boycotts and the Labor Struggle" and "Socialism in Thought and Action," two notable books that are recognized as standard authorities. To this will be added next spring one of the most notable works in historical writing, his "History of Socialist Thought" which surveys the entire field from the time of the Greek philosophers to the modern period.

This is the biggest feature we have announced. You want it. So do we. WE MUST have it. WE WILL have it. All together. Let's make it a reality!

Postoffice Head Subsidizes Ships of Private Firms

Raises Pay for Carrying Mail 600 Per Cent As Soon As Ships Pass to Private Owners

WASHINGTON—The United States postal authorities, in common with the other members of the Coolidge administration, are using their positions to help discredit and cripple publicly-owned enterprises and to subsidize and establish the private ownership and monopoly of public utilities.

The American people are being made to pay for government ships turned over to private corporations by means of subsidies issued by the Postoffice Department.

These conditions were revealed during the week by Senator McKellar of Tennessee during a discussion of the postoffice appropriation bill.

The following are some of the facts brought out by Senator McKellar: The Dollar Steamship Company, purchased from the Shipping Board some of the best vessels in Uncle Sam's merchant fleet. The price was ridiculously low—\$300,000 for ships which would cost five or six times that amount to construct.

Socialist Party News



New Jersey Alive And Growing Fast

I guess that you may wonder what is taking place in New Jersey...

Rocky Mountain District

Comrade O. A. Kennedy, Secretary of the Rocky Mountain District...

Alabama

Comrade G. F. Willis writes from Dothan, Ala., saying he intends to organize at least four Locals...

Indiana

Indiana Socialists are very busy renewing their subscriptions to the American Appeal...

Illinois

Chicago Socialists are trying to line up all the forces that rightfully belong to the Socialist party ranks...

Mrs. Kirkpatrick Resigns. Florence Hall Kirkpatrick, wife of former National Secretary...

New York

Comrade August Claessens, Executive Secretary of Local New York...

New Mexico

New Mexico Socialists are up and doing, organizing the farmers and spreading the education work...

Ohio

We are receiving a goodly number of new readers to the American Appeal from Ohio...

Northwest District

Comrade Emil Herman, secretary of the N. W. District, arrived home after eight months work in the field...

Negro Lynchers Get Life Imprisonment

The life sentence of the leaders of a Georgia mob which lynched a Negro last August and the long prison sentences of other members...

Boss Must Build Bathhouses. SYDNEY—The Labor government of New South Wales has made it compulsory for all coal and shale mining companies to provide bathhouses at the mines.

Demand World Court Settlement Between America and Mexico

To the Editor of the Appeal: Dear Comrade:

The controversy between Mexico and the United States is probably of varying degrees of interest to different persons...

Fraternally, Lydia G. Wentworth, Brookline, Mass., December 11, 1926.

Another Sample of U. S. Imperialism

NEW YORK—Twenty-four cents a day is what Liberian natives get for working on Harvey Firestone's rubber plantation...

More Prosperity

A survey of working conditions of women in Mississippi, made by the Federal Women's Bureau...

Not half of the people in America voted at the last election. They understand that there is no choice between the two old parties...

Not half of the people of America voted at the last election. This means a possibility of electing a Socialist ticket next time.

The Socialist vote was larger and the Socialist organization is better than it has been since the opening of the war.

Without any suggestion of superstition, the spirit of Debs is abroad in the land and is inspiring thousands of people.

For the first time in twelve years it looks as though there were a possibility of Socialists doing something. Plutocracy will soon fall down...

It is a great game, and now is an opportunity for Socialists to reorganize their team and get into the big league.

Having robbed the people of both their possessions and their credit, the robber system is now getting ready to deny them the right to work and earn anything.

The capitalist invests the money you made last year, received by him in the form of dividends, and means that you shall next year pay him returns on your own earnings.

Renew Now?

We can't make a report this week of the American Appeal Promotion and Sustaining Fund because the readers and Army Scouts have swamped us with renewals and subs.

We take this opportunity to remind the readers that for those whose subscriptions expire with this number and early this year, this is a good time to renew.

In renewing, send in other subs. SEND IN \$5 WORTH OR MORE AND GET THE DEBS PHOTOGRAPH. LET'S MAKE THIS THE BIG YEAR.

Send for lists of those in your section whose subs are expiring.

British Labor Party Speaker to Tour Country

Miss Jessie Stephen, one of the best informed and most eloquent speakers in the British Labor movement...

Specialist locals in the territory to be covered by this speaker will undoubtedly be eager to arrange for meetings...

The fee for a meeting will be \$25 flat. All meetings will be arranged through the National Office.

Don't fail to have this excellent speaker. She recently had unusual success in New York City for several weeks.

1926 Prosperity Has Created Big Surplus, Henry Ford Declares

The surplus, the inevitable product of capitalist prosperity and the forerunner of capitalist depression...

"Any attempt to forecast business prospects for 1927 must be tempered by the fact that the year opens with a great surplus of everything on hand."

"Not only is there a large surplus of grown and fabricated material now on hand," Mr. Ford said...

"The surplus law requires a ten-hour day and a 60-hour week for women in most occupations but over one-third were found to be working over 10 hours per day and only five per cent enjoyed a 48-hour weekly schedule."

All Farmer-Labor Elements to Meet. ST. PAUL—Legislative, educational and organization policies of the Minnesota Farmer-Labor movement...

Producers Get Less; Consumers Pay More. The "spread" between retail and wholesale prices continues to grow...

Drop in Employment. Employment in Manufacturing Industries formulated 1.2 per cent in November, 1926...

Appeal Army Activities

Appeal Army Breaks Six Month Record

During the week just closed the American Appeal Army has smashed all its records for more than six months...

Monday \$127.60 Tuesday 96.50 Wednesday 67.75 Thursday 125.00 Friday 109.50 Total \$449.35

This magnificent showing for five days is almost entirely in subs and renewals. The renewals are coming in in a constantly increasing flood...

Special Mention. The Appeal office is so completely buried under renewal and sub orders that we can't give you a regular report this week...

Near Prize Winners. Louis O. Krahl, Meriden, Conn.; B. Jacobowitz, Philadelphia, Pa.; Wm. Black, Antimony, Utah...

Doubles. Anna Belle Kirk, Point Marion, Pa.; Fred E. Stevens, Sr., Louisville, Ky.; Esther Friedman, New York...

U. S. Neglects Aged. HARRISBURG, Pa.—Only 5 to 6 percent of the 1,000,000 dependent old people in the United States receive industrial pensions...

Flashes from the Field. "Extend sub for one year and accept this \$10 to be credited to the Promotion and Sustaining Fund..."

Says Recognize Canton. WASHINGTON—Recognition of Canton as the government of the Chinese people is urged in a resolution introduced in the house...

Must Support Their Enemies. Under recent rulings, all people of Italy must support the fascists who have deprived them of their liberties.

Romances of Words. Nice at one time meant foolish. Originally soon meant immediately.

When our forefathers said one was naughty they meant destitute. Owe and own were originally two forms of one word.

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The Americans behind the pressure of the American government on Mexico...

Names Interventionists. The Morgans, the Standard Oil interests, the Pullman interests, the Sinclair interests, the Guggenheim interests, the Mellon interests, the Coleman-Ryan interests, the Bethlehem Steel interests, the Southern Pacific interests, the Kuhn-Loeb interests, the Henry Doherty interests and the interests of other wealthy Americans and American corporations.

Control State Department. This reads like a catalog of the capitalist oligarchy which controls the economic life of the United States.

Other Mexican Grabs. Big American interests in Mexican mines include the gold, silver, lead, copper and zinc properties of the Guggenheim, operated by the American Smelting & Refining Co., the Phelps Dodge Corp. operating through Montezuma Copper Co. and the Green Cananea Copper Co., controlled by the Coleman-Ryan interests.

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University Head Demolishes School War Drill Idea

BOSTON—All the best arguments of the militarists for compulsory military training in American universities are utterly demolished by Daniel L. Marsh, president of Boston University in his annual report for the years 1926, 1926, just made available.

"The decision was not impulsive and the action was not precipitate," he continues. "It was a subject on which I had thought much and concerning which I had deep convictions. I accepted the responsibility, and the course was changed from compulsory to optional.

Not Function of School. "3. Because I believe Boston University was not founded to train men to fight. It is not an anomaly to require a young man to take two years of military drill before he can receive an academic degree from Boston University? In sticking to its business

of education, the university serves the nation best. Government by force has become a tragic failure. Men are tired of physical domination. They are in mood to try out the ideal of government by instruction.

"1. It prepares the nation for defense. That is what the militaristic nations of Europe claimed for their activities prior to 1914. The verdict of history is that they were preparing for war—and they got it! A much better defense would be for the youth of the world to take a course in international relations, which would be definitely directed to the study of the causes of war.

Exercise Best Argument. "3. It aids in character development in that it teaches the boys submission to authority, and at the same time it is one of the best forms of physical exercise. These are the strongest arguments in favor of military drill, but even to this, common sense is not given; for while producing pretty results for purposes of exhibition, it tends to force the individual student out of his natural rhythm and characteristic motion.

"Instead of hindering human evolution by keeping alive blind animal propensities—brutality, cruelty, vindictiveness—it should aid human progress by co-operation with mental and moral training in imposing restraint and fineness upon primitive impulse, in educating instincts and directing them toward noble intelligent issues."

Says Farmers Are Ready for Sensible Socialist Program

By Tolley Hartwick (Merced, Montana) This is perhaps the most poverty stricken part of the whole U. S. Out of each 100 farmers only six are left. I took the census. Certainly our political economic situation is largely to blame.

of the continued back-sliding of agriculture. You are fighting against a taxation and financing system that is much to blame for this farmer's debility. But you loose farmer support by the bad strategy of letting him think that you are going to ride over his personal genius, pride and family devotion, by putting all land under a governing body, making him merely a cog in a wheel, like the miners and many other laborers.

In a democratic nation assuredly arguments should always be met with argument. Argument should never be stifled by force. It would, at least, have been possible for those differing from you to meet your argument with more convincing arguments on the other side. They chose, instead, to use force and similar befuddled youths to prevent you from being heard.

Justice In American Courts For Capitalist and Worker

By James Oneal Brooks Adams, a descendant of a family distinguished by men of marked intellectual attainments, some years ago wrote a book in which he presented the theory that courts have been more responsible for social revolutions than any other institution in history.

a number of reasons. The jury acquitted Fall and Doherty of conspiracy to defraud the government but a federal district court in Los Angeles, in considering the same issue, declared that the deal in question was spawned "in fraud and conspiracy" and also restored the oil reserves to the government.

would come as a shock. It would be the subject of wide discussion in mass meetings and the press throughout the country. The Dred Scott decision on the eve of the Civil War had precisely this effect. But most of us are so accustomed to decisions in favor of the aristocracy of great wealth that we accept the immunity of this aristocracy as a matter of course.

Individual Ownership of Land Menaced by Real Estate Bonds

By Lincoln Phifer A recent dispatch from Washington says: "Principal houses dealing in real estate mortgage bonds have increased approximately \$2,078,000,000 worth of new construction during the last five years. Business statistics estimates show that approximately \$644,000,000 worth of real estate bonds have been sold in the United States this year. This is more than four times the sales of 1922."

thirteen of them failed because of "frozen assets" that could not be readily turned into money. Most of these "frozen assets" were real estate notes and mortgages. Stocks and bonds, deposited in banks, may be readily converted into money, for two principal reasons. First, because there is an open market for them in almost every city; but more important than this, because the federal banks, so called, may use them as security as a basis for issuing their own notes or money.

As with other merging, there was no exchange of money, but only certificates of stocks that did away with private ownership and brought corporate ownership in industry, so the new discovery may operate in the same way. Farmers may even organize among themselves, and begin operations on a big scale, cutting down expenses for machinery and the like, without exchange of real money.

U. S. Corporate Capital Took 12 Billions in 1924

By Leland Olds The stupendous wealth which works in American corporations pile up each year for the owners is revealed in the corporation income tax statistics issued by the U. S. commissioner of internal revenue. According to his report, covering the year 1924, the total available for interest, depletion and dividends was \$1,994,216,869.

aside for depreciation and amortization of plants and for depletion of natural resources; and the remaining \$5,361,726,299 was distributed as dividends on the capital stock or held to swell the enormous corporate surpluses. The report shows further that the bulk of that \$5,361,726,299 went to the owners of the 417,421 corporations reporting to the commissioner. There were 162 corporation giants whose combined profits totaled \$2,210,200,684 or about 39 percent of all corporate profits for 1924.

We now have two decisions in this notorious case, each in conflict with the other. The transaction by which Fall arranged for Doherty to get possession of the oil reserves has been declared a fraud and the transaction itself has been annulled but the parties to the fraudulent transaction have been declared not guilty! The sum of \$100,000 passed from Doherty to Fall in the form of cash when the deal was made and this important fact went to the jury.

Now consider another case. Two workmen, Thomas J. Mooney and Warren K. Billings, are serving life sentences in a prison. One has been convicted on the basis of testimony of perjurers and pimps. It is a long story of hates originating in a labor war, the control of public powers by corporations, the malice of open shoppers, and a determination to destroy the trade unions of San Francisco.

Leader of War Mob Tells of His Disillusionment

By Carter G. Osburn, Jr. (An Open Letter to Dr. David Starr Jordan) On the first Sunday in April, 1917, you were standing on the stage of the Academy of Music in Baltimore, Md., receiving before the Baltimore Open Forum—a protest against the impending participation of this country in the European war. You were interrupted and the meeting broken up by the sudden violent entrance of a mob which had burst through the doors of the theater.

of the cunning forces in the background who had led me and made me their unwitting out-paw. They do not differ in kind from the most primitive medicine men and tom-tom beaters. I see now with what little use of his intelligence a man can go from birth to death through modern civilization—his way made always easy for him by the forces profiting by using him as a pawn.

two full weeks. So Christmas will be anything but merry and New Years anything but happy. "Wait until I am dead and I will leave something to the Cause that for 52 years has been dearer to me than life itself."

Worker Tells of His Share of American "Prosperity"

The following was received from a town in California. In response to the Appeal's Red Letter Drive: "Dear Comrades: "I am very sorry for not being able to respond to your appeal to get subs for Red Letter Day. The reason is that I have been employed about 15 years in this little town as a street cleaner starting on a monthly salary of \$5 a month without board or lodging.

Russian Production And Wages Rise, Says Capitalist Newspaper

(The following is from the New York Times) MOSCOW, Dec. 22.—State grain collection is surpassing expectations. Almost 7,000,000 tons had been bought from the peasants up to Dec. 15, as compared with 5,000,000 tons for the same period last year.

This Is How They Pluck Workers Who Buy Stock

When will the workers own the industries and establish industrial democracy through the purchase of corporation stock? When Kingdom comes, if the experience of the small stockholders of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad is anything to go by. Facts show that the method used to get rid of the small stockholder of this road and make the big "wreckers" just an old trick often practiced by the magnates to squeeze out the small stockholders. It illustrates the fact that whenever the big fellows want to get rid of workmen who have purchased stock in order to keep the workers from gaining control or getting too strong for comfort, they know plenty of ways to get rid of worker-owners and keep control themselves.

share of the commission to Samuel Pryor for aiding the St. Paul's purchase of the Chicago Milwaukee & Gary. This mistaken purchase already cost the St. Paul more than \$3,000,000. Together with the purchase of the Chicago Terre Haute & Southwestern it meant an added burden of more than \$10,000,000, and added \$22,000,000 to the St. Paul's liabilities. Rockefeller admitted that he continued to sit informally as a director after resigning to conform with the Clayton act, admitted family control of at least 60,000 shares of St. Paul stock, and could recall no important instance in which the directors had ever opposed his wishes.

Kentucky for Child Labor

WASHINGTON—Kentucky's concurrent legislative resolution, rejecting the proposed 20th amendment to the federal constitution—the child labor amendment—has been presented to the senate by Vice-Pres. Dawes. The Kentucky legislature rejects this proposed bar to the working of children in factories, mines and fields, for hire.