

Mexican War Danger Near As Big Interests Act

Have the Administration at Washington and the big interests centering in Wall Street swung the American oil companies into line against Mexico after these companies had decided to sign an agreement with Mexico?

Two weeks ago the Appeal contained authentic statements from Louis Morones, Mexican Minister of Commerce and Labor, and from newspaper sources to the effect that all the American oil companies in Mexico had decided to enter agreements with Mexico under the new laws.

This was accepted as a fact by the American press. Editorials were written concerning this development, some complaining that the American

oil men had thrown Coolidge and Kellogg overboard after the latter had decided to stand behind the oil men with the whole force of the American government.

Last week's issue of the American Appeal contained an account of the gigantic interests opposed to any oil settlement under the present Mexican laws.

Have these powerful interests and the Coolidge-Kellogg administration turned these companies against the Mexican agreement after American and all other foreign oil men had decided upon a peaceful settlement?

On the eve of the day the new

laws were to take effect and result in the forfeiture of interests refusing to obey the Mexican law, the Association of Producers of Petroleum in Mexico, said to represent 85 per cent of the American oil holdings in that country, involving a capital estimated from a half to three-quarters of a billion dollars, was in session in New York to finally decide the course of the American oil companies for them.

Undoubtedly, the great industrial and financial interests centering in New York can make war with Mexico, unless the people of the United States are thoroughly aroused to the danger.

Undoubtedly there are tremendous forces behind the policy of the Administration in Washington and the administration will in the end be governed by these forces unless it is made to feel a great counter-force of public opinion.

Kellogg plainly threatened a break in diplomatic relations with Mexico in the exchange of notes over the land and oil laws, unless Mexico promised modification of these laws.

A DIPLOMATIC BREAK WITH MEXICO WOULD CERTAINLY BE THE FIRST STEP TOWARD ARMED INTERVENTION IN ONE FORM OR ANOTHER.

It would in all probability be followed by lifting

the present embargo on the shipment of arms to Mexico. THIS WOULD BE TANTAMOUNT TO THE ARMING OF THE REACTIONARY MEXICAN AND AMERICAN PLOTTERS AGAINST MEXICAN PEACE.

The arming of these elements has always tended to cause American intervention. THE ARMED CONQUEST OF MEXICO OR ITS CONQUEST BY THE UNITED STATES WOULD BE AN INTERVENTION CALAMITY. IT WOULD CONSTITUTE A SUPREME TRIUMPH FOR AMERICAN CAPITALISM IN ITS ROUGHSHOD RIDE TO WORLD POWER. IT WOULD ENSLAVE THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AS MUCH AS THE MEXICAN PEOPLE.

War Secretary Upholds Right of Officers to Gag Peace Meetings

Minister Denied Redress After Officer Prevents One Meeting and Disturbs Another

What virtually amounts to War Department backing of army officers in using their positions to prevent the free expression of anti-war sentiment in public schools, materialized during the week when Secretary of War Dwight Davis replied to a protest from John Newby, upholding the right of army officers to express their "personal views" in opposition to anti-war speeches in public schools.

In a letter to Secretary Davis, Mr. Sayre, an Episcopal minister and brother-in-law of Mrs. Jessie Woodrow Wilson Sayre, second daughter of the late president, recited incidents which the anti-militaristic speaker claimed he encountered on a tour of several western colleges.

Denies He's Communist. Sayre is also a member of the Civil Liberties union and a secretary of the Fellowship of Reconciliation, a group preaching universal brotherhood as the foundation of human society. He denies charges that he is a communist.

Mr. Sayre specifically alleged an attempt by Lieut. Col. George Charles Lewis of the 59th Division of the army reserve at Oklahoma City to prevent him from addressing students of the University of Oklahoma Dec. 9. Mr. Sayre enclosed with his letter to Secretary of War Davis a copy of a letter Lieut. Col. Lewis had written President Bizzell of Oklahoma university asking Sayre of communist activities.

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Texas Socialists Call Convention to Organize State

The Socialist local organization at Dallas has taken the initiative in calling a state convention of the Socialists to meet on January 16th at 11 o'clock A. M., at Labor Temple on Young Street in the city of Dallas.

The convention is called for the purpose of forming a state organization for the election of a state secretary of the Party, and such other officers as the convention may deem advisable to select.

Administration Silent Before Murder Charge

It has been more than a week since Senator Heflin of Alabama, charged that Jesse B. Smith, agent of Harry M. Duggherty, former attorney general of the United States, was murdered to prevent him from revealing a scheme to recoup the Republican Campaign Fund by levying blackmail on bootleggers.

Senator Heflin demanded an investigation. Not one member of the administration has deigned to deny this startling charge. Why? Are the Administration leaders afraid of the facts? Are they afraid that any further publicity will result in an investigation?

Senator Heflin challenged President Coolidge in the senate-chamber as follows: "Nobody else knew what he (Smith) knew and with him dead there was nobody to tell the story—so Jesse Smith was murdered."

Emory R. Buckner, United States district attorney in New York, immediately demanded that Senator Heflin explain his murder charge, and began an investigation.

Two days later, Mr. Heflin again stood up in the senate. He backed up his previous charges with more charges, quoted an old testimony of an Alabama bootlegger: "You know Secretary Mellon loaned the Republican national committee \$5,000,000 in 1920. Only \$3,000,000 has been repaid. There is a deficit of \$2,000,000. Jesse Smith was charged with getting that money. The plan was to have the liquor men and the brewers contribute to this fund."

"This is one of the reasons," shouted Senator Heflin, "why they wanted to get rid of Jesse Smith."

Why did not Secretary of the Treasury Mellon, whose name is most intimately involved in this grave charge, say something?

Why did not President Coolidge, chief beneficiary of the Republican Campaign Fund, explain?

U. S. Oil Stand Seen As Blow At Labor Movement

Mexican Labor Government Menace to Low Wages and Threat to Wall Street

By Laurence Todd

WASHINGTON—Under direct and indirect prompting from the State Department, American oil companies controlling 85 percent of the oil production in Mexico have defied the government of the republic to enforce its oil and land laws, which took effect Jan. 1.

Organized labor in the United States and Canada is affiliated with organized labor in Mexico in the Pan-American Federation of Labor, whose president is William Green and whose vice-president is Luis N. Morones, a member of the Calles cabinet at Mexico City. Morones is minister of commerce and labor, and as such will have much to do with enforcing the law which requires the oil companies to take out permits for operation and development of the oil lands they claim to own, and which they acquired after the new constitution took effect in May 1917.

At Pan-American Federation of Labor headquarters in the A. F. of L. building in Washington, the attempt of Kellogg, acting for Standard Oil and other American oil interests, to coerce the Mexican nation into a surrender of its constitutional right to its mineral lands, is looked upon as something more serious than a dispute over oil. It is seen as a blow at the Mexican government headed by Gen. Calles and brought to power by the Mexican Regional Federation of Labor. American investors in Mexico find the Mexican labor movement an obstacle to their schemes of quick exploitation of the country. They see in this labor movement a threat to their future power, not only in Mexico but in Central and South America. Thus far the investors' press propaganda, directed by such men as Chandler Anderson in Washington, has referred to the troublous influence in Mexico as " bolshevik," when in fact that influence is rationalist, moderate and devoted chiefly to raising the living and cultural standard of the Mexican masses.

If the Mexican labor movement, through the Calles government, is successful in this struggle with Kellogg and the Standard Oil group, Mexican labor will become less and less cheap. It will compete less injuriously with American labor, but will steadily increase its share in the proceeds of industry in Mexico. If

it loses, and Mexico becomes more submissive to American exploiters, to that degree Mexican "peons" will be forced to compete by lower wages bidding with American labor in the Southwest. But in the event of defeat the danger of a long war in Mexico against American domination will be increased.

Standard Oil and Mellon's Gulf Oil will insist on American intervention to protect their claims. Back of Standard Oil and Gulf Oil are a hundred other big financial and manufacturing interests that look forward to developing Central and South America as economic colonies of the United States. They see Mexico as a hotbed of labor sentiment that may spoil their future supply of cheap submissive labor in the countries to the southward. They hope to break this rebel class spirit now, in Mexico, by a show of force on the part of the Washington government.

War-Makers Cast A Smoke Screen Over Nicaragua

(From Terre Haute Post) From several directions at once the charge is being made that the United States has put the lid on communications between this country and Nicaragua.

This is many respects, is the most serious accusation yet aimed against this government with its intervention in the Nicaraguan fighting to favor one rival president against the other. In Washington there was exhibited yesterday a photostatic copy of a Postal Telegraph Cable Co. notice, dated Washington, D. C., Dec. 27. It is to Mr. E. Carazo Morales, stopping at one of the hotels. It says: "Your telegram of Dec. 25 addressed to Relaciones (minister of foreign relations), Puerto Cabezas (capital of the liberal revolution) forces of Dr. Juan Sacasa) has not been delivered for the reason that message has been stopped at New Orleans and cancelled. Government censor advises can only accept messages in English language for this place."

(Signed) Per SIMMONS. "Government Censor." Sounds like the Balkans. Or World War days when civilization was in the balance. It would be interesting to know by what right and by whom a censorship is thus established.

Socialists Win Control in Latvia

The bourgeois-agrarian Government of Latvia, headed by M. K. Ulmanis, is reported to have resigned, following its defeat in Parliament on a vote of confidence. According to a Jewish Telegraph Agency dispatch of Dec. 19 from Riga, President Jahnis Techakate entrusted Rabbi Nurok, a deputy, with the task of forming a new cabinet and a coalition government, composed of five Socialists and four representatives of the middle class parties, has been set up. The premier is Skujenik, a Socialist.

The immediate cause of the defeat of the Ulmanis Government was the shifting of the five Jewish deputies to the opposition when an amendment to the citizenship law, which would have made citizens of all persons resident in Latvia since Aug. 1, 1914, was rejected, the government parties having failed to keep their promise to vote for it. This left thousands of Jews without the rights of citizenship to which their residence in the country should entitle them.

As the Socialist Party is the only solid political group in Latvia, holding thirty-three of the total of 100 deputies divided into numerous small fractions, largely under influence of the reactionary agrarians, it is possible that it may continue to play a leading part in the administration of the little Baltic republic for a long time, unless the reactionaries resort to a coup d'etat, as did their brothers in Lithuania last week.

From The Pen Of Debs (Compiled by Theodore Debs) Capitalism

In the name of the workers the Socialist party condemns the capitalist system. In the name of freedom it condemns wage-slavery. In the name of modern industry it condemns poverty, idleness and famine. In the name of peace it condemns war. In the name of civilization it condemns the murder of little children. In the name of enlightenment it condemns ignorance and superstition. In the name of the future it arraigns the past as the bar of the present, and in the name of humanity it demands social justice for every man, woman and child.

The Socialist party knows neither color, creed, sex, nor race. It knows no aliens among the oppressed and down-trodden. It is first and last the party of the workers, regardless of their nationality, proclaiming their interests, voicing their aspirations, and fighting their battles. It matters not where the slaves of the earth lift their bowed bodies from the dust and seek to shake off their fetters, or lighten the burden that oppresses them, the Socialist party is pledged to encourage and support them to the full extent of its power. It matters not to what union they belong, or if they belong to any union, the Socialist party which springs from their struggle, their oppression, and their aspiration, is with them through good and evil report, in trial and defeat, until at last victory is inscribed upon their banner.

Jesus as a Revolutionary Force Even if granted, for the sake of argument, that Jesus is a pure myth, that he really never existed at all, it must still be conceded, I think, that he is today, beyond question, the greatest moral and spiritual force in the world, a force essentially and uncompromisingly revolutionary and making unceasingly and increasingly—in spite of all attempts to divert and corrupt it—for the kinship of races, the democracy of nations, and the brotherhood of men.

Capitalists of the Pacific Northwest are in deadly fear of the Socialist and other radical movements. Their belief in the efficiency and power of Socialist ideas is so great that they paid tribute to it to the tune of the purchase price plus cost of distributing plus graft of 30 tons of capitalist propaganda literature spread among the lumber camps in 1926.

Bosses Pay Big Toll to Educate Lumber Workers

Appeal Gets Original Documents Exposing Northwest Anti-Red Propaganda Graft

The general gullibility of their capitalists and their degree of belief in the ability of the workers to organize and emancipate themselves when they get ready to do so, is revealed by the character of the statement at the head of the subscription lists which is used to extract their cash and enrich "The Anderson System."

Among other things, this subscription list statement avers that: "Whereas, The Anderson System during the year 1926 shipped more than 500 boxes (30 tons) of clean,

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Church Students Take Pledge Against War and Capitalism

U. S. Scientists Organize Against Evolution Attacks

The organization of a "quad by the World's Christian Fundamentalist Association, headed by Dr. W. D. Riley of the First Baptist Church of Minneapolis to immediately pass resolutions, has been met chiefly to pass resolutions of the Scientists of the United States for the preservation of scientific knowledge against such assaults by the American Association of University Professors at its national conference during the week in Philadelphia.

A move toward such an organization of scientists was launched by the following resolution offered by A. O. Lovejoy of John Hopkins University: "Resolved, that this association take initiative in bringing about a more effective cooperation between all groups or organizations interested in opposing legislative restriction on freedom of teaching in state-supported institutions and in defending the principle of the separation of church and state in educational matters."

The resolution followed reports at the conference of the activities of those opposed to freedom of teaching of science in which it developed that an anti-evolution bill is about to be submitted to the North Dakota legislature with the likelihood that it will carry.

Debs' Detractor Gets Hot Answer From Sinclair

In reply to an editorial from the writer, Isaac Russell, in the last issue of "Public Relations" in which it is charged that Debs upheld Big Business in his article in Colliers' magazine, Upton Sinclair sent the following to Mr. Russell:

Dear Sir: If you want to "keep your old friends" you will certainly have to stop writing such untrue statements as you made in your editorial about Debs in the last issue of "Public Relations." It would be hard to misrepresent facts more completely than you have done. Debs was, up to the day of his death, the official head of the Socialist party and its tireless advocate. If he did not advocate it in the Colliers' article, it was for one reason, which you know as well as I—because C. Liers would only publish the article upon condition that he would be silent on that point. When you make Debs an advocate of "Big Business" you are being absurd. Debs wrote standing in the whole people? You, a Socialist writer, and believes. We all advocate "Big Business" in the sense of large scale machine industry as the salvation of the future. The question is, who is to own this "Big Business," a few private exploiters or the whole people? You stand for the former, and when you try to represent Debs as doing the same thing, you are insulting his memory and perverting the truth. Sincerely, —Upton Sinclair.

The banks are doing business with the money the people entrusted to them; but they haven't one-tenth of that money in their possession.

The Appeal's New Departments

With this issue of the American Appeal, the new departments promised the readers begin. An installment of Eugene V. Debs' magnificent writings compiled by his brother, Theodore Debs, will be a regular weekly feature of the Appeal from now on.

Dr. Laidler's Feature Department will appear regularly, occupying the right hand side of page 3. In addition to Dr. Laidler's announcement on page 3, outlining the future work of his department, Dr. Laidler has sent in and we are publishing in this issue of the Appeal the article on Mexico by Carlton Beals.

Packers Defraud Aged Workers of Promised Pensions

Sustained by Court, Workers Lose 3 Per Cent of Wages Paid Toward Pensions

By Carl Haessler

CHICAGO—(EP)—The essential fraud of company welfare schemes stands out in big letters in the refusal of the Illinois appellate court to help 400 old-age pensioners of Morris & Co., formerly one of the Big 5 meat packers, to recover \$7,000,000 due them. The firm was bought up by Armour & Co. in 1924, but the company pension obligations were dumped on the refuse heap.

It was the familiar company pension plan, by which employees are induced to stick to their job, often at lower wages than their market value, in order to realize a small but assured income in their old age. In the case of Morris & Co. the employees contributed 3 percent of their wages every payday in exchange for the promise of a pension after 20 years of service or after reaching the age of 55.

But it was only a promise. Both lower and appeal courts have now held that the promise wasn't worth anything and could not be made the basis of a suit to recover. This was because the employers, instead of assuming the obligations direct, had organized the game in such a way as to throw the legal obligations on a pension committee. A few employees were

handpicked to act as rubber stamps for the company on this committee. Morris made it a condition of the pension scheme that the pensioners must return to their jobs in case of labor trouble if the company demanded it. In the above case, not only was the pension the usual bribe of the corporation to bind the employees to the company with iron hooks and prevent strikes and independent action, but after obtaining these decided advantages from the employees they cheat them out of the pension on a technicality. This is a striking confirmation of the stand of the advocates of labor independence that the pensioners are traps and that the workers are apt at any time to lose them on technicalities. Capitalist welfare bribery has received a blow as a result of this event and labor independence a boost.

MILWAUKEE—Condemning war and taking a pledge not to support future wars, denouncing the present profit or capitalist system; declaring the dependence of the church on the capitalists, and repudiating compulsory military training in the colleges, in four separate resolutions covering these subjects, the National Conference of Theological Seminary Students placed itself on the side of Socialism and peace against capitalism and war in the closing session of its meeting this week.

This action by the representatives of the students of the religious schools of the United States, marks another remarkable stride in the growth of Socialistic and pacifist ideas among the religious elements of America. Just a year ago even stronger resolutions in the direction of world peace and Socialism were adopted by a great national conference in Evanston, representing the Youth Movement in the churches, while many other religious conferences have revealed by a growing strength of the Socialist leaven among the churches.

Says the resolution against war adopted at the Milwaukee conference: "We believe that a higher patriotism to the United States and humanity demands not only the refutation and abolition of war, but also we do as a conference, REFUSE TO SANCTION OR LEND OUR SUPPORT TO ANY FUTURE WAR." The vote on this resolution was 100 in favor and only 7 against, with the pending by a 50-50 vote that they received judgment.

The resolution condemning the present capitalist system and of course by inference committing the organization to the support of the system advocated by the Socialists, said in part: "Human values should be considered paramount to profit and service to society should be the ruling motive of business."

This resolution was adopted by a vote of 100 to only 4 against. (Continued on page 3)

That Debs Picture

The Debs photographs are going fine. Every mail finds a growing flood of letters from our readers with \$5 or more for subs, sub cards or donations for which the senders receive the last and best photograph of Debs as a memento and mark of honor and service.

It is a large photograph, of very fine finish suitable for framing. WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE EVERY READER OF THE APPEAL GET ONE.

THIS SOUNDS BIG, BUT WHY NOT? Any reader of the Appeal can gather \$5 worth of subs, or send in \$5 for subscription cards and sell them later, which means nothing more than a LITTLE PLEASANT AND HIGHLY VALUABLE WORK FOR THE CAUSE OF SOCIALISM. Last week the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party asked that every reader of the American Appeal donate \$1 or more to insure the life of the Appeal in 1927.

WE FEEL SURE THAT EVERY REAL SOCIALIST IN THE UNITED STATES IS GOING TO RESPOND TO THAT APPEAL. WHEN YOU RESPOND WHY NOT MAKE YOUR GIFT BIG ENOUGH TO RECEIVE THIS PRICELESS MEMENTO OF THE PRESENT CRITICAL STRUGGLE THAT IS GOING TO FIRMLY ESTABLISH THE SOCIALIST MOVEMENT IN THE UNITED STATES?

Renewals and Messages of Praise Flood the Appeal

"I enclose \$2 for two yearly subscriptions. Please renew my own. I congratulate you upon publishing the best Socialist paper for general distribution now to be had."

"I am enclosing \$5 for which send the Appeal for six months to the following addresses. Let me congratulate you on the splendid paper you are producing and I will keep under what handicap. I sincerely hope old Iowa can be lined up again."

"Enclosed please find \$1 for my renewal. Will give my best interest to the matter of getting subs as soon as possible. The Appeal is strong and fine and I am thrilled with every issue. It has a great staff at its head keeping up its power and prestige."

nobly since the passing of the Immortal One, its Founder. I will try very hard to send some subs soon."

"Just received today's Appeal. Delighted with it. Truth will win in time. My renewal, \$1, enclosed for 1927."

"Enclosed please find \$5, of which \$1 is for my renewal and the balance for your general sustaining fund. You are improving the paper all the time. Keep up the good work."

"Enclosed is \$1 for my renewal. I cannot live without the Appeal and it seems sad not to have our dear Gene with us, but let us carry on."

May the day soon dawn."

"Enclosed please find \$1 for my renewal for the dear old Appeal, which is about to expire and you know I could not keep house without it."

"Find enclosed \$1 for renewal of your excellent paper. It is getting better with every issue. Don't let up on that damned war policy which put Debs to his early end."

"Enclosed find check for \$5 for my renewal and balance on subs. I like the Appeal for its good news and wish it a prosperous New Year."

enter my name, if you have dropped it by the time this reaches you. Let my renewal start with the New Year so that I will not miss an issue, as I have received every issue since the birth of the Appeal and don't want to miss an issue of it during its life, or my life if I can help it, for I appreciate the worth of such a paper at this critical hour of the world's history."

"Enclosed find \$1 for renewal of my Appeal. The Appeal is everything we could expect and then some. Say Comrades, let's get busy on that Debs Memorial—the big broadcasting station, D.E.B.S. And let's see that one is established that will be powerful enough to reach a long distance and be effective. I am good for \$10 and some more, if we make the station powerful enough."

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"I do not know when my subscription expires. Here is \$1. Please extend my sub."

"Here is \$14 for the enclosed list of subscribers a number of which will expire the first part of January, 1927. Credit them as they come due. If I have missed any from the Falls, you may send me a list and I will try to obtain the renewals."

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Socialist Party News



The Socialists of Chicago are starting the New Year with a greater determination to build for Socialism. For the month of January four meetings have already been planned.

The Acting County Secretary has sent out a call to all Party branches to elect delegates for the coming year to the County Delegate Committee. Branch secretaries are urged to send in names of delegates as soon as elected.

A Socialist Forum and Study class will be formed very soon. Watch the American Appeal for final announcement.

The first meeting of Local Buffalo in 1927 will take place Thursday evening January 13th at 8 o'clock at the East Side Labor Lyceum Hall, 1644 Genesee St. near Montana.

The Local Executive Committee has authorized a canvass of members and sympathizers to ascertain the possibilities of opening the Socialist Party's Sunday School—which is intended to serve as a school to teach Social Science and Economics.

The Jewish Branch Workmen's Circle of Los Angeles, with other comrades, will give the annual Forward Ball at Shrine Auditorium, on January 28th.

We are frequently receiving letters from comrades in Oklahoma and Texas telling us they are anxious to get state organizations organized and functioning in the near future.

The following comrades have purchased sub cards or made pledges for sums varying from \$5.00 to \$50.00 for the year 1927:

Chas. Greenspan; Sam Gordon; Geo. Chant; Dan Urits; Wm. E. Rodriguez; Gus Sandburg; Carl M. Swope; Carl Sutton; Dr. L. Z. Levinton; Thos. Janch; X. F. Gahent; J. E. Roe; J. H. Hefner; Mrs. Emma Hey; Ansel M. Brooks; Albert Ruggles; Paige Miller; F. L. Raymond; Mrs. Danziger.

Besides the above who have answered Comrade Whitlock's challenge to put the Appeal on the map definitely for Illinois in 1927, scores of comrades have promised to make de-

finite pledges in January or February. State Secretary W. R. Snow is devoting a large portion of his time to this drive.

Young People's Department National Office YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOC. LEAGUE 22 Townsend St., Pittsburgh, Pa. Aaron J. Parker, Nat. Director.

The minutes of the Amsterdam Congress of the International of Socialist Youth, are now ready and may be ordered through the national office of the Y.P.S.L. The report is in the German language.

There is still quite a supply of the "International Year Book." The sale has been very small, and it is unfortunate that our circles do not realize what a valuable book this is.

The National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party in its recent meeting passed a resolution, which when put into effect will result in tremendous aid in the upbuilding of the Y.P.S.L.

There is no questioning of the advantage of having the department located in the offices of the party organization. Not only may the director contribute more time to the work, but he has at his disposal the office equipment, literature and supplies, as well as additional help for special work.

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Organization Fund The drive is on for another month. Due to many difficulties encountered by the circles in larger cities in arranging for big events in benefit of

the drive the time of the drive has been extended. The elaborate arrangements made, require more time than was permitted by the original time of the drive. But the drive is coming along fine. The response of the circles is magnificent, and the most welcome cooperation of the many party members who have contributed liberally, gives us hopes of going over our quota.

There are still a few circles unheard from, but we have not given up hopes of receiving their quotas. Every week brings in another bunch of unexpected letters. We know from the correspondence received that the League has taken up the work of the drive in a serious mood, many groups having suddenly emerged from an almost stagnant condition into a lively hustling bunch of active Yipsels.

Some of the contributions received during the last week are from: James Oneal, New York City. Mr. and Mrs. Morris Berman, Pleasantville, N. Y. Samuel Orr, New York City. Gardner Y.P.S.L., Gardner, Mass.

The League has come to stay. It has proved to the Party that a Socialist Youth movement in America is not only possible, but practical and highly essential to the Socialist movement. It has reached a point where it demands more attention. It is reaching out weakly for greater organization, and larger work and deeds, confident that the adult comrades of the movement will give them a chance, and perhaps go even further than offering a passive approval.

Appeal Fund For 2 Weeks

The American Appeal was not forgotten during the season of Christmas and New Years by its many loyal friends throughout the country as the record of gifts for the two holiday weeks eloquently shows.

Week Ending Dec. 24 New Contributions

- Frank Erben, Cleveland, Ohio \$ 5.00 Roy Vernon, Baltimore, Md. 5.00 Henry Witt, Chicago 3.00 Miss M. M. Hughes, Pasadena, Calif. 1.00 Mrs. Belle Sharts, Dayton, Ohio 4.00 Peter Gow, Benton Harbor, Mich. 1.00 Lowry O. Barr, Brackenridge, Pa. 1.00 Esther Friedman, New York City 1.00 Paul J. Paulson, Cheyenne, Wyo. 10.00 John A. Christiansen, Oconomowoc, Wis. 5.00 Harry McCosh, Eaton, Colo. 3.00 M. H. B. 1.00

- On Pledges J. T. McKinley, Prev. 1 Mo. Seattle, Wash. 5.00 Bernard Abel, " " " " 2.00 M. Larena, " " " " 1.00 Clothier, W. Va. " " 2.00 Total on Funds \$49.00.

Week Ending Dec. 31 New Contributions

- S. Bass, Newark, N. J. \$4.00 Joe A. Thomas, Medford, Oregon 2.00 No Name, Chicago 1.00 Jugoslav Local No. 114, Detroit Mich. 5.00 A. Caplan, St. Louis, Mo. 1.00 Workmen's Circle Branch No. 62, Passaic, N. J. 5.00 W. L. Snee, Greentown, Pa. 5.00 Rose Brody, Coney Island, N. Y. 2.00 John D. Dubelman, Chicago 2.00 Joseph Anderson, Merced, Calif. 5.00 Arpad Molnar, Sr., Milwaukee, Wis. 1.00 Fred Press, Chicago 1.00 John W. Sharr, Dayton, Ohio 5.00 Frank Harman, Arkansas, Wis. 2.00 Joseph Mueller, New York City 1.00 F. Mattoni, Chicago 4.00 Adolph Peterson, Oakland, Calif. 4.00 H. F. Hinrichs, Manhattan, Kans. 1.00 B. F. Underhill, Lansing, Mich. 10.00 John S. Mooney, Philadelphia, Pa. 1.00 Philip K. White, Newburyport, Mass. 4.00 Joseph E. Cohen, Philadelphia, Pa. 2.00

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Total new contributions for two weeks \$ 124.00 Previously reported 6,213.70 Grand total at close of year 7,037.70

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The League has come to stay. It has proved to the Party that a Socialist Youth movement in America is not only possible, but practical and highly essential to the Socialist movement. It has reached a point where it demands more attention. It is reaching out weakly for greater organization, and larger work and deeds, confident that the adult comrades of the movement will give them a chance, and perhaps go even further than offering a passive approval.

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Appeal Army Activities

A Vote of Thanks The American Appeal staff and the National Office of the Socialist Party are pleased to announce with thanks to the Appeal Army and the loyal Appeal readers and Socialists throughout the country for giving us the busiest and happiest and most hopeful Christmas and New Years in our brief existence.

Red Letter Day was a monumental success. Christmas Gift Day was appropriately celebrated by the Army to the tune of an avalanche of orders that completely buried the whole office force. New Year's Day which is the Appeal's Birthday, and is the big Gift Day was a wow. We haven't received from the shock of that landslide of letters, checks and greetings yet.

We don't need to say any more. Just look at the record for the two weeks covering the holiday period. It doesn't leave room for anything but names and figures.

- Week Ending Dec. 24 This is what the Army did during the week ending on Christmas Eve: Cards \$ 29.75 Bundles 13.10 Subscriptions 347.50 Promotional and Sustaining Fund 43.00 Total \$449.35

- Week Ending New Years Eve The Old Year was ushered out and the New Year ushered in by the Army in the following grand and glorious celebration: Cards \$107.50 Bundles 17.20 SUBSCRIPTIONS 669.90 Promotional and Sustaining Fund 101.00 Total \$895.00

We don't know whether or not that was the biggest week in the history of the Appeal. We do know that if the Army ever kept the Appeal income near that record NOT ONLY WOULD THE PERMANENT EXISTENCE OF THE APPEAL BE ASSURED, BUT WE WOULD BE ABLE TO START AN EXPANSION POLICY TO START AN EXPANSION GIVE US THE BEST SOCIALIST PAPER IN THE WORLD. That of course, you know, would soon mean a great big live, influential and growing American Socialist movement.

Of course, away and the biggest part of this splendid subscription record for the past two weeks was caused by renewals. It looks like everybody was renewing. The Appeal Army editor has a standing bet that July 90 per cent will renew. To say that the staff is flattered and tickled almost to death over this UNUSUAL tribute to the American Appeal is putting it mildly. At the top of this page we are publishing some of the many messages of praise and loyalty for the Appeal. NOW WE'RE ARE GOING TO TRY TO MAKE THE APPEAL BETTER THAN EVER.

But this doesn't mean that the original subscribers have all renewed. There are quite a number who have not come under the line for the better and livelier and more interesting Appeal that we are going to have in 1927. DON'T MISS THIS BETTER PAPER. DON'T WAIT UNTIL YOU ARE OFF BEFORE YOU GET ON AGAIN. DON'T MISS A COPY. RENEW AS SOON AS YOU READ THIS.

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NEWS AND VIEWS

New Way of Stealing

Stock dividends is the new and refined way of stealing by the methods of capitalism. Through its operation wealth can be transferred from the pockets of producers and consumers to the pockets of a group of owners in the most noiseless, invisible, unconscious, physically easy and legal manner that has been devised.

How is it done, and who is robbed?

The magnates owning a trust gather around a table on plush chairs and consider the state of their business. By virtue of their monopoly and their power to fix prices their income is so big that they have been putting part of it in a surplus chest to conceal it. A dollar of their "original" investment is earning so much that it wouldn't be healthy to let the public know what its annual earning power is.

ets by thus voting that they have two shares of stock where they formerly had only one share?

For all practical purposes and as far as the condition of the victims are concerned THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT THEY HAVE DONE. They now have two million shares of stock instead of one million. Every owner in the company has two shares where he had only one share before. This two million shares of stock has to be satisfied by earnings that come out of the sweat of producers and the hides of consumers. BY VOTING TO DO SO THEY HAVE DOUBLED THEIR CAPITAL CLAIMS ON LABOR AND ON THE CONSUMERS WHO BUY FROM THEM.

Workers and Capitalists In "Prosperous" America

Worker Prosperity

The low wages paid by the railroad industry to the men responsible for the track and roadway are revealed in an interstate commerce commission report on comparative operating averages for the years 1921 to 1925. Taking the country's major systems, the average varies from 26.8c an hour on the Atlantic Coast Line up to 41.1c on the Boston & Maine.

Owner Prosperity

The close of 1926 sees the railroad owners enjoying the greatest prosperity in the history of the roads. In 1926, with figures for the last two months partly estimated, the net operating railway income will run to \$1,210,000,000, or possibly more.

The straight-time earnings of these workers throughout the country in 1925 averaged just 39c an hour. This is a gain of less than 1c since 1923. On roads paying the highest rates for section work, a man never missing a day throughout the regular working year would earn only about \$1075. On the Atlantic Coast Line he would get a little over \$650. But had weather alone would cut his possible earnings far below the averages shown here.

In addition to this net operating income the railroads bring in income from other sources which for several years past has averaged close to \$270,000,000 a year. The figures for this year are not available. IT IS SAFE TO SAY THAT RAILWAY PROFITS FOR 1926 WILL AMOUNT AT LEAST TO THE ENORMOUS TOTAL OF ONE AND ONE-HALF BILLION DOLLARS.

Church Students Pledge Against War

The resolution expressing hearty condemnation of compulsory military drill in the colleges received 121 favorable votes, NONE AGAINST, and 9 not voting.

A Year of Supreme Thievery

This explanation of the most modern system of wholesale thievery is pertinent in a particular degree to the year 1926. Last year bears a record of this form of separating the unconscious and the unwary from their property never approached before in the history of this country.

Roses Pay Big to Educate Workers

wholesome literature for various camps in the Pacific Northwest, and "Whereas, in placing good literature in the camps of our nearby industries it exercises a strong influence in PREVENTING THE WICKED MEN FROM THE WICKED WOMEN'S LITERATURE furnished by the adherents of the teaching of the RED FLAG SOCIALISTS, the I. W. W.'s and BOLSHEVISTS, and

APPEAL'S FEATURE DEPARTMENT

Harry W. Laidler, Editor

Our Ambitious Program

The National Executive Committee of the Socialist party has honored me with a request to take charge of the Special Feature Department of the Appeal. I believe with the great British philosopher and Socialist, Bertrand Russell, that "America is the most important and powerful country in the world, and American reason is the most important (though not yet the most powerful) of Americans, since upon them the hopes of the world must largely depend."

Our Record of Grabbing and Bulldozing in Mexico

national resources for the benefit of the wealthiest and most powerful petroleum and mining companies in the United States. Among the investors of the former are men who have besmirched the name of good government in the United States, and used their money to corrupt the seats of the mighty in the Harding Administration. Is it possible where these men could browbeat and bribe a weaker Government than our own that they have refrained in the past?

Meaning of a Break

Today the Coolidge Administration is concerned over dubious questions of law, and petroleum rights, but too shortsighted to see that the first requisite in Mexico is a stable Government which will embody the will of the Mexican people to free themselves from oppression and reconstruct their national life.

Owned by U. S.

During the thirty years of the Diaz Administration Americans came to own 78 per cent of the mines, 72 per cent of the smelters, 53 per cent of the oil and 68 per cent of the rubber business in Mexico, this according to the report of that eminent authority upon Mexico, Mr. Albert B. Fall. The Mexican owned at that time about a third of their own country; and the mass of the people were robbed of their lands.

War Secretary Upholds Gag

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Coolidge Administration Alarmingly Socialistic

American Legion, Sons and Daughters of the Revolution and all other patriotic bodies are called upon to stand with alarm at the Socialistic demands by President Coolidge found in his message to Congress.

ment operates collectively owned boats on 2,500 miles of river. Count III. Violent violation on part of government of the vested rights of private property.

The Appeal Question Box

Private Property Under Socialism

How can the individual own his own stored work if the "community" also owns it? Answer In the socialized industries, the community would not own all of the individual's stored work. The community would own only that part of it that was deducted for social upkeep and which would go into the maintenance and growth of the industrial, civic, and social machinery necessary to the life of the community.

FITS, BUT ALSO ENOUGH TO SATISFY THE FINANCIER WHO STAND BEHIND HIM AND COLLECT INTEREST FROM HIM, AND THE LANDLORDS WHO STAND BEHIND HIM AND COLLECT RENT. But this is not all. Behind the capitalist is the capitalist state—an enormously distended, top heavy, and appallingly destructive, wasteful and costly thing, which also takes out its enormous dose from the "individual's own stored work."

Source of Corruption

With such a system underlying our entire lives, there are still many persons in America who are wondering why there is so much crime and corruption and why it is increasing.

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The meeting was held in the First Presbyterian Church, off the campus. Mr. Sayre said he was heckled by a uniformed student, who was accompanied by the major in command of the R. O. T. C. unit, and that Lieut. Col. Lewis, coming from Oklahoma City and reaching the meeting late, denounced him and "launched into a tirade against the bolshevik."

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Under the existing system labor is robbed to an extreme degree by both the METHOD and the PROCESS of the division. THE INDIVIDUAL CAPITALIST takes as much of the stored work of the producers as his superior position as a PRIVATE OWNER or PRIVATE MONOPOLIST of the means of employment enable him to take. HE TAKES NOT ONLY AS MUCH AS HE CAN FOR HIMSELF IN THE FORM OF PRO-

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The nation's courts hold that the nation may not delegate the making of money to a state, but the nation turns over that power to corporations.

Workers in the postoffice department and other government departments are not permitted to take part in any political activities, but, if the announcement of the head of the war department is correct, an army officer may take active steps to prevent or break up peace meetings and such actions of expressions will be interpreted as their "personal views."

The Preparedness Program of the War Department

Editor's Note

While there is danger of war with Mexico, it might be well to look into our present war machine and gather some idea of what another war will bring to our doors.

By Dr. Forrest R. Black

The War Department is engaged at the present time in the gigantic task of parceling out contracts and granting concessions to the prospective purveyors of the greatest nation for the next war.

New Bases of Craft

Through the courtesy of Major Mars of the United States army, the writer was offered the opportunity of examining an official memorandum relating to The War Department Adjustable Price Contract (for war or other national emergency) bearing the dates of March 23 and 18, 1924, and issued from the War department at Washington.

It should not be understood that these contracts relate only to "munitions" in the strict sense. The War department program is much more ambitious than that of the subject.

of thousands of items of supply, many of which are of special design not produced commercially in time of peace.

Big Business Rules

It is difficult to grasp the enormity of the task. The whole proceeding bristles with temptation. Major Mars informs us that the patriotic, gratuitous offer of big business men and of the National Association of Manufacturers has been accepted and that their advice is being acted upon in the placing of contracts.

It does not sound convincing to argue that there will be no favoritism shown in the making of these contracts, for the sake of the public.

Normal Profit

But what right has anyone to assume that the contract as drawn is favorable to the government? The paper guarantee of a "normal" rate of profit, may in reality develop into something quite different.

There is one further fact that aggravates the situation. There is no specific legal authority for this program of the War department. It has never been specifically sanctioned by Congress.

The advocates of this War department policy blandly assure us that their aim is preparedness. To argue that it is an insurance against war is absurd.

incentive for war on the part of the vested interests concerned. In case of a serious and long-extended industrial depression, consider the tremendous pressure that will be brought to bear upon Congress by the business interests for a declaration of war.

Program Illegal

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thing to make a survey of the future needs of the army and of the sources from which these needs may be supplied. It is quite a different thing for the War department to attempt to bind the government by contracts made in advance.

In this connection it is interesting to note that some of the same representatives of the War department and of Big Business who favor this so-called preparedness plan are also supporting the proposal of the Christian Science Monitor for a constitutional amendment providing for the conscription of wealth in the next war.

"Wealth" Conscription

Suppose the amendment conscripting wealth in incorporated into the Constitution of the United States. Such an amendment will not be self-executing. Congress alone can give it vitality by the passing of appropriate legislation.

Farmer Takes Exception to Some Socialistic Remedies

By James H. Job

(Reelsville, Indiana) (This article, which the Appeal believes contains several unfair and misleading statements, will be answered next week.)

As a plain Dirt Farmer who, until just recently, has been a voting member of the Socialist party ever since there was such a party in the United States, I wish to ask you to allow me a few words by way of reply to an article by Mr. John M. ...

Mr. Work begins by saying, "a writer asks if the Socialist party has any remedy for the ills of the farmers?" His reference to what we farmers would gain by public ownership of the railroads, presupposes that we farmers are to continue to be blind competitors in both the field of production and world markets...

Then he refers to what we would gain by public ownership of the trusts. He says we would get their products at cost. Mr. Work seems to forget that prices farmers would have to pay for farm implements, such as tractors, would be determined by the wages the proletarian laborer would receive.

Again he says, "Socialists favor public ownership of banks." I am in perfect agreement with him on that point, but our benefits thus derived would be negligible for the simple reason that we farmers no longer borrow money from the banks.

Again Mr. Work says, "Farmers should till the soil and market their products co-operatively." I am willing to admit that by farming co-operatively we might produce cheaper and be more closely associated with each other, but under present conditions that is very undesirable.

Farmer's Cooperative Handles Over Half of West Canada's Wheat

WINNIPEG, Dec. 27.—Over 52 per cent of the total wheat crop of western Canada for the season 1925-1926 was handled by the farmers' cooperative wheat pools, according to information given out by the pools last week.

Big Socialist Revival Sweeps Through Finland

By Adolph Salmi

Ever since the brief cablegram from Finland told us of the forming of a new Socialist administration, mail from Finland to the Finnish comrades here has piled up more important and encouraging information.

First, we are told of a great flocking of laborers to the Socialist banner. The Social Democratic Party has gained more than 10,000 new members in one week.

To add to our victory the bourgeois parties are in rapid retreat. Confusion and wrangling demoralized their representatives in parliament.

Farms Slump 30 Per Cent In Six Years

Washington, D. C. — Farm real estate values were approximately 30 per cent lower on March 1 than six years ago, the department of agriculture announces after a comprehensive survey.

Labor Pushes 2 Bills

WASHINGTON.—Strenuous efforts are being made by organized labor to force the consideration of two measures in which labor is interested before the adjournment of congress.

Wisconsin Old Age Pensions Are Result Of Socialist Effort

MADISON, Wisconsin.—Wisconsin has realized the principle long advocated by Socialists—old age pensions. The law was enacted through the influence of the Wisconsin Socialist Party and the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

The old age pension law became operative May 12, 1925. The total sum paid out in pensions up to June, 1926 was \$22,665, 43 per cent of those receiving pensions were between 70 and 74; 36 per cent between 74 and 79, and 13 per cent between 80 and 84, while a few were between 85 and 94 years of age.

People might easily produce enough to make the world rich, but the profit system will not permit it.

There are a hundred schools of thought in America and not one of them teaches how the people might be freed.

Toll of U. S. Capitalists To Be 12 Billion in 1926

By Leland Olds

Corporation profits for 1926 may reach \$12,000,000,000, William P. Helm estimates in the Chicago Journal of Commerce. Out of this, he figures that the corporations have handed the stockholders more than \$6,000,000,000 in cash and stock dividends.

Table with 2 columns: Industry, Dividends. Includes Mining & quarrying, Construction, Tobacco & food products, etc.

Right now American industry is operating at only forty per cent of its capacity. The position might be enough to be rich in everything, but the system will not permit it.

Corrupt as the courts are, they have never ruled that the nation may delegate its constitutional right to coin money and emit bills of credit to a private-corporate bank.

Financiers Bare False Basis and See End of Present "Prosperity"

The present prosperity of the rich of America and the comparatively high wages of the more fortunate are about to be abandoned.

These disquieting predictions are contained in a confidential report of a committee of credit-finance leaders, stock exchange firms and banking houses.

The findings of this committee of capitalists are a remarkable vindication of the Socialist position.

Partial payment plans were developed according to the report, primarily to provide a market for the overexpanded plant capacity with which manufacturers emerged from the war.

West Virginia Open Shoppers Cut Wages

Charleston, W. Va., Jan. 1.—A ten per cent wage reduction for open shop miners in the territory of the Pocahontas Coal Operators association went into effect today.

Margaret Bondfield In United States

Miss Margaret Bondfield, outstanding British woman labor leader and Socialist, formerly secretary of the Labor-Socialist Ministry of Labor under Ramsay MacDonald, is in America.

When the panic comes thousands of bankers will fail, but a few will win millions. Gambling is always that way, and gamblers must take a gambler's chance.

Every generation has had its bankers' panic. A panic is merely the raking in of the winnings when the game is over.

Distribution Cost Steadily Mounting Under Capitalism

The Federal Council of Churches, in the January issue of its Information Service, gives after the usual food profiteers.

Statistics compiled by the Labor Department are quoted to show that in 1926 the price of beef at wholesale was twice that charged for a cattle on the hoof, while the retail price was about three times as high.

A. F. of L. Losing to Canadian Unions

OTTAWA, Can.—Proposals for an All-Canadian Congress of Labor are being made again following the decline in membership of the U. S. Canadian international bodies, as reported by the Dominion department of labor.

Shoppers Cut Wages

It was obliged to artificially stimulate the home markets by cultivating the instalment buying system in order to sell its surplus and keep the wheels of industry turning.

Nothing could be more needless, ruinous or suicidal than this method of getting rid of the industrial surplus. It meant that in view of the fact that the workers did not get high enough wages to purchase all the products of industry, the owners let the workers have the goods on terms of future payments.

THE OWNERS TOOK THE PRESENT WAGES OF THE WORKERS AND THE FUTURE WAGES THAT THE WORKERS IN ORDER TO KEEP THE WHEELS OF INDUSTRY RUNNING IN THE PRESENT.

Love your fellow men enough to strike their fetters off.