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Do you wish to be safe from the coming storms of weather and financial disaster? Do you want ground that will produce everything you can possibly want to eat...

The billion dollar trust is here. Eh?

The present rapid concentration of wealth and industries are concentrating the means of production and distribution in the hands of a very few men. Under the present system of profits and interest, THIS CONCENTRATION OF POWER CANNOT BE STOPPED.

It is impossible to do that. It would be useless to do so, though. It would again concentrate itself into the hands of a few. The only remedy is for each to work and each to receive the full value of his labor.

The billion dollar trust is here. Eh?

Mr. Morgan and Mr. Rockefeller have only one neck apiece, and there are millions of lamp posts at hand. Of course, it may not be so hanging; probably not; it is to be devoutly hoped not; but it may. And if it does, then Morgan, Rockefeller & Co. will be found to have themselves constructed their own gallows.

North American is one of the most important of the republican dailies, and now they want to hang the individuals who have profited by the very system the republican party has always advocated and upheld...

Our republican friends may be somewhat wild at the results of their cursed ignorance, but that is no reason why the Socialists should permit them to go further and stir up a disastrous civil war.

Well, the BILLION dollar trust is here in all its royal, resplendent glory. Every article, every industry, in which iron or steel is used directly or indirectly, is now at the mercy of the three or four men who control this trust.

It is the same today. Had the people exercised a little reason the war between the north and the south would not have been. It could have been and should have been settled in the halls of congress, but bullying on one side and cowardice on the other precipitated the conditions that made war inevitable.

The billion dollar trust is here. Eh?

It amuses the agricultural editor to read the criticisms of old party farmers about the Appeal's statement that the production of a bushel of wheat in the sack costs 3 1/2 cents in wages paid, when the best machinery and climate are used.

Pay Under Socialism.

HERE is the pay for a day's work at \$2. At the exchange price of articles today: 1 peck of onions..... .45 5 lbs. rice, best..... .50 1 broom..... .35 3 bars of soap..... .25 25 lbs. flour..... .45

Total..... \$2.00 Here is the pay for an 8-hour day under Socialism, where articles are sold for the labor time of their creation, without profit. The figures are from U. S. official statistics:

Peck of onions..... 15 min. 15 lbs. of rice, best..... 6 min. 1 bbl. of flour..... 60 min. 1 best house broom..... 10 min. 50 lbs. of soap..... 10 min. 8-day brass clock, fine case..... 60 min. Finest pair of men's shoes..... 180 min. Finest pair of ladies' shoes..... 120 min.

Total..... 466 min. (Less than 8 hours.) Say, you wage slave, can you see anything? Are you deaf, dumb and blind to your own interest?

Under Socialism the pay of each worker would be more than what it would take \$5,000 a year to buy now, and there would be only an 8-hour day for any one, and employment for every man and woman who desired employment. Can you hear?

The billion dollar trust is here. Eh?

Illinois has a law prohibiting child labor, but the state inspector reports 11,000 "boys and girls of tender years, crowding out men and women as factory employees." Factory owners are not better nor worse than other people. Why then, do they violate the law?

The billion dollar trust is here. Like it?

The U. S. government sold the old custom house in New York city to the Rockefeller bank for a fraction of its worth, and then guaranteed the bank 4% interest on the purchase price! And then, as if this were not enough, it left the purchase money with the bank, and the bank has the money, the interest and the building.

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Albert Stanton of Waterloo, N. Y., is a railroad man and last fall he whooped for the Grand Old Party and voted for the fool dinner pail. He got what he voted for.

Last week 14,907 books and pamphlets were sent out from the Appeal office—the largest in its history. This indicates that the boys are in earnest in their propaganda work.

Speaker Whitecollon, of the Missouri legislature, before the caucus that made him speaker, said: "I am for the taxation of franchises, first, last and all the time." After he was elected, he said, according to the St. Louis Post-Dispatch: "The franchise tax plank was put in both party platforms only to satisfy the demands of aroused public sentiment, with no intention on the part of the platform framers of either party to fulfill the pledge."

The billion dollar trust is here. Like it?

Some funny things come floating into the den of the One-Hoss. A friend in Canada sends me a copy of a letter from a prominent lawyer in Chicago, in reply to an inquiry from a London lawyer, who asked about coming to this country and opening in the law business in Chicago. After explaining that everything in this country at present was in a chaotic condition, the lawyer said a friend, for reasons given below, was going to London to open a law office, as there was no opportunity in this country to do much in that line, except as a paid hireling for some corporation.

The billion dollar trust is here. Like it?

The Crane Company of Chicago, says the Construction News, "generously donated" to its employes 5% bonus over their year's wages. While admitting that such action shows a better spirit than usual on the part of the employers, it is still an act of alms giving, degrading on the workmen who receive it.

The billion dollar trust is here. Like it?

Uncle Sam's 2% bonds are quoted at 5% premium, yet Uncle Sam pays 200% a year for the use of the mail cars. This is a business administration, you know.

At Scranton, Pa., 2,600 silk workers are on strike against the starvation of the full dinner pail. And Pennsylvania gave 288,000 majority for the pail!

The billion dollar trust is here. Like it?

It developed in the senate the other day that the expense of maintaining our army is \$1,288 for each man. The soldiers get \$156 a year and about as much more for food and clothing, and the balance goes to the officers and contractors. You see there is quite an incentive for some people to favor war.

Editor Appeal to Reason.

Please explain the question "Who will do the dirty and risky work under Socialism?" Everybody will be entitled to pick his vocation; nobody will be forced to risk his life in a mine or on a roof, clean sewers or dig up ground. Who will pick this kind of work in preference to, for instance, making cigars or street car conduction?

If justice is done, all of us will do our share. But the dirty work of the world can mostly be done by machinery, and most of the risky vocations can be made safe when the cost is of less moment than it now is. Men today are cheaper than life-saving appliances. If men will volunteer to risk their lives against bullets or fevers in foreign lands, for the sake of the approbation of their fellows, they will surely do the useful work of life, now accounted menial.

Redkey, Ind., Feb. 1, 1901.

What will your policy do with the cattle and hay trade? What will be the effect of raising or lowering the price? Your last paper stated that the time of the small merchant was about up. Are you going to form a merchant's trust or combine?

I. F. ROOTS.

The effect of Socialism on the cattle and hay would be the same as every other vocation. The public would own and operate it, and public statistics would determine the amount needed, and the needed amount would be produced. Just as we now produce, as far as private conflicting interests will allow, schools and teachers for the children.

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I think the most effective method to push the propaganda into dark places and enlighten the minds of the masses, is to use the columns of your local paper. A column in one of them can be had for very little money, and it will be carried into the homes of the people and get them to thinking about a subject that they have never before heard of.

To pension working people in old age or disability is an Utopian idea too absurd for considering, but to pension the fine-haired, useless and often criminal army officers and judges of the high courts—that is eminently practical. The latter are the supports of the capitalistic system, and are provided for and pensioned off at the expense of the workers.

The billion dollar trust is here. Like it?

The coal miners of Schofield, Utah, voted for the full dinner pail. They are getting it! They have struck against starvation wages, and the company says it has nothing to arbitrate, and the men whom they elected to office have the camp full of armed deputies. If they had elected men to office who believed that the public should own and operate the coal mines, they would then have been treated as citizens.

When sending in clippings to this office our friends will greatly facilitate matters by plainly writing name of paper from which the clipping is taken and also the date.

ECHOES Along the Way.

The big steel trust is now a reality. It looks up like a hideous nightmare to the men who have been going blindly along with no thought of the end of the economic journey.

This year \$405,000,000 will be appropriated for naval and army expenses. When someone asks you where the government will secure the funds to buy the railroads of this country, or build them in case the roads refuse to sell at a fair price, just remind the listener of the vast sum wasted on military affairs which produces no results in which the common people are at all interested or benefited.

The gross earnings of forty-nine railroads during the last week in January were eleven millions of dollars—an increase of one million over the corresponding week last year. The stockholders in these roads are sure that prosperity has struck the country and as an evidence they point with pride to their bank account.

The postal department will employ 10,000 drummers next year to travel from one town to the other selling postage stamps and postal cards. This will be a good business deal—as business is conducted today.

The trusts are getting onto this idea and hence they are making the drummer and advertising agents look blue. Of course all this change does the public but little good as the trust magnates pocket the savings.

The dispatches report widespread distress in sections of Russia, owing to crop failure. This will be good news to the American farmers who have crops to sell.

The Ohio supreme court has issued a perpetual injunction against the cereal combination. This institution is a small potato in the industrial world with its capital stock of a few measly millions—hence this action on the part of the court.

Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont gave a \$20,000 ball and party the other night. While the season was midwinter, the guests were ushered into a room which bloomed with tropical plants and filled with music from the throats of many hundreds of feathered songsters imported for the occasion.

John D. Rockefeller, Jr., son of his papa, has been giving some good advice to young men on how to succeed. The young man says the way to succeed is to have a papa worth a billion and then stick to him.

A workman employed by the Republic Iron & Steel Works at Brazil, Ind., before election, was given his time when that company passed into the hands of the steel trust, and he now wails because he has no work.

A big firm in Chicago recently decided to share profits with its 1,400 employees, and the other day distributed a 3% dividend among the workers. The firm said they did this because it stimulated the men to greater endeavors and the returns were better.

bonds and the fool people do the rest. Still there may come a time when the people will be unwilling to toil and sweat that we may live in luxury and ease, but as long as we can keep the Socialist idea from gaining a foothold among the people there is nothing to fear.

Carnegie proposes to go Uncle Sam one letter in his role as a philanthropist. Carnegie proposes to give away \$12,000,000 in gifts during the coming year.

The Battle Creek, Mich., Daily Moon, in a late issue, says that Rev. J. E. Walton recently preached a series of sermons on Socialism that startled his hearers.

The government is distributing sugar beet seeds free again, which is contrary to the profit idea, and should be summarily stopped. I have repeatedly called the attention of the powers that be to this infraction of our rights as private individuals whose privilege to skin the dear people on the sale of garden and farm seeds should not be interfered with.

The first patriotic act of the new king of England is a demand on parliament for \$10,000,000, with which to liquidate the indebtedness he incurred during that period of time when he was sowing his wild oats.

At El Paso, Texas, an order has been issued by the railway officials that no more fruit and curries shall be sold on the depot platforms. It seems that a number of poor people and cripples have been eking out an existence by selling fruit and curries to the passengers while the trains waited at that point, but this interfered with the purchased right of a corporation, and the thing was stopped.

In his advice to young men Russel Sage says: "Save twenty-five cents out of every dollar earned, and seventy-five cents if possible." This is good advice, and I handed it to a friend of mine who was complaining of the hard lines into which he had fallen.

The trusts organized under the laws of New Jersey (beg pardon, Mr. Hanna, I believe there are no trusts in the country) paid to the treasurer of that state last year over two million dollars.

The New York Times, that bulwark of conservatism and the republican party, rises to ask: "What will be the end of these consolidations? How can society protect itself against a monopoly in the production of steel, for instance?"

The Chicago Chronicle tries to make it clear to college professors that they can teach sociology without teaching Socialism. The Chronicle has a hopeless task on its hands.

Five ships purchased by the government just prior to the war with Spain at a cost of \$1,292,000, were recently sold by Uncle Sam for \$710,000. This netted the speculators over a half million. Good deal, and worthy of emulation by our aspiring youth.

Mayor Harrison says there are thousands of tramps in Chicago at this season of the year. He attributes their presence to the fact that after harvest the large force of men necessary to reap the grain and prepare it for market, are out of employment, and naturally drift to the cities.

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work and become lazy and shiftless as the majority of political philosophers would have us believe, or would it be an incentive to become "a better man and a better citizen?"

The bill recently passed by congress granting to machinists a fifteen days' leave of absence with full pay, has been signed by the president. All department clerks are given a two weeks' vacation each year at Uncle Sam's expense.

A CAPITALIST "SAGE."

(Note: It is announced that the leading railroads connecting Chicago and the Pacific are about to be combined. Russell Sage, in a recent newspaper interview comments upon the fact, and expresses a fear that such action will meet with opposition from the people, and perhaps precipitate a riot.)

Sez Uncle R. Sage, As he scans the news page, "I see that the railroads out west," sez he, "Have formed a combine Of every big line, And soon they'll control all the rest," sez he.

"Now I don't approve This 'trustiferous' move. Why, damn it, it shows up the game!" sez he. "And the people won't stand To see the whole land Bein' held up and robbed by the same," sez he.

"Of course, I'm aware That it's proper and fair, We should live on the workingman's blood," sez he,

"And squeeze out the life Of his children and wife, As if they were just so much mud," sez he.

"For the great working masses Are nothing but asses, That's sure, and they vote for such things," sez he;

"But to keep it a-goin', You've got to keep throwin' A bluff that they're real votin' kings," sez he.

"You must talk to them sweetly, (While plunderin' neatly) And sigh when you catch their starved eye, (he! he!)

Or tell them some ingenious lie," sez he.

"If this 'jolly' don't go, And the workers still show An aversion to livin' on swill," sez he. "Then of course, they must be Ily force made to see, (With injections of Gatling gun pills)," sez he.

"How they've wronged their employers (Mustn't call them despoilers) An' nothin' will do it like lead," sez he. "But the previous scheme Of makin' it seem That we love them, is best when all's said," sez he.

"So I tell you, by thunder! 'Twould be a big blunder To form such a great trust as this," sez he. "You must realize your duty— To rob on the q. t.; It won't do to be so remiss," sez he.

"Why, a trust so stupendous Would cause such tremendous Excitement and talk, that our wage slaves," sez he, "Would soon be perceiving Our system of thieving And rising like great tidal waves," sez he.

"We'd have to explain, (And we couldn't, that's plain) How we honestly came by our wealth," sez he. "Then I tell you, Great Scott! They'd make it so hot It wouldn't be good for our health," sez he.

"There'd be revolution; 'Twould end destitution, And set up the Socialist state," sez he. "We'd have to turn to, With the plain working crew, An' earn all we got, sure as fate," sez he.

"So I would suggest— As the plan that is best— To just let this whole matter drop," sez he. "Go on as before, Stealin' neatly by law, An' it never need come to a stop," sez he.

—W. L. OSWALD.

A Knock-out Blow.

The gang finds the "Solar Plexus" combination—190 books and pamphlets—an effective weapon with which to administer knock-out-blows to the now rapidly decaying competitive system. Have we booked your order for the \$1.65 worth of books?

\$1.00 Takes the Lot.

- 100 "Parable of the Water Tank"....40c
50 "Social Conscience".....25c
10 "Socialism" by Simons.....25c
10 "Trusts" by Wayland.....25c
10 "Why I Am a Socialist," Herron.....25c
10 "Cartoons and Comments,".....25c

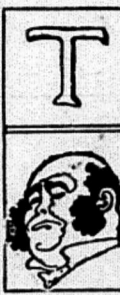
Who Makes the Laws?

Time was when the railroads transacted their legislative business in secret, but they now openly boast of their power over the legislatures of the various states.

Olympia, Wash., Feb. 13.—The hottest fight ever known in this state over railroad legislation is now going on at Olympia. The railroads defeated the Preston commission bill in the senate by three votes, and are now pitted against a horizontal reduction bill.

"The Power of Life or Death."

By Julian Hawthorne, in Philadelphia North American (Republican.)



THE financial and industrial affairs of the world are taking a logical course. The thing about it chiefly remarkable is that they are taking it with striking rapidity.

But these laws, being human fabrications, are essentially impermanent. Nothing can prevent the public, when it feels so disposed, from disregarding them.

Morgan, Rockefeller & Co., are, when you come down to hard pan, a handful of persons who lay claim to great possessions. Their sole strength and importance consists in the willingness of the rest of the American nation to admit the validity of this claim.

And again, there can be no guarantee of social stability in a community where industrial wars are liable at any moment to take place. If a hundred thousand or a million workmen strike, and the public perceiving that their cause is just, support them, an economic loss must ensue, greater or less, according to circumstances.

Certainly if money to any amount will serve to persuade judges or juries or senators or presidents, that a given law had better not pass, that money will surely be forthcoming.

Reaching Out—Where's the End? Chicago Record. J. Pierpont Morgan has become a power on the Great Lakes. The recent deal whereby the syndicate headed by him secured control of the Carnegie Steel Company's vast interests included a transfer of the Pittsburgh Steamship Company's fleet of eleven vessels.

For The Primary Class. On the Appeal's list are thousands of readers who have not yet dug down into the fundamental principles of Socialism, but who desire to do so.

Should read "A Perplexed Philosopher," "Protection or Free Trade," "The Land Question," "Property and Land," and "Condition of Labor," by Henry George. The Appeal has on hand a limited number of these volumes and while they last will furnish one each for 60c. Single volume 25c.

It is stated that mechanics furnish the lowest percentage of any class "who lose their wits." Judging by the way they vote away the products of their labor to idlers, it doesn't look as though they had any to lose.

before legislation will put an end to private ownership. And the moment that the public is convinced that the courts and the supreme court of the United States with the rest, can be or has been bought by capitalists, at that moment all law of human making will be in deadly peril, and the people will return to natural law and repossess themselves of their own.

This peril may be more imminent than might be supposed, because men with unlimited powers of bribery at their command, and with ends in view which do not harmonize with public convenience, are strongly tempted to control legislation and governmental procedure in matters of even trifling (comparative) import.

The more plainly this tendency of capital is recognized the nearer is the doom of capitalists. And it strangely happens that great combinations of capital, like this of Morgan, Rockefeller & Co., though they seem at first sight to favor the powers of the latter, in reality lay them open to easy destruction.

He's Got One-half of the World Safe.



Chicago American.

the obstacles in the way of holding to account a large and largely unnamed and unknown group of capitalists. But if this group is reduced to two or three the obstacles vanish.

Socialism, which is closely watching the trend of affairs, would see here its best opportunity. It is safe to say that nothing could better have pleased Socialists than the transaction which has just been consummated between the great capitalists controlling the coal, iron and oil industries of this country.

There would be chaos for a while; but when society reorganizes itself, it would be found that private ownership of great industries would have received a final discouragement. That will be the upshot, whether it be reached by violence or by peaceable common agreement.

Meanwhile, as we began by remarking, the rapid evolution of the drama is full of interest. Mr. Carnegie has, whether from wise foresight or for some less sagacious reason, withdrawn his name from the cast, and has thereby only rendered the imminent catastrophe more poignant.

These two men in short, control between them properties valued at about three billions of dollars. It is just possible that Rockefeller is the moving spirit behind Morgan; in which event it would appear that one syndicate controlled by one man besides absorbing the oil and the steel business of the country, might in a short while acquire control of the sugar trust, the salt trust, the beef trust—indeed, of all the necessities of life—and then consolidate the railroads of the country.

The formation of a number of trusts was bad enough, but now that the trusts have begun to gobble one another, it is like a war of the worlds, with no telling what will be the outcome. That the greed of the billionaires will bring them to grief some day, is reasonably certain; and they are surely tempting fate in thus drifting towards one gigantic corporation that will control everything and hold millions of people in bondage.

The twentieth century is liable to see some startling changes in commerce, more, possibly, than in any other branch of human endeavor.—Memphis Commercial-Appeal.

Discussing the Trusts.



On every corner, in every workshop, behind every counter, men are gathered today discussing the all absorbing question—the trust.

The Logical Result: Public Ownership.

"I do not believe it will be a good thing for the country or for the railroads, but the logical result of centralization of financial control, is government ownership of railroads," said a leading official of one of the most important western systems.

A Capitalist Opinion of J. Pierpont Morgan.

The United States Investor, one of the recognized standard authorities on finance in the commercial world, recently contained a character sketch of J. Pierpont Morgan, the master mind in the recent movement towards the combination of all the industries of the United States into one great industrial system.

I noted several men examining a horse not long since. Being admirers of horses they knew pretty much all about them, so I ventured to learn something.

there could be no dispute. They could not understand. Then I asked if we had not used a standard of measurement to find out the height and weight, to which they agreed.

The billion dollar trust is here. Eh?

When Mr. Curran was sent over here by the British workmen to attend the convention of the American Federation of Labor last month, he said that British workmen had spent enough money in strikes to have captured parliament and made such laws as they wanted.



Say, have you seen Stockwell's "Bad Boy" since his recent appearance? Looks a little older and is a little thinner than formerly.

How it Appears to the Other Fellows.

President Fish, of the Illinois Central railroad, believes that consolidation is the logical outcome of the times, and that nothing can stop it.

"It is not a great stretch of the imagination," says this railroad king, "to see all the railroads of the country amalgamated into groups, according to geographical conditions, and each group controlled by one financial interest."

Dea Moines Daily News, (Republican): It is believed that sooner or later the public will demand government ownership.

TEN ACRES FREE

The Appeal gives ten acres of ground each week to the worker who sends in the largest club during the week. The purchase of yearly postal cards count on this offer.

Appeal Army

The Appeal reserve fund is now \$425.63. This fund is increased from the profits of book sales, which are laid aside to build up the fund. You can swell it by purchasing books.

- Bunch of five each week for a year \$1.00. Six scalps from Comrade Evans of Ft. Wayne. The Appeal in clubs of five or more 25 cents per year. Comrade Swenson of St. Hilaire, Mich., bats us a fly of ten yearlies.

Subscription Editor stated that Comrade Rogers of St. Regis, Mont., had just sent in a club of twenty yearlies.

subscription editor stated that Comrade Rogers of St. Regis, Mont., had just sent in a club of twenty yearlies. "I'll bet," remarked the society editor, "that Rogers hasn't got a broadcloth coat."

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- Two thousand (\$2,000) dollars is being raised for the purpose of sending the Appeal one year to 8,000 doctors. The state which has contributed the largest amount at the time the fund reaches the required figure, will have the Appeal sent to each doctor in the state.

..Dynamite Bombs..

Below you will find a list of the kind of ammunition all Socialists should be supplied with. The entire lot retails for \$1.50.

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This great book by Bellamy sells for 50 cents in the United States. It can be had postpaid for 10 cents or \$1.00 per dozen in advance.

Nequa

Is the book you need—shows how Socialism can be brought about by making the present system yield through its own weakness.

Do You Shave Yourself?

Then you need our Automatic Razor Strip. A child can use it. Will last a lifetime. Saves honing. \$1 prepaid. GIRARD STROP CO., Girard, Kan.

A Charity Girl

Is the title of a story that every one who can read, whether he is a socialist or not, will find of intense interest. Its heroine is a Russian refugee, a "worthy object of charity," who finds herself under the charge of the best young college graduate who is a working official of a Charity Organization Society.

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