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DON'T MISS IT.

Do not fail to read next week's Appeal. You can afford to miss your breakfast, dinner and supper, miss the miss Carrie Nation or any old miss; but you can't afford to miss this proposition this column will contain in next week's paper.

The time has come for action and the Appeal is to act. I believe the Appeal Army is also ready. A plan will be presented in next week's paper by which a million voters can be captured during the next year. It will take work by the Army and be expensive to the Appeal, but I am determined to throw every available resource into this campaign and risk everything in one supreme effort.

I am with you for Socialism pure and undefiled; not in a thousand years but as soon as possible. If every conscious Socialist will only do his share in the work of agitation, we will soon have the children out of the factories, the sweatshops out of business, the capitalist out of existence and the people out of misery.

If there is anything on Earth worth working for, this is surely worthy of a share of your effort. Remember that only a small part of the time of each is now necessary to produce wonderful results. If Socialism is to be, it will certainly be brought about by many people who are not yet with us. Some of these people are your neighbors, your acquaintances, your friends. These are they who are looking for the light. Give them the light and make them pay for it so it will be appreciated. Show them why they should give you a quarter for a year's subscription and when you have succeeded in getting them into the company of the Appeal, you have done well.

When that neighbor sits down to peruse the Appeal there is no one to talk back to, no one to argue with, no one to quarrel with; nothing but the unanswerable arguments of Socialism which in time are sure to get him. The Appeal wants to start every Socialist after his neighbors. The Appeal would have you all start at once. The Appeal is going to do everything possible to help you, both morally and materially. Next week I will tell you all about it.

The U. S. Judges are doing splendid work in making Socialists. Each injunction adds thousands to the growing army of militant Socialists. Every path leads to Socialism the 6 days.

Two weeks before the election next fall the Appeal will print the Socialist state tickets, and possibly the congressional nominations, so that the voters may see who are the men who are standing for the New Social Order.

The president and eight of his cabinet officers are on the political stump. That's all right. But when some clerk expresses his political views, IF THEY ARE NOT IN FAVOR OF THE PRESIDENT'S VIEWS, he or she is summarily dismissed. But then that makes Socialists, so let 'er go, Gallagher.

An exchange says that a section was slipped by "persons unknown" on the last days of congress in a bill that exempted bond brokers from taxation. But such things are common in Washington. Legislation is only a matter of money anyway, and it would have made no difference to the people whether the section was paid for or whether slipped into the bill by some clerk who got a fine fee for it.

The soldiers are being used by the republican governor of Illinois against the miners under the plea of keeping the peace. While at Springfield on the 20th of July, according to dispatches, three soldiers insulted a number of women on the public square, threw stones at a switchman, took off their trousers at the depot, and otherwise disported themselves in a lewd and lawless manner. "Keeping the peace" is real good! The miners are shot for less, but the soldiers were not arrested, but were returned to camp. Great country!

A dispatch from San Francisco, dated July 24, quotes Col. Geo. Macfarlane, one of the large sugar trust magnates, as saying that sugar is being refined at less than \$1 per ton. The raw sugar is produced at less than one cent a pound, so you can see that somebody is losing money in the sugar business! It is well that you keep this item in your mind when talking about the price of production and comparing it with the price. The people are robbed of untold millions by the difference between the COST and the PRICE of sugar.

Colonies and co-operative societies are in no sense Socialism or an expression of it. A co-operative effort that would fall under Socialism private ownership, would be successful under Socialism. Co-operative societies, or colonies, if they succeeded financially, would be no more proof of the Socialist contention than are the trusts, which is the co-operation of those who compose it. That co-operative efforts fail, and that business men and corporations fail, is an argument against the private ownership system under which they fail. The system we live under is impractical else these failures would not occur.

The men and women who give their lives to producing wealth in the factory and on farms, are more deviously of a pension from their government than those whose nations are destructive of wealth and life. No nation could exist without their efforts, but it could and would exist forever without the destructive elements. We pension soldiers, judges and officers, but never a man or woman because they have given their lives to keeping the nation fed and clothed. Why? Are they less worthy? Are they less useful? Are they less law-abiding? Taken as a whole they are the less thoughtful, are willing slaves, and do not have to be pensioned to get their services.

The tin plate trust has asked its workmen at Anderson, Ind., to allow their wages to be cut 25% so that the company may accept an order for 500,000 boxes from the Standard Oil Co. Think of the poor Standard Oil company wanting wages cut so it can pile up more unemployed millions! Think of the greed of the devout Rockefeller who wants the slaves who coin their lives into millions for him to live on less than he may have more! Think of that corporation that is paying 500% profit on its capital each year, wanting labor to work for still less while it charges more and more for their products! They seem to be no limit to the greed and godlessness of the men who control the trusts. And the American mules vote to have such conditions!

In order to show two kinds of character, two systems of political economy, Comrade Lockley, Missouri, Mont., sends me a little incident that occurred many years ago on the eastern coast.

It was winter, fuel had run low in the village, and suffering appeared. It was before the days of steam. Old Captain Hawkins gathered a crew and faced the elements of winter; he went to Nova Scotia and got a cargo at great peril; he returned, and was met at the sight of home with a storm that threatened the ship's safety, but after much suffering landed the precious cargo. Several of the rich men wanted large quantities of the coal; one offered to buy the whole cargo at any price the captain would name. To these he replied: "Gentlemen, I have 450 tons of coal; the usual price is \$6 per ton, but because of the hardship and danger of the trip, I shall expect \$7 per ton; but no man shall have but one ton. This cargo must go around, and no one should make his neighbor suffer or pay a profit above that price. The men who wanted all of it desired to skin their neighbors, just as do the men today who monopolize any product. The Captain had the power to extort and would not use it; the others wanted the power for the purpose of extortion. No people should allow themselves to be placed in the power of others; for more or less, sooner or later, the power of extortion will be used against them. The community should supply itself with fuel, and the extortion would not be possible, for if the price were raised the surplus would go into the public purse belonging to all the people. Private ownership corrupts.

Wherever the old parties can use him, fearing they will lose the mining vote (the wisest), they are nominating prominent miners for positions. This is the old plan of straining the votes of the miners. No real friend of the working class will accept a nomination from a capitalist party. Beware, miners, that you are not sold into bondage by such means. The capitalists know they mistreated you, have stolen from you, and that you are mad. In many parts they know one of their lawyers or capitalists would be beaten by your votes. So they go among you, and some one who holds you in confidence, yet who is too ignorant or bigoted to know the remedy, and they nominate him and surround him with the conditions that will insure their control of him. There is no remedy but the taking of the mines and making them public property. The man who casts your vote on a ticket that does not demand this, is your enemy, whether he knows it or not.

A dispatch from Winnipeg, Manitoba, speaks of a party of fifteen of the richest men in the United States, representing hundreds of millions of dollars, who passed through there on their way to Prince Albert Province where wheat is produced at 60 bushels per acre, with a view to colonizing millions of acres and employing the most scientific and business methods in raising wheat. Wheat can be raised for five cents per bushel under the most favorable conditions. The Appeal has more than once told the farmers that the millionaires would invade their occupation, as they had that of others, and that they would become mere serfs of the great companies that would acquire millions of acres and produce on a gigantic scale so much cheaper that the little farmer would pass out. But the little farmer, like the ones with a few hundred acres and less, will remain ignorant of what they are up against until they finally are wiped out by the slow process of debts created by the manipulation of the markets, and never find out what has destroyed them.

The savings banks are little or no indication of the condition of the working people. These deposits are always hauled out and paraded when talking about the condition of the laboring people. Nearly all the deposits are from the rich. The savings banks pay a higher rate of interest than other banks, and the well-to-do class take advantage of this for the ready cash they possess for which no immediate use is demanded. When the Pueblo (Colo.) Savings bank was started it paid interest on sums up to \$3,000. It received that sum from people as far east as Connecticut. Most of the depositors, and certainly the largest part of the money, was from people who were not working people. This condition is true of all the savings banks. But any old lie will do to deceive the people regarding their actual condition. The census returns prove that the working people are poorer and that the rich are richer.

Fourteen wall paper factories were closed up in the last year by the Trust. The prices were increased to pay the owners just the same as if they were running. The stupids pay it all.

It costs only from \$250 to \$2,000 to bribe juries in Chicago. That is what five men were fined who pleaded guilty! Great corporations can now estimate how much they will have to pay into court when they corrupt the juries. What a farce.

The Cleveland Leader is greatly surprised that the Socialists of Oregon should increase their vote 150% "during a year of prosperity." The Leader will witness an even greater increase throughout the entire United States this fall, except in the Democratic southern states.

Rev. Alfred Walls, of the Epworth Memorial church, Cleveland, has astonished his congregation by telling them that the industrial system we have is wrong and a better system needed, in which the workers and the employers would be the same persons--Socialists, in other words. Funny how rapidly the thought is taking hold of the people.

Kaiser William has insulted the Polish part of his realm at every opportunity. In order to show the Poles that he is master he will visit Posen at the head of 90,000 troops. Good. That will make more Socialists. The Poles will be driven away from the part that in anywise vote to uphold his insane rule.

The physicians who attended President McKinley have been paid \$45,000. For what? Did they save his life? It has always seemed to me that physicians who failed to do what they attempted should not be paid anything. They perform no service to the person. But it is easy to get money out of the public treasury.

The stablemen in Chicago have organized for better conditions and wages. They are receiving as low as \$3 per week, and have to sleep in stalls, amid filth, and vermin. Such is life of the workers in the rich city. The masters will of course oppose the men and try to break up their union. Did you ever see anything that organized so rapidly as labor is now? It is little short of phenomenal. Labor seems to have just awakened up to its mental condition. It presages a new dawn.

The Cleveland Press, reviewing the industrial anarchy and injustice, the amassing of millions by some and poverty by the workers, forgot its advertising columns long enough to conclude that "The conditions of Bellamy's Looking Backward may come through the trials and tribulations upon which we seem to be entering. Some of the best things that civilization has, came through apparently unnecessary and indiscriminate throat-cutting." Say, the industrial war is making many of them look for the mountain to fall and cover themselves.

A dispatch from Chicago dated July 19, associated press, tells of twenty insane soldiers from the Philippines on their way to Washington. They had become insane from the effects of the drug countries to furnish a market for our slave-made goods that the Trusts may become richer and more powerful. The crimes that are committed in the colonies, too far away to attract any public attention, should cause a blush to every liberty-loving American. But they are too busy hustling for grub to notice what is going on. Each has troubles of his own.

Employment, did you say? Everything good that gives employment? That the rich are useful because they give employment? Well, the rich would like to employ a large number of soldiers. They would like to vie with each other as to the number of soldiers each could employ, and they would like to ride rough shod over every other fellow, just to show how great and powerful they are. And there are plenty of finkies who would hire to them. How would such employment, like the Romans had, suit your idea of the benefits of the rich because they give employment? THE RICH ARE NOW EMPLOYING ARMED MEN UNDER THE NAME OF DETECTIVES.

The Boston Post July 25, says it is time that the strike of the miners has a rest. It says the strike of the mine owners against the public is the real and the dangerous element in the matter, that they want the strike, that they refuse to entertain any proposition from the miners, that they are selling coal at twice the ordinary price, that the railroad owners refuse to haul coal for any independent operators who are willing to pay the demands of the men--that the public is being "held up" by the operators and railroads. That is to say, they are worse than foot pads. In which event they should be declared outlaws and a price put on their heads to any who will take them. If not, why not? That is what is done to foot pads--who are poor.

The militia and the army are ever ready to compel the working people to obey the law but the mine owners can bribe courts, legislatures and executives, have done and still are doing it, but they are never arrested. Look at the exposure of official corruption in every city and legislature. Look at the lobbies in Washington, hired men sent there to bribe for laws in the interests of the corporations. These are crimes greater than any the laboring people ever committed--and they go unpunished. How long, how long, will the working masses continue to submit to the rule of the corrupt classes, and vote as they have voted in the past? Liberty could come to them any day if they would cease to be the political dupes of their bosses.

Suppose that the coal mine owners should say that they would allow no coal mined for the next ten years? Have they not the same right and power to say this that they have to say that they will mine no coal until their employees submit to their rate of wages and conditions? To concede the right of the operators to mine or not, or to mine only when they please, is to admit that a few men have the right, if it suits their pleasure to stop all the industries of the nation until the whole people do their bidding. Or they could prevent the nation from ever doing any business at all, if they choose. What an absurd thing the ownership of the coal supply is! The coal mines should be taken away from the operators, and the public should protect itself against their highway robbery methods. And that is what it will come to in the next few years at farthest. And if the railroad owners, who are the real owners of the mines, don't mind out, they will be treated the same way. Already this sentiment is creeping into many leading Republican and Democratic papers. The public is getting angry.

Judge Jackson, a life appointee, says that Labor Leaders are "VAMPIRES." Of course the judge is unbiased! He has an office for life and is not afraid of the desires of the majority. He is like the king's appointed judges and who serve the king. Not until all judges are amenable to the people, until they are all elected by short terms, or until they can be removed by the people at will, will justice to the people be done. We have traveled a long way on the road to absolute monarchy. The capitalists have laid their plans for a long way into the future. They early saw that the people would desire a change, so they provide for one set of judges who would serve during life. It would then require a generation or more to make a change in the system. It judges were elected they would, in a general way, be influenced by public sentiment, but remove them above the public and they would serve the interests of the ruling class. If the working people are vampires, what shall be said of those who live by a fat salary and produce no wealth while consuming wealth? Which has the most appearance of a vampire? Working people, the only road to individual freedom is to take all individual property and make it public property so you can control it, for who controls the industries in which you work controls YOU as absolutely as if you were a chattel slave. When a judge can send you to jail without a trial by jury, he exercises the power of a king. You have a monarch who controls your life. If such decisions will not make you see your mental condition in this alleged republic, you are very degraded and deceive your condition. Join the Socialist party and when it gets in power YOU will be in power and your interests will have the first consideration at the hands of the State. Is that what you want? Do you want consideration? Do you want to be slaves? Or do you want to be free? Industrially free as well as politically free? You have all the political freedom you will ever get. It you will not use your political freedom to get industrial freedom, then there is no help for you. You live by industry, not politics. Wouldn't you trade your political freedom for a biscuit when you are hungry? But with industrial freedom biscuits would be yours. No one could starve you. No one could put the price on your labor. No one could deny you the right to work. Be sensible. Assert your manhood. The political or clerical who wants you to remain in your mental condition is your enemy. And you know it. You feel it in your very soul. Wake up, and vote against the system that enslaves you. You ought to be ashamed to ask anybody to help you or have sympathy with your miserable condition unless you are willing to throw aside all your political affiliations. The capitalists control Church and State. They are using both against you. Not only in Russia, but in America. Don't blame the men who oppress you. If you are fit for freedom you will assert yourself. If you are unfit you will listen to them and help them who oppress you. That is what they do in the heathen countries; that is what they do in Russia; that is what the working people do everywhere. If a majority of you vote for the present industrial monarchy, why of course it must continue. When a majority of you vote against it it must fall. No one can help you so long as you shy your your votes. There will be no change, no change can come. No Socialist judge, no matter where, would make such decisions as Judge Jackson. Human rights and happiness are higher than any man-made law.

Missouri Democrats "platform" in favor of municipal ownership but they do not carry it out in cities and towns they control; they denounce trusts and demand stringent laws "that they may cease their menace to the public," while the makers of the platform are holding trust stock, their politicians are aiding in trusts, their judges are upholding trusts, and they know that trusts cannot be controlled unless the properties are taken out of the hands of corporations. The Republicans of Ohio have just such a platform. No laws can destroy trusts. They are here to stay; they are better than the old system of little production with the crude methods that little fellows can own; no laws that permit the private ownership will hurt the trust. Such platforms are made to deceive the foolish--and they will do it yet for awhile. No program for the suppression of the trust is hinted at. The Socialists have a plan; it is direct; it is plain; there is no mistake about what it means; it says that the properties of the trust must be taken and made public property; that the industries shall be of, by and for the people. The Democrats are as much opposed to this as the Republicans. Both old parties support the trusts.

All the people are wiser than a part of the people, as surely as the whole of a thing is greater than a part. When the Referendum was first introduced into a certain canton the legislature passed a bill for a tax levy of 1 percent; an increase of nearly half; the people vetoed it; then the legislature passed a bill a little less and it was vetoed; then it passed a bill for the usual amount and it was vetoed; the legislature resigned, a new one was elected, and it ran the public affairs for years without any levy, using only the public income from the Appeal, says that no member of the legislature that wanted to increase the taxes was ever elected to office again. We don't do such things in America! We permit the politicians to do as they please, and they rob right and left, with no check.

G. W. Purcell and several other members of the United Mine Workers have been injunctioned at Clarkburg, W. Va., to prevent them from "purchasing and distributing supplies to the strikers in the district." This is logical to capitalist ownership of the judiciary system. The masters must starve the workers into submission. If the men were not forced by hunger they would not have to work. So, like a besieging army, the capitalists proceed to starve them into submission, and those who would prevent them starving must be stopped from their unlawful work of feeding the hungry! Ye gods! How is that for treatment of the men who have voted in the men who hold the offices? Wonder if the miners won't change their votes somewhat in the future? "It's coming!"

The czar has called an anti-trust conference of the nations. That is to enable the rich owners of trusts who alone will be able to attend, to meet and devise better means of skinning the people. Why not call a conference for dethroning all monarchs--who are the worst of trusts.

CHILD LABOR IN THE SOUTH.

Commenting on the condition in the Southern cotton mills, the Washington Post says the average life of the children after they go into the mills is FOUR YEARS! "It would be less cruel for a State to have children painlessly put to death than it is to permit them to be ground to death by this fearful process." But the CAUSE? The Post says that every attempt to pass laws to prevent the slaughter is met with a hired lobby from the mill owners "and the righteous movement ends." It seems that Southern politicians brutalized by the effect of slavery that held there so long, are more heartless, more corrupt, and more ignorant than the same class of public reprobates elsewhere, bad as they are. They are now enslaving the white children, for the whites will not work in the same mills with colored, and as a result the negroes have more children in schools than the whites as the whites go into the mills, which are denied the negroes. Ye gods! what crimes are committed for PROFIT. Take away the profit of the mill owners by making the mills public property, and this thing would cease at once. You cannot get rid of an effect until the CAUSE is removed.

What would you think if you read in your papers that the czar of Russia has given one family of nobles the sole privilege of selling all the salt in Russia, another all the sugar, another all the oil, another all the iron, another all the meat, and so on, all the articles that the people of Russia must have to live? And that he arrangement should last forever? That all the present and coming generations should thus be forced to keep up such nobility in splendor, or do without the things they must have to live? Would you not say that the eight millions of Russians would be fools to submit to such an arrangement for the benefit of a few thousand families of drosses? That they would be justified in rising in their might, as the oppressed of many nations have done in history, and refusing to pay the tribute? I think every reader of this item would agree with me in concluding that such an arrangement would be a crime against the nation and should be wiped out, no matter the cost. This is perfectly plain to you when you are looking at Russia. BUT JUST SUCH A CONDITION IS PRESENT IN THE UNITED STATES, and you seem to take it as a matter of course! If such a condition would be tyranny in Russia, why is it otherwise than tyranny here? Do you not see that a few thousand families are getting control of every production of life and are laying their tribute on the people here? And did you not further realize that the condition is getting gradually worse? A few thousand families are building for themselves a nobility based on wealth that is antagonistic to liberty, antagonistic to free institutions. Are you satisfied with it? Are you satisfied that it will right itself without your trying to help remedy it? Do you think the rich will give up their privileges without your effort? Tyranny never comes with muffled hands except from without. It comes with specious pleas for the public good with honied words of liberty and fraternity, with the lie of next few years be compelled to do things that you might do now to better advantage, and save much suffering. But the pinch of necessity will teach you, even if you will not reason well.

In a letter from a member of an orchestra that plays for the delectation of the rich families that spend part of the summer at Newport, he writes me that the organ that are nightly indulged in by the rich would shame the lowest brothels. Having been engaged in the same capacity for several years, he says that the actions of the rich are yearly more brazen and debauched. With wine and music and high feeding, he says they abandon all restraint, and the animal dominates the moral. That if he were to describe in words the things seen, to print it would cause arrest for obscenity. But what else can be expected? These people have nothing else to do. They have no occupation of mind. They have their food prepared, they have their clothing prepared, they have their houses prepared, they have waiters for every silly thing they think they desire. What is the other thought that naturally comes to people in such a miserable, rotting state? Who employs idle men and women? The devil. And the American working men and women toil and give up their labor to keep these people in this debased state, much as they kept at kings and nobles with their hundreds of concubines.

I don't know the relationship between the Civic Federation, of which Mark Hanna is president and Mr. Gompers vice-president, and the American Federation of Labor, of which Mr. Gompers is president. But I am satisfied that the Hanna end of the thing is for the purpose of pulling the wool over the eyes of the workers and keeping them in bondage a little while longer. The man of men who try to patch up the wage system, who try to make labor contented to be hewers of wood for the benefit of the rich, who try to make them satisfied with the wage system, are real enemies of labor, no matter how much honey they put into their words. One set of men were never created to be the servants of another set; one set of women were never born to be the servants of another set of women. Thousands of false hopes, false promises, false pretenses have been used by the masters of the past and present to keep control of the workers. That is my opinion of the Civic Federation.

"Gen." Smith who made the infamous order to "kill everything over ten years old in the Philippines," has been relieved from service, with the pay of \$3,750 a year--\$10 a day--for the balance of his life! What horrible punishment! The workingman who does not obey instructions and murders people gets hung--but then they are only working people and there are plenty of them. Gee! how easy the working people are! They pay Smith a salary for life. They will work and skimp and deny themselves. Smith will disport himself in fine style off their labor. What a funny world. What stupids the masses are.

The Standard Oil Co., the Russian Oil Co. and the German Oil Co., controlling the oil product of the planet, have formed an understanding that will prevent their competing for markets. They have divided the countries of the earth between them and will sell only in their respective territory, and will sock it to the foolish inhabitants thereof who are afraid they would lose their individuality if they should take these properties and operate them for the benefit of themselves. Such action, however, will have a tendency to make them consider that program. Say, everything is forcing Socialism, isn't it?

We Are Treading the Old Roman Path.

Historian Sallust, 2,000 Years Ago, Quoted to Show the Condition—A Workman of Today Tells What He Saw in the Gould Palace.

Nothing Too Expensive to Gratify the Taste of the Modern Millionaire or Too Hard to Obtain.

Henry George, Jr., in Philadelphia North American, July 20.

These were the words of a man who saw the beginning of imperial Rome. He compared the great individual fortunes of his own time with the more general distribution of wealth in the earlier days of the nation—in the days when Rome was more nearly a democratic republic. Wealth had concentrated. Great numbers had been reduced to slavery, while the houses of the rich made the ancient temples of the gods look mean by comparison.

Is he a rich man? "Geographically speaking, no," was the reply. "He lives in New Jersey, and I should call him fairly well to do. He is worth about four or five millions. Of course, it would be different if he lived in New York, people would drop dollars in his hat."

This is exaggerated and somewhat supercilious, but it suggests actual differences in degree of fortunes now existing. Mrs. Astor opens a charity ball with a gemmed stomacher worth the ransom of a king in the Middle Ages. Mrs. Bradley-Martin and Mr. William C. Whitney spend \$10,000—perhaps twice that amount—on cut flowers for a ballroom. Mrs. United States Senator So-and-So provides her dinner guests with fruit in the dead of winter that costs twenty-five cents the berry. The New Rich family astound all beholders by having live captive ducklings swim in miniature lakes of real water fringed with moss, ferns and flowers in the center of the dining table.

A MASTER WORKMAN QUOTED. I am intimately acquainted with a master workman in interior house decorations. Not long ago he told me this story:

"In the course of work for one of the large New York decorating firms I have seen and worked on mansions that certainly will vie with the most famous palaces of Europe for quality of construction, ornamentation and furnishings. I thought I had become familiar with all the present idea of interior decoration and magnificence, but a surprise was in store when I was sent in charge of several men to Lakewood, New Jersey. We were to hang a picture in the house of Mr. George Gould—a house to which its owner had given the name of Georgian Court.

We found Georgian Court in a tract of pines, the pathway to the entrance winding under fine old trees. About the building proper were tennis and polo grounds, a skating rink and other places for pleasure and recreation.

The building itself would perhaps, if I formed an adequate idea, cover the space of two ordinary city squares. You may have heard that this house contains a private theatre, replete with the fittings of the largest public theaters, and that it has a gymnasium and a swimming pool. Probably the best idea of its size can be obtained from the fact that it has more than a hundred and twenty separate sleeping suites.

Mr. and Mrs. Gould were away and the house was supposed to be closed. Nevertheless, an army of servants, high and low, were in the mansion and about the grounds. The whole interior seemed to be enveloped in upholsterer's coverings for protection against light and dust—pictures, walls, statuary, bronzes, bronzes and glasses—the very woodwork, as well as the furniture and floors. Little of the real magnificence shown forth. But when some of the coverings were removed, then it seemed as if nothing but the treasures of an Oriental monarch of the "Arabian Nights" tales could possibly pay for them.

What impressed me more than all else in that house was the woodwork. I believe I have seen much fine woodwork in interior fittings, and paint that rivaled ebony and ivory. But I never before beheld such gilding of wood. A spacious passage is there called, if I remember correctly, the "Golden Corridor." It is one blaze of gold. I should say that \$500 worth of heavy gold leaf must have been laid on a single door.

I stood gazing in amazement at this exhibition of magnificence and was beginning to doubt my senses, when I was shown the gilding in various other places, and was told that it ran through the main part of the house. It seemed to me to denote a fortune to exceed the dream of avarice. I was endeavoring to devise some way of mentally measuring this fortune, when some one entered, and said that the proprietor of the mansion had arrived and was coming to that apartment, so that we must at once withdraw. Of us of the working craft packed without ceremony, until the proprietor had made his progress through that part of the establishment. When he was gone we were told to return to work.

THE OLD ROMAN SPOKE OF SIMILAR THINGS.

Here is the domestic environment of one of our American citizens. Does not the picture seem like a counterpart of that drawn by Sallust?

Take up another man who holds a yet more conspicuous place in the public eye just now—J. Pierpont Morgan. Verily "the world is my oyster" with him. His field of conquest is everywhere, and his chief purpose appears to be to conceive and to give birth to things which most men scarcely dream of as possibilities. Grown imperious with success, as a promoter in the mercantile world, he is said to overawe a party of bankers when he is divulging to them some new plan. He speaks in millions as others would in thousands, or still others in hundreds. Eight figures can scarcely make a financial operation worth his consideration.

While he thus deals with stupendous wealth, or with wealth-extracting monopolies, his speech is sententious and his tone decisive and final. If a president of some bank, even though it be a powerful metropolitan bank, ventures to cross his plans—to object or to alter—this monarch of promoters can with a flash of the eye, a frown and a frown, reduce such interrupter to nothingness. He has imperial designs in what is called the sphere of finance, and he has imperial will force to drive them to completion. Besides, his proposals generally have an element of attractiveness for those whom he personally addresses; for by experience those to whom they are first broached know that whether the investing public may ultimately get much or little benefit out of them, the initial insiders—the "ground floor" parties—are

sure of a handsome recompense in return for taking an interest. So the bankers fly to Morgan's projects as flies do to sugar.

CITIZEN MORGAN'S OTHER SIDES. But this is not Citizen Morgan's only side. He stands high in church affairs. He is a member, and a conspicuous member, of the Protestant Episcopal denomination. He is an officer in St. George's Church, Stuyvesant Square, New York City, where the Rev. Dr. Rainford now and again thunders out imprecations against worldly money-getting, and especially money-clutching, but seldom or never says anything about the magnificent monopolistic extracting achievements in the past, and the schemes for future drawing, and perhaps squeezing, money out of the public.

Mr. Morgan can be generous—none more so. He can give liberally to St. George's church work and remain silent. He has built and endowed a splendid hospital close to the church, and has made the least possible parade of the matter. He can attend a church congress across the continent, and engaging a special train, invite a large number of clergymen to be his guests, paying their every expense during the entire trip. Indeed, he does not confine the religious aspect of his generosity to this side of the Atlantic. A couple of years ago he gave to St. Paul's Cathedral, in London, a complete electric lighting system.

There is yet another side to Mr. Morgan. He has a taste for fine paintings, and to buy his private galleries in this country and in Europe would probably take the average yearly wages of 10,000 anthracite mine workers of Pennsylvania. One Raphael canvas is said to have cost him several hundred thousand dollars.

HE HAS ALSO A TAPESTRY CRAZE.

Then, the Wall street banker and promoter has a craving for tapestries. He possesses some of the finest that exist in all the world. Price appears to be no barrier to his acquisition if the fabric, in his estimation, be worth possessing. If general report be correct, Mr. Morgan lent one of his tapestries to King Edward for the coronation celebration, a piece of woven art work for which the American multi-millionaire is said to have given \$400,000.

But is Mr. Morgan possesses a fad, perhaps it relates to precious stones. He does not have a penchant for carrying about with him a quantity unmounted and lose in his pocket, as another New York millionaire does. He prefers set exhibits of them, and an important part of the rich display of gems in the Museum of Natural History, in New York city, is said to have come from him. Word arrives by cable that he recently presented a set of stones to the French government exhibit—a mere trifle of \$10,000 value.

Hand in hand with this fondness for precious stones goes a love of incunabula, which means a desire for first books printed in Europe. Men have kept themselves almost in physical want to indulge the curious craving to possess these quaint volumes, many of them printed in such now unfamiliar characters and presenting our mother English tongue in such strange form as to be to most of us scarcely intelligible. But only a few of the collectors of incunabula care to read these books. Most collectors seek them as a child gathers pretty or curiously shaped stones, or as social butterflies strive for distinction worth little in themselves, but which serve to denote stations of superiority. What ever the main motive of his zeal, Mr. Morgan has recently paid a fortune for a few volumes printed several hundred years ago. According to the report that comes to us, he has obtained thirty-two books printed by Caxton, three by Rood and several by Wynkyn de Worde, Lettoun, Machlina, Pysson and Notary—most of these unmeaning names to all save perhaps half a dozen men in a million.

MANY MILLIONAIRES IN SAME CLASS.

As with Gould and Morgan, so in different manner with Carnegie, Gates, Flagler, Astor, Rockefeller and a long list of the men eminent in America's aristocracy of wealth. When we reflect on these things and remember how the fathers of our republic lived, may we not be disturbed as much as was the Roman Sallust over the "difference between modern and ancient manners?"

"Perhaps we might," remarks someone. "But if wealth is concentrating into great fortunes, are not these fortunes being well spent?"

Granted that they are now being well employed, can we have any assurance that such will continue to be the fact? Unrestrained power must beget contempt for money inferiors and insolence toward them. Then must follow riotousness, when the Roman historian's description of the social changes for the worse in his own country may appear to read like a prophecy of changes in this.

Magazine Writers Coming to Socialism.

When the United States government shall buy the cold fields of America, and operate them in the name of all the people, there will be no more strikes. Miners will be paid living wages for fair hours of work. Coal consumers will escape the regular annual gouge. Boys who now are forced into the mines before either body or mind is fit for the task, to eke out with their pitiful wages the meager earnings of their fathers, will then be kept in school to learn the lessons of useful citizenship.

Thanks to John Marshall, the father of the American constitution, and by the same token the father of American Socialism, the federal government has indisputable power to take over the mines. It has several thousand times the amount of wealth needed for the transaction. When will it acquire the common sense?—Frank Putnam, in National Magazine.

How the Money Goes.

Just before the Senate adjourned finally, Senator Allison, Chairman of the committee on appropriations, presented a statement showing the total appropriations for the session by bills as follows:

Agriculture, \$5,208,960;	army \$91,530,136;	diplomatic and consular, \$1,957,925;	District of Columbia, \$8,647,522;	fortifications, \$7,928,955;	Indian, \$9,143,802;	legislative, etc., \$25,358,381;	Military Academy, \$2,673,324;	navy, \$72,678,963;	pensions, \$189,843,230;	postoffice, \$133,416,598;	rivers and harbors, \$26,726,442 (exclusive of contracts authorized);	sundry civil, \$60,125,359;	deficiencies, \$28,039,911;	miscellaneous, \$2,600,000;	isthmian canal, \$50,130,000;	permanent annual appropriations, \$128,821,329.	Grand total, \$600,193,837.
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Human Buzzards.

The city dumping grounds are about the last places in the world that a person would think of visiting, for the aesthetic nature is liable to be shocked by the vile odors; by the enormous gathering of all imaginable kinds of rubbish, and by the poor derelicts of humanity who are the scavengers.

The most extensive of these refuse spots is located near the corner of Michigan and Junction avenues, extending back perhaps half a mile to the Grand Trunk railway tracks. Here wagons dump the rubbish of hundreds of factories and houses.

"Yes, I see de boss of dis yere place," said Sam Butler, the aged colored man, as he pompously flourished a broken tined pitchfork which he had been using to extract a dirty cloth from beneath a pile of cans. Sam, who is an old slave, is virtually "monarch of all he surveys"—thousands upon thousands of tin cans, some rusty, some new, glittering in the sunlight; huge piles of dented stovepipe; mounds of ashes among which prowl flocks of chickens and an occasional lean dog; dismal pools of stagnant water, upon whose surface quacking flocks of geese swim about the bottles, wrecked barrels, cans and boards which float upon the surface.

As soon as a rubbish wagon arrives the pickers pounce upon it like a flock of buzzards. Dozens of eager hooks are thrust into its contents to drag out pieces of junk, cloth, wood, and maybe some are fortune-seekers enough to secure a piece of dry bread or some half-rotten fruit. Often a quarrel takes place over the spoils, and might always makes right.

"Here, gimme that," said a big colored man, as a decrepit leathern visaged woman, who looked 100 years old, picked up a piece of filthy cloth. She surrendered it to him, and seemed reconciled to her less when, in a heap of rubbish, she found a half loaf of mouldy bread, which she placed in the burlap bag beneath whose heavy weight she bent.

Two bare-footed Polish women, with hair flying loose, attacked a newly arrived wagon; and, finding something desirable, their coarse cluckings of satisfaction brought running to the scene like a flock of young chickens, half a dozen dirty legged girls, who, in spite of their bare feet, had been nonchalantly walking about in a patch of scrap tin.

Most of the pickers are Poles and live in small houses in the vicinity of the grounds. Always on the alert for a wagon, they rush out of doors and to the spot as soon as it arrives. Strange as it may seem, many of them are not poor, but own the homes within which they live. Some of the children seen picking are very well dressed. Undoubtedly it is their inherent foreign-born instinct of frugality which makes scavengers of them.

There are many professional pickers—people who have spent their lives in overhauling the dumps and garbage barrels of glass, old clothing, bones, rags, scrap iron, and copper. One old, bearded, bent Pole, who has frequented the grounds for many years, claims to be 108 years old and his looks do not belie him. When seen yesterday afternoon, he was tottering along the edge of a goose-pond trying to ash an old plug hat from the water.

These grounds are gold mines of the scum of humanity. A bone, a fragment of food, an old copper boiler, iron, whether a rusty tiring pan or a piece of machinery, is seized upon and prized as much as a Klondike miner prizes a new-found nugget. Often things of considerable value are discovered such as jewelry, or more rarely a watch.

These people are jealous of one another and fights among men and women—sex making no difference—often occur.

Although the grounds are open for public picking, time after time, many of the pickers, regardless of rules, have attempted to emulate the great lights of commerce and secure a monopoly of the dumps, shutting out the other poor dogs from their only means of subsistence.—Detroit Daily Today.

Paternalistic Liverpool.

The City of Liverpool is going further in the direction of "paternalism" than even Glasgow, or any other large city in the world. Liverpool owns its water works, operates its street cars and supplies electric light and power. It has one of the largest public bath systems in the country, and is about to build a Turkish bath. It provides public laundries in the poorer districts, furnishes flowers and plants for windows in the slums, and sells sterilized milk at cost. It has a salaried organist to provide music, gives municipal lectures and concerts, and has a technical school and an art school, besides a college which it is now planning. But its greatest municipal undertaking has been to buy up and clear away the slums, replacing unsanitary dwellings with model tenements. This plan, which is to extend over twelve years, involves doing away with no less than 22,000 old dwellings and replacing them with a type of building containing rooms within the pecuniary means of the poor, and equipped with such conveniences as hot water and penny-in-the-slot gas meters. Consul Boyle, of Liverpool, reports to the Department of State at Washington that the capital invested in municipal undertakings in Great Britain has risen from \$465,000,000 in 1875 to \$1,590,000,000 in 1900, and probably to one-third as much again at the present time.—Oregonian.

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The Revolutionary Phrase and The Evolutionary Essence of Socialism.

For the Appeal to Reason by Isador Ladoff, author of "The Passing of Capitalism."

CRITICAL REASONING is the very life of modern SOCIALISM, in the same measure as reverence for TRADITIONS OF THE PAST is the very essence of RELIGION. Socialism, being the opposite of Religion, ought to be free from dogmatic narrowness and bigoted intolerance. A SOCIALIST must be a THINKER, not a believer. In view of the fact, however, that there are a few Socialists who are rather believers than thinkers we feel compelled to make the following declaration. We write our articles not in the spirit of antagonism, self-assertion or heretical irreverence to Socialistic fundamental principles. We feel that we have to say something new and true about Socialism and consider ourself in duty bound to do it. We have not the slightest intention to offend those who happen to disagree with us. We will gladly meet any cool and candid criticism of our views with arguments of Reason and facts of history.

We possess a clear and unequivocal platform. ANYBODY WHO ACCEPTS IT IS OUR BROTHER AND CHAMPION. From the discussion of our platform sectarianism ought to be banished. We ought never to indulge in high sounding but meaningless expressions, we ought never to play with phrases obscuring the subject of our discussion. We ought to lead our spiritual campaign with clear and simple words. THE PHRASE MAY EASILY TURN INTO A FETTER. Where is the difference between the wild Negro of Africa prostrating himself in dumb reverence before a bone or a piece of wood and a civilized man, who bows reverently before a high sounding but senseless phrase and allows his thought and action to be dominated by the empty tinkling of words. The most energetic nations, as for instance the Englishmen and Americans, are averse to empty phraseology.

These remarks of the distinguished leader of the German Socialist, W. Liebknecht, ought to be taken into consideration by some of our American comrades. Indeed careless terms necessarily lead to confusion of thought, and perversion of sound reasoning and mis-taken conclusion as wrong measures of weight, false standards of value and fraudulent mediums of exchange endanger the very existence of organized society. Faulty terminology and reverence of meaningless phrases cause the proverbial dissensions among the different factions of Socialists, dissensions weakening the movement internally and externally all over the world. Socialists fritter away their energies in heat generated by internal friction among factions in their own rank and file, friction due to the Babylonian confusion of tongues. That their common confusion of Socialists, do not fail to take advantage of the dissensions between the various currents of Socialism, is known to everybody. The weapons of Socialists are their ideas and it is of vital importance that these ideas should be expressed in correct terms. Let us take pains to revise old party Shibboleths and reject them fearlessly if they do not stand the test of reason and knowledge. Such a shibboleth is revolution, as applied to Socialism.

Our first objection "to the term Revolution is that it is rather vague and consequently does not convey any exact meaning. What is commonly meant by Socialists using that term may be better expressed by the words cataclysm or catastrophe, a sudden violent change, like the eruption of a volcano, an earth-quake, a tornado, a flood—in social-economic life. There was a time, when the history of life on our globe was explained by Cuvier's theory of Cataclysms. According to this theory the earth is subjected to periodical violent perturbations, changing its entire surface and burying under its ruins the existing species of plants and animals. These catastrophes were supposed to be followed by periods of creative activity, during which entirely new types of plants and animals appeared and multiplied. The earth was then looked upon as a kind of a Divine experimental station, where a supernatural being indulged in the noble sport of alternate creation and destruction of life, according to its whims and fancies. This rather naive theory was entirely superseded by the Darwinian theory of evolution or gradual development of life on earth from their most simple forms to the most complex species during numberless centuries. This theory did not deny the existence of physical catastrophes, but assigned to them only a secondary importance as casual incidents in the evolutionary process, incidents caused by this process.

The honor of the first successful attempt to apply the theory of evolution to human history undeniably belongs to the great founder of modern critical Socialism, Karl Marx. His MATERIALISTIC CONCEPTION OF HISTORY, PHILOSOPHY OF SOCIAL LIFE IN THE LIGHT OF EVOLUTION. Marx's conception of history may be called properly the evolutionary conception of history and SOCIALISM IS EMINENTLY AN EVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT. For the sake of illustration of the relative significance of gradual development and catastrophes in animal life let us follow up the process of the hatching of a chicken. Under favorable conditions the germ contained in the egg develops during a certain period of time. During this period of generation the egg is all the world to the embryo. A moment arrives, the last all the conditions necessary for its development and growth. A moment arrives, however, when the full fledged chick consumed all the food stored up in the egg. At that moment the empty eggshell turns for its sole inhabitant from a home of plenty into a cheerless prison, into an Egypt without its fleshpots. The chick, like a young hero, applies its bill, and the battle of an empty eggshell is in ruins. Now we may call this dramatic event revolution, cataclysm, catastrophe or any other name. The fact, however, remains that the most important part in the life's history of the chick is its development and growth within the egg, from its germination to maturity, but not the breaking of the shell. The shell was broken as a consequence of the maturity of the chick and there was nothing mysterious about it. The process of the breaking of the shell did not change its perpetrator neither physically nor spiritually. Exactly the same is true in respect to the development of social forms. Critical Socialism must necessarily look upon political catastrophes styled revolutions, as for instance the great French revolution, not as upon causes of a change of social-economic institutions but as the inevitable consequences of social-economic growth and development. THERE IS NO ANTITHESIS BETWEEN EVOLUTION AND REVOLUTION. The last is simply one of the incidents of the first and by no means the most important one. The mystic glamour surrounding so called revolutions, in the eyes of the unthinking multitude is due exclusively to their spectacular and dramatic character appealing to imagination and emo-

tion. A child does not know anything about the immensely complex process in the development of a chicken during hatching, but is struck by the sight of a chick breaking the empty shell. The unthinking multitude has not the slightest idea about the immense complexity of the process of development of society, but bloodshed and destruction excites their imagination and appeals to their feelings. THE EFFECT IS SEEN AND ACCEPTED AS A CAUSE, while the real cause is hidden. Socialism aims at intelligent and rational management of the blind social forces and is consequently progressive and constructive in its nature, while catastrophes in social life are always destructive and frequently reactionary as F. Lassalle pointed out long ago. We do not mean to maintain that there will be no revolutions in the future or that Socialism will necessarily be inaugurated peacefully. What we do maintain is, that critical Socialism is educating the people to see the present social-economic status in its proper light and to use this clear vision for the purpose of avoiding as far as practicable bloodshed and destruction. The knowledge of social mechanics, imparted to the people by Socialism, will enable humanity to control and direct these forces in channels of the greatest constructive and conservative usefulness.

It seems apparent to all clear-sighted Socialists that constructive Socialism will have to start its work not on the ruins of the present civilization, but in its very midst, utilizing carefully the material at hand and prudently taking into consideration the surrounding conditions. In other words, CONSTRUCTIVE SOCIALISM WILL HAVE TO PURSUE A POLICY OF ADAPTATION AND COMPROMISE. Social institutions always were and must be by their very nature the results of action, reaction, cooperation and integration of various social forces—consequently nothing but compromises. There was not a single event, act or phenomenon in history that was not the resultant of many complex social forces, a compromise.

The European Socialists long ago outgrew the infantile disease of middle-class revolutionism and no compromise sterility. Shall we, American Socialists, prefer the revolutionary phrase to the evolutionary essence of Socialism? Can there be a more flagrant proof of the bankruptcy of the revolutionary phrase than the recent events in Belgium?

Paragraphs. Justice demands that a worker's pay be equal to his product.

Those iron wills of the "Captains of Industry" are generally made of pig iron.

A transport sailed for Manila the other day bearing a consignment of four thousand coffins. Verily the trade does follow the flag.

The heathen in his blindness Bows down to stock and stone, But after civilized awhile He kneels to gold alone.

A few years ago it was said that the big fish were eating up the little ones. Now the whales are eating up the big fish, and people are wondering what will become of the whale.

The strenuous life seems to be as expensive as the other kind. President Roosevelt is not content with the yacht Mayflower that was fitted up at great expense for his private use, but now has the Sylph at his disposal.

A white cannibal king is reported to have just died in the Marquesas islands. He was a Boston lad shipwrecked on that coast and should have known better. However, we should speak no ill of the dead; besides, he never owned stock in South Carolina cotton mills, where babies wear their lives out to earn big dividends for millionaires.—Chicago Daily News

Thomas Carlyle tells of a female outcast who repeatedly applied for charity, and falling in that succumbed to disease and infected the city. The woman could by no other means prove her claim upon her sisters who had turned her away. Now we are about to receive a similar lesson from the Philippines. The Asiatic cholera is there and is almost sure to be brought to this country by returning soldiers.

The old story of the negro who ran away from her master's home is applicable to Labor Day, with all its potentialities. She was caught and brought before a judge for sentence, and he asked the same old questions which capital has been asking the laboring man since the land and sea were divided in the morning of creation: "Did you not have a good home?" "Oh, yes, massa." "Did you have plenty to eat and wear?" "Yes, massa." "If you had all these things, why in the name of all that is wonderful did you not let well enough alone and stay there?" "Well, judge," said the old lady, "I 'spose the job is still open, and if you want it, you can get it, likely; as for me, what I want is liberty." The negro was not convicted. The organization which has earned as much as it has for the workingman, is in exactly the same position. The old place occupied by labor is still vacant, and if the capitalist wants it, he can get it. As for the union labor man, he is getting on to a fuller life, a higher standard, and greater freedom.—Labor Clarion.

About Fusion.

Here is what the "New Era," a strong populist paper, of Sargent, Neb., says about fusion. "Gentlemen of the fusion party, your work is too coarse to be endorsed by the rank and file of your party, who in this country are now, as they always have been, opposed to fusion with the old parties. The time is ripe for the formation of the Socialist party in this country—a party which stands unequivocally for the welfare of the wealth-producing classes, a party which will not fuse with any capitalist party on earth. Calls for the county other county and other conventions will soon appear. They will be mass conventions, in which all who are opposed to the old parties and to fusion with them, and who endorse the principles of Socialism, will be entitled to participate. Down with capitalism! Down with fusion! Down with scheming politicians who will barter their principles for a chance at the pie-counter!"

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Where War Lords Reign.

Socialism is growing rapidly in Scotland, the home of individualism. There are 120,000 unemployed persons in Berlin and its suburbs. The women of Sweden are demanding the right to vote in parliamentary elections.

Tom Mann is aided in his Socialist work in New Zealand by his wife, who is a fine singer. The long-fered general strike among the agricultural workers of Andalusia has begun.

Stockholm trade unionists and Socialists have established a library with over 10,000 volumes to start with. Berlin police have been notified that if they vote for the Social Democratic party they will be discharged.

In the general elections in France last month the Socialists polled close to 5,000,000 votes. Rome's grasp is sinking.

Prof. Geo. D. Herron is in Italy and has been under a doctor's care for a throat trouble. He will return to America in the fall.

Socialist candidates in two wards in Dublin recently polled 800 votes. It was the first Socialist contest in the great Irish city.

The British government asks for 25,000 pounds in addition to the former appropriation of 100,000 pounds for expenses incidental to crowning Edward VII.

The Gas Workers' Union in Britain is largely officered by Socialists, and collective ownership of the means of production is the basis of its political program.

The Danish Steamship Company of Copenhagen, ordered its seamen to abandon their union. Their reply was to tie up 300 ships in the Scandinavian ports.

Very few Britishers are satisfied with the settlement of the war troubles in South Africa. The London Labor Leader says: "The Boers have the oyster and we have the shell."

The law establishing a nine hours' day for Austrian miners came into force on July 1st. This law is the direct result of the great miners' strike which took place two years ago.

The government of Spain, in order to prevent more strikes has issued orders that the eight hour day be introduced in all government institutions, including mines, railroads, shops, etc.

In the programme of the new French ministry is a provision that the term of military service be reduced to two years and that the privileged few be no longer allowed to get off with one year's service.

A mass meeting of Social Democrats was held July 13 in Trafalgar Square, London, to protest against the treatment of the locked-out coalporters and other laborers at Gibraltar by the officers of the army.

The Union Labor party of Queensland, Australia, has elected twenty-four members to the Legislature and polled 28,500 votes. The old parties combined elected forty-two members and polled 36,000 votes.

Many persons have been killed or wounded by troops in labor riots at Rostov-on-Don, Southern Russia. The outbreak somewhat resembled the peasant riots in the central provinces in the early spring.

Paul Spank, a Belgian Socialist lawyer who was imprisoned for refusing as one of the civil guards, to march against the demonstrators in favor of universal suffrage, has just been released after serving his term.

In the New South Wales senate a Proportional Representation bill was lately defeated by a vote of only two to one. It means progress when one-third of the members of any irresponsible body will vote for such a reform.

Patriotism and Profits are too frequently associated. The profits of the South Africa Cold Storage Company during the last two years were respectively 150 and 250 per cent. The master spirits of the company were Rhodes and Beit.

In Moscow 648 male and female students have been arrested because they asked for constitutional government. The czar sent thirty-five to prison for five years; 567 got shorter sentences; fifty-five were sent home under police supervision; and the ringleaders were banished to Siberia.

A Socialist congress will be held next year in Japan at Tokyo. The Labor World is a pronounced advocate of Socialism there and tells about a factory workman dying at his machine, wages being 11 pence per day, and the home which a family of five resided being only one room.

Turn-over of 2,000 cooperative societies in Europe last year was \$100,000,000. In 1893 it amounted to only \$250,000,000. Cooperation is a fact in many places, but it is only a step towards Socialism. Under Socialism all the people, and not only a part of them, will be co-operators.

Rear Admiral Beresford of the British navy has advised that government to build eight 34-knot liners capable of use in war to be leased during peace for a share of the profits. Wise Admiral! He sees the folly of depending upon syndicates stronger than the government for transportation facilities in time of war.

The triumph of the Social-Democratic candidates in the canton of Zurich in Switzerland is very encouraging. The total Social-Democratic vote has increased four-fold, and the number of members returned has risen from thirteen to thirty-nine. This is only a sample of what is going on all over the continent of Europe.

The Socialist members of the Southampton, Eng., town council objected to the ceremony of presenting the freedom of the borough to Lord Kitchener on his return. They say that Lord Kitchener could do no more than his duty as a soldier and believe that he has been sufficiently honored without that measure which would be another tribute to militarism.

To influence the Rigsdag in Sweden the Socialist leaders instructed workmen to strike in favor of universal suffrage. Business was almost entirely suspended when 20,000 strikers responded on Thursday. On Friday the number was increased to 100,000. Demonstrations were held, but everything was peaceful and no police or militia interference occurred. On Saturday the strike was ended after a suffrage bill had been adopted on a vote of 83 to 39.

Socialism is growing rapidly in Scotland, the home of individualism. The Engineers Union of England supports 4,000 veterans on its old-age pension list.

In Turin nine Socialists were elected to the common council at the election held June 10th. Vorwärts of Berlin, June 19, reports that in Freiburg, Baden, two Socialists have been elected to the common council.

A Socialist has been elected in San Pietro in Valle, Italy, and in Valogio six Socialists have been elected to the common council.

Socialists of Berlin, Germany, recently gained twenty seats in the municipal council where they now have forty-three members.

Comrade Ernst Obst was elected in Schoenberg, Germany, on June 17, with a lead of six votes over the middle-class candidate he being the sixth Socialist to enter the city council.

In Prato, Italy, four Socialists have been elected to the council; one of them is a printer, one a barber and two are doctors. Socialist victories are reported from many other places in Italy.

Sir Thomas Lipton, the man of Shamrock fame, is an object of attack by the Countess of Warwick, Lady Henry Somerset, and Lady Dilke, who accuse him of employing women girls to work for him at the starvation wages of \$1.50 per week.

The executive committee of the Socialist party of Denmark, consisting of forty-eight delegates elected directly by all the party members in the various sections, recently held its semi-annual meeting. The conduct of the Socialist group in parliament was approved. A resolution was adopted expressing great regret that the government has not advanced the economic interests and municipal and political rights of the workers.

Two gangs of navvies, one German and the other Italian, were engaged working on a railway in Germany recently. The contractor announced that he intended to reduce wages, whereupon the Germans struck work. The Italians went on working, but carried out a novel and effective scheme to get even with the bosses. They simply cut an inch off the end of their shovels. When this was discovered the ringleader was asked for an explanation and said: "Not so much pay, not lift so much earth. So much longer last work."

Fortune-teller Koeller (secretary of state, Germany) announced to the world, and especially to the members of the Reichstag, just one day previous to its final dissolution, that Socialism in Alsace is done for owing to the wise laws now dominant in that part of the Empire. Just two weeks after, the well-governed people verified the "seer's" prediction by voting in the municipal election for Socialist candidates. In Strassburg thirteen socialists will enter the city government, and twelve more are elected in Muehlhausen.

The London Labor Leader says: "There is always famine in British India nowadays and there always will be so long as our plundering classes continue to pump at least \$150,000,000 of value without return out of the stomachs of the perishing ryots. We must never allow this question of the two hundred millions of the manufactured starvelings in India to fade even temporarily from our memory. At this moment, although the strictest orders have been issued not to admit that scarcity anywhere exists and not to start relief works if at all possible to avoid it, there are nearly half a million in receipt of direct relief."

BERLIN, July 12.—Cards signed "Frederick Kaiser" and under the guise of an advertisement for a lost person, lampooning Emperor William, have been mailed from a town on the Austro-Russian frontier to several German cities. The police are endeavoring to find the author.

The card reads as follows: "My son, William, a sufferer from densitr, alarmist catarrh and patriotic ringworm, who was lately placed in the lunatic asylum of Prof. Buelow for treatment for curvature of the political spine, has been missing several weeks. A few days ago, however, he was seen at Maricburg, under the influence of an oratorical fit. Should he visit your city please regard him as a generally obnoxious character and return him to me."

"HIS UNFORTUNATE FATHER." At last monthly meeting of the Ruskin Hall Educational League (Glasgow and District Branch) Mr. A. McGillivray, late of Ruskin Hall, Oxford, gave a very interesting address on "The Relation of Socialism to Trade Unionism and Cooperation." The lecturer traced the rise and effects of the Trade Union and Cooperative movements, and their influence on the workers. He then pointed out that good and efficient as those two movements might be, there was still something awaiting to bind them and raise their utility, and the missing essential was Socialism, which would make for the social salvation of the people by introducing State control and Cooperation and thus amplify the Cooperative movement as at present existing. In conclusion, the speaker showed how the position of Trade Unionism was being assailed, and made a strong plea for Socialism, showing that it was the logical outcome of the other two movements. Six new members were enrolled at the close of the meeting.—Labor Leader, Glasgow.

In the French Parliament June 12, the Socialist orator, Jean Jaures, in a much applauded speech, said that the Socialist party will cooperate with the left for pure democracy. In doing this the Socialist party will not injure its own cause. The abolition of the wage-system must be prepared for by a series of reforms which elevate the masses and gradually transform the capitalist society into collective society. He expressed the hope that there will be no increase in taxation. An income tax should be substituted for the present system of taxation. The schools should be non-sectarian. There should be a complete separation of church and state. He said that the trust is an embryonic form of collectivism, but it is a form which is vitiated, and not beneficial; Socialism must make it a powerful instrument of emancipation. He requested the enactment of the law giving pensions to workers.

Hirsh Leckert, the Jewish workman who shot at Von Wahl, the brutal governor of Wilna, has been executed. He died like all martyrs die with a smile of contempt for his enemies on his lips.

A still more brutal outrage than in Wilna has been committed at Lisbon. A peaceful meeting of workers of both sexes was detected by the police, and all the participants were arrested. The women were subjected to a most shameful medical examination and given what are called "yellow tickets"—that is, prostitutes' passports. We should not be surprised if another Leckert arises and revenges the outrage.

The Russian revolutionary Socialists have issued a manifesto to the French people on the subject of the visit of Loubert to Russia. After describing what is taking place in Russia, the manifesto proceeds: "When a famished woman sells herself we have for her a feeling of pity. But what should our sentiments be when noble and generous France, in the name of ill-understood egotistical interests, concludes a shameful alliance with that Asiatic despotism that threatens to poison by its foul breath European liberty and civilization? At a time when official France dishonors itself by such an alliance with an expiring monarchy, we, the representatives of the future Russia of Freedom, and, together with us, all thinking Russia, express our profound sorrow and astonishment at all Frenchmen who, some through ignorance, others through light-mindedness, came to us to express their sympathies to the Russian despot." The manifesto concludes with greetings to all honest men and, in particular, to all Socialists.—Justice, London.

Where Money Is Monarch.

Seven hundred molders are out at Alliance, Ohio. Another foundry trust, with \$5,000,000, incorporated in New Jersey.

Another grocers' trust with \$5,500,000 capital, will keep the small fry guessing. Rochdale cooperative stores are in successful operation in thirty-eight cities in California.

Five hundred stable employes of Chicago have formed a union to secure better wages and better their conditions.

Business men of Denton Harbor, Mich., declare they will break up labor unions in that city which have 1,300 union men.

Boston C. L. U. threatens to politically annihilate members of the Massachusetts legislature who voted against the Carey picketing bill.

There are at present 2177 strictly union labor papers in the United States. Thirty-seven of these have started within the last twelve months.

A thirty million dollar pickle trust has been incorporated in New Jersey. The trust-laden atmosphere of that state should facilitate the manufacture of pickles.

The steel trust is putting in a banking system in connection with its mills all over the country, so that it will be able to handle again the money it has paid out in wages.

The International Brotherhood of Railway Freight Handlers of America, with headquarters in Lancaster, Pa., is a new union that is rapidly gaining strength throughout the country.

A dog was recently placed in a fine coffin and followed to its burial by five carriages and twenty New York mourners. The dead dog of the wealthy fares better than the living children of the poor.

Carpenters Union No. 90, of Evansville, Ind., has declared for Socialism and instructed its delegates to the national convention of carpenters and joiners to support the same measure in that body.

In a personal letter to Max S. Hayes, editor of the Cleveland Citizen, Ben Tillet declares this: the British General Federation of Trades Unions will aid the striking miners of America morally and financially upon call.

It is reported that the Trisco railroad system has been absorbed by the Rock Island Company. This gives the Rock Island system over twelve thousand miles of tracks. The concentration of wealth goes merrily on.

Eighteen of the largest clothing manufacturers in New York City have made their peace with the 40,000 striking garment workers and will keep their plants in motion. The remaining factories have not yet come to terms.

In New Haven, Conn., 1,800 iron workers are on strike in the Sargent plant. The boss is one of the high yeguls in Yale college, and through this connection a small army of students have been forced to lab in the Sargent plant.

During the recent strikes in the east the members of organized labor have had an opportunity to observe the use of the National Guard, and now fully conscious of the fact that the principal use of militia is to intimidate strikers, the members of the unions will not re-act.

Glass bottle blowers reelected all their old officers, with D. A. Hayes, president, and William Launer, secretary. President Hayes and E. A. Agard were reelected delegates to the A. F. of L. Government by injunction was roundly denounced by the convention, as was child labor. Next convention will be held in Cincinnati.

Washington, July 29.—The central labor union of this city passed resolutions last night condemning the actions of Judge Jackson of West Virginia in sending miners to jail for contempt of court and calling on the President to remove him from the bench. Delegate Hubland charged that Jackson is interested in the mines.

The coal miners at Fernie, B. C., are striking. This is the place where an explosion occurred in May killing 130 men and boys. The mine owners refused to sprinkle the entries and since the disaster have been trying to drive the old miners away to replace them with new ones ignorant of the dangers of the place.

Farmers of the Northwest are creating a terrific howl because of the high freight rates imposed by the railroads. They point out that it costs less to ship goods from Chicago to the Pacific coast than from the former point to interior towns in the Northwest. They threaten to do things politically, and the magnates are somewhat disturbed.

Father Ducey, the humanitarian and progressive priest of New York, is after Andrew Carnegie, who said that "any man could get all the work he wanted in this country." Father Ducey, speaking to his people in St. Leo's church, said: "Andrew Carnegie knew he lied when he said it." He advised his hearers to go about the department stores and attempt to secure work for worthy persons, as he had done.

A new organization at San Francisco, Calif., called the Union Labor Central Club, has issued a circular letter to all the unions in the state, asking them to elect one delegate for every 500 members or fraction thereof. These delegates, according to present plans, will meet on September 10 and nominate a State Labor ticket or endorse one of the regular party nominations. If the latter scheme is attempted there will probably be a merry war.

BOSTON, July 29.—The discharge of two non-union laborers, and the refusal to discharge a non-union Italian laborer, are stated as the reasons for the inauguration of a strike by 600 men employed in the American Tube works at Somerville, which went into effect this morning. The union committee demanded the discharge of the Italian for using abusive language towards the union workmen. The superintendent discharged two members of the committee, and retained the Italian.

At the last convention of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of North America held in Cleveland December, 1900, there were 91 locals affiliated with the national. The officers set the limit of 200 as the goal before the next convention, which will be held in December of this year. Charter No. 200 is issued. So that the goal has been reached with something to spare, as the officers believe that at least twenty-five more unions will be organized before the convention.

CHICAGO, July 25.—Message delivery in the downtown district was completely paralyzed today by a strike of the Postal and Western Union boys, who find a grievance in the refusal of the telegraph companies to adequately compensate them for overtime.

Squads of fifty or more boys picketed the various telegraph stations and riotous times followed the attempts of the new messengers to do business. One was dacked in the Woman's Temple drinking fountain. Details of police were called for to preserve order and restrain boys who raced about yelling like Apaches.

Later the boys met at the headquarters of the Telegraph Messengers' union, the youngest labor organization in the world. They seem to be a unit for the eight hour day at 75 cents a day, with ten cents an hour for overtime.

Propaganda Progress. Rocky Ford local nearly doubled its membership recently. Thompson organized a strong local at Pueblo. E. H. McKibben of the Appeal was present and assisted.

The Socialists of Idaho met in state convention at Welter July 15th, and placed a full state ticket in nomination.

The Woman's Club of Los Animas recently invited Rev. Carl D. Thompson to deliver two lectures on Socialism for them.

The Colorado Socialist recently established at Cripple Creek, Colo., is to be congratulated on the success of its efforts. Cripple Creek has a Socialist party branch of 600 members.

Comrade Hegyessy writes that the Socialists of Merced, Calif., have elected two out of three town trustees, that they have a county ticket nominated and the work is progressing rapidly.

Rev. Carl D. Thompson is opening the southeastern part of Colorado invading the territory of the famous Fuel and Iron Company, lecturing, spreading literature and organizing locals of the Socialist party.

Eugene V. Debs is now at work in the state and will speak in nearly every county seat. Wm. H. Wise is managing his work in the western part of the state and Mr. Thompson in the eastern and are so using the work as to open the most difficult territory.

The Organization of labor unions in southern Colorado is very effectively prevented by the great monopoly. Some time ago when an attempt was made to organize the men into unions the whole region shut down until the idea of organizing died out. There's an example of the power inherent in private monopoly. Better vote for Socialism and own yourself.

Dispatches from Wilkesbarre to Philadelphia papers state that the miners are deeply in earnest in the matter of taking independent political action this fall, and that they will support the Socialist party candidates or put up independent labor nominees where the Socialist party has no organization. It is declared that if the miners vote together and receive the aid of other union men and sympathizers they can elect 19 representatives and three senators to the next legislature from the anthracite districts.

One of the pleasing features of the recent Ontario' election is the fact that in very many places the ballots were destroyed by men who refused any longer to vote either of the old party tickets. In Lindsay, where no Socialist candidate had been nominated, 26 ballots were marked for "Socialism." Spoiled ballots! No! Those ballots make politicians think. The example of a few will be followed by a multitude until everywhere there will be Socialist candidates to vote for. That is what the partisans now see, and they are squirming.

How the Tobacco Trust Works. Chicago Daily News, July 21. The American Tobacco company now owns forty of the retail stores here," avers an expert, J. C. McClusky, "and is trying to grab more. I was told by Mr. Curlett of Rubinst & Curlett, a stock concern, that agents of the trust are buying up their stock wherever they can and are after the stock of all other cigar stores that still show some independence. If an independent dealer refuses to buy his cigars of the trust the trust will refuse to sell him plugs and to terms, for the trust practically controls the plug and smoking tobacco output. Cigar stores must have some of the trust brands of tobacco or lose trade. The trust also offers a rebate on plug tobacco if the dealer will buy the trust cigars. It seems to me that eventually the trust will get the cigar business practically into their hands."

Gen. Smith found guilty by court martial for ordering soldiers to murder Filipinos, has been reprimanded by the president AND RETIRED FROM THE SERVICE WITH PAY FOR THE BALANCE OF HIS LIFE! Isn't that awful punishment for murder? But rulers have to be careful how they treat their soldiers—for they have to rely on soldiers, too!

The porte has issued an edict forbidding all Turkish subjects under pain of severe punishment, to take lessons in fencing, sword exercise, or in revolver practice outside the army, as these practices form a danger for the public security.

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The deepest depth of vulgarity is that of setting up money as the ark of the covenant.—Carlyle.

The History of the world is a history of the crimes of the rulers against the working people.

The Canadian government has introduced a bill in their parliament to COMPEL the railroads to arbitrate any difference between them and their employees. The measure provides for boards of three members—one chosen by the railroads, one by the employees and the other by the two or in case of no agreement by the government. This will compel the unionizing of all railroad employes as otherwise they would have no voice in the naming of their member of the board.

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During the last summer I concluded that I would experiment to see if the Postum kept me in good shape or whether I had gotten well from just leaving off coffee. So I quit Postum for quite a time and drank cocoa and water. I found out before two weeks were past that something was wrong and I began to get costive as of old. It was evident the liver was not working properly, so I became convinced it was not the avoidance of coffee alone that cured me, but the great value came from the regular use of Postum."

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MILLS' DATES CHANGED. Walter Thomas Mills has been notified and is now in Kansas in order to catch up with the correspondence Department of his work, and get things ready for the fall term of his school. He will speak at Denver, Colorado, on Labor Day, September 1st, and hopes to be able to remain in the State for the winter. He has had great meetings everywhere. The San Francisco training school and the Metropolitan Temple meetings there, together with his campaigns, have been successful. He is now at the week's Institute at Los Angeles, and made a lasting mark on the propaganda work on the coast states. The correspondence work has been very successful. He has had great meetings everywhere. The San Francisco training school and the Metropolitan Temple meetings there, together with his campaigns, have been successful. He is now at the week's Institute at Los Angeles, and made a lasting mark on the propaganda work on the coast states. The correspondence work has been very successful. 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Some Scattering Hints.

For the Appeal by Duncan M. Smith.

Socialism is simply common sense applied to the affairs of men. The minority can never rule except by the grace of the majority. The trusts are here to stay but not necessarily under private ownership. After the government has spent millions for irrigation just wait and see who owns the land benefited.

It appears that Third Assistant Postmaster Madden is really bright enough to know when he has had enough. Holding up a railway train is only one of the very distressing things no one would think of doing under Socialism. When the next financial crash comes the minority stockholder may find that the captain of industry has nothing to arbitrate.

We want Socialism in our day because we have only once to live and capitalism cuts off so much of that brief life at both ends. Generally the labor leader, who gets patted on the back by the capitalist press thinks that Socialists are all right but not practical. The man who thinks that "Socialism is a good thing only we never eat, get it" is playing a mean trick when he lets other men do all the trying.

Behold the thrifty congressman! Though small his pay per year, By industry and other means He saves a million clear. Accident is responsible for five per cent of the great fortunes; accident of birth or accident in reproduction. We want to remove accidents for a few with a certainty for all.

Lives of rich men oft remind us The game could also be beat, Leaving colleges behind us If we'd swindle, lie and cheat. It was not the fault of the mine owners that the recent mine disaster happened; so say the authorities who investigated it. Perhaps not, but it was the fault of the capitalist system.

The czar of Russia in attempting to turn back the trusts is not as wise as the ancient monarch who confessed that he did not have the waves trained so that they would splash him when the tides were coming in. Laws are made by the people who have money for those who have no money. The latter being in the majority must be satisfied with this state of affairs or they would reverse them quicker than a talking machine could say Jack Robinson.

Captains of industry never think that the old and disabled privates of industry deserve a pension. It will be remembered that the old soldiers voted for men who would give them pensions. Why do not the privates of industry take the hint? If Bryan Democrats understood that Cleveland was but a product of the social system they might not be so hard on him. Cleveland may be living up to his best light. Perhaps no one ever sent him a Socialist paper, while the same cannot be said of Bryan.

The millionaire does not vote the Republican ticket because his father did not because that party put down the war. Not by a jug full of adulterated cider. He votes that ticket because that party looks after the interests of his class. Doesn't it seem strange that he should be so bright? If everybody wanted it we could have Socialism next week and everybody would want it if they knew all about it. The self-sacrificing men who are scattering Socialist literature abroad are doing their best to let everybody know but they could use a little help. Read this over again to see if you can pick out the hint.

You may search the Democratic platform with diligence and a microscope, reading between the lines and around the margin but you will find no reference to child labor in Democratic states. And why should you? As well look for a politician in heaven or the truth about Socialism in a capitalist paper. The Democratic party is not on earth for the purpose of abolishing the profit system. Once the Democratic party was the party of the people and it wants to be again, for now the "people" are those who own the earth and put up for the campaign funds. Without a campaign fund how can a party appeal to the intelligence of thirsty voters? The democratic party want an issue that will make the plutocrats divide even on campaign funds; they are tired of getting the little end of the swag.

children are crying aloud for Socialism. The material interests of the renter are with the working class and some day he will hitch up his team of spavined mules and drive over into the Socialist camp. One of the Vanderbilt boys went down into the machine shop to begin at the beginning to learn railroad. This will be a great surprise to those who fear there will be no incentive under Socialism. Vanderbilt's bread and butter was apparently guaranteed to him for the rest of his life with pie, cake, ice cream and wines thrown in on the side, yet he found the doing of the thing in itself an incentive. Some men are so afraid they cannot work except under a slave driver.

Except where the Socialists butt in, the congressional contest this fall will be such a sham battle that capitalists are hesitating about putting up funds to amount to anything. We will do a great service to the poor, underpaid politician, who is also a product of the system, if we can stir up the animals in a few districts and make the plutocrats loosen up. If we have no regard for ourselves and our children let us think of the poor politicians whom we are depriving of a livelihood and whoop'er up for a great campaign.

The Appeal.

Many people wonder at the immense circulation of the Appeal and cannot understand how in a few years a small unpretentious paper can grow into a circulation of 175,000. The secret of the Appeal's success is a short tale soon told. The Appeal has friends that are friends; friends who work for it, fight for it and lose no opportunity to extend its circulation and influence. Their friendship for the Appeal is because of the doctrine it advocates, a doctrine that is with them above everything else—the doctrine of Socialism.

The friends of the Appeal have done more for Socialism in the United States than has been done by all other Socialists combined. This is because the Appeal army always moves in a body, always moves against the enemy and wastes no time with bickerings among its members. Appeal soldiers have no Socialist enemies, but are eternally after Republicans and Democrats.

This is the secret of Appeal success. Every comrade that works with us can contribute to that success and do more in the Appeal army than by individual effort. Every Socialist is welcome; the latch string is out; give it a pull and be with us.

Government by Injunction.

Government by injunction had one of the strongest illustrations it has ever had in this country yesterday by the action of Judge Jackson of the United States district court of West Virginia. In sentencing seven miners at Parkersburg to terms of imprisonment ranging from 60 to 90 days. Another of the enjoined is the "celebrity of the preceding known as "Mother Jones," whose sentence was known. The offense of the sentenced ones was in making speeches in sympathy with and encouraging the striking miners at different widely separated places in West Virginia where there were labor troubles. The judge in passing sentence characterized the men as "professional agitators, organizers and walking delegates." His stump speech from the bench was the boldest and most unqualified assertion of government by injunction ever heard in this country. It suppresses free speech and sends men to jail for exercising that right. He admitted that there was no statute law for his action, and that it was possible only by the injunction process of courts of equity. The effect of this proceeding will force Congress to pass bills pending to restrain the exercise of the injunction process by Federal judges. It virtually destroys the right of trial by jury, makes the judge the court, jury and executioner, and denies the accused a free and fair hearing. There are fundamental rights secured to every American citizen by the constitution, and must not be destroyed by the judge-made law of an angry extremist who happens to fill a judicial position that makes such an outrage possible. The action of the judge, it is declared, will break the strike of 12,000 miners in the Fairmont coal field.—Pittsburg Post.

Union Labor Edition.

Comparatively few numbers of the Union Labor Edition were ordered up to ten days before that number went to press when the orders began to pour in at a great rate and the press has been running night and day to fill the orders. This paper is the best thing for its cost that can be used to pass around on Labor Day and will be in demand for that purpose. By running the press nights and between the regular editions of the paper we can get out about a million copies in time for mailing for Labor Day if the orders are sent in early. The special articles by A. M. Simons, W. E. Clark, Max S. Hayes, Eugene V. Debs and Ernest Unterman make it of special value for propaganda among wage-workers, and whatever Labor Day is celebrated a supply of the papers should be distributed among the crowd. Order early so we can mail them promptly. Postpaid four dollars per thousand or forty cents per hundred.

Appeal for Propaganda.

For propaganda work we believe the Appeal to Reason excels us all, and while we believe Socialists should encourage every legitimate Socialist paper as far as their circumstances will permit the circulation of the Appeal should not be neglected, especially in the work of making converts to the cause. It is a power, and no mistake.—Colorado Socialist.

A Weekly Question.

A comrade suggests that the Appeal print each week a question that the gang should ask of the editors whose papers they take. Let's try it for awhile and see the effects. This week write your local paper and ask: "Has the Socialist party a cure for the trust problem; if so, what is it?"

Twenty thousand miles of railroads, including seven systems, have just been "merged." It will have a complete monopoly of the Gulf and lower Atlantic states. Did some one say something about trusts? There are no trusts! Any judge will tell you that; any congressman will tell you that; any executive will tell you that. No court has ever found a trust. Get out!

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Appeal Army



A comrade requests a picture of the "One-Hoss," the "Blonde Beauty," and the dog. Here is a picture of the office canine from his latest photograph. The Kansas summer has reduced his once portly figure and to persons unacquainted with his proud spirit he presents a sorry appearance; but those who know him best realize that he is only trained down to his fighting weight and ready to run anything up a tree from a butcher's cat to the third assistant postmaster general.

Comrade Hartman of Weir City, Kan., sends a club of eight. Comrade Arnold of Wichita, Kan., orders a bundle of 348. Comrade Smith of Pensacola, Fla., orders a bundle of 348. The Socialist club of Elgin, Ill., orders a bundle of 348. Comrade Moore of Roland, Ark., gave a roll and caught four. Comrade Ellis of Marion, Ill., adds five Marlonettes to the list. Comrade Redmond of Pittsburg, Pa., orders a bundle of No. 348. Comrade Tucker of Kinmundy, Ill., sends his renewal with two new ones. Comrade Duncan of Coalgate, I.T., sends half a dozen that need attention. Comrade Wear of Barnard, Kan., stirred up four dollars worth of yearlies. Comrade Fox of Natick, Mass., orders a bundle of the special Labor Edition. Comrade Bruce of Dallas, Texas, orders a thousand of No. 348. Texas is all right. Comrade Outram of Chelsea, Mass., is like the rest of 'em. He orders a bundle of 348. The Blonde Beauty fainted when Comrade Womack's club arrived from Oklahoma. Comrade Wright of Kalspell, Mont., is wreathing Kalspell in Union Labor Appeals. Comrade Dreser of Des Moines, Iowa, sends four subs for the Monthly to help dress her. Comrade Kiehl of Ashland, Pa., prescribes fifty-two doses of the Appeal for ten neighbors. Comrade Moore of Elizabeth, Ind., sends in his customary club and orders a bundle of 348. Comrade Stevenson of Proctor, Texas, sends five lambs to the fold and is looking for more. Comrade Alexander, of Blairville, Pa., sends a club and love to "Red Head" and the bulldog. Comrade Weaver of Lepsie, O., sends in a splendid club and says things are coming our way. Comrade Blair of Leadville, Colo., orders a supply of the little red stickers and a bundle of 348. Comrade Byrd of Earlville, N. Y., was an early enough bird to capture fourteen Earl-villagers. Comrade Steen, of Cripple Creek, orders a supply of books and a bundle of the Union Labor Edition. Comrade Evans of Taylor, Pa., ships half a dozen scalps and orders a bundle of the Union Labor Edition. Comrade Frost of Media, Pa., fires in an order for five hundred extras which were immediately shipped. Comrade St. Denis of Clio, Mich., hauls five more aboard the Appeal life boat and has out his line for more. Comrade Bennett of Sioux City, Ia., reports a steady growth of goodness in that city and sends us seven subs. Comrade Reedy of Eddy, Okla., sends us the names of a dozen who will take the Appeal absent treatment for a year. Comrade Powers of Owasso, Mich., gave the bulldog a treat last week, and the Blonde Beauty has been busy ever since. Comrade Pinkus of Davenport, Ia., is going after the Davenporters with hammer and tongs. He is getting them, too. Comrade Wisner of Caro, Mich., renews his sub, starts another on the way and gives the Appeal a word of encouragement. Comrade Smith of Middletown, N. Y., orders a little of everything that is good and finishes with an order for a bundle of 348. Comrade Williams of Asheville, N. C., says it is "dead easy" to get subs for the Appeal, and proves it by sending in a good club. Comrade Johnston of McMillan, Mont., sends in a few wide-awakes, and says: "The conservatives are beginning to wake up." Socialists always know a good thing when they read about it. The boys gobbled up the fifty copies of Altgeld's Live Questions in short order. Comrade Moorhouse, of Denver, Colo., got in the notion to renew his subscription, and before he started it away found four more in the same notion. Comrade White of Topeka, Kan., orders a bundle of ten for six months and a big bundle of the Union Labor Edition. There will be more news from Topeka. Comrade Olson of Minneapolis, Minn., says it is very difficult to make people understand what Socialism is, but he is doing the thing to arouse their understanding. Comrade Burrows, of Fort Smith, Ark., does what many others are doing and a great many others should do. He orders a big bundle of the Union Labor edition. Comrade Owens of Roscommon, Mich., sends a club for the Monthly and orders the TWELVE HUNDRED COMBINATION. The 1200 should be ordered by every worker. Comrade Ryan of Salem, Ore., Socialist candidate for governor of Oregon, and first Socialist candidate for governor of any state, orders a bundle of the Union Labor Edition. Comrade Gray of Rensselaer, N. Y., orders a supply of the Farmers' Edition when sending in a club, and says the Socialist vote at the next election in his city will exceed the last vote by 200 per cent. Comrade Kunz orders for the Leavenworth, Kan., Socialist club a thousand of No. 348 the 1,200 Combination, the Great Big Combination, and sends along a dollar for the miners' educational fund.

Orders for the little red stickers are rolling in. We now have a supply of them, and every comrade should order at least a sample hundred, which costs only ten cents, and see how much can be done with them. Socialists can generally recognize each other by the extra width between the eyes, but to prevent confusion on the part of the old party/ies it is well to wear a party button which the Appeal can supply at only five cents each. Comrade Amber of Philadelphia, Pa., writes:

"I am satisfied that the contents of the Appeal for the past year have made me a convert to Socialism, and having seen the light my only regret is that I did not see the Appeal long before."

Comrade Krieger, secretary of Branch 6 of the Socialist party of Rockville, Conn., orders a thousand copies of No. 348. This is one of the oldest Socialist organizations in America, being founded in 1876. Its forty German members are workers and are making history. Comrade West of Laurium, Mich., sends a splendid club for the paper and Monthly and concludes his letter as follows: "No one with any sense can read the Appeal for any length of time and not become a Socialist. It is away ahead of anything I have seen to hand to a man or woman; it is always up to date and generally catches a person right in the start."

Death by Epithet. There are many ways of killing a man. There are many ways of killing the truth—of killing it for years, and sometimes for centuries. A man may shoot, or stab, or hang—the pistol, the knife, the rope, are your instruments. Every destruction must have its adequate cause. In the dominion of truth-seeking reform—lifting them out of the bad into the better—the instruments which operate always disturb fixed conditions, and those disturbed become the enemies of the disturber. It is natural for such to seek to kill that which seeks the good of the many to the disadvantage of the few. But these are preliminary words enough. Our purpose was to call your attention to the manner in which truth battling for the betterment of man, is slain, or sought to be slain by those who occupy remunerative and advantageous positions under the old systems. There is truth in the phrase, "Freedom for all men and all nations, of all colors and of all climes." For over half a century a very few men living north of the Mason and Dixon line gave utterance to that truth. Do you know many years the life of that great truth was sought by epithet? "Damned abolitionists," "Black Republicans," "Miscegenationists," and a half score of other epithets, which made such an impression upon the ignorant that the truth was crippled and the glory of its gospel withheld. I mention this one instance only because it is true of every other progressive movement in science, religion or civil life. There are always detractors, and they always resort to the use of any words which strengthen unrighteousness and impede the progress of truth. We are living in an era of this kind now. We are using great energies to break the power of evil in our body politic. We have come to feel the galling of the chains of oppression. We have come to know that the nation is in the hands of money men, and that they are the power that rules both the great political parties. There is no difference between these parties when you question closely the leaders of both. They are both bidding for votes—not for the country's sake—not for freedom's sake—not for truth and righteousness' sake—but for the sake of offices and emoluments. The plain common people, who are only needed at election times, are beginning to move out on lines of self-protection. At once the atmosphere becomes vocal with the epithets, "Socialism!" "Communism!" "Anarchy!" Fearing their own detection in crime and the exposure of their treachery to the people, the enemies of change, of progress, resort to the old means of killing their enemies by epithets. You must not kill the dog until you have given him a bad name and the daubers in black begin to sing their lying words about. Many an honest dog has been slain because his enemy wanted him slain and gave him a character which would justify the killing.

Our word to earnest and honest men is, the man who deals in epithets is usually a base man and a liar—no matter however prominent he may be. And usually the men who deal in epithets are ignorant men—could not tell the meaning of the epithet they use, especially if it have application to any problem of economic truth. There are an hundred men in Bloomington now, whose mouths are full of epithets, who cannot give an intelligent definition of Socialism, communism or anarchy. They are simply the men through whom more powerful ones speak. While we are not a Socialist, nor a communist, nor an anarchist, we despise the spirit which would kill or impede by epithet. Our motto is: "Prove all things and hold fast to that which is good." Listen to no epithet—despise him! Look at all claimants to truth with clear honest eyes, and take what you find and stand by it. There is much good in Socialism or Jesus Christ and Thomas Jefferson would not have been Socialists. And some of the noblest men of any civilization have been communists. As to anarchy, we look upon it only as a temporary rebound from the oppressions which many people of this world suffer unjustly. There is neither wisdom nor philosophy in it. "Prove all things!" Do not be afraid to investigate; and above all things don't let any impulsive and ignorant fool do your reading or thinking for you.—Bloomington (Ill.) Record.

A Warning. Wm. E. Walter, Socialist Candidate for Governor of Michigan. I recognize that Socialism is not a quick remedy for all the evils mankind is suffering from, nor that comes before the people begging to be tried in order that the benefits to be derived from its use can be seen; but it is the political expression of an irresistible industrial force, that sounds a note of warning to the world. It sounds the death knell of capitalism, and at the same time calls the next ruling class to arms to protect their interests in the time of danger. We Socialists do not advocate force, but sometimes fear it; for if the wheels of progress be stopped by the ignorance of the people, it will make a peaceful solution of the problem less likely, moreover, improbable. Then, whether we want it or not, force must become the midwife of progress, and the world plunged into civil war more terrible than any that now blots the pages of history. Should this happen, the very ones responsible for it will hold up their hands in holy horror at its terrible effects, and attempt to lay the blame for it upon those who are the only people that have ever done anything to prevent the outbreak—the Socialists. We have tried, and are trying, to educate the people to a peaceful progression, from capitalism to the Co-operative Commonwealth by the use of the ballot. Long have we pointed this out to the people; and to those who insist on sitting on the safety valve of stern economic necessity we, the Socialists, say that if you still persist in disobeying this natural law that knocks for recognition, let your blood be upon your own heads.

A Great Joke. At the last session of congress an appropriation of \$10,000 was made to enable the department of agriculture to conduct experiments to determine if foreign substances added to food products in the nature of coloring matter or preservatives are injurious to the health of those that consume them. The experiments will be undertaken in October under the direction of Dr. W. H. Wiley, chief of the bureau of animal industry. A Washington dispatch sets forth that when

the department first announced that Dr. Wiley would conduct the proposed experiments the rumor was circulated that free board would be furnished to a number of ablebodied men on application, provided they would volunteer to submit to certain dietetic regulations. Immediately Dr. Wiley was besieged at his office and at his home "by dozens of men that offered to submit to the experiments, even to taking poison, if the doctor would give them enough to eat."

It seems to be a huge joke in Washington—that men would willingly endanger their lives for something to eat. What a fine subject for the cartoonists that depict the "Weary Willies" dodging work! It may be funny—depending, perhaps, upon the point of view. It would be highly amusing to some persons to see a man fall on a slippery sidewalk and fracture his leg. Pain is a source of humor to many. There was great sport in the rat and the thumbscrew. Bullfights, burning negroes and pugilistic encounters afford rare enjoyment. It depends upon the point of view and the temperament of those that are able to see the joke. Still it is barely possible that those men, whose hunger drove them to the extremity of offering to eat poisonous food in the hope that it could not prove more fatal than starvation, would have preferred to work than to starve. It is barely possible that even in these days of "unprecedented prosperity" men may suffer the pangs of hunger and yet be willing to work. At least, it does not appear to be a matter for jest that there are men that are starving with plenty on every hand.—Ex.

The country may be in a state of peace or tranquility, but there was a fierce battle in the mining regions of Pennsylvania the other day. Several people were killed and some hundred wounded. The State will be put to many thousands of dollars expense. This is the price the people pay for the private ownership of the coal mines. Not only are they robbed by extortion in the price, but they are taxed to pay the officers and soldiers to protect that hateful ownership that causes the outbreaks. Each such incident helps to open the eyes of the people. It is expensive, has always been expensive, but it takes a good deal of punishment to make some people see what ails them. By electing the Socialist ticket the miners can have full power and control over the mining business, make their own rules, and get all the coal sells for less the amount the railroad employes get as wares for hauling the coal to market. Wouldn't that be better than starving and being shot?

Sears, Roebuck & Co., and other great department houses are establishing local branches in the smaller cities. O, the little fellows will get it in the neck by the system they uphold.

Anthracite Propaganda Fund.

The literature fund for propaganda work among the striking miners of Pennsylvania is rapidly growing but the demand for papers, pamphlets and books is in excess of the funds. Every Comrade who has money or postal subscription cards to contribute is requested to forward the same at the earliest possible date that the work so well begun can be carried to a successful conclusion. For the cards and money so contributed, printed matter will be sent to our workers in the strike district. Previously acknowledged \$ 208.37 Comrade Peugh, Fairfield, Neb. 1.25 Jackson, Miss. .98 Comrade Herschede, Los Angeles, Calif. 1.25 Corporation Mule, Starbuck, Wash., 10.00 Comrade Mears, Santa Monica, Calif. 1.25 Comrade Lindner, Rochester, Pa. 2.50 Comrade Madole, Paris, Tenn. 1.00 A. M. G., Seattle, Wash. .25 A Friend, New Castle, Colo. .50 Comrade Reeves, Burckmont, Ore. 2.50 Comrade Smith, Bisbee, Ariz. 25.00 Comrade Schneider, Yonkers, N. Y. 33.50 Comrade Taylor, Tecumseh, Neb. 3.00 Comrade Conte, Muncie, Ind. .50 Socialist, Concord, N. H. 1.25 A Comrade, Mine La Motte, Mo. .75 Comrade Paul, Nardin, Okla. .50 Comrade Zletzke, Bozeman, Mont. 37.50 Comrade Becker, N. Hillsdale, N. Y. 2.00 Comrade Backus, Los Angeles, Calif. 2.50 Comrade Kunz, Leavenworth, Kans. 1.00 Comrade Carleton, Livingston, Mont. 2.00 Comrade Midyett, Fisher, Mo. 1.25 Comrade Wood, Igerna, Calif. 1.50 Comrade Peugh, Fairfield, Neb. 1.25 Comrade Scofield, Hickman, Neb. 1.50

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