





The Spirit of the Press.

Mr. Baer says the government is not big enough to make the anthracite trust be good...

No barbarian could be found who would be willing to exchange the leisure and liberty of his barbarian life for the modern wage system.

A southern slave owner once made the assertion, it is said, that he would call the roll of his slaves from the foot of Faneuil Hall...

The New York democrats adopted a resolution favoring government ownership of the mines.

"Dividing up" is what the capitalist press says the Socialists want, at the same time the capitalists are not only dividing up, but they take all the people earn, excepting just enough to keep these people alive.

The Chicago American says Baer is a "bullet head." And there are others; and it is bullet heads who keep the earth in the hands of such bullet heads as Baer, otherwise the Baer bullet heads would not have the coal mines and railroads in the palms of their hands.

Doesn't it stand to reason that if one man has a dollar that he did not earn some other man has earned a dollar that he did not get?

Socialism has no thought of an equality of individuals, but seeks equality of opportunity. It promotes justice, harmony, peace, the common good.

The price of boxes in the Metropolitan opera house in New York city has been reduced to \$6,000 each for the season.

The success of the propaganda in the coal regions since the strike begun is without a parallel. Socialism has lifted the miners out of despair, and shown them an orderly and bloodless pathway to industrial emancipation.

The coal barons call for law. They declare the miners' union is illegal. Do they forget that their combination to control the price of anthracite is illegal under the common law and by statute.

We wonder what President Roosevelt thinks of his "captains of industry" since they so unceremoniously snubbed him at the strike conference last Friday?

The way to stop a great movement is to switch it off on the sidetrack of compromise. Socialism knows no such thing as compromise.

It really looks as if George Gould knew pretty nearly what he was saying when he said his class have money enough to hire one-half of the working class to kill the other half if they become dissatisfied.

It was noticeable that of all the soldiers, who passed through Reading in the early part of the week on their way to the coal fields, the usual hilarity observable among them was entirely absent.

At the present time I am able to attend to my household and family duties, pursue music which was formerly my profession, besides reading and studying, all of which I was formerly unable to do at the time referred to.

joined the National Guard I never thought I would be called out to do anything like this. I would give anything to not go, but there is no use talking.

If all who labor and drudge were to stop work this minute and allow themselves so'd rest for thirty days and those who now claim to be "above work" were called into service, think of the dirty linen that would accumulate, the soft hands that would be soiled, and the vulgar perspiration that would ooze by reason of honest effort.

How a Naturalized Englishman Sees Us. Editor Appeal to Reason.

I have been studying American institutions for the last twelve years and the more I see of them working the more amazed I am that a people who call themselves the most intelligent people on earth should conduct their affairs in such a stupid, unbusinesslike manner.

Look at the boodle and rascality of the state legislatures all over the country. Look at the defaulting state and city officials all over the Union. Here in California the state printer prints the school books and the parents of school children are made to pay forty and fifty cents for a fifteen or twenty cent book printed by the state.

Divisions of Power and Property. Written for the Appeal to Reason.

According to the "Book of Nature," Nature's God, the earth and all things thereon, belong to all the people, not all to a few of the people.

Different peoples have made different laws, dividing power and property among themselves, making a few lords and many masters and many slaves, and many poor, a few masters and many slaves, and many poor.

Kansas City, Kan., Sept. 24, 1902. Editor Appeal to Reason.

Dear Comrade—The nearly 300 copies of a week of the Appeal which I am getting are reaching me promptly and regularly.

Anthracite Propaganda Fund.

Table listing names and amounts for the Anthracite Propaganda Fund, including Comrade Salsbury, Comrade Johnson, Comrade Becker, etc.

Compensation.

Shall we compensate the capitalists when we take back to ourselves the wealth they have extorted from us and from our forefathers?

If the laborer demands no compensation for his long years of unpaid toil; if the procurers present no bill for the privileges of life from which they have been debarred...

Suppose we grant for a moment the desirability of finding the slave yet once more that we may compensate the master for what the slave created.

Take first the railroads and the telegraphs. Pay for them, watered stock and all, fifteen billion of dollars. Hand over to the present owners of all the gold and all the silver coin in the world without a protest.

Buy back to ourselves our beautiful country that no man created, together with the products of our own hard toil.

When, at last, we shall have bought back the things we once created, the present owners will then have all the gold and all silver, all the greenbacks with the gold and silver certificates.

We would have among us all the workers with hand or brain, all the strength and skill that breathes life into mechanical creations of iron and steel—the genius which invents, and the brains that plan and direct, together with the hands that execute.

All these then, will belong to us, the laborers, the workers, the producers of wealth. Standing apart from all these things, and having no share in them, will stand the capitalist class upon their heaps of no longer precious metals, and their worthless paper.

"Compensation" in the paper and metal tokens of present value would be a "gold brick" in more senses than one.

No! The compensation which Socialism will give to the capitalists will be of a nature which his present class training has made him incapable of comprehending.

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