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Prosperity.

The employers have locked out their workmen in the building trade in Pittsburg, and 25,000 men are idle in the street.

The cotton mills of Rhode Island have reduced the bread and butter allowance of 25,000 of their slaves.

Chesapeake Nail Works, Harrisburg, Pa., has taken 10 per cent of grub from the fool dinner pails of their slaves.

Police at public expense stand guard over the submissive non-union slaves in the structural iron trade at Indianapolis. Tyrants like submissive slaves.

All the slaves in the steel plant at Indiana Harbor, near Chicago, have quit rather than accept the taking by their masters of one-fifth of their dinner pail. Even the non-union men went out in protest.

The slaves in the sausage factories of Chicago have quit work in protest against the small allowance the masters permit for food and clothing. More than 1,000 are out.

The great dry goods house of Crawford & Co., St. Louis, forced to assign. Owe a million.

The sugar trust in Brooklyn, N. Y., has been caught stealing water from the city plant by means of secret water mains. This is one of the president's good trusts.

Montgomery, Ind., terrorized by incendiaries, blackmailers and dynamiters. Insurance companies cancel policies. All good republicans and democrats.

The steel trust has ordered all its lake boats tied up indefinitely. But American workmen, with votes enough to fill every public office, elect their masters, preferring wage slavery to liberty.

The steel corporation at Pittsburg, Pa., has reduced wages of its non-union sheet workers 20 per cent.

The Philadelphia and Reading system has reduced the hours to eight with a corresponding reduction in pay. The boys were too prosperous. The railroad officials, viewing the election returns, felt certain that their slaves were contented and prosperous and were safe in slicing off part of their grub.

The Penn. Iron Works, at Lancaster, cut the wages 20 per cent. Too much prosperity for the safety of the country.

The striking butchers at Cincinnati threaten a meat famine—I don't think. The Chicago packers can supply those who have money all right. Too much prosperity in Cincinnati. Hanna knows that from the vote.

The coal trust at Knoxville, Tenn., has ejected its union miners from their homes and employed non-union miners. Do you see why the companies prefer miners who are poor so they cannot own a home?

The Colorado Iron and Coal company has laid off the men in their iron works and are trying to get them to take the places of the striking coal miners.

The workers in the sheet iron mills at McKeesport, Pa., have been notified of a 30 per cent reduction in their wages. The slaves get too much food.

The workers in the plate and bar mills at McKeesport, Pa., have also had a cut of 30 per cent in their dinner pail contents. Slaves, be submissive to your masters.

The Union Pacific system will not employ Socialists. It fears men with brains enough to think.

The ninety thousand slaves in the New England cotton mills submit to a reduction in their food and clothing without protest—and vote to have the masters control the courts and law making machinery. This is the first time in the world's history when the laboring men had the legal power to free themselves from their masters and refused to exercise it. Ignorant, unlettered workmen of bygone ages fought to the death to obtain freedom.

The bank at Irton, Ia., closed up on its depositors cash on the 17th. The prosperity was so great the bank couldn't help it.

The State Bank at Eagan, S. D., closed up because of "slow collections"—no, on account of the great prosperity! The dupes who lost their cash won't miss it—it is so prosperous.

A run of the Penn. Trust Company bank at Reading, Pa., "could not be understood" by the officials. Why, the people wanted to see how prosperous they were—wanted to see the

color of a piece of money after a long time of seeing only checks and credits on bank books.

Wages go down and new issues of bonds and stocks by the corporations will absorb the millions taken out of the fool dinner pails.

The great Henneberry Printing Co., Chicago, has gone up in the smoke of prosperity. I'll bet that every member of the firm voted for the system that wiped them off the map.

The number of abductions of prominent people, the hold-ups, the incendiaries, the killings and strikes today, remind one very much of the conditions prevalent in Rome when that empire was tumbling to its fall.

At the present rate of gobbling power, Rockefeller and his immediate associates will own all the capital of the United States in twenty-five years. The only thing that will be left for the small capitalists will be to vend shoe strings, peanuts or something of that nature to the many slaves in the capitalist employ who will not have time to go to the stores on account of their long hours. And such a condition will serve the small capitalist just as he deserves.

A tobaccoist at St. Paul, Minn., named Whitwell, brought suit against the Tobacco Trust because it refused to sell him goods except at such an exorbitant price that he was forced out of business. The court decided that the trust did not have to sell any goods to anybody unless it wanted to. The suit was brought under the Sherman anti-trust law that has been used so often effectively against labor. It's odd that the anti-trust laws never interfere with the trusts at whom they were SUPPOSED to be aimed, but always against the little devils who were clamoring for protection from the trusts? I am very glad to see the courts thus uphold the rights of the rich to sell to whom they please and what prices they please. It will be another strong point that will be used to crush out the little fellows who vote the trust tickets at every election. It would not take long to organize the millions against the trust system were it not for these little dealers who, in their ignorance of economic law, throw all their influence to private capitalism under which they and the masses are being crushed. I hope to see them all wiped off the commercial map, and added to the overflowing ranks of common wage earners, as only by such condition will they ever be made to see the injustice and absurdity of the private ownership of capital that all must use to enjoy life. Money, such as we now use, has no PURCHASING power by law. It has only a debt paying power. Nor could the law give it a purchasing power unless the law at the same time made the price at which articles should be sold, and that would be the same as taking the industries out of the hands of the owners. So absurd is the present industrial system. There can be no justice in the courts so long as strong corporation or individual interests exist inside the social body. As well might one expect to see the courts appointed by the czar deal out justice to the poor who complain of their lot and condition under the czar. Hurrah for the judge that socked it to the little dealer, who would like to have the power to lord it over others if he could.

Rockefeller is said to have gained control of the Pennsylvania railroad system, and with it the control of the anthracite coal of the nation. Jim Keene is said to have made \$6,000,000 in the slump of steel shares. Chicago is in the throes of a civil war, brought about by the street car strike. The chief of police, in office by the strikers' votes, doing all he can to assist the men and help the corporations. State Senator Holbrook, of Michigan, on trial for bribing jurymen. Say, this thing is just too lovely for nothing!

Capitalists hire and corrupt everything and person that stands in their way of kingly power in industry. Any man with any ability, if he will prostitute himself, will sell his friends, can get a price for them. They stand ready with open purse for every minister or priest or politician who will hold his members in political line for the trust tickets at the election. Is there a renegade? They will hire him. Is there a judge who can be used? They have the price. Is there an officer with an itching palm? They can scratch the place. When you see men trying to make the people content

with corporation rule, you can safely put it down they have had their price, though they proclaim themselves as immaculate as snow. The cattle that bring the best price in this market are such as have professed to have been Socialists. There will be some of his kind for sale, but they will not change the mind of a single real Socialist. Benedict Arnold was paid by the king, but the American revolution was not turned back. He died in ignominy as he deserved.

The B. & O. railroad closed all their shops at Garret, Ind., Nov. 11th and the employes are wondering how such a job of prosperity could strike them so quick. They would be slaves under socialism, because they would own and operate the railroad industry for their own and public benefit. Wonder if they will vote next year for corporation ownership?

With wages being cut everywhere, prices of food rising, it is a sight for the gods to see such men as Gompers and Mitchell refusing to instruct their followers to VOTE against the capitalists. Trades union is being worsted everywhere, and these men see it, see their unions being awed by officers elected by the old parties, and yet desire to see their followers continue to elect such men. Even a wooden Indian should be able to know why such action.



The Appeal Army "Chopping" Wood and Saying "Something." PUZZLE. Find the Mad Capitalist.

The working class get what they voted for. Give it to them, governor, they like the taste of oppression and riot bullets.

I am a boss barber, renting a shop, paying all expenses and giving my men half they earn. Am I not doing the whole thing by them? A Socialist here calls me an exploiter of labor. Can you enlighten me a little.—JAS. TWOGOOD, Macon, Ga.

If you are giving your men HALF they earn, how can they be getting the WHOLE thing? You are compelled to take part of what they earn now to pay the landlord and other barbers who attach themselves to the workers. Then when you and your men go out to spend what has been left you, you pay from two to twenty times what labor gets for producing the things you buy. Under Socialism there would be the finest buildings and appliances for you and all other employments, owned by the public and conducted by the workers and there would be nothing deducted from your returns except enough to maintain such buildings and machinery. You would be able to buy goods or service for the labor cost, which would give the workers all that is now absorbed by the interest, rent and profit takers, and all that is taken by those uselessly employed, which is far greater than any other form of exploitation. By this arrangement you would receive as much as any other worker in the social hive, which would be something like \$2,000 a year, or more, ever increasing as better machinery were developed. And this employment would be for your children after you. I should think this would be a great benefit to you, even if your co-workers would receive as much as you, though they now receive perhaps less. How many less barbers' hours would be necessary in your city if the department were organized under such a basis? And if you performed the same labor, would you not be as much entitled to the present pay as if you were forced to remain at your place of business longer hours? Many parts of the week business is slow but you all remain there for fear some competitor might get some of your patronage. That feeling would be done away with under Socialism. Barbers under Socialism would receive as much for their time as any other person. Do they now?

The republican school officials at Hammond, Ind., are accused by the business men's committee with collusion with those grafters who furnish school supplies, with the result of loss of thousands of dollars to the school funds. These republican officials are such honest, patriotic men. They stand alone between the nation and Socialist horror!

The State Bank at Germania, Iowa, struck with the wave of prosperity, closed up on \$70,000 of depositors' cash. Say, these old party business men are SO opposed to confiscation! U. S. Senator Deitrich, of Nebraska, good republican, is indicted for selling post offices. He should be given a place in the cabinet alongside Senator Hanna. The senate likes such men.

The capitalists seem to have two very able champions in the trades union movement in the persons of Gompers and Mitchell. They are much opposed to the men voting against the capitalist system.

The republican governor of Colorado has asked the president to send troops to overawe the working class there that elected him and his gang.

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Postal Savings Bank.

In view of the many bank failures, many letters come to my desk asking how to use the postoffice for a savings bank. Fill out a postal money order application at your office, PAYABLE to your name, at your own office, and the postmaster MUST issue you a money order for the amount. You can get it repaid any time within a year. After a year you will, when you apply for it, get a check from Washington City on the Treasury of the United States for the amount, good for all time, cashable at any national bank. Money deposited so is not liable to any civil suit or garnishment.

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Who Belongs to the Appeal Army?

W E are about to close the old year and begin a new one. The present year has been the greatest in the history of the Appeal, as it has been in that of the Socialist movement. Day by day we are drawing nearer the time when the forces of Capitalism and those of Socialism must come together for the final struggle for mastery. The star of commercialism has passed the zenith, and is on the wane, while that of Socialism is beginning to shine on the whole civilized world. Hired lackeys and moss grown conservatives may tell you that Socialism is a dream that can never be realized, but our numbers go on increasing just the same. They may tell you that once inaugurated it will destroy ambition and incentive, but this is no check to men and women who are hungry, and cold. No capitalist spokesman is brave enough to deny that work what will it may, Socialism will give us bread, clothes and houses. It will give us fuel to burn so that we can laugh at winter's winds. It will tear up our dismal tenements and give us homes where flowers grow and the birds sing. The fruit and the food which the world yields in such abundance will be at the command of him who works, and in all the broad land there will not be one hungry boy or girl. And by and by the economic question will be reduced to one of bread and butter—food, clothing and shelter. Workingmen will hiss at diamond-encrusted college professors who talk about Socialism destroying "incentive." They will say, "Out with your incentive, your ambition and your reducing man to a dead level, what we want is bread." The full dinner pail argument of the capitalists will be turned against them, and hungry men will curse at the politician and his capitalist economics. In the days to come it will grow harder and harder for the capitalists to maintain their system. They will not be able to sell their goods, and must frequently close down their factories. They will not be able to supply the working class with jobs. Gluts in the market, and famine in workmen's stomachs will come more and more often like the successive chills that precede death. Because of these things there can be but one end to the world's struggle. The working class of the world will not permit themselves to be cast into slavery, but they will organize, take possession of the government and establish co-operative production and distribution. Every page of science points to this conclusion. Evolution declares for it, and every instinct and hope of the human mind, both religious and psychic, inspires us in a belief in the coming redemption of mankind from the curse of capitalism. Every seer from Isaiah to Jesus has portrayed it. Every poet who has ever written has had this vision revealed to him. Burns saw it when he said that "Man to man o'er all the earth, shall brethren be." Tennyson saw it in Locksley Hall and his vision of the "Federation of the World." Science at last demonstrates what intuition reveals, and it remained for Marx and Engels to analyze the history of the human race; work out the details of the historic class struggle, and on this data and analysis base the scientific conclusion that the working class is bound by the laws of evolution to at last take possession of government, and through it the machinery of production and distribution, and thus end the class struggle forever by the establishment of the co-operative commonwealth.

The Socialist holds this position supported by both science and faith. This is why he cannot be shaken, why his ardor cannot be cooled, why amidst temporary defeat he plods steadily onward with his eyes set on the final goal. Of just such material is the Appeal army made. Think you we would have dared to sign a contract last March for our big press and to project improvements here costing \$25,000 with only \$4,000 of it in the treasury, had we not believed, nay, known, that the army would pay for it in the allotted time? Could we have sent out more than 250,000 postal subscription cards on credit to aid the army workers if we had not known their mettle? The Socialists are not dreamers, they are workers—tireless workers. With them it is a campaign 365 days in the year. The election to which they are looking forward occurs on the date when the whole land shall be swept by the Socialist party, and until that time comes our campaign will never cease. We know that our ultimate success is assured, and we work with such untiring zeal, only that we may hasten the day when our own and the misery of others shall cease. During the year about to close the Army sent in nearly 250,000 subscribers. They have bought and distributed over one million pamphlets. They have paid for the press and added the necessary equipment to the office. Reference to our card cases show that something like 24,000 persons have sent us money for subscriptions or books. These we call the Appeal Army. In other words that many persons have worked for the Appeal, not only without pay, but have themselves paid their own postage and the cost of their money orders. We would like to give this noble band of workers something that will link them together. We had in mind a Christmas present but the time is too short to get the article manufactured which we wish to distribute. We will defer that till a later date when we can be sure of enough presents to go around. There is one thing, however, about which we are concerned. We are about to enter on a mighty national campaign. The work we have done this year and the machinery we have bought was but preparation for this great struggle. We are going into the campaign with a magnificent equipment so far as presses and office mechanism is concerned. The only thing on which we appear to be lame is our army record. What we want to know is how many of these 24,000 persons who worked so faithfully in 1903 can be relied on to go into next year's battle and keep moving as of yore. A great many mistakes have occurred in our card records for so many accounts are hard to keep accurately. We want our army list to be so reliable that we can go to it, select a name and write a personal letter or wire, if necessary, and be sure of an answer. The Appeal is preparing for some mighty warm work after the holidays and it wants just such a reliable list. After much discussion as to plans for securing such a list we decided to leave its settlement to you. Below you will find a blank ready for you to sign. To every one who sends us five subscribers during the month of December, or who buys five cards, or its equivalent in books, we shall issue a certificate of membership in the Appeal Army, beautifully designed, and suitable for framing. The certificate will bear your name, and will have a number determined by the time your application reaches the office. For example, when we open the mail on the morning of the first day of December, the first letter that contains an order filled out on the blank printed below, will entitle its sender to be number 1. The second will be 2, and so on through the list. When the month is closed, and we begin the new year, we shall then publish the names of the army workers made up from the new list. The names will be classified by states. You will then all get to see who it is that is making history. If you want to be on the front row, fill out the blanks below and send to the Appeal.

You may enroll my name in the Appeal Army of workers for the great campaign of 1904. I enclose with this blank pay for

It is agreed that you will number my application in the order in which letters are opened at your office, beginning with the morning of December 1, 1903, and that you will send me a certificate of membership suitable for framing.

Name

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The Strikers Stand to Lose

BY CHARLES L. BRECKON. The strike of the street car men in Chicago, which is being waged so vigorously...

PARTY

What the National Organizers Are Doing. M. W. Williams is now in Montana, working under the direction of State Secretary...

Organization in Minnesota. Comrade Thomas H. Lucas has just returned from a six weeks trip in the Northwestern part of the state...

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as the ever sure reason of the loss of this strike and all others that may follow? There is but one answer: STRIKES ARE KILLED BY THE WORKING CONTRACT SYSTEM...

John W. Bennett began work in North Dakota Nov. 14th at Rutland. Strong letters of approval of Bennett's work were received from Comrades Nichols...

Since Chas. G. Towner began work on Oct. 12th he has addressed meetings in West Virginia at Huntington, Charleston, Gatewood, Wheeling, McMechen, Beerswood...

Ohio Socialist News. Complete returns from the late election are not yet obtainable, but those counties which have official reports already sent in give over 9,000 votes...

Nebraska News. Charters have been granted to locals at Crawford, Dakota City and North Platte. Organizer Schermeyer reports that the comrades at Alliance will organize a local in the near future...

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1904 GARDNER'S CARDS

The harness maker employers are trying to disrupt the workmen's union, and the latter claim that they have imposed a fine of \$500 on any employer who uses union workmen.

Woman's Approval and Co-operation

Necessary to the Welfare and Advancement of the Socialist Movement.

BY JOSEPHINE CONGER.

(Read before Girard Socialist Local and resolution passed by that body that paper be published in Appeal.)

I have been asked to talk upon the subject, "What can women do in the Socialist movement?" This is a vast, unexplored region in which I am sure I would lose myself should I ever attempt to enter it.

It is a very simple and easy thing to say that a woman can help our movement by buying Appeal subscription cards, by distributing literature and by talking to her neighbors.

Man in his conceit—which conceit is perfectly natural and lawful under the present regime—has never regarded the power of woman from the standpoint of an opposition element.

Now, in regard to women in the Socialist party, I know that it is claimed by the male comrades that they are "perfectly welcome," that they are given equal rights, that they are even "encouraged to take part."

But propaganda work is not extended among women as it is among men. We don't direct our efforts to them as we do toward the male citizens.

Indeed there are quite a number of attentions that we show to men which we consider as wasted upon women.

I am even aware of the fact that some of the male comrades, the moment they get hold of the Appeal devour it themselves, and, in their eagerness to get somebody "converted" to Socialism, rush with it to some other man, before the poor wife has had a chance to even look at the "Woman's Department."

Comrade Sula Lowrie, writing for the "Chicago Socialist," says there are only fifty women in Chicago who are members of Socialist locals.

Four subs for a \$. Send the names.

he is turning Socialist principles into a "race" question when he appeals to his black brother. Neither ought he to think that it is making a "sex" or "woman's rights" question of Socialism when he directs his propaganda to the minds of women.

For these reasons and many more, I am very much interested indeed in learning the secret by which we may get women into the Socialist party; after they are there will be time enough to discuss what they can do.

"All the wisdom of the Vedas, and all that has been written in books, is to be found in the heart of a woman,"—Vedas.

Two very interesting pamphlets that have just come to our desk are "A Plea for the Children," by Mina Price (5 cents each, Frank Vierth, Cedar Rapids, Ia., Pub.) and "The Woman Question" by Adeline Champney (5 cents each, Comrade Pub. Co., New York.)

"The Night Storm" is the title of a short "Parable of the Coming Revolution" put into chaste and exhilarating verse by Geo. E. Winkler, of Princeton, B. C. It is neatly printed, with a red border and a cover in two colors.

Election Returns.

NEBRASKA. DAKOTA—Socialist vote 28. PIERCE—Socialist vote 16; last year 7. Sixteen additional votes were cast in adjoining townships. CHADRON—Socialist vote of Dawes county 53; last year 34. LEROY—Socialist vote 19; last year 10. GENEVA—Socialist vote 32; last year 15. BROCK—Socialist vote 21. STAR—Socialist vote Holt county 100; last year 20.

NEW YORK. LITTLE FALLS—Socialist vote 22; last year 6. SCHNECTADY—Vote of entire county last year 131; this year we polled 406 in the city alone.—Furnside.

ROCHESTER—Socialist vote larger than at first reported. Highest vote 4,104; vote last year 2,196.—Joel Moses.

PENNSYLVANIA. PITTSBURGH—Socialist vote 1,075; last year 523. BLOOMSBURG—Socialist vote 45; last year 32.

OHIO. STRUTHERS—Socialist vote 19; last year 1. VAN WERT—Socialist vote 30. No speeches, no organization, only Appeals.—Beatty.

HARRISON—Socialist vote 25; last year 13. SALT LAIR—Socialist vote 82; last year 42.

UTAH. Two more cities—Eureka and Nephi—in the Mormon state have reported, both of which are in Juab county.

The entire vote in the county last year was but 195, while the vote in the two towns alone this spring exceeds 350. Highest vote in Nephi is 109, against 254 republicans and 363 democrats. Highest vote in Eureka is Socialist 262; democrat 205; republican 387.

Why the Opposition to Unionism.

The fierce opposition that is today manifested against trades unions might seem unexplainable but for one fact—the unknown thesis of Socialism. Capitalism knows how to fight trades unionism. It is organized on a capitalistic basis—it uses the methods of capitalism.

A dog will avoid the house where he is scalded, but the working class get scalded by the men they elect to office year after year, yet under the tutelage of the politicians and the clericals go right back to do the same thing over. How stupid of the dog!

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The Book That Will be Read By the Millions

And which will become as well known as Merrie England, the product of an English Coal Miner, has been written by a negro. The book is dedicated in the following striking language: "This little book is dedicated to that class of citizens who desire to know what the Socialists want to do, and how they propose to do it. By one who was once a chattel slave freed by the proclamation of Lincoln, and who now wishes to be free from the slavery of capitalism."

Its Simple Style.

As an exhibition of the plan of the book, we quote his preface in full, as follows:

PREFACE.

Nothing original is claimed for this little book, the principal object of which has been to make the subjects treated as plain as possible to the reader. To the Socialist who may think it worth while to read it, the author would say that its object is to meet the demands of that large and increasing class of persons who have not yet accepted Socialism, but would do so if they could see any possible way of putting it into practice. No one knows better than he that any plans suggested may undergo various modifications; yet it would not be sensible to start to build a house without a plan.

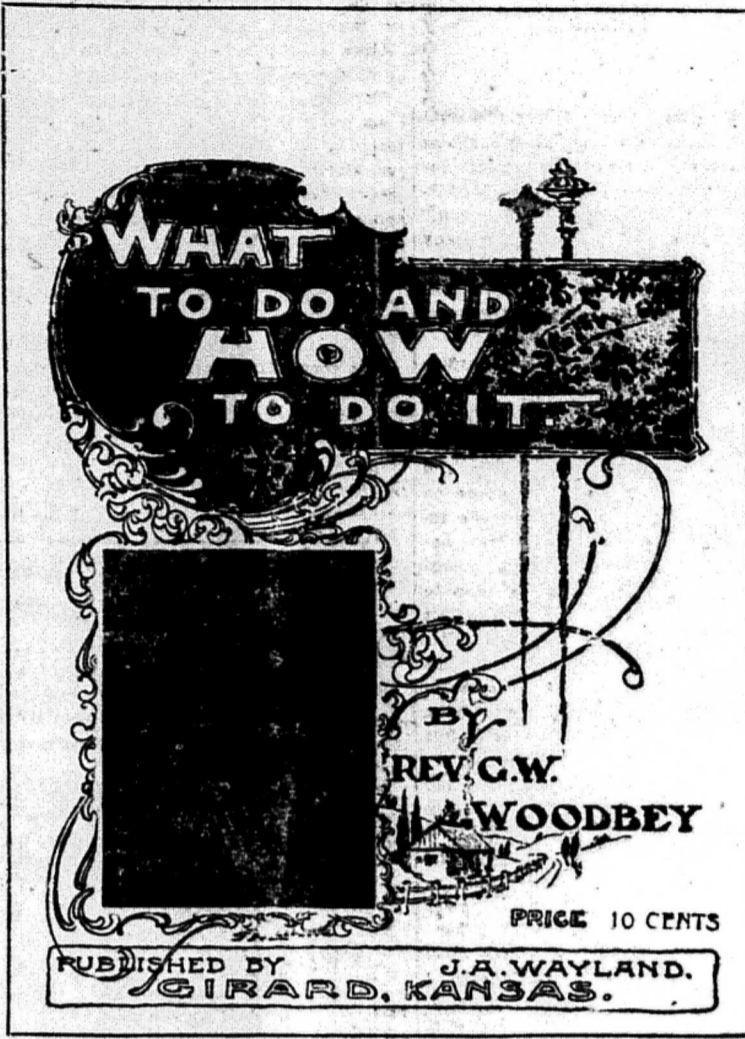
The author has tried to describe the workings of the capitalistic system in a few brief words; and to make plain the impossibility of taking over the entire industrial plant except through the organization of the working class into a political party for that purpose. He has tried to show how the Socialist party if in power might proceed to take over the industries; and also a possible plan by which the whole people might operate the land, factories and means of transportation, as joint owners, for their own benefit.

The author's experience as a speaker has shown him that many things said, while perfectly plain to the Socialist, go over the head of the hearer who has not studied the question; and so with much that is written in some otherwise excellent books on the subject.

If this book is found to have any merit it will be seen in its attempt to make the subject treated, plain, so that "the wayfarer man though a fool may not err therein." People are often confronted by attempts at explanation which they cannot understand. As to whether this book is open to the same objection, the reader must decide.

As to the needs of simple explanation in making Socialists the author speaks largely from his own experience in becoming a Socialist, and in trying to make others understand. He has been asked many times to embody some of the things he has said to the thousands who have listened to his talks, in a written form, and this is an attempt to answer that request.

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"THOU SHALT NOT KILL!"

Count Tolstol, the Russian writer and humanitarian, has written a pamphlet entitled "Thou Shalt Not Kill." It was translated into German and by order of Emperor William it was seized and suppressed. At the trial it was decided that all the pamphlets should be destroyed. It is well to remember that Emperor William is highly admired by President Roosevelt and President Elliot of Harvard, who conferred an honorary degree upon the brother of the Emperor. We reprint the pamphlet in full as we consider it a most excellent sermon, worthy the study of all. We would like the privilege to send it to Roosevelt and the rest of the mad imperialists. Brother Tolstol is calling things by the right names.

"Thou Shalt Not Kill."

By Leo Tolstol.

"Thou shalt not do murder."—Ex. 11. 13.

"The disciple is not above the master; but every one when he is perfected shall be as his master."—Luke vi. 40.

"For all they that take up the sword shall perish with the sword."—Matt. xxvi. 52.

"All things therefore whatsoever ye would that men should unto you, even so do ye unto them."—Matt. vii. 12.

When kings are tried and executed like Charles I., Louis XVI., Maximilian of Mexico, or killed in a palace conspiracy like Peter III., Paul, and all kinds of Sultans, Shahs and Khans, the event is generally passed over in silence. But when one of them is killed without a trial, and not by a palace conspiracy, like Henry IV., Alexander II., Carnot, the empress of Austria, the Shah of Persia, and just now King Humbert, then such murder causes great surprise and indignation among Kings and Emperors, and those attached to them, as if these persons were the great enemies of murder, as if they never profited by murder, never took part in it, and never gave orders to commit it. And yet the kindest of these murdered kings, such as Alexander II., or Humbert, were guilty of the murder of tens of thousands of persons killed on the battlefield, not to mention those executed at home; while hundreds of thousands, even millions of people, have been killed, hanged, beaten to death or shot by the more cruel Kings and Emperors.

Christ's teaching cancels the law "an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth," but those men who have kept to that law and still keep it to, act upon it by punishing and carrying on wars; and not only "an eye for an eye," but give orders to kill thousands without any provocation, by declaring war. They have no right to be indignant when the same law is applied to themselves in so infinitesimal measure that hardly one King or Emperor gets killed to a hundred thousand, perhaps a million ordinary people killed by the order or with the consent of Kings and Emperors.

Kings and Emperors should not be indignant when such murders as that of Alexander II. or Humbert occur, but should, on the contrary, be surprised that such murders are so rare, considering the continual and universal example of committing murders they themselves set the people.

Kings and Emperors are surprised and horrified when one of themselves is murdered, and yet the whole of their activity consists in managing murder and preparing for murder. The keeping up, the teaching and exercising of armies with which Kings and emperors are always so much occupied, and of which they are the organizers, what is it but preparation for murder?

The masses are so hypnotized that, though they see what is continually going on around them, they do not understand what it means. They see the unceasing wars, Kings, Emperors and Presidents be-

stow on disciplined armies, see the parades, reviews and manoeuvres they hold, and of which they boast to one another, and the people eagerly crowd to see how their own brothers, dressed up in bright-colored, glittering clothes, are turned into machines to the sound of drums and trumpets, and who, obedient to the shouting of one man, all make the same movements; and they do not understand the meaning of it all.

Yet the meaning of such drilling is very clear and simple. It is preparing for murder. It means the stupefying of men in order to convert them into instruments for murdering.

And it is just Kings and Emperors and Presidents who do it, and organize it, and pride themselves on it. And it is these same people whose special employment is murder-organizing, who have made murder their profession, who dress in military uniforms, carry weapons (swords at their sides), who are horror-struck and indignant when one of themselves is killed.

It is not because such murders as the recent murder of Humbert are exceptionally cruel that they are so terrible. Things done by the order of Kings and Emperors, not only in the days of old, such as the massacre of St. Bartholomew, persecutions for faith, terrible ways of putting down peasant riots, but also the present executions, the torture of solitary confinements and disciplinary battalions, hanging, decapitation, shooting and slaughter at the wars, are incomparably more cruel than the murders committed by Anarchists.

It is not on account of their injustice that these murders are terrible. If Alexander and Humbert did not deserve death, the thousands of Russians who perished at Plevna, and of Italians who perished in Abyssinia, deserved it even less. No, it is not because of their cruelty and injustice that these murders are terrible, but because of the want of reason in those who perpetrate them.

If the regicides commit murder under the influence of their feeling of indignation evoked by witnessing the sufferings of the enslaved people, for which sufferings they hold Alexander II., Carnot or Humbert responsible, or by the personal feeling of desire for revenge, however immoral such person's conduct may be, still it is comprehensible; but how can an organized body of Anarchists by whom, as it is now reported, Bresci was sent out, and by whom another Emperor was threatened, how can it, quietly considering means of improvement of the condition of the people, find nothing better to do than to murder people, the killing of whom is as useful as cutting off one of the Hydra's heads?

Kings and Emperors have long established a system resembling the arrangement of the magazine rifle, i. e., as soon as one bullet flies out another takes its place. "Le roi est mort—vive le roi!" Then what is the use of killing them? It is only from a most superficial point of view that the murder of such persons can seem a means of saving the people from oppression and wars, which destroy their lives.

We need only remember that the same kind of oppression and war went on quite independent of those who stood at the head of the government, whether it was Nicholas or Alexander, Louis or Napoleon, Frederick or William, Palmerstone or Gladstone, McKinley or anyone else, to see that it is not some definite person who causes the oppression and the wars from which the people suffer.

The misery of the people is not caused by individuals, but by an order of society by which they are bound together in a way that puts them in the power of a few, or more often one man; a man so depraved by his unusual position of having the fate and lives of millions of people in his possession that he is always in an unhealthy state, and suffering more or less

from a mania of self-aggrandisement, which is not noticed in him only because of his exceptional position.

Apart from the fact that such men are surrounded from the cradle to the grave by the most insane luxury and its usual accompaniment of flattery and servility, the whole of their education, all their occupations, are centered on the one object of murder, the study of murder in the past, the best means of murdering in the present, the best ways of preparing for murder. From their earliest years they learn the art of murder in all possible forms, always carry about with them instruments of murder, dress in different uniforms, attend parades, manoeuvres, and reviews, visit each other, present orders and commands of regiments to each other. And yet not only does nobody tell them the real name of their actions, not only does nobody tell them that preparing for murder is revolting and criminal, but they hear nothing except praise and words of admiration from all around them for these actions.

The part of the press which alone reaches them, and which seems to them to be the expression of the feelings of the best of the people or their best representatives, exalts all their words and deeds, however silly and wicked they may be, in the most servile manner. All who surround them, men and women, whether cleric or laymen, all these people who do not value human dignity, vie with each other in flattering them in the most refined manner, agree with them in everything, and deceive them continually, making it impossible for them to know life as it is. These men might live to be a hundred and never see a real, free man, and never hear the truth.

We are sometimes appalled by the words and deeds of these men, but if we only consider their state we cannot but see that any man would act in the same way in such a position. A reasonable man can do but one thing in such a position, i. e., leave it. Everyone who remains in such a position will act in the same manner.

What must indeed be going on in the head of some William of Germany, a man of limited understanding, little education, and with a great deal of ambition, whose ideals are like those of a German "junkie," when any silly or horrid thing he may say is always met with an enthusiastic "Hoch!" and commented on as if it were something very important by the press of the whole world? He says that the soldiers should be prepared to kill their own fathers in obedience to his command. The answer is "Hurrah!" He says the gospels must be introduced with a fist of iron. "Hurrah!" He says that the army must not take any prisoners in China, but kill all, and he is not placed in a lunatic asylum, but they cry "Hurrah!" and set sail for China to execute his orders.

Or Nicholas, who, though naturally modest, begins his reign by declaring to venerable old men, in answer to the desire they express of being allowed to discuss their own affairs, that their hope for self-government is a senseless dream, and the organs of the press that reach him, and the people whom he meets, praise him for it. He proposes a childish, silly, and untruthful project of universal peace at the same time that he is ordering an increase of the army, and even then there are no limits to the laudations of his wisdom and his virtue. Without any reason, he senselessly and pitilessly offends the whole of the Finnish nation, and again hears nothing but praise. At last he starts the Chinese slaughter, terrible by its injustice, cruelty, and its contrast with his project of peace; and he gets simultaneously applauded from all sides, both for his own conquests and for his adherence to his father's policy of peace.

What must indeed be going on in the heads and hearts of such men?

So that it is not Alexanders and Humberts, Williams, Nicholases and Chamberlains who are the cause of oppression and war, even though they do organize them, but those who have placed them and support them in a position in which they have power over the life and death of men.

Therefore it is not necessary to kill Alexanders and Nicholases, Williams and Humberts, but only to leave off supporting the social condition of which they are the product. It is the selfishness and stupefied state of the people who sell their freedom and their honor for insignificant material advantages, which supports the present state of society.

Those who stand on the lowest rung of the ladder, partly as a consequence of being stupefied by a patriotic and falsely religious education, partly for the sake of personal advantages, give up their freedom and their feeling of human dignity to those who stand higher, and who offer them material advantages. In a like position are those standing a little higher. They, too, through being stupefied, and especially for material advantages, give up their freedom and sense of human dignity. The same is true of those standing still higher; and so it continues up to the highest rungs, up to the person or persons who, standing on the very summit of the social cone, have no one to submit to, nor anywhere to rise to, and have no motive for action except ambition and love of power. These are generally so depraved and stupefied by their insane power over life and death, and by the flattery and servility from those around them, which is connected with such power, that while doing evil they feel convinced they are the benefactors of the human race. It is the people themselves who, by sacrificing their human dignity for material profits, produce these men, and are afterwards angry with them for their stupid and cruel acts; murdering such people is like spoiling children and then whipping them.

Very little seems needed to stop oppression and useless war, and to prevent anyone from being indignant with those who seem to be the cause of such oppression and war.

Only that things should be called by their right names and seen as they are; that it should be understood that an army is an instrument of murder, that the recruiting and drilling of armies which Kings, Emperors and Presidents carry on with so much assurance are preparations for murder.

If only every King, Emperor and President would understand that his work of organizing armies is not an honorable and important duty, as his flatterers persuade him it is, but a most abominable business, i. e., the preparing for and the managing of murder. If only every private individual understood that the payment of taxes which helps to equip soldiers, and above all military service, are not immaterial but highly immoral actions, by which he not only permits murder, but takes part in it himself—then this power of the Kings and Emperors which arouses an indignation, and for which they now get killed, would of itself come to an end.

And so the Alexanders, Carnots, Humberts and others must not be killed, but it ought to be proved to them that they are murderers; and above all, they should not be allowed to kill men; their orders to murder should not be obeyed.

If men do not yet act in this manner, it is only because of the hypnotic influence governments for self-preservation so diligently exercise on them. Therefore we can contribute towards stopping people killing Kings and each other, not by murder, murders only strengthen this hypnotic state, but by awakening men from it.

And it is this that I have tried to do in these remarks.

How It Would Operate Under Socialism

Colorado Springs, Colo., Nov. 14, 1903.
 Editor Appeal to Reason, Girard, Kans.:
 In the "Appeal" of this date a critic points out the hardship of the man in the smoking car as contrasted with the luxuries enjoyed by those in the sleepers; a contrast which any one having eyes must see. The conclusion, however, which the writer reaches is one not plain to all readers. He says of the smoking car passenger: "He has no thought of destroying the sleeper on the rear of the train, but of coming to his own and occupying it with his family as he spends his spare time in travel and slight-ly seeing that he may add to the sum of his knowledge." The implication of "coming to his own" is what puzzles me. Did the smoker's passenger buy the track, the cars or the engine? In short, if he did work on any of these, did he not receive pay for it? Or, on the supposition he did not, and he does "come to his own," are his rights to a seat in the sleeper any greater than the rights of others? If his family may come in to enjoy "their own," what is to prevent the families of others to come on the same terms? As one train could not carry all who would be "coming to their own," whose family should be left, or would it be a "free-for-all" or a "catch-as-catch-can"? I fear, Mr. Editor, that if the restraint of prudence in spending money was removed, and license were given to all to claim and use as "their own" the various conveniences and utilities of this age, we should, in the universal hustle and jostle, soon be reduced to the state of primitive man—strength, ruff, barbaric strength, would soon occupy all places that are desirable. In this selfish world the "coming to their own" process would soon end in having nothing to "come to." Yet, I did not wholly intend to write about what results would flow from the adoption of Socialistic beliefs. I wish to ascertain about the difference between what you term the capitalistic system and the principles of one termed Socialistic. Primarily and fundamentally, as I understand it, Socialism gives to every person the results of all their labor, and the withholding of any part by another, whether as employer or otherwise, is unjust, a crime against our fellow-man. It is this withholding, this exploiting, this extorting blood-money as it is termed, which constitutes the great injustice of our times. If this be true, if the withholding of "part of the price" (to use a biblical phrase) is the chief sin of the capitalist, then I fear you yourself come under the capitalist ban. Quite unfortunately, as I thought for your cause and argument, there is an account (in the next column to the train incident), of a piano contest decided in favor of an Indianapolis lady. "Some people leave none," but this lady (with your consent) simply "took all," and the other six (to say naught of those not mentioned by name) stand and LOOK ON as the only reward of their labor. The capitalist takes only PART, but you and yours seem not unwilling to take all. Exactly shows human nature on both sides. You expected a profit from exploiting the piano, the ladies hoped for a profit from their labor. In one sense you were an employer. Are you prepared to say that was wrong? Until you do say so, I cannot see how you can consistently condemn other employers, for you certainly profit by the labor of others with the added output of paying nothing for it.

LYMAN O. TOMLINSON.

The railroad systems have been built by labor of the past and present. They are a part of the capital saved up by society, and as such belong as much to one member of society as another. They are now used by a part of the human family as their own, for a profit. Any person who is employed in useful production, and none should be employed uselessly, has a right to the enjoyment of all useful results. As a worker the passenger in the smoker has a BETTER right to a seat in the Pullman than any who is not a useful worker. As it takes all fields of useful labor to produce the capital, it does not matter whether the passenger has directly been employed in making railroads or not, any more than it matters whether he has been employed in making postal or school or road facilities when he uses these things. The wages that are paid workers is NOT an equivalent for their services—for if that were true the employer would not have any more when the men are done and receive their wages than before, though he would have his original wealth in a different form. The right of one man to a place in the sleeper is not greater than others who have been usefully employed. If there were not enough good trains for all to travel who desire, then more trains can be created to accommodate them—but now good trains are made to meet the demand largely of the USELESS class who have withheld the part of the products of labor called profit. The Socialist condition need not, in fact, would not, be a free-for-all scramble. The public would provide decent traveling facilities for all its useful people. The point of determining who should have the places would be transferred from those who by book or crook had money to pay, to those whose records showed they had been employed usefully in the service of the public, and whose accounts showed they had to their credit sufficient time otherwise unexpended to pay the labor cost of such travel and eating at the public hotels. Work, useful work, would be the test of who should and who should not so travel. Nor could one expend all his income for other things and expect to travel. Today men do nothing useful and spend the wages of a

thousand workers per year and still travel like kings never dreamed of. As labor can produce all the food, clothing, shelter, instruction and entertainment that the members of the human family can consume, if all are usefully employed under the best conditions, and do it in not more than four hours per day, there would be no need in any families "being left." Nor would restraint now practiced be necessary to any useful worker. We have today the hustle and jostle for the meanest thing by the workers, while the drones live in luxury they have not helped to produce. You will denominate this a "selfish world," but it is made so because of the uncertainty of existence for tomorrow.

Socialism will give to each an EQUIVALENT of his labor, for men would not want the absolute results of their labor, for that would give one man only shoes, while he wants many other things and not so many shoes. To withhold any part of the results of a worker's labor is surely unjust; if not, then the withholding of ALL of the results of his labor would not be unjust, for both are the same thing, not differing in KIND, but in DEGREE. And it is this withholding that constitutes the foundation of injustice against which Socialism aims.

As an employer I come under this same ban. If I "make money" out of those who work with the machinery that I am permitted to own I certainly withhold that much from those whose labor is entitled to it. But I am like all the other employers, a victim of the system that was here when I came onto the scene and I have had to work under the system, but not liking it I am urging people to change it. The Socialists do not blame Rockefeller or the other rich because of their working under the rules of the social system, a system that they never made and must work under or quit, but are holding them up so that the people may see how the game works on them, to the injury of all concerned, the rich not less than the poor. To give the Appeal plant or the Standard Oil plant to the individual workers who operate them would not change the system. Both would still be private property used for profit of the few on the inside, and as all industry is related the workers could not free themselves from extortion except by all capital being Socialized. For instance, the Appeal uses machinery, paper and other materials which it does not produce. These would enable another set of people to lay tribute on it, whether owned by one or all the workers here. To avoid this the paper makers would have to control their part of the industry, and the men who make the paper machinery would have to control their part, and the iron and coal miners would have to control their part, and as all these people use food and clothing which would serve others to levy tribute, all these would likewise have to be operated solely for the benefit of the workers and this would involve ALL of ALL industries into the common ownership. For if these were operated for the private GAIN of the workers, as separate groups, each group would be trying to get more for a day's labor than any other group and we would again lapse into the same condition of industrial anarchy that we are now floundering in. To avoid this, the Socialist sees the necessity of all capital belonging to ALL the people, and using the day or time as the unit of cost of production.

So far as the Appeal plant for the largest list of subscribers is concerned it is on a par with similar offers other business houses—wholly useless under a properly organized society, where all could have pianos if they desired, but useful to private aims now to stimulate others to exertion, in this case to spread Socialism. In that, each of the contestants, being Socialists, gained much of their object, in that their effort has placed Socialist literature where it would not otherwise have fallen. This was the object of the offer, this was accomplished. It did not profit the owner of the Appeal, but if it had, the results would have been the same. Yes, I am prepared to say that all such things are wrong, because either useless or worse, and under Socialism no such things could occur because there would be no incentive to do them—private gain having been abolished.

Now are you as willing to admit the crimes that flow from the private ownership of the earth and the fullness thereof by those who want that ownership only for the purpose of perpetuating the robbery of the workers of a part or all of their labor? And not only that, but of teaching them falsely that the robbery may continue?

PARRY VS. SOCIALISM.

The Part Played by Gompers, Mitchell, et al.

Parry is at the head of the employers' organization that has been created to fight Union Labor. In a speech reported in the Minneapolis Tribune of Nov. 17, he said:

We should not wish to see Socialism made a prominent issue in our political campaigns and it ought to be one of our chief purposes to carry on such an educational work as shall forestall any such possibility.

How wonderfully is Parry in accord with Gompers and John Mitchell! Wonder if Parry's position has anything to do with their opposition to forestalling Socialism as a political factor? How much money do you suppose the Manufacturers' Association would put up to prevent the laboring class from going into class politics? Why do Gompers, Mitchell and Parry stand on the same position? So far as I can judge, labor leaders who work in harmony with those who are openly organized to down labor are traitors to the laboring class. Of course their protestations to the contrary are expected, for to admit that they are working to the end of having labor bow to the yoke of capitalism would soon cause their followers to desert, but no better evidence of their character could be produced than that they favor the program of the capitalists who are organized to destroy labor organization and compel the humble submission of the laboring class to capital.

Parry says in this same speech that employers are organized to down labor, and that the thing they most fear is POLITICAL action by the laboring class. AND THAT IS JUST WHAT GOMPERS AND MITCHELL ARE ALSO OPPOSING. The laboring class might as well elect Parry at the head of the American Federation of Labor as to have Gompers. And Mitchell has openly proved himself an able lieutenant for Gompers. And there you are.

Obeying the Law.

Whenever there is strike on one reads to weariness demands in the city papers that working men should obey the law. How thoroughly sanctified capitalists and the law become the moment there is a strike. If the workers of the world would only obey all the laws that the capitalists make what a delightful country this would be—it would be heaven for the capitalists; it is now hell for the workers. Get busy at the ballot box, boys!

The claim is often made that the number of organized men in the United States is very small—compared to the total number of workers that they are scarcely worth considering. The facts are that the factory employees of the large industrial centers are nearly all union. At least a very large per cent of them are, and their numbers are being constantly added to. There is scarcely a factory in the city of Chicago that can go out and get enough non-union men to man the institution without applying to some "union breaker" or "scab" scamp. This coupled with the fact that all the most skilled employees of the land are to be found in the ranks of organized labor makes of the organized movement in America a very active factor for the employers. Trades unions control all the skilled industries of the country, and this is why the employers are organized to the teeth to fight them.

If a farmer has land near a good town, working it with his own family, will Socialism distribute it?—D. SPEAR.

If Socialism were to give it to others would it not still be private capital? And it is against private capitalism that Socialism battles. To change the ownership from one to another would not affect the system an iota. Under Socialism the farming will be done by the public for the public. The income of the citizens who are employed in agriculture will be as much as in any other department of industry, and they will not work longer hours than others as they now do. Today they work harder, longer hours, live in less convenient houses, isolated from all the advantages of invention and civilization—they have no gas, electric lights, hot and cold water, parks, theatre or lecture courses and other things which the average city worker has. No, your land will not be distributed—you will be furnished with shorter hours, better conditions of labor and living, and will not have to save and skimp all your life to give your children a "start in life," perhaps only to see them gobled up by some usurer and let fall into the abyss of poverty and despair.

The Socialists have won their case in the matter of holding street meetings in San Francisco, Judge Hunt holding that the right to peaceably assemble on the streets is the right of all citizens. The police will now go way back and behave themselves.

Richlands, Ore., has a new local of 9 charter members. Comrades expect 30 members in the near future.

"Return" Envelopes for Everybody.

The postal authorities have said that the sender's name and address should be on every letter sent through the mails. They have posted their notices in the postoffices throughout the land and endeavored in many ways to impress upon the public the importance of so doing. They know the value of that little piece of information on every letter. For one thing it will keep thousands of letters out of the "dead letter" office. Few people seem to realize how prone we are to make mistakes. It would astonish you to know how many letters go to the "dead letter" office, while the writer, unconscious of having omitted the state or

we do not propose to let pass unimproved a single opportunity to advance the cause of Socialism. Many of our workers have ordered envelopes with Socialist matter printed on the back, and they have shown a desire to use this effective method of propaganda. The envelope with the matter on the front is much better for all concerned; it saves an impression for us and puts the matter where everybody who sees the letter must read at least a portion of the matter.

We have decided to push this plan strenuously, so we have had designed an envelope (Form A) which will be printed in black—and read. That is, it will be read if you send it out. We

humble abodes of the world's toilers—the places where Socialism will do its greatest good. Think of your rural friend, how seldom he gets letters, and you will realize that Socialism may be favorably introduced into the homes of thousands of farmers, who now know little about it, and that mostly unfavorable. We have no doubt of the effectiveness of the envelope for propaganda purposes. Still, if you do not want the Socialist matter on your envelope, or if some of your neighbors whose order you may take have not gotten wisdom, we can print a simple card, saying, "If not delivered in ten days, return to The Wise Farmer, R. F. D. No. 3, Fertile Soil, America," or

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street address, fumes and frets because he does not get an answer. If there had been a return card on the envelope, the letter would have come back to the sender at once. Here in the Appeal office, we get letters very often which omit name and post office. All we can do is to throw them into the "Nixie" box and await complaints. If all our workers had their own printed envelopes, nothing like that would ever occur. Our "Nixie" box would always be empty.

The time was when none but the so-called well-to-do could afford to have their stationery printed. Now there is no reason why anybody should be without it—especially envelopes. Socialism teaches that nothing is too good for the working people. Let John D. Rockefeller have his printed stationery if he wants it, and if the humblest working man or woman in the land wants printed envelopes, he or she should have them, and the Appeal to Reason proposes to supply them. The cost will be no more than if you went into a book store and paid ten cents for a package of envelopes. We simply ask that you order four packages (forty cents) and we print them and mail them to you postpaid.

Aside from the many other advantages of printed envelopes, the opportunity for advertising is a great one. Commercialism has seized upon and exploited it until nearly all letters from commercial concerns carry some advertisement. It pays, too, else it would have been discontinued. Now,

feel sure that every envelope will be read at least five times. The Chicago carrier who gathers up the letters down on South Water street will never get too busy to pass up such a letter without seeing why "Socialism Menaces the World." The Gotham clerk who arranges the letters for the canceling machine will stop long enough to read such an envelope. The mail clerk on the "Katy Flyer," as it tears down the country on its way to Mexico, will pause long enough to see what capitalist is slandering Socialism. The carrier on "R. F. D. No. 1, 2, or 3, or any other number," will have time to read the whole envelope as he drives along the highway, and he will do it, too. The New Orleans carrier who delivers your letter will have read every word on the envelope, and if you find it a trifle damp around the upper right hand corner, it will merely mean that he has soaked off the stamp to see what it hid. The Western business man who gets the letter will not be too busy—and he is usually much occupied—to glance over the reading and mentally curse the "infernal activity of those Socialists," and when he has pitched the envelope into the waste basket the office boy will be sure to fish it out and ask his father about Socialism. Then, just consider the effect an envelope like this would have in the humble cottage of a workingman whose life means nothing but work! work! work! A letter is a rare thing in many homes in the land, and it behooves us to see that Socialism is introduced into each of these

whatever your name and address may be, for the same price, 40 cents per hundred.

YOU SEE, THE BEAUTIES OF THE THING ARE:

- 1—It does not cost you any more for 100 envelopes;
- 2—You get good, Union printed envelopes;
- 3—And best of all, you are putting out Socialist propaganda in a form that cannot be destroyed before read.

That's killing a flock of crows with one brick bat.

If you want your name and address on 100 good quality, XXX, 6 1-2 envelopes like the one shown above, enclose 40 cents (200 for 75 cents) write your name and address plainly, and just say: "Send me 100 (or 200) envelopes, Form A." We'll know the rest.

If you want them plain, say: "Send me 100 (or 200) envelopes with return card only."

We have done a little planning in connection with these envelopes. We have planned to keep one press busy on this work all the time. We have planned to keep hammering away on this matter until we have obtained all the orders necessary to do that—and possibly more. These plans are based on this anticipation: Our workers will see the wisdom, benefit and economy of the move, and act at once.

"Delenda est Carthago," is the way Cicero used to close his speeches. Translated into our language, it will be, "Have you ordered envelopes, yet?"

Industrial Slavery in America.

Several miners in the anthracite district left the employ of one firm to accept work for another at higher wages. They had been in the latter place but a short time when they were discharged without explanation. They laid their case before the district president of the miners' union, who requested of the firm discharging the men a reason therefore. The firm in its reply stated that a "clause in their contract made it obligatory on the miners to remain in the employ of one firm unless permitted to change on a written permission. The only condition under which they would be permitted to work for another firm without this written consent is when they had been without employment for a period of at least six months."

The above means simply that an effective blacklist prevails and that the miners are made the worst kind of industrial slaves.

That is not the worst of it either. This sort of thing will continue until the miners and all other workers vote themselves and their class into political power and shall be in position to name the conditions under which they shall labor. This is what Socialism will give them and without this their case is a most hopeless one. Vote for Socialism and full industrial liberty.

The Socialists of Chicago will have a labor demonstration and supper at Coliseum hall, which will seat 15,000 people, on December 6. Debs will be the chief attraction. The dining hall will seat 700 people at one time.

Four subs for a \$. Send the names.

Calling Cards, Fifty for 25 Cents

In this day of co-operative effort and the mingling of many thousands of people in small areas in our cities, it becomes almost imperative that every individual shall carry a card giving name and street address. The Appeal is positive that there is sufficient of this kind of work to enable a very low price to be made on the individual order by virtue of combining many orders in one. For this reason it offers to print 50 of these cards for 25 cents and prepay the postage to any point in the United States or Canada. The size of the card will be 2x3 1-2 inches, on good card board, handsomely printed, with either the name and address or with just the name. All you need do is send in the name plainly written and say cards and then enclose the 25 cents, and our presses and office force will do the rest. Uncle Sam will see that you get them delivered at your door. The

following little diagram will give a conception of what the card will be like:

EDWARD SUTCLIFFE

DOB. MAR. 43. LA CYPRE, ILL.

REMEMBER—That a postal subscription card to the Appeal will be full legal tender for an order for the cards. Just enclose one instead of the money. Of course you understand that you may order a set of these cards for a Christmas present for your wife or sweetheart and can send in your order along with your subscription order or requisition for supplies of any kind. DO IT RIGHT NOW!

CIVILIZATION.

This nation pays \$600,000,000 a year for arrests, trials and imprisonments; \$120,000,000 a year to keep up prisons; \$200,000,000 a year as direct cost of crime. All this OTHER than for drunkenness and prostitution, which would likely add half as much more. Yes, we are certainly civilized! Add the cost of war to this and it would build in five years a \$1,000 home for every family in the nation. But to do that would be heathenism!

Comrades who live where there are Norwegians, Danes or Swedes, should send for a bundle of samples of the Norwegian weekly paper that will issue from Girard in a short time. It would now be out, but a strike in the

type foundries has delayed the receipt of type. Sample copies will be one cent each. When you get them, go out and get subscribers for it. "It is needed at the front." Address E. L. Mengshoel, Girard, Kansas.