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WHEN Paul Revere, that doughty old revolutionary farmer, clattered out of Boston a hundred years or more ago and roused the people by the roadside with the announcement that the British soldiers were coming, he fired the sleeping populace to the point of resisting in the only way then possible—by force of arms—the further aggressions of King George's freebooters. Had that ride of Revere not been made that night, amid shadows lurking with danger, history might have told a different story.

Today we need a Paul Revere!

British freebooters and American financial pirates have turned loose their dogs of war in Colorado with the same purpose in view as that which actuated their British ancestors on the historic plains of Boston Bay!

They have isolated the struggling men and women in the mining camps of the west and cut off all means of communication—except by running the gauntlet of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company's soldiers!

They realize, as did the generals of old, that it was easy to defeat a divided people!

Were the story of the oppression, the outlawry, the ruthless disregard for the laws of right which characterizes the operations of these financial kings in Colorado known, nothing could stop the whirlwind of ballots this fall, which would sweep them from the face of the earth as the industrial masters of the American working class.

And it is to do this very thing that the Appeal has undertaken to tell the story of the Colorado struggle for freedom!

Braving the danger which besets the attempt, regardless of the enormous expense entailed, next week the Appeal will print the true story of the Colorado situation!

And here, comrades of the Appeal Army, is where your part comes in. Paul Revere in every community are needed to carry this startling information to the sleeping people!

To arouse them to the fact that they have but one potent weapon which will win success—THE BALLOT—is our imperative duty.

Resolutions passed by a million people is folly, armed resistance is madness—temporizing with nondescript politicians aching for office would be suicidal—nothing but a strict adherence to the principles laid down by the International Socialist Party and backed up by ballots at the polls this fall will cause the New York and London freebooters to pause in their mad scramble for profits—and when this has been done freedom will come to the working class of America and forever banish from our borders the industrial outlaw who lives upon the vitals of the people.

Will you be the Paul Revere?

Never yet have you failed to respond when the Appeal pointed the way, and you will not now.

One thousand comrades distributing 1,000 copies of the Appeal next week means the awakening of one million people. Every man who can be made to understand the real condition in Colorado, will know to a certainty after reading No. 426, that only by united political action can we secure our liberties from this insidious foe!

Do not hesitate but act at once and write the Appeal what you will do.

Martial Law Proclaimed

Men, Women and Little Children Thrown Into Foul Bull Pens.

MEN EXILED FROM THEIR HOMES.

Capitalism Making Its Last Stand in Colorado. The Brave Western Miners Fighting Against the Concentrated Power of all America's Financial Interests.

From the Telluride Daily Journal, (organ of the Mine Owners' Association) Monday, January 19th

"The gathering of the militia, both infantry and cavalry, under full arms about headquarters about 7 o'clock last evening, and later their patrolling of the streets, created a considerable conjecture as to what was in the air. But the public was not long held in suspense.

"About 9 o'clock Lieutenant Eaton appeared at the head of the cavalry troop, and riding to the principal corner of the square under the glare of the electric lights, read a proclamation by Governor Peabody proclaiming martial law in Telluride and placing Major Hill in full control.

"A round up of the main characters in the agitation and revolution that has obtained in Telluride for four months past was instituted, and when they had finished their work at 2 o'clock this morning they had made thirty arrests and landed the men in the county jail. This morning the gang was taken to the train under military escort and down to Ridgway, where they were released with a warning not to return to Telluride until they are prepared to undertake to earn an honest, reputable livelihood, and not to endeavor by threats and intimidation to restrain others who are desirous of doing so.

"The military authorities supercede all civil authorities, and while the present regime continues, sheriffs and policemen count for no more than any other citizen. Capt. Gamble has been named as Provost Marshal, in full command subject to orders from Major Hill. A provisional company of forty men has been formed from the several companies, and is known as Provisional Co. of 3d battalion, under command of Lieutenant Givens. These men are held in reserve to be drawn upon as may be necessary, for special service or duty, in the making of future arrests, etc."

Here follows the military proclamation, a direct violation of the state constitution, which says that "AT ALL TIMES THE MILITARY SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE CIVIL POWER."

The declaration of military law is based on the flimsy excuse that the governor, hundreds of miles away, "BELIEVES THAT THE CIVIL AUTHORITIES ARE UNABLE TO PROTECT LIFE AND PROPERTY."

THE MASTERS DECIDE.

JUDGE GRAY appointed Carroll D. Wright, U. S. Labor Commissioner, as umpire to decide whether the miners in the employ of the Reading district should be granted a Saturday half holiday, a thing they have enjoyed for years. The decision, which involved half a million to the miners, for back pay, was against them, of course. If Wright had decided otherwise I would not have given much for his chance of holding his position. I should think the slaves had been deceived often enough by the masters never to trust any of them on a board of arbitration, where the interests of the capitalists and the men were affected. Labor will never get anything it has not the power to take. Well, let the miners vote the republican-democratic ticket and keep the masters in power. They like to be slaves.

In one of the current magazines is a half-tone picture of a peasant family in Mexico. The mother with a litter or brood of children around her is standing in a shabby door. And I thought how like the brood or litters of pigs these people are—breeding solely for the profit of some master! And yet each one of these souls has the possibility of as great development as the average citizen of this country—if they had the proper conditions of life. But their ignorance is profitable to those who live off them and every wise known to the cunning of the devils is used to keep them in their present debased condition. What a curse PROFIT has been to the human family.

He cites no specific acts because none have occurred.

Comrade Floaten, state committeeman, a resident of Telluride, telegraphed the Appeal last week, giving the only authoritative news which has been permitted to get past the press censor, of the situation. The miners are orderly and patiently waiting for the time to come when they can return to work under just conditions.

Comrade Floaten's action in sending these telegrams is commented on as follows by the Telluride Daily Journal:

"A few of those listed for arrest and deportation successfully evaded last night's drag-net and at last it was determined to LET ONE OR TWO OTHERS WHO HAVE BEEN UNDULY ACTIVE WITH THEIR MOUTHS, HAVE A CHANCE TO DEMONSTRATE A DISPOSITION TO DISCRETION if they have any. Should they persist in their revolutionary talk and tactics they will be taken in hand. ONE INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS BEEN PARTICULARLY PERNICIOUSLY ACTIVE IN THE ADVOCACY OF ANARCHY AND IN THE DISTRIBUTION OF PROPAGANDA TEACHING AND URGING THESE DOCTRINES, FILED SOME DIS-

"CONGRESS SHALL MAKE NO LAW ABRIDGING THE FREEDOM OF SPEECH OR OF THE PRESS."
—1st Amendment to U. S. Constitution.

PATCHES THIS MORNING, A REPETITION OF WHICH will more than likely result in his being restrained."

Daily Journal, Telluride, Colo., Jan. 4th:

Attention is directed to "General Orders No. 2," by Major Hill, in reference to regulations in force while he is in command of the district during the prevalence of martial law. The principal feature is the turning in to military headquarters of all fire arms, where they will be retained temporarily and then returned to the owners, or in instances of conservative, reputable citizens, they will be returned at once upon a receipt being given. Also against crowds congregating and requiring people to be at their homes by 9 o'clock unless called out by important business. No one who exercises respectful attention to these necessary regulations will be molested or have his liberties infringed upon in the least. Those

"... THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS SHALL NOT BE INFRINGED."
—2d Amendment to U. S. Constitution.

who do not willingly conform to these regulations and rules will be compelled to. This evening a guard was detailed to make a search for arms and weapons, beginning at the east end of town. Such as are found and taken in charge will be temporarily retained, at least.

of such counties at the last election. The plutes, who really know nothing of what Socialism stands for, didn't think that the farmers would be the backbone of the movement—but they will be. There are more surprises for the plutes than this.

THE PUBLIC AND THE LEGISLATORS.

The Ohio supreme court has just handed down a "decision" sustaining an injunction by a lower court restraining ticket brokers from handling excursion tickets, where the passenger did not use the full distance. Of course, what are courts for if not to decide "equitably" it is unlawful for the holder of a ticket to get full service.

John H. Clarke, late candidate for U. S. Senator, from Ohio, says he forwarded Nickle-Plate transportation to legislators. He said: "Yes, passers were sent to Columbus from my office, with letters bearing my signature, to all members of the legislature who live on the line of the Nickle-Plate."

And the public wonders why the laws against the corporations are not enforced and others made to curb their atrocious robbery! And they vote the same old tickets and get the same old game.

The wave of republican prosperity washed the Alva, Okla., National Bank into the sea of oblivion the other day. The depositors' money "in the best banking system on earth," went with it.

Local Washington City has passed a resolution urging all Socialists to help forward the work of direct legislation "for the benefit of any community and a tactical advantage to the party."

Dispatches from Russia state that Russian soldiers are so infected with the revolutionist propaganda that in several towns they have marched under the red flag and cried "Down with the czar and militarism." There will be something doing in Russia before long.

There are two million voters who belong to some labor union—and they vote the same tickets as their masters and then strike against their masters! Any man who votes for capitalism has no moral right to strike or complain of the conditions under which he works.

PROSPERITY WITH A LARGE "P."

SOME time ago the citizens of Denver were elated because they were going to have a cotton mill. They got it. It was located at Overland, a suburb, where the company erected a lot of shacks for their working cattle, and sent south to get ignorant people to work in the mills, whom it could pluck by rents and other capitalist devices so that it could get the whole of their labor for just enough coarse grub and shoddy covering to keep them. In the recent rise in cotton the mill closed down. A headline in the Denver News says: "Cotton Mill Employees are Again Suffering for Want of Food and Other Supplies." Superintendent Gilligan said to the reporter: "I know of my own personal knowledge that there are men, women and children who are 'actually starving.'" And thus we see that capitalism starves the workers and then depends on the public to feed them when it has no further use for them! And the workers VOTE to have this system continue! Ye gods! If they had the sense of a last year's bird's nest they would quit voting the same old tickets that have reduced them to starvation. Whoop 'em up for prosperity and a "fool dinner pail."

Publicity is a sure cure for the trust habit. On Thursday, April 9, 1903, less than one year ago, the steel corporation printed a full page statement in the Baltimore Evening Star and other metropolitan papers, showing its financial standing. It disclosed the interesting fact that its stock and properties were worth one and a half billion dollars, and that it had made net \$33,000,000. The public bit, and stock was sold at fabulous prices. After the little fellows had been sucked dry the squeezing process commenced and less than a month ago a controlling interest in the concern was purchased for \$40,000,000—less than one-third of what its reputed net profits were for the year previous. Oh, yes, let us have a little more publicity.

THE DIFFERENCE.

How does State Socialism differ from Socialism pure and simple? Or how does Hearst Socialism differ from the Socialism which the Appeal teaches?—R. G. LAWRENCE.

GERMANY has state Socialism partly developed; also Russia. The state owns the railroads, provides old age pensions and many other public duties. BUT THE STATE IS IN THE HANDS OF THE CAPITALIST CLASS—the state in Russia being simply the czar. Socialism or industrial democracy means that the working class holds all the power, that they are the state. Hearst demands public ownership of SOME THINGS, but he wants it done by the capitalists who compose the democratic party instead of those who control the republican party. In other words, Hearst wants the democrats to gain control of the nation by advocating what he sees will be a popular thing with the masses. HE DOES NOT ADVOCATE THE ABOLITION OF PRIVATE CAPITAL but only a part of the private capital should be made public. We know that in such a case that part left in private hands will control all that is made public, just as the private ownership of industries related to the postoffice, the navy and army control them and rob the nation. Socialism, such as we advocate, means that ALL industries shall be owned in common and shall be operated by the citizens employed in them, harmonized in their relation by the congress that they shall elect members of from their various occupations.

Judge Owens, who has the reputation of being one of Colorado's ablest jurists, in a lengthy opinion delivered some months ago, stated that "martial law could not be declared in Colorado," as the "Constitution, article 2, section 22, provides that the military shall always be in strict subordination to the civil power." The judge has got another guess coming. He reckoned without considering Rockefeller's Colorado Fuel and Iron Company.

CAN YOU SOLVE THE RIDDLE?

SPEAKING of a full dinner pail: Why do the working people, the only USEFUL people, have to take their dinner out of a pail? Why don't they eat in a fine hotel, all of which their labor has built and furnished? If anybody should eat a cold meal, let it be those who do no useful work. I have often wondered at the stupidity of the working class, who would be eating their cold dinner next door to a fine hotel, where the skinned labor were feasting and lounging, that it did not arouse them to THINK why this condition exists. If the working class were to quit—all of them—there would be no hotels, no fine furnishings, no delicious viands. They make all these things and seem content to eat cold meals while permitting others to live on the best and strut in fine clothes, and seem to think it perfectly natural and right. Their masters employ every device to keep them in this stupid mental state, so they can live at ease of their labor. At election time the masters are all smiles at them—at other times they would not even look at them, as they eat like so many animals of the field. Why do working people have to eat cold meals in dirty places when they produce all meals for the dainty idlers?

At the city election in Memphis, Tenn., the other day the ballot box in one ward was stolen, ballots burned and two men shot. All over the city the most rascally methods were used to keep the office-holders in power. The opportunity that office-holding gives the officials to rob the people is a prize not to be lost without a struggle. And the people see these things and still vote the same old tickets! This is what democracy offers the voters for their franchise! This is Hearst democracy—the element that would dominate his career—if he ever has one.

SOCIALISM IN AUSTRALIA.

THE capitalist papers in this country have been somewhat silent about the recent election in Australia. For months they have been telling their readers that a great reaction against the Socialist movement had occurred in Australia, and that the people were leaving the country. Here is the way the recent election for parliament went:

	Old Senate	New Senate	Old House	New House
Ministerialists	12	6	32	27
Opposition	15	13	27	25
Socialists	8	17	15	29

The decadence of Socialism is simply wonderful, isn't it?

While Mr. Rockefeller's hired men are shooting down the Colorado miners, his gospel syndicate is operating six gospel cars which are transported over the railroads of the country free of charge, preaching peace and good will toward men. Mr. Rockefeller is not a hypocrite—he is simply a business man.



WORK vs. PLAY by A. M. SIMONS

It would be hard to tell whether lack of work or fear of work is the greatest horror at the present time.

The shortening of the hours of labor is the one thing toward which the trade unions look with hope.

We divide life into two parts, one pleasurable, one painful; into work and play; into toil and amusement.

But, is this contrast necessary? And what are the distinguishing characteristics of these two phases of life and what have they in common?

Here seems a sort of riddle. Why will a man walk, or lift, or toil through the week in order that he may earn the money with which to buy the right to dance, or row, on Saturday or Sunday?

Is not the fundamental difference that we are doing something we like to do in one case, and something that someone else forces us to do in the other?

But when we work today we are not making something which our minds have planned out, we are not seeing our own idea take form in the world around us.

In what we call work today the unpleasant characteristic is neither the creation of useful articles nor the physical and mental exertion.

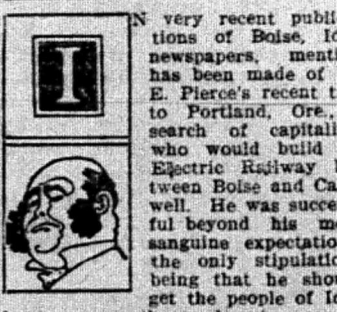
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The Willing Capitalist.



In very recent publications of Boise, Ida., newspapers, mention has been made of W. E. Pierce's recent trip to Portland, Ore.

FIRST. That the people of Idaho pay for the survey, while the capitalist sleeps.

SECOND. That the people of Idaho pay for the taking of the census while the capitalist awakens.

THIRD. That the people of Idaho pay for the right-of-way while the capitalist winks.

For Sale or for Use

All progress, from the canoe to the steamship, from primitive savagery to present conditions, has been progress from the small things worked by one of the greater things worked by many, from individualism toward Socialism.

But when one man, or a few, owns the machinery by which the many must work and from the product of which the many must live, then the wealth produced belongs to the owner of the machinery.

When wealth is produced for sale he who has nothing can buy nothing, and he who has but little can buy but little.

IF THE MACHINERY OF PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION WERE OWNED BY THE PUBLIC, AND WEALTH WERE PRODUCED FOR USE INSTEAD OF FOR SALE, THEN THERE WOULD BE NO LIMIT TO THE PRODUCTION OF WEALTH BUT THE LIMIT OF DESIRE.

Anyone who wanted anything could without trouble find work with that machinery, and have credit for the full equivalent of the product of his work against the collective product of all, and poverty would be impossible.

Ownership should rest in the user.

All things that are for public use should be owned by the public. All things in possession of an individual for his individual use should be owned by the individual.

To safeguard human welfare and to secure to all the rights necessary to maintain it, ought to be the purpose for which governments exist among men, and of these the right to work by effective means and to enjoy the product of one's labor is the most fundamental.

This right can be secured to the people only by securing to them the collective ownership of the means of industry and by systematizing the distribution of its product.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal (in their rights); that they are endowed by their creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; that to secure these rights governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed; that whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or abolish it and to institute a new government, laying its foundations on such principles and organizing its powers in such forms as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness."

All of these rights, even the right to live, are, by the existing system of private ownership of the means of industry and the production of wealth for sale, rendered insecure or without effect.

NEIGHBORS! DOES OUR GOVERNMENT SECURE TO YOU THE RIGHTS FOR WHICH GOVERNMENTS ARE INSTITUTED AMONG MEN? IF NOT IS IT NOT TIME SO TO ALTER IT THAT IT WILL ACCOMPLISH THAT PURPOSE?

TO RECOGNIZE THESE TRUTHS WITH THE DESIRE TO APPLY THE REMEDIES WHICH WILL ABOLISH POVERTY IS SOCIALISM. WHICH OF THE ABOVE STATEMENTS DO YOU DISPUTE?

The Growth of Socialism in Massachusetts

From the Springfield, Mass., Daily Republican. A Boston republican, who has been for years a close student of politics, took note that Secretary Moody and Senator Lodge, interviewed in Washington, expressed themselves as greatly pleased over the result of the city elections in Haverhill and Brockton.

FIRST AS TO BROCKTON. The vote of Brockton for mayor since 1900 has been:

Table with 4 columns: Year, Socialist vote, Republican vote, Democratic vote. Rows for 1900, 1901, 1902, 1903.

It thus appears that during these four years the republican vote has increased each year, the Socialist vote has fluctuated, but at the end of the period shows, like the republican, an increase, and the democratic vote, which has also fluctuated, shows at the end of the period, a marked decrease.

VERY SIGNIFICANT. This is suggestive, in view of the Socialist theory, as advanced by its party politicians, to the effect that there is room for no middle party, and that with the growth of Socialism the republican party is to become the logical party in opposition to the Socialist party.

Table with 4 columns: Year, Combined republican and democratic vote, Socialist vote. Rows for 1900, 1901, 1902, 1903.

In four years the combined republican and democratic vote has increased from 4,890 to 5,063, or 173 votes. During the same period the Socialist vote has increased from 2,922 to 3,542, or 620.

THE SITUATION IN HAVERHILL. The vote of Haverhill for mayor since 1900 has been as follows:

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From which it appears that there has been a falling off in the total vote in four years of 737 votes—that is, the total vote for the three leading parties.



MURDERED BY CAPITALISM

By Geo. R. Kirkpatrick.

Two thousand years ago the "Leading Citizens" of pagan Rome yelled "To the lions with them, for our amusement." December 30, 1903, "great business men," "leading citizens," fed six hundred people to the flames in the Iroquois theatre for PROFITS.

I repeat; that fire was preventable by compliance with the ordinances; six hundred people were murdered through a greedy effort of two "business men," two "leading citizens," to save expense and thus increase profits.

Those two men are walking the streets of Chicago today under a ridiculously slight bond, while more than a dozen working people are behind the bars to stay till they are called on to give testimony.

The cash incentive struck out its viper tongue in every flash of that cruel fire.

The cash incentive laughed in every scream of those dying children.

The cash incentive grinned in every cart load of the dead that rumbled along the stony street.

The cash incentive shrieked in the tolling of the funeral bells in Chicago.

Thousands of breaking hearts now ache in solemn gloom, and for many years to come, will shudder with a horrible memory.

How long, O God, how long!

There was substantial coalition in 1900 between democrats and republicans, giving a total of 4,037; in 1901 it dropped to 3,276, in 1902 the two old parties combined polled 3,915, and in 1903 the coalition mustered 3,273, showing no growth in the ability of republicans and democrats to combine in their fight against Socialism since 1901.

The following are just a few samples of the first act of the vaudeville that promises to eclipse anything in the previous records in the line of a continuous performance.

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South Chicago, Ill.—1,300 steel mill laborers are out of employment and 4,000 more notified that they will be let out inside of a week.

But why continue the list? There is but one way out of this sort of thing and that is Socialism. Push it along, boys, push it along!

What Civilization Has Done.

Before the English obtained a footing in India, there is no record of famine so destructive as that we now have, for the tribute was small, as some part of the crops is always necessary to support the government.

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SEE THE MAN?



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"Who's Paying for It All?"

Most every day we hear about some rich chap with a daughter, Or maybe an ambitious wife, to take across the water; He buys a yacht that costs a lot, and hires crews and cooks, And loads his women folks with gems supposed to help their looks, And maybe he may think the price the spurge costs is small, But still, I can't help wonderin' who's payin' for it all!

The man whose mines are closed to bring the miners to submission, Will go on buyin' everything for which his heart keeps wishin'; He'll take his women folks to court, and, Moses, how they'll blaze With diamonds strung across their shapes in forty-seven ways! They're goin' in their costly yachts; they won't come back till fall, And I can't keep away the thought: who's payin' for it all!

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WHY HE WAS A THIEF. "Your honor," said Holland, who is still a mere boy in looks, stepping forward from the seat he had occupied, "I do not deny my guilt, but I want to tell why I did this thing and you must all listen. I have a family at home and they were in need. Then to provide what they needed I took the stuff I am charged with stealing. It could be sold for some money and with it I bought what was wanted. People who know me will tell you that I work when I can. My wife is sick at our home now and is not expected to live. She needs things 'then, and she needs them worse now. That is all I have to say."—K. C. Journal.

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GREAT DEBATE Between Socialists and Single Taxers. Held at Turner Hall, Chicago, Dec. 30, 1903. The Single Taxer were represented by Louis F. Post, Henry H. Harding and John Z. White; the Socialists by Ernest Uermann, Seymour Steadman and A. H. Stevens.

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THE COLUMBIAN COLUMN. Comrade Daniel O. Ridgway is the subject of our sketch this week. He sends the following account of himself.

SOCIALISM. The average American workman sets aside more to support some capitalist's family than to support his own. Does he think more of the capitalist's family than his own, or just doesn't know he is doing it? The remedy is in...

W. J. Latimer, of Iron Mountain, Wis. is one of the old guard who never misses an opportunity to capture a scalp. He sends \$5 in payment for 20 sub cards.

DOWN IN DIXIE. Comrade Schaub, of Del Rio, Texas, does not propose to be left off the list of workers for 1904.

TOO BUSY TO BE FREE. "I am too busy to get subs." That's a phrase I've noticed in several letters from comrades during the last week.

A MAINE MAN MADE MONEY VERY FAST. \$1 EARNED \$20.00. \$1,500 earned \$30,000 in 12 months. Paid in CASH at Belfast, Maine, to shareholders, clerks, women, craftsmen, farmers, etc.

Party Notes. A debating society has been organized by the Socialist students of Still College, Des Moines, Ia. A number of the students are members of the Des Moines local.

What the Lynn Comrades are Doing. Dear Comrades: I will drop you a few lines to let you know what I am going to do.

3 MONTHS FREE THE INVESTOR'S REVIEW. A Journal of advice for everybody. Fully illustrated and packed with reliable information.

Private Medical Adviser. In plain language, this wonderful book tells all those things you want to know and should know of married life, love, courtship, marriage, children, happy and unhappy wedded life.

IGNORANCE & FOLLY SORROW MEDICAL BOOK-FREE. In plain language, this wonderful book tells all those things you want to know and should know of married life, love, courtship, marriage, children, happy and unhappy wedded life.

Old Trusty Incubator. Made by Johnson, the chicken man. Write to Johnson, Box 10, Des Moines, Ia. Get the best incubator on the market.

WURLITZER BRASS BAND INSTRUMENTS, DRUMS, ETC. A GENUINE 21 JEWELLED \$125.00 GOLD WATCH. WANTED. \$3 a Day Sure. FIRST SEE AMERICA. Socialism Headquarters.

THE democratic politicians of the Hearst stripe are preparing to make political capital out of the Colorado situation in order to turn the state over to men of the Steenberg stripe, and instead of a Cripple Creek, establish a Coeur d'Alene bull pen. It is the duty of the Socialists to block that game by making it plain that capitalism works through a democratic administration in Idaho and a republican administration in Colorado to the same ends. No. 426 will do that. Come, comrades, let us spread a hundred thousand extra copies in Colorado next week. Who will be the first to contribute \$5 to this fund to furnish our Colorado workers with next week's Appeal?

The people who PRODUCE wealth are the only people who are entitled to wealth. Can you get that through your brain?

Funny how panics never come under republican administrations, isn't it? But they must have lost their rabbit foot this time, as they did in 1873 and 1884.

Order 1,000 copies of No. 426 for distribution; or if you have not the time, send \$1 and 200 papers will be sent to Colorado comrades for distribution among their brothers who have not yet awakened to the fact that it is only at the ballot box that we can win.

That the present system of doing business is a success is evidenced by the statement by Wm. Guiteau, government statistician, that the books of Dun and Bradstreet contain but three per cent of the names which appeared therein twenty years ago! What's become of this great number of once prominent and influential business men?

Comrades who send clippings to the Appeal will greatly facilitate the work of the editor if they will mark plainly the name of the paper and date of issue on each clipping. A great many valuable items and articles are found useless by our inability to name the paper from which they were taken.

It is a fact, as called to my attention by a correspondent, that British capital is more largely invested in Colorado than any other state in the Union in proportion to population. What the old kings failed to do with guns, the modern kings of finance have accomplished with gold. And now they are using guns to perpetuate their power. And it is just here where they get off!

Colorado comrades have volunteered to distribute as many copies of No. 426 as the Appeal Army will send to them. This, too, in the face of the proclamation that "no criticism in any newspaper will be tolerated by the military proclamation." If these comrades will do this, will you not risk the dollar? Sure you will.

The Colorado mine owners are spreading broadcast advertisements for men to come to Colorado, offering them glittering inducements. In every mining district throughout the country No. 426 should be widely circulated. It will tell the story of the Colorado situation in such a way that this little part of the capitalistic game in Colorado will be blocked. See that your brothers are informed of the situation. Per 200 copies, 50c.

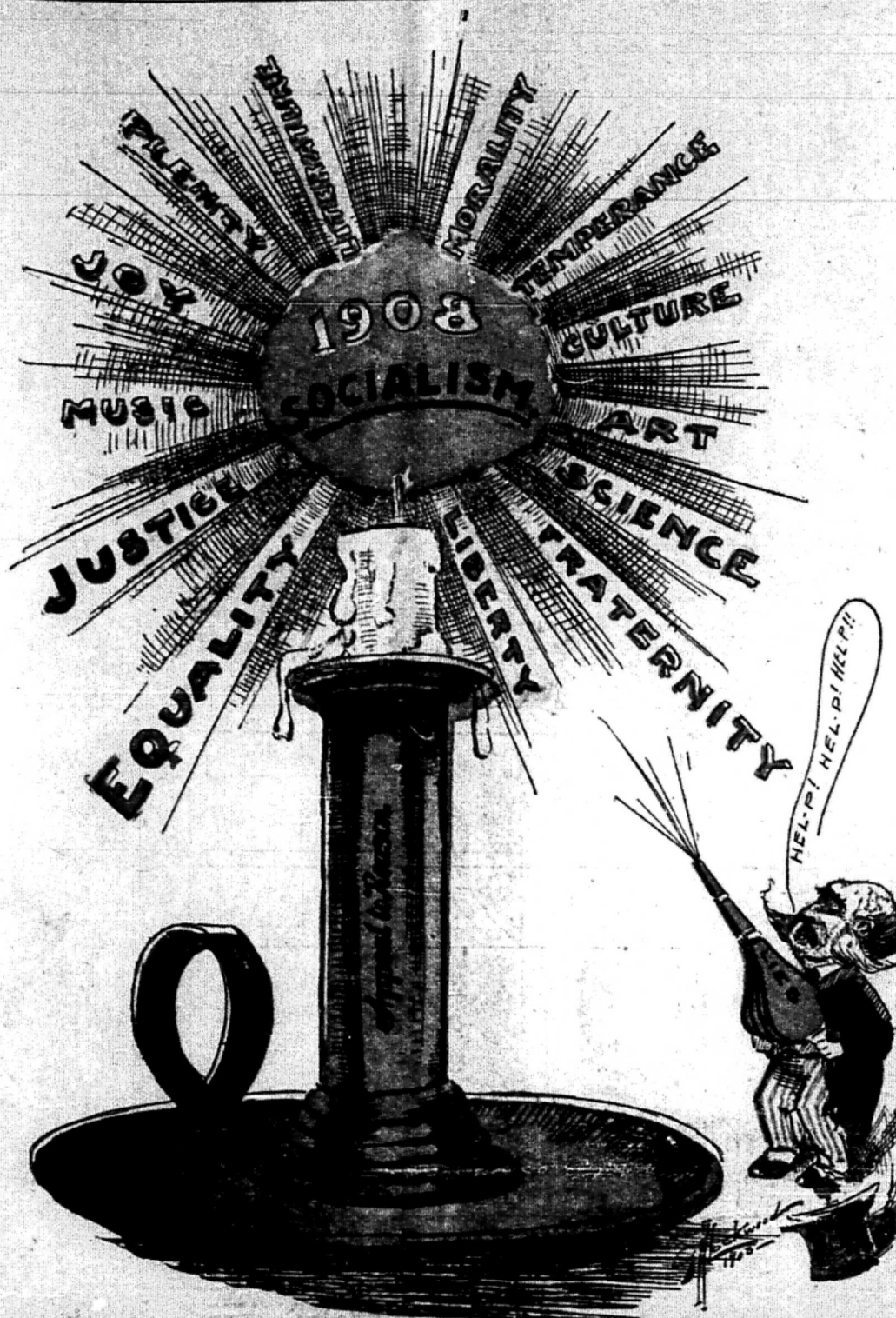
If the Russian peasantry are ignorant because they submit to do all the work, create all the wealth of Russia and permit the few to revel in luxury, I say if they are ignorant for doing that, what is the mental condition of the American working class that creates all the wealth of this great nation, and have so little of it that they would not be tolerated as decent in the homes of the rich who have all that wealth? In what are the Russians worse than Americans? They uphold the same system that we Americans uphold with our votes here.

A broom trust with \$13,000,000 capital takes in all the principal plants in the country. Thus we see that Industrial Barons openly organize to skin the people—and the people vote to be skinned by supporting the same parties that have ruled the nation while these barons have been created and grown to such power. I don't blame the monopolies a bit. In fact, they are to be commended for not grafting the people to a greater extent than they have, when they see the people are so stupid and are apparently ignorant that they are being robbed. Hurrah for the trusts and prosperity.

The next time a friend of yours points out the advantages of government ownership of public utilities under the present regime, to the working class, you might incidentally mention that the postal system is a fair example of that sort of an arrangement. And in this connection you might call his attention to the recently published bulletin of the U. S. Labor Commissioner giving data relating to the income and expenditures of working class families. He finds that the net income of the 1,500 families investigated was \$1 per week after meeting the absolutely necessary expenses. Which simply means that while the postal system renders a social service, at practically the labor cost, the saving which comes to the average family in this way is absorbed by other means. So long as one great public function is monopolized by the private extortioners in Wall street, public ownership of anything amounts to but little to the average man and his family.

The comrades who live near Norwegian sections should not forget to push the weekly paper, "Gaa Paa," to the attention of them. The postoffice department has thrown every possible obstacle in the way of mailing this paper, and it is being mailed under rates that are prohibitive, but Comrade Mengs-hoel and his noble wife are working day and night to produce this paper, hiring no help and doing their housework besides. The postoffice department refused the permit at the last application "because the government had no interpreter of that language so that the department could see what the paper contained!" Censorship. Might be something in it that did not please ye gods at Washington. In the meantime, help at this time means much. Send 50 cents for a year's subscription or send him a cent a copy for a bundle to use in getting him a club.

Garrison, of the state Bureau of Labor and Statistics of New Jersey, in his recent report, says that child labor is absolutely necessary in that state. He justifies his position by stating that the first great law of nature is to keep alive, and that so long as the fearful problem of existence is unsolved these people cannot spare a thought or an effort for anything else. That's the actual condition in which countless millions find themselves today—so occupied with the mere struggle for existence that they can take no thought of how to improve their condition. And it's a catch that the men who profit by the labor of these little children will not do it. It simply remains that these struggling slaves MUST find the time to



The capitalists have finally been attracted to the light of Socialism and are calling for help to put it out. Blow away, Cappy! it's good exercise for your liver.

study this problem and work out their own salvation. No man, no woman, no child is so poor or so remote that they cannot afford to buy a few copies of Socialist literature. If they are it is the duty of those of us who are more fortunately situated to see that they get it. On this depends not only their own salvation, but your own as well. Are you alive to the situation?

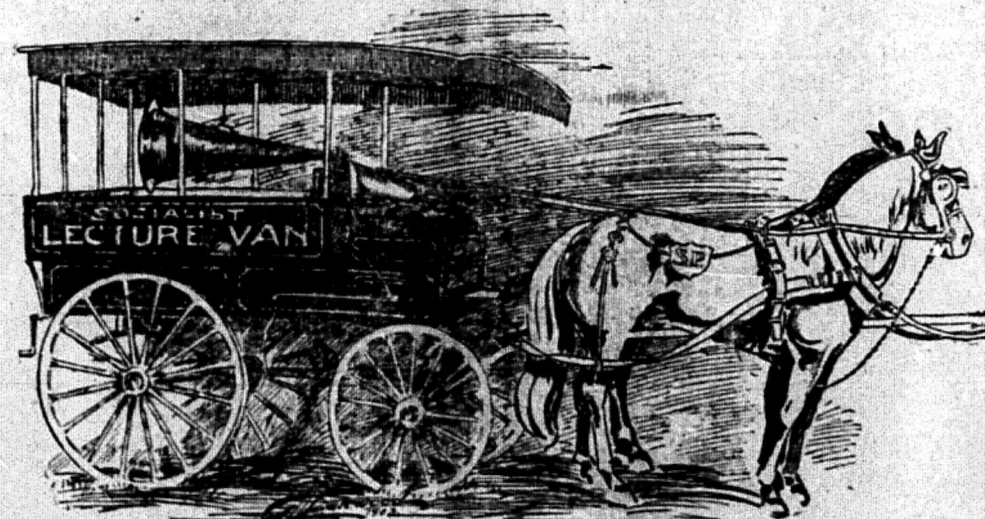
In 1901 the Socialist vote for mayor in Boston was 957; last month it had grown to 5,210. Sure—Socialism is rapidly declining. So rapid is its descent that the National Manufacturers Association, on the statement of its assistant secretary, was organized for the express purpose of fighting that particular phase of working class politics. Will somebody kindly carry the news to Comrades Parry and Hanna?

This comes from Pittsburg: "Union Trust earnings are 128 per cent of its capital." This is followed by the announcement of the slashing cut in wages of the employes in the Pittsburg iron industry. It seems strange that workingmen with intelligence should be unable to grasp the significance of these two items of news. Can't you see, brother worker, that while you suffer and scrimp on reduced wages and high prices, that the owners of the great machines of production are ab-

sorbing the wealth which you create? Apply to economic questions a little horse sense—as much at least as you used to display when you traded jack knives at school.

The capitalist class, feeling securely entrenched behind the powers of government, and angered by the increasing class consciousness of the toilers, is today verifying the statement, made by Marx 50 years ago. The brutal, tyrannical lawlessness of Governor Peabody and his military thugs can only have one effect—the hastening of the day when the producers of wealth will seize the powers of government at the ballot box. The capitalist class today is not dealing with a lot of illiterate serfs. The working class of Colorado can read. And best of all—they can vote.

In Telluride, permission must first be obtained from the military authorities to hold a performance in the opera house, the time and place being designated by the military autocrat. And this in a free country, in a state where the constitution says that the military arm of government shall always be subject to the civil authorities. It makes no provision for any other kind of government. But the rich can do no wrong, and so long as they can back up their illegal acts by the hired soldiery of the Rockefeller Fuel and Iron Company, it goes just the same.



This is the Socialist "Riot Gun" the Appeal is going to give away. Do you want it? It's for you to say. It doesn't cost you a cent—you can get it by doing a little work for Socialism. Begin at once and keep it up until May 1. Here is the proposition:

The comrade who sends the largest number of yearly subs from January 1 to May 1, 1904, gets this Van and outfit. The purchase of sub cards count and are credited at time of purchase. The Van is substantially built and of the very best of material. The outfit consists of a graphophone, gong, upholstered sleeping berths for two, cooking outfit, street lamp and \$100 worth of sub cards or books. In addition the Appeal pays your railroad fare to Girard, or, if it suits you better, the Van and outfit, except team, will be shipped to you by freight, prepaid, and the balance sent in cash. It's a great prize and worth every effort the Appeal asks you to put forth to secure it. With this outfit you can become a power for Socialism and a factor in the great campaign of 1904 second to none. He wins who WILLS.

AT FINNEGAN'S CIGAR STORE.

FIT was Saturday night and Finnegan was figuring up the week's sales. The result was evidently anything but satisfactory, as a scowl disfigured his usually jovial countenance.

"What's the matter, Fin," asked the station agent. "This is your birthday, I believe. You ought to be feeling gay. Why so mournful?"

"Well, I'll tell you, boys: perhaps I hadn't ought to worry, but do you know this is the poorest week's business I have had since I opened up this place. The worst of it is I was intending to pay a number of bills tonight and now I'll have to let them run over until next week."

"Oh, forget it," broke in the bookkeeper, getting up and walking over to the desk where Finnegan was sitting, and laying down a small package, continued, "In honor of your birthday, Finnegan, we loafers want to present you with a little token of our high regard for you and to show in a small way our appreciation of your hospitality and—"

"Oh, cheese it!" broke in the gang, "open up the package, Finn, and let's see how you look with a diamond pin, anyhow."

Finnegan smiled as he opened the box and took out a small diamond pin.

"Well, boys, this is indeed a surprise," said Finnegan with just a faint choke in his voice, "I thank you one and all."

Then, after admiring the pin a moment, he continued, "It must have cost you boys quite a tidy sum. I hope none of you have robbed yourselves to do this."

The S. A. grinned but said nothing.

"No," said the B. K., "we haven't robbed ourselves, don't worry. All we done was swore off smoking cigars for one week and I guess that didn't hurt any of us."

Finnegan's face took on a peculiar expression. "Oh," was all he said as he looked at the diamond and then at the open cash book before him.

"Gee whillikens!" blurted out the grocery clerk, "I'll be darned if we fellows haven't made Finnegan buy his own diamond."

"Why, of course," said the S. A., "I could have told you that when the proposition first came up."

"Why didn't you say something about it?"

"Well, I thought it would be a good lesson for our friend here (pointing to the B. K.) who is always harping to us fellows about saving our money. You can all see now just how this saving proposition works out—one or two individuals, it is true, might save and get ahead, but if the working class as a whole went into the pinch and save business we'd bust up half of the business houses in town in less than 60 days and the most of us would be chasing that elusive will-o-the-wisp, a job."

Nobody made any reply while Finnegan passed the check-oots.
E. N. RICHARDSON.

HOME MADE PHILOSOPHY.

To ascertain a man's social standing interview his banker.

Jobs are getting as scarce as the brains of the workers who voted to make them scarce.

There is one peculiarity about Socialism that the capitalists do not seem to comprehend—the more they fight it the faster it grows.

The tide must go out as far as it can before it begins to come in. Capitalism must concentrate and expand as far as it can before it begins to collapse.

The workers always follow the jobs which capitalists own. If the capitalists took a notion to have all the machinery of production operated behind prison walls there would be but one thing for the workers to do—break into jail.

"We do not operate theatres for pleasure." So said a Chicago theatre manager in his testimony before a commission investigating the Iroquois fire horror. How true. If he had added the words, "but for profit," the whole story would have been told.

Mayor Harrison has closed nineteen of Chicago's theatres. He declares they cannot open until provided with steel drop curtains. This reminds me that Rockefeller now owns the steel trust. Not much can happen now days without John getting his rake-off.

The city of Chicago will officially investigate the Iroquois theatre fire. Ostensibly they will make an effort to locate the cause, in reality they will consciously or unconsciously endeavor to keep the people from knowing the true cause—humanity's greed for gain.

When the machinery of production and distribution is collectively owned and managed no man can have economic advantage over any other man; he may have greater mental powers which may secure to himself honor and fame above the average, but he can have no economic advantage.

According to the plutocratic press there are some unions that have what they call an "educational committee" whose favorite method of pushing the work of education along union lines is with a hand spike. There are times when I feel that we Socialists should have a similar "educational committee."

Have you ever noticed that in all railroad wrecks the passengers occupying the Pullmans are seldom if ever hurt? Why? The Pullmans are solidly and substantially built, and, while the common day coaches are smashed into kindling wood, they remain untouched. And why is this? The answer can be summed up in five words—railroads are run for profit.

Socialism means economic equality, not social equality. Socialism will not force you to associate with people who are distasteful to you; it simply deprives you of the power of taking advantage of your fellows and your fellows can take no economic advantage of you. However, it can readily be seen how economic equality will tend to bring about a wider range of social equality.

A Chicago friend whose wife was one of the victims of the Iroquois theatre fire has written me a letter in which he refers in most bitter terms to the criminal carelessness of the management of the ill-fated theatre. So steeped is he in prejudice, my friend cannot see that indirectly he is as much to blame as the theatrical manager—both support the capitalistic system which forces us all to strive for profit or starve. Investigate as they will, there is no dodging the truth that these six hundred men, women and children were simply the victims of the natural workings of the profit system. What ticket are you going to vote this fall?