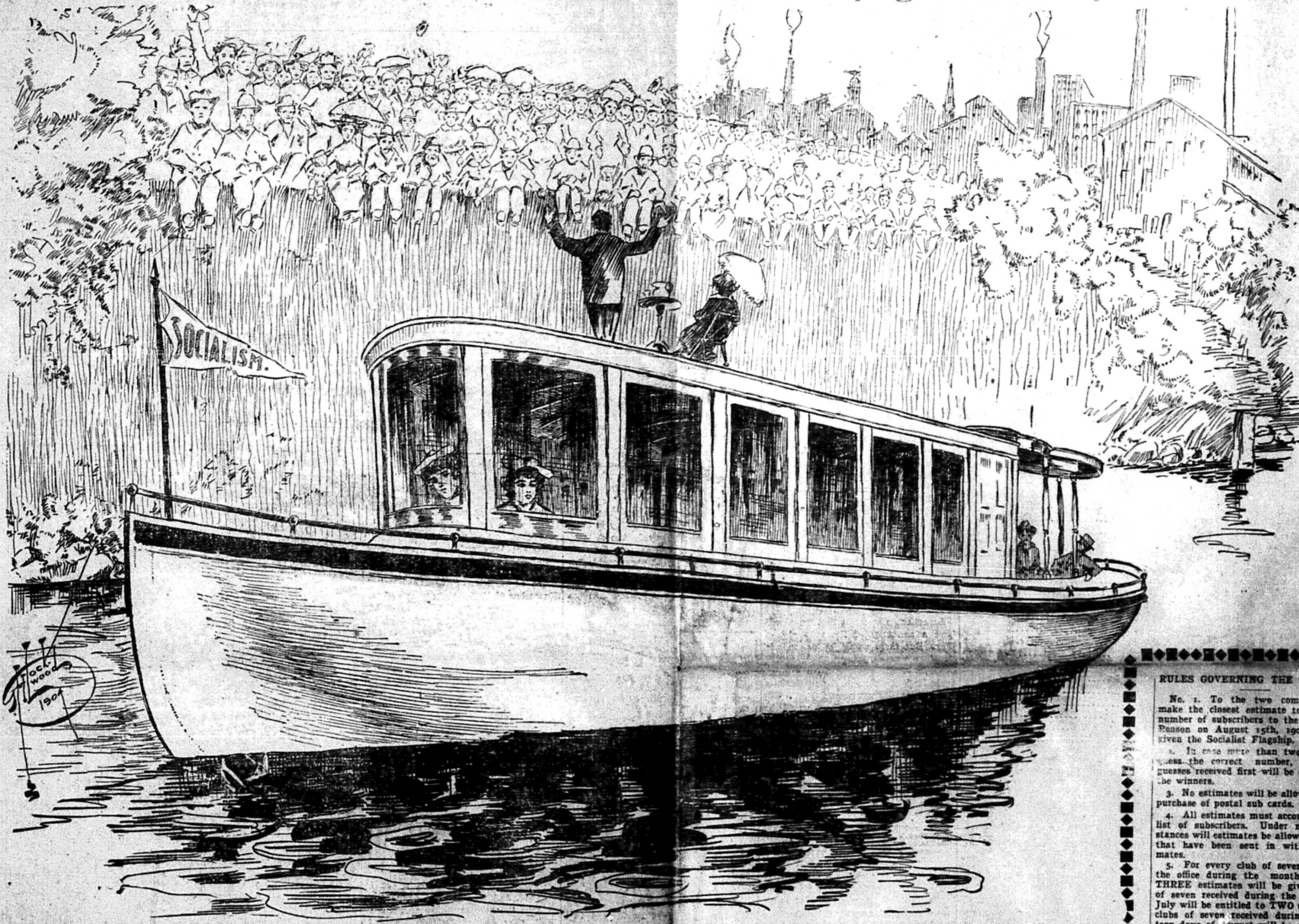


Cash on hand May 14, 1904	\$120.00
Receipts for week ending May 21, 1904	\$206.47
Expenses for week ending May 21, 1904	\$186.47
Balance on hand May 21, 1904	\$139.00

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...The Flag Ship of the Socialist Propaganda Navy...



Description.

HIS boat is twenty-five feet long, six feet wide, three feet and seven inches deep. Frame, including keel, stern post and floor timbers, of the best white oak. Planking of Louisiana red cypress, and fastened to ribs and frame by screws. Lined or double planked inside with bulkheads forward and after end of cockpit. Interior finish, also decks and coaming, finished in natural oil and the best marine varnish; outside three coats of white lead and oil, with a final coat of English white enamel.

THE CABIN: The cabin is fifteen feet long, covering the entire cockpit. In the main saloon are berths, covered with the best grade of pantesote. In the day time they are used as seats and comfortable lounging places, something after the manner of Pullman sleeping car berths. The cabin is provided with hatchways and doors on each side of entrance and swing doors in the partitions. In the rear part of the cabin, on one side, is the cook galley and ice box, arranged conveniently for the storing of supplies, cooking, etc., separated from the main cabin by partitions. On the other side, opposite the cook galley, is the lavatory, fresh water tank, patent pump, closet with all connections made to the outside, including sea cock, etc., making the arrangement for cooking, sleeping and living as convenient as in the finest hotels in the land. The cabin is arranged for a certain partition in the center, making two sleeping apartments, as snug and private as you will find in a palace sleeping car.

THE ENGINE: The power of this little water craft is furnished by a five-horse, two-cycle Pierce vapor motor. The Appeal has had a good many years' experience with gasoline engines of various kinds, and in making the selection of so important a piece of mechanism, no pains were spared in making an investigation into the merits of the propeller machinery. We can safely say that the Pierce engine comes as near being perfect in every particular as any on the market at the present time. It is com-

plete, reliable and always ready to do its part of the work. Substantially built, of the very best material, and backed by the manufacturers' guarantee, the Appeal feels justified in recommending it as safe, economical and reliable engine which will carry the Flagship over the waters of the United States at a rate of from six to ten miles an hour. It is fitted with what is known as the "jumpspark" igniter which is used on the latest model boats and automobiles. It is the vital part of the whole machine. It is simple and with a few minutes' explanation anyone can handle it. The engine is equipped with a reversing device and a speed regulator, so that the boat is always under control.

In the forward part of the cabin, protected by heavy glass windows, is located the pilot wheel, by means of which the little craft is steered.

The boat is furnished complete with a full set of pantesote cushions, polished brass rails, forward and after deck, hand-rail around the cabin, three colored acetylene head and search lights, anchor and lines, flags, poles and sockets. Two small families may easily find room and comfort in the boat. On special occasions, such as excursions, picnics, etc., it will safely accommodate sixteen or more people.

THE PLAN

For Selecting a Captain and Crew for This Propaganda Machine.

This magnificent yacht, the Flagship of the Socialist Propaganda Navy, complete in every particular, ready for work in the campaign, will be given to the two comrades who send in the two nearest estimates of the number of subscribers which the Appeal will have on the 15th day of August.

Accompanying each guess must be a

The desire of every Socialist is to work for Socialism. But in order to work for Socialism a man must live, his wife and babies must be cared for, his immediate economic interests are the first things to be considered. The two comrades who secure the "Flagship of the Socialist Propaganda Navy" will have this problem solved.

After arriving at Racine, Wis., they can bid good-bye to the transportation trust. After getting the wife and little ones installed in the yacht and the anchor in the landlord will have two less victims—the captain and the first mate will own their jobs.

A small investment in fishing tackle and a shot gun gets the most trust out of business as far as they are concerned. And then the feeling of intense relief and comfort that they are out and away from the insane, never-ending fight for the jobs is worth almost any effort to achieve. To not be compelled to compete—sometimes to the death—with your brothers for the jobs, of which there are never enough to go round, should mean much to the man in whose heart Socialism has awakened that love for humanity that is slowly but surely dominating the world. Again I say, these two comrades will own their jobs. The water-ways, the air and the sunshine, the fish in the streams, the fowls in the air, the small game that abounds on the banks of all rivers and lakes, are collectively owned. And these two comrades will have free access to all of these.

club of seven subscribers. That's all you have to do. And in order to make your work easier the following table, showing the number of new subscribers received by the Appeal, together with the number expiring, is printed. It shows that during the past ten weeks 53,598 new subs were added to the list, while 45,344 were taken off—leaving a net gain of 8,254. The present list of subscribers, as shown by the circulation statement last week, was 252,024. Assuming that the gain will be equal during the next ten weeks to that shown for the past ten weeks, the list of subscribers will number about 260,000. I think it will be greater than that. What do you think?

	Expiring	New Subs.
March 5th	3,992	4,139
March 12th	4,049	5,217
March 19th	5,164	9,915
March 26th	4,069	5,064
April 2nd	3,637	3,582
April 9th	4,355	7,142
April 16th	4,610	6,210
April 23rd	4,703	3,420
April 30-May 7th	8,999	9,739
	45,344	53,598

Whether you will be one of these two successful ones depends not upon how much money you have, or upon how many subscriptions you may get, but upon your ability to do a simple, everyday mental calculation.

It's an opportunity for all.

The worker located in some sparsely settled territory, where subscriptions to a Socialist paper are hard to get, has just as good a chance to be captain of this little craft as the comrade who lives in a more populous neighborhood.

The contest begins June 4th, 1904. It ends August 15th, 1904.

All guesses, accompanied by seven subscriptions, must reach the Appeal office on or between these two dates.

Study the circulation table printed above carefully. It covers a period of ten weeks. The period covered by the contest is the same.

Don't try to dream what the total number of subscribers will be on August 15th, but figure it out mathematically. If you go at it right the element of chance will be almost zero.

The man who gets to the hat first will be the one who likely carries off the prize, because

DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE, WITH EVERY CLUB OF SEVEN SUBSCRIBERS YOU WILL BE ENTITLED TO THREE ESTIMATES.

During the month of July, every club of seven subscribers will entitle you to two estimates.

During the fifteen days of August, every club of seven subscribers will entitle you to but ONE estimate.

THE TERRITORY THAT CAN BE COVERED.

The great Mississippi Valley with its toiling millions, furnishes an ideal territory for the Socialist propagandist. It has not been so very many years ago that all this territory was a vast wilderness, free to the use of man. It was opened up and developed by men who sought to escape the tyranny of a young but vigorous capitalism. The spirit of revolt still lingers in the breasts of the factory workers and sons of toil whose forefathers were free and who, with dauntless courage, hewed out an empire in the wilderness of the Louisiana territory.

It is these people who can be talked to and reached by the little crew who will man the "Flagship."

The Mississippi touches the shores of Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Illinois, Missouri, Kentucky, Arkansas, Mississippi and Louisiana. The towns and

cities in these states that can be reached contain many thousands of people.

The Ohio river gives an easy means of getting next to the people of Ohio, West Virginia, Kentucky, Indiana and Illinois, while the Missouri river furnishes a field of activity within the borders of Montana, North and South Dakota, Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas and Missouri.

The captain of this little craft, however, will not be limited to these waterways. These states are intersected by rivers which are navigable to small craft of this description. The Illinois and Fox rivers in the state of Illinois; the Wabash river in Indiana; the Tennessee and Cumberland rivers in Tennessee; the Fox river in Arkansas; the Platte river in Nebraska; and so on over the entire list of states. You choose your territory, and put in your time working for Socialism, secure in the knowledge that the work you are doing is hastening the day of deliverance.

THE COST OF LIVING.

When a Social agitator plans a campaign of education, one of the very first questions which bobs up for solution is the one of maintenance. He knows very well that he is welcome to the best which his comrades have, and that it is given willingly, but nevertheless, it is oftentimes a real hardship on the one whose duty it is to entertain; and very often, through the thoughtlessness of the others, the one is usually left to bear the burden alone. This hampers the work of the agitator. How different, however, it will be with the agitator who arrives at your town with his own hotel accommodations, his own means of transportation, and with his food supply.

The yacht furnishes the first two and a fishing tackle and shot gun will largely supply the latter. An experienced campaigner, with these advantages, will be no burden to the comrades at the places where he stops, and besides, will be able to make fairly good wages. From the sale of literature, collections and volunteer contributions, a sum will be netted probably in excess of current needs.

To run the boat up stream ten hours per day will cost about ten cents per hour. Going down stream the cost will be practically nothing.

RULES GOVERNING THE CONTEST.

1. To the two comrades who make the closest estimate to the total number of subscribers to the Appeal to Reason on August 15th, 1904, will be given the Socialist Flagship.
2. In case more than two comrades guess the correct number, the two guesses received first will be counted as the winners.
3. No estimates will be allowed on the purchase of postal sub cards.
4. All estimates must accompany the list of subscribers. Under no circumstances will estimates be allowed on lists that have been sent in without estimates.
5. For every club of seven reaching the office during the month of June, THREE estimates will be given; clubs of seven received during the month of July will be entitled to TWO estimates; clubs of seven received during the fifteen days of August will be entitled to but one estimate.
6. After an estimate has been sent in and placed in the guess box, which will be securely locked and placed in the vault every night, the figures cannot be changed. If you are not satisfied with your first estimate you can make others for another club of seven.
7. Subscriptions sent in on postal subscription cards do not entitle the sender to an estimate.
8. Extra sales of single issues are not counted as subscribers. Remember—you are not estimating what the circulation of the Appeal will be on that date—BUT THE NUMBER OF SUBSCRIBERS. This includes the single subscribers and the regular bundle subscribers. Extra sales of single issues not counted. In making up the total list of subscribers, as shown by the statement last week, no extra papers were counted. Only the actual subscriptions will be counted. Each week the young lady who has charge of the mailing list will furnish a statement of the number put on and the number taken off. She will be required to make affidavit to its correctness. These statements will be filed away in the safe and when the announcement is made, it will be based on these sworn statements. No one in the office will have access to this information but the management.
9. The boat complete ready for service, will be delivered to the two successful comrades at Racine, Wis., which is but a short distance from Chicago. From Racine the boat can be taken by water to any point in the central states reached by navigable rivers or lakes.
10. Employees of the Appeal and members of their families will not be permitted to enter this contest for the boat.

SOURCES OF REVENUE.

The crew on the boat will be able to add very materially to their resources by means of excursions and picnics at points on their route. Especially will this be true at the smaller towns and on smaller streams where boats seldom appear. A boat of this description can be used to advantage at St. Louis during the World's Fair for excursions, and to every passenger can be distributed or sold Socialist literature. The opportunities in this way to help the work along will be many and will occur to the average agitator as he goes along.

WHY THEY PERPETUATE THE SYSTEM.

Parry, of the Manufacturers' Association, has been speech-making before that body again. He tells them the way to increase wages is for the workers to produce more per capita!

NATIONAL BANK FAILURES.

Just to show the character of the prosperity that the people are enjoying, the Appeal sent to the Treasury Department at Washington, for a list of bank failures since the first of the year.

Deposits.

Table with columns for Name and Location of Bank, and Deposits. Includes entries like First National Bank of Storm Lake, Iowa (200,000), Citizens National Bank of McGregor, Texas (64,000), etc.

PREMONITIONS OF TROUBLE.

Fifty millions in gold have been shipped out of the United States since April first. In addition to this the exports have exceeded the imports by nearly as many millions more!

THE MASTERS WILL BE TAXED.

Talk about breaking contracts. You know that labor unions are being continually warned that if they break a labor contract, that it will turn public sentiment against them and ruin them.

CONTINUE THE SAME OLD GAME.

In every city, strikes are prevalent—or rather lock-outs are the rule. In every instance the capitalist judge promptly enjoins, under penalty of prison, any striker from even speaking to a non-union man.

Roosevelt is for the open shop. All labor union members should follow Gompers, Mitchell and Co., in the Roosevelt camp. Penance slavery is rife in Louisiana. Capitalism stops at no crime to add to its profits.

Judge Whillom, of New York, fined a servant girl \$5 and costs for "talking back" to her mistress when she was discharged. The rich must be protected, don't you know!

The Standard Oil Co. has declared another dividend of \$5 per share for the quarter, making \$24 (?) per share for the year. Each share has about one dollar of real wealth behind it.

When the working class begins to vote for Socialists the capitalists will begin to hedge in their treatment of the workers. But so long as the workers vote the old tickets, they say to the capitalists that they want no change.

The San Antonio Express, democratic, says: "It would not hurt the democratic party to lose all the Socialists that are hanging onto its garments, for the loss would be more than made up by gains from a more desirable element."

An exchange suggests that we should have a secretary of Peace instead of War. But there would be no graft in it. The war department that spends hundreds of millions a year without any equivalent, offers splendid opportunities for grafting.

Evicted from her home because she could not pay the rent, sick with consumption and no place to go, Mrs. Lloyd, Pittsburg Pa., was sent to jail because the hospital would not take her—and died in a few hours.

From 1890 to 1900 the independent or employing farmers increased 7 per cent, while the farm laborers increased 47 per cent. If from this 7 per cent be taken the number of farms that are rented we would find far less farms worked by their owners than there was the previous decade.

A Chicago dispatch says that 15,000 railroad men have been discharged since the first of the year. Yes, times are prosperous, and the fool dinner pail is all right! Didn't the capitalists take in their dupes at the last election easily with the PROMISE of a fool dinner pail?

Three million cartridges, bought during the Spanish war, have been found worthless—would not shoot. For the profit in this adulteration, the contractors would have sacrificed the whole army, for they would have been helpless before the Spanish. The contractors are democrats and republicans and make great profit; they are known but will not be prosecuted.

The Politician, Fargo, N. D., says: "The Politician would like to have some Socialist write an article, which it will gladly publish, showing the distinction, if there be any, between the principles advocated by the Socialist party and those advocated by the red-handed assassins of the anarchist party."

It probably won't publish the articles, as it is merely a bluff, but the Socialists can give him something to do by writing such articles for him. There are only two schools of political thought—the Socialist and the Anarchist. One believes in collectivism and the other individualism, exemplified by the present republican and democratic parties.

Miss Cowgill, in the Reader Magazine, says that Driscoll, a labor leader of Chicago, now an employer, told her that he elected Harrison mayor of Chicago, by getting Darrow to withdraw from the race, and that he got \$9,000 for the job.

Down in Australia the state refused to give the working class the legal protection of their jobs that they asked. The working class said in effect: "You won't, eh?" and proceeded to elect a control in the national parliament, beating the two capitalist parties. They beat the government and now have been called on to create a ministry, which they have accepted.

The daily press is telling its dupes that the eight-hour law and other labor bills failed before congress because they were championed by the Socialists! The capitalists wanted to enact these laws and had the votes, but wouldn't do it because the Socialists wanted them!

The Average Man

in America has a very hard time making both ends meet. So long as the land and the jobs are owned by capitalists this will always be so. The only chance to escape is to inaugurate Socialism. In the meantime the two comrades and their families who capture the Appeal's great Socialist propaganda boat, will not only own their own jobs but will be independent of the landlord, the railway magnate and the meat trust.

The plutes' papers are howling because the masters and engineers on the lakes refuse to work unless they are paid what they demand, and as none who are not holding government license can act in these capacities, they demand that these men accept the ship owners' terms or lose their license! Apply that reasoning to the corporations holding franchises to furnish the public service—the railroads, the sugar, oil or other trusts. If they refuse to sell the public the service at reasonable rates, why not take from them their franchises and take their property from them?

At the annual Manufacturers' Convention, Parry stated that the defeat of the eight-hour and anti-injunction bills in congress were due to his organization. And yet Gompers and Mitchell want the working class to vote the same tickets as the manufacturers! Think of the law favoring three thousand employers and against two million working men! The laws are for the good of the greatest number, don't you know! Will you keep on voting as you have when you have evidence out of the mouths of your masters that they control you through politics, even when you have the majority? If you do, you are stupid enough to be only slaves.

McMahon, head of the Street Car Men, warns them to keep out of politics. That is the advice of Baer, Carnegie and other corporation owners. Labor Unions out of politics are fat pickings for the leaders. What capitalists do, they do secretly, like they buy up public officials. Every workman should be in labor politics. Only his enemy will tell him differently. So long as they elect men like McMahon, Gompers, Mitchell and some others, they will be the victims of capitalist oppression. Don't experience teach you this?

Gompers has been eulogizing Hanna, the strike breaker. Gompers says Hanna was a true friend of labor. So was Carnegie; so are all the captains of industry—if you believe them. Baer will come in for an eulogy from Mitchell, next. Wonder how much per they get for eulogies?

Combinations and monopolies lessen the COST of production but do not lessen the PRICE. The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers have asked the president to whitewash Madden from the postoffice scandals. John Mitchell is "a friend of the President!"

A Denver judge has issued an injunction to prevent the Santa Fe machinists from striking! Slaves are not to be permitted to quit work. Now, all the labor unions should vote the same old party tickets so as to keep this judge on the bench. They put him there.

Behind the bullets are the generals; Behind the generals are the judges; Behind the judges are the ballots; Behind the ballots are the working class. So, after all, the working class vote to have the bullets and injunctions, and should not complain if they vote the old party tickets.

The employers of California are making preparations to repeat the brutal tactics of Colorado. They are arranging to fight the unions in detail, depending on the unions being held by their contracts so as to prevent all of them going to the rescue when attacked by the full force of the Employers' army and the judges. The working class MUST submit to the laws that capitalists make, so long as they elect capitalist parties to power.

The supreme court of the United States has decided that telegraph operators and firemen are "fellow servants" and that the death of the fireman by an error of the telegrapher does not constitute ground for damages against the road. And the fireman and telegraphers vote the same tickets as the owners of their jobs who can get court decisions. Aren't they wise?

The supreme court of the U. S. has handed down its decision that Turner, the philosophical anarchist, shall not be permitted to land at any port! By this decision the court decides what a man must believe before he can come in. If he believes in monarchy but will vote either the republican or democratic ticket he can come in. In fact, they would welcome any man who would vote to have a king.

The government pays ten prices for all work done on its war materials. The contractors have just made a cut in wages! And the working slaves vote to have the government in such hands! Well, they deserve their treatment if they repeat the folly this fall. The law makers increase their salaries and prevent the USEFUL workers from having an increase. And the useful workers vote for it.

Mile. de Peepigna, formerly lady-in-waiting to the German empress, has been engaged in Washington, to give instructions about court etiquette. The rich of this country are making preparations to have a royal court here and want to be prepared for it. And the American voting mule is expected to support them in this as he stupidly supports the industrial system that gives them the means to support their royal livings now. The American voter is a large noodle.

In a suit between two iron foundries, reported officially, given in the Iron Moulders Journal, for damages because one of them had hired the workman of the other foundry, the plaintiff produced figures to prove that his foundry made an average of \$20 a day NET PROFIT on each moulder they employed! Yet, when the men asked for more pay, the employers put up a poor face that they could not afford to pay any more! Are the employers extortionists or just plain common, everyday perjurers? The moulders should vote their masters' tickets this fall and get some more of their treatment.

The Omaha World-Herald says that great disclosures are being made in many Nebraska counties. Taxes that have been paid have never been credited and farmers are bringing in their receipts. No wonder. When the farmers blindly vote for the capitalist system of theft, they might know they would be stolen from. There is hardly a county seat in the nation that is not rotten and grafting has not been going on for years. Don't think that all the grafters are in St. Louis, Grand Rapids and Pueblo. The same breed holds all county seats. Vote the old party tickets some more and have the graft continue!

THE CRIMINAL RICH.

Bishop Spaulding of Peoria, favoring some method of forced arbitration that will put the working class under the control of the capitalist class, said: "You cannot apply a law contrary to public opinion. If public opinion does not enforce a law you can not do it. Look at our laws controlling saloons. Look at our laws in regard to evictors. Look at all our municipal laws. They are simply an agreed upon lie. Men pass a law knowing it is going to be violated and deliberately consent to it, and the police levy blackmail on the violators of the law instead of punishing them."

THE BUSINESS INSTINCT.

Quite an amount of gold has gone from New York to Paris lately. But as luck would have it over twice as much has been pouring in from Japan for supplies. We could even buy another canal on the profits of the present war in the Far East. Yet there are those who would neither buy canals nor have wars to make trade. Strange how small some people's business instinct is!

CAPITALIST OWNERSHIP VS. COLLECTIVE OWNERSHIP.

The strike of the 60,000 employes of the state-owned railroads of Hungary is further proof of the fact—last year emphasized in Holland—that government ownership affords no security against labor troubles, is no protection to the public against a cessation of traffic.—Daily Press.

THE AGE LONG STRUGGLE.

The struggle for industrial liberty is on. It cannot go backward. The minds, the millions of minds, that are pushing it, mostly unconscious, cannot stop. The capitalists minds are fighting for their ideal, too. They are in earnest. So are the many times millions who seek liberty. Their interests are so opposed that they cannot compromise. It is as the struggle of the people against some king—one or the other must be subjugated. There is no room for compromise. For centuries this struggle has been coming, gathering force by the growing intelligence of the working class. We cannot escape it. It must go to the end. Compromises will only augment the danger. It is a fight to the finish. On which side will you throw your force?

A CUNNING GAME

The Kansas City Star is authority for the statement that a property qualification for voting, amounting to \$300, applies in Louisiana, Mississippi, Georgia, Alabama, the Carolinas and Virginia, and it approves of it and says that it must be adopted in the North. The working class are kept stupidly ignorant of the schemes being laid to deny them the right of voting, so that only the property class can elect officers and thus control the nation by means of their wealth. Kautsky the coils of tyranny are entwining the people. And the people do not notice the game being played on them. And labor leaders tell their dupes to keep out of politics and vote the same tickets as their masters! Will they do it this fall?

NO LONGER A REPUBLICAN OR DEMOCRAT PARTY.

The Tacoma, Wash., Ledger, republican, speaking of the republican state convention held there, said: "The lines have been closely drawn and as far as this convention was concerned, the railroads were the republican party." The News-Herald, also republican, says: "It was called a republican convention. But there is no longer a republican or a democratic party in Washington. There is the corporation party. In municipal matters a corporation choose a mayor for us and in state affairs a corporation has named our governor for us. The railroads are non-partizan in their choice of tools." And there you are.

BETTER WAKE UP, SLUGGARD!

In Maryland, my Maryland, property votes—367 men. Unless as much as \$500 of assessed value be attached to a man it cannot vote. This is democratic love of the working class. That law in most states would disfranchise two-thirds of the voters—and that law will find rapid growth. Think of the working class voting tickets that proposes and actually does disfranchise them! How the democrats do love the poor people! If required to have \$300 of assessed valuation, how many of your neighbors could vote? Tyranny creeps on its victims with soft feet—but they have long claws. Wake up, you slumbering sluggard; don't you feel the breath of the tyrant vampire of wealth stealing over your body?

ROCKEFELLER INVADES A NEW FIELD.

The Associated Press says that Rockefeller has begun to buy up the wholesale grocery business of the nation, thus seeking to control the avenues of distribution of the nation's food as he has its oil. He has already purchased established businesses in a large number of cities in Ohio, New York, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois and other states. Rockefeller MUST find investment for the hundreds of millions of profits that come to him every year, and nothing could be safer than monopolizing the wholesale grocery business, which, when Standard Oil methods are applied in place of the competitive system, would triple the profits, and prevent new houses from competing. And the working class vote to have the game continue, by voting the old tickets!

CAPITALIST ANARCHISTS.

The Socialists at Emmett, Idaho, own their own hall. State organizer Miller was mobbed at Weiser, while talking on the street, and appealed in vain to the mayor for protection. This will help the cause, as there is a feeling of fair play in the hearts of the people that resent such outbursts. The growth of the movement in Girard dates from an incident of the same character. Socialism is something to be feared, else such tactics would not be adopted. With the movement for the abolition of chattel slavery reached that stage it was only a few years until it conquered the country. The slave power only had to meet its end by such tactics.

Capitalistic Conceptions. BY J. S. MORRIS. Supported by the toilers weary, which we prodded until leary, With the curious superstitions of capitalistic lore, While we prodded, never thinking, suddenly there came a waking...

The Process of Multiplying Capital. By Ben Hanford, in "The Worker." Other than the resources of nature, Socialists maintain that labor of brain and brawn, labor of mind and limb, produces all wealth.

The Copper Trust Triumphant. By Hal Stryker, in "The Carpenter." Never has the power of capitalism been so plainly shown as by recent events in Montana. They do things in a more frank and direct manner in the West than in the older settled parts of the country...

Wise and Otherwise. THAT'S ALL. Having voted strongly for municipal ownership, Chicago now has only to get the consent of the street railways to realize its hopes.—The Detroit Tri-une.

Borrowed Plums. "The capitalists also have a program that is 'working' overtime, at that."—Iowa Socialist. "A literary note ought to be made of the fact that the esteemed Congressional Record has suspended publication."—Kansas City Star.

You Work year after year for a moderate income without getting ahead or making provision for your old age. Double Your Salary now with an investment of only \$5.00 per month. A large monthly saving will give you...

The "Bale Weevil". (Written by Dan C. Order, Comanche, Texas, for the "Farm and Ranch," which paper refused to publish.) Since giving the readers my experience with the "boll weevil" a few months ago, I have received numerous requests to come again with an article on the "bale weevil."

THE STRUGGLE FOR BREAD. History has been the struggle on the part of those who made bread but did not have it against those who had bread, but did not make it—the word "bread" here symbolizing all the things that go to make up opportunity and privilege.

REAL FICTION. A book publisher declares that no first class fiction is being produced these days. Let him keep an eye on the resolutions of the political conventions.—Kansas City Journal.

WHERE HE KEEPS THEM. "Where are your sympathies," they asked him, "in this Russo-Japanese war?" "Locked up in my cash drawer," rudely answered the New York capitalist.—Chicago Tribune.

NEWS ITEM. A generous donation of \$500 was given toward a pipe organ fund for the First Christian church of Muncie, Ind., by one member, J. W. Meeks, proprietor of the Muncie Handle Factory.

THE DIFFERENCE. "A Warren citizen visiting the Ohio penitentiary recently saw a situation that convinced him that the old woman's advice, 'While you are getting,' get a plenty," was the best course.

TEHUANTEPEC MUTUAL PLANTERS' CO., Dept. H. 56-70 Fort Dearborn Bldg.-CHICAGO. and grafters have plenty and those who do honest labor have nothing but poverty and sneers for their lives.

Vacation Days. come to but few of the toil weary workers of America. During the long, hot, dusty summer months the wage slaves of this country must toil while the masters seek recreation on the cool streams and lakes on their private yachts.

ALL THIEVES LOOK ALIKE. Tourist Tom—Why don't you fellows go to work? Tourist Tom—I don't have to work.—I'm a capitalist.

HOW CAPITALISTS FIGURE. The secretary of the Birmingham, Ala., Citizens' Alliance was before the senate committee, having in charge the eight-hour law, and declared that if enacted, it would add one thousand millions to the cost of the cotton crop.

STARVE THE OLD. Mrs. Sarah Irving, Lynn, Mass., was found dead in her shanty in the position of prayer, starved. This, according to the Evening Item, of April 30. The old lady of 80 had a shanty on a worthless lot owned by some plutocrat.

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