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Appeal to Reason. This is Number 505. Girard, Kansas, U. S. A., August 5, 1905.

No man is great enough or rich enough to get this paper on credit or for a longer time than paid for. It is published as an advocate of International Socialism, the movement which favors the ownership of the earth by ALL the people—not by a PART of the people.

That the politicians and the capitalists know where the most of their trouble is coming from is evidenced, first, in the attempt to freeze the Appeal out of the mails, and, failing in that, in attempting to circumscribe and hedge about with difficulties the work of the APPEAL ARMY. Hence it comes that the republicanized government, lost to all sense of fairness and "The Square Deal," advises us that the Appeal must not send out subscription blanks enclosed in the paper containing room for more than ONE name after September 1st.

The Ozark Farm.

This eighty-acre tract of land, which the Appeal will give to the one that orders the largest number of the Trust edition, holds within itself all the means of a life of peace and plenty—a never-failing bank of the necessities and luxuries of life, the only draft required being that of a little work. For instance, there is fruit. Apples, peaches, plums, pears, apricots—everything in the line of tree fruits that you can think of except bananas and oranges and lemons.

The government arsenal manufactures ammunition at a cost of \$30 per 1,000 rounds, but private contractors hold up the United States for \$42.50 per 1,000 rounds. You see it pays to have a friend at court. It means "velvet" and lots of it.

At the town of Buchanan, Ga., July 18th, Congressman Gordon Lee told the assembled working mules "to be kind, gentle and obedient to the masters." Not many generations ago men employed by the slave aristocracy went over Georgia teaching the slaves to be kind, patient and obedient to their masters! How times do change!

SENATOR MITCHELL, we are gravely informed by the newspapers, is seeking a loophole on a technical legal point to escape. He will be a poor senator, indeed, if he can't find a means of escape. Look at Burton—at Dietrich—at Depew! Certainly there ought to be a way of escape for Mitchell. It would be really too bad to make an example of him. Such a good, patriotic citizen—a law-and-order fellow, too! And opposed to Socialism—would put Socialists in jail, as they did Comrade Burns at Portland a few weeks ago.

GOVERNOR DOUGLAS, the workingman's friend (?), was arrested at Buzzard's Bay, Mass., for violating the speed ordinance. He was touring in his automobile. It seems that some disreputable town officials had passed an ordinance limiting the speed of automobiles in a vain effort to protect the lives of women and children. This flagrant interference with the rights of the rich must be put down, and Governor Douglas will fight the constitutionality of the town law. And the governor took an oath to support and uphold the laws of the Commonwealth!

"OIL PRODUCERS BACKING OUT." That's the heading over a newspaper article in the Kansas City Star, and it goes on to relate that a number of the big oil producers in Kansas have backed out of the project to build a competing pipe line through the Kansas oil fields. The Standard "saw" these gentlemen and their patriotism and enthusiasm for the rights of the people hit the zero mark. The dollar wins every time, and that's why you hear no more state oil refinery. It's just the ordinary, every-day man in overalls who's being squeezed now—and who would get patriotic over a little thing like that?

The capitalist does not let the grass grow under their feet is abundantly testified to by "The Associated Press," which advises the reading public that "the entertainment, reading rooms, libraries and lectures, etc., on the Panama isthmus, will be under the direction of the Civic Federation." The Civic Federation is but one of the avenues through which the capitalists are working. Through it alone they are spending millions of dollars, in addition to that which they are giving to churches, schools and the like. The capitalists are determined to drown out the Socialist movement if they can, and they pay the Socialists of the nation the high compliment of adopting the Socialist methods of education.

Dear Sir—We are glad to state that our private communications regarding the Appeal are being received by you. We are glad to hear that you are interested in the Appeal, and we are glad to hear that you are interested in the Appeal, and we are glad to hear that you are interested in the Appeal.

The purpose of this organization is plainly to distribute literature free to any one who will read it, against Socialism. That Socialism is coming swiftly to the front is now recognized by every one except those who are ignorant. The leading papers are full of it, for or against—mostly against. The Portland, Ore., Telegram, stirred probably by the recent startling editorial of its contemporary, the Oregonian, in favor of Socialism, comes out with a column editorial on June 6th, as follows:

There are today certain inequalities of conditions which are in the nature of a social injustice. Here, for example, we see a man possessing little character, or intellect, yet through the law of inheritance, or through the possession of a large estate that will bear him in luxury, while the man who is a superior character and intellect may be reduced to a state of poverty, or even to a state of starvation, through the law of inheritance. What a man can do is fully entitled to, but to found the law of inheritance on the basis of what shall be the destinies of the race, is to found the law of inheritance on the basis of a trend towards Socialism. Some consciousness of which we have spoken is one of the most important of the modern world. It is a trend towards Socialism. A trend of brotherhood which works itself in every heart, though the stars are not so bright as they were in the days of the old world. But there is working at the present hour a new spirit that bids fair to break down the barriers of the past. It is a trend towards Socialism. A trend of brotherhood which works itself in every heart, though the stars are not so bright as they were in the days of the old world. But there is working at the present hour a new spirit that bids fair to break down the barriers of the past. It is a trend towards Socialism.

The machinists in the navy yard at Washington wanted a half-holiday on Saturdays during the heated term, which the secretary of the navy declined to grant. Then they wanted to carry the matter to Teddy, but Teddy, enjoying the balmy sea breeze of Sagamore Hill, testily sent them word that he wouldn't receive them. The capitalists and the politicians take up so much of Roosevelt's time that he can't be bothered with the whining of the navy yard machinists about the hot air they have to breathe. Not only won't give them any vacation, but declines to even discuss the matter. The machinists cast their votes for Roosevelt. They ought to and probably will do so again. They like to be kicked and cuffed around by their "betters," made "better" by workers' votes, and I hope that Teddy will give them the boots every time they emit a whine.

The Chief clerks in the agricultural department at Washington are so honest that it has been found necessary to lock them in and put the telephone out of action while they are compiling late crop reports. All because a private brokerage firm was willing to pay \$50,000 for advance information on the cotton crop. Everywhere and every time you will find it is private interests that corrupt the public's employees. The public has no incentive to bribe its servants. It then follows: To abolish bribery and corruption, abolish private business in the people's necessities.

The American street car lines pay \$100,000,000 profit per year to stockholders who do not work on the street cars, and who ride in automobiles in order to avoid contact with the common herd. Street car employees receive in wages during the same period \$80,000,000, which they spend for the necessities of life—and walk when off duty. That's capitalism. Socialists propose that the entire \$180,000,000 be divided among the street car workers. Why not get wise, Mr. Street Car Worker, and vote for Socialism?

The Pacific Coast Railway company makes its May report, showing a decrease in operating expenses and an increase in earnings. The decreased operating expenses means fewer men employed, more hardship among wives and children—but think of the good times the stockholders have on the increased dividends. This is prosperity sure enough!

I WANT every reader of the Appeal to read the chapter of the "Jungle" published in this issue. It is complete in itself as a picture of the under world of Chicago. This story of Sinclair's is a tremendous thing—attracting the attention of the literary men of the world for its remarkable style, and the curses and attention of the plutocratic snobs because it shows up capitalism as no other writer has ever done.

Socialism Thunders at the Doors.

The editor of the World-Herald, Omaha, says men will not make progress without the incentive of personal gain. Was that what prompted Hugo to give the world his great masterpiece? Was that the incentive of any great book or picture or really great work? Ruskin says that no great work of genius was ever done for money—but for the love of the work or the love of the person for whom it was done. Franklin invented the stove—but he refused to patent it and thus robbed his fellows because a thought happened to come to him. But under Socialism there would be a benefit come to each by every act of progress. As it would benefit society each member of society would get his or her benefit, the doer, among the others. If you were working with a machine and saw wherein you could make a good change or improvement, would you refuse to permit that thought to find expression because no one would be compelled to become your slave thereby? On the contrary, you would feel a strong impulse to give expression to your thought, first for the pleasure of it to yourself, and, second, because of the approbation of your fellows, which latter is the strongest of all incentives after the first two laws of nature. Do men put themselves up in the line of battle to be shot at for the meanness pay they get? They must be degraded, indeed, if they do. They enlist because of the feeling that others will look at their parade and admire them; they risk their lives because they do not like the scorn attached to running away—that approbation is higher than even life itself in some instances. It is not contended that men will make the sacrifices for society that they will for their families, as a rule, but do not the soldiers do that—risk their lives for society when they go to defend their country? It is no discredit to them that designing men have in the past profited by their testing.

Under the present social organization men can work only for themselves for self-benefit, because society is not organized on such a basis that the individual can get any benefits by enriching society. Under Socialism only by enriching society could the individual get benefits, hence the incentive to good work for society would have back of it the same motive that is now back of his work for self-interest. Under the present industrial anarchy every one is for self and the devil take the hindmost, while under an industrial system each would benefit by every good act of another and each would be injured by every bad act of another. There is no use having a system in which there is any "risk," except the risk against natural obstacles and ignorance of right methods—but today we take a risk additional by the total factors of opposing self-interests.

Under Socialism, where each person would have every opportunity open to him, opportunity not represented by a money, a social or a political pull, the genius of the nation that, like Gray's "Cromwell" innocent of his country's blood, now never has a chance to develop, would give us a hundredfold more progress than we are now making. When children are given an industrial as well as book training, when they can follow any calling that best pleases them and for which they are suited, when they will each be free to follow any vocation for which they qualify themselves, we shall have the best talent in the place it is fitted for, and there will be a hundred Edisons, Teslas, Darwins, Raphaels, Arkwrights and other geniuses where we have had one. And where is the mind that ever refused to give forth the sweetest flowers that bloomed in it simply because it could not get gold for them? Its worst punishment would be to prevent it from telling what new thing it had found.

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THE CHINESE-BOYCOTT.

The most important problem before the state department at Washington, says a dispatch to the Chicago Tribune, is the one of our disturbed trade relations with China. China, it seems, is in earnest. Not the Chinese government, but the Chinese syndicate. It is a well-known fact that the Chinese syndicate has powerful interests in this country and is represented at court by the shrewdest American statesman money will buy. Notwithstanding this power of gold, the Chinese syndicate did not succeed in preventing the passage of the Chinese exclusion act, but it has succeeded in having it modified to such an extent that thousands of the almond-eyed Celestials will come into the United States during the next year. The boycott of American goods is but one of the weapons the syndicate is using to change public opinion in America. But there is still more back of these disturbed trade relations with China and this fight against the exclusion act by this Chinese syndicate, which has been making millions annually on the slaves it has imported from the Orient. The boycott could have been used years ago but for the fact that China needed the goods we made in this country. China today, under the direction of American and Japanese companies, is beginning to make things for home consumption. Japan is fostering this boycott in the interest of Japanese merchants. To such an extent has this fight been made against American goods that our exports to China have fallen from \$16,000,000 in 1902 to \$4,000,000 last year. This is why the capitalists of this country are so concerned about the Chinese boycott, and why the president is willing to amend the Chinese exclusion law, but the concession comes too late. The Orient from now on will use less and less

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The speaker pointed out the selfishness of employers who found child labor could be made to produce results cheaply, and added: "And the child becomes a pale-faced fragment of human mechanism. The competition of children and women and machines has reduced the wages of men. Child labor becomes not alone a menace to the wage schedule, but it imperils the very future of the republic itself. It threatens the public schools, the bulwark of the nation."



The newspaper dispatches report that the railroad magnates have persuaded the railroad senators to drop the railroad rate legislation. How kind! And who would expect the gentlemanly Depew, as United States senator, permitting legislation which was inimical to his interest as railroad attorney? The people are easy.

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