

NEXT WEEK... There will be an exceptionally strong article by Ernest Untermyer, entitled, "Listen, My Middle Class Friend." Then there will be the second article of the "Using the Government" series showing how Socialists would utilize the National Figure Machine (census department) in the interest of the workers. There will be other interesting features.

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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.

While on his European trip, Henry Watterson wrote from New France to the Louisville Courier-Journal as follows: "One feels as if an infernal fire were exploding at least in my own mind—and that is the climate of the south of France. By comparison with Florida it is miserable."

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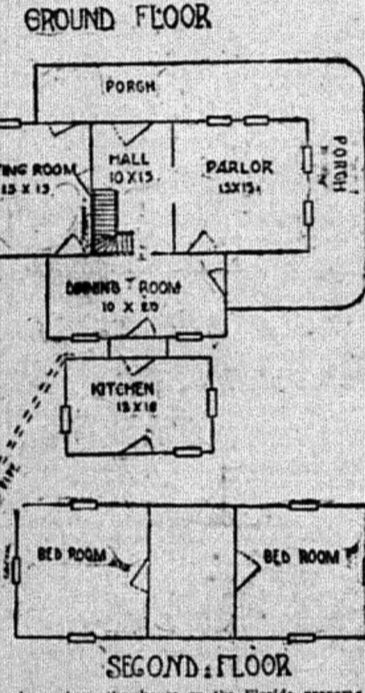
Beginning on December 22d, and continuing until 6 p. m. December 29th, you will have an opportunity to put up a fight to secure the Florida property. If you care to acquire a fine country property in a country where storms and winds and snows are unknown this is your chance.

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THE HOUSE

On this land is two stories, with a porch running around building. The front entrance on ground floor is from porch into a hall that from porch contains three doors and three windows.



THE water is pure, there being a great many springs, both mineral and otherwise, scattered through the country.

This district is one of the great health and pleasure resorts for northern people, and many hundreds of millions of dollars have been spent in Florida by the extremely wealthy on account of the climate and scenery.

This place is located about eighteen miles west of Palatka, Fla., a rapidly growing town, which, by reason of the fact that it is located on deep water, a port for ocean vessels, shipments of products can easily be made from this place to all Atlantic seaboard cities with only about eighteen miles of railroad transportation.

This property is up—the Appeal is going to give it to some one. There is only one contestant now, and that one contestant only remains to be named. Friday, December 23d, 1905, at 6 p. m. the contest will begin.

Do not believe that it will require a very large contribution to win. Every cent that you put in goes into the Socialism movement, and is used to pay for literature, to be distributed among the ignorant. You lose nothing. If you win you have a fine home, free of debt, located in a beautiful country, a home where it is pleasant the year around, and where you can enjoy life every moment of the year.

The following explains how the Florida property will be given out:

The Agitation League is composed of Socialists who contribute ten cents or more each week for the purpose of making a fund that will be used in distributing literature among the people. Every cent of the contribution is used for the purpose specified, there being

RULES.

- 1. The first week of the contest commences Friday, December 22d, 1905, and the contest will last twelve weeks. Every contestant must contribute ten cents each week in this office, or to the bank, between Friday, December 22d, 1905, and Friday, December 29th, 1905. In making the gift standing in the contest, then the following weeks being in regular order, until the contest has passed. No one will be allowed to enter on account of misbehavior in the contest.

THE game of government today is how to revolt the people without causing a revolution.

THE clerical secretary of the navy upholds prize fighting in the navy! Ye gods! What hypocrites. He should be forced to enter the ring with some big brute.

THE present social system is as far from ideal as the savage state is far from this. If it wasn't for the fellows who are grafting a living out of the present, the people could be educated to see the better way in a year.

WOULD you rather have an ownership in the industries than to have them owned by a few capitalists who use them to skin you and bribe your public officials? If so, then you should vote the Socialist ticket every chance you get.

RUSSIA is reaping what she has sown. What is transpiring is the logical, the inevitable end of class rule and extortion. The many toil and the few enjoy. Conditions in the United States are making for the same end. Here, too, the many produce and the few wallow in luxury, the courts are rotten and corruption everywhere is the rule.

"A BOARD OF EXPERTS," we are told, is to be organized to build public buildings in Washington. That's the way to do it. The Credit Mobilier was a board of experts; the traffic managers of railroads that have skinned the country are a board of experts; why, even the life insurance companies are conducted by a board of experts. When a great theft is contemplated you will always find the gang wanting to have a board of experts to do the job.

FEDERAL JUDGE PHILLIPS has just decided at Kansas City that his court has no jurisdiction in the case of the suit against the Santa Fe railroad for giving rebates. The rebates were given, all right, against the law, but as the court refuses to entertain the case the roads cannot find a court to convict themselves! What a farce! The evidence of the crime is plain, direct, absolute—but then I have been telling you for years that the laws are not made to punish the rich, but only to hold the poor so they can be robbed.

JUDGING from the number of letters from scholars who want to get information to prepare for debates on economic subjects, I assume that political subjects are being discussed in the schoolroom, if they are not permitted in the alleged labor unions. Perhaps, when the present set of scholars enter the arena of industry, there will be something different. Most of the men now working have never looked into an economic book. Their masters have prevented them as far as possible. Most of them do not know what is meant by "economic questions."

IN an appeal for funds on Thanksgiving, Rev. (God save the mark!) Maderia, as reported in the St. Paul News, of November 30th, said:

"Now, God has been good to you this year. How much are you grateful? How many dollars worth? That talks, and all that does talk."

And when such mammon worshippers fill the pulpit do you wonder that there is a conflict between the churches and the working people? The churches should clean their dirty stables of such, and get the work back to where it was originally, when it was a plender for the poor and oppressed, and not a beggar for the dirty money of mammon. Disgusting! No wonder the preachers so minded preach for the rich and let the poor go to the devil.

THE political wage-slaves in Washington had better duck their heads and be meek as Moses. The order issued by the president and Cortelyou that any employe may be dismissed without notice or filing any reason, means that they must be servile tools, have no mind or independence. Think of men who have spent years in the service, who had to pass an examination to prove their fitness. I say, think of these men being dismissed at the whim of such a man as Cortelyou, who took money from the insurance rescals to help elect his party! Cortelyou never had to pass an examination to show his fitness for the place he holds. There are humble clerks by the thousands in Washington who are better fitted by experience and character to fill a cabinet position than he or any other member of the cabinet. And you know it.

A CHRISTMAS SERMON.

Does life bring satisfaction to you? Don't you long for the time or conditions when there will be no struggle for the food and other necessities of life? Not for a time when they will come to you for no exertion, no useful effort, but when they will be certain to come at any time when you are pleased to make the effort? The time can be if you will but open your eyes and see things as they really are instead of as you have been taught to look at them. Under Socialism the industries will be owned by all the people; there will be a place for every citizen to work; there will be no haggling about how much will be paid—it will be the full social value of the product; there will be no living in shanties or eating adulterated food. All these conditions can be produced for you, but only with your help in bringing them. When you are ready for such a life of satisfaction join the Socialist movement and help to capture the government so we can control the industries. Just a little sermon that you will forget in a minute, as you forget everything you should remember and remember things that you should forget.

A FELLOW named Bone, of Wichita, Kan., has written a booklet, entitled "The Standard Oil Company a Public Benefactor." Y—e—s, so are the life insurance companies and the czar of Russia. The Standard is no more responsible for oil being cheaper today than forty years ago, than that postage is cheaper or that electricity is cheaper or that printing is cheaper. Oil can be sold today for five cents a gallon and pay every necessary employe as much as they now receive or more. But, perhaps, the benefaction comes in by reason of the bribery and corruption of public officials which has been the chief business of the Standard. This latest literary effort is possibly the "Bone" thrown to the public after the Standard has eaten all the meat.

AN ordinary dinner at Hotel Savoy, London, costs \$35.00, while in the same neighborhood the working class are glad to get a four-cent dinner at the Salvation Army. The Savoy was where John Mitchell stopped when he visited England! John is great on love for the working man! How stupid must be the working class when they know, if they have any brains, that their labor produces all things, that they will see the few useless members of society feeding at such places while they exist more like animals and brutes on four-cent meals. This is a gay old world—for the few. And it is so because the many are too stupid to use their ballot to change the system.

SENATOR PATTERSON, of Colorado, has been sentenced to fine and imprisonment by the supreme court for editorial utterances and cartoons that appeared in his paper, the Rocky Mountain News, during the labor troubles there a year ago. There is no statute in the state to that effect, but that doesn't matter to the imperial kings who sit upon supreme benches. There is no higher appeal than the highest judges, hence they are above all law—live in supreme anarchy. Contempt of court? Most courts are worthy of contempt. Thus the wheel of fortune knocks on those who uphold the system as it does on those who see its crimes and oppose its rule.

"THERE is no room in this country for the idle rich," says the Kansas City Times. It would be better if the rich were idle instead of many of them, being busy using up the lives of other people as their servants, being busy strangling those weaker financially than themselves, being busy in their greed swiping everything in sight. If they were only idle they would not cost so much.

WITH the aid of her women attendants, Madame Nordica reduced her weight twenty-five pounds in three months. If she would do some really useful labor, like the average working woman, she could have reduced it in less time, especially if she didn't have enough to eat half the time, as is the case with many of her less fortunate sisters. Great is the civilization of the parasites.

WHEN the Russian peasants take the products they have produced it is "pillage and rioting," but when the masters took the products from the peasants it was "law and order."

NOTICE.

While we have a great many members of the Agitation League who contribute to the support of it, THERE IS NOT ONE OF THEM who is sending in his contribution EACH WEEK AND EVERY WEEK. ALL OF THEM are receiving 50 cents or a dollar at a time to pay for several weeks' dues at once, in order to save time and trouble in making remittances.

PENSION THE RICH.

A bill has been introduced in the senate to give the wife of the late Senator Hawley a pension of \$100 a month. Hundreds of the parasites have their families on the pension list. But just look at this a moment. A working man is supposed to save enough on \$400.00 a year to care for his family when he is gone, but here is a woman whose husband drew \$5,000 and "perquisites" all his life out of the public crib, and he is supposed not to have left enough to keep his wife! Will the working masses, those whose labor pays all these bills, ever get wise enough to see the cheat that is being worked on them. Pensioning the rich grafters! Let the poor starve!

The Daily Gazette, York, Pa., advocates that the navy be used in time of peace to carry merchandise, and thus instead of being a burden the navy would be a source of revenue. It says no one will object to such a use except those who now have a monopoly of carrying the trade of the ocean. The Gazette seems to ignore the fact that the monopolists control congress and the executive, and that such a profane thought as using the hundreds of millions of wealth tied up in the navy for such a degraded thing as being useful cannot be entertained by them. If the people want this done they will have to elect Socialists to congress, and it will be done mighty quick. It is a disgrace to be useful under capitalism.

J. H. Osborne, banker, and Rev. T. B. Smith, Methodist preacher, of Jacksonville, Ill., were arrested in Chicago for conspiracy to obtain money under false pretenses December 4th. Mammon is the only god the American people worship. The churches have been made rotten by bowing the knee to Baal. Religion is used as a cloak by rascals to skirt their fellows in trade. When the churches turn out the leaders who spend their time trying to make money, to gather property, to increase their worldly possessions, or even hold on to what they have accumulated, then there will be a revival in religion. Otherwise the churches are simply a commercial society for the benefit of a few to the injury of the many.

It has cost the state of Michigan \$120,000 and several years of litigation in an effort to compel the railroads to obey the laws, and the cases are not yet ended and the roads violate the laws just the same. This is how corporations can be "controlled." It is a cinch for the lawyers. They are all in favor of "control," for it means millions for them. Only a fool or a knave believes that corporations can be controlled by the public while private ownership is permitted.

THE action of the Russian working people is simply and only the logical effect of the action of the master class. No other result could occur. The masters have brought it upon themselves and deserve all the horrors that they will suffer. Robbery of the workers has ever produced this condition some time. It will produce the same condition in the United States just as certainly as the extortion and graft here continues. Conditions never fail of their logical effect.

WHEN a Philippine policeman shot Piet Pendleton to light the lamp in his wagon, which is a regulation, the brute shot the policeman dead. That is the way the conquered territory is governed. The natives are being robbed, and if they dare protest are sent to the other world in a hurry. No people are fit to govern another people, and only tyrants and robbers want to govern others.

"THE country is prosperous," says the president. Thirteen pages of the Salt Lake Daily Telegram is required to print the property for sale because the owners can't get money enough to pay the taxes. You bet the country is prosperous—for the grafters and profit-mongers of the upper circle. Who said it wasn't?



The Santa Claus of the World. And like the mythical Santa of our childhood, he fills the stockings of the rich and neglects his own.

Comrade W. J. Bowman, of Cincinnati, O., won the ten-acre tract of land for the largest list of yearlies for the week ending December 15th-128.

LAST you overlook it, it may be well to remind you that the APPEAL gives a ten-acre fruit farm every week for the largest list of subscribers. This land is situated in the great fruit belt of Arkansas, that carries the palm for fruit products. Many of these tracts are going for a small list of subs. One went recently for only 34 subs. When you can place yourself between the landlord and the earth for two hour's work you should not complain if you don't "get on" as you would like. The men who do things are the men who go after things. Fortune calls at every man's door—only most people don't know it when it calls and kicks it out of doors. Get one of these tracts and help the cause, too.

EFFECT OF OLD PARTY LABOR UNIONS.

In the trial at Chicago of the slugging done during the strike last summer the evidence goes to show that the work was done by men who had a political pull with the old parties. Here is some of the evidence on the trial:

Former President Mellor of the union was on the stand. He told how the committee of his union was approached by the defendants, who offered to take care of any person they wanted to get rid of. When doubt was expressed that they would do it, one of them said:

"See that building? Gilhooly set fire to that." He pointed to the Curtis coffin factory, burned about three years ago. "That's the kind of a man he is. Hell do the work, all right. He's a ward heeler and a cheap politician. He has a pull."

Do you wonder that Gompers and Mitchell and other leaders want to keep the unions out of politics? Can't you see the connection between old party politics and the sluggers? The "political pull" is the link that binds them together. Socialists know that their ballots can be used to gain their ends without committing such crimes, but the fellows who live by crime through politics don't want their business abolished. A union man who thinks more of his old party than he does of doing away with a system of crime is an enemy to labor.

THE officers of the steel trust, who tore down the Widow Lot's house and took possession, ought to be declared outlaws and a price set on their heads. Such acts as these are fast forcing the American people into a condition that Russia is reaping. When that day does come there will be a reckoning by many a poor man. The crimes of the rich are not punishable by law, so that in time they will force the oppressed to take the law into their own hands. The wonder is that many of them have not been treated to lynch law.

"WHO'S WHO IN CONGRESS."

It may be that you would like to know who is really running this government. And it may be that you would like to know something about the men who make the laws which you must obey, and what particular commercial and industrial interests they represent. That is what Franklin H. Wentworth will tell you in a book now being printed by the Appeal, entitled "Who's Who in Congress? A Study of the United States Senate, Its Functions and Its Members."

It will be printed on fine book paper and illustrated with full-page drawings by Frank Walker, Edith Wentworth and Walker are peculiarly fitted for the parts they have taken in this work. The former was the Appeal's correspondent at Washington last year, while the latter lives and labors among the plutes, gathering material for his facile pencil at first hand.

Congress is in session. All other grafts have been investigated, and by the end of this session an investigation of congress will be in order. This book will anticipate that demand and supply you with a biographic sketch of the buccaners who have robbed you in the past, and are just getting ready to do it again.

Watch next week's Appeal for further announcement.

THE Illinois railroad commission ordered a reduction of 20 per cent on all rates in the state. The roads announce that they will abolish the "commodity rates" and thus make the people pay twenty million a year more than they are now paying! That is how corporations can be "controlled." The only way to get justice is for the public to take the roads and operate them for the good of the whole people. You can't control property if you leave it in other hands. Nor have you any right to do so. You have a right to control your own, but not other people's property. I hope the roads will seek it to the shippers until they confiscate all that goes over their roads. If the fool people prefer to have others take toll out of their products I want to see them get it good and plenty.

It was not King George, as a man, who oppressed us; it was George as a king. It is not the railroads that oppress the people and corrupt the public service; it is the capitalist ownership of the railroads. As the cure for monarchy was not in destroying the man, but in destroying the thing attached to the man that gave him power for evil, so in the matter of railroads—the remedy is not in destroying the roads, but in doing away with the title to the roads that enable a few to rob and corrupt the social body.

JUDGE HARRISON, at Woodstock, Va., made an unannounced inspection of the county jail the other day and found that women and girls were locked up in the same cells with white and black and diseased men! Certainly the democratic south is opposed to Socialism. Such brutes always are.

THE cost of paperism is tremendous, but the cost of keeping the rich is many times larger—and both are non-producers.





