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THE TEMPLE SCROLL.

"It may be difficult to suppress the individual Socialists," reflectively remarks a great daily, as it casts about for some method of stemming the tide.
It is a wise remark, but does not tell the whole truth.

THE INDIVIDUAL SOCIALIST CANNOT BE SUPPRESSED!

Many years ago there were only a few of them. They didn't amount to much, and they were seldom referred to at all by the dailies of those times.

If they were mentioned at all it was as "anarchists and Socialists." Indeed, it did seem as though the theory might be only a fiction of the mind.

A few more INDIVIDUAL SOCIALISTS joined in the fray.
Then came hundreds of them.
Then thousands.

TODAY THERE ARE TENS OF THOUSANDS OF INDIVIDUAL SOCIALISTS all over the country, working constantly to promote the inauguration of the Co-operative Commonwealth.

No longer is it "anarchists and Socialists"—not now is it referred to as a dream.

The president of the United States ignores it no longer—he refers to it feelingly in every speech, in every message, and we know that he writes about it in his private correspondence.

The great financial journals and banking institutions argue and debate about it, and the large dailies and magazines are full of it—for and against—mostly against.

But great headway has been made—and the days of that great hero in the fray—the Individual Socialist who pioneered in what seemed a hopeless cause, who brought it out and fed and watered and groomed it, and entered it in every race and patiently took the jeers that came with the fore-ordained defeat, until we see Socialism prancing upon the race track full of health and vigor, and the owners of the jaded nags looking anxiously on—the days of those fellows are passing by, and the hour of the collective effort in propaganda is approaching.

The Appeal's new and magnificent building removes us from the days of small things, and it is with great regret that we pass from these scenes of the hard-won smaller triumphs, even though the path leads to greater ones. The early days, with their struggles, now justified by victory, are always dear to those who took part in them.

And, to mark the hour in which the Appeal must take upon itself the heavier loads that await it we wish to leave behind a written record of all of those who were in the Activities of the Past.

And to the end that these names might be preserved, and proven in the future, if need be, by the written record, we have open now The Temple Scroll, on which the name of every one who sends in a club of seven yearlies at 25 cents each will be recorded.

This record must soon be put in the vault and sealed up in the corner-stone of the new building, and we want your name there.

We know that every one of those who have been "in it" in the past will be willing to furnish us this new basis for placing them on the roll. It will be easier for you to do that than for us to hunt through the hundreds of thousands of names to see who has sent in seven in the past. If you cannot do the canvassing right now, send in for seven yearly postals, and sell them when you can—and your name will be added to the Temple Scroll.

No one may foresee under what conditions or circumstances this Written Record of YOUR work may be brought to light. But there is very little doubt but what it will be at a time and under circumstances that will cause you to feel very glad that your name is there.

Let us hear from you at once, for the vault is waiting for its Treasure—the names of those who have seen the Great Light and led their stumbling kind to its source.

This Opportunity, waiting upon you today, cannot return when gone. And we want YOU in it.

The president is becoming suspicious of his friends. In his Mississippi hunt he says he was asked to kill a chained bear. In a New Hampshire hunt he killed a "wild" bear and afterward found the pen from which it had been let out. The president is finding out a great many fakes of the system, and may well question himself.

Had we Socialism we would have no fannies, no tramps, no millionaires and no "Smart-Set."

Had we Socialism the primaries and polls would not be dominated by the almighty dollar.

Had we Socialism we would not be ruled by hereditary kings or dominated by hereditary capitalists.

Hope springs eternal after every fall. Man thinks he'll bust the trust, but can't at all.

Had we Socialism there would be no charity—because there would be no need for it.

ATLAS may have held up the world once, but he has since lost his job to the capitalist.

ALL the world's a stage, and all who are not passengers seem to be engaged in the business of holding it up.

WHY is it worse for a babe to inherit a kingdom than for a babe to inherit a fortune that enables it to rule thousands?

THE panic is not altogether confined to Wall street. Japan has had it for several years, and the press now reports a financial stringency in Germany.

THE meat trust has again raised the price of meat, and when the people go to eating boxed bran, then the price of bran will likely be raised to about four dollars a barrel.

THE eastern congressman who wants the death penalty for graft is needlessly bloodthirsty. It will serve better to destroy capitalism than it will to destroy all the capitalists.

THE principal reason why Miss Fluffy Ruffles is popular is that she always demands a new hat. Anything that calls for business, which is but another name for profit, is considered beautiful.

SECRETARY CORTELYOU is to retire the thousand-dollar bills. There was considerable objection to them, because, owing to their large denomination, legislators and congressmen who passed them could be traced so easily.

If GODING had fulfilled his part of the contract and legally hung the Federation officials, the Mine Owners' association might not have closed down the mines. There has been an over-production of copper because the people demanded a fair trial for Haywood.

Now that the much-vaunted dashes to the north pole have to be postponed till the next advertising season, and the air ship is given up because it won't go up, the metropolitan editors are hard put to find things to write about without mentioning the real, living issue, Socialism.

"IN THIS country there is no working class," says Mr. Hearst, "but everybody works." Sure enough. Some work their muscles, some work their heads and some work the workers. Everybody works and father, too. Even Mr. Hearst had to work his jaws to make that wonderful Jamestown speech, but whether the speech will work the worker is yet to be seen.

THE Detroit, Michigan, Times tells that at a Methodist conference recently held in that city Bishop Berry told a number of young men who were being ordained to preach, that "Socialism as an organization is doomed because it fails to recognize human depravity." It is safe to say that no Socialist who reads Bishop Berry's speech will ever again deny the doctrine, insofar, at least, as it applies to the learned bishop.

THE Commercial club, of Lewiston, Idaho, though composed of so-called democrats as well as republicans, has unanimously adopted a set of resolutions that indorse the administration of Theodore Roosevelt and favor his re-election on the grounds that a change of administration would jeopardize his reform policies. Only another evidence of the fact that there is no essential difference between the two parties of capital.

When the Socialist movement finally gets both of them in one hole it will be easier to smoke them out.

THE electric motor for the big Goss press has not yet reached Girard, although the manufacturer agreed to have it here two weeks ago. Moving will not commence until all the motors are on the ground and then we'll make quick work of the job. I'd like to introduce all of the Appeal Army to the new building, with its complete equipment for turning out Socialist literature. You'd be as proud of it as the office gang. There's nothing "swell" about it—there are no frills about it—but there is plenty of light, air and room and every convenience for facilitating the work of publishing the Greatest Political Paper in the World.

THE editor of the Oakland City, Indiana, Journal seems to have gone into hysterics recently when a comrade of the Appeal Army distributed copies of the APPEAL in that city containing Clarence Darrow's address to the Haywood jury. We'll bet the price of a year's subscription that the Jasper who runs the Journal is a professional pie-hunter and political scoundrel. The country is full of these half-starved yawpers about anarchy and assassins who wouldn't be so wild had they not been chasing an office on an empty stomach for a lifetime. We should like to feed this fellow till his liver gets in working order, but there are too many of him. A whole generation of this kind will go on living in hope of political patronage and die in despair because the machine wisely bestows its favors on those with more brains. We'll also bet that the ravings of the Journal man haven't frightened the Socialists of Oakland City in the least.

DISPATCHES from Ireland state that that unhappy country is facing another famine due to landlordism, political parasitism and general capitalist cussedness. The government is very much alarmed over the situation since the Irishman, like the inhabitants of India, is not now in the frame of mind to submit to starve and cheerfully submit to the conditions that have brought these things about. Robert Hunter, the well-known American Socialist, is now in Great Britain, and says that the Irish people are demanding home rule with more insistence than ever. They hope for nothing from the British parliament, under the rule of which life in Ireland has become an impossibility and the population is actually decreasing while the taxes are increasing.

THE Mine Owners' association, the republican party, and America's royal brute think they can influence Idaho voters by giving each of them a copy of the speech made in the Haywood case by Senator Borah (indicted for timber stealing) in the face of the fact that the verdict went against them. Wonder what effect it would have if we could give each voter a copy of Darrow's speech when it won the verdict of acquittal to Haywood and poisoned by certain mercenary newspapers, when Darrow has never been accused of wrongdoing and when he never raised his voice against man, woman or child. We'll see if it can be done.

AN ENGLISH scientist says we live too long. He says the nervous and intellectual strain of modern life is such that the brain gives away before the body, and, as a consequence, the number of people of fifty who are senile and insane is increasing by leaps and bounds. Another predicts that at the present speed the entire world will be insane within two hundred years. Thus it will be seen that the students in the ranks of the system are beginning to take notice of the insanity of the system.

A FORMER president of the New York school board thinks that twelve million school children in the United States, or nearly a third of the total number, are behind their proper grades because of physical defects that proper medical attention could rectify. What an arraignment of this damned system that is! Think of it! One-third of the school children of America already handicapped and physically and mentally crippled by the demands of profit.

THAT wonderful enthusiasm of western people for Roosevelt's fat man, Taft, is seen in the returns from the recent Oklahoma election. Taft advised the Oklahomans to turn down the proposed constitution for the new state, and the Oklahoma voters responded to the call by turning down Taft and adopting the constitution by a majority of 50,000 to 70,000.

THE winner of the Noble peace prize is to ask congress to spend fabulous sums of money on the army and navy, so the press reports, in order to further the interests of peace. Under the commercial competitive system peace is very costly, and it is a pretty shoddy article when we get it.

HAD we Socialism school children would not be degenerates because of insufficient nutrition and improper surroundings, and men would not become imbecile at fifty because of intense nervous strain.

HAD we Socialism there would be no credit system and no one would be in debt.

THE idle rich should be sent to the rock pile, if the idle poor are to be so treated.

THE president declares his future is not worrying him. That is just the trouble. It ought to.

THE fleet hasn't started to the Pacific yet. The Sirenaous doesn't seem to be very fleet, after all.

IT LOOKS like republican trust-busters ought to patronize some of the firms that advertise to develop the bust.

NO DOUBT Mr. Taft, the Father of the Injunction, will be the republican candidate for president. Capitalism ought to reward its friends.

THE German emperor is "playing war" and playing the devil with a hundred thousand men who would better be engaged in productive labor.

MR. BRYAN believes he can beat Mr. Taft in the presidential race, and it must be confessed that Mr. Bryan's mouth goes at a very rapid gait.

SAN FRANCISCO, in offering a bounty of ten cents each for rats, exempts the two-legged variety. She has the Chinese instinct for that kind.

HAD we Socialism, western mines and western miners would not lie idle while patriotic republican slave-drivers mined in Mexico in order to get docile slaves.

HAD we Socialism, the whole future of the Rocky Mountain states would not be at the mercy of merciless republican slave-drivers, resident in New York.

WHEN Mohammed proposed to propagate his faith with the sword he evidently did not mean machine guns, as the devotees of Islam who are becoming food for powder in Morocco realize.

THE governors of Colorado and Idaho supported non-resident capitalists against citizen miners and tax-payers, and as a reward the principal industry of these states is arbitrarily curtailed by the foreign beneficiaries of home industry.

BEFORE a dozen years capitalists will be wanting to "divide up" with the poor in order to save their graft from destruction by Socialism. But Socialists don't believe in dividing up, and the effort to compromise to save the criminal system will fail.

CHICAGO makes a threat to seize and operate the property of the Union Traction company unless said company rehabilitates its equipment within 140 days. If this were a Socialist threat, the Excitable Citizen in the White House would throw another.

You see what you get. By demanding a fair trial for Haywood and preventing the mine owners from getting the blood they hungered for, the people have caused an over-production of copper, and are to be punished by being thrown out of employment.

A NEW ORLEANS negro who received \$45,000 from a white married capitalist for dusky favors shown has piously given the money to charity. At least the act is supposed to be pious. It is when Rockefeller and Carnegie give the price of their souls to the church.

JUSTICE HARMON, of the supreme court, says he believes a man ought to have all he can honestly earn. So do Socialists. But as profits are not honest, the whole system of graft will have to be destroyed before one can know certainly how much a man can honestly earn.

DID you ever reflect that while the bow and arrow sufficed to keep the serf docile, and the dog and lash were sufficient to subjugate the chattel slave, it takes the injunction and machine gun to keep the wage slave under? Even then he is beginning to revolt.

Now that the mine owners of the west propose to violate their contract and shut down mines, thus ruining many people and several states, the governors of Idaho and Colorado should seize their estates for the people of those states. Then labor could employ itself, and there would be no further class war.

WHEN the copper trust declares there is an overproduction of copper and proposes to lay off half a million men, and the oil trust says there is an overproduction of oil and proposes to curtail all along the line, it looks like republican prosperity has been rammed by a republican panic and is about to keelhaul.

THE Rock Island railroad has begun the publication of an *Employee Magazine* for free distribution among its 42,000 employees. It is about the smoothest thing in the way of a dope-sheet that capitalist ingenuity has thus far brought out. The one purpose and object to be read in every line of every page is the jollying of its wage slaves into a mental condition that will make them the cheerful and submissive servants of the corporation. One employee gets his name printed in the merit column for discovering a bridge on fire and extinguishing it, another for discovering a broken wheel under a car, another for tracing the robbery of a car. All workers on the Rock Island who serve the company faithfully, and save money that the management may have more to give the owners in the way of dividends, will have their names printed in the paper. There is also space in which the company shows how considerate it is of everybody and how it dearly loves those old-timers who have served it the longest. If it makes the laborers on its lines content to watchfully work, always alert for the company's interest, and disregardful of their own, the *Employee Magazine* will be a howling success and make money for its generous owners, who virtuously refrain from charging their work people a cent for it.

IT TRANSPIRES that the negro conference at Boston recently called by the promoters of the "Niagara Movement" denounced both Roosevelt and Taft and called on 500,000 free black voters of the north to cast their ballots against "Roosevelt dictatorship." That is the trouble with the black voter and not a few of the white voters—they have always been more active in voting against something than in voting for something. For years the negroes have been voting against the democrats. Now they talk of voting against Roosevelt. Voting against things gets nothing. Suppose you workingmen, both white and black, try voting for something—for yourselves—and see if you don't get more than by using your ballot as a mere knocker. Vote for Socialism and working-class rule, and there will be no more Roosevelt dictatorship, or dictatorship of any other kind.

THE coal mine owners of southern Colorado continue their persecution of the union officers who are organizing the miners at and about Trinidad. Organizers are arrested and held on fake charges, to be discharged with a warning to get out of the district on pain of punishment. The local officials are the tools of the mine owners and ignore law and decency in their service of their masters. Sheriff Davis says that if the organizers would refrain from creating dissatisfaction among the miners they would not be molested. He interprets the organizing of miners for their own protection as "creating dissatisfaction," and proceeds thus creating dissatisfaction with intolerable conditions. Colorado is truly a great and wonderful state—for the gang in control.

"Who's who in America," which is a study of the rich, is a phrase that means "Who's who who have inherited fortunes." No rich man considers a fortune he himself made as safe, because the steal under the profit system is so easily traced that the people may get next at any time and force him to disgorge. But a fortune that has been inherited is thought to be safer because the childred are supposed to be innocent of any improper transaction. It is for this reason the newly rich have no standing with the rich of long possession.

ONE of the most pathetic features of modern life is the enforced separation of families in the struggle for bread. It destroys the home, makes thousands lonesome and unhappy, and subjects young people to temptations that are very dangerous to them. This feature of the competitive system is sufficient within itself to forever condemn it.

How many parents would like to give their children a good education or a start in life and are absolutely unable to do so? They see their children enter into a long and fierce struggle, handicapped from the start, and are unable to render aid when they so much desire to do it. The pathos and tragedy of it are beyond all expression.

THE world is ruled, politically and industrially, by not over a dozen families, because of intermarriages between the rich and the royal.

STEUNENBERG IS INDICTED

The "John Doe" of the Federal Grand Jury None Other than the Victim of the Notorious Orchard.

DISCLOSURES WILL SHAKE THE WEST

Investigations of Grand Jury Show that Frank Steunenberg Was Promoter of the System of Fraudulent Land Entry in Partnership with Other Idaho Officials.

Special Correspondence to the Appeal to Reason.
DENVER, Col., Sept. 17.—They are digging up dead men's bones in Idaho to beat the most spectacular land performance of Bulkeley Wells. When, last March, the United States grand jury returned indictments against Senator Borah and others on the charge of having conspired to obtain government timber lands by fraudulent entry, they also brought indictments against Frank Steunenberg, who was attorney general of Idaho under the Steunenberg administration, and against "John Doe," that mysterious personage whose name is so often substituted for the names of others in legal procedure.

This happened just before the beginning of the Haywood trial, and the whole matter was hushed up by the federal authorities, as well as the officials of Idaho, for there were numerous facts connected with this senseless theft of government land that would have been made public at that time, would have weakened the case against the Federation officers by showing up the kind of men who were connected with the kidnaping conspiracy.

Capitalists Stand Together.

There is a remarkable connection between the timber troubles and the mining troubles of this region, and the connection seems to be through the state and federal officials of Idaho, who were making money through close association with the mine owners and the timber owners. The mining barons and the lumber barons had a common cause in exploiting the bowels and the surface of the earth, and in enforcing acquiescence in their program by the miners and the settlers. As a result there is no cause for surprise in the fact that the same men who are persecuting the Western Federation of Miners are also mixed up in the crookedness which Attorney Ruick was so rapidly uncovering when the federal government became frightened at the possible consequences of his work and stopped him.

It is a safe prediction that things are going to happen soon in the mountain states that will jar loose millions of stolen property and expose the crimes of many who are now rated as eminently desirable citizens. The connection of Governor Steunenberg with the timber thieves is significant in itself, but is only a beginning of what will likely come to light before long. Not even the strenuous president can keep back the disclosures that are due, for the investigation has resolved itself into a personal fight between the federal officers who investigated in good faith and the official pets whom their discoveries tend to discredit.

It is evident from present developments that the mine owners and the timber thieves both had a common interest in putting Steunenberg out of the way. He knew too much Idaho history for the peace and comfort of the land thieves and claim-jumpers. Since the mine owners wanted a victim whose cowardly murder might be charged to the union miners, what could serve the purpose of the criminal craft better than to get Steunenberg out of the way, and at the same time throw the odium of his assassination upon the miners?

Orchard a Claim-Jumper?

It is even intimated that the notorious Orchard was in his time one of the claim-jumpers who operated in the Idaho forests. If this is true, he was well fitted by experience to remove Steunenberg, even as he had probably removed many a settler. To be sure, there is much yet to be learned before this astounding business of one man can come out in all its details. But murder will out, and the conditions are now such that the truth can be much longer suppressed, though those interested in the suppression are powerful because of their wealth and official position.

This little peep into Idaho history explains why it was desirable to get Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone into Idaho with indocent haste, and by illegal methods, rather than to prefer the charges against them and cause them to be tried in Colorado. The motive for Steunenberg's assassination and for the attempted murder of the Federation men is no doubt to be found in Idaho rather than in Colorado. Frank Steunenberg was, without question, murdered by the men whom he thought to be his friends because of long business association. They killed him to remove a credible witness to their crooked transactions. Just keep your eye on the west, and see if this does not at some time in the near future prove to be the outcome of this affair.

Remarkable Admissions.

One can get some idea of what is coming from the admissions made by the Denver Republican, which might well be called the official organ of the mine owners' association, and which approved of the kidnaping and persecution of Haywood and his companions. Speaking of recent events connected with the Idaho timber-land investigation, the Republican says in big headlines: "This row will shake the west." Continuing the same paper, under date of September 15, says:

"In Idaho there has been brewing for months a storm which should strike this week. It will affect the big leaders of the Republican party in that state and certain men connected with the Western Federation of Miners, and into it will be brought President Roosevelt and other men in Washington. One will have to huckle back to the early days of the republic to the days when Hamilton and Burr fought for place, so find its equal. The struggle in Idaho will determine the future of William E. (Continued on Second Page.)

Settlers Removed by Murder.

In this way thousands of acres of valuable timber-bearing land were diverted from bona-fide settlers to lumber companies and speculative corporations. As agent for the Barbers, Steunenberg made money out of these transactions; and as attorney for the Barbers, Borah likewise soothed an itching palm. So greedy were some of these corporations for the land, that they sent out professional claim-jumpers, who frightened away or drove away real home-seeking settlers, and in some instances murdered them to get their lands.

Fred Tiber, for whose alleged murder Steve Adams is about to be tried the second time, is said to have been a professional jumper of timber claims. When the value of Idaho lands became generally known there was a rush of home-seeking settlers, who took up so much of the land as to seriously interfere with the plans of the lumber companies. The profits of those worthy citizens, who had gone into the lumber business, were threatened by mere settlers who were taking the land to make

QUESTION BOX

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It is assumed that by a clerk, you mean one who handles, measures and hands out commodities to the consumer.

The difficulty in grasping the idea of paying a school teacher on the basis of the value of his product lies in the fact that the teacher's product is immaterial in its nature...

When the waste of effort and waste of product that is inseparable from capitalism is overcome in a sane system of industry...

It seems to the writer that this is the only view that can be taken of this question if we are to apply the hard and fast rules of economic justice to it.

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THE PARTY

Nevada.—Geo. H. Goebel organized locals at Goldfield and Tonopah during July.

Idaho.—Guy E. Miller expected to go from Colorado, where he has been speaking for some time into Idaho to work for six months.

California.—Local San Francisco headquarters and free reading room, Equality hall, 130 Albion avenue, between 16th and 17th, Valencia and Guerrero streets. Open from 9 a. m. to 11 p. m.

Washington.—Six new members were admitted at Tacoma local last Sunday. The dance given under the auspices of the local last Friday evening was well attended and everybody enjoyed themselves.

D. Burgess of Bellingham and Emil Herman, 2305 1-2 Pacific avenue, Tacoma, have been elected members of the national committee for the State of Washington.

The Rand School of Social Science will open its second year of instruction on Monday, September 30. Evening classes. Send for bulletin, 112 E. Nineteenth street.

The national executive committee is now voting on the question of moving national headquarters to the Chicago Daily Socialist building, No. 180 E. Washington street.

Local and municipal Socialist officials are numbered by tens of thousands. The latest notable victory being recorded in Rome, Italy, where twenty-four out of a possible twenty-nine Socialist candidates were elected.

An error was made in the report of the International Socialist congress, shown in the third column of the second page of the Appeal to Reason dated September 14, 1917. Hugo Plek is the delegate representing the Industrial Workers of the World at the congress, and not Helewood, as stated in the report. (See worded dual I. W. W.)

The Socialist representation in the various national parliaments are as follows: Germany, in the reichstag, 45; Argentina, congress, 1; British Columbia, assembly, 3; Finland, in the chamber, 30; France, department, 40; Holland, in the chamber, 6; Luxembourg, in the chamber, 7; Serbia, in the chamber, 1; Switzerland, national council, 2; Austria, in the reichstag, 87; Belgium, in the house, 30; Belgium, in the senate, 7; Denmark, in the folketing, 24; Denmark, in the landtag, 4; England, commons, 31; Italy, in the chamber, 25; Norway, in the storting, 10; Sweden, in the chamber, 15.

Says a special dispatch to a St. Louis paper from Houston, Texas: Just now those who are taking an interest in politics are watching the growth of Socialism which promises to change the recent events in Idaho. It is believed that both of the big parties will have to prepare against the element in future campaigns. In Texas there is a greater Socialist vote now than ever before, and it is getting larger all the time.

In the first speech he made after the summer adjournment of congress in 1906, Senator Joseph W. Bailey, on July 4, 1906, said the thing to fear in the future was Socialism. He said monopoly could never, in the nature of things, be in the majority, but that Socialism could, and that the democratic party, while fighting the republican party and its policies on the one hand, must fight Socialism on the other, and that Socialism is growing. Since the Haywood trial there appears to be growth of Socialism in every section.

Every time a capitalist evolves a scheme to part the worker from a little more of his product he prepares a nice little story to go with the scheme. To read this capitalist fiction is to believe that everything the capitalist does is for the benefit of the poor working man, who doesn't know what to do for himself. He devises a tariff for the sole benefit of the American laborer, and the Yankee dupes takes the bait. He takes control of industry for the sole purpose of providing wages for the working animal, and the working man is filled with admiration and gratitude for his noble benefactor. He keeps the pay of the affoged-down to the lowest possible amount so that the foolish worker will not spend his excessive income on beer and whiskey. Then he kindly drinks the boom himself and pretends that the interest of the worker who is content with rainwater. The moral of which is that if you want your boss to say nice things about you, do just as he says and let him do as he pleases. If you don't, you rapidly become undesirable.

Thomas C. Perkins, a banker and bond broker of Hartford, Conn., says in a circular issued by him that the cost of living in the United States has increased 90 per cent in the last ten years. Continuing he says: "For this reason, the man who ten years ago was satisfied with a return of 4 per cent is now forced to reinvest his money in safe securities which will net 6 per cent, the current rate for money, or curtail his living expenses." Just so, and the American mechanic who ten years ago was satisfied with \$12 a week must now find a master who will let go of \$18 a week or be compelled to curtail his living expenses. And the capitalist want him to curtail, but the worker—he has not decided what to do. When he does he will be a Socialist, and be demanding something better than wages.

The Socialist vote is not thrown away by the capitalist vote is thrown away. When you elect your man, you still retain the system that produces unemployment, hence you have lost your vote in the prosecution of Haywood.

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As for the workingmen who have their eyes open wide enough to see the trickery of practical politics, they will just look on and saw wood—possibly Bill Hayward, who knows?

SOCIALISM won't work—others.

And if Senator Borah is convicted through connection with a conspiracy to steal timber lands, what will it amount to? President Roosevelt has just relieved Judge James L. Bradford, of New Orleans, of his sentence, though convicted of the same crime. Because United States senators and other dignitaries asked for leniency in the Bradford case that gentleman was granted release from prison on the condition that he return 2,000 acres of the stolen land. It took two years to convict Bradford and less than two minutes to turn him loose.

The Credentials.

"The idea of any American citizen being shut out from doing any work for which he is competent because somebody says he doesn't have the credentials is un-American, and the sooner Americans know it the better for us all," said the Reverend William Alfred Quavie to his Chicago congregation of aristocratic Methodists.

Let us see. This man Quavie is a Methodist preacher. Before he could hold the pulpit he now occupies he had to get a preacher's license from the authorities of the Methodist church. He had to get his credentials, and it is safe to say that he would not permit any other Methodist to assume a pastorate unless he also had the credentials.

The Methodist clergy is itself working on the closed-shop plan. You must have the credentials before you can preach in a Methodist pulpit. Then why this objection to the same privilege for machinists and boiler-makers and printers? The reason for the inconsistency of Mr. Quavie is not hard to find.

He is preaching to rich Christians who can't afford to have their religion interfere with their business. They pay Mr. Quavie to say things that are agreeable to them. Moreover, Mr. Quavie is an aspirant to the high office of bishop in his church. If he should attain to that dignity he might have something to do with the Methodist book publishing concerns that refuse, for reasons best known to their managements, to unionize their establishments.

Quavie has passed so rapidly from a red-headed Kansas plow-boy to a seat among the mighty that he looks upon men who work at manual labor as an inferior class and unworthy the privileges which credentials confer. In short, like many another who has been boosted from oblivion to a high place in a few short years, he forgets the soil he sprang from and despises the kind from which he came.

Chicago Charter Defeated.

Strange to say, one of the schemes of capital has failed in the capital-ridden city of Chicago. The powers that be prepared a new city charter that would largely disfranchise the working class and place political power more securely in the hands of those individuals who own the town and would like to own it people.

Every daily paper in the city supported the proposed charter with the exception of the Chicago Socialist, which, together with hundreds of Socialist speakers, waged such a warfare on the infamous proposition that Mayor Busse's police began a program of terror and arrested Socialist speakers by wholesale. But the Socialists defied the police and held meetings throughout the city that were well attended and that opened the eyes of thousands to the reality of the class struggle and its meaning in connection with the proposed charter.

The "interests" miscalculated their ability to make the Chicago workers vote for their own disfranchisement, for the charter was defeated election day, September 17, by a majority of over 60,000. This makes it possible for the working class to formulate and adopt a charter favorable to themselves.

CAPITALISM complains that laborers are meddlers. How can a man attend to his own business when he has none and is hired expressly to attend to the business of idle parasites?

Jews and Jewesses are being sold openly as slaves at Tangier. But why shouldn't it be so? One ought not to interfere with private business or the making of profits, and this comes in that category.

Weak Points and Others.

The weak point in Marxian Socialism is that it plans to divide benefits, but does not say who shall take care of deficits. It relieves everybody of the responsibility of failure and defeat. And just remember this: Unless somebody assumes the responsibility of defeat there will be no benefits to distribute. Also this: That the man who is big enough to be somebody is also willing to be a nobody.—Albert Hubbard.

The weak point in the foregoing twaddle is that it is the mere opinion of a literary lackey who serves those who pay by stealing thoughts and trimming them for the market. The first spasm of the above quotation is the property of the ignoramus who says that the Socialists "want to divide up." Hubbard simply swiped this from some poverty-stricken prosperity yawper and refined it for capitalist consumption.

The strong point in Marxian Socialism is that it does not plan to divide anything. Socialism is not a matter of division, but is a matter of addition. It stops the subtraction of profits from the worker by the capitalist, and adds those profits to the worker. It stops the division of what the worker produces into wages and surplus, and multiplies the workers' efficiency by giving them all they produce.

Socialism relieves nobody of the responsibility of failure. It does not assume the function of either relieving or imposing responsibilities. Under the socialized system of industry those who would do productive work would not fail, for they would get what their energy would bring forth, and the failures would have no one to blame but themselves.

Are we to understand that there can be no benefits without corresponding defeats? This is working the compensation hobby to the limit. Does one man have to crawl into the dark so the sun can shine on another? Does one animal have to do without the breath of life that others can have enough? Do some fish have to crawl out on the dry land to make room for others? There is plenty of everything in the world for everybody who will do the work necessary to prepare that plenty for use.

Possibly he is right as to the something about "somebody" and "nobody"—that is, if it means anything.

Surplus Copper.

The announcement has come from New York that the Amalgamated Copper company is about to shut down its mines in and about Butte, Montana, because there is now a surplus of 250,000,000 pounds of refined copper on the market. If the copper mines are closed thousands of miners will be thrown out of employment. They will lose their income because they have mined too much copper. Some of them will go hungry because they have worked too much. The wise mine owners who claim their profit because of their ability to direct industry will also be thrown out of their jobs of directing the digging, but they have the 250,000,000 pounds of copper as a consolation and can pawn the copper for enough to keep them from going hungry for a few weeks.

This 250,000,000 pounds of surplus copper is worth about thirty-five million dollars. It represents the surplus labor of many miners for many days. The miners have got their wages for digging the copper, but they have mined thirty-five million dollars' worth, and more, of copper that they haven't been paid for. And this product of their surplus labor threatens to throw them out of work. It's a great situation, isn't it? It's one of the beauties of capitalism.

ON ONE day last week a locomotive blew up on the Rock Island road at Callian, Colo., killing the engineer and fatally injuring the fireman. On the same day a freight train was wrecked on the Denver and Rio Grande, near Pando, Colo., killing the engineer, the fireman and a brakeman. On the same day the collision of a freight and passenger train on the Chicago and North-western, near Racine, Wis., seriously injured an engineer, a fireman and five dining-car employees; and a Lehigh Valley express train was wrecked in New Jersey that disfigured several passengers. And it wasn't much of a day for accidents, either.

It is becoming fashionable for corporations to issue magazines and pamphlets "from the directors to employes and stockholders." One of the latest is put forth by the Standard Oil company to show how that benevolent institution has been misunderstood and misrepresented for so these many years. Most of the contents of this booklet are quoted from other capitalist publications, and one article from the Railway World, of Philadelphia, hints that the persecution of this good corporation may result in something as bad as Socialism. This may frighten the Standard's stockholders, but it is not likely that it will cause the Standard's employes to lose much sleep, for the reason that most of them have little more than sleep to lose.

NO REGRETS

The Appeal will furnish you with a gummied and guaranteed bond stating explicitly that if you send in a club of seven yearlies, and thus signify that you wish to be one whose name rests within the corner-stone vault, that you will never regret it. Your name will be in good company, in a good place, and a famous one throughout the nation. It will be among the Militant Socialists—the men and women who are waging the greatest and most unremitting battle ever seen in the history of the world in behalf of any cause.

DON'T NEGLECT. DON'T FORGET. TIME PASSES.

From Catholic Workingmen.

The attention directed by the APPEAL to the recently renewed hostility of Catholic clergymen and Catholic papers toward Socialism has brought many interesting letters to the office from Catholic workingmen who resent the interference of their bishops and priests with their politics. Many Catholic papers have printed articles boldly asserting that no one can be a Socialist and a Catholic for the alleged reason that Socialism is destructive of religion and morals and hostile to the church.

These silly and misleading articles, together with the efforts made by church dignitaries in public addresses to prejudice the lay members of their congregations against Socialism, show that there is a concerted action on the part of aristocratic Catholic writers and speakers to give currency to the capitalist lies by which the industrial masters hope to retain their power through systematic appeals to prejudice. We should like to hear from Catholic workingmen on this subject. We can't print but a few of these letters, but would like to know what you think of this meddling of the priests in your political affairs. We reprint below a letter from Comrade David S. Foster, of Covina, Cal., who is an active member of the Catholic church and was the Socialist candidate for county assessor on the Socialist ticket at a recent election. Says Comrade Foster:

"The Federated Catholic societies of America met in Indianapolis and passed resolutions condemning Socialism. Now, I, as a Catholic in good standing, call on you Catholics who are Socialists to write to your priest and bishop, telling them what Socialism stands for and what it would do for workingmen, and asking why the Federation passed resolutions condemning it. Let them show, if they can, whether Christ would oppose Socialism were He on earth today. The Socialism I stand for teaches that I should receive the full social product of my toil, and if the Catholic church is opposed to that, all intelligent Catholics will know that the church is not following the teachings of Christ. Your pastor and bishop should be made to know that you are onto their game, and they will be very careful what they say when they learn that there are members of their flock present who are Socialists and know what Socialism is. Let them know that as Socialists you are voting to own your job so you can the better care for and protect those dependent upon you, and if they are opposed to that let them give the reason so that Catholic workingmen may know who are their friends and who are their enemies."

THE Kansas City Journal, official organ of the Santa Fe railroad, is running a series of editorials calculated to show the wickedness of Socialism. One of these, evidently intended for "women only," closes with the declaration that Socialism means "the abject degradation of women." Says the Journal: "In those countries that have been least contaminated by the septic influence of Socialism the status of woman is highest." How about the status of those women in Finland, who are the only women in parliament and are there by the influence of Socialism? Possibly the great defender of capitalism thinks that women are degraded by being elected to law-making bodies, and that might be true if all such bodies were as corrupt as the republican congress of the United States that the Journal so admires.

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Freedom of Love.

Says a correspondent in the Memphis Commercial Appeal, writing of the notorious Earle divorce case:

"The fact, also, that both Mr. Earle and the 'young woman' whom he plans to make his wife are Socialists is a significant thing that needs to be watched. Socialism is over the same and cannot hide its slimy face however much it tries. 'The freedom of love' to change as infatuations arise, break 'the formal precepts laid down by society, and send away wife and children, to be joined to another is nothing more nor less than old 'free love' with a new gown on. Indorse such a base idea as 'a conviction,' as claimed by Mr. Earle, a conviction to be regarded and respected, and the demons in the pit would 'poke their heads out of hell' to witness the vile revelings of infatuated lust under the sacred name of 'love.' The article is wrongly headed. It was not 'love,' but lust that was 'stronger than society' in this case."

This would all be very well were it not based on the imagination of some cheerful liar who hates Socialism more than he loves the truth. Neither Earle nor "the young woman" whom he plans to make his wife are Socialists. Neither of them are now affiliated with and neither of them have ever had any connection with the Socialist movement. It seems that the Memphis paper's correspondent is either "wrongly headed" or a victim of the lie so industriously circulated by capitalist newspapers.

Government By Commission.

One of the latest fads of those reformers who bring forward various and sundry schemes for the rehabilitation of capitalist society is the proposed government of cities by a commission which would dispense with the separate executive, judicial and legislative departments and unite all these functions of municipal administration in a commission or board of directors who would conduct the municipal corporation in much the same way that the directors run a private corporation.

This amounts to nothing more or less than an effort to get rid of popular interference with the little schemes that such a commission would want to put through from time to time. The plan meets with the approval of the ruling class generally, for it would materially simplify matters and make the ownership of the directorate, or their purchase, easier to effect. It is safe to predict that no Socialist will be taken in by such bait, that has a good look at first sight, but will not bear close inspection. It's just as well, anyhow, to pass up all the so-called reforms. There's not one in the whole aggregation that can possibly be of any permanent benefit to the man who works.

A FEW weeks ago F. P. Earle, a prominent New York artist, sent his wife to Europe to obtain a divorce so he could marry another lady, whom he calls his "affinity." The prominence of the parties in the swell society of the east brought the voluntary separation of Earle and his wife into prominence through the papers, many of which embraced the opportunity to tell the public that Earle is a Socialist and that the breaking up of this happy home was because of Socialism. It took some time for the Socialist press to investigate and discover that this stuff about Earle being a Socialist is only a clever capitalist lie calculated to throw odium upon Socialism. When capital is in the saddle falsehood travels by horse and truth goes afoot, but the truth has finally arrived, and the facts are that Artist Earle is a very respectable old-party man, who has never had any connection with the Socialist movement and who has never shown any sympathy for Socialist teachings. Like Stanford White and Harry Thaw and Corey, of the steel trust and Mabelle Gilman notoriety, Earle has no use for anything socialistic, but is one of those "desirable citizens" who can dissolve family relations when it pleases them because they have the price.

WHEN a priest or preacher becomes a capitalist he seldom allows his religion to interfere with his business. Like any other capitalist, he is out for the coin, and he gets it, like any other capitalist, by the exploitation of labor. He can put on the pious smirk and talk like President Baer, of how the Almighty placed him in charge of certain industries; or, if a mere tool of the employing class, he can, like Harry Orchard, serve his masters and himself by doing the dirtiest of dirty work and trying to justify it by the same thin cloak of hypocritical pretense. The priests and the preachers are either with the working class or against the working class in this struggle. There is no half-way place for anyone, and what these prelates do shows plainly which side they are on.

ECONOMIC CLASSICS

Morality, Law and Politics.

FOUNDED as it is upon the violent suppression of the free land, capitalistic property is only able to persist by means of a series of what we have called connective institutions, which are non-economic in character. These institutions are designed to discipline the egoism of the proprietary classes, and so vitiate the egoism of the laboring classes that they will be induced to put up with an oppressive economic system against which they would surely rebel if they were to follow their own interests. Morality, law and politics are the most important of these connective institutions. All three depend upon the economic environment and all proceed logically from the conditions which make for the persistence of capitalistic revenue. Thus all the non-economic factors running through the social system would seem to be ultimately derived from underlying economic conditions which alone furnish an adequate explanation of their complicated mechanism.

This assertion that the diverse manifestations of social life may all be traced back to a single instinct and a simple motive seems at first sight irreconcilable with the multiplicity of sentiments that apparently dominate mankind. On first view it, indeed, appears contrary to the facts of the case that, with the one exception of the desire for wealth, all the other human passions only appear in the social drama as silent supernumeraries. But this apparent contradiction disappears at once when we take into consideration the artificial character of the capitalistic system. After we have once thoroughly grasped the truth that capitalistic property is not a natural phenomenon, but a violation of law, both human and divine—the impossible erected into a system—we shall be able to understand how in order to guarantee the persistence of so absurd and contradictory a system it is necessary to draw upon all the passions and sentiments of human nature, corrupt them at their purest sources and divert them into the service of this monstrous engine of iniquity. It is not so strange, therefore, that morality, law and politics, in fact all the varied manifestations of social life, have in time become impregnated, polluted and transformed by capitalistic influence and made to harmonize perfectly with its evil designs. Nor is it so surprising that the capitalistic economy, itself organically contradictory, has engendered a corresponding contradiction in the varied elements of social life. All these contradictions and absurdities will disappear, however, with the advent of the coming social form. In the economy established upon equality and association social relations are self-adjustive and do not have to seek support in the perversion of the normal manifestations of human nature. Under this pure economic system morality is simply the natural and spontaneous emanation of enlightened self-interest; the law reduces itself to a simple guarantee to the producer of the product of his own labor, and politics proceeds naturally from the general will. The capitalistic taint now pervading these institutions will, in other words, disappear entirely upon the cessation of capitalistic property, and leave the social spirit susceptible to the innumerable genial influences of which human nature is capable. Morality, law and politics will still remain the connective institutions of society, but, instead of being placed at the service of the economic interests of one particular class, they will benefit humanity as a whole and aid in developing its higher destinies; instead of forming the gluten of a tainted mass, these institutions will hold together a healthy body; instead of acting as cement to an aristocratic edifice, they will maintain the more perfectly proportioned structure of Human Equality.—Achille Loria.

CHARACTERISTIC OF CAPITALISM.

From the Truckman. It is a long time since we have seen a story from real life that comes anywhere near this for sordid, heartless cruelty.

A few days ago there was a disastrous wreck on a middle western railway. A fast refrigerator freight, made up of beef cars, struck a piece of defective track and went into the ditch, piling up in a heap. One man, a brakeman, was killed—buried under the wreckage.

Promptly from the nearest division point a wrecking train flew to the scene, in charge of a division superintendent, and there was a time of furious hard work in clearing up and setting things to rights. And what was the first care of the superintendent, do you think?

The recovery of the body of the dead brakeman! Not a bit of it! There were the wrecked meat cars, filled with perishable stuff. These had first attention. All the energy of the crew was spent in transferring the meat from the wreck to waiting cars, newly iced. Standing by, looking helplessly on, were relatives and friends of the brakeman, pleading heart-brokenly with the inhuman officials. But it was of no use. The meat-cargo was worth dollars and cents; the body of the dead man had no money-value to the railroad. There would be plenty of time to drag out that poor mangled form when the beef had been cared for and sent safely on its way. Hundreds could easily be found to take the place of the dead; but if the beef perished there would be damage to pay, and damage claims reduce dividends.

It's a brutal story—so brutal as to stagger belief. But it's absolutely true. The terrible part of it is that superintendents make their "records" upon conduct like this. The value of this superintendent to the railroad lay in his brutish inhumanity. Life or death—it's all the same to the management of the railroad, so long as the golden stream of dividends flows smoothly on. Feeling, sentiment, human emotion—there's no money in these.

THE ENDLESS TALKER.

From the New York World. "It is idle to ask me not to prosecute criminals, rich or poor," said Mr. Roosevelt in his Provincetown speech. Then why this endless talking? The way to prosecute is to prosecute. What single rich criminal has Mr. Roosevelt convicted of violating the anti-trust law? Or even indicted? What single rich criminal is he going to prosecute?

Harriman? If so, why did Mr. Roosevelt and his cabinet decide against such prosecution? Why did Mr. Roosevelt urge Governor Deneen of Illinois not to proceed against Harriman for the Alton swindle? Why did Mr. Roosevelt emasculate the inter-state commerce commission's report? Why did he not grant Mr. Kellogg's request to begin the prosecution of Harriman?

Prosecute Harriman? Why months have passed since Harriman refused to answer questions before the inter-state commerce commission. The questions have not been answered. No attempt has been made to compel an answer. Judged by the standard of insurance risks, Harriman could plausibly pretend to be prosecution-proof. Mr. Roosevelt is forever talking about the manufacturers of great wealth, whom he is going to punish, but the punishment is inflicted in public speeches, not in court. Not a single Wall Street law-breaker has yet lost a day's liberty on

account of anything the President has done.

When will Mr. Roosevelt cease talking and begin action? When will he stop prosecuting business and begin prosecuting the rich criminals he rails against?

The Pleasures of Reform.

From The Game of Life, by Bolton Hall. "Let us talk about why we that produce nothing are rich, while those that produce everything are poor," said the Gentleman.

"It isn't true," said the Statistician. "Nor new," said the Historian. "Nor pleasant," said the Lady. "Nor permanent," said the Philanthropist.

"Nor profitable," said the Clergyman. "Nor nothing," said the Politician. "It may foster discontent," said the President, "and alienate them—support from our institution. Let us discuss a subject agreeable to us all—the Drink Evil among the lower classes."

Abuse of Rockefeller or anyone else will not put an end to the system of robbery. Rockefeller has merely taken advantage of the system, which is designed for the express purpose of robbery, and perhaps he is no more responsible for the iniquitous system itself than you are.

Christianity, as the church teaches it, is a confessed failure, being unable to save the world from poverty, misery and crime.

TO BRACE HIS CONFIDENCE

A Comrade Raises a Serious Point About the Girard Mfg. Company. (The usual ad of the Girard Manufacturing Co. is suppressed to give place to this important communication of their patrons. If you are looking for prices you better hunt up the last Appeal. Then, perhaps, you will understand why we have no room for them this week. If they catch up with orders, which is doubtful, space will be allowed for more prices in next issue.)

Editor Appeal—I want to say a word about the Girard Mfg. Co., its managers and its products. My business relations with them have extended over a period of ten months, in which time I have purchased from them something like 200 gallons of Nutel and 600 pounds of Nutro. I must confess that in the beginning I was somewhat skeptical. I was "from Michigan," but today it is different. I unhesitatingly say that as far as my experience goes, I can give the heartiest endorsement to "the management and the goods."

We have used Nutel exclusively in our kitchen all this time; have tried it for everything from the stiling of a new-born babe to a salad oil, and have found it not alone as good, all points considered, but the best, and I want to say further, that it has cured me of stomach troubles of twenty years' standing, after all medicines had failed.

I have used most of the usual drinks and had never found any of them but would sicken me after two or three months' use, but wife and I have drunk Nutro three times a day for ten months and have nothing but praise for it. A friend of mine told me that Nutro had cured the bear habit on him, and I notice of late that the crack is all gone from my glass of beer. It will be well for wives and mothers to note this point—Nutro may be a blessing in disguise.

As for the management, I have received the most cordial and unhesitating treatment at their hands, and have the greatest confidence in their ability. But I must close. There is one point in the business on which everything depends where my confidence needs some bracing. That is, whether the Socialists in particular, and the laboring world in general, will ever get class-conscious. Capitalists will not buy from Socialists. Consider, we have a duty not to force your trades on them. C. E. ANTHONY, Bismarck, Ore.