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"A Trip to Girard."

I wish every Appeal Army comrade could visit Girard. This, of course, cannot be, but I'm going to give some worker a trip to the home of the Appeal, and it might as well be you. By the time you arrive we will be fully installed in the Temple of the Revolution. The Appeal plant is now the most modern in the United States. Every machine is run by its own independent electric motor.

Remember that to get in on this friendly contest for the pleasure of a trip to Girard to be the guest of the Appeal staff, you must subscribe for a bundle of ten copies for one year, which will cost you \$2.00.

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New Record—October 16th—2,694.

In the checkered career of the Appeal there have been many ups and downs, happy hours and gloomy ones, but the day was never so dark, nor the trial so severe but that some psychic power kept up the drooping spirits and strengthened the falling faith.

As every publisher knows, the subscription tide is the mercury in the barometer which determines the mood and temper of the day. If it rises and the subscriptions flow in freely there is rejoicing and all is well from the managing editor to the office boy and the Bull Pup.

Courage is the triumph of the soul; fear its defeat. Exploitation of the workingman's body accounts for the poverty of his intellect.

When the Standard Oil company pays that fine of \$29,240,000 the Appeal will have that number of subscribers on its rolls.

Appal readers will be glad to know that Eugene V. Debs has returned to Girard and resumed his place on the Appeal, fully recovered from his recent severe illness. I did intend to tell you some of the Appeal's plans for the future. But why give our opponents advance notice of what we intend to do? The Appeal Army has confidence in the Appeal, and its record for the past is a guarantee that there will always be "something goin' on!"

"The nation is wasteful of the gifts of nature," says the president. He is right. Wastefulness belongs with the system which he upholds.

The more the necessities of life are raised in price, the harder it is on the people, and the more dissatisfaction there is. Everything works for Socialism.

Women have won the right to vote in municipal matters in Norway, Sweden, Denmark and England. It was through the efforts of Socialists that the privilege was gained.

Every argument used against social ownership is based on private management and manipulation of the public property, and is not an argument against public utilities owned by the nation and democratically managed by the workers.

"If both the wage worker and the capitalist were able to enter each into the other's life," etc.—Roosevelt's Canton Speech.—There is no trouble about the capitalist getting "into" the worker, the trouble is about the worker getting "onto" the capitalist.

Kennebec, Me., the press announces, is going to try to force the price of meat down by an organized boycott of meat. Suppose we should try that method of forcing down the prices of all the articles of food that have recently advanced, imagine what would be left to live on.

Have you any unused postal subscription cards lying around the house? If so, put them in commission at once. The Appeal has the money for the cards and I am anxious to redeem them with papers. The papers will make Socialist voters. That's what we need next year. Don't overlook this important matter.

Captain W. E. P. French, of the United States Army, has just issued a brochure entitled "Weism; the Religion of Humanity," which will attract wide attention. It is written in the gifted author's best style. The invocation is a poem of rare beauty and power. Captain French is also a comrade who is ever ready with voice and pen to serve the cause.

Announcement is made in the New York Herald of the engagement of Miss Gladys Vanderbilt, youngest child of the late Cornelius Vanderbilt, to Count László Széchenyi, of Budapest. Miss Vanderbilt inherited a fortune of twelve and a half million dollars. When an American "fortune" marries a foreign "title" the lawyers prepare for opulent picking.

Lillian Russell, the famous actress, says there is less excuse for stage women to go astray than for others who are less independent. She adds: "A woman's financial independence is her greatest blessing. It will keep many a one from saying the fatal yes, when it should be no." This shows that the actress appreciates that the chief cause of both prostitution and domestic infelicity is the dependence of women as determined by the profit system.

Along with the announcement that the Jamestown exposition of battleships and military trinkets has been such a failure that it would be unable to repay the million dollars lent it by the government, comes the details of a dinner given by the secretary of the graft to officials and heads of departments of the exposition company. There was an oriental dancer a cock fight and champagne in such quantity that the drunken revelers poured it on the fighting cocks to cool them and nearly drowned the Princess Rajah after a half-hour exhibition of her dancing.

In the particulars the exposition is a splendid lesson in the business and moral quality of its management. A splendid palace of traffic labor built out and built in such resplendent Lusitania! The six stories of its which rise above the water, applied with every comfort that you can devise. The latest addition a theatrical troupe which gives performances during the trip to the Atlantic, a trip that is now made in a tide in such vessels, although they created them, and by their genius tamed the sea. If they are able to ride in them at all, it is in the hell of the stockers, or as steerage passengers, riding in the hot, dark holds. Heaven was never meant for the poor, nor wealth for the ones who created it.

The government (that is the men who run it) loaned the fake Jamestown naval show a million out of the public treasury, and now it is given out that it cannot be collected. Of course! It was never expected any other way. Not an official of the government would have loaned his own money on such a slimy fake—but the money belonged to the millions of foolish people who compose the nation, and the sleek favored few have got it. It is simply a slick way of stealing from the people

under the form of law so the swindlers cannot be prosecuted. Do you think the government would loan YOU money on any kind of security? Not so, Mary Ann. There would be no rake-off. Public officials could not feather the nests of dear, sweet friends that way. See?

Plutocratic Pickpockets.

Martin A. Knapp, chairman of the interstate commerce commission, has on various occasions given evidence of being a conscientious public official, as well as a man of clear insight, who also has the moral courage to freely express his honest thought.

Recently Chairman Knapp had occasion to address the convention of the Grain Dealers' National association at Cincinnati, and in the course of his remarks to the delegates he said:

"I believe the future development of our civilization will be along the lines of co-operation. I believe elements that are now conflicting will gather together in harmonious effort and unity of purpose and that the highest honors and the greatest glories will go to the citizens who are the most useful and perform the greatest service."

Mr. Knapp did not mention any names when he declared:

"There is greater moral delinquency in the man who secures discriminations in his favor from railroads than there is in a pickpocket or chicken thief."

Every Socialist will give the foregoing sentiments his heartfelt approbation. Mr. Knapp clearly sees, and candidly admits, the trend of our industrial and social development, and, seeing this, he cannot help but forecast the time when the idle aristocrat and the selfish exploiter will be treated as parasitic growth; when wealth will go to those, and to those alone, who produce it; when idleness will be looked upon as moral perversion and honest labor as the loftiest of virtues.

Entertaining such elevated thought regarding the duty of society it is not strange that Mr. Knapp treats with contempt the sleek scoundrel who has all the external appearance of a gentleman while plying his vicious confidence game at the expense of his fellowman.

It is the very nature of competitive capitalism to force men to lie, cheat and steal in dealing with one another, quickening their baser and stifling their better nature, and that is how these capitalist "pickpockets" and "chicken thieves," as Mr. Knapp denominates them, have been produced.

With clear and prophetic vision Mr. Knapp sees that "the future development of our civilization will be along the lines of co-operation," and when society is organized upon the basis of mutualism the incentive to rapacity and rascality will disappear and the production of thieves and pickpockets will cease.

There is a rich vein of humor in Henry Clews, as vide the following from his latest market letter: "When our corporations are honestly managed, the public and stockholders will get their dues." The nineteenth century was a period of individualism and competition. The twentieth century will take its place as the era of Socialism and co-operation.

Socialists in Jail.

Hundreds of Socialists have been unjustly held in jail in America for no other reason than that they were advocating the principles of Socialism. The Appeal wants the names of all Socialists who have been thus persecuted. If you possess information covering any of these cases write the Appeal briefly and at once. Give names, charges preferred and results of trial. This is important.

"Certain socialistic leaders propose to redistribute the world's goods by refusing to thrift and energy and industry their proper superiority over folly and idleness and sullen envy."—Roosevelt. We challenge President Roosevelt, or any of his supporters, to name a Socialist leader—and all Socialists are leaders—who has ever made any such insane proposition. What the Socialists propose is that they, and only they, who produce wealth shall receive and enjoy it. And what they propose to put an end to is the idle capitalists who feed upon "the thrift and energy and industry" of the working class.

Rockefeller and others are making a great plea that the people now own the property of the nation, because it happens that a few thousand "common folks" have been induced to invest small savings in trust properties. If a hundred times as many owned trust stock, and many of them were really comparatively poor widows and orphans, still this would not be public ownership, and the trust would exist for the sole purpose of getting profits off the public, or of exploiting it. When the public really owns a thing, it becomes foolish for the whole people to pay a profit to the whole people, seeing that it would have to go back to them in dividends.

It deforms the body and impoverishes the brain of the workingman—that is what exploitation does for him. As to the capitalist, he may fare better in a physical sense, but the eternal law of compensation rears his conscience and destroys his soul.

The number of divorces is increasing in direct ratio with the increased price of living, and that is caused by the profit system.

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How About Borah?

In his Jamestown speech in August last, President Roosevelt used the following language:

"There is unfortunately a certain number of our fellow-countrymen who seem to accept the view that unless a man can be proved guilty of some particular crime he shall be counted a good citizen, no matter how infamous the life he has led, no matter how pernicious his doctrine or his practices. This is the view announced from time to time with clamorous insistence, now by a group of sinister anarchistic leaders and agitators, whenever a special champion of either class, no matter how evil his general life, is acquitted of some specific crime."

Of course the president didn't have his friend William E. Borah, legal adviser of the Barber Lumber company, in mind when he fired that shot. It was aimed at William D. Haywood and the labor unions and Socialists and sympathizers who supported him, but the full charge has lodged in the anatomy of his friend, the senator of the Standard Oil trust and Barber Lumber company.

It was cowardly innuendo that the supposedly courageous president indulged in, and under circumstances that would have made any other than a white house bear hunter blush with shame. Haywood had just been acquitted and the working class were rejoicing in their humble way and the president took this miserable method of venting his spleen upon them. Had he been animated by any manly sense of the proprieties he would have apologized to Haywood for the brutal insult he offered him when he lay in the shadow of the gibbet, but that would not have been Theodore Roosevelt.

The paragraph above quoted was an insult, not only to every workingman, but to every sympathizer with cruelly inflicted suffering and every lover of justice.

And the working class of the United States are not going to forget it. The Appeal will see to it that the above shameful paragraph, heartless in its animus and cowardly in its expression, is kept green for the future biographer. The president was speaking at the very time Borah was acquitted, but he incorporated no such vicious and insulting paragraph in rebuke of the verdict and in outrageous defiance of all decency.

The respective demonstrations inspired by the verdicts in the case of Haywood and Borah and by the attitude of President Roosevelt in reference to both, in their very nature sharply define the class struggle in the United States and for this much at least we have occasion for sincere thankfulness.

Socialists know that classes can never be ended until the profit system is entirely obliterated.

Worth of Standard Oil.

Some interesting disclosures are being made relating to the enormous wealth the American people have piled up, and are continuing to pile up, for Rockefeller and his Standard Oil octopus. The process is simple and works to perfection—for the octopus. Private ownership of oil confers the power to fix prices and enables Rockefeller to increase his fabulous income at will. All oil consumers, practically the whole population, are feeders to his reservoir. Rockefeller's chief concern is to prevent drowning by the surplus; but he can probably hold out as long as the people.

The following press dispatch is an eye-opener:

"New York, Oct. 3.—For the first time there has just been made public the income account and balance sheet of the Standard Oil company of New Jersey, which is the parent of all the Standard Oil companies of the world. The report shows that the wealth of the company has at no time been overestimated.

"The income account shows that, while the company paid forty million dollars in dividends in the year ending December 31, last, it carried more than eighty-three million dollars and left as a surplus for the year something more than forty-three and three-quarter million dollars.

"Added to the previous surplus, the total surplus in profit and loss accounts amounts to two hundred and sixty-one million dollars, or more than nine times the amount of the great fine of \$29,240,000 imposed by Judge Landis.

"The balance sheet of the company shows assets of \$371,694,532, as compared with a capitalization of one hundred million dollars. Apart from the capital stock outstanding and the profit and loss surplus the only liabilities are accounts payable to the amount of \$12,264,000."

Socialists have a clear-cut program of action in this case. They do not propose to "supervise" Standard Oil, but to take possession of it and furnish oil at cost of production, leaving the "surplus" in the pockets of the people. Are you with us?

The report comes from France that there is an alarming shortage of champagne. This will be sad news to the voting kings of the wheat shops and mines. And what shall become of the poor parasites of the palace districts?

Carlyle expressed a vital thought when he said: "Cast forth thy net, thy word into the ever-living, ever-working universe; it is a seed grain that can not die; unmoored today, it will be found flourishing as a bayonet grass after a thousand years."

It has now been proved that George Washington, the father of his country, was a tax dodger, and is making oath to the flats of his property was convicted of concealing part of it. Washington was not a bad man, but the profit system corrupted him like it does every other man who lives under it.

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ANOTHER MOYER-HAYWOOD CASE

Probably most readers of the Appeal have received some inkling through the capitalist press of the case in the four Mexican revolutionists now in jail in Los Angeles and fighting extradition to Mexico...

EQUALITY BEFORE THE LAW.

Max Worth is the Public. "Do you know," said the Motorman, "I've been thinking lately. It's more than thirty years since I started in this world, but I'm just beginning to think...

EXCHANGE ECHOES

Attorney General Bonaparte says that "modern civilization has developed the habitual criminal," otherwise known as the degenerate. Then hadn't we better turn our attention to "modern civilization" (capitalism) rather than to the criminal? This is the Socialist idea—Los Angeles Common Sense.

HEROISM

Ruby wine is drunk by kaiser, cigar ends to fallen slaves. These and various other heroisms are listed in the text.

LABOR NOTES.

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FINANCIAL COLUMN

New York, Oct. 17.—United Copper Company stock collapsed on the "curb" yesterday, completely demoralizing the market...

At the present writing, October 12th, the situation throughout the country is beginning to bear evidence of the correctness of the Appeal's forecasts for many months gone by.

In our last issue Comrade John Spargo corrected the Appeal in the matter of an article which appeared in a preceding issue in reference to the much discussed Earl case.

The Appeal has carried the name of Girard all around the world. It is the home of the Appeal and the site of the Temple of the Revolution.

The government's funds are all up—not a dollar more has this nation which it can turn over to hold up the banks.

Private detectives and strike breakers are the standing army of capitalism. But for that matter, so is the state militia a branch of it.

Capitalists regard the economic system supported by democrats and republicans as a menace to home life.

A Convicting Parallel

The Appeal has made the specific, direct and unqualified charge that Theodore Roosevelt, president of the United States, is personally and officially responsible for the stupendous Harriman swindle known as the "Alton Deal."

CONSPIRATORS YET BLOODTHIRSTY

Wallace, Idaho, Oct. 17.—The trial of George A. Pettibone has been set for Oct. 28 at Boise, and Adams' case has been set for Oct. 23 at Rathdrum.

A united press dispatch from Boston says: "Frank T. Billups, janitor, went crazy yesterday while reading one of President Roosevelt's speeches, and it required the combined efforts of eight policemen to quiet the man."

The above extracts are from the certified copies of the two laws in our possession. It will be observed that the two laws are exactly identical, except that in the one last passed (which should be designated the Harriman amendment) the Chicago and Alton is specifically named.

Corporation "Widows and Orphans."

When workmen demand increased wages or better working conditions and are refused they sometimes go out on strike, and when they do it is quite certain that the capitalist press is prompt to take its stand against them.

Every corporation attorney who makes a spread-egle speech on the "Glorious Fourth" or delivers an alleged oration to a graduating class expatiates upon what the beneficent (?) corporations are doing for the "widows and orphans" whose "savings" are invested in them.

A New Yorker has proven on paper that a family in the land's metropolis cannot live on an income of \$1,800 a year. Perhaps it can't.

Socialists regard the profit system as a cunningly devised scheme by which the working class are systematically robbed of most of that which belongs to them by right of production.

Private detectives and strike breakers are the standing army of capitalism. But for that matter, so is the state militia a branch of it.

Additional Evidence Showing Roosevelt's Connection with the "Harriman Deal."

The Appeal has made the specific, direct and unqualified charge that Theodore Roosevelt, president of the United States, is personally and officially responsible for the stupendous Harriman swindle known as the "Alton Deal."

Repeating to a communication from one of his constituents as to the truth of the Appeal's charge, Chester L. Long, United States senator for Kansas, says: "President Roosevelt, while governor of New York, approved a bill permitting savings banks under certain restrictions to invest in railroad securities."

Chapter 356, of Laws of New York, 1899. (Original Law.) An Act to amend the banking law relative to securities in which deposits in savings banks may be invested.

The above extracts are from the certified copies of the two laws in our possession. It will be observed that the two laws are exactly identical, except that in the one last passed (which should be designated the Harriman amendment) the Chicago and Alton is specifically named.

Let it not be overlooked that the original law as passed in 1899, and as above quoted, did NOT include Chicago and Alton securities; that this law was amended February 26th, 1900, and that in the amended law, passed one year later, above quoted, the same railroads were again named (for a blind, as they were already specified in the old law) AND THE CHICAGO AND ALTON WAS ADDED TO THE LIST.

The New York Traction Robbery.

As the disclosures of the stupendous robberies of the New York traction barons are made, the wonder is that such rottenness is possible even in an essentially corrupt capitalist municipality.

The Waters-Pierce jugglery, about which so much has been heard and which resulted in such political scandal, involving Senator Bailey, of Texas, and others, was pretty clearly brought out in the investigation.

It was the one who held the 2,747 shares of Waters-Pierce from 1904 to 1907.

The inside operations of the great octopus are being gradually made public, but the octopus will continue to do business at the old stand.

Socialism is the only cure for Standard Oil.

ECONOMIC CLASSICS

Use-Value and Exchange-Value.

At first sight the wealth of a society under the capitalist system presents itself as an immense accumulation of commodities, its unit being a single commodity. But every commodity has a twofold aspect, that of use-value and exchange-value.

PASSING OF THE OLD-TIME HARNESS-MAKER.

An Oklahoma comrade, in response to a letter of inquiry concerning trade conditions from a trade journal, points out a few of the facts that show why the country harness-maker is going the way of his fellow leather worker, the country shoemaker.

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