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The Flag of the Appeal Waves Triumphant Over the Penrose Bill

Surprisingly was the Penrose bill introduced in the United States senate. Not a correspondent made any report of it, and for obvious reasons it entirely escaped the argus-eyed capitalist press...

Penrose bill adversely reported to senate and killed March 6th. Members of senate and house deluged with demands from every state in the union that this bill be killed...

Thus falls another miserable attempt to gag the press and destroy popular liberty. For Penrose and his plutocratic patrons it is a decisive defeat, a complete knock-out...

When the voice of a United People issues the command there is none to refuse obedience.

Comrades of the Appeal Army and friends, the destiny of the nation is in your hands. You have but to speak and your word is law; demand and the world is yours.

You, comrades and fellow Socialists, are the Grand Army of Progress. Your watch-fires are blazing on all the mountain tops and in all the valleys and plains.

Follow up your latest victory, comrades, and prepare for the next encounter. For you there is no rest until capitalist misrule has been destroyed and the Cause of Socialism is Triumphant.

The Panic.

The attention of our readers is called to the following paragraph copied from the March circular issued by the National City Bank of New York: But there is no denying the fact that the country has entered upon a period of declining revenues...

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The Jews of Chicago have interested themselves in the mysterious case of young Averbuch, who was killed by Chief of Police Shippy in the latter's home recently. Those who say so much about Socialism being the death-knell of liberty are like the king who was sure that the establishment of a republic would ruin his people...

Robbing Its Own Wards.

The fertility of the capitalistic genius for robbery has no bounds. The capitalist system is a robber system. It is based fundamentally upon the robbery of the working class and is supported incidentally by every other form of theft and graft which degenerate ingenuity can devise...

It will be a great day when triumphant Socialism declares the capitalist supreme court unconstitutional.

Says the Socialist agitator to the wage-slave: "I shall light a candle of understanding in thine heart, which shall not be put out." Have you ordered extra copies of the Appeal's Great Convention Number? If not, do so with a little delay as possible...

"Move to Stop Socialism."

We are gravely informed by the Omaha Daily Bee that the Right Rev. Richard Scannell, bishop of Omaha, urges the wealthy classes to organize a movement to stop the rapid increase of Socialism. The good brother is quoted by the Bee with having said a number of things which were commending to the careful reading of Catholic workmen. The bishop said, among other things...

A new alignment was had, but nobody clearly sees what it is. Everything is chaotic. All that is certain is that Socialism is become a powerful political factor, and no man can imagine what will be written on the page of our political future of the next decade. All we know is that the old parties are dead.

of this article are not intended for general consumption. The National City Bank sends out a monthly circular only to important banks, while the Financial Chronicle circulates almost exclusively among millionaires. It is an extremely critical situation which confronts the financiers and politicians. We now have the politicians "freed," as they can no longer dodge the issue and appeal to the full dinner pail brigade for support...

show the president's good faith, this administration organ announces that he has called in for consultation Attorney Stetson, of counsel for J. Pierpont Morgan & Co. It ought not to be difficult for one to forecast the sort of legislation which Morgan's attorney will frame up for congress. Lord Rosebery utters a very loud wail over the fact that Socialism "menaces England." He says it would mean the end of the empire. He is eminently correct in this, as it would end the rule of capitalism in Great Britain and in its place establish the Co-operative Commonwealth.

Mr. Roosevelt wants congress to enact a measure exempting labor organizations from classification as "conspiracies in restraint of trade." The supreme court has announced, backed by all the dignity of that tribunal, that trade unions are "trusts in restraint of interstate traffic." I do not see how any legislation by congress can change the court's opinion. Suppose congress should enact such a law, its operation would immediately be resisted by the master class, who would appeal to the supreme court. The supreme court would not be likely to reverse itself when such reversal would antagonize the capitalist class and result in an advantage to the workers. I hope no trade union man will be fooled by the promise of legislation annulling supreme court decisions. It cannot be done so long as the present supreme court is permitted to sit in judgment on the controversy between labor and capital.

Six of the thirteen members of the senate postoffice committee are listed as multi-millionaires by the Kansas City Star of recent date. We are assured by Congressman Hoyt, of Haverhill, Mass., that Senator Penrose introduced his press-muzzle amendment by request. It is not a difficult matter to guess at whose request this innocent appearing measure was introduced. Millionaires, no matter what their politics, have a direct and powerful economic interest in suppressing agitation and preventing exposure of their business and political methods. There is one thing the Millionaires' Club at Washington does not want, and that is the searchlight of publicity.

The man who sets seriously and intelligently about the fitting of himself for eternal happiness should know that eternity embraces all duration, of which time is a measured portion. In other words, you are now at one end of eternity. Are you fitting yourself for happiness in this part of eternity or are you handing your happiness to another that you may get it back in some other part of eternity? Eternity is here today, and what are you doing for your happiness and that of your fellows? If you are concerned about how you will spend eternity, how can you ignore that portion of it that you spend on earth? And how can you ignore social conditions which determine how your babies will spend the earth-life portion of their eternity?

An enthusiastic union man, who believes in pushing the label, recently returned an Appeal subscription blank bearing a sticker, on which was printed the following: "Returned because of absence of union label," etc. The brother is evidently ignorant of the fact that the postal department of our glorious free government does not allow us to put the label on these subscription blanks. He may also have overlooked the fact that the Typographical Union Journal is compelled to leave the label off the wrappers in which its magazines are mailed. The union printers label does not appear on the subscription blanks of the Appeal because the government at Washington, in its omniscience and omnipotence, will not allow it. If the brother wants to see the label on all the Appeal's blanks and stationery, as it is on the paper, he should take steps to put the label on the government which regulates such matters.

The Vicksburg (Miss.) American says that Socialism is no new experiment. "The same thing has been tried before." When one talks of Socialism as an "experiment" that itself fixes his status as a know-nothing on the subject of Sociology and Social Evolution. But I would be glad to have our friend of the American cite the Appeal to a period in the world's history when Socialism was in operation. It will be news to the Appeal readers and it will be a valuable discovery to all students of economic science. Come across, Brother American.

Different people have different ideas of what justice is. When the king is deposed, the crown prince thinks that he has been unjustly treated by having the throne about to be his confiscated. When chattel slavery was abolished the slave owners and their heirs felt that they had been treated unjustly in having their property confiscated. In like manner the kings of industry and drivers of wage slaves think that Socialism is unjust toward owners of property. The capitalists have a morality of their own, which, like their industrial system, always operates to their own material advantage.

The editor of the Wall Street Journal is a personal friend and staunch supporter of President Roosevelt. In a late issue he takes occasion to lampoon the president and charge him with being responsible for the recent decline in stocks in Wall Street. The Journal pointed out that affairs were improving until the president's latest message appeared, which caused "convulsing capitalism" a severe shock and produced a relapse. The fact is, Brother Pratt, the bottom has dropped out of your blessed system and you cannot plug up the holes fast enough to make it hold together. Throwing bricks at Roosevelt, as I predicted three years ago you would do, will not help matters. There will be no one to sing Roosevelt's praise when he is politically stranded unless it be the Appeal. Somehow our sympathy always goes out to the man everybody is lampooning. And it will not be long before the unthinking crowd will join in the hue and cry that Roosevelt is to blame for their hunger and misery, overlooking the fact that it is the "system" that is responsible and that Roosevelt is merely a victim of its operation, the same as the rest of us.

Were the representative of a great trust to come along and offer to take your little decrepit business off your hands, giving you in exchange for it an interest in the greater enterprise that would insure you an adequate income for reasonable services, you would gladly make the exchange; but when Socialism offers you just such a deal based on the exchange of the Co-operative Commonwealth for your lame mule and sand-bank you are at once seized with a nervous chill for fear you may have to throw in the old gray goose and a setting of eggs. That is the reason we have to wait for you until the capitalists have plucked you clean of all your dinky belongings. Then you will be willing to think...

Samuel Gompers appeared before the house committee on labor at Washington recently to plead for the favorable report of the eight-hour bill. How long will it take organized labor to learn that it must elect members of the house to demand and vote for labor legislation? Some miscreant, inflamed no doubt by "literature," poisoned the \$5,000 pup of George J. Gould at Lakewood, N. J. It is high time for the police to suppress the dog-eaten sheets which served the prisoner to this anarchistic deed!

The wealthy are very indignant at the Socialists for wishing to make collectively owned property out of that which is now privately owned. They are sure that it is a sin to take the property of an individual and use it for the common good, but they have no objection to the taking of a private citizen and making him over into a public soldier. The right of an individual to his private life is not considered when the capitalist state has need of him. The working class is drawn upon for volunteers and conscript soldiers, but the capitalist class is never required to furnish the financial "sinews of war" save on terms agreeable to them. Under capitalism the rights of property are paramount, and human rights are secondary. Under Socialism the rights of man will be paramount, and those of property will be secondary.

Socialism is the same kind of a menace to woman that abolitionism was to the negro. The menace of Socialism throws the same kind of terror into the owner and exploiter of women and children that the menace of abolition gave the owner and exploiter of negro slaves. Socialism means freedom for all.

Socialism is not the friend of the workingman. If Socialism is anything it is the workingman himself. It is the workingman thinking and acting for his own benefit, and when he does that he will no longer be in need of friends such as he has had so long to his sorrow.

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The lords of jurisprudence have spoken. Live live the lords!



EUROPEAN NOTES

BY NICHOLAS KLEIN. ARLO KLOSS, the one-time member of the reichstag from Stuttgart, and one of the members of the Wurttemberg chamber of deputies, passed away recently. For years he was chairman of the 'Woodworkers' union and was one of the best known and most active Socialists in the German empire.

knows from close personal observation how venal the police force of Chicago actually is and what a powerful accessory it has always been and is now to the corrupt political machine which controls Chicago and which has given it a notoriety which attaches to no other city in the civilized world.

The Power You Possess.

CHAPTER I. Appeal, Feb. 20th-Kill the Penrose Bill. 'You know your power—NOW USE IT!' CHAPTER II. Washington, March 6th—Penrose Bill killed by senate postoffice committee. Attached press dispatch says: 'Congress has heard the voice of the people.'

The Appeal prevented the judicial murder of three labor leaders. The Appeal forced the withdrawal of federal troops from Goldfield, and thus prevented another Coeur d'Alene tragedy. The Appeal killed the Penrose press muzzle, which would have strangled every opposition paper in the United States.

"Anarchist Plots."

"For nearly twenty years the police force of Chicago, whenever it found itself in disgrace, discovered suddenly an anarchist plot."—Willis J. Abbott, former Editor Chicago Times.

The independent labor party of England shows its growth by starting a new monthly for the purpose of "furthering the Socialist propaganda." The initial number was issued on March 1st, and it has the appearance of the "International Socialist Review," published by the Charles H. Kerr company, of Chicago. The price is six shillings a year, and the name is "Socialist Review." Some of the foremost writers in the Socialist movement are contributors.

Grave Outlook.

The president of the Boston & Maine railroad system insists that the men employed by it must accept a reduction of five per cent in their wages. President Tuttle says: "The emergency in the company's affairs is more grave than anything that has happened within my experience, and I regret to say that the outlook gives no promise of improvement."

The Appeal is able to do these things because it is backed by a determined band of men and women who can no longer be fooled by the lying capitalist press and the mountings of capitalist politicians. The Appeal's strength lies in its circulation and its ability to quickly reach every nook and corner of this nation, and I believe that if the Appeal had a circulation of a half million copies each week that through it the Appeal Army could control political affairs in this nation and secure from congress every concession which capitalism can make and still remain on the backs of the workers.

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The Bundle Brigade.

The Bundle Brigade is doing great things these days. You can not overestimate the importance of the weekly bundle. There is scarcely an issue of the Appeal in which you do not find some paragraph or article that would answer the objection of some friend of yours to Socialism, or that would confirm the wavering belief of some other acquaintance with whom you had been discussing the question. But if you are only receiving one copy, you are loath to part with it, and thus the opportunity to put in an effective lick for Socialism passes and is forgotten.

Party Notes.

Local secretaries will be interested in reading the following letter from Comrade George Press agent of Local Essex County, N. J., in reply to our letter asking him what results the local had secured from the use of the Appeal's Essex county subscription list: Your list of subscribers is used as a mailing list by the committee on enlightenment, lectures, agitation and membership. In this method the Appeal subscribers in this vicinity are constantly receiving literature, notices of entertainment, notices of lectures, and reasons why they should become members of the Socialist party.

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We would doubtless have had a subscription list of 5,000,000 copies by this time, which would have been as legitimate a list as half the periodicals in this country.

The following is taken from a gleeful editorial printed by the News-Leader, Richmond, Va., which I commend to the careful perusal of the Appeal Army.

The editor of the News-Leader, as well as the editors of practically every old party paper in the United States, watches the circulation report of the Appeal very closely. The News-Leader man takes a column of his valuable space, from which the above is quoted, to point out that Socialism is on the wane, because for two or three weeks the Appeal has shown a slight loss in its number of subscribers.

Here let me explain that renewals are counted as new names with the Appeal. Unlike other publications, the Appeal discontinues sending its paper at the expiration of the subscriber's time.

How It Works.

Down in Indiana the trade unionists have fallen in line with the political program mapped out by Mr. Gompers and the American Federation of Labor.

The policy of "rewarding our friends and punishing our enemies" is being put into operation and it would be immensely humorous were it not that labor is being led to the shambles for slaughter.

In capitalist politics all candidates are "friends" of labor—before election day. It pays to the "FRIEND" of labor.

That is the question that started the rumpus in Indiana. Congressman James E. Watson is seeking the republican nomination for governor of the state.

Have you sense enough to get onto the brace game and see that the capitalists win whichever faction loses, and that the workers lose whichever faction wins?

Don't you know it's the particular business of the capitalist politicians to keep you divided, voting against each other, so that you may all be slaughtered like sheep at the shambles?

Candidates elected upon capitalist tickets, whether republican, democratic, prohibition or "independent," are the property of the capitalist class, and of course serve that class.

As long as you workers are so ashamed as to divide and fight each other, capitalist congresses and courts will rule and treat you with the contempt you invite and deserve.

Get together, brothers, vote as you strike, join the party of your class, the Socialist party, and win for yourselves the world and for your children the patrimony of Emancipation.

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Each faction claims to have "carefully examined" the record of Mr. Watson; the former pronounces it "rotten"; the latter "peaches and cream"; one side seeks to crucify him for his opposition to labor, the other to place him in the office of governor as a reward for his loyalty to the working class.

And in the meantime, the workers, to the supreme delight of the capitalists, are arrayed in hostile camps, their political power destroyed, and the fetters of wage-slavery fastened more securely upon them.

Arouse, you workers! Wipe the sleep from your eyes! Can't you men of the rank and file see what you are up against?

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The American Federation of Labor has ceased to publish its "unfair" list in deference to the supreme court. How long will it be before the working class puts the supreme court on its "unfair" list?

The Socialist Program.

There is not a word in any declaration or a line in all the literature of the Socialist movement that warrants the charge that it favors violence to attain its ends.

It is certain to follow capitalism, the existing order, unless the laws of social evolution are suspended. Of that there is no doubt in the minds of any economist of standing who dare give expression to his honest opinion.

The campaign of Socialism is, therefore, essentially a campaign of education. It appeals to reason and not to violence; and if it and its advocates are ever involved in violence it is invariably because violence has been forced upon them.

Every Socialist paper and every Socialist propagandist appeals to the people to read and study and think; to use their brains and not clubs, or torches, or bombs.

But in spite of this fact the charge is repeatedly made by capitalist papers that Socialists favor "anarchy, violence and bloodshed." Especially is this true at the present time when every crank or feeble-minded person who is taken in by the police has concealed about his person, according to the report, unmistakable evidence that he is a Socialist and that he has sinister designs upon some chief of police, or upon the community at large.

Again and again, capitalist newspapers have charged this paper with being a "vile, anarchistic sheet." They are guilty of deliberate falsehood and of wanton calumny. They know better. It is themselves who are the anarchists and who are the main props of the existing regime in which every daily paper bears testimony to the continuous round of theft, gambling, political corruption, graft in every form, suicide, murder, and a thousand other vices and crimes.

The Appeal, like all other Socialist papers, is published for the education of the people. It advocates agitation, education and organization. It appeals to the ballot and shows the people that by making proper use of their political power they can establish any kind of a social system that will be most conducive to their welfare.

We stand with reference to the abolition of wage-slavery exactly where William Lloyd Garrison, Wendell Phillips and Theodore Parker stood with reference to the abolition of chattel slavery. We are not a whit more radical than they and our propaganda, written and spoken, is mild and conservative compared with that of those pioneers of human rights and freedom.

Phillips boldly advocated the trampling underfoot of the constitution, and he himself refused to practice law because it would have to subscribe to the constitution which sanctioned slavery and which he held in contempt.

Phillips was also denounced by the organs of the money power, north and south, and by the bishops and clericals who then, as now, were preaching the gospel that sanctified exploitation, but Phillips and his compers ignored these false and malicious accusations, pursued the tenor of their way and won immortality while all their detractors have long since passed from sight and gone down to oblivion.

It is no trouble, from Hinky Dink to Governor Gooding, from Bath House John to President Roosevelt, to get the labor indorsement of a capitalist candidate for office.

These rat-hole labor politicians who make it a business to traffic in the labor vote steer clear of the Socialist party. Very well do they know that in this party of class-conscious workmen they can not ply their nefarious vocation, and so they divide their time between the republican and democratic parties, where their services are always in demand at a price that will keep them in booze, devoting such spare time as they have to denouncing the Socialist party for seeking to "get politics into the union."

The special business of these skates is to keep politics out of the union so that they themselves can deliver the labor vote to the grating politicians.

In short, they are brokers, stock brokers; they deal in voting, cattle, sheep and swine, and dispose of them at the political market price per head.

The ward-heeler endorsing labor-skate is about as low in the scale as the human degenerate can sink—he is lower than the professional strike-breaker, who does his work openly as an enemy of unionism, and all honest union men ought to unite to drive the pest from the movement he betrays and disgraces.

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The PENROSE BILL

Was killed by the prompt and vigorous action of the readers of this paper. Congress thought the country was afflicted with a brain storm when the deluge of demands swept down on them to kill the Penrose bill.

"Tribute to Penrose."

In the Labor World, published at Pittsburg, there appears a two-column article filled with fulsome eulogy of Senator Penrose as a "friend of labor."

If Mr. Little is correctly quoted he is a better friend to the operators than he is to the miners and he ought to be, if he is not, in the service and pay of the former instead of the latter.

The reason Mr. Little finds it necessary to set up Senator Penrose as a "great friend to labor" is that the wage-slaves of the Keystone state are just beginning to wake up to the fact that Penrose and other senators and congressmen are the special servants of the capitalist class and are not the representatives of the people at all.

Let us ask you, Mr. Little, to particularize, when you assure the mine slaves of Pennsylvania that Penrose is their best friend. When and where and in what respect has he befriended them? We ask you to be specific because we know that your statement is untrue and that when we call for particulars you will not be able to give them.

Who induced you, Mr. Little, to submit to this interview in the interest of Senator Penrose and have this statement of Penrose's alleged friendship published and spread among the wage-slaves to silence their muttering?

We aver that Senator Penrose is the sworn enemy of the working class; that all his active political life has been in the service of the capitalist class and that his record will prove it. In the capitalist-cursed state of Pennsylvania he had a great field for the display of his alleged friendship, but when and where did he see fit to exercise it? Did he protest against the massacre at Latimer? Did he thunder in opposition to the use of the state constabulary in the last strike of the miners? When, and where, did he distinguish himself as a friend of labor when the miners in the anthracite regions were on strike, and when they needed a friend, if men ever needed a friend in all the domain of capitalism?

No, Senator Penrose has never been anything to labor but an instrument in its exploitation, and he would not turn a friendly face in its direction now, or have an alleged leader of labor assure it of his friendship, but for his desire to maintain his position and prestige as a capitalist statesman.

It was Senator Penrose, the pliant tool of capitalism who introduced the amendment to the United States statutes which sought clandestinely to clothe the postmaster-general with arbitrary power to exclude publications from the mails which were obnoxious to the administration.

The Labor World in which this article was published is notoriously a sheet controlled by the corporations of Pennsylvania. It is not an honest labor paper published in the interest of the workers, but a labor paper in name only, a wolf in sheep's clothing, whose real mission is to lead the blinded workers, marked for slaughter, into the shambles of their masters.

For proof of the apostasy of the Labor World of Pittsburg, it is only necessary to read its columns. If it is owned bodily by Robbins and the mine operators, and the editor's salary paid by them, they certainly ought to be paid because they could not more faithfully serve the corporations.

It is high time the working men of this country were learning what papers floating the flag of labor are really published in the interest of labor and what ones, such as the Labor World of Pittsburg, are sailing under false colors, and are in fact traitors to labor and in the service of the capitalist class.

Capitalist candidates for office who have, in the popular slang, thrown "the hooks" into labor on every occasion are having no trouble in securing the endorsement of office-seeking and office-holding labor skates who traffic in the ignorance of their fellow-workers. These are the fellows who keep you workers divided and in slavery; each plays into the hands of the other a candidate, his word has no value. For this he alone is responsible. The record of his own making is his accuser. We simply state the facts. Mr. Roosevelt has been equally insincere and dishonest in every act of his alleged reform administration.

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Roosevelt's Political Tactics.

When Theodore Roosevelt was elected president in 1904 he issued a statement declaring that he would not again be a candidate for that office under any circumstances.

In discussing this matter it should be remembered that Mr. Roosevelt is a very shrewd and unscrupulous political tactician. He was taught his early lessons in politics in the school of Thomas C. Platt. It is of record that even after he became governor of New York he consulted frequently with the New York "boss" in formulating his political programs.

Let us now see if we are not justified in taking Roosevelt's statements that he will not again be a candidate with several grains of salt. We will speak entirely from the facts in his past, political life and verify each statement by the record.

In June, 1900, when the national republican convention met in Philadelphia, Mr. Roosevelt was still governor of New York. It was given out by him repeatedly that he wished to be re-elected governor, and that under no circumstances should his name go before the national convention as a candidate for vice president, the office for which Senator Platt of New York, Senator Quay of Pennsylvania, and others, wanted him nominated. In the Philadelphia North American of June 19, 1900, appears the positive and emphatic public statement issued by Mr. Roosevelt and widely published in the Republican press at the time:

"I will tell you that this is final. Absolutely nothing can induce me to accept the nomination. You can consider that as my last word. The statements published in certain Philadelphia and New York papers that I can be prevailed upon to accept the nomination are untrue. I will not permit the convention to be stampeded for me."

The North American, commenting upon this statement in the same issue, and evidently knowing Roosevelt's tactics, said: "Having been seeking the nomination all along, and if he finally sees the nomination slipping from him he may be found chasing it."

Congressman Charles Grosvenor, one of the most prominent figures at the convention, and one of the conspicuous party leaders, who also understood Roosevelt's Platonic methods, was interviewed in the same issue of the North American and made the following pointed statement:

"What do I think of Roosevelt's statement? I think his position is the same as it has been for the past three months. What is that? Wanting and working for the nomination."

It is evident from this that Congressman Grosvenor thoroughly understood Mr. Roosevelt and knew precisely what construction to place upon his statement and what estimate upon his political veracity.

Peter Finley Dunne, the famous "Mr. Dooley," was also in attendance upon the convention, and was also interviewed upon the same subject, and his reply, shrewdly characteristic of Mr. Dooley, also in the North American, was as follows:

"Teddy's declined, ha he! He's at his old tricks agin, an' he'll rough house th' convention, or me name's Guggenheimer. Has Teddy left town, thin, without lavin his address behind him? Tiddy, me lad, will write his letter of acceptance on th' back of th' letter of declination, that's 'Dooley's prediction.'"

Dooley, keen judge of men and especially of politicians that he is, could not be fooled by Roosevelt. He well knew that the more emphatic his declination the more determined he was in pursuit of the nomination.

On June 21st, just two days after Mr. Roosevelt had publicly declared to the country that he would not accept the nomination for vice president under any possible circumstances, Chauncey M. Dewey escorted him down the main aisle of the convention at the psychological moment, and Roosevelt was nominated by acclamation.

Such are the facts and such is the record. Denial is useless and successful contradiction impossible. What Mr. Roosevelt did in 1900 he may repeat in 1908. It will depend entirely upon circumstances. He has lost very much of the great prestige he once had, mainly through his inconsistency, insincerity and downright political mendacity. He does not mean what he says, or say what he means. He did not then, nor does he now. We have quoted from the record and the verdict is one of trickery and duplicity. It shows clearly by what methods Mr. Roosevelt procures his nominations and by what tactics he accomplishes his ends. It is not at all strange that such unscrupulous tactics are acceptable to the law-defying trust magnates, who freely poured out their slush funds to secure the ratification at the ballot-box of the nominations so made.

No matter what Mr. Roosevelt may say about not being a candidate, his word has no value. For this he alone is responsible. The record of his own making is his accuser. We simply state the facts. Mr. Roosevelt has been equally insincere and dishonest in every act of his alleged reform administration.

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Taft as Candidate.

William H. Taft is secretary of war; he is also candidate for president. In this there is nothing remarkable or inconsistent. But as active candidate for president Mr. Taft cannot discharge his duties as secretary of war.

And yet Mr. Taft draws eight thousand dollars per year and perquisites to serve the people as secretary of war. He certainly cannot be continuously absent from Washington and still discharge his official duties.

If a poor wage-slave, through illness or other misfortune, loses a day he is promptly docked. He is paid his paltry wage only when he is at his post and does his work.

Why should a high-salaried public official fare differently? Why should he be paid for serving the people as secretary of war when he is actually serving himself as candidate for president and giving his whole time to the pursuit of that office?

We venture to say that from now on until the republican convention meets in June Secretary Taft, backed by President Roosevelt, will be traveling all over the country setting up his political piers and looking after his candidacy, to the utter neglect of his official duties at Washington, and yet he will draw his salary just the same and his frenzied and foolish admirers will regard him as a perfectly honest and conscientious man.

But the case is not exceptional. The heads of departments and the high officials generally who receive the largest salary do the least useful work. In the postoffice, the postmaster draws the salary, is the political henchman of the administration, and his poorly-paid subordinates do the work. It is the same thing all through the capitalist political system, especially in Washington, where the common employes of the government who do the actual work are poorly paid, while the officials and heads of departments receive enormous salaries as a reward for political services or in recognition of political "pull."

It is also to be noted that these candidates for the presidency are under great expense, and the question naturally arises in the mind of the observing and thoughtful man, where does it come from? Taft has already traveled from coast to coast, in royal state, and has spent many thousands of dollars campaigning for the presidency. It is true that he has a very rich brother and that he may have a large bank account of his own, but does it not seem vulgar and reprehensible for a man to go chasing around over the country after the presidency?

And what becomes of the dignity of that high office?

President Roosevelt so often repeats the platitudes that he will continue to "wage war against rotteness and corruption" that it begins to sound suspiciously like a bid for a third term. With such eminent lieutenants as Paul Morton, whom the president saved from the penitentiary for violating the interstate commerce law, E. H. Harriman, whom he assisted in getting away with the swag in the notorious "Alton deal," and Elihu Root, attorney for the hood New York Metropolitan traction company, the "rotten corruptionists" whom the president is after will flee in mortal terror. NIT!

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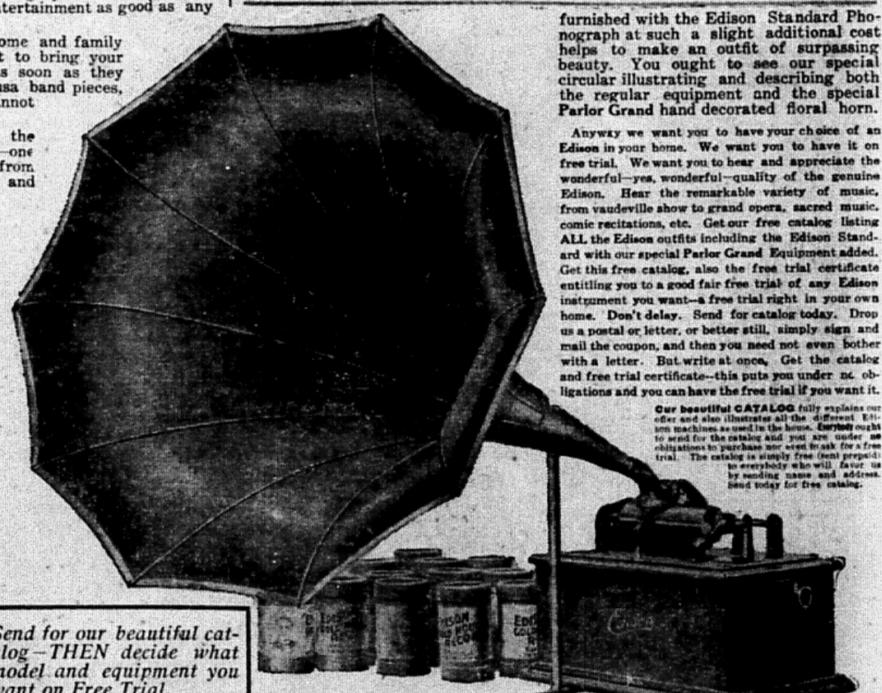
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