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The Army has done valiant work during the past week. Some of the comrades have surpassed themselves and won fresh laurels. Many others have kept up a good average, but a large proportion are yet to be heard from.
This may sound as if I am grumbling, but I am not. I am well pleased with what has been done, but am not losing sight of what remains to be done. It is a continuous pull to keep on the upgrade. If there is any slacking of the traces that moment we go down hill, and have to pull that much harder to get back again.

Saw It Coming.

The Wall Street Journal says: Mrs. Betty Green says she saw the panic coming two years ago. We have to doubt she did, as she is a financial genius. Some others saw it coming at that time, including Jacob H. Schiff, who even announced his prediction in the chamber of commerce. Many saw it coming a year in advance, and the Bank of England raised a danger signal by advancing its rate of discount months before the crash came. Yet when the panic struck the country it is remarkable how many rich men were unprepared for it.

Now's the day, and now's the hour, See the front o' battle low. Liberty's in every blow! Let us do or die."

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Unkindest Cut of All.

Editor Appeal to Reason: Does the Appeal plant belong to W. J. Bryan? A union labor man told me that he positively knew it to be a fact that all the help and expenses were paid by W. J. Bryan's individual checks, as he had been there many times and seen it done. He said he lived at Girard, and was well acquainted there. Please answer through your columns and oblige.—W. C. Harrison, Burlington, Colo. I have been running the Appeal now for some ten or twelve years and I have never seen the color of any of W. J. Bryan's checks or clearing-house certificates. Mr. Bryan has had a good many pretty stiff undercuts in the short run, but I'll wager a year's subscription to the Appeal against a year's subscription to the Commoner that he will consider the above statement the most unkindest cut of all.

When "Uncle Joe Cannon" takes a pinch of snuff the house of representatives sneezes.

The tremendous growth of Socialism is a terror to every culture who has its gory beak in the heart of humanity. When the democratic republicans of a gold standard egg head that find it well to take a million boules will be All the country rang with of that brave and patriotic who threw the harpoon of a two million fine into Standard Oil what's that judge's name. Some congressman ought to consider enough to introduce a bill making an appropriation sufficient to provide "Uncle Joe" with a microscope powerful enough to see the paper trust. Secretary Taft denies emphatically the report issued by New York Socialists quoting him as saying that "we must look forward to a gigantic controversy between labor and capital." He then proceeds to explain that what he did say had reference to "that inevitable controversy that we always hope will be peaceful, but that must exist." In other words Taft did not say that we must look forward to a gigantic controversy, but that the controversy was already here. The gentleman is entitled to the full benefit of his denial.

Convention Special.

On the day following this issue the national convention of the Socialist party will meet in Chicago. The Appeal has made special arrangements for rapid service in securing the report of the convention's proceedings. As soon as the platform is adopted and the nominations made a special edition will be run through the Appeal press and this will be such as to make it especially valuable for popular propaganda. It will contain the essential facts about the convention and it will also epitomize the history of the movement and contain such other matter as will serve to give every voter an intelligent understanding of what Socialism is, why the Socialist party has been organized, what its principles are, and what it seeks to accomplish. This number will be the very thing to put in the hands of those who know little or nothing about Socialism and who ought to know more about it. It will put in condensed form and in terms easily understood the facts which every voter should know before he casts his vote in the coming election. The price of this special edition will be 50 cents per hundred. The big press is set going at full speed within six hours after the convention completes its work. I shall be able to fill all orders and I want all the orders that all the friends of the Appeal can send for this eye-opening convention edition, which the times demand and which the people are ripe as never before to receive. If I could put a copy of this edition in the hands of every American voter I should feel safe in predicting a political revolution in November.

Shoot the Unemployed!

Press dispatches from Detroit state that the Seventh regiment of regulars stationed there, which was to have gone to the Philippines, has been ordered to remain there indefinitely for the reason that President Roosevelt and Secretary of War Taft "think the possibility of serious rioting in the United States is strong enough to warrant keeping the soldiers in this country." The dispatch goes on to say that "the government thinks the menace of disorder by unemployed workmen is sufficient to keep these troops at home and in readiness to deal with any situation that may arise from the large number of idle workmen who are to be found in all of the large cities." The real benefit of a large standing army is thus made quite apparent. In case the unemployed, who are hungry and suffering, make any demonstration that in the least menaces the security of capitalist misrule they must be promptly put down by the force of arms. Capitalist government in dealing with the working class knows only brutality in its methods of repression. Unemployed workmen are treated as an unmitigated nuisance, and the very least they can do is to starve to death without making any fuss about it. They have been exploited, their labor power has been converted into wealth for their masters, they are now a drag on the market, and the quicker they realize this and submit to starvation without complaint the better it will be for them. If this is the proper solution of the unemployed problem workmen should continue to vote the republican and democratic tickets so that the crop of unemployed may not fail and the standing army may justify its existence.

Circulation of the Appeal to Reason by States.

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Gray Matter and Graft.

No use blaming the rich. Of course they should be held up, examined and analyzed, so they can be understood, but you and I, under the same conditions, would do about as they are doing. There is no one to blame but you foolish voters, who don't know what the ballot could do for you. You see no relation between your franchise and your food, between your manhood and the rich man's money, between your gray matter and graft. You have never read a book on political economy and your old party masters do not want you to read one, and you wouldn't know one if you met it in the road. In fact, you old party voters are so wise that you do not even know the name of a work on political economy. You are a honey-suckle-doodler and a fat worm for the rich birds of prey. You don't read anything but the papers that the rich own and control, and you are little different from the ignorant slaves on the plantations before the war. The fact that you are white does not exempt you from the wages of ignorance. Get out into the campaign and carry banners and howl for your masters. They count you as their voting cattle and that is why they control the nation. Now get mad, and maybe it will do you good and get some action on that sluggish brain.

Roosevelt's Latest.

The messages of Roosevelt come so thick and fast it is hard to keep track of them. Fortunately it is not necessary to read them. The last is like the first and both are fac similes of the rest. In his latest Roosevelt throws a fit about "class-consciousness." The class struggle has penetrated the White house and Roosevelt is in a fury about it. He realizes that class-consciousness means that the workers are finding out the capitalists and the politicians and that the producers are making common cause against their exploiters. Naturally Roosevelt is in a rage. Class-conscious workers do not vote the republican ticket. Class-consciousness, according to Roosevelt, is an invention of satan and should be shunned as a pestilence. This applies only to slaves. Class-consciousness among capitalists is entirely proper. Only when the people who are robbed of what they produce open their eyes to this fact and make common cause against the robbers politically and economically, only then is class-consciousness a crime. In the class-consciousness of labor Roosevelt sees his doom and so does every other knavish politician and fat-headed parasite who disports himself in luxury out of the wealth stolen from the working class. It is significant that Roosevelt is compelled to issue public warning that workmen are becoming class-conscious and uniting against their enemy. This class-consciousness must have been seriously discussed in cabinet meetings before the president finally concluded to issue an executive bull against it. It is evident that the president is conscious of the class-consciousness of the working-class. He sees in it only "a foul thing" and the reason is that he sees it through the eyes of a capitalist, and it is indeed a "foul thing" to the masters to see the scales falling from the eyes of their slaves and the joining of hands all along the line to drive their capitalist exploiters from power. Roosevelt wants the American wages-slaves to stick to the old lie that "the interests of labor and capital are identical" and vote the capitalist tickets to perpetuate the capitalist government which uses all its power to keep the working class in subjection, enjoining them by its courts to suffer in silence, and having them shot dead in their tracks, when they are unemployed, by its standing army. The workers need more class-consciousness so that all of them may join the Socialist party, the only party which stands squarely for the working class and frankly avows its mission to abolish wage-slavery and make the working class the ruling class of the nation.

Is the Government Afraid?

When court convened at Ft. Scott last Monday, Assistant District Attorney West asked Judge McPherson, who had been substituted for Judge Pollock, to grant a continuance of the case against Warren until the November term of court, giving as the reason that District Attorney Bone wanted to be present when the case was called. This is the third continuance asked for by the government. To say that the spectators who thronged the court room, many of whom had traveled hundreds of miles to be present, were surprised an angry would hardly express their feelings. The citizens of Ft. Scott, irrespective of party, openly express the view that it was merely a case of a trial before a jury and the public. The government did not summons a witness, either on this occasion or last May. It may seem strange to those not familiar with federal court proceedings, that the district attorney would risk getting caught with a trial on his hands without witnesses. It is quite evident that the district attorney knew that the continuance would be granted, and therefore made no preparation for trial. Attorneys Darrow and Boyle made a vigorous protest against the continuance, but this protest was not heeded. We are just entering a campaign of tremendous importance and the administration feared the result of injecting the issues involved in this case into the political arena. No other construction can be placed on its failure to face a trial. The Appeal is content and accepts the situation gracefully. Rest assured that we will make the most of it. Next week there will be a surprise party for our friends, the enemy!

The Convention.

The greatest political convention ever held in the interest of the working class in the United States will begin its deliberations on May 10th in the City of Chicago. This convention will represent every state and territory in the union and it will be the only political convention which will adopt a platform and name national candidates wholly in the name, and for the benefit of the working class. Compared to the conventions of capitalist parties this will be a unique gathering. It will consist of both men and women, and its deliberations will be marked by the one unwavering purpose to faithfully express in political terms the economic interests of the working class. There will be no attempt on the part of the delegates to adopt a platform filled with sounding phrases to catch the votes of the ignorant. The principles of the party will be declared in unequivocal terms and the demands laid down in such manner that they can be easily understood by every person of ordinary intelligence. The Socialist party, as the party representing the working class in the political struggle on the political field, is as steadfast in its devotion to the great mass of producers as its principles are uncompromising. It aims to conquer the political power that it may transfer from private hands the means of production to the workers themselves that they may freely employ themselves without let or hindrance, thus enjoying the fruits of their labor in a Socialist commonwealth which shall be a republic in fact as well as in name. The Appeal sends greetings to the delegates assembled at Chicago. It has full faith in their ability to clearly see the important duties which lie before them, and in their fidelity to discharge those duties with equal credit to themselves and the party. It is now broadly intimated that the employers' liability act which has just passed congress as a substitute for the one recently declared unconstitutional by the supreme court will meet the same fate as its predecessor. We have not the least doubt of it. If the law has any provision which will afford any degree of protection to employees it is certainly unconstitutional and will be so declared when it reaches the capitalist supreme court. The bill was only passed as a sop to the working class, whose votes are now wanted for four years more of capitalist misgovernment and injunction rule.

Cannon's Congress.

President Roosevelt has announced his opposition to any amendment of the Sherman anti-trust law which will exempt organized labor from its operation. President Roosevelt is the friend of union labor to the extent of wanting its vote before the election that he may send out the troops to put it down after the election. When Debs wrote his article, "You Railroad Men," telling them in advance of the very fate that has overtaken them, some so-called labor papers attempted to laugh him to scorn. This was especially true of certain railroad publications. Now they can be made to see that he knew what he was talking about. Some Socialist should appoint himself to act as agent for this pamphlet in every place where there are railroad men. The title itself, "You Railroad Men" by Debs, will sell it. Gold is now going back to Europe. A few months ago a hundred million were imported, and now it is going back. Think of the idleness of hauling a lot of yellow metal back and forth across the ocean and never having any use for it at all. If we needed the gold then we still need it, for there has been no more money produced. It is simply the old game to blind the ignorant. Gold is no more needed to effect scientific exchange than so many tons of muck. It is all a gambling trick, and it works elegantly for the rich criminals who are running this nation and all other nations on earth. And still the people sleep on. Capitalist newspapers are not only howling about the paper trust, but are charging that the figures presented to congress in the reports bearing on the paper industry have been falsified through the influence of the trust. If Socialists made any such charge against government reports the same papers would be howling them down as anarchists. Let it not be understood that the capitalist papers are animated by any altruistic motive in attacking the paper trust. It is simply shark capitalism, and so far as the common people is concerned it matters not the least if the paper trust or the newspaper trust wins out. We are glad to see the capitalist papers driven to the extremity of denouncing government reports as false, and of howling about "oppression in a free country." The increasing contradictions in fully developed capitalism are furnishing object lessons which vindicate triumphantly the predictions made by Socialists years and years ago.

Censorship.

Vandeville performers are to be prohibited in Chicago from making fun of men like Rockefeller, Pierpont Morgan, Carnegie, or any of the great money-making fun-makers in the world. There is no proper fun but in making ridiculous the poorer classes of Irish, Germans, Jews, Italians and Negroes. The crueler the fun against these, the better. The upper circles enjoy it, even as their prototypes did in the seats around the circus what time the Christians were thrown to the lions. Really one is not to be blamed for asking if the ruling element in our big cities is going mad. Read of the "stunts" at the swell clubs, of the idiocies of entertaining the 400, of the revels Lampsacene in the Madison Square tower, then turn to such orders as Mayor Busse's against burlesquing the big rich, note the growth of "administrative" law in warrantless raids, searches and arrests and the sweating process, the postal censorship and mail-examination, and wonder if you live in a real republic or a democracy. Every day develop more arbitrary government, not by laws, but by men. Emergencies are invented to enable the evasion of laws that restrain the strong and protect the rights of the weak. And yet men marvel at the spread of revolutionary sentiment.—St. Louis Mirror.

Greatest Novel.

"The greatest novel ever written" is the enthusiastic way the editor of the Indiana Socialist described Walter Hurr's book, "The Scarlet Shadow," just after that famous work appeared, adding the statement that "If 'The Jungle' created a sensation, 'The Scarlet Shadow' will create a revolution." Continuing, in a review covering more than a page of his paper, Comrade Eldridge declared: "This book is the particular piece of propaganda material that the Socialist movement in America has been waiting for. There is nothing in the world's literature in which the truth is so plainly spoken in justification of a revolt of a people against oppression." He urged all the comrades to read this greatest of all campaign books and to circulate it among their working class acquaintances, adding this significant statement: "If it is properly and quickly circulated throughout the country, it will bring success to the cause of Socialism at the next election." President Roosevelt has reeled off another stereotyped message. He again froths about labor leaders, meaning Socialists of course, who attack the rich, and then proceeds himself to lampoon the rich as "marauder barons," whose sons are "fools," and whose daughters are sold as "foreign princesses." Congress should make an appropriation to provide the windmill in the White house with a muzzle.

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QUESTION BOX

Religion in the Local. To what extent should religion be discussed in the party local or in Socialist public meetings?

Socialist locals are self-governing within the limits of the party constitution, and what should or should not be done in their public or private meetings are matters for them to decide.

As a merely personal opinion, I would suggest that religion only be discussed in the party local or in Socialist public meetings to the extent that it is pertinent to Socialism, and no further.

But there are locals which are afflicted with cranks who seem to have come into the Socialist movement more for the purpose of propagating their personal ideas than for the advancement of Socialism.

It is safe to say that those who make themselves offensive in this way are less interested in Socialism than they are in themselves.

The question of unionism is more closely related to Socialism, since it bears directly on the labor movement and the class struggle.

Does the Socialist party offer a solution to the difficulties of the negro, or will it be the promoter of the white man only?

Woman and the Small Farmer. I understand that Socialism would raise the wages of workmen. I hired a man on the farm to help me, and he asked me thirty dollars a month.

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While the application of Socialism to agriculture need not interfere with the small farmer who might prefer to occupy only so much land as he could till with his own unaided labor.

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than they can get from the propertyless wage worker.

These things only prove that the small farmer is even more interested in abolishing the capitalist exploiting class than are the wage laborers.

Wheat Values and Prices. I am a wheat-raising farmer. Last year we had a bumper crop with the result that it cost us about fifty cents a bushel to raise it.

For this reason it is impossible to fix a permanent value for a bushel of wheat. Its value must always depend upon the effort necessary under the average conditions of the season to produce it.

It is true that wheat at the present time is not always sold at its true value, for there are artificial means employed by speculators that cause the price of things to vary from their value.

SOCIALISM AND THE CHURCH

BY BISHOP SPALDING.

Behind all action is thought. If the leaders of this church are to feel very strongly that they must open their minds to truth however it comes.

Behind all the movements for social uplift outside of the religious organizations, today, which I have been urging you, as your great duty, to claim for the church, is a philosophy which is as yet unappreciated by the church.

It is based upon the fact that environment has most to do with the making of the product, and that, therefore, the chief work of any organization desiring success must be to create right conditions.

To the thousands of workers for temperance or abstinence, or prohibition—it is paltry surely to quibble in the face of an awful evil as to academic distinctions of meaning, and make our own little church temperance society—it means that they must keep their bodies in temperance, soberness and chastity.

To the worker in the slums of the city it means that we must create good lodging houses, free libraries, bright reading rooms, clubs for boys and girls in which they shall be surrounded with temptations to be good.

To the physician it means that pure water to drink and pure air to breathe and good exercise must come before baptism and incense and spiritual penitence.

This is but an example of the thoughts which are surging through the minds of men outside the church—thoughts which come from the Christ, the Savior of men—thoughts which belong to us, to which we are wilfully blind if we do not take and work with and conquer by. They are all ours if we are Christ's.

You are the leader of the church into all truth. Go forth as the Bishop of Socialism and Trade-Unionism, of Communism and Prohibition, of Ethical Culture, New Thought, of Truth held by all men, at all times and in all places, and truth which was only discovered yesterday.

THE CRISIS.

BY LUCIEN SANIAL.

In the preceding chapter a rapid survey was made of the road covered by American capitalism from the year 1857, when it was still for the most part in its primary stage of extreme competition.

True, there had been a notable amount of concentration before 1880. The corporation system, which the puny capitalists of 1830 and subsequent years were in the necessity of resorting to for the building of railroads, had also been perforce applied to great undertakings in other fields of enterprise.

Again, it must be observed that while much of the concentration that existed in 1880 was exclusively the natural result of crises from overproduction, the further concentration that followed was in constantly increasing proportion the artificial product of trustification in times of prosperity.

The "revival of business" in 1880 was hailed with delight by everybody, and by no one more gratefully to God Capital than by the workingman, who himself created that idol and made it so powerful that he must reverently depend upon it for his daily bread.

But with the advent of what may be termed the "New Capitalism" (represented by the plutocratic class) as distinguished from the "Old Capitalism" (represented by the middle class), a furious battle began to rage in all the fields invaded by the combines.

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Of plutocratic prosperity throughout that period there could be no doubt. In the enlarged and constantly enlarging field of great capitalistic operations all the industries were in full bloom.

"Me and my people" is a new phrase for a president of the United States to use in a formal and official document. We do not believe that any of his predecessors ever used the expression.

and effect of such combinations were to make the necessities of life dearer to the consumers. That this class had produced so many failures could not, therefore, be a matter of wonder.

At last a crash came; the crash of 1893, suddenly hurling into the abyss of bankruptcy sixteen thousand business concerns loaded with liabilities to the amount of four hundred millions and instantly stopping the wheels of industry.

"How and why did it happen? In reply to that question I may be allowed to quote what I wrote in the early part of 1897, when the crisis had only just passed the highest point of its intensity and was most severely felt by the working class:

"The crash came unexpectedly in the midst of unparalleled capitalistic prosperity and at a time when the material elements of further advance were so abundant as to apparently preclude the possibility of a break-down of the business machine.

"There was, however, a dark spot in this delectable picture of economic solidity and plutocratic serenity."

"This was, as I then explained, the 'populist' farming class movement with its silver money question, supplemented by various demands, such as the nationalization of the railroads, anti-trust laws, and the establishment of sub-treasuries connected with national warehouses in which the farmers might store their produce until they could sell it to advantage, receiving thereon in the meantime advances of money at a low rate of interest."

"Of course we do not charge, as some imaginative populists have done, that the crisis was the result of a secret conspiracy between the money lenders—a conspiracy of the money power."

Senator Tillman is chairman of a committee on the five civilized tribes of Indians, another ornamental body. R. R. Tillman, Jr., is clerk of this committee at a salary of \$2,320.

These figures alone conclusively show the financial solidity already when attained by the plutocracy. They show that, Jupiter-like, it could wield the lightning without being struck by it.

"Me and my people" is a new phrase for a president of the United States to use in a formal and official document. We do not believe that any of his predecessors ever used the expression.

WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENCE

BY FRANKLIN FREEMAN, Staff Correspondent, Appeal to Reason.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 30, 1908.—The United States senate has 92 members, 74 of whom are lawyers. Perkins, of California, is a banker and capitalist; Bulkeley, of Connecticut, is a banker and president of an insurance company; Platt, of New York, is a banker and president of the United States Express company; Smoot, of Utah, is a banker and manufacturer; Stephenson, of Wisconsin, is a banker and lumberman; Scott, of West Virginia, is a banker and manufacturer; and Anthony, of Washington, is a banker without any side issues, having a total of twenty-one banks on his string.

Bankhead, of Alabama, is a farmer, as is Tillman, of South Carolina. Tillman's colleague, Mr. Latimer, recently deceased, was also a farmer. DuPont, of Delaware, is the head of the powder trust; his colleague, Mr. Richardson, is a wealthy manufacturer of the industrial type, the owner of a large canning industry. Everybody knows that Guggenheim, of Colorado, is a wealthy mine owner and one of the leading spirits of the smelter trust; Crane, of Massachusetts, is a millionaire paper manufacturer, who has a monopoly in the business of furnishing the government with the paper on which bank notes and bonds are printed.

With very few exceptions the lawyers in the senate are corporation hirelings. Politics is their business, just as making powder is the business of Senator DuPont. On occasion these lawyer-senators prate loudly of patriotism and the public good, and this sort of buncombe has become such a matter of habit with them that it is possible they really believe themselves honest.

The working class has no representation in congress. The prerogative of the chairman of each committee of the senate to appoint a clerk and messenger for his committee. This has led to the creation of a great many merely ornamental committees—committees that do no work and never hold any meetings—in the effort to give each senator a chairmanship, thus enabling all to place their personal heifers, favorites, or relatives on the payroll of the senate so that they may draw fat salaries from the government for the performance of merely perfunctory service, or in many cases no service at all.

Any effort to confuse the public by connecting Socialism and anarchy will fail. The movement is making great headway in this country; the middle class, from a sense of justice, and the most intelligent of the working class, from necessity, are flocking to its standard by the thousands.

I wish again to urge readers of the Appeal to write short paragraphs similar to the above and send them to the daily and weekly papers for which they subscribe. Most any editor will print such items from his readers. Avoid long essays, and use a typewriter where convenient.

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senate of the United States is one that might reasonably be expected from a body of aldermen in a city like Chicago or New York. It simply goes to prove that capitalist politicians are all tarred with the same stick, and that public office is a private snap for senators as well as for the cheaper and less dignified grade of politicians.

SOCIALISTS AT WORK

Almost unknown to the world outside of Labor a movement wide as the universe grows and prospers. Its vitality is incredible and its humanitarian ideals come to those who labor as drink to parched throats.

Its converts work in every city, town and hamlet in the industrial nations, spreading the new gospel among the poor and lowly who listen to their words with religious intensity. Tired workmen pore over the literature which these missionaries leave behind them, and fall to sleep over open pages; and the youth, inspired by its lofty ideals and elevated thought, leave the factory with joyous anticipation to read through the night. Its influence reaches throughout all society, and here and there those of the faith are at work in science, literature and art, in churches and colleges. Millions are already embraced in its organization and other millions begin to awaken.

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Now Get Busy. A correspondent who signs himself "A Socialist Workingman," writes the following to the editor of the St. Louis Republic:

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EUROPEAN NOTES

BY NICHOLAS KLEIN.

COUNT LEO TOLSTOY is dangerously ill at his home in Yasnya Polyana, Russia.

In violation of the treaty of Berlin the Roumanian government has expelled 10,000 Jews for no other reason than that they were not Christians.

Because Count Andrassy, of the Hungarian cabinet, tried to suppress trade unions in Budapest, the Socialists replied to him by holding forty protest meetings in one day.

Up to a few weeks ago we scarcely heard of Greece in the labor movement of the world. Now this ancient land of learning reports that many Socialist organizations are forming.

The nurse in the palace of Russia's premier, Stolypin, has been sentenced to a term in prison because she was found to have revolutionary papers among her personal effects.

An attempt was recently made to take the life of our popular comrade, Fernerstorfer, member of the Austrian parliament. The attempt it seems was made by a madman, and it would now be in line to make special laws against the bourgeois parties to protect the Socialists.

The Socialists of Portugal want it understood that the present strife is the work of the middle class and the office-seekers.

This book by John Spargo, to be published early in April, will be the propaganda book of the campaign year. It is as the form of general letters, as simple and readable as "Merrie England," but a great deal more scientific.

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APPEAL TO REASON, GIRARD, KANSAS

What Socialism Proposes.

Socialism will not take your farm or shop from you. Somebody must work your farm and shop if they are worth anything to anyone...

More Loans.

It is not proper to speak of "Uncle Joe" as a speaker of the house. It is more exact to say, house of the speaker.

Learning has made wonderful progress in late years: the capitalists have learned to live without working, and the workers have learned to labor without living.

Garrison's Reply.

I have frequently quoted William Lloyd Garrison in these columns because the things he said so aptly fit the people's case.

But the Liberator uses very harsh language, and calls a great many bad names, and is very personal and abusive.

No words are too harsh and no sentiments too radical when applied to the insufferable crime of human slavery.

Deceiving Yourself!

You know as well as I that there is something wrong in this country. You talk about it to your fellow-republicans and democrats in every little group of you that meet.

Your political leaders have no remedy and suggest none, but still ask you to keep them in office.

"You Railroad Men!"

Two years ago Eugene V. Debs wrote two articles for this paper, addressed to railway employes.

One of two of the editors of railway employes' organs took particular pains to show their contempt for these articles at the time they appeared.

We want the readers of the Appeal to put this pamphlet in the hands of every railroad man in the country.

If the Socialist movement did not loom big with promise, and did not its wondrous seven-headed arch in glory the lowering thunder-belted clouds that have long hung like a pall and a gloom over the race of men...

Malcontents of great wealth.

Malcontents of great wealth.—President Roosevelt. Fagin's den of thieves.—W. J. Bryan.

These are a collection of typical attacks on Wall street and the stock exchange. The list could be lengthened indefinitely by quotations of similar import from the Congressional Record.

Everybody in this vote-getting year is taking a fling at Wall street. It has become the popular, the fashionable thing to do.

And so the war of words goes on. So extreme has the language of denunciation become that language is losing its original meaning.

Senatorial Dignity.

We have heard much about senatorial dignity and we confess having laughed about it, but in Washington, at the capitol, it is a stern reality and strictly observed.

In referring to this case of Senator Proctor we have no desire to speak ill of the dead, but we cannot shirk our duty to the living.

It is putting it very mildly to say that no honest man, entirely aside from the question of senatorial dignity, would stand in such a position as that in which Senator Redfield Proctor stood.

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Forgotten Prediction.

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"Cozrade-seel, we see and hear Far beyond the mists unclear Of the dark world's doubt and fear."

HOW MANY? The convention number of the Appeal will be ready within six hours after the national convention closes its deliberations.

In this number the most active workers in the Appeal Army will tell why they are going to vote the Socialist ticket, and this in itself will make a strong and interesting feature.

William E. Curtis has another screed in the Chicago Record-Herald about Taft and the A. R. U. strike, adding the testimony of Taft's private secretary to the effect that Phelan, whom Taft sent to strike, asked him to do something for the strike sufferers.

Judge Taft's "Delicacy."

The point is that Phelan was claimed in the original Curtis letter to have repented his part in the Pullman strike, and have renounced the A. R. U. and, in effect, to have expressed his gratitude to Taft for having sent him to jail and broken up the strike.

But that is not the point at issue. The question is, did Phelan express his gratitude to Taft for putting him in jail and breaking up the A. R. U. strike, and acclaim Taft the "great friend of labor"?

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Dual Decisions.

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Marshall Field, Tax Dodger.

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Here then was an honest man, a shining example to the youth of the nation, and all the big dailies in which Mr. Field had so freely advertised printed extended panegyrics bearing glowing testimony to the virtues of the dead merchant, and these were copied and commented on in every part of the country.

Mr. Field, being extremely wealthy, did not need to perpetrate these frauds and thus perjure himself, but only did so because under his standard of ethics as the model American merchant that was the way, or one of the ways, to save money and accumulate a fortune.

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Roosevelt and the Night Riders.

The "Night Riders" of Kentucky continue with unabated zeal in their destruction of life and property. Men are nightly dragged from their homes and brutally beaten, their families outraged, and their possessions destroyed.

President Roosevelt knows all about these outrages. He understands that gross violations of the law are a daily occurrence; that thousands of men, women and children are terror-stricken, knowing that both life and property are in jeopardy.

But has the president raised his voice in protest? Has he denounced these crimes and their perpetrators? Has he said one word in condemnation of these outrages?

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Laughter and Digestion.

The relation of laughter to digestion is a subject treated in entertaining fashion by a writer in Success Magazine, who argues that serenity of mind is necessary to normal digestion.

Which simply means that the mind is the governor of the human machine and that the organs and functions of the body respond sympathetically to the moods and whims of the mind.

But this will not help the many helpless mortals who in the stress of hard times have nothing to laugh about and nothing for digestion to act upon.

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When Roosevelt named Taft to succeed him, as a means of re-electing himself, he sent Taft forth to beat the bushes for the nomination, and the big secretary has been at it ever since.

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