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The Appeal during these four years printed and distributed enough to furnish a copy to every man, woman and child in the United States.

It has taken a great many quarters to pay this enormous postage, together with the paper bills, amounting to \$150,000 more, and the ink and labor bills and incidentals. To be exact, it has taken 2,472,478 quarters to meet these great expenses without which this record would have remained unwritten.

One-half of this amount came in subscriptions, the remaining half in advertising, book sales and job printing.

And all this was done by the persistent, untiring, self-sacrificing work of some fifty thousand men and women, who constitute the Grand Army of the Appeal and are located in every state and county of the union.

The work and patience and perseverance required to gather in these two million and a half of quarters which have enabled the Appeal to carry on its educational campaign can scarcely be imagined.

Never was there a grander army enlisted in any cause since time began. It is not an army equipped with murderous weapons; its mission is not to shed human blood and achieve what is called glory on the field of butchery. No, it is not an army of destruction and death, but an army of peace and good will; an army of comrades who are keeping step to the same inspiring drum-beats and whose hearts are attuned to the diviner day when all men shall be comrades and when war shall curse this earth no more.

This is the Grand Army which has made the Appeal and without which it could never have grown to its present proportions, had it survived at all.

But the Army has not yet completed its work, nor may it yet furl its standard and retire from the field. Far from it. The real work of the Appeal has but fairly begun. The strength it now has is not only needed day by day to meet the demands of the Socialist movement, but still greater strength that it may be equipped for the days that are yet to come when the Appeal is to be tried as to its capacity and endurance as it has never been tried before.

Comrades of the Appeal Army, we send you greeting and salutation! Four years of heroic effort are embodied in the report herewith presented. Four years of struggle and self-denial; four years of tireless energy and unconquerable determination.

What has been done in the past is but an earnest of what can and must be done in the future. Let us begin here and now to make the coming four years transcend incomparably in glory the four years just closed.

Let us make 1909 the banner year of the Appeal's conquering career. Let each succeeding month show increasing strength and expanding circulation. Let each day be made to count.

If but a few put in their best efforts the hoped-for results will not be achieved. But if the entire army gets down to action from now on there will be no flicker in the returns and no doubt as to the result.

The coming "Liberty Edition," which will be the most brilliant and convincing propaganda number ever issued, is now announced and this will give us an opportunity to set the pace for the coming year.

Let us all put forth our supreme efforts and set a new mark on the circulation thermometer of the world.

Let all Socialists, all union men and all who do not believe in extradating the refugees, write a personal letter to their congressmen, asking them to work against extradition of political refugees. Flood the congressmen with these letters and they will begin to take notice and something will be done. See to this at once.

**UNDER Socialism there would be no worry about losing the job.**

UNDER Socialism there would be no strikes, boycotts or lockouts.

TAXES are levied to pay the officials and the officials are elected to levy the taxes. That's easy.

UNDER Socialism there would be no tracking of the malcontents to other countries in order to suppress free speech.

SOCIALISM will give us an America owned and controlled by the producers instead of a country that a few own and still fewer control.

SOCIALISM will make it such that young people may safely marry and have children, without fear of bringing the little ones up into grinding poverty.

UNDER Socialism there would be no quarrels with foreign nations over trade matters, since the brotherhood of all would make the interest of one the interest of all.

If a "hand" gets sick, another is put in his place. But if a mule gets sick a doctor is at once sent for. Mules have more value to employers than men. Men are plentiful and mules are not.

The Liberty edition is now in course of preparation and the expectation is that it will be the greatest ever issued from the Appeal press. Help us to carpet the continent with this eye-opening number.

Yot get the use of every public building without rent but you pay a rent on every building erected for private use. It is all charged in the price of the goods you buy. Will you never get onto the game?

TWENTY years ago there was not a book or pamphlet in this country costing less than \$2 teaching Socialism. Now there are more than 1,000 different books and pamphlets at prices from one cent up. That is going some, isn't it?

SOCIALISM is being discussed more and more in spite of all efforts to keep it in the background. It is advancing with irresistible force and makes as much progress through the opposition of its enemies as it does through the support of its friends.

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL reports that at the beginning of 1909 there were 11,000 idle freight cars in the United States. As the Journal cites this as proof that the depression is not fully over, the Appeal need not stand sponsor for the conclusion.

It costs a heap o' money out of the public treasuries to watch and prosecute the owners of privately owned industries to prevent them from adulterating, cheating and corrupting public officials, so they can make more profits. Why not own and operate the industries publicly, save all this, and have products at much less cost?

Cotton's Weekly, published at Cowansville, Quebec, Canada, is one of the cleanest Socialist propaganda papers that there is in America. The editor, William U. Cotton, was converted to the cause by the One Hoss about a year ago, and gives promise of becoming a power in the revolution, possessing talent, wealth, youth and enthusiasm. The weekly is an eight-page paper, \$1.00 per year in Canada, \$1.50 in the United States. You want to keep your eye on Cotton's Weekly.

The motto of the Buck's Stove & Range Co. is "The Peace Makers" and this appears on their letter heads and other literature. We feel warranted in presuming that this is not intended as a joke. Van Cleave's Buck concern makes peace as well as stoves, the kind of peace that passes understanding. That these bucks believe in peace, there can be no doubt, but the price of their peace is far too great for any self-respecting workman to pay. The peace that is based upon wage-slavery and prevails at the expense of self-respect is far too dear at any price. The time will come when there will be peace which will blossom as the flower of freedom, but that will be when Buck's is in the dim and distant past and when the workers are their own masters and enjoy the fruit of their own labor.

PROF. THOMAS H. HUXLEY, the celebrated English philosopher and naturalist, said: "When a given social order plainly makes for evil, and not for good, men naturally enough begin to think it high time to try a freest experiment." It is upon this principle that the Socialist movement came into existence. If capitalism, the prevailing system, were making for good instead of evil, Socialism would never have been dreamed of. It is because capitalism is fruitful of such widespread evil in the way of poverty, ignorance and degradation, and because of its tendency toward social ruin and desolation that Socialism has come into existence and in good time Socialism is bound to supersede capitalism and reorganize society in accordance with present economic conditions so that society may make for good instead of evil. And this change will come as soon as the people are sufficiently educated to understand its inevitability and prepare the way for its reception.

**LABOR AND COURT DECISIONS**

If the courts were to refuse to decide for the employers and against the workers in their struggle over the division of the products of labor, the capitalist system would fall. Look the matter fairly in the face. Suppose that the courts were to hold that the workers had a right to regulate their own wages, and could use organized pressure to prevent the employers from hiring other workers. Can you not see that the workers would demand more and more until the employers would have no interest in operating the plants?

Just as the employers are never satisfied with the profits, but always strive to make larger additions to their fortune, so the workers would never be satisfied but would demand more and more wages.

I never had an employee who didn't want more income if he could get it, and if I had such I would consider him a fool.

To prevent this condition from arising the employers must have control of the law-making powers and the courts. Without them they would be helpless. Hence they have a common interest and make common cause for their property rights. They go into politics and employing the most astute editors, lawyers, preachers and politicians to befuddle the voters. If they could not control the political and judicial power they would be ruined.

The Socialists are doing their best to awaken the working class to the real situation. They should use their votes to capture the political power, and then make the laws in their own interest instead of having them made in the interest of the employers. They outnumber the employers many to one, but the employers are smarter and deceive them into using their voting power against themselves.

As long as the employers control the legislators, courts and executive officers, they will be used by them in their own interest. That is natural and should not be objected to. When once the working class elect their own representatives to make, interpret and execute the laws, why of course they will do so in their own interest.

The employing class never consults the working class about what laws it desires, and neither should nor would the working class consult the employing class about what laws it desired. Employers never elect workers to membership in their secret councils, nor do workers elect employers to membership in their secret councils. Then why should labor elect the partisans of the employers to political office, where they have far more power than if they were but members of a labor organization?

**THE NAVY OR PRISON.**

Many of you have read Lew Wallace's great work, "Ben Hur." It gives the best idea of the Roman civilization at the time of Christ that has ever been put into English. In it he shows how the powers that controlled then filled their navy—by arresting men for being poor or for any excuse, and sentencing them to the galleys for life, when they were short of motive power to man their ships of war or commerce. Judge, Sanders of Cincinnati has evidently read the work, for he sentenced three poor, homeless boys to the navy—giving them, according to dispatches, the alternative of enlisting or prison. Humanity is about the same now as in the bloody, brutal days of barbarism. The United States is traveling the same road as Rome. And you poor people still vote to have this continue! Men, wake up! Tyranny is creeping cautiously upon you. Your children will find conditions worse than you now find them.

**YOUR ESTIMATE OF LIFE.**

What do you want in this old world, anyway? Is it work, work, work, and a little to eat and wear, and to see others who work not live in the palaces, dress in the finest your skill has woven, and slide around the earth in palace cars, yachts and mobiles? Is that what satisfies your degraded idea of life and its purposes? If so, you certainly should feel felicitous. You are getting these things with a vengeance. You are the hewers of wood and drawers of water, as were your ancestors, to ancient potentates and kings. They were so degraded they thought it was right, and you are just like them, if you are satisfied with the present arrangement of society. Shame on your dull, slave-like minds.

**THE BIG THIEVES.**

Several years ago there was a great sensation when it was discovered that the packing plants and other big business enterprises in Chicago had secret water mains running into their plants and had stolen several million dollars' worth of water from the city. Did you ever read about one of them being punished? Not on your life. Some direful things were going to happen to these big thieves—but they didn't happen. The little thieves, forced by hunger to steal—they are punished, all right; but the kings can do no wrong. The people soon forget and the cases are thrown out of court. And you keep on voting to have this condition!

**ROBERT BACON, assistant secretary of state, is to review and pass upon the Rudowitz case which Commissioner Foote, of Chicago, decided against the peasant refugee.**

ROBERT BACON is partner of John Pierpont Morgan and his financial and political affiliations are such as to make it clear enough as to where he stands. It is well known that the Morgan company is a large holder of and dealer in Russian bonds and other securities. The question of expediency may have some influence in the disposition of the case. In any event the protest against the extradition of Rudowitz should be continued and emphasized all over the country.

"MOTHER" JONES forwarded a letter to the headquarters of the Western Federation of Miners last week, containing a check for \$300.00 to be used in behalf of the Mexican prisoners. "Mother" Jones raised the money among the coal miners of Illinois. If the labor movement of America contained more of such grand and noble characters as "Mother" Jones, liberty would not be trembling upon its blood-bought throne.—Miner's Magazine.

A PRESS dispatch from Boston announces the fact that Thomas W. Lawson has quit his country home, and with members of his family and his hosts of servants has taken up his residence in the city. Thomas has not yet disclosed that wonderful plan of social salvation which he has so long been promising the American people. Thomas knows a thing or two about the game himself and it is hinted that he even knows that a sucker is born every minute.

It is announced that the trust is clamoring for a duty of five cents per pound on coffee. Knowing that the government does as the trusts command, this trust, it is reported, has already imported millions of pounds of coffee to the United States. When the duty is assessed this will be safe, but the price can be raised just the same, and the trust will stand to "make" millions out of the sweat of the American people. The game is easy as can be, when you have the cards stacked.

JUDGE WRIGHT who rendered the decision against Gompers said recently in an interview that the time had come to teach labor a lesson. Labor doubtless is in need of lessons and even this one will not be in vain. When labor has learned its lessons it will in turn teach such judicial gallinippers as Judge Wright the lesson he needs to learn. When labor wakes up and stands united in its economic and political power corporation judges will be very small potatoes.

THE march of science is clearing away the fogs and superstitions in which the people have so long been groping. The science of right living will one day have first place in the list. "Science, when she has accomplished all her triumphs in her order, will still have to go back, when the time comes, to assist in building up a new creed by which man can live," says John Morley the English historian and publicist. Man has yet to learn how to live. Up to this time it has been merely a struggle against death.

THOMAS HUXLEY had a scientific mind of extraordinary clearness and penetration and he advised the proper mental attitude in relation to the study and investigation of facts when he said: "Sit down before a fact as a little child, be prepared to give up every preconceived notion, follow humbly wherever and to whatever abysses nature leads, or you shall learn nothing." This requires a high order of mental courage and moral integrity and he who lacks in these qualities will never know the truth that shall wake him free.

WHEN the Appeal stated six months ago that Roosevelt gave his personal sanction to the absorption of the Tennessee Coal and Iron company, by the steel trust, some of our readers wrote protesting against traducing the president's character by such insinuation. Now listen: "As to the transaction in question (absorption of Tennessee Coal Co., by trust) I was personally cognizant of and responsible for every detail." That is Roosevelt's message to congress, January 5th. The Appeal's sources of information are accurate and they reach up next to the throne. "If you see it in the Appeal, it's so."

CURRENT events, however tragic side in abundance, but often a dash of comedy injected which adds to the enjoyment of the hell to which the capitalists are trying to send the workers eternally. The government is trying to find evidence against the packers of Chicago so that it may make a showing of doing something for the people, and to secure this evidence is employing its secret police. On the other hand, the packers, not wishing to be caught and exposed lest it hurt their business for a time, are employing private sleuths to shadow the government prosecutors and the secret service men. Imagine what a fine comedy drama might be written embodying the farcical prosecutions and the work of the secret service on both sides as well! Capitalism is ridiculous all around, and never more so than when it pretends to be in sober earnest.

**MOYER TURNED AWAY.**

The report comes from Washington that the supreme court of the United States has decided against President Moyer of the Western Federation of Miners in the damage suit brought by him against the Peabody administration of Colorado for false imprisonment. Thus goes another decision on record against the working class.

The record is uniform throughout. Every vital point decided by this august tribunal has been in the interest of the capitalist class and against the working class. The decision against Moyer was therefore not a surprise. Indeed, it was a foregone conclusion that he would be turned away with empty hands.

Had he been a capitalist it would have been different. Indeed, had he been a capitalist he would not have been imprisoned in the first place.

The outrageous incarceration of President Moyer is still fresh in the memory of the workers, at least those who keep track of events in the class war and who have any proper appreciation of a leader who loyally serves them. Moyer was not only thrust into a bull-pen and kept there for months without warrant of law, but was refused habeas corpus, treated to every indignity and even threatened with assassination by the military satraps who had him in custody.

The world will never know what cruel outrages Charles H. Moyer suffered during the reign of military despotism which prevailed under the Peabody administration when the Mine Owners' association owned and controlled the state militia and the state government consisted of a lot of spineless lackeys whose sole conception of public office was to do the bidding of the corporate brigands who had possession of the state and were riding rough-shod over the people.

If Charles H. Moyer was entitled to no damages for false and malicious imprisonment, no man ever was in all the history of the race. But of course he is only a labor agitator, a disturber of the peace, an "undesirable citizen," and as such is offensive to the capitalist pirates who threw him into the bull-pen, and so it is not to be expected that any damages would be awarded to him by the supreme court which is but the judicial adjunct of the capitalist powers now in control of every department of government.

But even this decision has its compensations. It will add its weight of testimony to the working class indictment of capitalism which in due time will be called for trial. Every such decision will ultimately prove to have been a blow to wage-slavery and to have contributed materially to its overthrow.

**HATTERS ON STRIKE.**

There is open war between the hat manufacturers and the hat makers. Both sides are organized. The manufacturers declare that from this time forward the label must be dropped, while the hatters insist that it shall continue in use. At a recent meeting of the Hat Manufacturers' association it was decided to fight the issue to the bitter end. In an interview one of the manufacturers said that no quarters would be asked, or granted, that hereafter the manufacturers proposed to run open shops, discard the label and run their affairs to suit themselves.

It now remains to be seen which of these two organized forces has the better staying qualities. Certain it is that there is not much of the brotherly spirit shown here between capital and labor that is on tap at civic federation banquets and that is the stock in trade of certain capitalists and certain labor leaders.

There is between the hat manufacturers and the hat workers grim war. Their true relation toward each other is here clearly revealed. They are antagonistic forces and one or the other must give way. Time will tell which is to win the day.

The hat workers are all united in battle array against the manufacturers. Did they approach the polls and vote that way at the late election?

**"DIVIDING UP" WITH BOSS.**

The other day some employers were discussing how much they would share with their employes. How would it sound to have a meeting of the men and women who produce all the products and discuss how much, if any, of the products they would share with their bosses? If the people who produce things should not have the right to say what share anybody should have, who should? But it sounds funny, doesn't it, that work people should have anything to say about what shall be done with their products?

**WHERE DO YOU COME IN?**

Your rulers are quite anxious to benefit you, by taxing you to build a Panama canal, when you have no ships, and to build great stone roads for the benefit of automobilists. Always for your especial benefit! But they are not willing to spend money to build railroads at home to protect you against the extortion of the railroad magnates! Not on your life. And you are such easy marks that you believe the men you elect to make laws really think of your benefit!

**Liberty Edition--Feb. 20, No. 690**

The time is opportune for Reason and such an issue has under way to make this issue of the people.

Events of intense interest stage. Each of these is a sign that the day of freedom is dawning.

All the powers of capital are being strained to prolong its reign, but the very strain exposes its weakness and each renewed attempt to tighten its grip reveals more clearly its inner workings and as a consequence opens the eyes of the people to its iniquities.

A few of the important passing events are:—

The attempt of the federal authorities to placate the Russian czar and Mexican dictator by handing over to these bloody tyrants the patriotic refugees who have sought asylum beneath the stars and stripes.

The decision of the supreme court absolving Edward Harriman, the railroad king, from answering the questions of the interstate commerce commission in regard to his swindling railroad operations.

The conviction and sentence without trial by a jury of the officials of the American Federation of Labor for making public the names of the capitalists with whom that organization is at war.

The extension by President Roosevelt of the secret service, without warrant of law, until it now embraces an army of thousands engaged in a spying system, more or less personal in its nature, as odious and tyrannical as that which curses blackest Russia.

These and other vital topics will be discussed in the forthcoming "Liberty Edition" from the Socialist point of view and in addition to this the principles of international Socialism will be set forth in a series of brief, clear and pointed articles which will make this number a thoroughly live one and specially calculated to appeal to and open the eyes of the men and women who read and think.

Neither labor nor expense will be spared in making the "Liberty Edition" the greatest of its kind ever issued. Its voice will be that of the rising working class and its message as vitalizing as the burning truth can make it.

The Liberty Edition! That is what it will be in fact as in name. It will plead the cause of the oppressed and point the way to victory.

All the mighty energies of the Appeal and its army of workers must be aroused for the stupendous task of making this "Liberty Edition" the greatest ever issued. The Appeal already holds the world's record for the largest single edition and it now believes the time opportune and all the conditions favorable to eclipse its previous achievement and establish a new record as a beacon light for the New Year.

The "Liberty Edition" will be the breath of the coming Revolution.

The Grand Army of the Appeal will unite in making it ring like an International Liberty Bell all around the World.

Let the preliminary preparations be made by all our workers everywhere to order the "Liberty Edition" for a thorough and systematic distribution in every village, hamlet and city, and every country district in the nation.

It is declared that the inauguration of Taft will witness the greatest military pageant of history. Great as it will be, the hunger marchers of the United States, if all brought together, would lay it in the shade.

T. H. BUNCH was recently fined \$15,000 for accepting rebates from the Iron Mountain railroad. When the Standard Oil company was fined \$20,000,000 for this offence, it was freed by contemptible courts, but Bunch, not being so rich, may have to ante up.

If Roosevelt was going to serve a few years longer, it might be the suggestion that the president's salary be doubled would influence him to let up on congress, but as it is, the stick is too short. The thing for congress to do is to set sleuths on the track of Roosevelt.

SOCIALISM will not dictate what a man shall eat, wear or how he shall live, but capitalism does. It prescribes what is in "vogue" in wearing apparel, it makes it so the laborer can afford only the leavings at his table, and it compels a majority of people to live in rented houses and pay others for the privilege.

MANY people oppose Socialism because of what it is not. The little they know about it is not true. If they would only take the time to examine it for themselves they would not be deceived by designing persons who are interested in keeping them in darkness or by those who are as ignorant and prejudiced as themselves.

WM. D. HAYWOOD is now arranging for an extended agitation tour on the Pacific slope. His meetings will all be largely attended and the results will be fruitful of great good to the movement. The big miner has developed immense power as a labor orator and he will drive the points home to his audiences all along the coast.

In West Virginia alone 965 miners have been killed since March 6, 1900. Almost a thousand lives sacrificed because they are so cheap under the present system. If the capitalists had to go down into the mines and stay there ten or twelve hours a day it would not be long before all of the mysteries in regard to mine explosions would be cleared up and mining would be as safe as measuring ribbons behind a counter.

THE race question is, after all, an economic question. The so-called "yellow peril" is only a fear that someone else will get your jobs. The hatred of the negro is based on the fear of black competition in the labor market, coupled with a prejudice born of ages of exploitation. When conditions become such that each man can control his own destiny and there is no fear of losing one's job, as they will be under Socialism, then racial problems will become so simple of solution that they will disappear of themselves.

ACCORDING to a report issued by the police commissioner of New York, last year there were arrested in the nation's metropolis 244,822 persons, and only 104,994 of these were convicted. In other words, 100,000 innocents were stigmatized as possible criminals by being arrested. And why? In order to maintain the unnatural system of capitalism, and to prevent the holdings of the rich being taken, by intimidating the poor; for it is safe to say that among the innocents arrested there was not one rich man. Even the reputation of the poor man deserves no consideration under this system.

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# GOVERNMENT BY MURDER

## How Diaz Became Dictator of Mexico and Suppressed the Voice of the People, and How the American Press Upholds Him.

STATE Correspondent Appeal to Reason.

THROUGH underground sources of information, which the Mexican government is ever alert to suppress, American newspaper men residing in the City of Mexico every once in a while, perhaps two or three times a year, come into possession of vague and indefinite rumors relative to the wholesale butchery of "bandits" in distant mountain retreats or obscure settlements by rurales and regular soldiers. If inquiry is made at the office of the secretary of war, or any departmental office of the government, by a newspaper writer for information confirmative of the rumors, answer is made that no butchery occurred, and that the rumors were originated by revolutionary enemies of the government. If the government agent is given to understand that the inquirer knows whereof he speaks admission of the killings is made, with the explanation, however, that the persons killed were "robbers," "bandits" and "Indians."

No reference to these killings is made by any newspaper published in the country. The massacres may have taken place in or near some large town where flourish a daily and several weekly papers, but about the awful bloody tragedy that the soldiers of the government have perpetrated not one word is printed. Occasionally a meager and unsatisfactory news article is smuggled across the line to some paper in the United States telling of the massacres, but its publication here in a garbled form causes little comment, and the incident is speedily forgotten.

In his interview with James Creelman, in Pearson's Magazine last year, Porfirio Diaz freely admitted that occasionally the government found it necessary to be "firm" with certain persons, and that to save the shedding of "good" blood, the soldiers were directed to use their sabers and rifles in the shedding of "bad" blood. There was no reservation in this admission by Diaz, and Creelman wrote it down as one of the necessary commendable features of the dictatorship. The persons killed, said Diaz, were "robbers" and "bandits" and their death was necessary for the preservation of Mexican liberty.

**Shoot While Hot.**

Every man, woman and child in Mexico knows the meaning and lives in mortal terror of becoming a victim of the terrible order, "mateles en caliente," meaning thereby "shoot while hot," or "shoot at once." This order, with "ley fuga," or "scatter out" law, is of Diaz origin, and when it is pronounced the myriads load their rifles and make ready their sabers in anticipation of carnage. So many persons have been massacred and so much blood has been shed in Mexico at the instance of Diaz during the last twenty years that, though no people are more fruitful of progeny than the Mexicans, and but few pestilences have visited the country, yet the population has not only remained stationary in point of numbers, but it has actually fallen off. And this in spite of the fact that immigration into Mexico has been large. Perhaps no nation in history can point to as many wholesale butcheries of its citizens authorized by its national leader as can Mexico since the accession of Diaz to power. The record is horrible and reads like a devil's dream.

**Orgies of the "Flat Nose."**

Porfirio Diaz's savage mutilation of his brother "Chato" Diaz's nose by a gunpowder explosion, when the two were very small boys, was prompted by revenge. "Chato" had stolen some marbles belonging to Porfirio and that young rascal retaliated by tearing his brother's nose to shreds by filling it full of gunpowder and applying a match. The brothers must have made up, however, for the first official act of Porfirio after seizing the presidency was the appointment of "Chato" to the governorship of Oaxaca. "Chato" possessed the cruelty of Porfirio, and, in addition, he was the most licentious man in Mexico. His specialty was petty girls of a tender age. Any parent or relative who objected to his treatment of their female children was summarily shot. It is said that the monster would take a female child into his bed room, force her to drink pulque until she was blind drunk, after which he outraged her, and would up the debauch by falling across her senseless body dead drunk himself. His orgies are remembered with horror by old residents of the state of Oaxaca, and his cruelty is illustrated by the following incident: One day a friend presented him with a new rifle. Wishing to test the weapon he stepped out onto the veranda of the palace. Observing an old woman hobbling wearily half way across the plaza he took deliberate aim, fired, and as the woman fell dead in her tracks he announced that he was well satisfied with the shooting properties of the gun.

Among his many unjust decrees was the imposition of a heavy tax upon the people in his jurisdiction. In the city of Juchitan, near the west coast of Mexico, the imposition of this tax, together with his personal brutal excesses, provoked the people to uncontrollable wrath, and one day during a visit to the city the governor was slain. At first Porfirio Diaz wisely hid his anger, though deeply feeling his brother's death. Six months later, pretending that the boundary line between Guatemala and Mexico needed guarding, four thousand soldiers under the command of an officer, who carried sealed orders, entered Juchitan. Several days after the arrival of the troops the military band gave a concert in the big plaza, to which the citizens and their families came to listen to the music.

**Massacre of Juchitan.**

"It was about six o'clock that the band started playing," said an old Mexican, in narrating the event, "and the big plaza began to fill up with men, women and children in holiday attire. The hours wore on and the music grew sweeter and sweeter. All was light and color and motion and joy. About nine o'clock the musicians were seen to vacate their places and leave the plaza. Suddenly a shrill voice of command rang out, and an instant later, in a blaze of fire that fringed the house-tops surrounding the plaza, thousands of rifles, in terrible volleys, poured forth a rain of lead into the crowds of defenseless and affrighted people. Men, women and children, shot through and through, with blood streaming from their bodies, fell to the earth by the hundreds. The panic was indescribable. Fathers caught their children and with their bodies tried to shield them from that remorseless hail of lead. Others fought their way through the crowds and tried to escape at the street corners or through the doors and windows of buildings. They were met by the savage soldiery and bayoneted or sabered. Escape was impossible, and all the unfortunate people could do was to submit to the butchery.

"Half an hour after the first volley the soldiers withdrew, leaving fifteen hundred dead in the plaza and as many more desperately wounded, the majority of whom died later from their injuries. The following day surviving relatives, men and women, were compelled by the soldiers to haul cord-wood to the plaza, where a pyramid of human bodies and sticks of wood was erected. Highly inflammable materials were interspersed in the mass, and on the evening of the second day a huge bonfire was lighted.

This was Porfirio Diaz's avenging answer to his brother's death. It was the first great massacre of his reign, and occurred in his second term, in 1878. There were few telegraph lines in the country those days and news of the holocaust was carried slowly from the scene of its occurrence. Gradually, however, particulars of the affair reached Mexico City, Vera Cruz and other places. The indignation of the people was boundless, and the services of the soldiers were frequently necessary to crush revolts. In less than a year after the massacre of Juchitan, it is said, in various towns and cities of Mexico as a result of the peoples' protest against the outrage more than ten thousand persons were killed en masse and individually by the rurales and soldiers. To the present day, so relentless is Diaz's cruelty and so far-reaching his revenge, that no man suspected of having assisted in the accomplishment of his brother's death is safe, and every month witnesses the capture and punishment of some old man who is thought to have been present when "Chato" Diaz was killed. Persons who are overheard by spies to applaud the killing of the Oaxaca governor are immediately arrested, imprisoned and subjected to the infamous order, "mateles en caliente."

late one afternoon by General Mier y Teran, who wired to Diaz for instructions. "Mateles en caliente" was the quick response, and at sunrise the following morning the seventy-five men, all of whom were the most prominent citizens of Vera Cruz, were taken by the soldiers and shot to death. Vera Cruz went into mourning—the presence of a menacing and overwhelming soldiery prevented other action. It mattered not that several of the slain citizens were officials under the Diaz government, and bound by economic interest to the master. "I am ruler now, and these fellows may as well understand it first as last," exclaimed the dictator, when informed that several of his political friends had been included in the punishment.

**America, the Apologist.**

According to Diaz and James Creelman and United States Secretary Root and President Theodor Roosevelt, the victims of Juchitan and Vera Cruz suffered from "bad" blood, and the shedding of it was necessary for the salvation of Mexico. An average fair-minded man or woman, when thoroughly apprised of the circumstances connected with these two events, no doubt would declare that cold-blooded, wholesale assassination had been committed, and that the man who was responsible for it was Porfirio Diaz.

In the early days of the Diaz dictatorship the choicest agricultural lands were seized, their owners were driven out, massacred or enslaved and the lands transformed into great "haciendas," the ownership of which was vested in military commanders and political favorites. A company, known as the "Companias Deslindaderas de Terrenos," was organized under the direction of General Thomas Pacheco, secretary of fomento, the stockholders of which were Porfirio Diaz and his principal henchmen. This company apportioned the lands and saw to the upbuilding of the "haciendas." It is needless to assert that Diaz owned the majority stock of the company and dominated it accordingly.

**Despoiling the People.**

Since the time of the Aztecs the people had been left in undisturbed possession of the agricultural lands. They were the farmers, and their small farms passed from father to son, who brought them to a high state of cultivation. The right of these people to their lands was recognized by Spain, during her occupation of Mexico, and after Mexican independence was achieved, of course, the ownership of the land by its inhabitants was regarded as established. It remained for Diaz to disturb this arrangement, and dispossess the people of their property. In one generation the small farms disappeared from Mexico, a happy people of independent homes was erased from the map, and in their stead "haciendas" or vast landed estates, worked by slaves, came into being.

Finally the peasants in the valley of Vera Cruz, in the region of Papantla, united, thirteen thousand strong, and decided to resist the taking of their property. They were unarmed and undisciplined and had no leader who knew anything about the science of war. In the spring of 1886 Diaz threw twenty thousand trained soldiers into the valley. The fight that resulted can not be called a battle—it was a massacre. Accounts vary as to the number slain, the lowest estimate running the number of dead into the thousands. Women and children were not spared by the brutal bandits and thugs who composed the army of Diaz. Until the buzzards picked the flesh from the dead, it is said, the stench that emanated from the region of Papantla was such that persons were unable to approach within miles of it.

**How "History" is Made.**

In the accounts given of this affair by Diaz's newspapers and histories the stand taken by the peasants of Papantla in defense of their property is called a rebellion. The rebels were promptly defeated and given to understand that Diaz was the ruler of Mexico—but nothing is said about the confiscation of property by the Diaz gang in the newspaper and historical narrations, nor is any mention made of the reduction of the rebels to peonage.

General Laure Carrille, the governor of Chihuahua, in the summer of 1892, chanced to visit Tomochic, a town of three thousand population. This town was a quiet place in the mountains and the people were industrious, honest and puritanical in their religious profession. The principal building on the plaza was the cathedral, an institution that was looked upon with veneration by the worshippers. In visiting the cathedral General Carrille became enamored of two beautiful pictures he saw hanging on the wall, and was anxious to possess them. Angered at the drunken and overbearing attitude of the governor the people refused to deliver the pictures into his keeping. Breathing maledictions against the town General Carrille took his departure.

Ten days later a force of fifty soldiers entered the place and arrested twenty of the most prominent citizens on the pretext that they had not paid their taxes. In a few days a courier from the governor came and announced that if the people would surrender the pictures the twenty prisoners would be released. This proposition was refused with scorn. After several days two hundred soldiers came to effect more arrests. By this time the people were aroused, and the troops met with resistance, in

which one soldier was killed. That was sufficient.

**Massacre of Tomochic.**

Eight thousand soldiers, fifteen days later, were sent to Tomochic, and the fighting commenced. During ten days the people defended themselves, suffering terrible losses, but inflicting a loss in the ranks of the soldiers that amounted to fifteen hundred. Their ammunition expended and their provisions gone, the male portion of the population at last dwindled away to a mere handful. These, with the women and children left alive, sought refuge in the cathedral, the largest and strongest building in the town. This building proved the funeral pyre of the refugees. The soldiers surrounded the cathedral and shot into it until it was transformed into a charnel house of death, after which they poured oil on the doors and windows and applied the torch.

One hour after the burning of the cathedral General Diaz sent his congratulations to General Carrille complimenting him on the happy termination of the "rebellion." The destruction of Tomochic was complete. Today the word Tomochic is printed on the map of Mexico, but the town is no longer there. A few sheep herders camp among the ruins of the once prosperous community and tell in belated whispers the story of its fall.

**Slaughter of Students and Laborers.**

The massacre at Tomochic was the culmination of a series of tragedies, perpetrated by government troops at the instigation of Diaz, that had their beginning in the arrest of the students and killing of laborers in the streets and plazas of Mexico City earlier in the year. Particulars of this affair, as related by Ricardo Flores Magon, have already been given to the readers of the Appeal. In the month of May, as a result of popular unrest, and a disposition on the part of the people to agitate against the despotic and savage methods of the dictator, soldiers were turned loose in the streets of the City of Mexico and for twenty-four hours horrible carnage prevailed. The dead lay piled in the streets like loadings of a storm, and the calls in every jail in the city were crowded with political malcontents. In the dungeons of Belen were incarcerated seventeen journalists, the majority of whom never again saw the light of day, one hundred students, and about eight hundred men and women of the working class. Essentials of this tragic event were repeated in nearly every town and city in the country, and no jail was without its political prisoner.

Contemplation of the wholesale butcheries ordered by Diaz in Mexico during the last thirty years, as told by survivors, makes the heart sick and causes the listener to wonder if such deeds were actually done. But little investigation is necessary, however, to verify the particulars of these bloody transactions. Indeed, when pressed, officers of the government do not deny them, but excuse their commission on the ground that such actions were necessary to quell the turbulent spirit of revolt in order that Mexico might march grandly in the procession of nations. This explanation might possibly serve to lessen the horrors of these government crimes if it were truthful, but there is not a word of truth in it. In most instances the troops fell upon the people and cut them in pieces without warning; where resistance was made it was only as a last desperate recourse against the tyranny of Diaz.

**A Murdering Monster.**

Many of these crimes are not included in the records of ancient history. Diaz today is the same old murdering monster that he was when he first led his band of pirates against Juarez. Five years ago, in 1903, citizens in Monterey, in Nueva Leon, organized a demonstration in the central park of the city to protest against the appointment of General Bernardo Reyes to the governorship of the state. After the people assembled and just as speakers were on the point of voicing their protests, soldiers, who had secreted themselves in houses surrounding the park, opened fire and killed outright one hundred men, thirty-five women and fifteen children. No estimate was made of the wounded, as most of the wretched victims dragged themselves away from the scene to die elsewhere, fearing that if they fell into the hands of the troops they would be sabered to death. Following this massacre Reyes received his appointment as governor, a position he still holds.

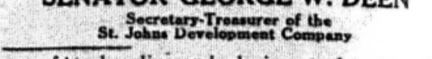
Are you any nearer to freedom from trusts today than twenty years ago? In fact, are the trusts not more numerous and stronger than then? What good has your twenty years of howling against the trusts and voting the old party tickets done for you? Can you see no connection between your votes and the growing of the trusts? They are growing, aren't they? And you have been voting, haven't you? If the trusts have been growing stronger for twenty years, under the parties you vote for, how long will you have to keep voting that way to destroy them? Did you ever try to calculate it?

BONDAGE somewhere follows every bond. Bonds are not legalized, printed and sold just for amusement. Every one carries with it the taking from somebody part of their lives and handing it over to someone to live in ease. Real freedom does not exist where a bond exists.

# Fortunes in Florida

MUNSEY'S MAGAZINE for February contains an article on "The New Florida," by Herbert N. Casson, one of the greatest writers in the United States. This article proves that there are greater opportunities in Florida today than in any other state in the union.

The following are excerpts from Mr. Casson's article, but I want you to get a copy of the February MUNSEY and read it all.



SENATOR GEORGE W. DEEN Secretary-Treasurer of the St. Johns Development Company

"It is true that Florida is one of the busiest, most enterprising, and most prosperous of American states. Its towns and cities have in five years doubled their size."

"And perhaps no other region, in any part of the world, can show so happy a blending of the joy of life with the business energy that creates material progress and modern civilization."

"Ponce de Leon failed; and yet, if he were alive today, he would find that his dream has practically come true."

"Men are now finding gold in Florida—not in mines, but in the forests, farms, fisheries, and factories. Not all the gold that was found in Nevada and Arizona last year, for instance, would equal the wealth that went to Florida for her fruits and vegetables."

"Florida, be it known, is becoming rich. She has banks of her own—ten dozen or more. She has three thousand shops and factories. There are enough golden oranges and grapefruits in her groves this winter to pay back the price—five million dollars—that the United States paid to Spain for the territory in 1821. She will have enough cotton and tobacco, both of the highest quality, to bring five millions more; and the lumber that Floridians shipped from their five seaports in 1908 was sold for ten millions."

"There is a golden gum, too, that exudes from the pine-trees of Florida. It was overlooked by the Spaniards, but when refined it becomes the indispensable resin and turpentine of commerce, so valuable that Florida is selling her surplus this year for fourteen million dollars. Phosphate, at present, yields about half of this amount; but it is probably the most precious natural product of the state. It is a plant food, used to enrich the soil. A village doctor was the first to discover it, thirty years ago; and since then Florida has sold sixty million dollars' worth, mostly to Germany and other European countries. This sum seems large enough, but it is a trifle compared to what Florida will make from her phosphate when she learns to use every ton of it at home, enriching the soil of her own farms and gardens."

"What with this buried treasure of phosphate, the riches of her soil and trees and waters and workshops, and the earnings of the tourist season, the people who now live in Florida have a yearly income of more than one hundred and twenty-five million dollars. This amount, we may observe to the countrymen of Ponce de Leon, is very nearly equal to the present governmental revenue of the kingdom of Spain."

"As to the fountain of eternal youth, that search has not yet been altogether successful; but this at least can be said, that no other state is farther from the gates of death than Florida. Her average annual death rate is about nine per thousand; and she has seventy-one veterans who have rounded out a full century and are still in the land of the living."

"In this month of February, which is the central month of the Florida season, fully sixty thousand winter-driven Northerners will bask in her gentle climate. We might almost call her a steam-heated state, as the warm waters of the Gulf stream curve around her shores so unceasingly that there is no sting of cold in her un-falling breezes. She furnishes a great outdoor hospital for sick babies and little children. And if Professor Metchnikoff, the Parisian scientist, who maintains that the normal lifetime of man should be a century and a half, should undertake to establish an institute of longevity, he could not do better than to place it in this land of eternal summer, where it is 'bliss

"Other men, too, in Jacksonville, Tampa, Key West, and Pensacola, have seen this vision of the future Florida. They, like Plant and Flagler, believe that in the end geography wins. They believe themselves to be the advance-guard in a new land of boundless possibilities. . . . More than this, they see that their state lies midway between fifty million people in the south and ninety million people in the north; and they are confident that in the years that are near at hand it will become the center of a busy highway of commerce, adding its full share to the wealth and prestige of the Great New South."

I have been advertising my farms at ST. JOHN'S PARK, FLORIDA, in the Appeal to Reason the past three or four weeks. I have sold thousands of acres to Appeal readers on terms of only 17 cents a day for a 10-acre farm; 34 cents a day for a 20-acre farm; and 68 cents a day for a 40-acre farm.

I have a few 10-acre tracts, a few 20-acre tracts and a few 40-acre tracts left which I will sell to Appeal readers on these same easy terms. When these are gone the price will be advanced. If you write me quick—at once—TODAY, you can secure one of these farms at the rock-bottom price.

I had a full page announcement in the Appeal January 16th. Look up your Appeal of that date, read my announcement and then write me AT ONCE.

But whatever you do, DO QUICKLY. Be prompt and you can secure a farm in this garden spot of the world with your savings of only 17 cents a day.

**GEORGE W. DEEN, Secretary-Treasurer**  
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GETTING UP STEAM.

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NOW FOR HEROIC WORK.

The special agitation in the Appeal has engaged in during the past few weeks is taking hold of the people everywhere, as evidenced by the stream of letters pouring in from all parts of the country.

As a specimen of these inspiring letters we print the following extract: "I am sixty-two years old and a veteran of the civil war and I want to say that the last two pieces written and published in the Appeal in behalf of the Russian and Mexican patriots causes the hot blood to course through my veins and fires me with all the enthusiasm of youth."

It is not strange that a man with red blood in his veins is fired to enthusiasm in behalf of those who like himself believe in liberty and justice and on account of their loyalty to their principles are arrested and thrown into jail as criminals.

Another letter from a woman into whose hands there chanced to fall a copy of the Appeal runs as follows: "This whole affair is news to me. I am a reader of the daily papers and the magazines, but not a word had I ever seen in regard to these Russian and Mexican cases. I can understand perfectly why the big papers are so silent upon these important matters."

Here we see just one instance out of a great many of the effect the truth has upon the people. This good woman had been reading the capitalist dailies and like others who rely on them had been left in utter darkness as to what is going on in this country to create an oligarchy of capital and crush out everything which opposes the silent conspiracy.

All the people want to know is the truth and this is precisely what they do not get from the capitalist papers.

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The Hold Up Man... By Clarence S. Darrow... Will appear in the International Socialist Review for February, 1909. Other noteworthy articles in the same number are: The Dream of Debs, by Jack London, concluded from January. Socialism for Students, by Joseph E. Cohen, fourth lesson. Must the Proletariat Degenerate? by Karl Kautsky. How Tom Saved the Business, by Mary E. Marcy.

The Hold Up Man... By Clarence S. Darrow... Charles H. Kerr & Company, 155 Kinzie Street, Chicago.

YOUR JOB.

When the owners of jobs discharge men, for any reason, the men have no place they can apply their labor, and they and their families must suffer. Working harder and being more saving, good enough things in themselves, mean now that the profits of the rich will be greater and more laborers will have no place to work. Men have now no interest in working hard or in saving. If they work hard, there will be more hardships among those who work for a living, for there will be less work for others to do.

Today the battle is to save our Mexican and Russian comrades, tomorrow it will be perhaps to save some of our own, and the next day still others, and so on and on from day to day will the struggle demand our vigilance and our activity as long as capitalism continues in power and workingmen are exploited of what they produce and freedom banished and justice trampled in the mire.

The Appeal is a factor in this great struggle to the extent only that it reaches the people. No matter how well it responds to its duty nor with what fidelity it discloses the hidden facts of capitalism's iniquities and points the way to industrial freedom and social justice, it yet fails of its purpose unless its adherents discharge their duty also by exerting all their energies to spread it far and wide among the people.

The Appeal has not half the circulation it ought to have and could and would have if all its friends did their part. Many of our comrades have done their duty and more than their duty and to all these do we feel grateful and if we could only utter such burning words as would set the blood of others tingling and prompt them to go forth among their friends and neighbors to add their quota to the list, we should soon have half a million subscribers and the Appeal would be such a power among the common people that no capitalist conspiracy to deliver up patriotic refugees to the Cossacks of Russia and the mailed murderers of Mexico could ever be carried out in the United States.

Whatever may be on the program in the unfolding of capitalism the Appeal will be found ready so far as its power lies to face the enemy and perform its duty as it understands that duty. Whatever its own struggles may be no disheartening word will ever add to the burdens of others. It realizes that the struggle is a tremendous one and that nothing is gained by whining and finding fault. It sends its weekly greeting to the thousands of veterans in its grand army, cheers them on and on in the conflict and urges all others who are animated by the same principles and inspired by the same fervor to join in the grand work of building up the Appeal and making it the mightiest paper in the service of the mightiest movement of all the ages.

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STATE CAPITALISM.

Capitalism is committed to state capitalism as a complement to private capitalism. It admits of private graft, and will be used to make Socialism unpopular. But the understanding Socialist is opposed to state capitalism. See the drift of things. It is now admitted that the Panama canal will cost half a million dollars, and it may cost a great deal more. Congress has already appropriated \$34,000,000 for the erection of public buildings—proceeds to go to private contractors. Mr. Taft is tentatively committed to the use of \$750,000,000 for the improvement of rivers and harbors—to be given to private contractors and spent as they may direct. Already there is a national debt of \$116,000,000, which is greater than the combined indebtedness of England and France, and there is also a deficit in the treasury. State capitalism may be a means of wrecking the nation in the interest of the few.

KNOCK 'EM OUT.

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SOCIALISM will make conditions such that every man may have a home of his own.

PERHAPS, instead of making history, Roosevelt is really making a monkey—of himself.

UNDER Socialism and an absence of exploitation the spy system would be unnecessary.

UNDER Socialism there would be no one out of employment if he really wanted work.

GREECE had her colossus of Rhodes. America has her colossus of railroads—the merger.

THE latest is that Roosevelt has been elected a member of the Gimlet Club. Bore, brother, bore.

THE democratic party is steadily sinking and its family physicians hold out no hope of recovery.

READ sound literature, train your mind to think clearly and you will arrive at correct conclusions.

RELATIVE to the trust recently organized to control water powers of America—there is no tariff on water.

SOCIALISM will take from no man that which is his by reason of having been a producer of it or its equivalent.

SOCIALISM will take from the world fear and give it certainty instead; it will take poverty and give abundance to all.

SOCIALISM will remove the riders from the backs of the workers and give the world the first real freedom it has ever enjoyed.

THE capitalist accepts the idea that he is his brother's keeper, and keeps him hustling for a mere pittance of what he produces.

SOCIALISM is not a rulership over you, but the putting of your life and the means with which you obtain a living in your own hands.

HENRY DRUMMOND once wrote a book on "The Greatest Thing in the World," but that was before Roosevelt was discovered.—W. C. Beers, Santa Barbara, Calif.

UNDER Socialism there would be no sale of womanhood any more than there is now sale of chattel slaves. The white slave dealer would disappear along with the negro slave dealer.

CAPITALIST papers are printing editorials on the decline of the Socialist party. They know the party has not declined in membership or effectiveness, but it is the decline to be fused out of existence that hurts them.

ACCORDING to governmental statistics, nearly twenty per cent of the women of Germany are working in factories, while nearly ten per cent of the children from twelve to fifteen years of age are also working on ten hour factory shifts.

LET all Socialists, all union men and all who do not believe in extraditing the refugees, write a personal letter to their congressmen, asking them to work against extradition of political refugees. Flood the congressmen with these letters and they will begin to take notice and something will be done. See to this at once.

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Significant News and Its Meaning

Conquering the World.

THE MOST TALKED OF THING before the American people at present seems to be the break between the president and congress. It has reached an acute stage, the president accusing one senator of theft and he retaliating by declaring Roosevelt did worse than him. A message sent by Roosevelt to the house was censured as a rebuke to him, and he openly threatens to present evidence of moral derelictions on the part of congressmen which his secret detectives have uncovered. But the very fact that congress fears exposure prevents the break from being serious or having much significance. In other days a president doing as Roosevelt has done would have been impeached. But instead of resenting his usurpations and insults, congress rebuked one of its members who dared to flay the chief executive. It is rotten all around. But the really significant thing about it is that congress fears to rebuke assumptions that approach dictatorship, and the press under the spell of capitalism, supports the dictator. It shows that the American people are asleep and may lose all their liberty before they realize it.

More significant than this, however, is the growth of internationalism in government. The United States is assisting Russia in securing refugees who are in America for political reasons, and is doing the same for Mexico. There is also a secret understanding with Japan. The reason of it all is that capitalism has become international in scope, and naturally the various nations of the world, having become subservient to this new power, are under compulsion, having international agreements in order to make the plans of the master of all things effective. It is said that the secretary of state is to have four assistants from now on. This is in itself an evidence of the growth of internationalism, since they represent merely the social end of the government—the patching up of foreign difficulties.

As a help toward internationalism and the supremacy of the masters the spy system is becoming international and much more extensive than formerly. Other countries have their spies in America and she her spies abroad. Tab is kept on every person who in any way shows him or herself as opposed to the present order, and the most exact card system shows the whereabouts of all. No man knows when he is being shadowed, now. This is not a mere statement, but is based on information imparted in a recent magazine article.

This internationalism is being fostered, not only because the trusts are becoming international in nature, but also because the financial interests of the rulers of the world are no longer confined to their own domain. The king of England, the emperor of Germany, the czar of Russia are all land owners in America and all hold stock in American corporations. There is a marked tendency of the big financiers and the big rulers to secure holdings all over the world. Moreover, there is a concentration beyond the trust. The rulers are becoming capitalists, and the merging of small nations in a few will no doubt soon put political power into the hands of the few just as it is putting financial power in few hands. Moreover, these rulers and these financiers are becoming identified if not identical. In other words, power is being concentrated into the hands of the few. A few dictators, the most powerful in all history, will naturally result.

It is quite possible that the organization of the army and navy, as they exist today, will be rendered unnecessary after the small nations have been absorbed and the big nations have become so international in interest that they will act together. Then, the army will be needed only to quell revolt. It will have to be organized with central authority; and that is already coming, as seen in the fact that, now, the president may order out the state militia. This means that after awhile he may take troops from one state to quell riots or break strikes in other states. After internationalism is fully organized to the defence of capitalism, it may be that not only will spies go from one nation to another to hunt out recalcitrants, but the army may itself be sent from one country to another to break a strike in a place where it has no sympathy. The forerunner of this condition is seen in the fact that Uncle Sam permitted commissioner Foote, when trying Rudowitz, to be paid by the czar, and when American troops were used, a little over a year ago in breaking a strike in Mexico. In other words, capitalism realizes its world-wide character and is not only concentrating wealth, but is also concentrating power to the end that it may be able to subjugate the world of workers and exploit them at will. Never were there days fraught with more significance. The signs of the times from a capitalist standpoint point to a world despotism and tyranny and conditions that make for barbarism.

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FACTORIES AND FACTS.

"Yes, our town is getting on fine. We are establishing a new brick plant, a new foundry, a new furniture factory and several other industries. Times are pretty good." Thus said a citizen talking to a stranger.

And it is likely that both of them felt that prospects were good, that the country was entering into an era of good times all around.

But every new industrial plant only aggravates the condition of unemployment. There are plants enough now to make more goods than the market can buy. The goods that will be made in that town will not increase the sum total of such goods made, for other plants will sell just that much less. Suppose, for instance, that the foundry makes a million shovels a year, do you suppose that there are a million more shovels made? Do you not know that other shovels have to reduce their output by just the amount that this one supplies the market? The trouble now is that there are no sales for what the other plants can produce, and men are thrown out of employment; for that reason, for any employer will operate his works just as long as he can find a sale of the goods at a profit. And in what way would this plant change that? There are forty sugar refineries, costing many millions, now idle and that have not turned a wheel for years. There were too many of them. Is it any benefit to those who work to build factories that are not needed? The cost of these idle plants is added to the cost of products, and the workers pay it all, and pay an interest on them forever and forever in the shape of dividends on the capital stock, even after they have rotted down.

The need is not more industries, but the price of products reduced to the cost of production. Then, the workers can buy back all the products and there can never be any surplus on the market, if anybody has any need of them.

Old age pensions, profit sharing schemes and other palliatives will not heal the disease of capitalism. Only the ending of the profit system can do that.

ANYTHING that is compelled to hunt men who disagree with it, to imprison them, persecute them and slay them, is both weak and vicious.

ANYTHING that does not make the interest of one the interest of all, the world around, is inadequate and self-condemned.

ARISTOTLE says: "The end of labor is to gain leisure." Capitalism amends by adding: "For the employers."

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THE ARTS OF DEATH.

That the whole genius of our present civilization is prostituted to base purposes is apparent to even the most casual observer. A thousand times more time and money are spent in devising ways of destroying than in saving human life. To invent a rapid-firing gun or a torpedo which will destroy the most life in the shortest space of time is a problem all the civilized nations of the world are vying with each other to solve. To invent a machine that will produce profit without regard to human life taxes all the ingenuity of man.

George Bernard Shaw has put this matter into a few terse sentences which bristle with truth and significance. Listen to him:

On the arts of life man invents nothing, but in the arts of death he outdoes himself, and produces by chemistry and machinery all the slaughter of pestilence and famine. The peasant today eats and drinks with care and drink by the peasants of ten thousand years ago and the house he lives in has not altered so much in a thousand centuries as the fashion of Mrs. Bonnet. It is a score of weeks. But when he goes out to slay he carries a marvel of mechanism that lets loose at the touch of his finger all the hidden molecular energies, and leaves the javelin, the blowpipe of his fathers far behind. In the arts of peace man is a bungler. I have seen his cotton factories and the like, with machinery that a grooved dog could have invented if it had wanted more instead of food. I know his clumsy typewriters and his automobiles and his tedious bicycles; they are toys compared to the Maxim gun, the submarine torpedo boat. There is nothing in man's industrial machinery but his greed and sloth; his heart is in his weapons. This marvelous force of life which you boast is a force of death. I have seen his cotton factories and his destructiveness. What is his religion? An excuse for hating men. What is his law? An excuse for hating men. What is his morality? An excuse for hating men. What is his art? An excuse for gloating over pictures of slaughter. What are his politics? Either the worship of a despot because a despot can kill, or parliamentary cock-fighting.

To preserve life is a waste of time, for it has no value. To destroy it, or at least to provide the means of destruction for instantaneous use, is the great and perplexing problem. When the hungry and discontented rise there must be a machine to mow them down like grain before the reaper. On a larger scale each nation must be prepared to mow down its neighbors at the word of command. And all this on account of purely material considerations. In point of true value only human life, even the life of a beggar, a vagabond, outweighs them all.

Capitalism is organized upon this basis. Its genius is prostituted to destructive purposes and death is its goal.

Is this your program? Can your brain and your heart be satisfied with a society which rests upon such a foundation?

A moment's thought on the part of any sane person must result in instantaneous revolt. The soul cries out against the murderous instincts upon which capitalism relies to maintain its regime of conquest and death.

As certainly as capitalism is destructive and tends to death, Socialism is constructive and tends to life. In Socialism the arts of peace and of life will be in full bloom and the arts of death will be relegated to the barbarous past.

You will notice that when the nations cut up land for intensive farming, in the hope of providing for the victims of capitalism, it is not the vast holdings of the landlords that are cut up. Neither are the landlords, who are what the term implies, variable lords over their tenants, disturbed in their means of exploitation.

An exchange varies the proverb to read thus: "Early to bed and early to rise makes a man a farmer."

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