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DEMOCRATIC EDITORS' FUND.

We have already stated the object of this special fund. It is to send the Appeal for a year to about 5,000 democratic editors scattered through all the states of the union. It is the most important fund to which contributions have ever been asked and the most important propaganda move ever made by this paper. Many of these editors have already agreed to carry a regular Socialist column if the Appeal is furnished them. The others will reproduce articles from the Appeal columns.

Communication with these editors confirms the opinion expressed by us after the election, that they are about through with the democratic party and ready to pass over to Socialism as soon as they can do so without sacrificing their papers. Most of these small democratic papers, especially those published in the country, have socialistic tendencies, more or less pronounced, and these should be encouraged in every way in our power.

These democratic papers reach millions of the common people, mechanics, laborers, farmers and other producers, who are total strangers to the Appeal and other Socialist papers. With these papers copying Socialist matter from the Appeal and spreading it among their readers results will follow in the way of Socialist sentiment that can never be hoped for through the present channels.

We are absolutely certain that if we can raise sufficient money to send the Appeal for a year to these five thousand or more papers, at the end of that time many of them will be converted into Socialist papers and thousands of their readers will either be avowed Socialists or on the way to becoming so.

The people we must reach are not those who already read Socialist papers, but those who do not.

For every reader of a Socialist paper there are perhaps fifty who never saw one.

These latter constitute the overwhelming majority without whom there can never be any Socialism. It is for this reason that we must make special effort to reach these great masses, even if we have to do so by going to the expense of reaching them through their own channels of information.

The contributions are now coming in fairly well, but we feel impelled to urge that extra efforts be made to secure the desired amount at the earliest possible moment.

Let us have your contribution whether it be large or small. Every penny will help, while the more liberal contributions will enable us to do this work all the quicker. The sooner it can be undertaken the better.

Now is the time. The people are ready. Let us raise this fund and scatter the seeds of Socialism broadcast among the masses. Contributions since last report will be found on third page.

SPURRED to action by the realization of terrible evil in conditions, over a million young people of America, it is estimated, have taken the obligation to try to live as Jesus would if he was here. While there is something ridiculous in such a movement, from the reason that all professing Christians ought to live that way without special pledges, and the further fact that no one knows how Jesus would live, added to the fact that the movement emanates from Rockefeller's church, still the sincerity of those making the effort compels sober consideration of the work. If there was not a feeling that the life of Christendom fell short of the idealism of the age, such a movement would be impossible. It is significant in that it is a recognition of the revolt from present conditions. Further significance is found in the fact that many of the young people have frankly confessed their inability to live their ideal, because of commercial conditions. They are right in this, if they have anything of a high ideal. No man can live an ideal life under capitalism, which exists for purposes of exploitation. If this movement leads a goodly number to discover this fact, it will be of real value, in spite of the ludicrous aspects of the proposition.

WHAT you do is this: You hire a man to make a law, hire another man to tell what the law means and hire another man to make you obey it! The man who makes a law is not supposed to have sense enough to know what the law means, nor does the man who enforces it know enough to enforce it until another man tells him what to do, where to do it and when to do it. And some people claim that the people are fit for self-government!

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A SOCIALIST is one who distributes Socialist literature.

A SOCIALIST is one who works and votes for Socialism.

WHEN poverty is at an end, then men will for the first time begin to really live.

A SOCIALIST is one who votes for Socialism whenever opportunity presents.

THERE will be no one hunting work under Socialism. Then every one who seeks will find.

A PROSTITUTE sells her womanhood, and a lawmaker and judge, sometimes, sells his manhood.

WHY not elect honest detectives to congress and save expense of maintaining both congressmen and detectives?

THE idea that poverty is blessed is a superstition that has its source in the other superstition that property is sacred.

SOCIALISM does not come to tell you what you must do, but to free you so you will be able to do what you want to do.

SOCIALISM is the sole hope of earthly life. You know that as things are now most of the people can never get ahead.

SOCIALISM will eliminate waste of all kinds, and the most important of its achievements in this line will be waste of time.

SOCIALISM is a plan for stopping the robbery which you have suffered from all your life. It is honest. The present system is dishonest.

IF you were disfranchised you would want the ballot. You are not disfranchised but you don't know how to use it so it will do you good.

THERE are unemployables—men who are valueless when employed. But they are made so by a system which enables them to bum their living.

IF we had Socialism there would be no bread lines, for the reason that every being on earth would have opportunity to earn his or her own living.

IT is all very well to talk of reforming capitalism, but really the only question before the people is, when are you going to stop the robbery of profits?

CAPITALISM is dishonest. It is a system of taking from the producer and giving to the non-producer. Socialism is merely a rational plan for stopping theft.

A SLAVE is a person who is compelled to yield to another a portion of the product of his toil. Mr. Worker and Mr. Farmer and Mr. Renter, don't you do that?

SOMEBODY should apply to Taft for an injunction preventing congress from raising the president's salary without the employer's—the people's—consent.

THE capitalist does not give you work. He only keeps you from working except when he pleases and under such conditions that he gets part of what you produce.

CAPITALISM is monarchial. It makes the many dependents on the few for the job and for their very lives. It is contrary to the spirit of liberty and is slavery for the world.

IF Socialism prevailed, within half a century there would be practically no family which did not own its own home. Yet they tell you Socialism is the enemy of private property.

CAPITALISM is a good thing for the grafter, for the man who wants to live at the expense of another. Socialism will be a good thing for the honest man who is willing to pay his way.

SINCE "prosperity" began to return over 15,000 prostitutes have been added to the list of profit mongerers at Chicago. The sale of these women was a necessity to preserve their lives under this system. It's a wonderful success, isn't it?

EVEN with half the people of the world unemployed, there is abundance produced to house and clothe and feed all. But some have mansions that cost what a hundred good homes would cost and some own houses that they rent to hundreds who have none; some have garments that take time to produce and yet give no comfort, and stores full of good goods are left unused because men cannot buy them. If all were employed at productive labor, and if the product went to the producers there would be abundance for all, both of necessities and luxuries

Miners Declare for Socialism

The unanimous action of the convention of the United Mine Workers in committing the miners to Socialism has been a great surprise to the country and the capitalist press is at a loss to know what to make of it. Not a vote was cast against the resolution. This does not mean that all the officers and delegates favored it, but it does mean that those who were at heart opposed to it were for sufficient reasons discreet enough not to make a fight against it. The Socialist sentiment has become so strong among the miners and the delegates so numerous that it now dominates the convention and the rank and file of the organization. The following is the full text of the preamble and resolution as adopted by the convention:

Whereas, In the light of the industrial depression that has haunted America for more than a year, millions of willing workers have been forced into involuntary idleness, thereby denied access to the means of life; and,

Whereas, Many of those who are victims of this industrial depression have in self-preservation become infractors of law; and,

Whereas, A class of predatory rich who scarcely know the limits of their wealth are coexistent with the countless thousands whose poverty is directly attributable to their failure to find some owner of the means of production to employ them; and,

Whereas, The denial of the opportunity to the willing workers to engage in useful labor springs from the fact that the means with which the necessaries of life are produced, are owned and controlled by private individuals, who are not necessary factors in the field of wealth production, but whose only function is to profit by the activity of the working class so long as a market can be found where the product of the workers can be disposed of; and,

Whereas, The workers receive in the form of wages only a small share of what their labor power with the aid of machinery creates, thus preventing them from buying back out of the markets the equivalent of what they have produced, necessarily causing a glutted market; therefore, be it resolved, etc.: the declaration following:

Resolved, That we, the United Mine Workers of America, in annual convention assembled, recognize and declare for the necessity of the public ownership and operation and the democratic management of all those means of production and exchange that are collectively used; that every man or woman willing and able to work can have free access to the means of life and get the full social value of what they produce.

The resolution was introduced by Duncan McDonald, C. P. Gildea, Frank Hayes, Adolph Germer and James Lord. It had the backing of John Walker, president of the Illinois miners, Francis Feehan, president of the Western Pennsylvania Miners, W. D. Van Horn, president of the Indiana miners, all Socialists, and a number of others who have long labored unceasingly to bring the organization into its rightful place as a revolutionary, industrial organization.

These leaders and their comrades are entitled to all credit for their faithful and unremitting work among the rank and file and for adhering steadfastly to their position until finally their labors were crowned with success.

A year ago it was sneeringly declared when the Socialist resolution was defeated that the miners would never be committed to such folly. But there has been a great change of sentiment since that time, showing that the Socialist propaganda is making rapid progress in the trade union movement.

The leading union is now committed to Socialist principles and this means a change of front of the American Federation of Labor of which the United Mine Workers is one of the dominating bodies.

This action of the United Mine Workers is extremely significant and marks an epoch in the Socialist movement of the United States. The capitalist press recognizes its import and gravely comments on its possibilities. The Socialist press hails it as a bright sign of the intellectual awakening of the working class, congratulate the progressive spirit which prompted it and applauds the action of the delegates of three hundred thousand sturdy workingmen in recognizing the class struggle and declaring for the abolition of wage slavery.

SOCIALISM IS COMING.

Socialism is the social philosophy of the twentieth century. It has come at a time when the world is ready for it and when its acceptance by the masses is but a matter of their understanding its mission.

Socialism could not have come a century ago. The conditions were not ripe for it. Through all the ancient and medieval world there were those who had beautiful altruistic social dreams, but these had nothing to do with modern Socialism, the product of modern capitalism, which is growing stronger day by day and is as certain to follow capitalism in the industrial and social development as that the sunrise follows the sunset.

The concentration of capital is going forward with accelerating velocity; the small manufacturers, merchants and tradesmen are growing weaker and weaker in the struggle; the economic power of the middle class is being reduced to the vanishing point. In this process society finds itself divided into capitalists and wage-workers, the capital centralizing into the hands of fewer and fewer capitalists while the wage-workers become more and more numerous in proportion to the progress of labor-displacing machinery.

This evolutionary tendency can not be controlled by legislation; the trusts and combines have been produced by the modern economic forces and it is perfectly foolish to imagine that they can be restricted in their growth or restrained in their operations.

A wheelbarrow may feel very contemptible alongside of a locomotive, but it is not the fault of the locomotive.

The large brood of small capitalists who are so wrought up over the trusts and combines would be readily placated if placed on the inside instead of being on the outside of these enterprises.

Sooner or later the people must realize that there is no remedy for the crying evils of capitalism except that proposed by Socialism, to wit, the collective ownership by the people of the trusts and combines and the social means of wealth production and distribution. In the meantime millions will suffer hunger in the midst of plenty; millions will be wretchedly housed and dressed and forced into the slums, the breeding swamps of the vices and crimes which scourge the society which produces them.

When the people are compelled, as they finally will be, to put an end to capitalism, when they unite with the Socialists in the development of the class conscious economic and political power of the working class and take possession of the means of life in the name of the people, the greatest and most beneficent change in the history of mankind will be inaugurated.

The first industrial democracy ever known will then be established.

Every human being will have free access to the sources of wealth and the machinery of production and every one will have the inalienable right to work and to what he produces and to all the joys that the fruit of his labor make possible.

The economic interests of the people will then be mutual; they will no longer be compelled to fight each other like angry beasts for an existence. The horrors of poverty which now blight and disfigure society will vanish forever. Private property will be established on its rightful basis and every one willing to do his socially due share of the work may then have private property enough to sustain him and his loved ones in material comfort and be forever secure in its possession.

Modern machinery, will in Socialism, solve the problem of the overworked and the underpaid. Released from private ownership it will relieve the age-long burden of the race, produce freely and in abundance for all and for the first time its boundless blessings will be realized by the working class and by all humanity.

In such an industrial system as Socialism will establish there will be work for all, and leisure and joy and full opportunity for development for all, and the world will then be really civilized.

"TOO NEAR STARVED."

Miss Alice Law, an editor employed by a Chicago publishing firm, committed suicide a few days ago and from the letter she left behind we quote as follows: "I am ending my life because I am seized with an acute disinclination to live. The struggle is too hard. There is too much work, too much monotony, too much weariness and not enough art, music and recreation. I am in my right mind. My reasoning powers are as good as ever. I go because I want to. The chief reason is because I am too near starved."

The poor creature who thus ended her life was evidently starved in mind and soul as well as body. Her life was a dreary round of fatiguing work and it is not strange that life became a burden to her. There are hundreds of thousands who are eking out the same bleak and barren existence. The mind is not developed nor are the faculties brought into play in such a dull round of motonomy, which is the lot of the masses in the prevailing system. But even at that life is sweet and but few commit suicide. They manage to bear with their lot and to await with becoming resignation the gloomy end.

Life should be beautiful under the most unfavorable circumstances, too beautiful far to permit even the most unfortunate to end it by self destruction.

There is something wrong in a system in which the masses live in such an undeveloped state and pass through life as if it were but a penal sentence imposed upon them for life.

When the social revolution has transformed our present capitalist society into a Socialist commonwealth in which all have work and leisure, work enough to give them health and leisure enough to enjoy music and literature and art, the many thousands who are now rushing over the niagara of suicide will be saved to themselves and to society.

Hasten the day of that blessed change!

IT is announced that for the year 1908 there was a falling off of over $500,000,000 in the amount of exports of the United States. With the building of machinery of production in other lands, the decrease in exports is bound to continue. Really, it ought, under normal conditions, to be a good thing for the United States. It means that so much more of the good things of life—food, clothing and usable things—is kept at home instead of being sent abroad, and this ought to mean that the American people would fare better. But, instead of this, under the capitalist system, it means that the big fellows have failed to dispose of this much real wealth, so as to get money instead, and consequently they must stop production until it is marketed. It therefore, under an insane arrangement whereby the many are made utterly dependent on the few, results in continued stagnation. It will be hard to revive business so long as this market is cut off, and so, merely because the people have so very much on hand, they are compelled to suffer want. Wise plan, isn't it?

The Tyrant Still at Work.

El Paso, Tex., Jan 16.—Thirty-five alleged Mexican revolutionists arrested in the course of internal disturbances in Mexico last summer were sentenced by Judge Lira Y. Lira, at Chihuahua, to prison terms ranging from seven years and two months to one year and three months.

IT is better to live for your rights than to die for them.

JACK BINNS' INCENTIVE.

Not many of our readers have ever heard of Jack Binns. Not until within a few days has his name been known outside the very limited circle of his friends. Today he is a popular hero. It was Jack Binns, the Marconi operator, who, by remaining at his post on the steamer Republic, secured the aid from the Baltic and other steamers which rescued the passengers from their impending fate, after a collision at sea.

Jack Binns was but a workingman. Presumably his pay was not very large but he proved in an emergency that he had in him the stuff of which the greatest heroes are made. When the crash of the collision came and the passengers were panic stricken, Jack Binns remained cool and calm, and the one thought that possessed him was to save the passengers of the sinking ship.

What incentive had this obscure workingman to remain loyally at his post in the face of the terrible danger that menaced him? Did he expect financial remuneration or have his eye on a medal of honor? Not at all. He did not dream of such contemptible considerations. He realized that his fellow beings were in danger of death and that it was his duty to render them all the assistance in his power. It was this love of his fellows and this sense of social duty that moved him to take a hero's part. And in this he rose infinitely above all the mercenary incentives which are held in such esteem in capitalist society.

Again and again we are confronted with the charge that Socialism will fail because in it men will have no incentive to do their best. Jack Binns proved that he required no profit incentive to act the part of a grand man. Had any one sought to pay him in that supreme hour he would doubtless have spurned him with contempt.

The really worthy motives and high incentives are free from monetary and mercenary considerations. When men no longer have to fleece and pluck and bleed each other to maintain their own existence they will have higher incentives to serve themselves and their fellow men than they have ever known in the present civilization.

WHY has co-operation proven a failure with Socialists and farmers and a success with the capitalists? Will colony work retard Socialism?—H. P. Reeves, Perry, Okla.

CO-OPERATION has not been a success with all capitalists. A few have succeeded by monopolizing a control of of the stock companies, but to the millions who have lost their capital, trying to co-operate in corporations, it looks mightily like failure. It has taken several hundred years experimentation in co-operation by capitalists, and only a few thousand have "succeeded," if by success is meant the hogging by a few of what all put in. There has been just as much success by the poor people in England and continental Europe in co-operation, as by the capitalists here. Co-operation is only possible where all the factors remain economically equal. The efforts of capitalists to co-operate is proving a failure, and hence is destroying the system. The desire of men to co-operate will force them to change the system of society so that they can do so with safety. With the common, indivisible ownership of the means of production and distribution, men can co-operate and none can gain an undue advantage over the others. Then it will be a success—will accomplish what those who enter it desire and prove a mutual benefit.

SALARY grabs are again in vogue in Washington. Men who desire $100,000 a year to live on think that $2 a day is enough for a workingman. And the workingmen think so too for they voted for the hundred thousand chap. It seems easy to satisfy both parties.

THERE is not much difference between peculation and speculation, but for the difference in one letter the peculator goes to jail and the speculator to congress.

"STUDIES IN SOCIALISM" is the only purely propaganda paper of Socialism in the world. The time is ripe for this specialty. Send $1 for 200 copies and see what you can do with them.

A CAPITALIST looks at a man who does useful work just the same as a member of European nobility views him—as a thing to make profit out of. Not as a man—but just a thing.

IN St. Louis Senator [illegible] had a majority of 300, when [illegible] 261 democratic votes were [illegible] which is unanimous with 39 vot[illegible] spare. Possibly this hints at th[illegible] appearance of the Socialist vote.

A CORRESPONDENT says Roosevelt ought to be made ashamed of himself for going to Africa on a killing expedition. Perhaps he ought. But how would you go about it to shame a Salome dancer or the wielder of the big fake?

"STUDIES IN SOCIALISM" will attract the beginner, with nothing to offend him. It is something the movement has long needed. You can get 50 copies for a year for $1, 100 copies for $2. Order a bundle and see what good work you can do with a very little money.

THE movement is getting big enough to admit of specialization, and, as is always the case, will be the better because of specialization. "Studies in Socialism" is specialized propaganda. It will do work nothing else can do. And you can get 200 copies for only $1. Better get busy.

IT has been definitely announced that the United States will oppose the extradition of Castro, late president of Venezuela, who lately fled to Europe with the swag obtained from numerous franchises he granted American and European capitalists. Should he be extradited the whole steal will come out, and the capitalist masters of Uncle Sam won't hear to that.

Now that Roosevelt is so anxious to defend a man from slander as to prosecute Pulitzer under a criminal charge for speaking harshly of Taft's brother, he might turn his attention to the editor of the New York Times. In its issue of January 19th the Times speaks editorially of Moyer as an "acquitted murderer." Surely Roosevelt would not show any preference between the rich shirker and the poor worker.

IT is reported that the Standard Oil interests have already made arrangements by which they practically own the retail stores of Philadelphia and that the same interest is preparing to take over the retail grocery business of several other big cities. The plan is perfectly feasible, and is reported to be well under way. You little fellows who fear that Socialism is going to take away your business had better look out or the trust will get you before Socialism comes around.

A JUDGE of appeals in France has recently rendered a decision in which he declares that air is private property, belonging to the owner of the land under it. Air ships may be forbidden to fly over land where the owner objects. This is the first aspect of the decision, but the principle involves more. It will mean that a man dare not breathe unless he first rents or buys ground. This is not a jest. What do you think the poor man is going to do if there is "no room in heaven for him?"

MRS. JOHN DILL of Omaha, Nebraska, has addressed an open letter to President Roosevelt in which, after stating that she is the mother of twenty-five children, she asks the president to please advise her where her husband can find work as he has no employment and the children are suffering. President Roosevelt ought to be de-lighted. No race suicide here. As to the jobless father that is another matter. Roosevelt and the system he speaks for want huge crops of wage-slaves to produce wealth for the masters and to go to war to fight for the masters, but when it comes to providing work for them at living wages that is different. With that they have nothing to do. The slaves must shift for themselves.

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BOOM "LIBERTY EDITION!"

The interest awakened by the announcement of the forthcoming "Liberty Edition" gives assurance that this edition will be one of the greatest, if not the greatest, ever issued from the Appeal press. This edition comes at an opportune time. If all the forces operating to crush out liberty had conspired in favor of a "Liberty Edition" the opportunity presented at this time could not be more favorable.

All the forces of graft and plunder are now working at their full capacity. There is scarcely even an attempt on the part of the government to restrain their rapacity. Taft has just gone to Panama in two battleships to "inspect" the Panama canal, which scheme Congressman Rainey, of Illinois, has just denounced on the floor of congress as the most stupendous plunder conspiracy ever concocted, furnishing abundant proof in support of his fearful indictment.

The president recently announced that congress was so corrupt that it feared its own members would be exposed and congress furnishes indirect proof of the charge by tamely submitting to the scandalous imputation.

But in the midst of all this capitalist corruption and political venality it is refreshing to note that the forces of redemption are at work and that the people are responding in ever increasing numbers to the clarion call of the Social Revolution.

More and more are the people coming to understand the hopelessness of reforming the present graft-eaten system. More and more are they coming to realize that the only hope lies in organizing the dispossessed and oppressed masses economically and politically, into an uncompromising host for the overthrow of capitalist despotism and degeneracy and for the establishment of a republic of the people.

It is this cry of the masses for emancipation that will be voiced in thunder-tones by the "Liberty Edition."

It will be the voice of labor, the cry of the oppressed, the challenge of the people.

It will ring with true patriotic fervor and appeal to every liberty-loving man, woman and child in the nation.

To make this great issue responsive to this supreme hour we appeal to every comrade and to every friend and sympathizer. To make it the greatest on record the Appeal is concentrating all its power and energies, relying with confidence on its tried and trusted army of veterans to spread millions of copies of the "Liberty Edition" among the millions of people who need to know what Socialism is that they may join the international movement of the masses for emancipation.

HAVE you seen the last number of "Studies in Socialism"? It is made exclusively of propaganda matter, of stuff that is calculated to attract the beginner. The Appeal, in common with all other Socialist papers, has been forced to become as much an agitation paper as it is a propaganda organ. Agitation has its necessary place, but sometimes it agitates and dislodges the fellow who has just begun to think. At this time there is not an exclusively propaganda paper is America—except "Studies." This is why you should see "Studies" and push it. It is just the thing to hand to the beginner. Send 50 cents for a bundle of 100 and see what results it will bring.

THE conventional product of capitalism called man is well described by the wit who says, "his wife takes his name, his creditors take his money, his tailor takes his measure—but none of them take him seriously."

THE tariff is to be revised by its friends and its friends are those who have been made rich by it. This is capitalist politics and what a great majority of the people voted for last fall. Tariff reform is a political chestnut, but it is still doing a lively business at the old stand.

JUDGE WRIGHT of the federal court of the District of Columbia who sentenced Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison to jail owes his appointment to Senator Foraker who in turn owes his distinction to the Standard Oil company. Judge Wright differs but little from other federal judges. They are all appointed through Standard Oil and other capitalistic influences and they can not be expected to betray their masters.

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Rescue of Rudowitz.

SECRETARY OF STATE, ELIHU ROOT, has announced the decision that the extradition of Christian Rudowitz, demanded by the Russian government, had been refused on the ground that the crimes charged against him were of a political nature and that under the terms of the treaty the prisoner could not be surrendered.

This is a great victory for Rudowitz and the cause he represents and a still greater victory for the working class of the United States. From the time Rudowitz was first arrested the agitation among his fellow workers has been assiduously kept up and a public sentiment created which would have made his extradition a costly thing to the party responsible for it.

The rescue of Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone from what seemed to be certain death and now the rescue of Christian Rudowitz whose extradition was demanded by the Russian government and advocated by the chief capitalist papers are victories which may well inspire the working class with pride and impress upon it the necessity of still further developing its power, not only to prevent its loyal champions from being sacrificed, but to carry on the work of education and agitation among the masses who are in bondage and for whom there is no hope in the capitalist system.

Most heartily does the Appeal congratulate Christian Rudowitz upon the decision of the state department. He is not to be surrendered to the bloody czar for having had the manliness to strike for freedom in his native country. All his fellow-workers rejoice in the decision which will save him from his impending fate.

The case of Jan Pouren is identical with that of Christian Rudowitz and the same decision will doubtless be rendered in his case.

When these two refugees have been finally released we must concentrate our energies in securing the liberation of our four Mexican patriots who are to be tried in Arizona. Let not their names be forgotten for even an instant. Magon, Villarreal, Rivera and Sarabia are still in custody. The Mexican dictator has not lost hope that he will get these four revolutionary heroes in his clutches.

Let us rally to them and stand by them faithfully as we have done with our Russian comrades until they, too, again breathe the air of freedom.

What has been done in the way of arousing the people and creating a public sentiment in revolt against the extradition of patriots from these states to sate the vengeance of foreign despots can be done again. Never were there men imprisoned with less cause and never any who more strongly appealed to the admiration and respect of right thinking men.

The four Mexican comrades are hated by Diaz, the despot, for no other reason than that they are a menace to his crime-infested administration. These men have espoused the cause of the oppressed and suffering and their lives have been in ceaseless jeopardy ever since. They have been hounded, pursued, assaulted; they have been threatened with assassination and their lodgings and publications have been blown up by the spies of the dictator, but they have remained staunch and true, and in so doing have won the right of appeal to the working class and to all liberty-loving people in the United States.

The growing power of the class-conscious labor movement is cause for congratulation among the workers.. At last they are beginning to realize that what is done must be done by themselves; that they have the power and that all they have to do is to develop and exercise that power in their own interest.

The Socialist press has had a commendable part in this awakening of the workers. Its alertness has served to sound the tocsin at the approach of danger and its increasing strength has enabled it to more and more grapple with and counteract the vicious influences of the capitalist press.

The history of the last year or two will be somewhat differently written than it would have been if there had been no Socialist press. It has led in all the vital agitation that has taken place and is prepared to lead now in any emergency that may arise to necessitate action on the part of the working class.

All hail to the press of the working class, to the awakened workers and to all the hosts that are battling for the overthrow of capitalism and the emancipation of the people!

A CAR LOAD OF BABIES.

From New Orleans a dispatch announces that a car load of seventy-five babies has been received and distributed there. The babies were from the New York Foundling and Orphan Asylum and were sent south to their foster parents.

There is a world of pity in this incident. A car load of fatherless, motherless, homeless babes!

It would be interesting if the story of each of these babes could be told in a separate chapter. What a volume of tragedy this car load of babies represents!

Of course all these infants are born in poverty. These are the babes of the working class. The fathers are very likely weary wanderers on the face of the earth. The mothers, who knows, are now perhaps sweat shop slaves or ending their wretched lives in houses of shame..

And yet, the supporters of the present system in which these homeless waifs are scattered about in car lots, pretend to protest against Socialism upon the ground that it will invade the home and destroy the family life, the very crime of which capitalism itself is guilty. Capitalism has ruined and blighted tens of thousands of homes or reduced them to a state of poverty, filth and horror which unfits them for human habitation. It has scattered tens of thousands of families to the four winds, driving the fathers out in the vain search for work, to shiver at midnight in the bread line, and forcing the mothers on the downward road which leads to disgrace and death.

This car load of homeless babies, the babies of the poor, made poor by capitalism, constitutes a breathing text for a powerful sermon. But such a sermon would fail of its purpose unless its obvious moral were fearlessly pointed out.

Suppose you bring this matter to the attention of your minister and ask him to tell his congregation what he thinks about it, and of the social system responsible for it, in his next sermon!

MASSACRES IN MEXICO

How the Working Class is Kept in Subjection to Capitalism—Horrors Almost Unbelievable.

Special Correspondence to Appeal to Reason.

Stories of the terrible massacre of working men, women and children in the strike at the Orizaba cotton mills two years ago are still being recounted by the labor and Socialist press of the United States. In that strike the soldiers shot to death, according to government figures, two hundred men, twenty-four women and seven children. Surviving strikers declare that more than a thousand human beings had their lives snuffed out by the myrmidons of Diaz and that the wounded reached double that number. The complete story of this massacre will never be told in print, perhaps, but it is indelibly written in the minds and hearts of the working people of Mexico. In and about the cotton and jute mills of Orizaba, the owners of which are Mexican, French and English capitalists, twenty-four thousand men, women and children are employed. The combined wage of a family is barely sufficient for life's necessities. As a result of fourteen to sixteen hours' toil our of every twenty-four the spirit of the workers is low and their organization into an economic body is impossible. Their living conditions are indescribably wretched and their morals are loose.

However, one bright day two years ago, under the inspiration of a few courageous leaders, they decided to stand up for their rights. Like their fellow workers in the United States they quit work and walked out of the mills without guns or ammunition and with no military discipline, relying merely on the staying qualities of their stomachs in their contest with the well-filled pocket books of their employers. Like every similar rebellion in the United States their strike was doomed to failure from the start. But to teach these rebels a lesson, and to make of them a horrible example for the benefit of other slaves who might cherish rebellious principles, Dictator Diaz sent Col. Mier and an overpowering body of troops to the scene. *The strikers were surrounded, as is the favorite Mexican method, and the slaughter commenced. The details of the affair must be left to the imagination. One woman was killed with a child in her arms. Another woman gave birth to a babe in her death agonies on the ground. Young and tender barefoot children, boys and girls, were seized by the brutal soldiers and literally strangled alive.* The orders of the commander were to slay and spare not, and to make the process of slaughter as cruel and bloody as possible. It was argued that by laying aside the ordinary rules of warfare and pursuing an absolutely merciless course the desired effect of paralyzing the strikers with terror would be obtained.

Forcing the Strikers to Work.

Following the massacre the survivors were mobilized by the soldiers and at the point of the bayonet were driven back into the mills, where, for weeks, they were forced to slave at their machines under the immediate eyes of armed guards. On entering and leaving the mills they were made to pass through a double row of soldiers who had their bayonets ready to transfix any wretch who lagged or refused to work. *At night the soldiers indulged in licentious orgies at the expense of the women workers. Wives were torn from their husbands arms and ravaged repeatedly by different thugs. Young girls and unmarried women were despoiled of their virtue, and any resistance on their part meant either a terrible beating or assassination.* There is one counterpart of this strike in the United States, and that was when one thousand miners were locked in a bull pen in Northern Idaho, in 1899, during which time the women relatives of the prisoners were subjected to assaults by negro soldiers under the command of the infamous General Merriam.

Dictator Diaz's policy of striking terror to the hearts of his subjects by vigorous and drastic action proved effective—the Orizaba slaves are thoroughly cowed, and to all appearances have resigned themselves to their fate. James Creelman, in Pierson's Magazine, which article has the official sanction of President Roosevelt, through Secretary Root, says the Orizaba massacre was a necessity. Order and stable government, in Mexico, are necessary, he says, to induce the immigration of foreign capital. If peon labor is abolished through increased wages, shorter hours and larger liberty for the working class the principal attraction Mexico offers to foreign capital would be gone. To avoid this possibility *Diaz has promulgated a rule prescribing the wages limit, and no employer of labor now dares violate it.*

Massacre Led by an American.

While hell was breaking loose in Southern Mexico Col. W. C. Greene and the Mexican rurales were engaged in a wholesale massacre of Mexican miners on their own account in Northern Mexico. By some it is declared that Diaz knew nothing of the Cananea killings until after their occurrence, and that they took place without his authority. The fact remains, however, that Diaz has never taken action against the instigators of that unprovoked butchery, and that while he could have prevented the wholesale hangings that followed the street fighting he did not do so.

L. Guttierrez de Lara, formerly a Mexican lawyer, but now an educated Socialist residing in Los Angeles, Cal., where he was forced to spend several months' imprisonment in the county jail in connection with the arrest of Magon, Villarreal and Rivera, in speaking of his experiences during the Cananea strike and massacre, said:

"I was a member of a political club which had recently been formed in Cananea, and was outspoken in my Socialist views. *The trouble that occurred there was brought about by Greene, who wished to depress the value of the stock of the Cananea Copper company, so that he and his friends could step in and buy it up. There was no organization among the Mexican miners, and though they were receiving just half the wages paid the American miners for performing the same kind of work, they had no idea of going on strike one hour before the strike was called. The whole thing was planned by Greene and his pals.*

"On the morning of June 2, 1906, the Mexican miners, some ten thousand strong, were ordered to lay down their tools and cease work. Believing the strike had been called in good faith, and feeling justly incensed at the discrimination that had been accorded them, the Mexicans responded to a man. They had no guns, as no member of the working class in Mexico is permitted to own a deadly weapon, and they did not dream of physical force. Finding that a number of Mexicans in the company lumber yard were still at work, quite a body of strikers approached the big gate to the yard with the view of inviting the lumber jacks to join in the strike and make it general. Instead of being given the privilege of talking with the lumber workers the strikers were met at the gate by George Metcalf and his brother, managers of the yard, who turned on the visiting delegation a stream of water from a powerful hose. This provoked a demonstration by the strikers which resulted in their being fired upon by the Metcalf brothers. A number of strikers were killed instantly and several were severely wounded. Staggered at the unexpected assault, but game nevertheless, the strikers, with no weapons in their hands, rushed upon the yard managers, deprived them of their rifles and literally beat them to death.

Fiendishness of Capitalists.

"The effect was electrical. As if by prearrangement Col. Greene rushed into town from Naco in an automobile and took charge of the situation. Reinforcements in the shape of three hundred rangers and persons from Arizona, under the command of Capt. Rynning, arrived, and the opposing forces deployed for battle. Col. Greene had concealed in a cellar under his house two thousand rifles. These were distributed to American foremen in the mines. Every American saloon keeper, gambler and cutthroat was given a rifle and told to follow Greene. The fight speedily resolved itself into a race issue—Americans versus Mexicans—with Americans as aggressors. *Col. Greene in his automobile took a position commanding the streets and began to pour a deadly fire into the ranks of the unarmed Mexican strikers. His armed following did likewise; and soon the massacre was on in earnest. What could the Mexicans do? They had no guns except the two rifles captured from the Metcalf brothers, no ammunition, and were totally unprepared.* Several times bodies of unarmed strikers tried to storm the Greene party, but each time were driven back with dreadful slaughter.

"Early in the morning I went to the Mexican postmaster, a personal friend, and asked him what I should do. He told me I had better lay low, which I did. Occasionally I skulked from house to house watching the fight, and more than once I came very near falling victim to a whizzing rifle ball. *After the strikers were dispersed Col. Greene and his band went from street to street shooting indiscriminately into houses and at any object, man, woman or child, that resembled a Mexican. They seemed to be blood-crazed and killed merely for the sport of killing. The streets were slippery with blood and very few houses escaped having an occupant killed.*

Punishing the Victims.

"On the following day the rurales came and immediately commenced making arrests. Not an American was arrested—the persons who had caused the strike and who were responsible for the massacre—only Mexican strikers and persons suspected of possessing revolutionary principles were thrown into prison. I was among those locked up. *Several nights later the rurales began to empty the jail and stockades of the prisoners—the unfortunate wretches were taken into the mountains back of town and strung up to trees!* At last but few prisoners remained, among whom was myself. It was through a mistaken order that I was given my liberty, and I had no more than gotten safely across the Arizona border than the rurales were after me."

It will be observed that Mexican workingmen were compelled to submit to slaughter at the hands of persons not citizens of Mexico. When the rurales—agents of Diaz—came to restore order it was not the foreigners and instigators of the trouble who were arrested; it was the Mexican workingmen. No attention was paid by either government to the *unwarranted invasion of Mexico by Capt. Rynning and the Arizona rangers. Throughout the entire transaction the agents of the capitalist class of the two countries stood together for the overthrow and massacre of the Mexican miners.* And for permitting this and similar atrocities Dictator Diaz by American magazines and newspapers is pointed out as the "wisest modern ruler," and the "one great man to be held up for the hero worship of mankind."

Extermination of the Yaquis.

Then there is the extermination of the Yaqui Indians of Sonora by the Mexican government, the seizure of their lands and distribution thereof between Mexican and foreign capitalists—a sickening story of robbery, slavery and murder which constitutes a chapter in itself. Lack of space forbids a lengthy narration of all the events connected with the twenty-year war between the Diaz soldiers and Yaqui Indians—a war full of human interest and human horror.

Contrary to the popular conception the Yaquis are not Indians according to the common understanding of that term. They are a patient, industrious, honest and brave people, devoted to the soil, which they assiduously cultivate, and are very religious and pure in their private lives. In appearance the men are athletic, well built, straight featured, and the women are as pretty and intelligent as can be found anywhere. Passionately ambitious of education, their schools are their pride, and the percentage of illiteracy among them is less than among the Mexicans of any other state. However, the *state of Sonora*—whose lands, mineral and agricultural, are theirs by right of heritage and occupation—*has become a subject of exploitation by the Mexican government for the benefit, principally, of American capitalists,* whose friendship Diaz wishes to retain, and as a result the Yaquis have been forced to take up arms in defense of their homes. *Frequently Mexican soldiers will surround a village or town and destroy it completely by fire, after having massacred the majority of the inhabitants. The survivors are ironed and sent to Yucatan and Valle Nacional, in the hot countries, where they are sold into slavery.*

Charles Caruthers Coultres, after returning from an anthropological investigation through Northern Mexico, wrote in Collier's Weekly, March 11, 1905, that the wholesale butchering of the Yaquis by the Mexican government should be stopped by international interference. His account coincides with what Magon, Villarreal and Rivera, the imprisoned revolutionists, had to say on the same subject. In their Manifesto, issued from the Los Angeles county jail, December 27, 1907, it is said:

"The Yaquis district in the state of Sonora was inhabited and well tilled by the Indian tribe from which its name is derived. These Indian inhabitants were laborious, of patriarchial habits, very honest, and very desirable. When the French invaded Mexico the Yaquis were the best defenders of the fatherland. But the land which they defended so well with their blood, calling a halt to the Napoleonic hordes, the land upon which their forefathers lived, labored and died, awakened the covetousness of the men of our government. The extermination of the Yaquis was decided upon, and since then thousands die every year because they do not want to surrender without resistance to the bandits who oppress and dishonor us, the beloved land, which their fathers cultivated with such veneration, whose soil is enriched by the sweat of a hundred generations of humble toilers in the field.

The Whole Object Robbery.

"The government has caused the Yaqui war, after consenting that Ramon Corrall, Rafael Izabel and Luis E. Torres, i. e., the vice president of the republic, the ex-governor of the state of Sonora, and the actual governor of said state, should rob the Indians of their rich soil. And still today many of the Indians prefer to live with their arms at hand than to be *sold into slavery by the vice president of the republic to the rich of Yucatan at the price of two hundred Mexican dollars per head.* Are we to wonder, then, that the Yaqui Indians live in continuous open rebellion? But, isolated, the Yaquis spend their forces to no avail, and it is for this reason that we have invited the Yaquis to join forces with the general movement which at the proper time will be initiated by the liberal party in the entire territory of the republic, in order to co-operate thus in solidarity towards the final triumph of justice."

Recently stories have been published in various American newspapers declaring that the Yaquis have made peace with the Mexican government and are going to Hermosillo, the capital of the state of Sonora, in large numbers to surrender their arms. These stories are denounced as fabrications by Yaquis residing in California and Arizona. A Yaqui Indian in business in San Diego, Cal., stated to the writer that his people were cognizant of the treachery of the Diaz dictatorship and that never, so long as Diaz remained at the head of the government, would the Yaquis surrender their arms, or give up the fight. This Yaqui "Indian," by the way, speaks English as fluently as the average American, is well informed, possesses a good business education, and in appearance is hardly distinguishable from the type of American born Spaniard which flourishes so numerously in the southwestern portion of the United States.

Additional crimes of wholesale assassination, in which vast districts have been depopulated by soldiers at the instigation of Diaz, might be cited. The list is lengthy and is replete with unbelievable and unmentionable features of barbarism and blood. The senses are overwhelmed by the awful contemplation, and it is instinctively realized that not since man emerged from the savage state have such cruelties been perpetrated or such monstrous crimes committed as have those which have been ordered and authorized by Diaz in Mexico. The simple relation of them, without comment, is all that should be necessary to bring to the cheeks of present-day civilization the blushes of a burning shame, and a desire in the hearts of honest peoples everywhere for the liberation of Magon, Villarreal and Rivera, the heroic revolutionists incarcerated in an American jail, that they may continue and complete the movement they began for the overthrow of the Mexican monarch and the establishment of liberty and justice for their countrymen.—Geo. H. Shoaf.

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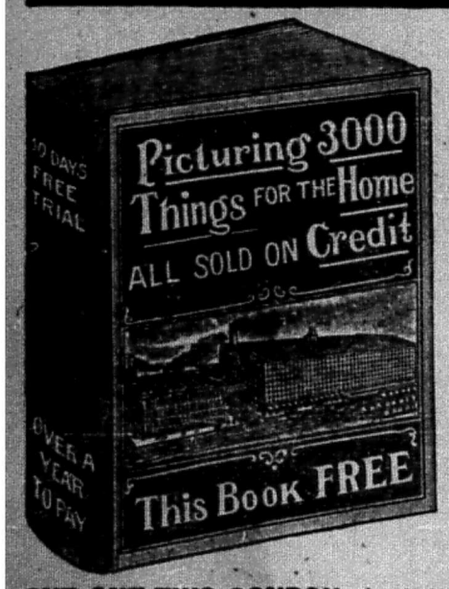

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Pardoning Power.

In case Gompers and Mitchell are put in jail has the president of the United States power to pardon them? Or has he power to pardon any criminal anywhere in the United States.—H. G., O'Fallon, Ill.

The president can pardon anyone who has been sentenced by a federal court, and Gompers comes under this category. The president has no jurisdiction over state courts and cannot pardon men sentenced by them. The governor has jurisdiction here.

What would prevent goods being adulterated under government ownership, the same as under private ownership? Could not the government employes adulterate the goods and thus enrich themselves?—G. G. S., Longcliff, Ind.

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Joining the National Guard.

Can a workingman best serve the interests of his class, especially the unions, by being in or out of the national guards? In what way did the national guards render service to the striking car men in the St. Louis street car strike.—H. N., Elizabethtown, N. J.

If by concerted action union men could join in sufficient numbers to make the national guard an organization for labor's protection instead of an institution for breaking strikes, a working man could best serve his class interests by being in. However, the way the national guard is constituted today, especially since the Dick military law is in operation, it is better to remain on the outside. This is the attitude of a great many labor unions.

There was no national guard on duty during the St. Louis street car strike in 1900. But the sheriff's posse, better known as the posse commitatus, was called out. The sheriff of St Louis had the right to call all citizens to arms. It was at this critical time when the four thousand street car strikers failed to listen to the advice of some of the leading Socialists, who had urged them to join the posse commitatus en masse and thereby get into possession of the riot guns that were stored in the court house corridors. If the strikers had followed this advice the murdering of their four brothers on Washington avenue by aristocratic deputy sheriffs would not have taken place. The situation in St. Louis in 1900 was such that every striker could have become a member of the posse commitatus, because the strike preceded a municipal election and the sheriff was playing politics with the great army of strikers and strike sympathizers. Of course, a similar situation could not be thought of in connection with the national guards.

Does the capitalist class make the system or does the system make the capitalist class?—E. H., King, Neb.

It cannot be said that the system makes the capitalist class nor can it be said that the capitalist class is responsible for the system. Both are the result of the law of industrial evolution. In the beginning all men were laborers. With their hands they wrested from nature the means of life. This system of industry prevailed for many centuries in the boyhood days of the race. One day a stong man conceived the idea of making a slave of the man he had bested in war. This was the beginning of the master class and the working class. Later on the master discovered that it was more profitable to own the land on which the slave must work than it was to assume the responsibility of keeping the slave on the land and providing him with employment. Thus serfdom naturally evolved out of the old forms of chattel slavery. The modern system of industry, with its capitalist class and the proletariat, came into being when mechanical means were used to aid in the production of wealth. Hand tools were very largely owned by the individual workmen in the beginning of this period, but in time, as the tool grew into a machine and it required several men to operate it, the individual workman lost possession of it and it passed into the hands of men of wealth, many of whom acquire their means from inheritance. The feudal lord was naturally succeeded by the capitalist, not because of any design on the part of man, but because of the development of industry. The individual capitalist was later succeeded by the company, the company by the corporation, and the corporation by the trust. The trust now has reached almost a state of perfection. The Socialist, looking back over the evolution that has taken place during the past centuries, sees the time not far distant when the perfected trust, now owned by a small group of capitalists, will be taken over by the nation as a matter of protection to the great majority and not because any group of individuals have planned or designed that this should be done. Each change in the form of industry has been brought about by the necessities of mankind. And it will be the grim necessities of the wealth producers in this day and age who form the bulk of the population, that will bring about the change from private to collective ownership.

The Hold Up Man

By Clarence S. Darrow

Will appear in the International Socialist Review for February. 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 last named story and The Dream of Debs are illustrated with original drawings by Ralph H. Chaplin.

The Study Course by Joseph E. Cohen started in the November number, which was sold out in a few days. We have reprinted the November lesson as a leaflet, one copy of which will be mailed free to anyone requesting it. Subscriptions can start with the December number if sent in at once. Eighty large pages monthly.

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Roosevelt Abroad.

From the tone of the trust-tamed press of America one would suppose that Roosevelt is the idol of the round world, and must not be criticised here for the reason that he is so mighty abroad. But he is being found out even in other lands. Under the title of "Caesarism" the London Daily News of January 13th says, among other stinging things:

The administration has been a period of big talk, ringing platitudes and furious personalities.

It seems as though Mr. Roosevelt has abandoned, as his term of office draws to an end, all sense of restraint and responsibility.

Mr. Roosevelt's critics accuse him of "Caesarism." They charge him with egotism, arrogance, thirst for power, reckless disregard of the conventions which limit a president's authority, and, above all, success in building up a "dynasty" by nominating a docile successor.

Iconoclasts and philosophical anarchists are valuable members of society, but their place is not at the white house.

Certain conditions in the United States do obviously, as far as they go, make for Caesarism.

Today the suspicion is gradually penetrating the American mind that all its elaborate electoral machinery only serves to disguise the real rule of the millionaires and the trusts. It trusts neither party, for against both the most damning charges can be made.

What a Socialist Could Do.

The question as to what a Socialist could do in the legislature or in congress is answered by what the Socialists in the Wisconsin legislature have done. They have introduced bills legalizing picketing in strikes, against child labor, creating a plant for printing state documents and school books, establishing a public works department in big cities that shall do away with the contract system, favoring an employer's liability bill, and a thirty-six hour work week, forbidding the importation of detectives or armed forces into the state for police duty, etc., etc.

Significant News and Its Meaning

Last week the Appeal called attention to the tendeney toward internationalism in rulership in order to better secure international capitalism. The movement is taking concrete form. Dr William Osborne McDowell has arranged a constitution for "The United Nations of the World," which has been endorsed by thousands of so-called statesmen in various parts of earths. For his work in doing this he has been recommended for the Nobel peace prize by more than three hundred United States senators, representatives, governors of states, etc., and by more than 125 presidents and heads of departments in universities. These figures will give an idea as to the progress the suggestion has made.

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The constitution in question provides for a judiciary, the international court at The Hague; for a legislature, the united national parliament of the world; and for a president, to be known as the peace-maker. There are many who suspect that Roosevelt's trip to Africa, which involves a visit to all the courts of Europe and, it has been intimated, a residence in Rome, is preliminary to making him the first world president.

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Under ordinary conditions such a proposition would appear fantastical and visionary. But the development of capitalism to an international power makes it almost necessary now. The Hague peace conferences were apparently merely preliminary to what Tennyson suggested as "a parliament of man, a federation of the world." There would be advantages in capitalism in such an organization. It would make uniform laws of trade. It would make exchange simpler, ending tariffs and restraints and would lift trade beyond meddling by states, since, being international, it would be handled only by this international government. It would also make it much easier to handle the labor situation, for if strikes occurred in one part of the world, production could be transferred to another section until the dissatisfied workers had been forced to terms.

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On the other hand, such an organization might be made to appear as in the interest of the whole people. No doubt it could be made a means through which large disarmament could be affected. Indeed, it would act just as mergers have acted in financial affairs—it would cheapen the work to be done and end ruinous competition. This is in direct line with the spirit of the age. It would also be a good thing for those who are already in the line of political promotion, because it would elmininate the smaller and "independent" nations and give to some the same tremendous political power which captains of industry exercise in industrial affairs.

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There is the danger of it. It is industrial plutocracy perfected. It would make the worker utterly powerless before it. This is the very reason why it is likely to be consummated. It might claim to be "socialistic," establishing in many lines a national ownership that was controlled by the few, and so deceive many into a belief that it was a triumph of Socialism. But, instead of being an industrial democracy, as Socialism would be, it would be an absoluteism based on modern business lines. Stirring things are ahead of the world, and this is the most startling possibility.

THE BUNDLE BRIGADE.

The following-named comrades have subscribed for the sized bundle set opposite their names since last report:

Name.	State.	No.	Name.	State.	No.
A Moxley,	Ia.	5	L Enebo,	S. D.	5
C Tillman,	Kan.	5	E Doolittle,	Wash.	4
L Block,	Ky.	5	R Oversly,	Wash.	5
H Church,	La.	5	C Regenery,	B. C.	4
A Howard,	Ore.	4	L Grue,	Ont.	4

Appreciates Our Difficulties.

Appeal to Reason, Girard, Kan.: Dear Comrades—At the last regular meeting of Local Cleburne, the local authorized the secretary to congratulate the Appeal on No. 685. Knowing as we do that you are sometimes criticised for running a considerable amount of advertising matter, we wish to express our approval of the make-up of No. 685. We realize that the money made on ads. make such an issue possible and we hope you will be able to make the ten page issues more numerous. With best wishes from the entire local, yours for the revolution—P. D. Phillips, Secretary Local Cleburne, No. 329, Cleburne, Texas.

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10	Socialism Made Plain	.50
10	Religion and Politics	.50
10	How We are Robbed	.50
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The brave and true are more than ever needed in the great battle now being fought for human freedom. Now as ever in the past, the masses are bowed down by the yoke of bondage, but now more than ever before the spirit of freedom is abroad and men are lifting their weary bodies from the dust and resolving to throw off the yoke of slavery and oppression.

The "Liberty Edition" which will be issued by the Appeal on February 20th, will mark an epoch in the great struggle. It will proclaim the coming freedom in the name of the revolutionary movement whose mission it is to achieve it.

This issue must be made to stand forth as the Pike's Peak in the series of great issues already to the Appeal's credit.

Dedicated to Liberty this issue appeals to all the countless hosts who are today fighting beneath the banner of the international movement, and we earnestly appeal to all our friends to concentrate their energies in spreading millions of these liberty proclaiming papers among the masses of the people.

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From the Heart of Africa.

Editor Appeal to Reason, Girard, Kan., U. S. A.: Dear Comrade—Enclosed few lines are a few questions which I, with one or two comrades, intend putting to our friend, Mr. Roosevelt, when he comes on his way to the happy hunting grounds.

As this is the last outpost of our so-called civilization it may come as a surprise to Teddy to find keen readers of the dear old Appeal here and it should show to him how far reaching your big little sheet is, and how Socialism is spreading.

I congratulate you on the result of the election and feel confident you must win next time. I am a member of the Capetown Social-Democratic League and a new comer to Bulwayo, but have found a few comrades already and we are making more slowly but surely. They join me in wishing you well out of your trouble with Uncle Sam, and are of one mind for the speedy arrival of the glorious revolution. Your comrade, Will Fraser, Bulwayo, Rhodesia, South Africa.

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ARMY NOTES.

Those Postal Cards.

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January 24	534
January 25	567
January 26	488
January 27	579
January 28	501
January 29	530
January 30	295
Total	3,494

The Big Ten.

Frank Marshall, Bicknell, Ind.	52
A. A. South, Springfield, Mo.	33
Jess Icenhour, Coulterville, Ill	28
J. H. Chumley, Hefrin, Ill.	27
S. T. Hefferline, Muncie, Ind.	22
O. S. Anderson, Vermillion, S. D.	20
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—Watch for the bundle rates in the Appeal and see what you think of becoming a Bundle Brigader.

—We are pleased to inform you that Comrade Berndorf, Columbus, Ohio, got to the front with a list of seven.

—The book offers that we are sending out are simply great. Read the ads. and then lay in a supply of ammunition.

—The seven new names received from Comrade Noble, Collinwood, Ohio, makes a good showing on the Appeal's list.

—The Office Boy took special pains to escort Comrade Lyall, Rosedale, Mich., over the office when he arrived with a list of four.

—Comrade Johaning, Cincinnati, Ohio, sends us a list of nine and informs us that this will not be the last list he will send.

—The bunch of nine sent in by Comrade Smith, Toledo, Ohio, helped to register the gain which the circulation report shows this week.

—Comrade Halstad, Kelliher, Minn., renews his own subscription and at the same time sends along the names of three of his neighbors.

—Study up the woman question from the Socialist standpoint. The Socialist Woman is what you want for this. With Appeal one year, 60c.

—The stock of pamphlets is getting lower every day and Comrade Merrill, Knoxville, Tenn., has jumped in and taken a supply before they are all gone.

—Through the kindness of Comrade Egbert, Jersey City, Ohio, the Appeal is privileged to visit four more new homes in his section of the country.

—A war dance is on in the Appeal Army and they are certainly going after the scalps. Comrade Hughes, Erhard, Minn., brought in a string of four.

—Hope the four new subscribers sent in by Comrade Lezner, Cass City, Mich., will be as pleased to receive the Appeal as we were to receive their subscription.

—From the noise the Bull Dog made it is quite evident that he took Comrade Burd, Wymore, Neb., to be a suspicious character when he came in with four yearlies.

—Comrade Spies, Hamilton, Ohio, is one of our friends in that state and finds time to send us a list every now and then, the last one of twelve having just arrived.

—"Hold on dah" said Teddy, as Comrade Cubbs, Benton Harbor, Mich., started to open the door to the business office. "Dat Bull Dog done chained in dah. Gib me dem subs."

—We are smiling these days because Comrade Bell, Tyler, Texas, is here and he wants 15,000 envelopes. He must be running a Socialist correspondence school down there.

—Comrades every place should make an effort to circulate copies of the liberty edition. It is a hot number, all right, boys, and we know you will like it as well as we do.

—It is very strange, but there are many strange things which can not be accounted for in this world, but Comrade Fergus, Ridgeland, Wis., had no trouble at all to get four subscribers for the Appeal in his city.

—Washington is represented this week by Comrade Oversby of Cle Elum, with an order for envelopes and by Comrade Katzenberger, Garfield, for letter heads, envelopes and cards.

—"I have been reading the Appeal about six months. I did not know before that Socialism is what it really is. All we want is more of it."—Comrade Rector, Newark, Ohio.

—Socialists certainly have no cause for being discouraged. At least Comrade Amann, Chillicothe, Ohio, does not think so and he went out and got ten subscribers in a little while.

—No doubt the capitalists have Comrade Middaugh, Hamilton, Mich., on the unfair list by this time, or, if not, they soon will have him if he continues sending lists of four to the Appeal.

—From the sunny south came Comrades Mohr & Son, St. Petersburg, Fla., for posters and shipping tags, and Comrades Nelson & Thompson, Belgreen, Ala., for note heads, envelopes and statements.

—Comrade Carpenter, Hesperia, Mich., has formed the habit of working for and talking for the Appeal to such an extent that he simply can't stop it and we don't want him to. He sent in a list of four last week.

—The dear, generous old plutes, are not paying the salary of Comrade Eppeson, Paducah, Ky., you may be sure, or he would not be spending his time taking subs for the Appeal. Received a list of four from him this morning.

—The best way to work for Socialism is to enlist new workers and that is what Comrade Ewing, Cincinnati, Ohio, has been doing. He has secured eight new readers for the Appeal and in a short time they will be doing their part toward the propaganda work.

—The Circulation Man has been living up in the air all week. He has scarcely condescended to speak to the Fairy decently. All because the circulation figures have taken an upward turn. He did manage to bow to Comrade Didden, Bruno, Minn., when he came in with a list of nine.

—The Office Boy has been wondering if Taft's big stick is going to cut any ice the next four years, and he was just in the act of venturing into the editorial room to inquire of the circulation man what his opinion was on the subject, when he was stopped by Comrade Susnar, Chicago, Ill., with a list of twenty names that he wanted to put on the list right away.

—Tell your neighbors something of the Mexican case and see if you can not get them interested in it. Then tell them that the Appeal to Reason will give them a correct story of this affair and you will have no trouble in getting their subscriptions. Perhaps that is the way Comrade Kerr, Akron, Mich., secured the list of four we have before us now.

—Last Friday was such a beautiful day that the Fairy strolled out for a short walk, and during her absence Comrade Rees, Stockport, Ohio, arrived with a list of four and he made the acquaintance of one of the other damsels, and he said that he had always supposed that there was but one fairy around the office, but he did not see any reason why we should not have Fairy No. 2.

—When you meet any one with such a sour look on their countenance that it would easily curdle sweet milk, walk up to him and ask him if he ever read the Appeal to Reason, and no doubt he will hand you a quarter. We received a list of four from Comrade Hinton, Vienna, La., and while he did not say that they were soured on the world and everything in it, as no doubt they had a good reason to be, we are going to help them to see the way out anyway.

Building State Armories.

According to the Hastings, Neb., State Republican, state armories are being proposed and built all over the country. The object of them appears in the following quoted from this paper, which confirms all that Socialist papers have said relative to the matter:

Slowly but gradually the militia in the states is *being put on a federal army footing—in other words being drilled and officered by regular army officers under the direction of the war department to be an effective co-operative force to act with the regular troops when occasion demands.* The plan has been to do this in a gradual way so that *ultimately in case of strikes and disturbances of any character the militia will be subject to call anywhere.*

Socialist Fables

The Three Tied Dogs.

Once there were three Dogs, who were tied. One of them whined and howled until the neighbood decided he was a nuisance and the owner administered a whipping. The second Dog huddled up close to his kennel and prepared to go to sleep. Before he had dropped into a snooze, however, he rebuked the first Dog. "It's foolish to say that you are tired," remarked No. 2. "I recognize that the interest of the Master and the Dog are identical, and by snuggling up close to the post I don't feel the thong at all. I am not afraid but that I shall be fed. Quit howling and go to sleep." The third Dog lay down and thought. Then he began to gnaw on the rope with which he was tied. The result was that in a few minutes he was really free. Which Dog was the wiser?

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Day.	No. Yearly Subs. 1908.	No. Yearly Subs. 1909.
Jan. 1	805	978
Jan. 2	1,032	962
Jan. 3	559	423
Jan. 4	668	478
Jan. 5	690	526
Jan. 6	829	857
Jan. 7	512	910
Jan. 8	906	1,246
Jan. 9	1,457	1,195
Jan. 10	706	1,124
Jan. 11	667	1,123
Jan. 12	657	927
Jan. 13	794	1,598
Jan. 14	746	1,792
Jan. 15	772	1,508
Jan. 16	704	1,052
Jan. 17	743	1,206
Jan. 18	584	1,393
Jan. 19	624	805
Jan. 20	413	1,416
Jan. 21	400	1,939
Jan. 22	838	1,190
Jan. 23	866	1,271
Jan. 24	788	1,009
Jan. 25	781	1,121
Jan. 26	734	956
Jan. 27	808	1,456
Jan. 28	521	1,144
Total	19,704	31,559

Since our last issue some of our veteran comrades have stepped into the breach and are now doing some surprising work in the way of getting new subs in their localities. The last few days have been quite busy ones, adding the new names to our lists, and if this is only kept up we shall soon have the tide running high in our favor.

This is a great fight in which we are now engaged, the greatest this old earth has ever seen. In the course of this magnificent fight nations are being knitted together, the oppressed classes hail each other as kindred and their salutation as comrades is heard all around the world.

Nothing could be grander than to serve in such a struggle and make a record of unfaltering faith and unrelaxing determination. Every effort put forth brings immediate compensation. And it is the kind of compensation that never fails and that can be reduced or cut off only by ourselves.

There has never been any cause which has appealed to the heart and brain and soul of man as has international Socialism. It recognizes the kinship of all human beings and its mission is to unite them all in the bonds of fraternity and peace. To the extent that the people understand the true meaning of Socialism they are flocking to its standard and helping to spread its truths among those who still sit in darkness.

The Appeal believes it can say without undue flattery that in this work of awakening the people it has done and is doing its full share. It has now for some years steadily pursued its course and many thousands who are now voting and working for Socialism got their first inspiration and learned their first lessons from its columns. It is gratifying indeed to hear the grateful expressions of these comrades and to note their devotion to the Appeal and to the cause which the Appeal is serving, and this in itself would be compensation enough if there were no other for the part the Appeal has taken in the Socialist propaganda.

But this is only an earnest of what the Appeal is sure can be done if all its supporters will take hold in dead earnest and put forth their best efforts to widen the scope of its influence and still further enlarge its circulation. To do this only requires that the members of the Appeal Army shall steadfastly bear the Appeal in mind and take advantage of every opportunity to add subscribers to its list.

It has already been demonstrated that the Appeal can count on an average of a thousand new subscribers every day as long as the Appeal Army is imbued with the proper zeal and doing its work in the way that made it famous.

Comrades, we feel uncomfortable below the 300,000 mark. We have been far above it and the lower temperature is no longer suited to our condition. We want you to lift the little old Appeal above the 300,000 line again where it belongs and then keep it going with the steady push of the Army behind it until you have made 1909 the banner year of its career.

Let us buckle on our armor and make good all along the line!

Circulation by States.

State	Off	On	Total
Texas	453	481	19,221
Pennsylvania	578	436	18,936
California	427	297	18,445
Oklahoma	610	563	17,892
Ohio	430	627	17,481
Missouri	549	393	14,689
Kansas	369	363	13,652
Illinois	250	397	12,151
Washington	275	207	11,743
Indiana	281	412	9,762
Minnesota	255	333	9,679
Michigan	278	268	9,672
Arkansas	24	289	9,023
New York	294	305	8,733
Iowa	267	165	7,761
Oregon	227	145	6,570
Colorado	163	119	5,453
Nebraska	147	191	5,295
Massachusetts	128	163	4,983
West Virginia	84	126	4,523
Wisconsin	97	122	4,379
Montana	72	119	4,165
Kentucky	120	140	4,037
Florida	62	166	3,715
North Dakota	142	153	3,560
South Dakota	85	50	3,399
Louisiana	71	88	3,268
Canada	87	56	3,169
North Carolina	216	66	2,893
Alabama	37	100	2,857
Tennessee	98	74	2,846
New Jersey	55	64	2,752
New Mexico	87	121	2,558
Utah	70	50	2,458
Foreign	11	9	1,902
Idaho	72	86	1,788
Maine	25	60	1,658
Virginia	32	39	1,608
Arizona	244	69	1,540
Georgia	35	36	1,504
Nevada	36	29	1,471
Connecticut	28	36	1,452
Maryland	25	39	1,389
Mississippi	37	40	1,028
New Hampshire	35	47	958
Vermont	14	17	640
Rhode Island	8	6	636
Alaska	4	5	614
South Carolina	34	19	613
Dist. of Columbia	9	28	282
Delaware	5	7	260
Total	8,025	8,235	291,995
New subs for week ending Jan. 23			8,235
Expirations for week ending Jan. 23			8,025
Gain			210
Total			291,995

THE MEXICAN CASE.

Girard, Kan., Jan. 29, 1909.
U. S. Dist. Att'y Lawler,
Los Angeles, Cal.
Wire at our expense date of trial of Ricardo Magon and his associates for alleged violation of neutrality laws.
APPEAL TO REASON.

There has been no answer to the above telegram up to the time of going to press. When the trial of the Mexican refugee will take place no one seems to know or at least is willing to tell. The Appeal has put the matter up squarely to the prosecuting attorney in the above telegram but he has made no answer. It is another case of Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone. The defendants are allowed to lie in jail in the hope of breaking their spirits and depleting the meager exchequer of their friends.

The constitution of the United States and the constitutions of the several states guarantee to all who are accused of crime a speedy trial. Then why this interminable delay, the dragging of these cases and the incarceration of these innocent men through all these weary months? The whole proceeding is outrageous and infamous and ought to intensify the spirit of revolt which is rising in this country. Every possible means of protest should be brought to bear in forcing these cases to trial.

The truth is, as in the cases of Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone, that there is no evidence upon which conviction can be secured. It is for this reason that all sorts of subterfuges and delays are resorted to.

The Appeal is confident of the innocence of these men. They have been grossly maligned and cruelly wronged and even if they were not the champions of the oppressed the spirit of fair play, to say nothing of the instincts of humanity, should impel us to espouse their cause and stand between them and the bloodthirsty vindictiveness of the Mexican dictator.

Let all possible means be taken by way of meetings and protest funds to aid the cause of our Mexican comrades. Let all these activities be increased all over the country until a public sentiment is created that will restore these patriots to liberty and forever forbid a repetition of the outrages of which they have been the victims.

PEABODY AND GOODING.

Frank Gooding, the governor of Idaho, who achieved wide notoriety for having instigated the kidnaping of Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone, has retired to private life, his term having expired. His political career is ended. There is no one to weep over his political demise. His ignominious end tells its own mournful story.

Governor Gooding sought by prostituting his high office at the behest of the Mine Owners' Association to win still greater political laurels. His ambition was to occupy a seat in the United States senate. For the sake of political preferment he instigated one of the most atrocious crimes ever committed in this country. One of the victims of this crime, Geo. Pettibone, was literally done to death by official persecution and torture.

But Gooding reckoned without the revolutionary movement of the working class and its press. Before he had proceeded very far he was stripped stark naked and held up to public execration. His conspiracy was laid bare and he was routed, and now his retirement ends forever his political career.

James Peabody of Colorado also retired after a like experience. Both Gooding and Peabody had been used to serve infamous ends by the same power and now that they are of no further use to that power they are flung aside, despised by their former masters and loathed as unclean by all honest men. After a brief period both will be forgotten.

BEGGARY, THEFT OR STARVATION.

A few days ago a poorly dressed man flung a brick through a glass window on Broadway in New York for the express purpose of having himself arrested. When brought before the justice he said: "It matters not where I hail from or what my business has been. Recently it has been that of trying to solve the problem of trying to live on nothing. I was starving. I am without friends—here. It was either beggary or theft until I thought of committing some comparatively harmless crime and being arrested. That is why I broke the window to be saved the shame of begging or thieving. My name—well, let it go as John Smith."

Commenting on the foregoing the Terre Haute Star says: "If you could not get work, if you were friendless and starving, if people turned you away from their doors as a worthless tramp, not believing your story, would you steal, would you beg, would you commit a crime for the sake of getting food and shelter, or would you end it all by going out of the world?"

Some resort to one of these alternatives and some to the other. They are all bad, extremely bad. It is hard to tell which is the worst, the humiliation of beggary, the crime of theft, or the cowardice of suicide.

But this is not, after all, the main question. This question only grows out of the main question, is but the effect and not the cause.

The real question is, what shall be done with the system which drives millions to these fearful extremities? The United States and England are given credit for being the most advanced and progressive nations in the civilized world. In both of these there are millions who every day of their lives are compelled to decide whether they will beg, steal, commit a crime or destroy themselves, and the worst of it is that it is not on account of the meanness of nature or the want of any of the things necessary to overcome this social suffering and desperation, but simply because the people in their ignorance tolerate a social system under which a few have monopolized the means of life.

Never until the sources and means of wealth production are socially owned and used for the social well-being will these appalling conditions be overcome, and not until then will we be really civilized.

Socialism and civilization will come hand in hand.

KNOCK 'EM OUT

Here is a little bunch of books that contain enough dynamite in the way of information to blow the top off capitalism. We'll call it the "Solar Plexus" combination, because that's just what it is. If you want to deliver a solar plexus on the anatomy of the Wall street plutes, just enclose a dollar bill, at our risk, and say "Solar Plexus." The Fairy will do the rest.

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SENATE SCANDAL.

Isaac Stephenson is one of the senators who represents the state of Wisconsin in the United States senate. He was appointed to succeed Senator Spooner when that gentleman retired to enter upon corporation law practice in New York and has recently been elected to succeed himself. Now comes the report that he has been elected by the grossest kind of bribery and fraud.

Stephenson is reputed to be the richest man in Wisconsin and according to the charges of Senator Blaine and others he has literally bought his way to the United States senate, as was done by Clark of Montana some years ago. There are a number of senators now in office who have secured their places through more or less corrupt methods, but not many of them paid a quarter of a million dollars for their seats as Stephenson is charged with doing by some of the representative men of his state.

What the outcome will be is not certain, nor is it of importance so long as capitalism lasts. The only charge his colleague can really make against him is for raising prices on them. With but few exceptions United States senators are either capitalists themselves or corporation lawyers. They are subservient to the American plutocracy and are there for that purpose. They are composed of the same quality of statescraft as the United States supreme court. Both are branches of the capitalist government and the personnel of both is sufficient evidence that they are duly constituted to serve the capitalist class and perpetuate capitalist institutions.

Senator Stephenson, by paying a quarter of a million for his seat, has set a shining example of what it is possible for an ambitious poor boy to do in the United States.

TWO BATTLESHIPS.

President-elect Taft has gone to Panama to "inspect" the canal. The canal has already undergone any number of "inspections," but the trouble with the "inspections" is that those who ought to be inspected are the inspectors.

By what authority President-elect Taft, who is at this time only a private citizen, goes to Panama officially on a tour of inspection is not made clear. It is sufficient, presumably, that the president-elect and his friends wanted to go to Panama to counsel with the friends in charge of the canal and other enterprises in Panama which, according to Congressman Rainey of Illinois, are being engineered to yield stupendous fortunes to the favored few who are on the inside.

But the point is that it takes two battle ships to convey Mr. Taft and his friends to Panama. Why not the entire fleet?

If it requires two battle ships to haul Mr. Taft to Panama while he is still president-elect, how many will it require to handle him after he becomes president? He travels in state as does his friend the czar of Russia, with the same pomp and vainglorious display.

Why could not Taft, if he felt moved to go to Panama, embark without battleships? There is no war at Panama, nor prospect of war. Any ordinary vessel would do as well as a battleship. If the president were really a democratic president he would travel the same as other citizens. But president-elect Taft has monarchial ideas the same as the rulers of the old world. He no more believes in democracy than does William of Germany or Edward of England. He believes that as the "ruler" of the people he must travel in state like any other king or emperor and so when he goes to Panama on a junketing tour after the strain and fatigue of eating "possum" in Georgia, two battleships are required to transport his august personage.

How many of his friends, the wage slaves who elected him, are with him as his personal guests on this battleship junket to Panama?

BRISTOW AND THE ALTON.

In accepting the United States senatorship from Kansas a few days ago Joseph L. Bristow opened a powerful battery on the "Alton Deal." He used the figures so often produced in the Appeal to show the proportions of Harriman's loot of the Alton company. The precise amount of the steal is given by Senator-elect Bristow and the charge made by him that Harriman and his associates are criminals and that "the men who are guilty of such high-handed operations should face imprisonment for their crime."

This is the first public official of national character who has had the courage to speak out against this infamous swindle. The press has remained silent because the press is controlled by the same corporate power which is responsible for these crimes.

Senator-elect Bristow is entitled to full credit for standing up in protest against this collosal crime and demanding that those responsible for it shall be imprisoned the same as other criminals.

Compared to this robbery the ordinary thief or burglar is a mere novice and if the latter should be sent to the penitentiary at all the criminal conspirators who plundered the Alton of $62,000,000 should receive a million-year sentence of hard labor.

The Appeal has made this fight single handed and alone, but has hardly been able to break the conspiracy of silence which has kept the Alton deal a secret so far as the capitalist press is concerned.

Senator-elect Bristow has now fired the first gun. We have but one fault to find with him and that is that he stopped short of the actual criminal. It is true enough that Harriman and his associates lobbied the bill through the legislature of New York which made the "Alton Steal" possible by making the issue of its "reorganized" bonds legal investment for savings bank deposits, giving them gilt edged character on the stock exchange, but who signed that special bill that made it a law?

THEODORE ROOSEVELT!

Here we have the responsible man. He is now the highest public official in the United States. At the time of the "Alton Deal" he was governor of New York. His criminal responsibility has not diminished with the lapse of time. It was he who made the $62,000,000 loot of the Alton possible by signing the bill which Harriman, with the aid of his friend Odell, lobbied through the legislature of New York.

Will Senator-elect Bristow, when he takes his seat, renew his attack when he is clothed with official power to act?

Will he make the charge as specific in the United States senate as he made it before the legislature of Kansas?

Will he demand on the floors of the senate that these criminals be sent to the penitentiary?

Will he place Theodore Roosevelt in the pillory where he properly belongs as the central figure among the looters of the Alton?

If Senator-elect Bristow will take the initiative when he is seated in demanding a thorough investigation of the gigantic Alton robbery he will give tangible evidence of his sincerity.

When Senator-elect Bristow reaches Washington he will find himself surrounded by colleagues who are either themselves great exploiters or the legislative lackeys of the rich and powerful criminals he has denounced in his speech. Will he succumb to the subtle influence of gold? Watch!

FREEMAN KNOWLES, publisher of "The Lantern" at Deadwood, S. D., has been required to appear with his attorney before the United States court of appeals at St. Louis, where the case against him is now pending. Readers of the Appeal are familiar with the prosecution brought against him for the alleged violation of the postal laws. The only offense Comrade Knowles is really guilty of is the publication of matter offensive to the ruling class. This constitutes his offense. He violated no law and committed no wrong. But this does not matter. His paper is a Socialist paper and has been a thorn in the flesh of the capitalist politicians and this is sufficient reason why he should be put to endless expense that he may be financially ruined and his paper suppressed. The Appeal earnestly hopes that Comrade Knowles will come out with colors flying and it believes he will. He has no fear of the outcome and will certainly do his duty to the end.

CAPITALISM is such a failure that, after having had charge of things for centuries, a third of the people of the world still have no roof to cover them, and another third or more rent places in which to live.

CHRISTIAN RUDOWITZ

has been saved from extradition and death by the agitation of the working class and its press. This is another fine achievement and denotes the increasing power of the labor movement. To still further develop this growing power will be the special object of the "Liberty Edition" and it will be the most vital ever issued from the Appeal press. There is urgent need that this edition be spread among non-Socialists. Millions of copies must be put in circulation. We ask each comrade, sympathizer and friend to order at once as many copies as he can use to wake up the people in his locality. Fifty cents a hundred; five dollars for a thousand.

A CAUSE without an enemy isn't worthy of a friend.—The Flame, Sydney, Australia.

MRS. HOWARD GOULD testifies in court that any woman, with proper economy, can get along with $76,000 per year. That is all right, but what the average woman would like to know is how she can get along without them.

MARCH OF SOCIALISM.

The convention of the United Mine Workers of America has for some days been in session at Indianapolis, Ind. Most important of its actions thus far is the adoption of a resolution demanding the public ownership of public utilities. This is in effect Socialism.

This same resolution, substantially, has been introduced at a number of preceding conventions but has never received hitherto any great amount of support. Not until the present convention, which is the largest ever held, was the sentiment for public ownership sufficiently developed to insure the passage of the resolution.

The convention consists of over thirteen hundred delegates and represents upwards of three hundred thousand miners. It is the largest single labor union in the United States and perhaps in the world. That this leading union should now practically declare in favor of Socialism is decidedly significant.

This important action, which entirely changes the fundamental character of the United Mine Workers, was not taken without good cause. The delegates have been compelled to realize the trend of things. The conditions which actually confront them could not longer be ignored.

Under the most favorable conditions their union at its maxium strength can hope for there are still thousands of idle miners and thousands of others working but a day or two a week, or are chronically upon half time. Under capitalism this condition is fixed and permanent and there will never be any material change in it. It is this, coupled with the decisions of the supreme court outlawing the trade union, legalizing the kidnaping of labor leaders and the blacklisting of the rank and file of organized labor, that has brought the miners to realize that Socialism, collective ownership, was the only remedy.

It required but the decision of Judge Wright, sentencing John Mitchell to jail, to determining the hesitating element and bring the delegates squarely around to the working class side of the proposition.

This is a decided step in advance for the United Mine Workers and the Appeal heartily congratulates the delegates upon their wise and fearless action. According to the press dispatches, which at this time we are unable to verify on account of the wires being down, the vote on the public ownership proposition was unanimous, but we scarcely believe that such was the case.

The important point is that it has passed and that the largest union in the American movement is on record as having adopted the essential and fundamental principles of Socialism.

This is but the beginning and it is safe to assume that no backward step will be taken. The United Mine Workers is now not merely a pure and simple reactionary labor union, but a revolutionary working class body whose mission it is not only to ameliorate the condition of the American miners, but to abolish capitalism and emancipate them from wage slavery.

This is the most important action recently taken by any labor union in the United States. It forshadows great changes not only in the United Mine Workers, but in the American labor movement. It is the one thing that all the conservative "leaders" and labor politicians have resisted with all their power.

The United Mine workers have made no mistake. Future events will vindicate the wisdom and fidelity of its delegates.

LAND FRAUD CASES.

There is no limit to the land frauds which have been committed in the United States. The public timber lands have been literally stolen by hundreds of thousands of acres. According to press dispatches from Washington, Secretary Garfield has just submitted the statement of H. H. Schwartz, chief of the field service, showing over 32,000 distinct cases of land fraud. It is charged that approximately $110,000,000 worth of land in states, principally west of the Mississippi river, have been fraudently acquired within the past two years by corporations and individuals.

It should not be overlooked that all these thieves are capitalists and promoters. There is not a working man in the entire lot. All of them are "eminently respectable" and not one of them will ever serve a day in prison.

Only gentlemen engineer gigantic swindles and robberies and only the proletarian riffraff resort to petty theft and go to jail.

Secretary Garfield has asked congress for an appropriation of $500,000 more, making $1,000,000 in all, for the purpose of recovering the stolen lands.

There is no probability that the stolen lands will be recovered, but the thieves, or others like them, will also get the additional million of appropriation.

The whole system in which we live is honey combed with corruption and graft. Wherever it is pierced the pus begins to flow. There is not a healthy drop of blood, nor a sound particle of tissue in the whole capitalist system. It is graft-eaten from center to circumference and every effort to reform it will prove vain and futile. Nothing less than the social revolution which will abolish capitalist production and establish the Socialist commonwealth is worthy of consideration. All else is waste of time.

Statistical

The Fire Loss.

According to figures presented before the convention of cement workers at Columbus, in 1907, the property destroyed by fire in the United States was valued at $215,000,000, a per capita loss of $2.50. There was paid to insurance companies in excess of what was returned in losses, $145,000,000. Altogether the fire loss in the United States in 1907 was $456,486,151, or $5.34 per capita, or nearly one-half the cost of the building construction for the same year, which was estimated at $1,000,000,000. Our per capita loss is nearly eight times that of Europe, which is reported by the national board of underwriters at but 30 cents for six leading countries.

THAT LABOR PARTY.

There is a good deal of talk about organizing a labor party in the United States. There could be no greater mistake from the standpoint of the working class. There is already such a party and why another? The Socialist party is in every true sense a labor party and to organize another would be to inaugurate confusion and bring on disaster.

It is significant that a point has been reached in spite of all reactionary leaders when the rank and file of the trade union movement insist upon going into politics. Every possible effort was made by the labor politicians to prevent this but now that the logic of events has made it inevitable the next best thing, from the capitalist point of view, which is of course the point of view of his henchman in the labor union, is to organize a "labor party."

Let the trade unionists who desire united political action cast their fortunes with the Socialist party. It is their party, composed of their own fellow workers and financed by them, and they will find it responsive to all their legitimate demands.

To give themselves to the organizing of another so-called "labor party" is to be misled by the same false leaders who have too long been the means of sidetracking them whenever they have reached the point of effective action.

There was an object lesson in San Francisco not long ago which should not yet be forgotten by trade unionists. Socialists there pleaded with the unions not to organize another "labor party," but it was insisted upon and its record is still a stench in the nostrils of the country.

The Socialist party extends a hearty welcome to all trade unionists to join it and build it up that it may adequately represent the working class in every political contest, municipal, state and national, until the wage-system is abolished and the working class is supreme.

Not a day passes but that the Socialist party proves its fidelity to the interests of the working class. Wherever there is a strike or a labor leader is in trouble, or an attack upon the unions, by the courts or otherwise, the Socialist party and its press are always in the lead to fight with all their means the battles of the workers, and it is the duty of these workers to ally themselves with the Socialist party and make it the effective political expression of their interests instead of being led by reactionaries, with the sympathetic approval of the capitalist class, to organize another party and thereby divide instead of uniting the labor forces.

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TAFT AND LABOR.

For several weeks President-elect Taft has been royally entertained in the south. Governors, politicians, educators, capitalists and gentlemen have all vied with each other in doing him honor. It is quite plain that they recognize in him their president, par excellence.

It is worthy of remark that all these hospitalities were extended by the ruling class and its representatives. Not a workingman was present at any of the functions of honor of which Taft was the recipient. Not a plate was set for a workingman at the sumptous possum banquets. Only gentlemen were invited. Workingmen, who belong to the lower and inferior class, would have given offense to the occasion.

The distinguished guest of the chivalry of the southland was elected by the vote of wage-slaves but they are not fit to participate in receptions given to his excellency after his election.

Mr. Taft is now on his way to Panama in two battleships but there are no wage-slaves among his guests.

Mr. Taft will soon be inaugurated president amidst all the regal splendor befitting a crowned head, but the wage-slaves will not be at the inauguration ball nor admitted to any of the polite circles which constitute "the real thing" and which are confined, here as in the old world, to the ruling class and its parasites.

The wage-slaves furnished the votes and that is all they are fit for in the estimation of Mr. Taft and other capitalist politicians, and that is all they will ever be fit for until they heed the teachings of Socialism and realize that they, when they so will it, are the elect of the nation and can rise to the dignity of men instead of groveling in servility at the feet of their master.

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