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# Appeal to Reason.

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## Just a Worker Killed

PHINEAS HOPKINS lived in the mountain regions of Colorado. There were literally tons of gold and silver stored away in the veins of the great Rockies—but none of it belonged to Phineas. He was a child of the working class. And though less than twenty years old, already had the burden of supporting a widowed mother laid upon his young shoulders. Never having had the advantages of a schooling nor an industrial training, he was an unskilled workman, and took the first job offered him. That was "trammor" in the mines, and he had been at it for four years.

The Moon-Anchor Consolidated Gold Mines Limited was the rather ostentatious name of the corporation for which Phineas worked. The boss of the Moon-Anchor Consolidated had set Phineas at a job in a pumping station of the sixth level, which was being excavated. This chamber was not timbered, as the law required, and the working men were constantly harassed by falling rock. To render the situation absolutely beyond the safety point, the only pillar of support was shot out, by order of the foreman, after which they began to timber up the mine.

The foreman had been warned of the danger. Protected by the company, he gave no heed to the entreaties of the men for better protection. Accidents more or less fatal followed. And, finally, Phineas had his young life crushed out. A sickening wreck of flesh and blood and bone, he was carried, as tenderly as the great rough miners could carry such a burden, up the narrow mountain path to the cabin of the little mother.

While young Hopkins had worked down in the bowels of the earth making possible the vast hoards of gold and silver for the great corporations, his mother, withered, frail, lonely, toiled in and about the little cabin on the mountain side, cooking, washing, and making things as "home-like" as possible for Phineas.

When she saw the miners toiling up the mountain side, she shaded her eyes with her hand, and watched them. A cold chill shot through her body. And a mother's anguish, intensified by awful loneliness and biting poverty, was her portion when she learned that her support, her beloved child—her everything in fact—was taken away in one cruel, heart-rending, needless blow.

Knowing that her boy had fallen upon the industrial battlefield in the discharge of his duty, and believing herself entitled to a pension, Mrs. Hopkins brought suit against the Moon-Anchor Consolidated company for damages. In pressing her claim she charged that the company was responsible for her son's death, in that it failed to properly safeguard the place where he had been compelled to work.

Witnesses during the trial testified that Hopkins was killed in a chamber of the mine that was being excavated for a pumping station. Instead of timbering the chamber as the work progressed, as they should have done had they obeyed the law, the mine foremen proceeded defiantly and lawlessly with the work of excavating, and ordered their men to expose themselves to almost certain death, or quit the job. When the attention of the foremen was called to the danger of working in the unguarded chamber they replied that the men knew what they could do if they refused to obey orders.

As an exhibition of their authority, the foremen ordered the only pillar of support the chamber had shot out, after which they ordered Hopkins and his companions to carry rock from the chamber through a connecting tunnel to a place of deposit outside. Every time the men entered the chamber they had to pick up rock in the midst of a rain of rock that was falling from the roof. It was while engaged in this work that Hopkins met his death—his life being snuffed out and his body crushed into an almost unrecognizable wreck of blood and bones and flesh by an avalanche that descended from above.

Evidence disclosed that the mine foremen had deliberately and consciously violated the law regarding timbering of mines. It was shown that Hopkins worked under protest, and that his death was cold-blooded murder.

The company denied negligence, and the charge that law had been violated, asserting that the risks and dangers which caused the death of Hopkins were incident to his employment, and were assumed by him, and that the pumping station that was being excavated necessarily had to be excavated with danger to life and limb. At the conclusion of the trial in the lower court the company, perceiving the weakness of its cause, elected to introduce no evidence or combat the arguments of Mrs. Hopkins' attorneys. Instead, it saved exceptions, and when the jury returned a verdict for the mother of the murdered young miner, and the court awarded damages, the company appealed.

Here reflections pertinent to the situation are in order. Why did the Consolidated company refuse to contest matters with Mrs. Hopkins in the trial court? When it was proved beyond all doubt that the Consolidated company had violated statutory law in failing to properly timber the chamber, why did not the company submit evidence in rebuttal? Why did the attorneys sit quietly by and save exceptions, and smile as they accepted?

There is but one answer. The Consolidated company knew from the beginning that it would appeal the case to a higher court, and it knew what the decision of that court would be.

Numerous errors were assigned on appeal, but the one chiefly relied on was that the lower court erred in not directing the jury to return a verdict favorable to the company. In reversing the decision of the trial court JUDGE WALTER H. SANBORN, who gave the opinion of the court, which was composed of himself, Willis Van Devanter, William C. Hook and Judge Thayer, declared "there was nothing in the facts to charge the company with failure to exercise reasonable care and precaution to render the place as safe as the nature of the work would permit, but that the cause of the death was one of the dangers of which the deceased must have known, and of which he assumed the risk, as one of the hazards of employment."

In short, Judge Sanborn and his associates held that the jury, which listened to the evidence, saw the witnesses testify and were informed in regard to the circumstances connected with the death of Hopkins, had made a mistake in awarding damages to the miner's mother. This mistake Judge Sanborn rectified by reversing the jury verdict in favor of the Consolidated company.

The injustice of Judge Sanborn's decision is manifest. Judges Van Devanter and Hook concurred in the decision, but Judge Thayer dissented. The trial court, said Judge Thayer, should have been upheld, and Mrs. Hopkins allowed damages. This was not the only time Judge Thayer dissented from Sanborn, Van Devanter and Hook. Judge Caldwell, who sat in the same court, quite frequently dissented from Sanborn, Van Devanter and Hook. Thayer and Caldwell were upright judges and humane men. They believed in justice and humanity, and gave decisions that accorded with their beliefs.

Is there any significance in the fact that both Caldwell and Thayer quit the court their presence formerly graced, and that another man, Elmer B. Adams, a well-known corporation lawyer from St. Louis, now sits with Sanborn, Van Devanter and Hook?

Before this court—Sanborn, Van Devanter, Hook and Adams—Fred D. Warren, editor of the Appeal to Reason, will appear May 9th. The record of this court discloses that invariably its decisions are for the corporations and against the working class. Warren is a working man, pure and simple. He is a Socialist fighting for the overthrow of the system Judge Sanborn's court upholds and typifies. Will that court reverse the decision of the packed republican court of Kansas and give him his liberty?

It remains to be seen.

## TAFT HEARS APPEAL TO INVESTIGATE GROSSCUP

BY THE UNITED PRESS.—PRINTED IN MANY PAPERS.  
 Washington, April 27.—Demands of the Switchmen's union of Chicago for an investigation of the official conduct of Federal Judge Peter S. Grosscup have been brought to President Taft's attention by Senators Lorimer and Cullom and the members of the Illinois congressional delegation. The campaign waged by Eugene V. Debs through the Appeal to Reason is referred to by the resolution and in the interests of absolving the courts from suspicion of taint as well as doing justice to Grosscup if the charges are untrue, it is requested that the president and congress take some action.

The resolution recites that the Appeal to Reason has charged Judge Grosscup with corruption in office and conduct unbecoming a federal judge.

## GROSSCUP TO HEAD NEW PARTY

Judge Peter S. Grosscup, whose investigation by congress for malfeasance in office is pending, in writing to the North American Review, advocates the formation of a new labor party. He says that he is ready to renounce his allegiance to the republican party for the purpose of furthering his move.

The announcement comes at a time which makes this the CRISIS PERIOD of the century. A national convention of the Farmers' Society of Equity is in progress at St. Louis. President Taft, governors of many states and labor leaders of national reputation are announced to speak. The political situation is to be canvassed and a strong effort will be made to organize a party of affiliation and compromise.

The masses of the farmers are honest. Organized labor is honest. But there is grave danger in this movement, from the fact that men of the character of Peter S. Grosscup have shown a disposition to engage actively in the work of organizing a new party that can be used by the masters; for Grosscup never acted for anything but the corporations.

Grosscup, whether he is investigated by congress or not, is discredited before the people. He has never stood for them. His pretense of favoring their interests now, his high sounding talk of a "proprietary interest in corporate success," his sympathy with "the burdens of the worker," ought to create alarm among those who really wish to do things for the oppressed, simply because his record is bad.

Moreover, this man Grosscup is posing as sponsor for Roosevelt. He says so in definite words. It does not speak well for the entire agitation which has for its motive the advertising of the Man from Elba, the new Napoleon on Horseback. Grosscup has not been repudiated by Roosevelt. He is even protected by republicans and democrats in congress before whom it is proposed to try him for malfeasance in office. This silence, this protection, argues that the motive behind it all is no better than the man who now poses as a leader of labor, and looks to tricking the toiler into supporting a capitalist party.

With all respect for the honest men who assemble at St. Louis, they should remember that they face the crisis which means an effort to trick out of existence the mightiest protest of this age. It is not a warning without example to make it effective.

Protest had arisen in 1896 to stupendous proportions, chiefly among the farmers, yet reaching out after organized labor as well. At that time Bryan was put forward as a Moses, and at St. Louis, the same city in which the meeting occurs this week, the protest was ended in a compromise and fusion; Bryan may have been sincere. Roosevelt may have capitalist virtues now. Nevertheless, the crushing of the protest was accomplished through Bryan in 1896, and capitalism can have no other use for Roosevelt and a labor party at this time than to accomplish, if possible, the same result.

Just at this time—that is the significance of it! Warren is to be tried at St. Paul May 9th. Not until this event did Grosscup venture to come out of the woods, and now, to square himself with the people, he comes whining for a new labor party. Possibly he would not dare come at all did he not know the federal court sufficiently well to feel sure that Warren, the man who dared tear the soiled ermine from his festering carcass and reveal his corruption to the world, would be crushed by it.

The crisis period extends a little beyond St. Louis. It reaches to St. Paul. It reaches to Chicago. On May 15th a conference of the Socialist party will be held at Chicago. That is a real labor party. The St. Louis convention is being used by professional politicians and "labor leaders" for the purpose of minimizing the more significant work of this other convention, and Grosscup is not pleading so much for labor as against Socialism, which exposed his villainy to the world.

Much depends on the work of the Chicago conference. Unless it is radical for revolution—as it will be—the protest toward which so much agitation has gone and into which so much energy has been put will be ready to be tricked from the earth. Remember 1896. There must be no compromise. The protest must live that it may grow and win.

What the result will be depends on YOU. The Appeal saw the nature of the crisis, but it is for the Army to rise equal to the occasion.

Think of it!

Next Monday is International Labor Day, dedicated to revolutionary emancipation.

This week Grosscup and others of his ilk will try to defeat class-conscious action through flattery.

THIS IS COURT PROTEST WEEK. Smash Grosscup in the mouth with a Socialist subscription! On May 9th the courts and the critic of the courts will be on trial at St. Paul.

On May 15th the only Revolutionary Movement in America will meet in conference at Chicago to devise a plan of campaign for hastening the overthrow of capitalism. Carry the battle to Chicago, Grosscup's home!

Never have such stupendous issues been crowded in such limited space.

Take your stand! There is but one way you can express yourself. The only ballot possible for you to wield at this time is YOUR NEIGHBOR'S SUBSCRIPTION TO A SOCIALIST PAPER. You may repeat that vote indefinitely.

Army, attention! Get on the Firing Line for this COURT PROTEST WEEK.

## McPherson vs. Public Opinion

Debs' Charges.  
 From His Cooper Union.  
 "The people had succeeded in getting a 2-cent-a-mile railroad rate passed. The railroads seeking to have the law set aside applied not to the state courts, in which the justices are elected by the people, but to the federal courts, in which the judges are appointed by the corporations. So the railroads got up a 'week's' hearing trip for Judges Pollock, Phillips and McPherson. It stocked a private car with all sorts of wine and good things, and sent the three judges off on a two-weeks' jaunt. It was supposed to be a fishing trip. But in reality it was a delinquent of the most scandalous nature. During the trip the honorable jurists got into an altercation in which one of them shot at another. If such an act had been done by three Socialists, the newspapers would have cried the affair as another example of the menace of Socialism. But it happened to be done by three judges, and the matter was entirely hushed up. Nothing was ever heard of it. When the judges returned they declared that the 2-cent-a-mile rate bill was unconstitutional. The supreme court of the United States itself consists wholly of corporate lawyers. It forces weapons for the capitalists and fetters for the working class."

WHO'S A LIAR?  
 In his reference to the charge that he (McPherson) had gone on a junk to Mexico at the expense of railroads, and on his return decided the Missouri two-cent fare controversy in favor of those same railroads, Judge Smith McPherson uses the following language:  
 "That speech was made by an ex-convict by the name of Eugene V. Debs, and is now given a large circulation. The story has been ever heard of it. When the judges returned they declared that the 2-cent-a-mile rate bill was unconstitutional. The supreme court of the United States itself consists wholly of corporate lawyers. It forces weapons for the capitalists and fetters for the working class."

McPherson vs. Public Opinion.  
 Judge Woods for contempt of court under an arbitrary ruling and not a conviction. While in jail, under contempt, he was tried for conspiracy in the court of the notorious Judge Grosscup. Before the trial came to an end one of the jurors was stricken with illness, and during two days the matter was argued in court whether or not the trial should proceed with eleven jurors or with a new juror, Debs being willing to either arrangement. Judge Grosscup would not rule for either and Debs was returned to jail to serve out his sentence for contempt. The conspiracy case never came to trial and Debs was not convicted. "The story that he was a convict is a lie, and Judge McPherson's statement is a libel."

But though this is a libel on Debs, it is not always a disgraceful thing to be a convict. Indeed, there are times when it is an honor to be such. Jesus was a convict, and he was not especially disgraced by it, considering the nature of his accusers and judges.

This is not all. The Appeal told the absolute truth relative to the Tampico fishing trip. The fact that the trip was made is established by the files of many papers which alluded to it at the time. The fact that the trip was made was admitted by Judge Phillips over his own signature in the Kansas City Star. The fact that two of the judges who made the trip at the expense of the railroads, shortly after their return from this trip, set aside the two cent passenger fare in Missouri, is established by court records. Denial counts for nothing. It is the mere pleading of the guilty of a man arraigned before the bar of public opinion. It is the facts which count, and the facts and records are too conclusive that the judge acted for the railroads, against the people, under very compromising conditions.

## SHOULD PAY THEIR SERVANTS

A circular letter is being sent out from the law office of ex-Governor Stanley of Kansas, an attorney of the Standard Oil company and the harvester trust, and a personal friend and crony of Federal Judge Pollock, asking the people to demand an increase in the pay of the federal judges.

This letter is supposed to be addressed by one Kansan to other Kansans, yet it speaks of "your" state, indicating that it may have originated in the office of the Standard Oil company or some other corporation, and is sent to various attorneys in various states to promote the move.

Why should the people ask that they be taxed to pay the federal judges more, until they receive some evidence that now and then these federal judges will uphold their rights? So long as they do the work of the corporations alone, the corporations should pay their salaries as well as "perquisites," and if it is desirable to raise the salaries, dig up out of their own nefarious fortunes to do it.

In fact, the courts have no power to declare a law unconstitutional. That power resides in the people. Would like to see some start made to have the courts of this country show a clear understanding of their power, because it seems the usurpation is growing greater.

At least not a Socialist class would allow you to use my name. It's the fight I want to see you go on.

## PROTEST IN VAIN

President Taft has appointed Judge Alexander L. Smith of Toledo as federal judge for the northern district of Ohio. Judge Smith is notoriously a corporation lawyer and in that capacity has made himself intolerable to the workmen of Ohio, taking advantage of every occasion to attack union labor and to punish its leaders and promoters. Now the Ohio Federation of Labor, representing 200,000 union men throughout the state, is sending a protest to President Taft against the appointment of Smith to the federal bench.

This would be positively laughable if it were not so tragic. How did these union men vote in the last national election? We will wager that a large majority of them voted for Taft and that all but a few of the rest voted for Bryan, and now they are up in arms against Taft for doing what they elected him to do, and if he were a republican candidate tomorrow about the same number would again vote to make him president so that he might make federal judges of corporation lawyers.

These Ohio union men had a chance to vote for a working class candidate instead of a capitalist tool on a capitalist ticket, but they refused to do it and now they have got to take their medicine, bitter as the dose may be, and squirm as they will in the taking.

According to capitalist ethics, whatever pays is right.

## A TIP FROM WALL STREET

The Appeal warned of the Roosevelt panic six months before it broke. It is now in receipt of a tip from a man who is well up in the counsels of Wall street to the effect that a Taft panic is expected on the street and may break at any time. "There is under way," this informant says, "another, wholesale insurance scandal which will make the last turn green with envy. Wall street is also anticipating another panic, to which the last will be an infant. Wall street is now starving. This is the artificial panic and is a little thing compared with the genuine article that will appear a little later on." Better prepare. Secure your money by buying postoffice money orders.

<p><b>Should Demand Investigation.</b>        Star, Peoria, Ill.        The Chicago Inter-Ocean, in alluding to the attacks which the Appeal to Reason has made upon Judge Grosscup, says that "it is difficult to see how the charges can be wholly ignored by the judge. There is an old saying that a judge should be like Caesar's wife, 'above suspicion.' Not having any special knowledge of the matters here referred to, and therefore, assuming that the Hon. Peter S. Grosscup is a worthy judge, the Inter-Ocean is compelled to admit that in the expressed opinion of many reputable lawyers, the Hon. Peter S. Grosscup does not measure up to the ideal judicial standard. We know not whether there is any such precedent for such course, but looking at the situation as it is and noting the way in which the air is filled with these tales, we would suggest that he should consider whether he should longer sit silent under these accusations—whether he should not come boldly forward to meet and put them down by demanding that investigation of his life and official conduct which is admitted to be a possible outcome of the steps already taken in Washington. The judge will have all the advantage in such a trial. He must be impeached by the house of representatives, and the present temper of the administration is such that his condemnation can only be reached after a full and careful consideration of all the circumstances. And the proof must be so convincing as to be absolutely certain and definite. No federal judge has ever yet been impeached successfully.</p>	<p><b>Congress Does Nothing.</b>        Abbeville, Ala. News        The Appeal to Reason has exposed one Grosscup, who still holds on to his life position as U. S. circuit judge, and the paper demands that congress impeach the "dirty cuss," who according to the published charges is guilty of all the foulest and most damnable crimes known to the law. But congress does nothing, and the resolution looking to that end, will be pigeonholed indefinitely, is our guess, for Grosscup and his kind serve too many people who control the election of senators and congressmen. It is a shame to let such men as he be charged with being, and not denied, occupy positions which should be held by gentlemen.</p> <p><b>They Should Hang Up the Fiddle.</b>        Advocate, Eldorado, Kan.        Attention is called to the fact that the Appeal to Reason, published at Girard has near 80,000 subscribers in Kansas. It treats nothing but real issues and the people are reading and learning. It is going to be a factor in this year's election and if our democrat bosses do not take heed and drop dead issues, such as the tariff and kindred fossil matters they may as well "hang up the fiddle." Even republicans are reading this paper, and exhibiting slight signs of political progression though not much can be counted on from them.</p> <p><b>What He Deserves.</b>        Cleveland, Ohio, Citizen        Now that the Appeal to Reason has exposed the moral turpitude and infirmity of Judge Peter S. Grosscup to sit on the federal bench, capitalist papers all over the land are demanding that he resign or be impeached. But the corrupt old functionary throws a duster in a spring suit of stripes, and an opportunity to play checkers with his nose behind the bars. And there are a few others like him.</p>	<p><b>He Made a Move.</b>        Fact, Victoria, Texas        The Appeal to Reason, published at Girard, Kan., recently made an expose of two federal judges, one of them being Grosscup, the judge who set aside the Standard Oil fine of \$20,000,000. The Appeal charged the judge with crimes from that of betrayal of clients and bribery to misappropriation of trust funds. The Scripps-McRae papers, published at Cincinnati, Cleveland, Indianapolis and St. Louis, with a combined circulation of more than half a million, called on the judge to make a move. He seems to have done so, and moved clear out of the country. The Appeal is forcing the issue, having demanded congressional action, but that body now seems so busy with other whitewash engagements it is doubtful that anything will be done. The Illinois justice will return in due season and because of failing health tender his resignation, which will be accepted after the passage of tender private-car Luton" will be getting acquainted in Washington.</p> <p>Is it any wonder the public has lost faith in the integrity of the federal judiciary?</p> <p><b>Should Have Sued.</b>        Tribune, Sherbrook, N. D.        Grosscup was charged by the Appeal to Reason with enough to send the editor of that publication to prison for life, if not true and with enough to get a judgment in a civil action for hundreds of thousands of dollars. He should have stayed and taken action if innocent.</p> <p>WHEN a man burglarizes your house he is put in jail. When he works you to death and gets rich out of your tallow you elect him to congress.</p> <p>People who talk of conquering peace really mean to conquer a nice.</p>
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Asking About Socialism

Commerce Under Socialism.

In realizing the nations some will be tardy. Suppose America be in advance...

Inequality of Cost of Production.

The cost of production must vary with the different conditions under which labor is performed...

Class Disparity Under Socialism.

Will not inequality of conditions render the more favored portions of the country more prosperous than the less favored...

Compulsory Labor and Socialism.

Is not compulsory labor, such as is proposed by Socialism, a species of slavery...

production, none would work for the profit of another, so that each who would have the benefits of a co-operative society...

A Matter of Freedom.

If Socialism means justice, it means freedom, justice and equal opportunity for all...

Debts Under Socialism.

Suppose I owe \$1,000, with only manual labor to pay it, how would I be paid under Socialism...

A Free World

Confidently do I look forward to a time when this world of ours shall be, as it has never been, a place truly free, emancipated, civilized.

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Editorials by Appeal Readers

The Competitors—A Parable.

Once upon a time there was a little island in the middle of the deep. By various tricks and devices, including conspiracy, most of the wealth of the island had been sequestered by two or three...

Putting an End to Farming

A number of farmers were in the country store engaged in animated conversation last Saturday. Brother Ben had not come, and they called the Storekeeper to consult him.

Will Some One Tell?

What is the elemental difference between a Roman mandamus, a Turkish firman, a Russian ukase, a supreme court injunction, or an order in chancery?

A Woman Replies.

I noticed in the last week's Appeal, Mr. Conant had asked to have his paper discontinued because he thought it was a money making scheme.

Push Philosophy

Like angry waves that roll in from the sea and break themselves upon a promontory, the human tide beats at our privileges.

Paragrads

The new police commissioner of St. Louis is again a law limiting the distance a woman's hatpin may protrude from her headwear.

Madirected Intellect.

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What Socialism Is

Acquiring possession may be by purchase, by confiscation, or by building new machinery of production.

Parade For Servants of Plunder

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A Washington correspondent sends out the suggestion that there is to be a union of the democratic and Socialist parties, and many democratic papers are taking up the cry.

though they all know it just as well as does the Appeal. If they told the remedy their advertisers would desert their columns as rats desert a sinking ship.

TWO LETTERS ON "WHO'S A LIAR?"

The first of the following letters was written the Appeal by Congressman J. A. M. Adair, agent his inability or refusal to send Senate Document No. 196 to a constituent; the second is the Appeal's reply. The letters and comment are self explanatory while the appended paragraph from the Ohio Penitentiary News is wisdom from people who know.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Washington, April 15, 1910. Appeal to Reason, Girard, Kan. Dear Sir—The enclosed is a copy of your paper article headed "Who's a Liar?" in which you publish a letter from me to the Speaker of the House of Representatives in reference to Senate Document No. 196.

Senate Document No. 214, first Congress, second session. You will find from reference to this document that the back cover page is blank. On the letters above mentioned the following is written: "Appeal to Reason, Girard, Kan., April 15, 1910."

THE REMEDY. The packers are paying less for their live stock and charging more for their dressed meat than during the winter of high prices.

Printing That Attracts Attention. If you think printing is printing, just as "pigs is pigs," you make a mighty big mistake.

RIGHTLY DIRECTED EFFORT.

I don't know what you get out of life. It may be that you have never set down deliberately to consider it yourself. It is not a question of whether you are rich or poor.

CONFISCATE THE RAILROADS. The great man in the world at the present day is the press agent. He has no name; he doesn't need to have any. His whole purpose is to make a name for other people.

DEFEATING THE SOCIALISTS. The press announces that the supreme court of Wisconsin has upheld the lower court on its ruling on the injunction obtained by T. A. Neacy, preventing the erection of a municipal lighting plant in Milwaukee.

THE FIGHTING EDITOR. The most interesting title page for the book that it represents. Fred D. Warren is literally "THE FIGHTING EDITOR."

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A RAILWAY CONSPIRACY.

The Appeal is in receipt of by-laws of The American Railroad Employees and Investors' association. The book was not sent by an investor in the railroads, but secretly by an employee who felt he was being tricked into an organization which made him practically a slave.

Membership in the organization, according to the by-laws, is divided into three classes: A, employees, members of railway unions; B, investors in railway securities; C, individual membership, composed of non-union employees and investors.

Under this kind of an organization labor will be utterly defenceless. Moreover, the organization is practically enforced and is therefore a violation of law, as well as an institution of slavery.

ENTER THE PRESS AGENT. The greatest man in the world at the present day is the press agent. He has no name; he doesn't need to have any. His whole purpose is to make a name for other people.

MOTHER JONES is in Washington City supplying Representative Nicholls, of Pennsylvania, with facts and figures showing that the Mexican patriots, Magon, Villarreal and Rivera, are in an Arizona penitentiary as a result of a giant conspiracy on the part of the United States and Mexican governments.

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THE APPEAL ARMY "IT NEVER SLEEPS"

The Office Boy has evidently heard "Yours for the Revolution" so often during the past week that he has gotten it into his head to read the Appeal to Reason, addressing a certain young lady.

The Big Ten.

N. A. Richardson, San Bernardino, Cal. \$2.00 Fred Bernard, Holbrook, Mass. \$1.00 W. S. Stewart, Newark, N. J. \$1.00

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With LIBERTY, courage and intelligence are the safe-guards of liberty; selfishness, cowardice and ignorance are the promoters of slavery.

That little book of facts will make the other party do some protesting. He'll kick like a steer as you send home charge after charge of mental buckshot.

Out Go the Calendars. The Appeal's special calendar, promised for May 1st delivery, should be in the hands of those who worked for it by the time they read this.

TREASURY MAN CONFESSES. Capitalism's chief publicity bureau, the Associated Press, has been obliged to take cognizance of the Appeal's charge that the U. S. treasury has been looted to the extent of billions of dollars.

Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Charles D. Norton, with his car to the ground, has gone before the house committee on expenditures. He makes the statement that "the government treasury is at the absolute mercy of men who handle millions of dollars daily."

As yet there has been no official acknowledgment that sums large or small have been stolen from the treasury; it is merely pointed out that this could happen if an employee were dishonest.

The awakening has just started. For fifty years all record of a former and last investigation of the treasury has been kept from the people. It was supposed that it had been effectually and eternally suppressed.

BREAKING DOWN. Capitalism is crumbling at its base; the towering and tottering old structure is rotting at its foundation.

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Capitalism is breaking down and the only thing to take its place is Socialism. Don't waste any time on anything else!

LIBERTY is ever predicated on property. No man who owns nothing can be free. He is bound hand and foot, and is under tribute every hour of his waking existence.

HERE is a new one on the matter of offering rewards. Several men held up a gambling house in Park City, Utah, stealing \$700. The sheriff with a posse is "scouring the hills in the vicinity of Park City, and a reward of \$500 is offered for the bandits, dead or alive."

THE democratic party is a fake democracy. Seven of the southern states have provided a property qualification for the ballot, a clear evidence that the party which did it is an enemy of real democracy.

THEY are weighing the mails in Kansas to determine the pay of the railroads for next year, and of course there is the customary padding. The Topeka Capital is authority for the statement that farmers of the fourth congressional district are receiving tons of "1903 year books" put out by the government.

EMINENT GRAFTERS. The sudden uncovering of the eminent grafters at Pittsburg has created a full-sized sensation. Just why this should be so is not clear when we take into consideration the fact that capitalism is based upon the exploitation of the many by the few and is therefore essentially a grafting system.

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LET US PULL TOGETHER

This is no time for bickering, hair-splitting and petty fault finding among Socialists. Let us realize that the time is big with opportunity and let us measure up as we should and make the most of it.

Nothing less than the industrial union and nothing less than the Socialist party will answer the present demand. The sentiment hoped for and now put forth on the part of all to have this sentiment crystallized into thorough organization for the revolutionary conflict.

INDIVIDUALITY VS. INDIVIDUALISM. We live as individuals and the only object of having a social organization is to enable the individual to enjoy and develop. The great object of a political government, according to the constitution, is to provide for the common defense and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and children.

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A TIGHT COLLAR. Speaking of the recently defeated republican candidate in the Thirty-second New York district, the Chicago Tribune says: "He was a boss politician of the type of which the rank and file of both parties are heartily tired."

CAPITALISM NOT STRONG. When an officer of the army is wounded, he is retired on full pay and draws a pension besides. When a private is wounded he is given a pension only.

MISTAKEN IN TAFT. Broek Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis, the Brooklyn preacher, who is known as the successor of Henry Ward Beecher, was interviewed in regard to President Taft recently and said: "I was one of the original Taft men, but I frankly acknowledge now that I was mistaken in my estimate of the man."

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WHAT does it mean? There is reported to be a move to send the fleet around the world again. Is there a new Philippine scheme on hand? May we expect a new fake, blowing up of the Maine?

PREPARE for war and you will get what you look for. Prepare for peace and you will get that. There is no more reason for a nation to go armed in order to secure tranquility than there is in an individual totting a gun.

SOCIALISM is scientific and uncompromising. When a man or woman joins the Socialist party an obligation is taken to refuse to fuse or yield an inch to capitalism or any of its institutions.

To be consistent with the Socialist philosophy the courts, federal and state, must be as corrupt as hell. If the courts are corrupt and it is conceded that they are, how can they be just? They are not just, and there can be no justice in them.

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WHITE SLAVE BUSINESS. In little old white-slave-ridden-Taft-protected New York the latest is a moving picture conspiracy to snare recruits for the most profitable of all non-respectable businesses—prostitution.

HE IS A CHUMP. The ignorant are taught to get into the race by holding up to them the illusion "get money and all other things will be added unto you."

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SOCIALIST CHARACTER.

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DISPOSING OF THE PLUNDER. Talk about wealth—what are the rich to do with it when they get it? You blame the rich for their debauchery and extravagance—but if money is not to be used who would do anything to get it?

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CHICAGO CIRCULATION.

With this report 4,507 Ten weeks ago 2,277 Gain 2,230

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ADVERTISING VOTE.

Vote previously acknowledged 10,888 Votes cast last week 7,095 Total vote to date 17,983

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