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## Fighting for Our Comrade

"Nail to the mast our holy flag; Spread every threadbare sail. And give her to the god of storms, The lightning and the gale."  
In fighting for Warren we are but fighting for ourselves. He is in jail for us, not on his own account, and every decent man ought to be ashamed to be out of jail while Warren is in jail.  
The ruling class has no sense of justice, to say nothing of mercy. All it respects is power. It fears only that which threatens it. The working class is in contempt because of its spineless submission. Its whines are met with kicks. Power has no regard for pusillanimity. The wage slaves have power, but they have never shown it. They have got to do so now, or be trampled still deeper in the mire.  
The time has come for the working class to show the capitalist class its teeth; to growl instead of whining.  
Do you workers know that it is your duty to stand up for Warren, that it is infinitely cowardly and

contemptible for you, whose battles he has been fighting, to desert him? Soldiers who desert on the field of battle are shot as traitors. What shall we say of the soldiers of the labor army who desert their leader when he is attacked and thrown into jail?  
The same ruling power that jails Warren robs you. This power jails every man it cannot browbeat or corrupt. It jailed Freeman Knowies and hounded him to his death. It jailed Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone, and only the revolt of their class saved them.  
Once more it is time to act. The throned monarchs of corruption have seized another leader of the working class. Rouse once more and go to the rescue! Rebuke the corrupt judges and defy the gang of robbers behind them!  
If there is courage, manhood, self-respect, honor in the working class of the United States, now is the time to demonstrate that fact to the world.

E. V. D.

## REVERENCE FOR ROBBERY.

We confess to a spirit of deep reverence for all things worthy of reverence. But we have no reverence for robbery. We abhor it under whatever form, and more especially when it is perpetrated upon helpless victims under the forms of law and in the name of justice.  
The court records are loaded with evidence that the average capitalist court robs the poor, and the reason is that it is owned by the rich.  
It is true that the rich are few and that the poor are many and that this robbery can only be carried on by consent of the robbed. But why is such consent given, either consciously or otherwise? Because of the ignorance and consequent helplessness of the poor, whom the rich keep in that state by the most studied methods. The learned retainers of the rich constantly impress upon the minds of the poor the absolute necessity of the most patriotic fealty and the profoundest reverence for all the institutions of capitalism, especially its courts.  
The average workingman is taught to look upon a court as a holy temple and upon a judge as an exalted and infallible being. This ignorant reverence for the power that enslaves him, the bludgeon that strikes him down, is fatal to the workingman.  
The moment the working class open their eyes to that power it vanishes. Let it not be imagined by the grandees of capital, of whom these judges are the puppets, that the working class is to forever pay the pathetic tribute of its dumb lack of understanding to capitalist courts by their ignorant reverence for these corrupt institutions.  
The capitalist courts are proving the instruments of their own overthrow. They have gone to such extreme and desperate lengths in their abject subservience to corporations and their brutal denial of all justice to the working class, that they have forfeited the confidence and excited the resentment of all decent people.  
The most wholesome contempt of the working class for the capitalist courts will soon bring them to their senses. No more stuf and nonsense about reverence for any judicial house of prostitution!  
If a court is clean and a judge is

honest, let that court be sustained and that judge respected, but if a court is notoriously a capitalist agency for robbing the poor and oppressing the people then let the people rise in wrath against it and put an end to its infamous career.  
CHEAP LAND always produces high wages. When lands are high they are out of the possible reach of the poor and the poor must therefore pay the demands of the owners of paper titles. In all new countries wages are high, because lands, being cheap, the poor are not forced by the necessity to work for little or nothing. They go to the cheap land and produce their own living. Anything that will cheapen land makes it easier for the poor to get next to the soil. That is what has prevented an explosion against the oppressions of capitalists in this country. Heretofore when the rich ground the poor down in wages, they have gone west and thus eased up the conditions for those that remained. But the free lands of the west are no more. What there is left is so near arid and barren that one cannot go on to it, as they went in to the middle west fifty years ago, and make a living. Even the worm will turn, and the workers are now up against the stern wall of necessity, and a little more pressure will make something of an explosion. Beware the anger of a patient man. Wake up and let's right this condition by the peaceable means of legislation.  
THE country is certainly awakening to the outrages on justice committed by the federal judiciary. Within the past week no less than a dozen papers coming to the APPEAL, have contained editorials addressed against these abuses. These editorials were not comments on the Warren case, but represented the initiative of the editors themselves. In some cases the protest covered as much as two columns. The press is awake, and if it does not sleep again there will be such a change in the manner of administering law as will amount to a revolution, and that within a comparatively few months.  
SOME time when the railroads are taken over and run for the benefit of the public, instead of Wall street gamblers, our children will read about the people paying three cents a mile travel and freight rates in proportion, and wonder that their fathers were so dull as to stand for it. The time is coming with collective ownership when railroad travel will not cost over half a cent a mile, and like reductions in freights. Sure.

## Write Your Supreme Judge

The supreme court consists of nine members. Each of these presides over a judicial circuit of which there are nine in the United States to correspond to the number of members of the court. In another column will be found the names of the several supreme justices and also the states which comprise their circuits. If you are with us in the fight for Warren and the people against the courts and the plutocracy behind the courts, write a letter at once to the justice who presides over the circuit in which you reside, asking him if the forcible kidnaping of workmen is in violation of their constitutional rights in the United States.  
Address your letter, Justice . . . Supreme Court, Washington, D. C.  
If you reside in the circuit presided over by Justice McKenna, bear in mind that this justice rendered the one dissenting opinion in the kidnaping case, maintaining that the constitutional rights of Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone had been struck down and that they were entitled to the protection of the court. Write him briefly and command his decision in the light of Warren's sentence to jail and congratulate him upon the fact that there is one member of the supreme court who believes that kidnaped workmen have constitutional rights in the United States.

These supreme justices must be brought face to face with the fact that they are the people's servants and not their masters. For once they must be confronted by the working class of the United States. It will be a novel experience to these eminent emperors. They will know for the first time that the working class is not all mutton and that liberty is not entirely dead. They have never yet been questioned by the people. Abject submission has always been the cowardly policy of the masses.  
Never yet have the people protested, shown their teeth, asserted themselves. The decisions of this high court, so high that it despises the mere people as a vulgar rabble, have always been against the people, against liberty, against justice, against the weak and defenseless, and in favor of the rich and powerful, the despotic and corrupt rulers of the nation.  
There is going to be a change. We are just now making the beginning. Nothing on earth can turn us back. The supreme court, like every other court, consists of our servants. We pay their salaries and without us nothing about them would be supreme except their insignificance; and we are going to see to it that they serve us rightly or know the reason why.

## "CAPITALISM IS ITS OWN GRAVE-DIGGER."

But it hires its victims to bury the workers it kills.  
WHY should not the war officials be prosecuted for obtaining goods under false pretenses in advertising the beauties of army and navy slavery?  
WRITE a postal card to your congressman asking him to do justice to postal clerks, and work for cut on rates paid railroads for hauling mail, instead of from the salaries of underpaid and overworked clerks.  
If you want to know about how the Oregon Initiative and Referendum law works out in practice, send ten cents to Senator Jonathan Bourne, Washington, D. C., and get copies of his speech on the matter. You can do good propaganda work with them.  
You know you can't make a decent living under the present game or system, then why are you afraid to vote for a change? Could any system give you less than a living without the workers dying? Why favor a game under the rules of which you cannot win?  
THE insurgents will have Taft rammed down their throats next year very easily; the southern states, which have only republican office holders representing the party, will have nearly one-third of the delegates to the republican national convention, and a few more votes from the north, which the administration can control, will give him the nomination. They can take it or lump it, just as they like. They will have to swallow their medicine.

## RAILWAY CONSPIRACY.

We will soon issue a special edition exposing a conspiracy which will startle the railroad employees of the country. We not only have the facts, but we have the documentary evidence to clinch them. We propose to show the employees of the railroads, the nearly two million wage-workers on the iron highways, that they have been sold out bodily and that they are trafficked in and delivered exactly as if they were sheep. We shall publish the correspondence that has passed between certain high railroad officials, certain high politicians, and certain brotherhood leaders. In this expose it will appear that certain bargains were struck in the "inner circle" to the effect that the railway brotherhoods would back up the railway corporations in holding up the American public for higher rates, while at the same time a secret plot was hatched to prevent the passage of legislation in the interest of the employees. In this article we propose to show up the so-called Railway Investors' and Employes' association as a part of one of the most shameless conspiracies ever concocted to fleece workmen and keep the working class in slavery. If the cold facts do not startle the railroad wage-workers it is because they belong body and soul to the railroads and are content with their lot.

## Had you noticed that insurgency doesn't insurge very much since election is over?

SIXTY-FIVE members of the catholic church at Neff, Ohio, a mining town, left the church because of its attitude against Socialism and modernism.  
MILWAUKEE Socialists won by years of distributing literature. Have you all your neighbors reading its literature? If not, there is work for you to do. If one kind of literature fails try another. But get busy.  
If you had done your duty that neighbor of yours would be working with us today. See that he is given reading matter that will wake him up. If the APPEAL can't reach him try a copy of the *Coming Nation* on him—or some other publication.  
LA FOLLETTE'S Magazine declares that Wall street has already picked its candidates for president in 1912 on both the republican and democratic ticket. It does not say you will notice, that Wall street had picked the Socialist candidate.  
THE Altoona Pa. Mirror, January 4, gives an account of an attorney who committed 40 forgeries, mostly against widows and orphans who had saved money or got insurance, and who was sentenced to three years in prison. From the same court a man was sentenced to two and a half years for stealing a chicken worth 25 cents. And yet they say that courts can be relied on to give justice to the poor and oppressed! You working people are as silly as children. You vote for the system that discriminates against you.

## Tragedy of an Arm

A factory girl in New Jersey had her arm torn from her body by machinery. The trial court in which she brought suit awarded her \$17,500. The corporation appealed, the supreme court reversed the lower court, and turned the irrefragably mutilated factory girl out into the street without a cent.  
Now upon what ground do you suppose the higher (?) court reversed that just verdict? You could never guess in all eternity. Here it is as given in the *Philadelphia Evening Telegraph* of January 3d:  
A photograph had been introduced at the trial. This photograph was the picture of the defendant in her confirmation dress and the learned judges decided that it was irrelevant; being irrelevant, it should not have been admitted, and being admitted, it nullified all the proceedings of the court bearing upon the negligence and responsibility of the company.  
And this is law, capitalist law, as administered by a capitalist court to protect the rich and rob the poor, and we say in all calmness and with perfect deliberation, to hell with such law and to hell with such a court. We confess ourselves in unmitigated contempt of degenerate judges who render such utterly damnable decisions.  
We take our place squarely by the side of the poor factory girl who had her arm torn from her body through the criminal negligence of the corporation, and we denounce and defy the infamous capitalist court of New Jersey that robbed her.  
An ordinary pickpocket or hold-up man, plying his wretched vocation in the struggle for existence, is a minister of mercy compared to such a vampire court. We have never heard of a thief so low or a footpad so degenerate that he would pick the pocket of a mutilated helpless child. The supreme court of New Jersey, the dispenser of capitalist justice, has descended to that unfathomable depth and committed that monstrous crime.  
The excuse need not be attempted that this is "technically the law" and that the judges, regardless of their sense of justice, had to decide according to the law. That confidence game has been worked out. Law or no law, technicality or no technicality, the one infallible criterion is that the rich are always right and the poor are always robbed; the corporations are always law-abiding and the working class are the only criminals.  
Down with the corrupt courts of capitalism!

## Lincoln Day for Warren and the Workers

BY EUGENE V. DEBS

Events are shaping rapidly for the national Warren Protest Demonstration on February 12th, Lincoln's birthday. This will be the opening day of a campaign that will continue without intermission until the day of Warren's release. The corrupt courts and the despotic power behind them have overplayed their hand in putting Warren in jail. The outrage is so flagrant and so utterly without justification that the people are up in arms against it.  
The thousands of letters that are pouring in from every city, town, and cross-roads are all expressive of the same contempt for the corrupt corporation courts and the same loyalty to Warren and the APPEAL. In response to a flood of inquiries we outlined a program of action in our last issue, to which we now add the following:  
Where there are labor unions a list of them should be made, together with their time of meeting, and they should all be visited in their order and the case of Warren clearly stated to them and action on their part solicited. It is their fight. It is purely on account of the working class that Warren is under jail sentence and the unions ought to stand by the man who has fought their fight. Where a general demonstration is in progress all these unions should have an active part.  
Several cities have already reported. The Socialists and the labor unions are working together enthusiastically for a rousing demonstration. Every city in America should be heard from in this nationwide revolt.  
If there is the kind of action there should be there is not a roof in the biggest city that will cover the people who will turn out to join in the revolt. It is in the air. The people have reached that point where they will submit no longer. They are ready for action. All they require is the inspiration of wise and fearless leadership.  
There are thousands of people outside of the labor movement who will join in these Warren Protest Demonstrations, and all should be invited.  
Let but the right start be made and the wide spread feeling of revolt against the corporation courts will find spontaneous expression. Half-a-dozen men and women in dead earnest can organize a successful demonstration anywhere. If there are not so many, two or three will do, and even a single one with the fire in his blood can work wonders.  
The APPEAL in this fight is striking capitalism at its most vulnerable point. A judge who once sat on the supreme bench of one of the state courts writes:  
"Your guns are now trained where they will do effective work. For a long time there has been a suppressed feeling against the courts and this agitation of the APPEAL will bring it to a head. Every shot you fire at the courts counts. They are rotten and the people know it. Stick to your guns and before Warren gets out of jail there will be an uprising of the people."  
Line up if you are in the fight! Don't wait for somebody else. Turn yourself loose and see what you can do. If there is anything in you that has the ring of revolt and the gleam of self-respect, now is the time to show it.

## TECHNICITIES.

There is no crime under the sun that cannot be perpetrated in a court of law by the use of technicalities. No matter how plain a law may be, or how clear its meaning, an adept at technicalities, such as corporations employ at phenomenal fees, can twist, distort and pervert it so as to make it mean the direct opposite of its plain and obvious intent. Under the rules of evidence and of practice and procedure there is always a lurking technicality that can be sprung upon the unsuspecting victim, who is always the poor man with the cheap lawyer to plead his case against the fabulously-fee'd technically expert of the rich and powerful corporation.  
From days immemorial we have been taught that the end of law is justice. This is true unless there is something wrong with the law and its administration. If the end of the law is justice, the end of technicality is the defeat of justice.  
Technicality is trickery, subterfuge, sleight-of-hand, and only the sharper, the impostor, the swindler resorts to it.  
Technicality rules in capitalist courts and this rule is the destruction of law and the denial of justice, which are making the reign of capitalism so pestilential that the people will finally be compelled to overthrow it.  
Yes, Socialism is a beautiful dream, but the people are not ready for it. Who isn't ready? You think it is the other fellow and he thinks it is you. The race is ready for the New Order. It is crying of its present pains and would have relief. But you are told that the other fellow isn't ready, when you are the one that he is told is not ready. Get wise to the misrepresentations and jugglery by which you are controlled. Every vote against this system counts, for it encourages others to come out when they see it growing. If Socialism is a beautiful dream, then the present must be a horrid nightmare. Let's change the competitive system into the co-operative system, let's quit fighting each other and make a system that we will each help the other. In other words, let's change this dog-eat-dog earthily hell into a self-helping earthily heaven.

## TECHNICITIES.

It is getting out. Earl Grey, secretary of foreign affairs in England, has ordered the consul general at Yucatan to investigate the charges of slavery in Mexico. America was so under the thumb of investors in the land of Diaz that, instead of investigating as a self-respecting country ought to do, she helped Diaz punish refugees from his tyranny. America needs investigation. Mr. Grey.  
THE law that grants a tariff, a patent or other protection to an individual, should also protect the public that grants that protection by writing plainly just how much the price of the thing should be. Anything less is a rank injustice, and it is not done because the people are too lacking in business sense to protect themselves—and the men who get the advantage are not going to make laws to prevent them from extorting. Can you see it?  
WORLD the effect upon a man be any different if he were a serf of three hundred years ago or a tenant today? That is, would there be any difference to a man if somewhere on some book it was written that a man was a serf and had to give two days out of each week to work the land belonging to his lord, as it was then, or give one-third of his crop to his landlord now for rent, because it is somewhere written on some record that the landlord owns the land that he rents? Take this problem home with you, study it five or ten thousand years and see if your brain can comprehend it. It seems not to, so far.  
WHEN your senators have their private bills paid by the public treasurer, do you think they are above grand larceny? Bills for all kinds of personal articles and service are charged to the public expense. Think you that men who will stoop to this petty thievery will not sell out to the trusts for great sums? These senators are not confined to one party. There is no politics in it. So far the insurgent senators have not been reported guilty of this kind of sneak thievery—for it is nothing less. If a Socialist were to do this, this paper would never cease denouncing him and he would be expelled from the party. Why don't the old party papers show up their derelicts? Afraid to.

## THE MEDICAL TRUST.

In these days when the government is supposed to be merely a tool for raking money into the pockets of the few, there are many schemes to facilitate the work.  
It is evident already that at the next session of congress legislation will be asked which will establish practically a medical trust. Under the guise of founding a department of health, the whole thing will be turned over to one school of medicine, providing the people do not protest, and those who favor other methods of treatment of disease, will find that they cannot secure the treatment they desire. Moreover, when the department of health, under capitalist influence, is established, many things which many regard as superstitious fakes, such as compulsory vaccination, will be foisted on the people at their expense, as a means of making business for the physicians who belong to the school of medicine that has secured the snap by law.  
At the same time that this medical monopoly is seeking to fasten itself on the people, the druggists are urging that physicians be prohibited from carrying drugs, being compelled to write prescriptions, thus adding to the expense of treatment for the benefit of the growing drug-trust.  
If a department of health, to be paid for by the state, to embrace all schools of treatment and to be held responsible for the health of the whole people, was established, that would be at once practical and sensible. But if you are opposed to union of church and state, you ought also to protest against the union of the state with any medical school. Down with the medical trust.

## DRUMMOND AND WARREN.

Here is a concrete illustration of how capitalists and Socialists fare under the present capitalist administration of the law.  
Charles Drummond is a capitalist. Fred Warren is a Socialist. Drummond has just pleaded guilty to bigamy, a penitentiary offense. The judge at once set him free. Warren who has never been guilty of violating any law or even entertaining the remotest intention of committing any crime, has been arbitrarily sentenced to jail.  
Had Drummond been in Warren's place he would never have been arrested. Had Warren been in Drummond's place he would have gone to the penitentiary for twenty years.  
Drummond is a capitalist and a bigamist and free. Warren is a Socialist, a law-abiding citizen, and in jail.  
Drummond is free in spite of his crime and Warren is in jail in spite of his innocence. In other words, the criminal is free because he is a capitalist and the innocent man is in jail because he is a Socialist. Nothing can be clearer.  
In the capitalist system the capitalist can commit no crime and the Socialist can commit nothing else.  
The moral is that what the capitalist does is law and what the Socialist does is crime. That is why Drummond the capitalist criminal is free and Warren the law-abiding Socialist is in jail.  
Socialism is crime under capitalism because capitalism is itself the crime of crimes against humanity.

## NEW LIGHT ON TEA PARTY.

New light is being discovered concerning the famous Boston tea party, which shows that it was not carried by England's tax on tea. According to the latest reports George Washington and some other American capitalists imported tea from the West Indies, because they could sell it smuggled in, cheaper than England's taxed tea could be sold. At this juncture England removed her tax on tea and the price fell. Washington was now unable to compete with the free tea, and secretly encouraged a mob to dump England's free tea into the harbor in order that the price might be boomed and the father of his country save his profits. This story is told by George Bernard Shaw, and presents Washington as a profit monger. It makes profits the provoking cause of the revolution, from the capitalist side. The people had no such idea of course but they were being fought over to see who should exploit them, English or American capitalists.  
WHEN the cost of living is high, the standard of living with the workers, who ought to have everything, is low.

## Warren Protest Edition

The issue of the APPEAL of February 11th (No. 783) will be a Warren Protest number. It will contain the history of the Warren case up to date. It will be filled with stirring matter. It will throbb with the spirit of revolt.  
This number will be the very issue for the Warren protest demonstrations on Lincoln day. There will be vital propaganda matter in all its columns. It will be a unique issue, pulsing with the virility of the great movement that is sweeping triumphantly over the world.  
Below will be found an order blank for this protest issue. Cut it out and send us your order at once. Let us break all the records and run this issue up into the millions. Let us show that we can reach the people without the capitalist press and smash its conspiracy of silence.  
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