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WITH our backs to the wall we are fighting YOUR fight! We are going to win whether you help or not. But the task will be easier, oh! so much easier, if you will lend a hand!

Judiciary Edition Next Week

The indications are now that the Judiciary Edition, which goes to press next week, will break all previous Appeal records. We can promise you that never in all its career has the Appeal printed an edition containing such vital information to the American people. Ten years from today the information we shall print in the Judiciary Edition will be common knowledge. Today no newspaper in the United States aside from the Appeal to Reason will dare to print the facts we shall set forth in our edition dealing with a corrupt judiciary. I therefore urge that every friend of this paper and every friend to the right of free speech and free press join hands with us in this work of drawing aside the curtain that had for a hundred years covered the misdeeds of federal judges.

Socialist Headquarters, Rochester, N. Y. orders 5,000 copies of the Judiciary edition. This is the second order for 5,000. Conrad Johnson, of Decatur, Ill., comes next with an order for 3,000. Comrades Earlywine, Ashbaugh, Ohio, and McGrath, Middle-die, Ohio, had in orders for 3,000 each. This is merely the advance guard. The Judiciary edition will be an effective reply to the lie circulated by the capitalist press that the Appeal is dead. The local press office is already sending out telegrams for help asking for more mail cars, mail sacks and other equipment to handle this record-breaking edition. The Appeal has arranged with Comrade Sostiniste, the moving picture man, to make films of the Appeal's big press while in operation on this edition. These will be pictures showing the papers being taken from the office to the depot platform and loaded on the cars. The pictures when exhibited in your local moving picture show, will prove eloquent testimonials to the resourcefulness of the Appeal Army.

Let the Truth Prevail.

From Journal of Switchmen's Union.
MAY 7th is the date set by government authorities for the trial, before Judge Pollock of Kansas, of J. A. Wayland, C. L. Phifer and Fred D. Warren of the APPEAL TO REASON editorial staff for alleged mailing of papers that "contained certain indecent, filthy, obscene, lewd and lascivious printed matter," etc. Some time ago the APPEAL TO REASON unearthed real prison conditions as they found them to exist in the federal prison at Leavenworth, Kan., and published them in as full a form as they could find English words in standard dictionaries to convey their ideas and sent them out to the world in their regular weekly issue of their paper. Before the APPEAL TO REASON made public prison conditions at Leavenworth the authorities at Washington had been informed of their low state of existence with the result that no serious attention was paid to the matter. But with the APPEAL TO REASON'S trenchant minds and pens once directed to the herculean task of uncovering matters, there was an awakening in the judiciary department at Washington and an investigation forthwith of prison affairs at Leavenworth instituted. The deputy warden was dismissed from service and several reforms inaugurated as the outcome of the exposure. But, instead of honoring or heroizing the APPEAL TO REASON staff in regular military or naval honors for their most excellent public service in removing the tap to this public cesspool, their reward for it was instead serving of a summons for trial before a federal tribunal for alleged violation of law for having mailed out their report in reference to conditions in this prison as they found them to exist. Such is the reward our government offers to those who endeavor to tell the truth about its institutions and which are owned by the people. The white slave traffic report was suppressed, the Bethlehem working conditions were suppressed and the Leavenworth prison report has been suppressed and in all probability the Lawrence strike investigation report will be suppressed and, in fact, all of them suppressed because of the fear of the people rising in their wrath and demanding the dismissal of the officials who allow such conditions to exist. But no allowance should be convicted to a prison cell for telling the truth and millions of voices should join in denouncing the persecutions now inaugurated for telling the truth about the Leavenworth prison, nor should they believe it anything but the truth until the government publishes a complete report of former prison conditions there and sends it out broadcast. Let the truth prevail.

EFFECT OF "SUSPENSION."

We are moved by the report of the APPEAL suspension to present to our readers a little comparative table showing how the APPEAL stood six months ago and how it stands today in reference to material equipment, running expenses and circulation. In this table the number of employees, the amount of the pay roll, the cost of postage, the quantity of white paper consumed, and the number of subs are stated for the two months specified, as follows:

Nov. 1911, Mar. 1912	Nov. 1911, Mar. 1912
Number of employees 88	88
Pay roll \$4,151.88	\$3,000.92
Number of subscribers 47,028	91,874

We have here a clear showing of the remarkable growth of the APPEAL during the five months ending March 31st. In the later month almost double the number of subs were received to that were received in November. The APPEAL was at the very top notch of prosperity and activity when like a clap of thunder from a clear sky its collapse was announced by the capitalist press. The readers of this paper can draw their own inferences. The capitalist press in the long run will pay dearly for circulating this malicious falsehood and making this cowardly attack.

If Socialism is to be condemned because it came from abroad, what about Christianity?

ROOSEVELT is watching with interest to find whether the prominent spiritualist who recently died can really come back.

SOCIALISM will destroy no property right save the assumed right of one man to make property of the person or products of another.

It will take more than howling that Socialism will destroy religion and break up the home to feast the millions without homes who have been robbed for centuries without protest from the church.

AND now congressmen declare that the people are petitioning too much. They are. They are going to thunder at the doors of congress and kick out the fellows who have been serving the masters. Remember Cannon.

THE demise of the APPEAL TO REASON was a first page story featured under big type and double leaded besides. The denial that the APPEAL was dead is given three lines in an obscure corner in the same papers that so gleefully boasted that it had been discontinued.

DURING November, the month before the McNamara confessed, the APPEAL received 47,000 subscriptions. In March, three months after the McNamara confession had killed the APPEAL, according to the Associated Press, the number of subscriptions received reached the grand total of 91,874.

THEY used to say that you can't change human nature; but Socialists have done it. They have subdued the fierce hatred that existed between democrats and republicans and compelled them to unite in love and admiration at Milwaukee, Wis., Girard, Kan., and various other places.

THE Farmer and Stockman of Kansas City is making a holler for the election of "good men" who will make promises. What the farmer and stockman need is not reliance on promises and "good men," but to get the markets in their own hands by becoming part owners of the means of transportation and distribution. And that would be Socialism.

ONE looks in vain in the election reports for the vote cast by the republican and democratic parties. With few exceptions the news reports read: Socialist vote, so many; non-partisan, citizen, fusion or combination, so many. It is no longer democrat and republican, but Socialist and anti-Socialist. Mark Hanna's prediction that the fight of the future would be between Socialism and capitalism is being fulfilled. You cannot put off much longer deciding under which banner you will enlist.

THE administration is quietly at work preparing its bills increasing newspaper postage from one to two cents per pound. It would be well for our friends to keep an eye on this maneuver of the republican party to put the low priced papers of the poor out of business. Robbery, no matter whether clad in the royal robe of a king or the silk cap and kid gloves of a captain of industry, hate publicity. Liberty disappears when the freedom of the press is taken from the people. Remember, eternal vigilance is the price of liberty.

MAYOR GAYNOR of New York has an article in the law magazine, *Bench and Bar*, to which our attention is called by our old comrade, E. D. Northrup, in which the mayor discusses the question, "Do the courts of this country stand in the way of social and economic progress?" Mayor Gaynor answers very pointedly as follows: "Yes, they do, and have done so for a long time. But this is nothing new. In all ages, and pretty much everywhere, the courts have tried to apply their legal rules of thumb to social, commercial and economic matters, always with signal failure, and generally with injury to industry, commerce and the social good. Nothing is more distressing than to see a bench of judges, old men as a rule, set themselves against the manifest and enlightened will of the community in matters of social, economic or commercial progress." This is well said and to be commended for its frankness and directness, but if a Socialist had uttered the same words he would have been promptly rebuked as a mischievous agitator and an enemy of the government. But the truth is dawning upon the people and the judicial obstruction Mayor Gaynor inveighs against will soon be swept from the track of progress.

THE Ogdan *Advance* has an excellent editorial on "The Peril of Free Speech," in which the prosecution of the APPEAL is dealt with vigorously. "No one," says the *Advance*, "thinks that these men are being tried merely on the charge of publishing articles forbidden by law. Every one is aware it is a movement on the part of the government to suppress what they consider a dangerous publication. . . . This question involved in the prosecution of the men who publish the APPEAL TO REASON becomes a matter of serious moment to every man of any party or any view who desires that greatest right of free speech and free press." The *Advance* is keenly alive to the gravity of the menace to a free press which this prosecution means. Had any republican or democratic paper published the same articles the APPEAL did in reference to the Leavenworth prison the government would never have dreamed of indicting them. The suppression of the right to criticize the powers that be, involved in this case, overshadows in importance all the technical violations of the law alleged in the indictment. We appreciate fully the attitude of the *Advance* and commend it for the clarity of its views and the frankness and courage with which they are expressed.

The Battle Line-Up—Who Wins?

THAT our readers and friends may understand clearly the forces lined up against the APPEAL in the big battle that takes place in Fort Scott, May 7th, we herewith print the statements made by men high in authority as to the means and methods to be used to suppress first the APPEAL and then one by one the other papers that dare speak in opposition to the present system of robbery and graft. First we introduce you to—

President William Howard Taft

President Taft in issuing the unsolicited pardon to the editor of the APPEAL February 1, 1911, said: "The court in fixing a sentence is not limited to the record of the evidence admissible to convict defendant, but may inquire into the defendant's general character and other circumstances to enable it to decide what the good of society may require the punishment to be, within the limits fixed. The district court evidently looked beyond the record of the evidence in this case and found that Warren is the editor and publisher of a newspaper engaged in a crusade against society and government, as they are by wild and palpably unfounded accusation against all prominent in either. The sentence might perhaps be justified because of the destructive and reckless purpose the defendant in his publication."

Judge Pollock is the judge who will be expected at Fort Scott to look beyond the record in the case and fix the punishment of the APPEAL editors at what in his judgment shall best serve the interest of society—the society of Taft, repudiated by his own party and by the man who appointed him president; of Harrison Grey Otis, the labor hating and union smashing editor of the Los Angeles *Times* whose argument is the stiletta of the midnight assassin; of Dazell, the flint faced Pennsylvania attorney, who sold the people of the Keystone state into slavery to his corporation masters; of Melville E. Stone whose Associated Press exists for the sole purpose of keeping the people of the United States in ignorance; of the Rev. John L. Belford, who in the garb of the lowly Nazarene, openly flaunts his treason to the workers and to the nation itself by urging others to use the bullet as an argument against the very principles taught by Jesus Christ 2,000 years ago; these people make up the society that is to be protected from the APPEAL TO REASON'S broadsides of truth! We let these individuals speak for themselves!

Harrison Gray Otis' Blood-Thirsty Threat

In the Los Angeles *Times* of November 2, 1911, appeared the following: "And soon—it has begun to happen already—the plain citizen of every country will form a combine. Its object will be the suppression of sedition and anarchy in the persons of the professional agitators. Theirs will be a big, powerful, effective but very unostentatious revolt. It will work quickly, surely, silently. The first thing the plain citizen combine will accomplish will be the quiet removal of these gentlemen. They won't be blown up; they will just quietly disappear from human ken. There will be a little inquiry at first, but it will die down ever so quickly, for of all people in the world the professional agitator depends entirely upon his presence and his glib tongue to maintain any sort of interest or influence in his followers. His impassioned rhetoric is his only asset. The idea of the plain citizen combine is not being mouthed abroad and it is not seeking membership or subscriptions. But it is growing rapidly nevertheless, and it is a very real and tangible thing. With the itch removed, the great disease of unrest will soon be cured, and the world will settle down for another half century."

John Dazell, Corporation Henchman and Political Boss

Congressman John Dazell, replying to a correspondent who had written to him protesting against the unjust prosecution of the APPEAL TO REASON, said: "The war department will take care of the Leavenworth prison, and the courts will take care of Fred Warren. The APPEAL TO REASON is a vile sheet and MUST BE SUPPRESSED."

Melville E. Stone, Director General Associated Press

At Lawrence, Kan., April 9th, in Robinson gymnasium of the University of Kansas, before the Kansas State Editorial association, the college faculty and 1,200 students, Mr. Melville E. Stone, director general of the Associated Press, said:

"There is one editor in Kansas who, I am sorry to say, is the son of a Methodist minister like myself, who said in his paper that I had a private wire leading to Mr. Morgan's house. Of course, there wasn't a word of truth in it. I couldn't have had it there without having it found out at once. Furthermore, I was never in Mr. Morgan's house, and I have never seen him more than five or six times in my life. That editor's name is Warren, and he publishes a paper in Girard, Kan. HE HAS NOT BEEN IN THE PENITENTIARY AS LONG AS HE OUGHT TO BE."

Catholic Columbian, Columbus, Ohio, Organ of K. of G. C.

The *Catholic Columbian*, printed in Columbus, Ohio, in its issue of March 29th, boasts that the American Federation of Catholic societies deserves credit for bringing about the present prosecution of the APPEAL editors. The *Columbian*, says:

"The American Federation of Catholic societies, deserves credit for its determined position in calling the attention of the government to the publication of the articles in the APPEAL TO REASON which were proven to be unfit for transit through the mails as being detrimental to good citizenship, and unfit for circulation."

The Rev. John L. Bedford Would Use the Bullet

In the April, 1912, number of a periodical named the *Nativity Mentor*, published by the church of the Nativity (catholic), Madison street and Classen avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y., of which the Rev. John Belford is the pastor, was printed the following inflammatory language:

"The Socialist is busy. He flaunts his red flag and openly preaches his doctrines. His great point of attack is religion. His power is an actual menace to our city. There seems to be no law to suppress or control him. He is more dangerous than cholera or smallpox—yes, he is the mad dog of society and should be silenced IF NEED BE BY A BULLET."

Lined up in battle array against these forces of darkness, armed in a just cause with ballots and the printing press, stands the APPEAL Army, 80,000 strong, backed by its 500,000 subscribers and its 2,000,000 sympathizers. The APPEAL issues this last call to its friends to rally to its support in this conflict. "Truth is mightier than the sword." This has been proved on a thousand battlefields. And it will be proved again in this final conflict with corrupt judges, subsidized newspapers and time-serving politicians. Next week our Judiciary edition goes to press. In that edition we shall set forth our defense in the case that goes to trial May 7th. In its columns we shall print in plain language that can be understood by all, the characters of the men who compose the federal judiciary, the last bulwark of predatory capitalists. Words will not be spared in telling what we know to be true. Every statement will be bullet proof. The Revolution against the Lord of Privilege needs but a spark. The facts contained in our next week's issue will be that spark. With our backs to the wall, fighting your fight, we ask you to help!

USING THE UNIVERSITIES.

Sometime ago the APPEAL called attention to the fact that the University of Wisconsin was going to render real service to the people by answering questions that were asked. T. A. Hutchins, secretary of the institution, now writes the APPEAL: "We are now getting material for a day's work. We regret to say that the calls for material from students' dealers and civic leagues to university of public affairs are our limited resources to the limit. It has been for some time impossible for us to lend our package libraries outside the state. We should be very glad indeed to extend our work to other states, and as a matter of fact we have frequently furnished such information as we could get without expending much time. The state universities of Kansas and Texas have already undertaken to do similar work to ours and the state superintendent's office of Virginia is also doing similar work. A number of other states have sent representatives to study our methods and expect soon to do work along the same lines. The state library of Oregon has for some time been sending out package libraries on important public questions to students of public affairs. We are very anxious indeed that the people in other states should induce their own state universities to do similar work."

The people maintain schools and it is time they should really become of some service to the people. It is too much for one university to try to serve the entire country. It is too much for the APPEAL editors to respond to the ten or twenty requests for help in the study of public questions that come in every day. We suggest that you follow the intimation given by the University of Wisconsin and write your request to the university of your own state. That is coming to a socialized work in a real practical way and you have a right to make a request of this kind. Hereafter do not write to the APPEAL or to the University of Wisconsin unless you live in Wisconsin but to your own university.



IF you can trust your government to monopolize the postal system, and never have a fear that it will raise the price of stamps on you, why can you not trust it to monopolize the bread and meat and other supplies and not be afraid of it raising these prices on you? Are you like the anarchist, afraid of government? A piffle for patriotism that will trust the children to be educated by the public and is afraid to trust the government with employment. The rich do not want you to trust your government. They would have no chance to skin you by profits if you did. But you get no profits. You get mud.

IN some court decisions they define the meaning of a word in simple words. Why don't they put the simple words in the law in the first place? Then there could be no mistaking what was intended and there would be no possible excuse for judges to define a word to mean what they want it to mean. Nobody knows the law anyway. Did you ever read any law books? Do lawyers know the law? If you would hear them claiming opposite positions, and quoting opposite statutes and decisions, you would know they did not. And judges? They are in the same rotten boat. A judge decides one way, an appeal to the next "higher" court reverses the one below; then this is reversed by the next "higher" court and so on *ad infinitum*. And did it never occur to you how absurd to believe one court is "higher" than another? If

the higher judge had been elected to a lower court and the lower judge to the higher bench, do you not see the now lower court would then overrule the now higher court? Ridiculous! They are only men and the fact that some jack-leg lawyer happens to get nominated and elected to a supreme bench does not make him anything other than he was before. And the law is but what the judge finally says it is, after all. Courts are a farce. They were a device made by kings to keep the people in subjection when he was too busy or too lazy to attend to it himself. In the first eras the king was the whole thing, law, judge and jury. And he decided always in his own interest. And so do judges today.

AT the coming election Oregon will vote on a new constitution, which will be the most radical of anything ever yet proposed to any American people. It abolishes the senate, puts in the hands of the governor the appointment of all peace officers, including sheriffs and all state officers except the auditor. Any of these, however, can be recalled at any time by the governor or the people and when so recalled cannot be reappointed. In other words, the governor is like a manager for a great institution and will be held responsible for it. He can be recalled at any time. Any member of the legislature can be recalled by his electors, or the whole legislature can be recalled by the electors of the state at any time. This will make responsible government and effect an estimated saving in expenses of \$700,000 a year. Oregon is going some.

Keep yourself in the student attitude of mind. "Fixity of mind means stagnation."

THE capitalists know that Socialism is sure to win soon, if you don't.

Don't hate anybody. But remember the masters will never be loved off of your backs.

You do not want what the enemies of Socialism say it is. But you do want what it really is.

The capitalists, through the Boy Scout movement, are really teaching the young idea how to shoot.

THE APPEAL'S "Swan Song" is echoing throughout all the land, with all the "official organs" playing the refrain.

THE capitalist is all right—as a man. When he is stopped in his living at the expense of the toiler he will be as good as any other worker.

Just as soon as a prominent doctor says the feeble minded should be segregated in one camp, the republicans and democrats begin to join hands.

The capitalist press calls us much rakers. The epithet applied to us is an admission of their own rottenness and we are proud of the title.

It would appear that Socialists have lost offices in Milwaukee, but gained votes. Growing votes mean future offices. Perhaps you crowded too soon.

THERE is no occasion for surprise that the son of the corporation lighter, Roosevelt, has become a broker on Wall street. Something must be done to keep the hat in the ring.

AFTER all, workers are exploited by workers. Except for the assistance of workers the masters could neither remain masters or force a tribute from those who toil. Are you an assistant robber who gets none of the swag?

No, the \$100 fine has not yet been paid. The United States has not seen fit to call upon the APPEAL to pay the \$100 which, according to President Taft's instruction was to be collected by civil process only.

A MANUFACTURER in England offers his factory to the Socialists so they may "try Socialism." It now remains for an American manufacturer to offer a factory to the democrats so they may "try free trade." Such foolishness as the master class can think of!

If this is an age of materialism it is because religion has not done enough for the workers to attract them. The thing to do is to quit whining about the fact, and to get busy on practical work that will convince the voters that the church is opposed to their being robbed further.

AND now the masters think to satisfy the agitated by telling them they will put real workmen on their boards of directors. As though it would ally the popular indignation at being robbed to have some ignorant worker help divide the spoils. What fools the masters are!

THE APPEAL is advised by a comrade to advocate the interest of LaFollette, seeing that we can't elect a Socialist president this year. We might just as well advocate the election of Taft or the devil, seeing that we can't elect LaFollette this year or any other year. We can't gain an inch by compromise.

HERE is an answer to every criticism that has ever been made against Socialism. If the American people believe it advocates bad things, they can come into it and control the movement, seeing it is nothing in the world but pure democracy, and make it whatever they—the whole people—will.

THEY who argue that Socialism would destroy the home are either not friends of the home or else tacitly admit that Socialism is inevitable. They do not protest at the evident fact that capitalism is destroying the home, hence, they either agree to it or want to do it themselves and not wait for Socialism to do it.

THE Boston *Journal* boasts of the fact that Milwaukee was "saved by non-partisanship." It means that it is bragging because the republicans and democrats combined were stronger than the Socialists. It is urging a similar union all over the country. The contest is rapidly narrowing down to "Capitalism versus Socialism."

THE St. Louis *Republic* will not tumble to the fact that its lies on Socialism are aiding the cause of humanity, even though its lie about the APPEAL'S suspension was quickly exploded. It is a burlesque, and is merely repeating what it said about the abolitionists in 1859 and '60—that they were enemies of home and religion.

JUDGE J. T. RONALD of Seattle in a recent interview said: "Almost all of the criminals brought into this court are young men and we are getting nearer and nearer to the cradle every day." It is a characteristic of capitalism to get "nearer and nearer to the cradle." It is doing that in putting children to work when they ought to be in school. It is no wonder that it is making criminals out of babes.

This blank is your weapon. Cut it out and return it to the Appeal with your order for the Judiciary edition, to be printed next week.

"The Federal Judiciary and the Underworld"

Appeal to Reason, Girard, Kansas:
 Find enclosed \$ for which send to the address below copies of No. 856 containing your expose of the federal judiciary and also your defense in your case to be tried May the 7th.

Name _____ Address _____
 City _____ State _____

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 200 copies \$1.00
 500 copies 2.00
 1000 copies 5.00



This is a pen portrait of Harry J. Bone, United States district attorney, handing out his Rock Island pass on a recent trip. There is a law which provides that no railroad corporation shall issue passes to others than its employees. There is a heavy penalty provided for the violation of this law. It is Mr. Bone's duty, therefore, to prosecute the railroad that issued this free pass to him. Of course, Harry will not do it. The pass was given as a bribe to the district attorney to prevent the prosecution of the Rock Island railroad in its numerous infractions of the interstate commerce law. Bone travels on Rock Island pass No. C-3444. Good west of the Missouri river.

Readers of the APPEAL are familiar with the struggle of the people of Kansas City, Kan., to protect themselves from a repetition of the disastrous consequences which followed the destructive flood of 1903. Money was raised to build dikes along the river bank to prevent the overflow. To build these dikes required the property of the packing house trust. This property was "made land" that had been built into the channel of the Kaw river, thus preventing an outlet to the flood waters. The Fowler Packing Co. brought suit in Pollock's federal court against the people and secured judgment for \$462,000 for property which had been assessed at \$87,000. The case was tried before a jury selected by Harry J. Bone's official associates. Indigent citizens of the drainage district have taken the matter before the department at Washington. A new trial has already been ordered and the department of justice has been asked to investigate the actions of the United States district attorney's office. Says a newspaper reporter: "It was asserted that J. McCabe Moore, assistant United States district attorney, was one of the attorneys for the Fowler Packing company; that H. J. Bone, district attorney, sat with the jury; that the Fowler Packing company, and that his office had been negligent in supporting the efforts of the drainage board to clear the Kaw channel and prevent encroachment on the river, and that the actions of Mr. Bone and Mr. Moore in the Fowler case were calculated to give the drainage district the government was on the side of the Fowler's."

SINCE the APPEAL exposed prison conditions at Leavenworth, newspapers are taking up similar investigations in other sections. The latest is in the state of California, where the press of the state brought charges against the warden that cruelties are practiced at Folsom equal to the tortures of the middle ages; that prison guards have appeared for days intoxicated; that most of the employees at Folsom are political hold-overs of a former administration, and that a prisoner was recently shot by a guard without any justification. When the APPEAL began the agitation against the courts no other paper would refer to it. Now, however, newspapers and magazines are full of the matter, while candidates for presidency are all discussing and cursing the form of court procedure.

SOME STEEL STATISTICS.

The annual report of the steel trust for December 31, 1911, shows that it had an average of 196,888 employees for the year.
 That it paid them in salaries and wages \$161,419,031—an average of \$830 a year.
 That it made net profits of \$142,000,000 or \$700 on each employee.
 That it owned or controlled 479,477 acres of land.
 That it had 1,193 locomotives, 46,334 cars, 218 ships and steamers, 877 miles of track, 737 miles of spurs, 385 miles leased, 403 miles of second track and 987 miles of siding.
 Since its organization ten years ago it has paid profits great enough to pay for all its properties.
 Had the nation taken over this property ten years ago it could have paid off the debt from the profits, and being out of debt, could now pay each employe an average of \$720 a year more than they are now getting. And yet employes vote for retainership and cussing the form of court procedure.

Will You?

Send fifty cents and the address of a non-Socialist friend or neighbor and let us send him or her the APPEAL for one year? Or one dollar for the sub and 100 copies of the "Federal Judiciary and the Underworld"?

Notes on Various Topics

CLARENCE S. DARROW ought have the sympathy and support of the unions in the fight that is being made to convict and ruin him by the Merchants' and Manufacturers' association.

BUCHANAN AND TAFT.

James Buchanan was for forty years in the public service. During that time he was a member of the house of representatives, minister to Russia, senator, secretary of state, minister to England and president—the last of the pro-slavery line.

WAR IN CALIFORNIA.

The western coast of America is in a state of practical civil war, precipitated by the master class. From Washington to San Diego, in the extreme southwestern part of the United States, the master class is denying the workers the constitutional rights of peaceable assembly and free speech.

Class War on the Coast.

Refugees from the Battle Ground. Santa Ana, Cal.—Refugees from San Diego continue to arrive here and tell tales of horror almost unbelievable. About ninety men who went through here a few nights ago on their way to San Diego returned about as badly beaten up as one could imagine, leaving three supposed to be dead.

Notice.

In order to save space on mailing labels only the last two figures of the number are given. For instance, if the number 12345 is on the address label, the number 45 should be written on the label with the number, which is 854.

Suspended Again

We call the particular attention of those newspapers that are persistently circulating the report that the APPEAL has suspended the circulation table herewith printed. Please note there is a net gain of more than 6,000 subscriptions for the week! A total of more than 18,000 subscriptions were received for the week ending April 6th.

War in the Northwest.

Citizens took part in the peaceable strike at Houquiam, Wash. forcing 250 strikers to remain under guard a barn while those desiring to work were escorted to the mill yards.

Class Struggle a War.

Aberdeen, Wash., April 13.—Grays Harbor strike most important ever occurring in the lumber industry. It is the largest lumber port in the world. Conditions as bad as at Cripple Creek years ago and growing worse.

FRANK LANE GETS \$11,000.

Readers of the APPEAL will be glad to know that Frank Lane, the miner lad whose case the APPEAL and the Coming Nation fought through the courts, has been paid \$11,000 by the Sheridan Coal company.

"LET TRUTH PREVAIL."

Under this caption the Switchmen's Journal has a ringing editorial in its April issue in support of the APPEAL to Reason in its fight against a corrupt judiciary. The Journal does not mince matters but comes out boldly with the truth in regard to the indictment of the APPEAL's editors for exposing the rottenness of the Leavenworth prison.

RAVING ROOSEVELT.

Is there no limit to Roosevelt's political madness? First he swore he would never again be a candidate, next he swore that he meant it, next he agreed to take the nomination if forced upon him but solemnly declared that he was not a candidate, next that he never would be a candidate, and now we see him frantically chasing the nomination as it was never chased before.

DROPPING THEIR MASKS.

The republican and democratic parties are no more—except in patches. Socialism in its conquering march has compelled them to unmask and to reveal themselves as the gold dust twins of the capitalist class.

Words of the Wise.

The sun could as easily be spared from the universe as free speech from the liberal institutions of society—Socrates.

TRIALS MAKE MEN.

Shakespeare was right when he declared that adversity is like a jewel in a toad's head, repulsive to look upon, yet containing the pearl above price. In the struggle of life all men have their trials, some more bitter than the rest, while a few seem to have been destined to undergo the ordeal of fire.



How the Working Man Lives.

Table showing the cost of living for a family of five in 1912. Items include Fresh Beef, Salt beef, Pork, etc., with prices listed.

THE ATTACKS ON SOCIALISM.

The capitalist press is answering Socialism in two ways. The first is by downright lying as to what Socialism is. These lies always react on the perpetrators as did the lie about the suspension of the APPEAL, and will after a while be abandoned, because it will be found that they do not produce results or rather produce results directly opposite to what was intended.

Another Think Coming.

Those who see a decadence of Socialism in the results of the recent elections, have another think coming. It has been a long time since any other party was strong enough to force a combination of all of the other parties in Milwaukee to defeat it.

Confiscate it All

The APPEAL is frequently asked how the Socialists will get possession of the railroads, the telegraph, the telephone, the coal mines, the oil fields and the instruments of production. Let me say again, as I have said frequently in these columns, that the APPEAL is in favor of confiscating them.

How the Working Man Lives.

The following table is taken from the 18th Annual Labor Report of Commissioner Wright. This list of expenditures is based on an examination covering 15 states, and says the United States Commissioner on page 11 of this report: "It is believed that the data here given relative to cost of living are fairly representative of the conditions."