

At Fort Scott, Kan., on Monday, May 5, 1913, Debs, Warren and Sheppard will be tried on the charge of "obstructing the orderly process of the court." On the same day Warren and Phifer will be placed on trial in the case growing out of the federal prison exposures.

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Appeal to Reason.

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THE Bowery commission of New York in a recent report says there are four million five hundred thousand persons now out of employment in the United States. And this in "times of prosperity."

Our Spring Opening

The bleak winter days are drawing to a close. The bluebirds and other harbingers of spring will soon be among us. With the breaking up of the frozen season and the coming of the springtime there will be a general thawing out in the workaday world.

The spring and summer days are most propitious to the propaganda of Socialism. The outdoor meetings can be resumed and these are of the most vital importance to our educational propaganda. The message of Socialism must be carried to the people and the great masses of the people can only be reached at outdoor gatherings.

The rich can engage grand opera houses, festive banquet parlors and fashionable cathedrals, but the poor cannot afford these luxuries. They are of the common humanity that surge in the thoroughfares and gather in the commons and it is here that the message of Socialism must be brought to them if they are to be reached at all.

The winter season places an embargo upon this kind of education which now happily will be raised to give our workers the chance to go out on the street corners and in the open places to distribute our literature and enlist the attention of the people.

We are planning to make this an unusually active spring opening and we are calling on all our workers to join in making the plan a success.

There are many reasons why the Appeal should come in for your consideration in the opening of the spring campaign. First of all, the trial of the editors and their counsel will soon be called at Fort Scott and this trial will be of nationwide interest on account of the fundamental issue involved in it.

Shall our free press be muzzled and the right of protest against capitalist misrule be denied the American people? That is the issue which will go to trial at Fort Scott on the 5th day of May coming.

The Appeal is on the calendar for the fight of its life and upon its success or failure depends the success or failure of a free press and free speech in the United States.

In addition to the trial there will be numerous municipal campaigns this spring and these campaigns, although from the capitalist party viewpoint purely local, are in fact of national interest to the Socialist party, seeing that every such campaign is a battle in the class struggle and as such has national interest and significance.

The Appeal will help to the extent of its power in all these campaigns and it confidently expects to see the Socialist party score a great number of municipal victories.

Thus have we a strenuous program before us and we wish to be armed cap-a-pie when the ball opens.

We want our workers to get an early start in our spring opening and to take the offensive from the start.

If at this time I had any half-hearted feeling about the situation that confronts us I would regret that the Socialist party had to depend upon such as me to fight its battles.

It is when the Appeal is face to face with the enemy and the fight is actually on that its militant character is most in evidence.

Here at Girard we are bucking on our armor and when the fight begins we will be ready for it.

We want you to realize that this is not our individual fight, but the fight of us all and it is the faith we have in you that you will do it that enables us to face the enemy without a particle of misgiving.

The opening gun will soon be fired and we are eager to hear the fray.

We are confident that when the smoke of battle has cleared away another victory will have been scored for our grand cause.

Let us all get into action early in the campaign and stir the nation with our protest against capitalist misrule and with our demand for free speech, a free press, and a free people.

The capitalist is the guy who put pay in patriotism.

The more dignity the courts have the less justice labor gets.

We move to amend. They should be called breakers, not brokers.

The captains of industry are the ones who put the "cap" in capitalism.

The average man is too intently looking for the dollar to see the world or the letter things of life.

Out of work and hungry? Well, cheer up. Next Christmas they will make it all right by giving you another meal.

PRAYER may be all right, but it won't banish fleas when you have them. Neither will it stop the riding of the worker by the shirker.

THE bosses tell you you have produced so much he can't employ you any more, and at the same time you have nothing. Why?

THERE ought to be an opening for some shrewd business man in making dummy strikers for the boy scouts to practice shooting at.

He who will hear but one side of a question deserves but one ear. He who decides without investigation has prejudged, is prejudiced.

THE man who works the machine has no money. The man who works the man who works the machine gets it all. Work, but quit being worked.

THERE does seem to have been a change since the democrats got into power. There is not nearly so much snow as there was a month before.

DRIVING the tears of women and wiping the sweat from labor's brow is better than shedding the blood of the toilers that there may be more tears and sweat.

THE latest scheme is to abolish the slum by prayer without touching rents and interest. Why not abolish the saloon by prayer without touching the liquor traffic?

"Both rich and poor their nakedness display— The poor because they must, the rich because they may."

QUIT saying you can't work unless someone employs you. You might as well say you can't think unless someone pays you to do so. Think anyhow and after a while you will find, through collective action, a means of employing yourself.

GRAND operas are not attended by all who love music, but only by such as have money. Artistic houses and furniture belong not to all who can appreciate these things, but only to those who get the mazzina, whether they have appreciation or not.

LESLEY'S Weekly calls for a boycott on all muckraking papers by advertisers. The next thing to do is to boycott the advertisers who exploit the producers. If that is done the other fellows will soon be brought to time. You can boycott them at the ballot box.

THE condition of the world brought about largely by professors of religion, making life a hopeless struggle for the many, leads many to think there is no God, else he would not permit it. When that oppression ceases they will again believe.

THE Kansas senate showed its reactionary nature, the animus which led to the unseating of a duly elected Socialist, and its refusal to give the people right of recall, by defeating a measure providing for the teaching of honesty, justice and moral courage in the public schools. If such things were taught in the schools it is evident the Kansas senate would soon be transformed.

THE Appeal this week received a mail bag full of reports on immigration. It consisted of 43 large volumes, with innumerable tables which no one would care to study. The 41 volumes were summarized in the two remaining. That was all that was necessary to issue. Twenty times as many might have been served with the summary as with the prolix reports, and it would have cost no more and done infinitely more good. But it is thus the people's money is wasted.

"STRUGGLE." When John Swinton in his personal interview with Karl Marx asked that old philosopher and revolutionist what he saw in the future the laconic answer was, "struggle."

That is what we also see, but it does not discourage or dismay us, nor do we shrink from it. Karl Marx knew only struggle from the beginning to the end of his career, but he never faltered a moment. He accepted poverty exile, insult, and all the brutal persecution the ruling classes could inflict upon him, but he remained steadfast and true to the end, furnishing an inspiring example for all future generations.

It is a grand thing to be in this struggle even if we know in advance that we shall not emerge from it alive. To struggle, to sacrifice for the right, for principle, for a cause; to endure persecution, imprisonment, and to be despised to make the world fit for the countless children yet to be to live in, that is the supreme test of manhood and womanhood and they who stand this test are the fruit and heir of immortality.

Trying Mother Jones Before a Military Commission

Judge S. B. Littlepage of the circuit court of Kanawha county, West Virginia, issued a writ of prohibition forbidding the trial of Mother Jones and four other Socialists arraigned with her by a commission that had expressed in advance a belief in their guilt. The commission promptly refused to recognize the writ of prohibition and is making arrangements to try the captives.

The military commission is nothing less than a drum-head body created under military dictatorship. Within the last few weeks a new governor has been inaugurated in West Virginia, but although he was elected under a definite promise to end the military rule that has shamed the state in the interest of a few mine owners, he is now working with the militia in an effort to railroad the prisoners to the penitentiary. The report that Mother Jones was released came from a statement that she was given refuge in the house of a physician. Word comes to the Appeal that she is under guard all the time and is not permitted to speak to anyone.

Unless something is done pretty soon, with a military commission that has declared in advance the guilt of the accused, Mother Jones, 80 years old, will be sent to the penitentiary. It is war in America. It is the same spirit that shot Madero to death in defiance of law and right. It is not justice, not law and order, but military rule and murder, which we face. Protests to the governor of West Virginia and to the president of the United States should go up from all over the country. It is the only way to save these workers for human emancipation from meeting worse than death.

HELL IN WEST VIRGINIA.

Any adequate description of conditions in West Virginia must tax the limits of printable language. The domain of the coal barons of West Virginia is and has been for years simply an infernal region. The constitution of the state has long ago been set aside and its guarantees suspended. Martial law prevails and the commonest rights of citizenship have been struck down.

West Virginia is the Siberia of the United States. By nature West Virginia is one of the wealthiest, most resourceful, and at the same time one of the most beautiful of our states.

WAGES AND WHITE SLAVERY.

There is no fact in socio-economics which has been more definitely ascertained by investigation or more clearly set forth by demonstration than that the white slave traffic, considered as a whole, rests upon a basis of insufficient wages to maintain a respectable standard of living.

Economic necessity is the prime factor in driving girls and young women into prostitution and in establishing and maintaining the insufferable white slave traffic.

Recent investigations at Chicago conducted by the senate committee of the state legislature of Illinois have brought out the fact more clearly than it was ever brought out before that low wages, poverty, hard economic conditions, are the foundation stones of white slavery.

This grim, ugly fact is an indictment not only of the capitalist system but an impeachment of our boasted civilization.

Young girls who are forced by social conditions beyond their control into a living death, bereft of the jewel of virtue and the crown of womanhood, had better be murdered outright by society and their bodies cast into the sea or buried in quicklime.

The system that thus ruins countless thousands of innocent young girls and drags them down to a depth of depravity far below the beasts, cannot be supported by any human being conscious of this terrible fact without arousing the better nature within him to a pitch of revolt.

There has been female prostitution in some form since the dawn of human society, but never in all history has it been organized into a commercial traffic, with its clearing house centers, merged into a great trust, and carried forward methodically and cold-bloodedly the same as any other profit yielding enterprise, under the patronage of vicious and depraved guardians of the law and public officials.

It is the particular badge of capitalism's infamy that under its regime prostitution has been first enforced upon countless thousands of girls and young women by denying them the chance to live respectable lives and then making their depravity and misery the foundation of an established social institution, commercialized from its center to its uttermost boundaries, for the exploitation of the virgin bodies it has debauched and the virgin souls it has destroyed.

THE SPRING CAMPAIGN.

With the going of the front king and the coming of the feathered harbingers of the springtime there begins the renewal of outdoor agitational propaganda and there also begins the preparation for the municipal campaigns soon to open.

In many of these states there will be local elections and we must be prepared to have a hand in them all.

Let us get an early start and enter into the work with a vim. We've everything in our favor and we have

Mother Jones and fifty-one Socialists and miners are on trial in West Virginia before a commission appointed by military authorities, members of which have in advance declared belief in their guilt. Mother Jones is charged with having stolen a machine-gun that had been used in shooting down strikers. She is kept, so word comes direct to the Appeal, under strong guard, and is treated as a military prisoner. No one is permitted to speak to her, and she is not allowed to send any message to her friends.

But this magnificent domain has been transformed into a veritable infernal region. A few cold-blooded robbers have fastened their tentacles upon the state, seized its mines and other natural resources, and have entrenched themselves behind their power of private ownership as the czars of the realm.

There is no crime, however monstrous, social, political, or economic, that these buccaneering plutocrats have not committed.

They have long since hauled down the stars and stripes which symbolized constitutional government and hoisted their own black flag of piracy and military despotism.

These infamous scoundrels who have stolen the state bodily from the people, bought up its legislature, debauched its courts, and hired an army of cossacks to execute their murderous orders, are now and have for more than a year been engaged in a brutal attempt to starve the coal miners into abject slavery.

For more than a year the battle has been raging between these miners and the pirate mine owners, among whom are included the overwhelming odds against them with a fortitude and heroism which scarcely a parallel in the history of strikes.

During this devastating war, for such it is in every sense of the term, the armed cossacks of the robber coal barons have hunted down the miners, assaulted their wives and at the point of their bayonets have driven the children into the wilderness to perish of starvation. The crimes committed by these monsters would blacken the pages of the darkest ages recorded in history.

But in spite of all the atrocious crimes which have been perpetrated by the armed murderers hired by the coal

barons to break up the strike, the heroic miners have held out and are today as determined as ever that they will persevere in the conflict before they will go back into the hell-holes of capitalism to toil like galley slaves for starvation wages and under conditions that would turn archangels into groveling brutes.

Mother Jones, has been a tower of strength to the miners in this desperate conflict. She has been an inspiration to the strike leaders and a source of unfailing strength and comfort to the striking miners and their suffering wives and little ones.

The plutocratic pirates of West Virginia have done everything in their power to get rid of Mother Jones and the organizers of the United Mine Workers who are in charge of the strike and have their headquarters at Charleston, the capital of the state, and as a last desperate resort they have had her and several of the organizers and the editor of a Socialist paper arrested upon a cooked-up charge and dragged before a military tribunal, that summary punishment might be meted out to these undesirable agitators.

But these arrests have created a widespread feeling of feeling and West Virginia is today the theme of heated discussion and her robber-rulers of indignant condemnation all over the United States.

The Appeal, with all the backing of its Army and all the resources at its command is with Mother Jones and the United Mine Workers in this desperate struggle to establish a living wage and to break the despotic power of the human hyenas who have held that unhappy state in the power of their leopards grip during the last quarter of a century.

As we go to press the report comes to us that all the miners in West Virginia may be called out, some 75,000 in number, and the strike made general. If such an order should be issued it will be the signal for a renewal of the conflict on a larger scale than ever before.

This strike in West Virginia is for obvious reasons of national import and ought to have the support of the whole organized labor movement. West Virginia has, under the sway of the pirates who rule there, been the strike-breaking state of the union. Itself unorganized and outlawing organization among workers, it has broken every strike the miners have had in other states by filling the market with the scab product of its mines. All these states are, therefore, proudly interested in having West Virginia as a strike-breaker put out of business once and forever.

We appeal to the workers and Socialists of the country to back up the strike in West Virginia and to wage the war to the bitter end, no matter how long it may last, until Mother Jones and the union organizers have been rescued from the clutches of the hyenas and a living wage and decent working conditions have been won for the wage slaves of that state.

INSULTING WOMANHOOD.

Great public indignation prevails, and justly so, because of the outrageous treatment of the women's parade in the inaugural ceremonies at Washington. The ignorance and brutality of the mob, including the police and more especially the high officials, disgraced not only the administration at Washington, but the nation at large.

The responsibility for this shameful disregard of the commonest decencies in the treatment of these women rests entirely with the Taft administration and must be recorded as a part of, and in keeping with, its other infamies.

The marching women at Washington were animated by principles which those who insulted and insulted them are too base and ignoble to understand or appreciate. The jeers and sneers of these ignorant vulgarities and vulgar ignoramuses were the only compliments it was in their base natures to pay to the women who were engaged in a crusade whose purpose it was to make it possible for the descendants of the savages who outraged them to some day be civilized.

If Taft and his despicable secretary of war had been so inclined they could have easily prevented this outrage. But they were not so inclined. On the contrary they encouraged the mob by their sneering indifference and non-action and they secretly desired this very thing to happen as a rebuke to the women marchers and an affront to their movement.

But these eminent gentlemen (?) overbot the mark. They got more than they bargained for. They did not count on the violent reaction which instantaneously followed. They had underestimated the public sentiment in reference to woman's suffrage.

Fortunately there were some rich and well-to-do and consequently "respectable" women in the parade. And it is due to these that the press took the matter up so promptly and that the public sentiment found such ready and emphatic expression.

If the women marchers had been factory girls and sweatshop slaves the public would never have heard of the outrage. In that case it is but fair to say that it would have never been allowed in the parade.

It is noteworthy also that the men in the parade, the male marchers, were not molested. Only defenseless women and children were attacked and the ruffians and rowdies, who attacked them, contemptible cowards that they are, to a man vote the republican and democratic ticket. Their infamy, born of their ignorance and brutality, is quite in keeping with their politics.

The cause of the women is the cause of freedom and humanity and will prevail against all the cowardly brutes, backed by all the cowardly politicians in high places on earth.

CHARITY is more of what the masters have stolen from the toilers to keep from starving. Except for the steal there would be no what says with those who will not work.

WAR—Who for? Make a guess at it. Pragmatism can't argue, neither can you argue with it.

The little man considers himself alone; the growing man his family; but the generous soul thinks of all the world.

You produce more than you are paid and you are paid out of what you produce. Then how does "capital employ labor?"

Love is an impulse and incentive deep seated in the seat of life. Its object is harmony and good. Until these come, love is hampered and ruined.

The fool saith in his heart: All things shall remain as they are; but God laugheth to scorn, for He knows that the day of visitation draweth nigh.—Bible.

Food, shelter and clothing may be materialistic in nature, but they surely help toward these intangible but satisfying things, comfort and self-respect.

Woman if the Almighty was dependent on capital to employ him when he created heaven and earth. If he could employ himself without the capitalist to take part of his product as an inducement, so you can.

The soldiers along the Rio Grande could be more profitably employed in building houses for workers, to be rented by the government at merely enough to maintain their houses in condition, and thus break the royal grip of the landlord.

The capitalist argument is that if you got enough for your work to make it possible to maintain a home you wouldn't want any, and if you got enough to enable you to support religion you would become as atheistic as the masters are.

You who are moving are but one factor in the Socialist movement. When the whole world moves—and it is rapidly coming to that—every living man will be a factor. Besides that, the past itself has furnished reasons and necessities which make even the dead a part of the movement.

THE COAL BARONS did not put the coal in the mines, nor do they take it out; yet they insist on the right to levy tribute, both from the miners and the users of coal.

It was a great crime for Mother Jones to steal (?) a machine gun from the mine owners who were using it to shoot down workers with—sure; it interfered with the game. But a woman of eighty who can do that and who is so feared by the mine owners that they ordered their governor to send her to the penitentiary is some woman, eh?

GUY EDIE, who prosecuted the Los Angeles Times for obscenity, has been acquitted in Los Angeles after an attempt by Otis to jail him. Otis' attempt is well known to be a conspiracy. In commenting on the acquittal the Los Angeles Express says in part: "It will be remembered that Guy Edie prosecuted the Times for publishing an obscene newspaper. The offending of the Times in this respect is so notorious that many decent men and pure-minded women rightly exclude it from their homes. For some insupportable reason to be determined accurately only by alienists who specialize in degeneracy, the Times loves to wallow in filth and displays a pervert's repulsive glee in the exploitation of indecencies. It is a menace to the moral health of Los Angeles." Yet Otis is not indicted in the federal court. Why?

THE CALIBANS. These deformed slave known as Caliban in Shakespeare "Tempest" is but a hideous creature of the poet's imagination, but the scabbers of capitalism, the slaves of the pits and mills, are a terrible reality. One has but to see these slaves emerging from the shaft of a mine to be reminded of Shakespeare's immortal creation.

The calibans of capitalism are legion and they are to be found in all the nations known to modern civilization. Overworked, underfed, poorly paid, wretchedly sheltered, shabbily clothed, the calibans of capitalism present a living, irrefutable argument in favor of the overthrow of that system.

Capitalism is indeed based upon a system of cannibalism. Capitalism maims, mutilates, crushes its victims by millions and without the least remorse. The slaves it exploits are, stooped-shouldered, thin-cheeked, underfed; their fingers are stumps, their hands unsightly claws, their bodies deformed and anaemic and most of them fill premature graves.

The calibans of capitalism are starved mentally and physically; they are brutalized by the master class who exploit them and who regard them with contempt as inferior and degraded beings.

Not always will this caliban-creating system of capitalism prevail in the world. The war against it has already begun and in this war there is no retreat. The calibans may be beaten back, but they will rally and advance again, and again, and in increasing numbers. They have at last caught the spirit of class-consciousness and heard the cry from the graves of their murdered slaves. If you would be men instead of slaves, if you would be free instead of suffering in bondage, you must unite and make common cause and fight together as one man to overthrow your oppressors and exploiters and make yourselves the masters of the world!

Class consciousness is merely life and understanding. Class hatred is an entirely different thing, unpolitized, like everything else by the capitalist class.



"Both rich and poor their nakedness display— The poor because they must, the rich because they may."



Some people want the world to quit advancing because they have.

FORCE AND MURDER. Class rule can be sustained only by force and murder. The history of civilization is the history of crime against humanity.

The function of capitalist government today is mainly coercive. The courts and armies are used almost entirely to protect property rights and to keep the slaves who produced the property in subjection.

Longfellow said: If half the power that this world with terror, If half the wealth based on camps and courts, Were given to redeem the human mind from error, There'd be no need of seasans or forts.

But if the mind were redeemed from error there would be no wage slavery in the world, nor would there be any kings, czars, parasites and plutocrats. To keep the mind ignorant is what the ruling class always spends its money freely for. It keeps an army of false teachers at work miseducating the people and in the name of enlightenment keeping them in mental darkness.

It is only when class rule has been abolished and there is no longer a class in economic bondage that education in its vital sense will be untrammeled and allowed to do its work of redeeming the mind from error and consecrating the people to the service of truth and justice.

When you tell your friend that you can have him enrolled for four years as a subscriber to the great political paper in the world for the sum of one dollar, you will find him ready if not eager to accept the proposition.

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Warren's Winner
"You have struck the keynote of popular agitation in your masterly little pamphlet, 'Warren's Winner' and a \$100,000 prize is exactly the average mind. You have put the whole thing in a nutshell. Let the Army workers and propagandists to concentrate their efforts on the one great issue now and put a million of these pamphlets in circulation among non-Socialists. It will cover that every hundred pamphlets will be good for fifty Socialists."
So writes an enthusiastic Army worker about the Warren pamphlet. Send your \$2.00 for ten sub cards and ten of these eye-opening pamphlets go to you by return mail. That reputation and that democrat you have put in a little to do for you will be only \$10.00.

Flesh and Blood Wayland

No kind of a picture of Wayland would have portrayed his great soul... The man of flesh and blood was known to his readers by his name...

Socialism Triumphant

We are frequently asked when Socialism will finally triumph... We answer with the positive statement that it is already triumphant...

WHY THEY OPPOSE US.

It is perfectly natural that all who are dependent upon the existing order of things should be opposed to Socialism... The politician, pulpitier, professor, lawyer, as well as the wage slave...

LOOTING UNCLE SAM.

The national government at Washington is not able under capitalism to shelter itself in its own buildings... It is a shame and a disgrace to the nation...

THEY FLATTER US.

If imitation is the sincerest flattery the Socialist party is being sincerely flattered by the capitalist parties... Until the Socialist party came into the field a political campaign was ended when the polls were closed...

THE POWERS OF PILLAGE.

Capitalism as a system has its foundation stones on the backs of an enslaved working class... Economically speaking there are in modern civilized society, so-called, but two economic classes...

NUMBERING THE SLAVES.

Capitalist employers number their slaves as ranchmen brand their cattle... The name of a slave is eliminated as unnecessary and he is given a number instead, just as a convict is numbered in the penitentiary...

states in the union who would order out the soldiers to protect the workers and shoot the capitalists in a class between these two classes... The reverse is the invariable rule.

The powers of pillage must be turned into powers that make for righteousness... The capitalist class must be stripped of ownership of the tools of production, the means of life.

This goes into the pockets of capitalist grafters and real estate sharks who want Uncle Sam to remain a renter his whole life long.

Uncle Sam has paid to these sharks millions enough in rent and other tolls to provide all the buildings necessary in which to transact the government's business, and still he continues to be held up for more than a half million of dollars every year to fatten these blood-suckers.

It is a wonder they have no mortgage on the capital itself, and perhaps they have. Certainly they are able to hold up the government by preventing it from erecting its own buildings.

The capitalist government at Washington could afford to erect the magnificent piles known as the senate and house buildings, for the leasing like kings of the members of congress, who are supposed to be our servants, at a cost of millions of dollars, but it cannot afford to have buildings erected in which the business of its several departments is transacted.

There is a deep-laid conspiracy in keeping Uncle Sam on the rent rolls of the thieves and landlors, scheming promoters and insatiate real estate sharks... This gang of looters have their underground connections with senators and representatives and have "pull" enough to keep their grounds and buildings rented to Uncle Sam at figures so extortionate that it may be called downright robbery.

We have here a specimen of the utter corruption and inefficiency of capitalist government. The United States is the richest nation on earth in resources and natural wealth and yet its government under capitalism must have a landlord to rent the buildings from which the government business is transacted.

Six hundred thousand dollars for rent annually to private landlords at Washington is sufficient proof of the bankruptcy of capitalist class government and the necessity of overthrowing it and establishing a real government of the people.

GOOD CHEER.

There is so much that is serious and solemn and heart-breaking in the present state of society, so much that is calculated to have a depressing effect upon sensitive minds and hearts and make men and women pessimistic, that unless one can contrive to maintain some degree of good cheer the whole of one's life is apt to go into failure and disappointment.

Wendell Phillips was perhaps as thoroughly in earnest and serious in his great life-work as any man that ever lived and through it all he had an invalid wife whom he had to nurse, often through the night after having been threatened with the violence of the mob in the market place, and yet the rule of the Phillips household, perfectly ideal home that it was, required that every one who entered there should be cheerful and give to mirth and joy and laughter.

There is nature's only balm to distressed minds and troubled hearts; it is the only means of release and relaxation when the strain of the day's trial is over... There is rest and recuperation in good cheer and it ought to be cultivated by everyone, especially by Socialists who are so deeply conscious of the world's wrongs and so keenly sensitive to its sufferings, and they above all others should strive to be cheerful and joyous during their resting hours and seek to impart cheer and joy to others.

This is the rational way of conserving strength and of increasing the capacity to bear the ordeals and to struggle on and on, however dark the skies may seem to others, to the very end.

This means a successful life. It does not matter how it may appear to others, but from the viewpoint of one who knows what life is in its true meaning, the life of one who maintains good cheer, the good and evil reports being with philosophic composure what each day brings in the way of trial and struggle, and going on steadily in spite of all discouragement to the very sunset—such a life is crowned with success in the true sense of that term.

RIGHT USE OF LAND.

Out in Washington, Frederick Bausman, an attorney, calls attention to the fact that emigration to that country is falling off and that there has been very little improving in the last two years... There are now half a million acres of unimproved timbered lands in the state, yet less than twenty-five hundred of these were improved during the years 1911 and 1912.

This is entirely fitting in a system in which labor is a commodity and sells in the market the same as any other commodity... The other day some of these slaves were killed in the plant of the American Window Glass company at Derry, Pa. How many is not known and is immaterial. When their names were called to the answer of the foreman was: "The names are not known as they worked by numbers."

These poor slaves had no more identity, as such, as so many mules. They were simply branded with the numbers given them by the mill owners. And now do you not see that if we had Socialism the high incentive and the noble individuality of these slaves would have been totally destroyed?

Who would do the dirty work, anyway, if the workers were not branded like cattle? And do you not see, finally, that to oppose the system in which the workers are shorn of their names, numbered and tagged like hogs and killed accordingly, is an attack on religion and an attempt to destroy the church?

What They Need
J. A. WAYLAND IN 1906.
THE voters say they favor liberty, but vote to have the land and machinery in private hands so they must serve the owners.

They say they want to have property, yet vote for a system that allows a few only to have property... They say they want good wages, yet vote for a system that gives a few millions and leaves them the crumbs.

They say they want a good home and would like to have it cheap, yet vote a system that allows other men to charge them one-third of their wages to live in it.

They say they want products cheap, yet vote to allow private trusts to monopolize all things and charge two to ten prices for them.

They say they want honest, capable officials, yet keep on voting for the same kind they have for years when they know they are both ignorant and corrupt.

What the voters need is a good spanking and forced to go to school and study politics from the standpoint of collective ownership.

"COLONY OF LEPERS."

The legislature of Indiana recently adjourned was overwhelmingly democratic. It promised big things to the working class. One of its members named Keegan, who wears a union badge and professes union principles, was made chairman of the committee on labor.

During the consideration by this legislature of the bill limiting the hours of women wage workers in the state, Keegan jumped up, tendered his resignation as a member of the house and said he would "rather sit in a colony of lepers than in a legislature that had so shamelessly betrayed the working class."

This was all bluff. We intimated as much at the time the incident occurred, in an editorial in these columns, having had some experience with the Keegans. We expected him to go back to the lepers and we were not disappointed.

A few days after he tendered his resignation and denounced his fellow-democrats as lepers, he returned and sat with them to the close of the session.

The Keegans are the real betrayers of the working class. By going back to the lepers this particular one branded himself one.

It was this Keegan, by the way, who defended Governor Marshall, now vice president, for his part in the kidnaping of the McNamars.

Workingmen who are led by union labor politicians in capitalist parties are sure to come to grief.

STRANGE BEDFELLOWS.

"Politics makes strange bedfellows." When Woodrow Wilson was a college professor and free to express his honest political opinions he wrote a letter in which he declared in effect that William Jennings Bryan was an unmitigated nuisance and that some way ought to be found "to knock him into a cocked hat."

And now the same Woodrow Wilson, as democratic president, makes the same Mr. Bryan the prime minister in his administration and it is strange.

But possibly there is nothing strange about it if rightly understood. Mr. Wilson may have taken precisely this way of knocking Mr. Bryan into a "cocked hat." Certain it is that Mr. Bryan is now going to have a chance to do something besides talking about what the democratic party will do when it gets into power.

Mr. Bryan and Mr. Wilson have pledged the democratic party to smash the trusts and wipe out the monopolies and before they are six months in office the hollowness of their pledge will be painfully apparent to even their most ardent supporters, and we shall miss our guess if Mr. Bryan does not leave the cabinet long before his term expires and with all the appearance of a "cocked hat."

HOGS AND BABIES.

The legislature of Indiana, controlled by the democrats, voted an appropriation of twenty-five thousand dollars for the care of its hogs and turned down a proposition to vote five thousand dollars for the care of its babies.

Hogs are more profitable than babies under capitalism... A fat hog is worth a car load of poor babies.

The hog brings the coin of the realm; the babies of the poor are too weak and sickly even to be ground up in the mills. Let them die.

This incident in legislation by a body of capitalist representatives epitomizes the capitalist system.

There is more profit in raising hogs than in raising children and so hogs are raised. Hogs, mind you, and raising hogs for profit has the same effect on the fellow who raises the hogs that it does on the hogs.

WILSON'S CABINET.

The political character of President Wilson's cabinet may be accurately gauged by its personnel. There is not a workman in it, and in this our prediction has been verified.

Of course, the claim will be made that the secretary of labor was once a coal miner and that he still belongs to a union. But this does not constitute a workman, nor a friend to the workman.

Some of the arch-grafters in politics were once workers and are still union men. The secretary of labor appointed by President Wilson is a democratic politician and his constituency repudiated him at the ballot box in the last election.

During his term in congress he put his relatives in office and feathered his own nest to a queen's taste.

The rest of President Wilson's appointees are lawyers and politicians. And smooth ones, too. They are facing both ways and smiling both ways, but they are for capitalism and wage slavery all the same.

There are some rough jolts ahead for this cabinet which has set out to emancipate labor by keeping it in bondage and to kill the trusts without hurting them.

PROTECTING THE PUBLIC.

In their recent controversy with the locomotive firemen the railroad managers posed as stout champions of the public interest. They were perfectly willing to grant such an increase in wages as they felt they could afford, and were quite willing to arbitrate the questions at issue, but they insisted that the method of arbitration should be of their own choosing, as under the method provided by law "the interests of the public" are not properly protected.

This suddenly developed solicitude for the protection of the public is touching in more ways than one. It is a peculiarity of the capitalist mind that it regards the interests of capitalism as synonymous with the interests of the entire community.

In protecting themselves, therefore, capitalists can always fall back upon the convenient fiction that they are also protecting "the interests of the public."

The attitude of the railroads in this particular instance is a splendid illustration of the efficacy of capitalist law, enacted ostensibly in the interest of the working class. As long as such law operates in the interests of capitalism it is hailed as a very bulwark of civilization and progress, but whenever it is discovered that the law operates to give some little advantage to the working class it is promptly repudiated and a howl goes up about the necessity of amendment in order that "the interests of the public" may be adequately safeguarded.

HYPOCRISY, THY NAME IS CAPITALISM!

RICH ROBBERS IMMUNE.

Charles R. Heike, secretary and treasurer of the American Sugar Refining company, commonly known as the sugar trust, was tried before a jury on the charge of having defrauded the government of millions of dollars in having the scales manipulated in the weighing of sugar imported by the trust, and found guilty. He was sentenced to the penitentiary at hard labor and to pay a fine of five thousand dollars.

Their Attorney General Wilcocks—was the same attorney general who whitewashed the Leavenworth prison criminals and had the APPEAL indicted for showing them up—promptly got busy.

Through the technicalities and trickeries of the law, which constitute the great bulk of capitalist law, Heike was kept out of prison—notwithstanding he was convicted and sentenced and there was not the least doubt of his guilt—and just before his term of office expired President Taft issued to Heike an unconditional pardon.

Had Heike been a poor devil he would have been rushed to the pen the day of his conviction, but he was rich and he was the tool and associate of other rich robbers who had put up Taft's campaign fund and had Wilcocks appointed attorney general, and rich robbers are immune under capitalism.

The APPEAL TO REASON is hated with a deadly hate by these rich robbers and that is why it is being hounded by the courts controlled by these robbers.

HARVESTER OCTOPUS.

Uncle Sam is after the harvester trust on a dead run and gaining on him every minute. If the octopus does not vanish into thin air about the time your uncle seizes the flap of his coat-tail it is all off with that man-eating varmint.

Isn't it funny? All through the Roosevelt administration and all through the Taft administration Uncle Sam, we were solemnly assured, was on the trail of the harvester octopus, resolved to destroy him, trunk and tail.

But somehow your uncle has not been able to find any trace of the beast. The highest priced lawyers have been engaged and have been drawing their fees with regularity and dispatch, but the harvester trust has eluded them all.

Hundreds of thousands of farmers that get their daily skimming from the harvester trust know there is such a thing, but poor old Uncle Sam, whose eyes are very weak when he is on the trail of capitalist criminals, has not been able to spot it.

If there is a rip-roaring farce on earth, or a grafting scheme in all the world, that can beat Uncle Sam's trust-busting prosecutions we would give much to see a sample of it.

In the next scene Wilson and Bryan will appear, dragging the dead hog-moth after them. Amidst the plaudits of the multitude they will sing that soul-stirring duet, "We slew the monster with the jawbone of an ass."

BULL RING HERO.

Felix Diaz, the associated press informs us, "was accorded a great ovation at the bull ring, the first performance of the matador's sport since the bombardment of the capital." Ten thousand spectators stood and cheered lustily when General Diaz entered a box in the arena was forced to face time and again to acknowledge the applause. Diaz granted the request of the mata-

DRIVE THE TACK IN.

Diaz, the bull ring hero, is also the hero of the Wall street thieves and footers who backed him to assassinate Madero and restore "peace" and order from heel of a military despotism on the necks of the people.

It is entirely fitting that a Diaz should be the hero of a bull ring. The sport of a barbarian is becoming to the profession of a military assassin.

Diaz typifies bourgeois Mexico and plutocratic America and like his uncle will rule by force, tempered by assassination.

But the days of Diaz in Mexico are numbered in advance. The revolution, the real revolution, is on from the bottom up and it will never end until the last tyrant and robber has been overthrown.

"YOU ARE WELCOME HERE."

A few days ago Charles Murphy, the notorious Tammany boss, made his first visit to the white house.

He went there to pay his respects to President Wilson.

When the Tammany chieftain entered the executive mansion the democratic president greeted him cordially and said "you are welcome here."

This was the same Murphy who led Bryan's "ninety wax figures" to the Baltimore convention, and without whom and the like of whom Wilson could not have been nominated.

The melodramatic speech of Mr. Bryan will be recalled. With his hand on his heart he declared that no candidate who received the vote of Murphy and his "ninety wax figures" could have his support.

Of course, Bryan meant nothing of the kind. It was all high vandeville and for the galleries only. Within a few hours Wilson got the vote of the "ninety wax figures," delivered by Boss Murphy, and within a few days thereafter Bryan was out making speeches for him. Today he is in his cabinet.

Yes, Boss Murphy is welcome in the white house when the democratic party is lodged there.

Wilson is held up as a very clean gentleman, but as democratic president he is compelled to receive the rottenest politician on earth with open arms. This is the price he paid for the nomination and he will find it a very high one before he is entirely through with the bargaip.

The very name of Tammany stinks at every pore. The rotten politicians of that breed are in league with the underworld and fatten out of vice as do maggots in carrion. And yet the filthy boss of Tammany, the ex-vice keeper of the Bowery, is welcomed there heartily by the college professor who by grace of the democratic party now presides over the white house.

"You are welcome here!" Yes indeed, Murphy is welcome at the white house and so are the interests and influences that Murphy represents, as long as the democratic party is in power.

There is not a shadow of hope nor a crumb of comfort in an administration whose chief executor opens the door of the executive mansion to the rank corruptionist, Boss Murphy of Tammany, and says, "You are welcome here."

dors to kill the bull and presented favors to the popular heroes of the arena when the animals had been dispatched.

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THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT.

This department was organized in October, 1911, and our files show that we have been at work practically eighteen months. Many of them write they will graduate during this year, and some will finish within the next few months. It is a pleasure to receive letters which indicate the progress our students are making; they are so enthusiastic that it makes me almost wish I was beginning over again the study of law. Letters much like the following from Comrade William M. Moore, of Pearl, Ill., come every day.

"I received my books and first lessons a few days ago; they are fine and everything is easy to understand. I think those that want a legal education, and have no other means, should take advantage of such an opportunity as you offer. I would not sell my course for any amount of money and do without it."

There are many Socialists in position to take our correspondence law course, without disturbing themselves financially, and without losing any time from their work. Such people owe it to themselves to investigate our plan, and see if it is not what they need to take up. I will be glad to send you descriptive literature upon application. J. I. SHEPARD, General Attorney Legal Department APPEAL TO REASON, Fort Scott, Kan.

Comrade Charles Bassford, Norrisstown, Pa., in 80 for three four year and twelve forty-week cut cards.

If a thousand wage workers could go on strike and keep on drawing their wages just the same, they ought to win. Doesn't it look so?

Suppose they stay in the shop, but work in such a way that the boss loses money on them instead of making money? The capitalists say this is immoral. So do some Socialists. What do you think?

First you need to know more about it, don't you? That is why we have just published the new book

SABOTAGE

by Emile Pouget. This is the classic work on the subject, telling how this new weapon is used by the workmen of Europe. It was translated by Arturo Giovannitti while the capitalist kept him in jail last summer. He also wrote an introduction as good as the book itself, and that is saying a great deal.

Cloth, 50c; paper, 25c, postpaid. Address: Charles H. Kerr & Co., 118 W. Kinzie Street, Chicago

Announcement

In the issue of the Coming Nation which goes to press March 29th will begin a series of articles by Bouck White, author of the Call of the Carpenter, on the general subject "What would be the message of Jesus to the working class if He were speaking today?" These articles will be illustrated by a great artist and will later be published in book form by the biggest book publishing house in the world. The Coming Nation has bought the magazine rights to the articles, but will have no control over the book, which will be sold at regular book prices—probably \$1.50 per copy.

You can get this series complete besides a year's subscription to the Coming Nation by subscribing NOW. We will furnish no back issues of the magazine. If you want this series, subscribe in time to get the first issue, and if you want to understand the articles; if you want the truth about Jesus, the greatest figure in history, you want to read White's great book, "The Call of the Carpenter."

For the enclosed \$1.50 send me the Call of the Carpenter and a year's subscription to the Coming Nation, same to reach me in time for the first of the Bouck White series.

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If you will sign this blank, at once, we will guarantee delivery of both the book and the magazine before the first day of April.



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Table with 4 columns: State, OW, On, Total. Lists various states and their subscription counts.

Total subscribers... 11,828 11,027 434,485
States ranked... show gain for week.

Civil War in Louisiana.

Word comes from Louisiana that civil war is again on there. It appears that Emerson, organized for the timber workers, went to DeRider to speak, and the mill operators swore that he should not speak. It is reported that fifty men organized under oath to kill him if he attempted to speak. He disregarded them and now all industrial unionists and Socialists have been run out of DeRider, and a demand is being made for the resignation of Mayor Pressley because he is a Socialist and refused to be a party to their lawless acts. Pressley is the only officer in Louisiana who has ever tried to do his duty toward the working class. Organizer John Hill has twice been ordered out of Merryville by mobs, and refusing to go, has been thrown into jail and his friends were refused information as to the charges against him.