

# They Have Been After the Appeal for Years; the Appeal is Now Camping on Their Trail!

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Already, due to the Army's agitation, the senate proposes an investigation of West Virginia outrages. Keep up the fight and you will win.

The later editions of last week's Appeal carried a telegram from Secretary H. W. Houston, of Charleston, W. Va., telling the story of the latest outrage in that state. Governor Hatfield confiscated the plant of the *Labor Argus*, forcibly seizing all its property. Fred Merrick, who was acting in Editor Boswell's place, was arrested. The mailing list of the *Appeal* and we will fill out the unexpired subscriptions to that publication without cost to the publishers. After seven years of hard fighting the Appeal has established its right to print the truth about conditions as they exist under capitalism, and we have also firmly established our right to transportation through the United States mails. This enables us to go to the rescue of our comrade publishers in West Virginia in times like these. Not only will the Appeal do this, but we shall flood the state of West Virginia with papers containing the Turner articles. In this way we will be able to beat Governor Hatfield and the coal barons in their attempt to suppress Socialist papers in West Virginia. They have put the *Labor Argus* out of business but they will wake up tomorrow morning and find the APPEAL on the job, many times stronger and backed by a million Socialists. It is a fight worth while and you will be glad of whatever aid you extend our W. Virginia comrades at this time.

## West Virginia Strike Not Settled

Saturday, April 26th, the Sunday and Monday following, reports were printed throughout the country to the effect that the West Virginia strike had been called off and that the miners were returning to work. This is not true. On the 28th I wired Paul J. Paulsen, member of the international board of the U. M. W. A., at Charleston, for particulars, and received the reply: "We are farther away from a settlement than ever." Confirmation was received in a letter that arrived later.

The facts are that Governor Hatfield proposed a "compromise" which evaded all the more important demands of the miners. The operators promptly accepted the terms, whereupon the governor plainly threatened that if the miners also did not accept them he would put the union officials in jail.

A convention was called in Charleston and, after a bitter fight, the miners were persuaded to yield, provided there would be no discrimination against members of the union.

The operators would not agree to this. They know well that the few "concessions" they have made will be without force and effect unless the union is there to see that the promises are carried out.

The governor, for his part, would not guarantee anything of the sort. Having seized every known governmental power and used it in favor of the operators, he found that it would be "presumptuous" on my part to over-step my power given me, to suggest to the employer whom he should employ, etc., ad nauseum.

However, the governor easily assumed the power to give the miners thirty-six hours in which to go back to work, under penalty of imprisonment or deportation.

As this is written Governor Hatfield is in the strike zone at the head of a company of state militia driving back to the mines such of the strikers as can be driven, and arresting or deporting the others.

Each week, with these articles, exposing the history of as great a crime against labor as has ever been perpetrated in any country, will be printed, also, the news of the latest developments. Meanwhile, it would be well to point out the reason why such a "settlement" as Governor Hatfield is trying to hammer through and claims that he has hammered through can have no effect upon the Appeal's West Virginia fight.

Because Mother Jones and eleven other Socialists are still in jail, condemned to the penitentiary or the gallows by Governor Hatfield's unlawful military commission.

Because even should these twelve prisoners be released as a part of any "settlement" they will be promptly rearrested if they attempt to continue their agitation in favor of the miners.

**Harry Bone's Latest.**  
Following is an Associated Press dispatch, which indicates that Harry Bone is seeking to revive the Leavenworth case against the APPEAL:

**ASKS TO APPEAL WARREN CASE**  
DECISION IN APPEAL TO REASON CASE DOESN'T SUIT AUTHORITIES.  
Washington, May 2d.—The department of justice is considering an appeal to the supreme court from the decision of Judge Pollock of the United States district court, sustaining a demurrer to an indictment charging Fred D. Warren, C. L. Phifer and the late J. A. Wayland, owners and editors of a Socialist paper at Girard, Kan., with sending obscene matter through the mails.

A copy of the judge's opinion, holding that a published story concerning alleged conditions at the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth was not obscene, was received at the department of justice today. Assistant Attorney General Harr began a study of the question.

**Pressing the Lasater Case.**  
Witnesses have been subpoenaed to go to Fort Scott in the Lasater case on May 5th. This, as has been shown by sworn testimony, grows out of the Leavenworth case, an effort being made to frighten Lasater into giving false testimony against the APPEAL under threat of imprisonment if he fails to do so. Since the case was brought the people elected Lasater district clerk. He is now bedfast at his home in Pittsburg, Kan., but even the threat of death does not deter the fiends who have been persecuting the APPEAL for seven years. Lasater was a rural mail carrier, and is accused of taking from the mails a circular letter, though the evidence against him is nil. His prosecution was not asked by the postoffice inspector.

## A Stirring Letter from Mother Jones

[The following letter to Appeal readers from Mother Jones was sent to Mrs. Ryan Walker who is now in New York City, and by her forwarded to us. Had the letter been addressed to the Appeal to Reason it would never have reached its destination. This letter proves that prison bars, even death itself, has no terrors for this brave heroine of more than a hundred fiercely fought battles on the industrial field. Mother Jones is your mother, and I appeal to you to help us raise such a mighty protest that the outrages against the working class in barbarous West Virginia will cease. You have helped the Appeal win many a contest with plutocracy. We are now engaged in the biggest fight of all its career—a fight the outcome of which is of vital concern, not only to our imprisoned comrades in West Virginia, but to every man, woman and child in America. Read Mother Jones' letter—read it from the houseposts, in the mines, in the shops, read it aloud wherever men congregate to work.]

Pratt, W. Va., Military Bastile, April 25, 1913.—This is a very serious situation we have here and is not grasped by the outside world and God knows when it will be. I have been in here about eleven weeks. There are twelve of we poor devils, eleven men and myself, one of them the editor of the Socialist paper in Charleston, and another one of our speakers, John Brown. His wife and three children are left to perish outside. We hear the cry of these little ones for their father; we hear the groans and sobs of his beautiful wife, but the dear, well-fed people don't care for that. I don't care much for myself, because my career is nearly ended, but I think of my brave boys who are incarcerated in Harrison county jail in Clarksburg and not a voice of protest raised in their behalf. They have been brave and true. They are now paying the penalty for having dared to fight for right and justice; but it matters not, this fight will go on, and the workers themselves will have to take hold of the machinery and pick out the skylights and lawyers and quit feeding them and giving them jobs. I have been fighting this machine for years with scarcely any help. I am still in the fight and the pirates can't shut me up even if I am in jail watched by the bloodhounds.

## LABOR ARGUS SUPPRESSED OUTSIDE MILITARY ZONE

By telegraph to APPEAL TO REASON.  
Central Valley, N. Y., May 2d.—Under orders of Hatfield, Elliot and other officers of the state militia, Tuesday, swooped down on the office of the *Labor Argus* of Charleston confiscating mailing galleys and all the paraphernalia of the office and arresting Fred Merrick and John Ramsey, editors. Boswell, the editor in chief, has been a military prisoner the last two months. The *Argus* had just printed articles exposing Hatfield's duplicity toward the miners. The arrests were made outside the martial zone without shadow of legal authority. No official in the history of the country has gone farther to disregard the constitutional guarantees. It is the exact method followed in Mexico by Diaz, who crushed the press in the days of barbarous Mexico. A message received today from prominent Socialists of Charleston says this action in seizing the *Argus* will inflame the miners and I look for a general revolt in the entire field. You may look for almost anything. If the workers ever needed a battling press it is at this hour. May God torture them for this, for they are not done with us yet. TURNER.

## Meaning of Governor Hatfield's Military Dictatorship

BY JOHN KENNETH TURNER  
WHILE in West Virginia I became profoundly convinced that the issues involved in the coal miners' strike are neither local nor state-wide, but are national, and that the singularly lawless fighting waged by the mine owners and their office-holding henchmen is no accident of history, but is the result of deliberate and studied design.

As will appear in the course of my articles, West Virginia, of all our forty-eight states, is the one ideally fitted, from the capitalistic point of view, in the year 1913, for an assault upon the legal rights of labor—in other words, for an attack upon the common, or garden, variety of human rights, which must be destroyed would capitalism maintain itself.

With all the precautions taken to prevent it, labor is becoming too strong, the movement for the emancipation of the workers is growing too fast. With all their walls of stone, with all their legal battlements, the citadels of privilege are being threatened on every hand.

Something must be done, something decisive, ruthless—crushing. Here is West Virginia, a state just entering upon a vast career of development. Here the governmental power—the legislature, the police and the courts—are most completely in the hands of one group of capitalists. Here the press is most effectively muzzled. Here the movement of the workers is young; organization is in its initial stages. Here is the place to strike the blow.

This is the plot. I gathered as much, not only from a study of conditions, but from conversations with mine owners and their henchmen themselves. These persons figure that, while West Virginia is yet in the woods, so to speak, they can pull off the trick without any great outcry being raised against it. Then, in another state, the next time there is an important strike or any other movement that jeopardizes the smallest fraction of the profits of privilege, the world will awake to find that there are established precedents for sending men to the penitentiary without the formality of a trial, or hanging men because they are Socialists.

The real issue, therefore, not the right of the miners upon Paint Creek and Cabin Creek to organize, to have honest weights, a checkweighman, a semi-monthly pay-day, and shorter hours, but the right of labor, not only of West Virginia, but of every state of our forty-eight, to stand up in court and demand the protection that our written laws and constitutions guarantee him.

If the mine owners of West Virginia win what they are trying to win and what they seem on the point of winning, if the judgment of the cringing state supreme court of appeals is not reversed, if the military commission is not overturned, if the eleven Socialists in Clarksburg jail are not saved from the penitentiary, if Mother Jones is permitted to die where she is, a military prisoner, labor will have been stripped of every legal right it has ever won in America.

This is a strong statement, yet it is no exaggeration. It will be proved absolutely in the course of these articles. In my humble judgment, the working people of this country have never faced as profound and terrible an issue as this. If the mine owners carry out their plot, the cause of labor in America will be set back for years and years.

The miners of West Virginia are doing the best they can. They are putting up a heroic fight. But the odds are too great against them. They cannot win alone. They cannot save Mother Jones. It will require the combined efforts of all the forces arrayed against privilege in the country to do it. This means that it is up to the Socialists.

## Senate Takes Notice of the Strike

By telegraph to APPEAL TO REASON.  
Washington, D. C., May 2d.—It may be a coincidence, but it is not strange that immediately following the APPEAL's announcement of Turner's exposure of the West Virginia outrages, that the United States officially takes notice of what is going on about 250 miles from Washington?

Today Senator Kern, of Indiana, the democratic leader, declared that the senate would investigate the conditions in the strike regions.

It took a year for the democrats to learn of the atrocities committed by the mine operators and their henchmen in West Virginia and now they will investigate.

When President Cleveland was asked by the capitalists to help break the Debs railroad strike, he sent federal troops to Illinois. But when the workers ask for protection, no federal troops or any action is forthcoming from the democrats—only an investigation. And that only after the APPEAL TO REASON has started its work on behalf of the West Virginia miners. Still it is significant that the senate has been forced to do this much. It shows the power of publicity.

In his speech today, Kern disclosed the fact that the Taft administration suppressed a report of the bureau of labor on the West Virginia strike. He also stated that yesterday he received a telegram from former Senator Watson, a democrat and a mine owner, asking him to help the proposed senate investigation. It is believed that Kern is playing for the labor vote, but if a thorough investigation is made, it certainly will not help the West Virginia democrats. All the parties but the Socialist party are fighting the miners.

LOUIS KOPELIN.

## At Fort Scott, May 5th

This paper goes to press May 3d, two days before the federal court meets in Fort Scott. As reported last week, the main case, that based on the Leavenworth prison exposures, has been disposed of by Judge Pollock in sustaining the demurrer to the indictment filed by Attorney Sheppard. This leaves undisposed of the charge that Debs, Sheppard and myself tried to "spirit a government witness out of the jurisdiction of the court." This case will undoubtedly be called for trial on May 5th. As it was disposed of by Judge Pollock when the same charge was up on contempt proceedings a year ago, I am quite hopeful that it will be dismissed.

However, we are taking no chances, but will be prepared on Monday morning with our witnesses and our documents to defend ourselves against this malicious charge. As many of our readers know, the case is based on the statement of Julius P. McDonough, that the APPEAL, through Comrade Debs gave him \$250 to absent himself from the jurisdiction of Judge Pollock's court so that he could not appear as a witness for the government in the Leavenworth case. McDonough had been employed by the APPEAL for a year and had given us much valuable information about conditions at Leavenworth. At the conclusion of his year's contract with us he claimed that \$300 was due him in addition to the salary we had paid him during the year. This demand he made on us in writing, in person and through other parties. The money was

paid to him. A week later he turned up as a witness for the government. Through the influence of Harry Bone, McDonough swore that the money was paid to him to go to California. On the stand, in the contempt proceedings, he swore that the money was paid to him to stay and testify falsely; he then admitted, on cross-examination, that the money was due him on his contract with the APPEAL under a promise that I had made to him months before that at the expiration of his time of service for the APPEAL he should be "staked" that he might go to some country where he was not known and begin life anew. After hearing McDonough's story on the witness stand, Judge Pollock dismissed the proceedings against us on the ground that McDonough could not have been a competent witness for the government and even though all the government claimed we had done was true, still there would have been no violation of the law. Bone, not satisfied with Judge Pollock's decision and determined to send us to prison, took the matter before the grand jury and secured an indictment on identical the same testimony as that heard before Judge Pollock. This is the charge we must face Monday, May 5th.

CONGRESS at \$7,500 a year per head is too expensive to make laws for the corporations, when the corporation lawyers serving as congressmen can do the work just as well without public-pay.

The Socialist party is the only one that ever contributed to a strikers' fund.

## ...WE NEED MONEY...

THIS is the first time you have ever seen this statement in the Appeal to Reason columns. The Appeal needs money to carry on the legal contests in the courts against the traducers of the memory of our departed comrade, J. A. Wayland; the Appeal needs money to continue its investigation into affairs in West Virginia. This money will be raised by the sale of extra copies of next week's Appeal to Reason, No. 911, dated May 17th. In that edition the complete story of the West Virginia struggle will be told by John Kenneth Turner, the man who stirred the nation by his exposure of conditions existing in Mexico. With Turner and the Appeal on the job, it is not necessary to tell you what the result will be. Every one who orders a bundle of 500 or more copies of No. 911 will have his name enrolled in a list of such names to be sent to Mother Jones. You will want your name written there—that Mother Jones may know who her friends really are. Cut out the blank below and let the Appeal have your order by return mail—and make the order as large as possible. Ask the local comrades to assist you.

## To Rescue Mother Jones

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### Six Mexican States "Acquired"

An astonishing story is told in the press of the Pacific states, to the effect that certain American capitalists, whose names are not given, have arranged for buying Lower California and five other Mexican states bordering on the southern boundary of the United States. Already, the report says, negotiations have been opened to get Uncle Sam to pay the \$30,000,000 which is the price Huerta asks for these states, and then annex them to the United States.

This is the consummation of the plot outlined by the Appeal as long ago as 1906. At that time the Appeal stated that the object of the Colorado war was to Mexicanize the mines of America and thus reap greater returns for the capitalists. In the early part of 1911, when the revolt against Diaz began, the Appeal declared that it was because Diaz had favored Morgan control of Lower California, which has immense iron deposits that were necessary to give the steel trust continued domination of industry. Later on it predicted the overthrow of Diaz on the ground that Morgan would see that he did not have money to fight the rebellion with. The California report sustains this view of the situation. When Madero came into power he was between conflicting demands—that of the people for lands, and that of American capitalists, headed by the Morgan interests, for concessions. The fact that the treasury was practically empty when he was assassinated gives ground for supposing that he had stood against Morgan's demands as long as he could. The tragic end of Madero shows the depths to which American capitalists will go in order to obtain their ends; for it is now shown that Huerta gave what both Diaz and Madero refused.

It was long hoped to compel the United States to intervene in order to take this territory from Mexico. The opposition of the working class was prevented. Now it appears that a very literal dollar diplomacy has won. If the California dispatches are true, there will soon be added 7,000,000 peon laborers and the finest mining section in the world to America's (that is, the New York capitalists') possessions. This is of stupendous import to the American working class. The money paid for this territory will enable the Mexican masters to subdue the slaves in the territory remaining.

These capitalists will never let up. The war began in Colorado nine years ago, has opened in West Virginia. The purpose to Mexicanize American labor, that possessed the capitalists in 1906, has been pressed until apparently it is near accomplishment.

**The Million Dollar Mark.**

Did you ever stop and ponder from what source our wealth we get, how each dollar, dime and nickel, means its drops of human sweat? Take your choice of your possessions, trace it to its place of birth, and you will find in its mind and muscle mixed with earth.

Once this earth was bleak and barren, not a plant or mammal here, only rocks and wastes of water, only shorelands brown and drear. Since those days of desolation—here's the point I wish to sum—things inanimate we value, pray from what source have they come?

If man himself has made them, to that man they must belong, and against his will to take them surely is a flagrant wrong.

If he puts on them a value, and that value does receive for other things of the same value, then no difference will it leave.

If man is not defrauded then he still has what is his. Then from whence has sprung such slogans as "Plute," "Graft" and "Big Biz?"

W. A. ESTEPP.

### Honor Among Convicts

Governor West of the state of Oregon is entitled to the commendation of all honest men for the example he has set and the effort he is making to reform the present brutal and demoralizing prison system.

In most of the prisons today the purpose is to make crime pay.

Inmates of prisons are farmed out through the connivance of prison officials, grafting politicians and blood-sucking contractors, and their misfortune is in every possible way made to operate against their redemption.

Put into stripes, shorn to the skin and made to appear hideous and repulsive as possible, and then put in the mines or highways to work like slaves with unformed killers standing over them on the least provocation, have been the means employed to make it impossible for a criminal even to be anything else, but on the contrary, to sink lower and lower until all hope is vanished.

Governor West made up his mind that there was honor even among convicts. Perhaps he was brought to realize this after having experience with politicians. In any event, he decided to give them the benefit of the doubt. He sent for some of the inmates, ordering that they be allowed to come to him unaccompanied by any guard, trusting to their honor not to run away. In not a single instance was the governor's confidence betrayed.

The governor then told them he proposed to put them on their honor in other matters. And he did. He withdrew the guards and other places work outwards to watch them. They are on their honor. The governor has trusted them and most of them would die before they would betray his confidence.

Since Governor West has inaugurated this humane reform only three out of all the great number he has trusted have proven false.

All the rest are as completely bound by their honor as if they had ten thousand armed guards watching over them.

Yes, there is honor even among convicts, and the average of honor under fair measurement would be at least as high in a state penitentiary as in a state legislature.

Most of these convicts have never had a decent chance and most of them would even now retrieve themselves and be men were it not for the fact that our social system as it now is offers greater incentive to lie, cheat and steal than it does to tell the truth and practice honesty.

### Turning the Tables.

Independent, Vineland, N. J., edited by A. J. Streeter, former populist nominee for president.

Send for a copy of the APPEAL TO REASON issue of April 5th, Girard, Kan., and you will have a treat indeed if you enjoy "Turning of the Tables." The APPEAL is showing up some of the dirtiest and most villainous practices of the courts, if evidence is believable that has been exposed in this nation.

We are glad to note that the APPEAL is taking a hand in hunting skunks; it's about time that some of the perjurious promoters of the plutes were shown up, and we are of the opinion that APPEAL management will be able to do it to a turn.

### Ryan Walker's Hit.

Ryan Walker, the noted cartoonist, appeared at the Taylor opera house, Trenton, on Sunday, where, at the end of his entertainment, he was obliged to appear before the audience and bow several times ere he could retire.

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### Real Japanese Question

What is the Japanese question? You read a great deal in the newspaper about the Japanese problem in California and of the efforts of Secretary Bryan and President Wilson to persuade the California legislature to not pass the bill to prevent the Japanese acquiring land in that state. The problem reduced to simple language is this: Years ago the landlords of California, some of whom own farms of 100,000 acres, needed cheap help and they imported Chinese coolies. Later they discovered that the Japanese were better workers, and the Chinamen were replaced by Japs. So long as the Jap was content to remain a mere "hand" no serious objection was raised to his presence in California except by a few discontented American laboring men. The Jap was quick to catch on to American methods and in time he became a landlord and embarked in various business enterprises. His competition has become so fierce that the small business man sees his finish and it is from the business class that most of the noise is coming at the present time. California may succeed in preventing the Japanese merchant and landlord from doing business on the Pacific coast, but here is something the California legislature cannot do: It cannot prevent the large manufacturers of this country removing their plants to Japan and China, to be operated by cheap labor. This is being done on a large scale. The steel trust, the General Electric company and other big enterprises now have great factories in Japan, China and India, almost ready for operation. With the very same Japanese and Chinese labor that is now being excluded from California, these American capitalists of industry will produce the goods formerly made in America. This is the big problem of which the California-Japanese controversy is but an incident. The newspapers are saying very little today about American factories in the Orient. They will make up to us the Wilson tariff and the tariff and this country is being flooded with goods produced by labor that can live on 10 cents a day. Just keep your eye open for this news. Capitalist papers will print it about two years after you have read it in the APPEAL TO REASON.

### THE WIDE OPEN CAUCUS.

The old parties are having to do things more and more in the open where the people can see them. The Socialist agitation has driven them to it.

Now the republican minority in congress has decided that its caucus shall be open to the public.

It is to laugh!

As long as the republicans had a majority in congress and the voice of the caucus was the voice of congress, the caucus was a secret affair and the public was excluded, but now that the republicans are in a hopeless minority and no one care what they do, they declare boldly for the open caucus. The object of the republican minority is perfectly clear, it proposes to drive the democratic majority to open up its caucus.

By a large majority the democrats in congress have voted down the open caucus. Their sessions are secret. The common people who so love are shut out.

And this is palmed off as democracy. It is nothing less than an insult to the people whose servants these congressmen are.

The Socialist party does nothing behind closed doors.

That's the difference.

### Hundred Socialist Teachers Wanted.

Here's one for Father Pompeny and General Ols and the rest of the "other day" boys who would "bust" the Socialist movement. Here's a little matter that they have been overlooking in their mad rush to get out of the country.

Last fall the state executive committee of the Socialist party of Washington established a Socialist educational bureau and they got busy to open schools for Socialism. School propaganda articles began to appear by the thousands. The ears of the fathers and mothers of Washington have been ringing in the spring school elections we won schools galore.

Last week the secretary of the bureau sent to the national Socialist teachers' bureau for fifty teachers, as all the Socialist teachers in Washington are placed or can easily be placed.

Now, Father Pompeny and the rest of you, the state of Washington wants at least a hundred Socialist teachers from anywhere and at any time. They want you out of business. That's what! And probably by next week we will need two hundred. And if you can find Fred and I will use you as a li'ndeed by next spring.

To Socialist school teachers everywhere, the comrades of Washington, I send the word of comradeship. If you have the right stuff in you we can use you in our business out here by the Ohio ocean where capitalist brutality has again this week closed its eyes to action. No commission is charged by the bureau. Just forward your red cards with the dues paid up to date. Address: National Socialist Teachers' Bureau, Route 5, Tacoma, Wash.

### What Would You Do?

Say! If you had a wife whose heart had fed you own for a score of years, and never a moment walked apart from you, and you were to be parted from all of your griefs and hopes and fears.

And now in that faithful bosom had grown a little life that was not yours, and had hunger barrowed them through and through.

For God's sake, tell me what would you do?

—Will Carleton.

A BULLETIN sent out by a financial firm says: "Advance information indicates that the tariff changes will be very conservative. The new administration is surprising Wall street with its conservatism. The new attorney general has, up to date, acted in a perfectly rational manner. About the only menace to the stock market is a possibility of too much prosperity in this country." Comment seems to be unnecessary. Big business thinks it is in the saddle and is afraid the people will be able to lay by a dollar!

UNDER capitalism there are furnished incentives to rob, to steal, to burglarize, to kidnap, to hate, to plunder, to pillage, to burn, to strike and to do a thousand and one other deplorable things. The basis of all these incentives is the possession of so-called "productive" property. If these are the kind of incentives that Socialism will destroy may the gods hasten its coming.

Don't be afraid to be a radical; there never was any progress without them nor very little accomplished but through them.

### Confiscation!

From Warren's speech, Los Angeles, Nov. 3, 1912.

Confiscation? You don't like the word, my old party brother? Then let me tell you something: You had better get used to it, for before the passing of another two years you will find it screaming at you in big type in your daily newspapers; it will stare at you from the pages of every magazine; you will hear it from every street corner and from every platform. Confiscation? Restitution would be a better word!

### Firemen Win the Strike

THE board of arbitration under the Erdman act who have had under consideration the grievances of 35,000 firemen employed on the Eastern railroads, have submitted their report and in the main it is favorable to the firemen.

An increase of 15 per cent in wages was demanded. The board awarded an increase that will amount to from 10 to 12 per cent.

The following scale of wages was fixed by the board: \$2.10 per day on passenger engines of less than 80,000 pounds; \$3.60 on all over 80,000 pounds, and \$5 on all smaller engines. On freight engines of over 20,000 pounds on drivers \$4 per day.

The demand for an extra fireman on large locomotives was referred to an adjustment commission chosen jointly by the railroads and the firemen.

Ten hours or less, or 100 miles or less, constitute a day's work, and time paid for shall begin at the time a fireman is required to report for duty. The demand of the firemen for standardization of wages based on the weight of locomotives was granted, it being stipulated, however, that wages already higher and conditions better than the award provided, should remain unchanged.

Cleaning engines which has hitherto required considerable time on the part of the firemen when they were turned out on duty, has been done away with, the firemen having been relieved of that duty, which will be something of a boon to them.

Overtime and other matters contained in the grievances were all adjusted in a way to give general satisfaction to the firemen.

The Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers may be credited with having gained a substantial victory for its Eastern members. The fact that the brotherhood compelled the combined railroads to submit to arbitration under the Erdman act instead of under the smooth scheme engineered by the railroads with which they victimized the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, sometime previous, constitutes the chief element in the victory, and the rest followed as a matter of course.

The Appeal, congratulating President Carter, the committee, and the firemen upon their victory, and entertains the hope that the time is not distant when there will be but one organization for firemen. The settlement just effected after a struggle of many months demonstrates conclusively that there is no need of more than one.

### FACTS VS. FANCY.

The APPEAL is sometimes accused of delighting in sensationalism; but it does not. Only a year ago it received first-hand evidence of sodomy and other misdeeds existing in the boys' reformatory and other state institutions in Oklahoma. The APPEAL laid its evidence before Kate Barnard and other officials of Oklahoma, suggesting a correction of the horrors. If this was not done the APPEAL would make the facts public, as it did the Leavenworth case. As a result of this suggestion the matter came up in the legislature and it was shown that even worse conditions than prevailed in the Leavenworth penitentiary were brought to light.

Now, however, a certain class of newspapers in Oklahoma is bitterly attacking the APPEAL, charging it and Socialists in general with being free lovers and promoters of the white slave traffic, and this without a scintilla of evidence. At the same time it is remarkable that these same democratic papers remain utterly silent as to the worse than public institutions in Oklahoma, under democratic administrations. It looks as though they were raising the cry of "Stop, thief!" in order to distract attention from the proved immorality of their own crowd.

The newspapers a few days ago contained long accounts under scare heads of the police raid on the cabarets of Chicago. In the net several widely-known society women and four clergymen were caught. One of these preachers was a Methodist, one a Presbyterian, one a Baptist, one a priest. The newspapers did not give their names, but they have been blazed across the front pages of every newspaper in America. Their acts would have been fastened upon the party as a part of the Socialist program. Sermons would have been preached and editorials would have been written pointing out the dangerous doctrines advocated and practiced by the Socialists! But not a word of warning is raised when the discovery is made that orthodox preachers and the wives of "respectable" business men are caught in a police raid in a questionable resort watching the performance of scantily attired young women who are compelled to exhibit themselves for the price of food and lodging. I respectfully refer this incident to Reverend Pottinsky and Priest Pompeny as evidence that "Socialism is breaking up the home and destroying religion."

EVERY Socialist is for woman suffrage. Every woman should, therefore, be for Socialism.

### DO THIS!

An open letter in behalf of Mother Jones, addressed to President Wilson, appears on the last page of this issue. We suggest that each reader who is interested in the liberation of Mother Jones cut this out, attach his name and send it to his congressional representative in Washington, with the simple request for him to ACT. It is also suggested that each reader have as many others as possible in his neighborhood to do likewise.

### Confession!

From Warren's speech, Los Angeles, Nov. 3, 1912.

Confiscation? You don't like the word, my old party brother? Then let me tell you something: You had better get used to it, for before the passing of another two years you will find it screaming at you in big type in your daily newspapers; it will stare at you from the pages of every magazine; you will hear it from every street corner and from every platform. Confiscation? Restitution would be a better word!

### Merely the Point of View.

Fred D. Warren, Girard, Kan. Sir—Your letter received. You never had a subscription from me. Someone sent the paper here for a while and it was promptly consigned to the stove, as I considered it unfit to enter any family. From the few copies I have I have scratched through it the opinion that you have probably got less than you deserved from the "plutocratic government."—W. W. Osborn, Lemart, Ia.

### The Other Point of View.

Enclosed you will find check for \$1, for which send me the APPEAL TO REASON for the time this year. I have just been reading the issue of April 5th, and the paper that makes such a successful fight against the sleuth hounds and devils of capitalism deserves the hearty support of all honest men.—Dr. S. Herr, South Bend, Ind.

### Comrade John Anstett, Klamath Falls, Ore., sends in \$2.25 for subs this week.

Everybody's doing it! Doing what? Taking a rap at the tack in Bone's head? Local No. 858, E. M. W. of A., Bear Creek, Ore., sends in \$5.00 for fifty copies of the APPEAL.

Comrade Deeman, Connersville, Ind., hands in a dollar on the Cobblers' fund. "Four bits on the tack," he remarks. Next!

Comrade Frederick A. Frank, West Plains, Mo., sends in \$1.00 for 100 copies of the APPEAL.

Comrade L. J. Gerverotte, Walkawa, Ore., sends in \$7 for seven four-year subs and gets as premiums two copies of the Arsenal of the Worker, which he says he needs in his business.

### The issue in which you give the complete testimony of Postoffice Inspector Thomas is certainly a corker. Send me your copy, which find enclosed \$1.—S. T. Dick, Fly, Nev.

In enclose money order for \$17.50 for six sub cards and 2,500 copies of your issue of April 5th, which find enclosed \$1.—S. T. Dick, Fly, Nev.

If the mail be rusty and lock-law sets in, there may be a chance to our help on some bank while in court, which would help soften that Loveloy experience, suggests Comrade Rabien, Sonora, Cal.

I think I can afford to spend all of my surplus cash to buy Socialists at 25¢ a copy each, for I figure it out, three out of every four you get to read the APPEAL become Socialists.—B. P. Boyer, Collins, N. C.

### A Case of Consistency.

In the family theater in Hazelton, Pa., one Sunday afternoon not long ago a meeting was held to discuss the strike of the steel workers. It had been advertised widely and speakers from out of town were engaged. Yet just a few moments before the advertised time the meeting was called to order by telephone that no meeting would be permitted and gave as his reason the absence of the Catholic priest. The meeting being held Sunday. Yet the same people have made no protest against the steel trust that works thousands of men on Sunday, and the Catholic priest in particular in the case of a meeting of assembly which does not break the commandment that says, "Thou shalt do no work, but I hold no protest against the meeting. It is only a short time back that in Birmingham, Ala., the minister's association made a vigorous protest against the opening of the moving picture show, but all the time the steel and iron mills were working men every Sunday in Birmingham and the minister's association was silent. This is hypocrisy that would be condemned by Christ. Surely such inconsistency is a most lamentable thing.

REV. GEORGE D. COLEMAN, Kearny, N. J.

### Remarkable Circulation.

The eighth edition of that wonderful book of George B. Kirkpatrick's "War-What For?" has just been run off the press. Sixty thousand copies have been sold in less than three years and the circulation is steadily increasing. It is the most terrible book ever launched against that crime of criminal extravagance. What a package from cover to cover with vital facts. It is the work of a scholar, a revolutionist, and a humanitarian. It is being read in universities, nonsectarian, fraternal churches and legislative halls, but best of all it is being read by the working class, including soldiers, the victims of war, for those who are in the line of duty.

What For? is being ferociously denounced by the ruling tyrants and their hirelings and is being used by the enemies of the working class to sound the death knell of the burthen of the workers for the benefit of their exploiters.

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### News of the Movement.

Eureka, Mont., elected a Socialist leader man.

Socialists of Esaton, S. D., elected a mayor.

Oronogo, Mo., Socialists elected three school directors.

Socialists of Nevada, Mo., elected their candidate for alderman in the First ward.

Local LRD, Mass., has moved into larger headquarters, with a reading room in connection.

Socialists of Hone City, Mich., elected seven aldermen, supervisors, constables and the city treasurer.

Henry Bruere, of New York Bureau of Municipal Research, has been investigating the government of Missouri. Copies of his statement declares that it is the worst government in the United States. "I have not seen such a bad form of government. There is no centralized government, which may also be said to be the basis of a municipal campaign."

The law recently passed by the Kansas legislature, introduced by a Socialist, providing for small dog licenses, where judges would serve without pay and from which lawyers are debarred, will adjust small debts in an informal way. It has been asked for by Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota and Oregon, while Congressman Victor Murdock declares he will introduce it in congress to apply to the District of Columbia.

It was another epoch in the Socialist movement, Ashtabula, Ohio, township back local council of farmers. They on the membership, consisting of seven male members (at that time) cooperated in building a Socialist headquarters. So far the local council is the best kind of organization built in a country district by farmer Socialists. The local has a debt to pay for the material and building pictures of the building for the local council. They may be had of P. S. Holmes, Mineral Ridge, Ohio, R. P. 1.

### Significant News.

A strike has been in progress on the Illinois Central (Harriman) lines for many months. In that time the inefficiency of the management is shown by the fact that more than 200,000 tons of coal have been wasted. The *Strike Bulletin* of Clinton, Ill., will issue an illustrated report of the strike in pamphlet form, selling 100 copies for \$5.

Wireless telegraphy has become sufficiently important to be the subject of a strike. Along the Pacific coast they are out working to day, toward the west. The report that the Western Union company are lack of the Marconi company and the Associated Press is being used as a means of course. If the wireless had been taken over by the government there would have been no trouble; but you can't expect the government to take over the wireless, as long as it is the tool of the capitalist.

After reading the story of a Russian exile being deported from America and sent back to Siberia, in a recent edition of the APPEAL, B. Caplan wrote to President Wilson, as follows: "I respectfully ask you to honor me with a similar deportation. I am a held to my fate, toward labor, as long as it is the tool of the capitalist."

### Our Brothers Abroad.

Firemen have just been compiled in Germany showing that within the last twelve years (1875-1905) 100,000 men have been seriously injured in the industries of the German empire and 172,362 killed. It would seem that these are not the only machines of destruction under capitalism.

It may be of some interest to those who are told that Catholics cannot be Socialists to learn on the authority of Prof. Nitze that the Catholic Church is the great enemy of the Socialist movement. Prof. Nitze is a Catholic and a Socialist and received a declaration from Pope Leo XIII.

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# To President Woodrow Wilson

Mr. President: You are sworn under the constitution to enforce its provisions in all the states of the union.

You must be aware that the constitution has been nullified in the state of West Virginia and that the republican form of government guaranteed to all the states does not exist there.

If the constitution of the United States is not good in West Virginia, then it is null and void everywhere, and only fools would obey it or have any respect for it.

Mother Jones, who is well known to your secretary of labor and who will vouch for her good character and her spotless integrity, and eleven honest working people associated with her, lie in a bull-pen in West Virginia, the prisoners of the coal barons who have set up a military despotism in that state.

Mother Jones and her comrades were not legally arrested. They were forcibly seized, kidnapped, dragged into the military zone and thrown into the bull-pen, where they are now held and cut off from all communication with the world.

These prisoners, American citizens and law-abiding, without exception, have not been indicted and they have not been tried in accordance with their constitutional rights, but are held solely by command of the lawless, irresponsible despots who have usurped the powers of government, trampled the constitution in the mire, muzzled the labor press, suppressed free speech and the right of free assembly, and now insolently snap their fingers in the faces of their victims, the working class and the common people, and insultingly ask them what they are going to do about it.

The Declaration of Independence very clearly states what the people may do when tyrants oppress them and make government the instrument of enslavement and degradation.

Mr. President, the question the coal barons of West Virginia have thus put to us, we now put to you.

What are YOU going to do about it?

This paper speaks for the working class, by whom it is supported and in whose interest it is published, and in their behalf we call upon you to enforce the constitution and see that a republican form of government exists in West Virginia.

If you fail to do this, which we shall not believe unless you compel us to do so, we shall feel justified in concluding that the constitution and laws of the United States are non-existent, and no longer have any binding effect upon the people, and in that extremity we shall proceed, as circumstances may warrant, to effect the liberation of our kidnapped and illegally-held working class comrades, and to put an end to the bull-pen rule of the criminal coal barons in the state of West Virginia.

Mother Jones is not unknown to you, but a word in regard to her will not be out of place in this communication. Mother Jones has passed her eightieth year. She has spent her whole life in loving, self-denying devotion to the suffering poor, and like the Carpenter of Galilee, she has been seized and marked for crucifixion by the ruling class. A few weeks more and the bull-pen will be her tomb, and when her dead body is taken from there, the foulness of her murder, to glut the greed of vampires, will cry to heaven for vengeance.

Mr. President, the case of Mother Jones is up to you!

Most earnestly do we entreat you to act promptly and before it is everlasting too late.

We shall hope and expect that you will, but if you fail to act, Mr. President, we shall!

EUGENE V. DEBS.

## Turner's Disclosures

John Kenneth Turner's "Barbarous Mexico" shook Diaz from the throne and fired millions with the spirit of revolution.

John Kenneth Turner's revelations about West Virginia will fire another nation to revolt.

In Mexico Turner was sentenced to be shot; in West Virginia an attempt was made to assassinate him, but providentially he escaped.

Turner is doing God's work and will live to complete it.

The story of West Virginia could have been told by no other as it will be told by John Kenneth Turner, who has been there under an assumed name, for the Appeal to Reason, and who has secured the inside facts about the bull-pen administration of the feudal tyrants who have throttled that state, and the countless crimes they have committed against men, women and children, to perpetuate their regime of robbery and spoliation.

The facts are bloody and terrible, and if the American people can only grasp their significance they will rise in revolt against the cannibals of capitalism who have drenched the soil of West Virginia with the blood of the innocent, and whose despotic misrule is propped up by a private army of hired assassins as was that of Diaz before that monster was driven out of Mexico.

Fifty million people ought to read John Kenneth Turner's white-hot articles on West Virginia, the outlaw among the states of the union.

No capitalist paper or magazine would dare to print these articles.

The Appeal to Reason is the only paper in the United States that can and will give them, word for word, to the American people.

It is the most gruesome, startling and outrageous series of crimes, political, civil and moral, ever perpetrated by monsters of greed and rapacity on American soil.

Mother Jones, in a foul bull-pen, at eighty years of age, deliberately to murder her, is one of the chapters in this atrocious conspiracy against the working class.

Help us to arouse the American people to a sense of the revolting outrages now being perpetrated in West Virginia, by spreading John Kenneth Turner's articles far and fast among the toiling and producing masses!

## CALIFORNIA AND W. VA.

President Wilson is bending all the powers of his administration to prevent the state of California from enacting a law that will offend the Japanese government.

He is extremely solicitous of the rights of the Japanese residents of California.

But how about the rights of American citizens in West Virginia, part of the state in which President Wilson was born?

The president is gravely concerned about the rights of the Japanese way out on the Pacific coast, but he seems blissfully ignorant of the fact that the citizens of West Virginia, lying at his very door, have been robbed of their constitutional rights, kidnapped by force, tried by drumhead court martial and

## Just a Dollar Bill

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We are going to need a good many dollar bills, thousands of them in fact, to prosecute the cowardly and infamous libelers, "Congress" and "Warfare on Capitalism," who have by the most deadly means attempted to destroy the results of his life work, and the aggressive warfare on capitalism which the APPEAL is planning, and which includes the liberation of Mother Jones and her comrades, and the overthrow of bull-pen rule in West Virginia.

Send us a dollar bill and your order as per above list and help us to fight for Socialism while we help you to convert your neighbor!

## THEY who have no property have no interest in fighting wars. They who have property won't fight them.

THE man that needs whole some things to eat to keep his body in good working condition doesn't get them. The man who gets them wastes them.

PERHAPS the reason the masters object to revelations of capitalism is because they realize that of necessity it must be indecent exposure.

AN exchange warns: "Don't abandon the farm." It is very foolish when the landlord and mortgagee will put you off without your stirring a hand.

THE mind of the humblest man may be waiting for the spark of enlightenment you may have, to awaken in him the spirit of the coming social readjustment. Approach him rightly.

You are a good fellow as long as you are good enough to support the idle fellow. You are a dangerous demagogue when you become good to yourself, your family and your class.

THE exploiting rich have made it so that more than a third of the people of America have to pay rent on the houses they occupy, and then hypocritically cry that Socialism will break up the home.

THE Japanese war scare is probably for the purpose of enabling the steel trust to work another graft for armor plate. Confiscate the industries and there will be no more war scares.

CAPITALISM can exist only when it crushes the spirit of the worker. He who arouses this spirit is doing more for the spiritual development of the world than all the pulpit essayists who defend capitalism.

## THE NEW-FOUND FAITH.

Mutualism instead of competition is life instead of death.

The new-found faith is beginning to strike root in the hearts of men.

We are brothers and not enemies.

In competition we have fought each other savagely and engendered the spirit of selfishness, jealousy and hate.

In co-operation we shall be taught to practice mutual kindness and mutual aid.

Working together in harmonious co-operation we shall rise to a higher plane and become conscious of the inherent divinity of our nature.

Henry D. Lloyd said:

All the marvels, splendors, conveniences, and temptations which progress are but a faint prophesy of the beauty and riches and love with which society will burst into bloom, when its creator, man, begins to live his new-found faith.

When men and women co-operate with each other in the true spirit of Socialism, society will indeed, burst into bloom, and for the first time they will know the true joy of life.

## THEY ARE ONLY A FEW.

A Roman patrician once said that it was fortunate for his class that the slaves did not have sense enough to count them and see how few they were.

It is equally fortunate for the ruling class that the workers of today, like the slaves in ancient Rome, lack the intelligence to count their masters, and see how little they actually amount to.

If a line were drawn across the continent, east and west, with all the capitalists on the south side and all the workers on the north side, in a pitched battle, how long would it take the workers to drive the capitalists into the gulfs of Mexico?

The capitalists are few indeed compared to the workers, but the capitalists are cunning while the workers grow dull at their slavish tasks.

Wake up, you brawny-armed millions of workers! Get together in the union of your class and in the party of your class and learn to fight the battles of your class for emancipation!

## THE VIRTUOUS LIFE.

Aristotle said: "A virtuous life is in a source of delight."

That there is wisdom in this proverb is known to every one who has ever lived or tried to live "a virtuous life."

Only they who seek and follow the truth regardless of all consequences really live the virtuous life.

They may have to walk alone, but they are not isolated on that account. Their minds are peopled with living, inspiring, ennobling thoughts. Solitude to them breathes the perfume of the virtue which has made them its victim in the eyes of others, but its votary in their own eyes.

To compromise with conscience or to be a willing scoundrel and time-server is to barter away the integrity of the soul, without which a man becomes an abject thing and had better be dead.

If you would know the delight, the ineffable delight of which Aristotle speaks, the delight of the virtuous life, learn to think for yourself, to stand erect, to hold up your head, and to walk alone!

## UNSPOLIED BY RICHES.

There is a young minister in Kansas City whose name is Ernest C. Webb. He is the son and heir of E. T. Webb, reported to be "one of Missouri's richest men and a millionaire mine owner."

In preaching his first sermon this young minister proved that riches had not corrupted him as it has so many of his class. He spoke in these words which we quote with great pleasure to his credit:

"I want the men in overalls and the women in calico to all this church every Sunday," said the young minister. "The crying need of our life today is a poor man's religion. I would rather be a tub rigger in a 'jack' mine than a millionaire mine owner who cares for nothing but hearing gold jingle."

These are brave words and bravely spoken. Jesus would have accepted this young man as one of his disciples.

When the church takes the position that "not money, but service, is the greatest thing in this world" and squares itself accordingly, the question why the working class do not attend the church will no longer be asked.

## Military Law to Suppress Socialism

By telegraph to APPEAL TO REASON, Portland, Ore., May 5th.—Private Waldo H. Coffman and Sergeant O'Leary, two Socialists in the state militia, were arrested at Fort Stevens, Ore., for distributing Socialist literature and general propaganda among soldiers. Officers will try them by a military tribunal.

JACOB SOLOMAN.

THE APPEAL is in possession of a letter that was sent through the postoffice to Mother Jones and returned unopened. It will be seen that the military authorities of West Virginia are interfering with the United States mails. They are, therefore, subject to federal action and the government should at once take a hand.

No "government for the people" will permit a few men to own all the jobs and allow them to say when the many shall eat or when they must beg, steal or starve.

SOMETIMES the gentlest criticism is sufficient, but on other occasions the harshest denunciation is too mild.

## The Cobbler's Fund

The fund to send the APPEAL TO 10,114 shoemakers in towns of 5,000 and less now amounts to \$1,153. I am very anxious to close up this fund because of other important work the APPEAL has planned to do. This is pioneer agitation that is absolutely necessary. It is work the APPEAL is peculiarly fitted to do. At considerable expense the APPEAL has compiled the names and addresses of these shoemakers. The names will be put in type and the papers sent to them as rapidly as the money is received. Obey that impulse to send a dollar bill by first mail. It will be money well spent.

## THEY thing the capitalists dislike about Socialism is that it will force them to earn their own living.

If you want all you produce you have the Socialist ideal. What you lack is the Socialist understanding of how to get it.

WHY do you workers give consent, by your ballot, to clothing the master's wife in silks and your own wife in calico?

WHAT shall it profit a man to believe in labor getting justice if he votes for a party which favors a continuation of the profit system?

WHY do you toilers enthuse over a prospective wage, when if it comes the workers will get all the wounds and none of the graft?

WHY do you workers consent, by your ballot, to building fine homes for the master which makes you so poor your own family has to live in a rented shack?

WHY do you workers insist, by your ballot, on giving your earnings to some other family than your own while at the same time you howl about breaking up the home?

THE school of the future will be very practical, and at the same time interesting and elevating in every sense to the culture of the child, physically, morally and socially.

WHY do you workers, by your ballot, give sanction to paying for outings for your master's family while your own family will swelter at home and fight flies in screenless houses?

WHY do you workers give consent, by your ballot, to paying for a college education for the children of your master while your own children have to quit school that you may do it?

## OWNED BY CAPITAL

You fellows who are such sticklers for private ownership are preparing to kick yourselves off the earth, for it is rapidly becoming privately owned with millions left out of the count.

SUPREME "JUSTICE" HOLMES admits he is "pained" by criticism of the courts. Pained, old man? The workers are simply suffering physical agony because of the way you have treated them. Don't whimper over a mental "pain" when you stab the toilers right and left.

THEY want to build some more battle-ships that will be worthless in three years after they are completed, solely for the accommodation of the steel trust that "wants the money." Why not let the steel trust go to China for its patronage—the place where it moves its works to avoid paying decent wages?

A COMRADE writes: "I believe many people would subscribe or renew who now think they cannot afford it if they could take advantage of the 25-cent rate for 40 weeks without having to send in a whole dollar." You can get that rate, comrade, by buying a sub card from some comrade who has them for sale. Better still: take advantage of the few minutes when you are loafing, or on your way to and from work, and you will be surprised how quickly you can get up a club.

SOCIALISM will give the laborer the full product of his toil; capitalism takes it from him. Socialism will take away such incentives as are now wrecking and destroying human lives; capitalism lives upon them and is dependent. It owes its existence to the idea that "might is right." Its whole foundation rests upon exploitation; extracting rent, interest, and profit from its victims. Remove profit and the liquor traffic will be no more. Remove the right to steal by exploitation and prostitution will cease; the but and the hotel will disappear, and sanitary homes will take their places; the pangs of hunger will cease. Mankind will come into its rightful inheritance, and humanity will be free.

THE work of an educator should be considered among the greatest professions man could follow. There is the possibility of the greatest good to be derived therefrom. There is no more noble undertaking than the training of those who in time will have to shoulder the burdens and problems of life. Yet how poorly we pay those very people, who in many cases are giving for the benefit of the future those things which are worth anything to you at all this side of a lifetime of labor and experience cost them to learn; thus hoping to prevent others from making the same mistakes which they made. Isn't that worth more than a meagre living? Surely some of the comforts of life should be theirs. Under Socialism they should be considered more in dollars and cents than they receive now.

## THE KANSAS CITY STAR CASE

Attorney Shepard, immediately upon his return from Washington last Wednesday, packed his grip and went to Little Rock to be present at the taking of the deposition of C. L. Edson, the man who wrote the Kansas City Star's lying article. Particulars next week.

HELEN KELLER DECLINES.

We are all proud of Comrade Helen Keller.

She is a wonderful girl and a rare soul.

The struggle she has made since childhood to come in possession of herself, under the most trying conceivable circumstances, and in the face of obstacles that would have thwarted and disheartened anyone else, it almost miraculously.

Steadily, in spite of all she had to overcome, she has been struggling toward the light, and that she is now in the Socialist movement and an active and enthusiastic supporter of its principles, is not difficult to understand when the character and rare virtues of the magnificent young woman are taken into account.

Helen Keller was attracted to Socialism just as the tendrils of a plant in darkness are attracted to the sunlight.

In the hour of her triumph, when so many acclaim her in the most flattering terms, she is as simple and unpretentious as a child.

She sympathizes with all who sit in darkness, but she has no notion of allowing herself to be patronized or to be lifted above the struggle of her fellow-beings to a life of selfish ease.

Only recently Andrew Carnegie, who undoubtedly loves a shining mark, so that he himself can shine by its reflected glory, proposed to provide Miss Keller with an income of \$5,000 a year for life.

The offer was respectfully declined.

The reasons given by our good comrade for declining the rich man's pension are even more to be commended than the act itself.

Listen:

I feel that I am able now to provide for myself, and I want to make my own little place in the world. I do not want to be dependent on anyone. I want to give back to the world some service for all that it has done for me, and to feel that it is my own contribution.

The character of Helen Keller is here revealed by herself as it could not be in any possible pen picture that might be drawn of her.

If Andrew Carnegie is capable of understanding the true import of this letter, he will realize that a stinging rebuke has been administered to him, and that compared to the moral and spiritual riches of the sightless young woman he would have patronized, all his heaped-up stocks and bonds and other evidences of extortion and exploitation are worthless trash.

## BRAVO, BUFFALO!

It did not take long to bring the arrogant international railway company to terms at Buffalo. The strike of the conductors and motormen started off with a whoop and was soon over.

The soldiers were promptly on the ground, but they were up against a proposition in the presence of which they were as helpless as so many toys.

The organized workers of Buffalo were behind the strikers and they represented a power to which the corporation was compelled to surrender in spite of its declaration at the beginning that it would operate its cars if it required all the soldiers in the state.

The conductors and motormen won a decisive victory at Buffalo, but it was possible only because they had the enthusiastic and loyal support of their fellow-workers.

Upon this support depends the success of every strike.

Without it failure is almost inevitable.

In this day of capitalistic concentration and combination the workers are compelled to unite and present a solid front to save themselves from annihilation.

The workers of Buffalo deserve unstinted praise for the splendid exhibition of solidarity they have given to the labor world.

May they profit by the victory and make their solidarity complete!

Your subscription to the APPEAL will soon expire. Why not renew for life? Five dollars puts you on the life list and this is where you belong. You will be saved the time and annoyance of renewing and of missing copies between expiration and renewal. If your time is worth anything to you at all this side of an outlay is the best investment for the amount that you can make. The life list is growing in popularity and lengthening rapidly. "Yours for life" is the way the loyal old Army workers put it as they send in an order on Uncle Sam for \$5 for a life subscription to the "little old APPEAL." They know they could not get along without the APPEAL and that they will want it as long as they live. They and the APPEAL have kept step these many years and they are going to separate only at the grave. Send us five dollars and let the "little old APPEAL" be "Yours for Life."

## IN THE BOOK BUSINESS AGAIN

I AM able to announce this week that hereafter the APPEAL will be able to supply its army of readers with propaganda pamphlets at prices that will enable you to carry on your work for Socialism without much cost to yourself. Our readers, ever since the APPEAL went out of the book business five years ago, have been clamoring for popular propaganda booklets that would appeal to the understanding of a non-Socialist. Well here is your opportunity. An edition of 100,000 copies of

**\$2,000 per Year and a Six-hour Day**

has just come from the APPEAL's presses and are now ready for delivery. These books will be sent to you postpaid, at the rate of \$1.50 per hundred copies. Comrade Debs in writing about this little pamphlet has this to say: "Warren's \$2,000 Per Year and a Six Hour Day" is the pamphlet of the hour. It is not theory but demonstration. It settles the question of what Socialism will do for the workers and producers. The average man will not read ponderous works. He wants to know the meaning of Socialism in just as little time as it can be explained to him. Most writers have found it difficult to condense and still make clear. Warren has turned the trick; he has produced the pamphlet. Each copy is good for one Socialist."

I am anxious to make a record-breaking run on these 100,000 copies. They should be out of the office and in circulation before the last day of May. Let us have your order. Address

Appeal to Reason Book Department, Girard, Kansas

## "Nobody Else"

George H. Hendricks, 1967, South Sawyer avenue, Chicago, Ill. writes the following letter:

I am in receipt of your announcement that John Kenneth Turner has been commissioned by the APPEAL to make a thorough investigation into the West Virginia situation. I want to say that your paper is doing a great work in taking up this fight for Mother Jones and our comrades in jail and for the miners in West Virginia—a fight that nobody has dared to take up. This is the kind of work that needs to be done at this time, and the APPEAL seems to be the only paper that has the nerve to attempt it. We will hear from you again in the immediate future.

"The fight that nobody dares to take up!" That seems to be the business of the APPEAL. My only apology is that this work has been delayed—a delay due to circumstances beyond our control—but happily these circumstances have in a very large measure been removed and the APPEAL is now ready to face the future with a confidence born of the victories we have already won. The immediate work and our most pressing duty is to our imprisoned comrades in West Virginia and to the miners who have been struggling for the right to live against all the powers of plutocracy. Publicity is what we need. To acquaint the American public with the real facts will be the battle half won. Next week will be the APPEAL's first big gun in the West Virginia fight. We can make it a clarion call that will strike terror into the hearts of the coal barons and open the prison doors to Mother Jones and the eleven other fighters for human rights. I do not hesitate to ask you to join in this crusade. The names of every comrade who orders a bundle of next week's issue will be sent to Mother Jones. On May 25th the list will be compiled in a neatly typewritten book and sent to dear old Mother Jones. This book will contain the names of those who are working for her liberation. Will your name be written there?

## Circulation report for week is as follows:

State	OF	Total
1 Pennsylvania	869	820 37,613
2 Kansas	348	422 38,861
3 Florida	734	23 29,980
4 Texas	606	670 25,848
5 California	703	777 29,000
6 Oklahoma	791	730 22,368
7 Illinois	408	310 15,820
8 Indiana	479	519 17,288
9 Washington	481	457 17,139
10 Wisconsin	404	474 16,669
11 Michigan	452	485 14,317
12 Minnesota	370	385 13,790
13 Iowa	330	310 12,820
14 Arkansas	348	377 10,217
15 Oregon	243	275 9,704
16 Colorado	297	288 7,785
17 Nevada	106	134 5,823
18 Montana	138	154 3,315
19 Massachusetts	161	188 6,757
20 North Dakota	147	156 6,441
21 New Jersey	106	182 6,252
22 West Virginia	187	294 5,804
23 Idaho	177	189 5,819
24 Nebraska	106	127 5,217
25 Kentucky	172	171 5,344
26 South Dakota	118	129 5,071
28 Florida	240	257 4,984
29 Georgia	49	55 4,229
30 Alabama	146	162 4,228
32 Connecticut	33	102 1,852
33 Iowa	168	195 1,820
34 New Mexico	88	99 2,686
35 Utah	55	58 2,009
36 Arizona	78	84 2,552
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38 Maine	78	78 2,509
39 N. Carolina	64	78 2,410
40 Missouri	64	78 2,410
41 Mississippi	64	74 1,925
42 Maryland	34	85 1,852
43 Hampshire	29	29 1,184
44 Nevada	46	49 1,912
45 Wyoming	65	76 1,390
46 Rhode Island	17	18 1,078
47 Florida	44	44 1,617
48 Alaska	4	23 824
49 S. Carolina	16	19 804
50 Vermont	25	32 742
51 West Virginia	16	23 717
52 Delaware	15	22 454
Total	11,712	12,541 444,378

States marked \* show gain for week.

Number printed last week.....530,300

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