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TIME was created for slaves of mind as well as for slaves of body. You are free from mental bondage and you must find time to strike the blow that shall set you free from economic bondage.

Appeal to Reason.

Fred D. Warren

This paper is paid for, if not by you by someone who wants you to read it. When the time expires it will stop if you do not renew.

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LET us carry the torch of education to all corners of America. Let us remember that liberty is not given; it must be achieved. If Socialism is worth having it is worth working for.

Jack London First to Respond

By telegraph to the APPEAL TO REASON.

Hurrah for that fifty thousand! I want to join the Appeal Army and hereby pledge myself to send in five annual subscriptions per week for the next fifty-two weeks. It will be a great day when the regular Appeal subscription list tops the Million mark! Yours for the Revolution,

Walnut Grove, Cal., November 17, 1913.

JACK LONDON.

Goebel Enlists in Red Card Division

George H. Goebel, member national executive committee of the Socialist party, lecturer and organizer covering every part of the United States for the last twelve years, and veteran of the Appeal Army for the same period, writes us this letter on the receipt of the news of the \$50,000 donation from Comrade X personally:

I am overjoyed to hear that Comrade X has donated fifty thousand dollars for special propaganda purposes. I personally know Comrade X and I know that he is in dead earnest in making this offer. There is absolutely no doubt of the forthcoming of the \$50,000 if the Appeal Army will do what is asked of it. The only question is whether the Appeal Army will meet this wonderful opportunity with all that it means to the working class--as to whether we will win for Socialism the enormous education and organization value of \$50,000 and a Million circulation for the Appeal by simply pledging five subscriptions per week, less than one per day, for the brief period of fifty weeks. I, for one, say YES! A thousand times YES!

Newark, N. J., Nov. 16, 1913.

GEORGE H. GOEBEL.

Preparing to Unload

The APPEAL is in possession of a "confidential letter" given in strict confidence for the use of subscribers only, dated at Boston, September 16, 1913, and signed by Robert W. Babson, a confidential adviser of bankers and financiers, and in discussing the working class movement makes a significant suggestion. To quote:

I wish to warn you that the movement will continue to grow, because, in my opinion, it is founded on an economic fact, namely, that the labor problem will never be permanently solved until the workers actually own the mills. We hear much about the interests of capital and labor being mutual; but this is not economically true. Capital and labor are by all economic laws antagonistic, and attempts at combining these two forces are sure to be only temporary makeshifts. One of these two opposing interests must and will ultimately rule. Who are the bankers, manufacturers and investors who recognize that it will be labor who is to rule. Capital will not much longer rest content with present conditions. The question is, as to the methods by which this change of ownership can be brought about. Personally, I think it may come either through interest payments or the issuance of government loans along the lines followed by the English to enable the Irish to purchase their farms.

It will be seen from this confidential communication that the capitalists are considering how they may unload ownership and get instead guaranteed interest without trouble of management or worry of strikes. The fact that the circular talks learnedly about the workers owning the machinery indicates a danger which has been little considered. They hope to sell to the workers actually employed in the mills on a sort of joint stock principle, as many who are loud in agitation openly suggest; or, if they cannot do that, to the government in return for government bonds. Neither of these is the Socialist ideal. The one is a class ownership instead of collective ownership as proposed by Socialism. The other is state capitalism. We must free ourselves from ALL exploitation, and not seek a mere change in exploitation that will admit of the old tribute in the guise of interest rather than profits.

THE "FAILURE CLASS"

The Socialist can win in this country only when the majority of the people are in the failure class.--Manufacturers' News, Chicago, Ill.

According to the information furnished by the commercial agencies 95 per cent of those who embark in business enterprises fail. If the reasoning of the editor of the Manufacturers' News is correct, then we ought to be pretty well along towards the Socialist goal. But there is something besides "failure" needed before we can hope to establish the Co-operative Commonwealth. And that something is education. Ignorance today stands in the way of a realization of Socialist hopes and aspirations.

It is true that after a man has failed in business, he sometimes turns his attention to a study of the causes that brought about his failure. When he does this, he is most likely to land in the Socialist camp.

On the other hand some of the most enthusiastic advocates of Socialism in the United States today are men who have made conspicuous success in business. But these recruits from the strictly business world to our ranks are, after all, of small importance, except insofar as they are able to change the political opinions of the workers. The working class alone can bring about the change in society necessary before Socialism can come.

As the juggernaut of business requires many victims and as these victims find themselves in the ranks of those who work, their previous experience and brief taste of the joys of good living make them vigorous agitators against the existing order.

THE ROAD TO SOCIALISM. An exceptional book. Exceptional because it takes up the question from a new viewpoint. Every American voter should have an opportunity to read this pamphlet. 50 copies for \$1.

THE great maxim of capitalism is--the Maxim.

Idleness makes the masters as fat mentally as it does physically.

Sentiment weeps at Magdalen on the stage and snubs her on the streets.

It is very easy to be liberal with other people's money, as the capitalists are.

Under capitalism we do not have the survival of the fittest, but of the fattest.

Socialism is needed to make life so good no one will wish to throw it away.

Every man should stand on his merits instead of on the shoulders of the worker.

The contented man is one who is satisfied with what the other man has and he hasn't.

The world is full of people who are trying to lift up the fallen while standing on them.

The Henry Dubb who doesn't want all he produces is helping the master to rob his own wife and child.

Socialists would not rob the capitalists. They would merely take from them what they have stolen from the workers.

The interests of the laborer and capitalist are identical, insofar that both want all the worker produces--but the capitalist gets it.

The capitalist is opposed to the minimum wage because he wishes to enforce his maximum wage--that is a wage based on the Maxim gun.

The things that bothers the master class is that the Socialist movement actually moves. If it were dead they would gladly cover it with flowers.



CAPITALIST robs the working bees. It's bees-ness!

Some people would be free and can't be. Others might be free, but will not be. That is to say, some people have the ballot and others have not.

Do you ever stop to think, Mr. Workingman, that the best of the old parties ever offer you is a full dinner pail or a full stomach? Socialism offers you a full life.

A real leader is not a man who dresses in uniform and marches at the head of the procession. He is rather a man in advance of his time, who is first crucified and then canonized.

A KANSAS CITY comrade writes the APPEAL that one J. K. Turner is printing an anti-Socialist publication, called the Mediator, and that many are subscribing for it under the impression that the editor is John Kenneth Turner, the APPEAL's investigator. The two men are in no way related. Don't take the Mediator under impression that it is edited by John Kenneth Turner, for it is not. It is edited by a professional strike breaker.

Some one wants to know what guarantee he will have of a job under Socialism. "If there are no capitalists, who will employ me?" is the burden of his cry. If all the people owned all the jobs--that is, all of the machinery of production and distribution, why shouldn't all of the people have jobs, even if it was found necessary to cut the hours of labor down to two hours a day? And remember, you are a part of the people. You would be a part owner of the jobs and it is not likely you would discharge yourself.

AS STATED in last week's issue, \$50,000 has been donated to the Appeal Army. This is the best news that has been my privilege to send you for many a long day. A comrade who has made a fortune in speculations wants to do something to further the cause of Socialism; wants to give the Appeal--the paper that made a Socialist of him many years ago--a Million circulation. This comrade does not want his name published but to be known as Comrade X.

He is anxious to see the Appeal reach the million mark so he has given the Appeal \$50,000 on one condition, and that condition is that you take off your coat and go out and hustle subs. He makes this proposition to you, and puts the \$50,000 where it is available to the Appeal the minute you comply with your part of the agreement. All you have to do--2,500 of you--is to pledge yourself to get five subs and remit to this office \$1.25 each week for 50 weeks. And for every list of five you send to this office Comrade X will buy from the Appeal two forty-week sub cards and send them free of cost to you. You can then sell these two cards at 25 cents each or give them to friends of yours who would be interested in Socialism. This means that Comrade X will pay for five thousand subscriptions each week, amounting to \$1,000 at the special rate of twenty cents per sub which I have made to him, or a total of \$50,000 for the fifty weeks.

You can readily see that the whole thought of the comrade is to further the cause of Socialism, and he thinks the best way to do it is to push the circulation of the Appeal to a Million or more and do it right away.

This is the greatest opportunity you, as members of the Army of the Revolution, have ever had, and one that I know you are not going to let go by. We will have until December 15, 1913, to obtain the 2,500 pledges.

Just think of it, comrade, a little work on your part and a little work on the part of the comrade who lives in the adjoining town will be the means of nearly nine hundred thousand new readers to the Appeal within the next year. Added to what the rest of the Army will send in we can safely count on having more than a Million subscribers to the little old Appeal by election day next fall. Isn't that something worth working for? I know you think so, and I believe you are going to be one of the 2,500 to sign the pledge.

Think what this means to me as editor of the Appeal! It leaves me free to do the things that need to be done, without worrying about the circulation or finances.

If the Appeal's help is needed in West Virginia again, I can give it. If another soldier comrade is in trouble on account of his devotion to your cause and mine, and needs the help of the Appeal, I can give it.

If the Appeal is needed in Colorado, in Michigan, or in any place where the torch of publicity will prevent the consummation of a capitalist conspiracy to hang workingmen, I can instantly, and without waiting for response from you, throw the whole power of the Appeal to their aid.

Think what the Appeal accomplished within the past year. And all this when cash was so low, at times, that I wondered if we could meet our obligations to the paper houses. But you pulled the Appeal through, and now when this great opportunity is offered I feel certain you are going to take advantage of it, and put me in a position where all my energies, and those of my associates, can be devoted to making the Appeal a better and a stronger paper. No more of the distressing cries for assistance, which have been printed from time to time, to which you must respond before I can do the thing that should be done, will appear in the Appeal. No more will the capitalist papers gloat over the fact that the Appeal is losing its supporters, and might be forced to suspend for lack of funds necessary to carry on its grand work for mankind. What say you, comrade? Do you get the meaning of this great offer to you? Do I impart the enthusiasm I feel as I write this message to you? Do you understand how easy it is NOW to get a Million subs for the Appeal and what a Million readers to this paper means to you and to the Socialist movement?

I want you to read this over again, and then again. Make up your mind thoroughly before you sign the pledge, which is printed on the fourth page, that you will through thick and thin, carry out your part absolutely to the letter. I have given my word to the comrade who has so generously come to the aid of the Appeal, at a time when help is most needed, that if 2,500 members of the Appeal Army agree and pledge themselves to do a thing, THEY CAN BE DEPENDED ON TO DO IT!

Let me have your pledge by return mail that I may announce your name as one of the 2,500 next week.

Pledge blank on last page.

FAKE REMEDIES

The secretary of agriculture pleads for aid for the farmer, representing that the agriculturalist is not getting the consideration he deserves. In the last statement he is right. But the remedies proposed are like those usually dished out by old line politicians, either inadequate or protective in nature.

For example, it is claimed that the average farm is not yielding more than twelve per cent of its maximum possibilities. Suppose this is true; if a twentieth of the land were brought to its full capabilities of producing, it would mean only, if capitalism continued, that eleven-twelfths of the farmers would have nothing to do, while the hours of the others would not be cut at all. The average city man talks about greater farm production, as though that was the problem; it is not, since every year many things rot on the farm because there is not an adequate market for them.

Then, it is proposed to aid some farmers by establishing rural credits and aiding them to get into business for themselves. This is the same principle as the tariff for the "protection of infant industries" against which democrats used to inveigh. It is a special

privilege, and all special privilege hurts those who don't get it.

The remedy for farm evils is the extension of farming by the general government, on public lands, which will admit of short hours and at the same time of the most thorough work, which will give the farm worker and the tenant farmer a chance without according them a special privilege either. Here as elsewhere the remedy cannot come from encouraging a worn-out private system, but only from gradually introducing the collective supervision and operation of industry.

War is the statesman's game, the priest's delight, the lawyer's jest, the hired assassin's trade. Shelly.

Following a leader will never get you anywhere. Mr. Workingman. If a leader can lead you out of bondage, some other leader can lead you back.

A Good Combination.

82,000 Per Year and Six Hour Day. In Warren's "The Three Books" inside door, 10 copies The Road to Socialism, by Phifer, 10 copies APPEAL'S ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS, 10 copies The Ginger Jar. Hot stuff. 10 copies. One dollar takes the lunch and we pay the postage.

HUMAN NATURE

You can't alter human nature. Our ancestors used to be cannibals, but the people are so no more.

You can't change human nature. Our ancestors formerly lived in caves and ate uncooked meat, but now we do neither.

You can't change human nature. Our ancestors burned witches and tortured people of other beliefs than theirs; but we never do anything like that!

You can't change human nature. Our forefathers imprisoned men and women for being in debt; but where is there such punishment today?

You can't change human nature. Our ancestors kept chattel slaves and argued that it was right and scriptural; but there are no chattel slaves today.

Human nature may be trained and civilized, so that it will end the robbery of the masters, make all people free and give all opportunity. And that will mean Socialism.

The Detroit Times asked a recruiting officer if he would advise his son to join the army. Said the recruiting officer: "Would I advise my own boy, if I had one, to be a soldier? Well, that's different. I don't believe I would."

W. F. Ries Will Send Fifty Subs a Week

Fred D. Warren, Girard, Kansas.

I am sending you fifty dollars for Appeal subscriptions on the fifty thousand dollar offer of Comrade X. Count on me for fifty dollars per month or 50 subs a week until the Appeal reaches the million mark. With a Million circulation for the Appeal the nation is ours.

Toledo, Ohio, Nov. 18, 1913.

W. F. RIES.

SOCIALISM is needed to give religion a chance.

SOCIALISM is needed to make private property possible for all.

SOCIALISM is needed to save the country from actual starvation.

SOCIALISM is needed to give the world real cause for thankfulness.

SOCIALISM is needed to afford all an opportunity to see the world.

SOCIALISM is needed to provide access to the land for all who live.

SOCIALISM is needed to give men faith in the future of their children.

The world may be made of star dust, but it takes gold dust to live on it.

SOCIALISM is needed to restore incentive to the people to do their best.

SOCIALISM is needed to provide access to employment for all who would work.

SOCIALISM is needed to make possible peace on earth and good will among men.

SOCIALISM is needed to save the entire working class from becoming wage slaves.

SOCIALISM is needed to make it possible for all children to have a proper chance.

SOCIALISM is needed to protect the home from the landlord and the mortgage shark.

The workers don't always get it in the neck. Sometimes they get their necks into it.

SOCIALISM is producing a new literature, a literature of the people, by the people and for the people.

The right side of any question is usually the side on which the average man carries his pocket-book.

Pure food laws are a good thing, but the world needs worse than pure food laws is a few sure food laws.

SOCIALISM is needed to bring about democracy in politics and industry and thus give the people what they want.

Two may be able to live as cheaply as one, but they don't--not with eggs at 35 cents a dozen and bacon at 40 cents.

SOCIALISM is needed to protect the people from the loot which led to the destruction of many nations and now threatens ours.

SOCIALISM is needed to give the sick opportunity to recover health, and the crippled lives a chance to grow straight and beautiful.

A politician works the people; a statesman works for the people. This is the day of the politician; tomorrow will be the day of the statesman.

THAT'S COMING TO BE NO BEFORE LONG.

HENRY DUBB is getting his education, and will no doubt soon develop into a limine Higgins.

ORIGINALLY man clothed himself with the skins of beasts. Now the best clothed wear the skins of the working human being.

SOCIALISM is needed to restore the morality which says, "Thou shalt not steal"; to where it will stop the robbery of the worker.

LIKE the two snakes of American legend, the republican and progressive parties are now engaged in the interesting occupation of swallowing each other.

MEXICO has seven million peons whose daily average wage is twelve and one-half cents, so says the Newark Evening Star. With this fact before you, it is not difficult to solve the riddle of Mexico. The war is between two groups of capitalists. The prize is the right to exploit these seven million peons. Huerta is the hired man of the Pearson oil syndicate of Europe. Carranza is backed by American capital.

UNDER present conditions when someone invents a machine which enables one man to do the work formerly requiring three, two men lose their jobs, and the benefits all go to the owner of the machine. Under right conditions the benefits would go to all society. Every new labor-saving machine invented would increase production and instead of throwing men out of employment would tend to shorten the hours of labor. Let all the people own all the machines and then all the people would get all the benefits.

Wanted a renewal of patriotism.--Leslie's Illustrated Weekly.

Leslie's is right. What we need is more patriotism--more people who love their country well enough to want to own it.

The United States government's definition of an income is right times as much as you are getting, Henry.

If all the workers were sober, then sober workers would have to get into the slums and become vagrants.

The Great War of Oil

Mexico produced more oil last year than any country in the world, with the exception of United States and Russia. A dozen years ago the oil deposits of Mexico were misdeveloped. The Standard Oil company enjoyed in that unhappy country an exclusive monopoly of supplying the refined products of petroleum to the Mexican people, which was shipped to Mexico from the Oklahoma fields. It is a matter of general knowledge in financial circles that the Waters-Pierce company, a Standard subsidiary which operates in Mexico, paid 600 per cent per annum on its stock, all wrung from the unfortunate subjects of Diaz. So exacting became the greedy Standard Oil that Diaz granted a concession to the Pearson oil syndicate of England. Then began the war.

Before a United States senate committee last January a Mexican state official testified that Francisco Madero made arrangements with the Standard Oil company under which he was to grant concessions to the American syndicate that would kill the competition of the English corporation. This is the true inwardness of the war in Mexico. These two rival captains of industry took advantage of the spirit of rebellion that prevailed throughout the country and used the enslaved peons as the fighting pawns in the great war for oil. These facts, which are familiar to APPEAL readers, are now becoming to be recognized by the capitalist press.

Diaz was the official representative of the English oil syndicate. He was succeeded by Madero, who favored the Standard. Madero was assassinated by Huerta, who is Pearson's man. Carranza, the leader of the constitutionalists, is being backed by the financiers of the United States, who are supplying him with money with which to buy arms. The indications are now that the United States will raise the embargo on the shipment of arms and ammunition into Mexico. This will give the Standard Oil the upper hand again.

What an unhappy condition! The natural resources and wealth of Mexico, which should be the means of making the poor of that nation happy and prosperous, are hung up as prizes to be fought for by capitalists who have no interest in the Mexican people. If the Mexican people had brains enough to take over and operate the great oil industries, there would be no prizes for foreign capitalists to fight for--hence there would be no war.

Veatch Forfeits Bond

THE APPEAL is advised by its attorneys at Oklahoma City that the prosecution of Editor Veatch of the Remonstrator for criminally libelling the memory of J. A. Wayland came up for trial on November 18th and that Veatch again failed to put in an appearance. His \$500 bond was, therefore, forfeited. In this case Veatch was prosecuted by the state of Oklahoma on the same charge, which resulted in a verdict of \$5,000 for Wayland's children in the civil courts on October 8th. The victory in this case is complete, although Veatch may never pay that \$5,000, as he is practically bankrupt. But the moral victory is all that the APPEAL wanted. We don't want his money nor are we vindictive to the extent that we would hound him until he is behind prison bars. A man who after originating and circulating an outrageous slander against one of the best men that ever lived is too cowardly to defend himself in both civil and criminal courts is not worth bothering about. This case, however, has revealed the character of the Bonos, Pompeys and other enemies of the APPEAL who would hide behind the filthy rags of a Veatch.

WINNING A STATE

In the Socialist movement there is always work for all, no one need be idle. There is always room to march in the APPEAL Army. You may be situated so you cannot distribute literature, your boss may object to your talking Socialism in the shop, you may not have time to solicit subs--you can help just the same. You can help carry West Virginia for Socialism by sending a dollar to pay for subscriptions to the APPEAL of four voters in that state. It means winning a state for Socialism and a long step toward the Co-operative Commonwealth. Don't say you can't help. You can't afford to do otherwise.

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The social revolution will not need soldiers tomorrow . . . It needs volunteers today

I WANT Socialism. Reforms and petty concessions from the enemy will not liberate the working class. I want to see the end of this damnable system. I want to see the beginning of the era of labor. I am impatient with the wasteful squanderings of our energies. Strikes, political campaigns, demonstrations, are necessary, but they are the means and not the end of our struggles. The real fight is the fight for the overthrow of capitalism and the establishment of Socialism. To this supreme task the APPEAL is consecrated.

For more than a decade I have asked you to defend members of our class from the onslaughts of the enemy. You have responded promptly and energetically. But with all these victories of the APPEAL and its army of fighters capitalism still maintains its rule of ruin. The working class is still forced to surrender to a class of parasites and exploiters all they produce. Surplus values in the form of rent, interest and profit are still squeezed out of the toiling masses. From the cities, towns and farms a stream of gold flows to the coffers of the despoilers of the race. This must stop. Capitalism must fall. The time has come for the ending of the fight. Battalions of workers from field and factory must close their ranks and march to freedom.

I am a revolutionist. It is Socialism, pure and simple, that I want. Nothing less will satisfy one who knows and feels the injustices of the present order. And it is to force the unconditional surrender of the capitalist class that I for one will devote all my energies—my life.

The workers must be waked up from their age-long sleep. They must be stirred into action. They must be inspired by the message of Socialism. They must join us in the greatest of all movements. They must and they will. All they need is enlightenment. They may at first scoff and doubt but patience and perseverance on our part will soon triumph. You and I have been led to Socialism by the skilled and patient hand of some whole-souled comrade. Let us do for others what others have done for us. Let us carry the torch of education to all corners of America. Let us remember that liberty is not given; it must be achieved. If Socialism is worth having it is worth working for. The APPEAL, therefore, calls on the loyal members of the APPEAL Army to begin in earnest the battle of battles—the battle for the Co-operative Commonwealth.

No matter where you may now be, you can march with us to this supreme victory. To you is assigned the task of bringing within our fold the men and women with whom you associate as citizens, workers and friends. Do your work systematically. Make a list of all the persons you know, and see a few each week. Don't say that you have not the time. Such a sentiment is not worthy of a true Socialist. Time was created for slaves of mind as well as of body. You are free from mental bondage and you must find time to strike the blow that shall free you from economic bondage.

The revolution is not of the future. It is on now.

The revolution will not need soldiers tomorrow. It needs volunteers today.

See your friends, neighbors and shopmates and invite them to drink deeply of the fountain of Socialism. Have them read the APPEAL to REASON. After each has read this greatest of all Socialist papers talk organization to him and urge him to join the Socialist party. Remember, that each soldier that you enlist in our cause becomes in turn a recruiting agent. This is the way Socialism has grown in this country. If this method has made possible an increase in the Socialist vote from less than one hundred thousand votes in 1900 to 1,000,000 in 1912, what may we not expect

Fill in the coupon below and mail it today. The "Red Card Division" will make it possible for the Socialist movement to be presented with \$20,000.

Red Card Division Appeal Army

APPEAL TO REASON, Girard, Kansas:

In order that the Socialist movement shall be benefited by a donation of \$50,000 from Comrade X, I hereby join the Red Card Division of the Appeal Army and pledge myself to send, beginning with the first week in January, 1914, five subscriptions to the Appeal every week for a period of fifty consecutive weeks. The Appeal is to send me two paid sub cards free of charge every week, the same to be paid for by Comrade X. I have given this matter thorough consideration and have determined to join the Red Card Division of the Appeal Army and fulfill my pledge to the best of my ability.

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____
DATE _____

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dubb Will Do Their Christmas Shopping as Usual. In Fact, They Can't Help It.

By Ryan Walker



In the next few years if we seriously and industriously undertake to undermine the capitalist system? If a circulation of a few hundred thousand has made it possible for the APPEAL to score the victories it has scored to date, what may we not expect from the Fighting Paper of the Revolution with a Million circulation? These questions answer themselves to any one of intelligence. Everything worth while may be accomplished—the Revolution—Socialism!

FRED D. WARREN.

IMPRACTICABLE PLANS

The APPEAL is in receipt of a communication from the American Federation for Sex Hygiene, pleading for assistance in its agitation against vice. The letter says:

A clean, innocent, protected, partially guided social life for young people, with clean, well guided, proper recreation and honorable companionship, is one of the greatest needs of a large part of both the American and foreign born people of our large cities.

No doubt about the truth of that proposition. The APPEAL has often expressed the same thought. But how are you going to provide for this "clean, healthful social life and proper recreation" so long as capitalism remains in control of industry? There is profit in the slum, in the sweat shop, in child labor, in the liquor business, in white slavery, and because there is profit in these things you can't end them without ending the profit system. There is no great fortune under capitalism without robbery of many, and how can you make the robbed comfortable and socially efficient?

The aim behind this and other charitable work is no doubt good. But the work is utterly impractical and silly. It is trying to lit up the fallen while standing on them. Let those who would really accomplish results aid the APPEAL in the only plan that can bring permanent and complete relief for the horrible conditions prevailing.

BACON AND SECTION HANDS

Ten years ago the section hand in Girard bought the cheapest grade of bacon for eight and one-third cents per pound. He is still buying the cheapest grade on the market from the same butcher, over the same counter, and weighed on the same scales, but today he pays twenty cents per pound. Ten years ago his wage was \$1.10 per day; now he gets \$1.25. Measured in bacon, his wage ten years ago was thirteen pounds of bacon, with a little dog meat thrown in free. Today his wage is six and one-fourth pounds of the kind of bacon that Armour wouldn't feed to his pet poodle. His wage ostensibly raised fifteen cents per day, has in reality been cut in two. He gets just one-half as much bacon today for the same amount of labor as he did ten years ago! And yet some folks wonder why the working man is discontented. Shades of Jack Cade and Watt Tyler! I wonder he is so patient and humble!

Waste-time figuring on what per cent the capitalists get and what per cent the workers get? One doesn't need a pencil and paper to show what the workers get. Everybody knows the working class as a whole never get enough to eat to give them the gout or force them to rent any safety deposit boxes at the bank. The capitalist class get it all while the working class get the privilege of doing all the work. And they seem to like it. Anyhow they vote for it.

As long as capitalism lasts you can't get away from taking wages from the man who owns your job, but you don't have to take your opinions from the same source. You can still do your own thinking—if you will.

The city of Boston has asked the Massachusetts legislature for a law allowing it to buy and sell coal, manufacture and sell ice, at cost of production. The great idea steadily grows.

A normal man cannot be really happy as long as all around him is misery and poverty. As Byron has so truly said: "All who joy would win, must share it; happiness was born a twin."

It's easy enough to borrow trouble, but it is some job keeping the interest paid up.

This master takes an interest in the worker when he takes interest from him.

War makes thieves and peace hangs them—English proverb.

When war begins then hell openeth.—German proverb.

THANKSGIVING DAY

In the good old days Thanksgiving was a time for rejoicing. The earth had yielded its harvest and the fruits of forest and field were stored in capacious cellars. Around the fireplace the family gathered to rest after the season's labor. This was before the day of the trust.

Thanksgiving today does not bring to many of us visions of crackling log fires, roast turkey and pumpkin pie. It brings thoughts of cheerless nights in cold tenement rooms for the workers of the cities; and lonely days on the farm for the tenant and his family.

In the city the thought is: "How much longer will the job hold out?"

In the country, the farmer is haunted by the specter, Debt, and spends his evenings figuring whether the scanty crop, after satisfying the landlord, will provide enough to pay the store bill and buy fuel for the winter.

In the Good Day that is coming, every day will be Thanksgiving day, and a day of rejoicing over the results of labor, joyfully and successfully performed.

Let Soldiers Raise Beef

A delegate to the American meat packers' association recently held in Chicago made this suggestion:

The government lands in the west could be made into great pastures where countless cattle could be raised to relieve the present high cost of meat and avert the famine that surely is coming otherwise. The land so stocked could supply the army with meat first, then the rest could be sent to the packers at cost.

Barring the proposition to furnish meat to the packers at cost, so enabling them to reap greater and greater profit, the suggestion has some good features. THE ARMY, ALREADY PAID, MIGHT BE SET TO WORK PRODUCING BEEF ON LANDS ALREADY BELONGING TO THE WHOLE PEOPLE. This is merely the use of resources at hand. THE BEEF RAISED, instead of being delivered to the packers so they could exploit the people, COULD BE PACKED BY THE GOVERNMENT AND FURNISHED TO THE PEOPLE AT COST.

Means necessary for this additional work and even for supporting the army of production instead of production, is in the hands of Uncle Sam, ready for use. MONEY DEPOSITED IN THE POSTAL SAVINGS BANKS, UP TO A SAFE BANKING MARGIN, MIGHT BE RENDERED AVAILABLE FOR THIS WORK IMMEDIATELY.

Ultimately other work would open. The unemployed might find place in draining swamps and providing irrigation for lands, forever to be held public, or constructing public roads and bridges. The money for doing the work might still be found in the government (postal) banks.

It is better to save than to kill. It is better to raise beef than hell. The government has a right to use its resources—the money in its banks, the soldiers it pays, the land it owns. Let it do something for the people and quit being the cringing slave of the masters.

THE SERVANT PROBLEM

The "servant problem" worries a great many people. Some who never had a "servant" are apparently afraid Socialism will deprive them of the privilege of obtaining such a possession. Someone, we are unable to say if he belongs to this class, asks:

How would Socialism deal with the servant problem?

Socialism would end the servant problem, because it would end slavery and servitude. It would not, however, end service.

While it is both morally wrong and foolish for some to be servants of others, either as chattels or for hire, degrading them by leaving them without initiative and degrading the master class by making them masters and relieving them of the need of work, all people under Socialism would render service to the race. He or she who does useful work cannot help but be of service. Under Socialism the masters would cease to be masters and exploiters, and they too would be of actual service to the world.

But, you say, there are occasions where one needs the service of another. Suppose one is ill or helpless through age. In that case it would be as much a part of the public duty to care for these as it would be to provide the able bodied with employment. Fine homes and hospitals would be provided for those in need of them, without charge, and those in charge would not be "servants" but workers filling their natural function of service.

But how about cooks for the family? The family cook and washerwoman are merely victims of a slave system, combined with poor social organization. Under Socialism it would no doubt be arranged so that much cooking might be done in public kitchens, the food being delivered hot where needed at less expense than at present. At the same time, the cook, the "servant" would be free, and given other work where he or she could maintain themselves in comfort. Public laundries would free the washerwoman, and the door of opportunity would open to her.

MOTHER

They write fine sentiments of motherhood. And mother is the sweetest word in all the world. But mother is a slave.

It is not slavery for her to serve her child, even in the most menial way. It is service not servitude that causes her to deny herself sleep that those she loves may have repose. It is not degrading to motherhood that she thinks of others rather than of herself.

Yet mother is a slave. She always has been a slave. She has toiled hard from the days of the grandmother when she spun and wove for the family, to the present, when she serves the stove and tub; and her reward has been—nothing, except as she begged a few pennies from the breadwinner.

She has never been a citizen of any country. She has never had that protection before the law which belongs to every man.

The working class mother—hollow eyed, faded of countenance, calloused of hand, denied life and knowledge and opportunity, looking to a hopeless future, and expecting for these, she loves and for whom she has given her life only a dreary desert of drudgery—a repetition of the hell in which she has been forever. Her faded dress, her stooped frame, her hesitating manner, are all pitiable evidences of what she has missed in life.

You know of your own mother—her troubles and tribulations. You may charge the system with having broken her before her time and robbed you of your truest friend when she should have been yet in her prime. You may look at the mother of your children, and know that the world has nothing for her but monotony and a wreck of the castles that love built for her in the dear days gone.

Mother! Some day, justice will be done. Some day you will be free. You will be no less mother than that you are now, ready to minister to the weak and the ailing, delighting to bind the broken limb or spirit; but you will in your new-found freedom rise so much superior to that you have been that you will make home sweeter, and childhood more lovely, and teach the world the higher life that makes for joy and happiness of every kind.

Spike Their Guns.

The Mexican situation and the long talk of the capitalist papers has naturally increased the efforts of the recruiting agents of the war department. There is no more effective way of meeting this than circulating No. 107, the anti-military edition. Spike jingoism by placing a copy of No. 107 in the hands of every man in your locality between the ages of 18 and 45. Give them a chance to read the truth. You can make the heart of many a fond mother glad by giving her son an opportunity to read Turpin's statement of facts. No intelligent young man is going to choose murder as a trade when once he knows the truth. Get your order in for enough copies to cover your locality. \$2 for 1,000 copies; \$2.50 for 500 copies; \$1 for 200 copies.

TRUTH ABOUT COLORADO

The capitalist press is not telling the essential truth about the strike in Colorado. It may speak of outrages by miners, but it does not tell of how machine guns overlook the tent city of the strikers nor how these tents have been riddled with bullets. It does not inform the world that Governor Ammons, who sent the soldiers to shoot down the strikers, is a brother-in-law of James McLaughlin, one of the leading mine owners. The capitalist press says nothing of the armored automobiles in which a private army shoots down the strikers.

Twenty-five Colorado editors recently met at Denver and adopted resolutions expressing their endorsement of the mine owners in this strike. Whether this action was taken because the editors already are in some manner subsidized by the mine owners, or whether they are merely bidding for Rockefeller pie, the fact remains that after such a declaration the reports these editors print and send out concerning Colorado ought to be discounted by all fair-minded citizens.

A short time ago these editors sent out a cock-and-bull story about seven strikers confessing to having shot down two guards, and painted a picture of an entire town waiting to witness the murder. The details of this news feature were clearly faked for the purpose of diverting sympathy from the strikers. Seven men were arrested for the slaying, but the belief is general that at least six of them are innocent, having been forced to confess under torture. So far the accused men have been refused the right to procure counsel.

NO CHARGE FOR DISTANCE

If say an average of a hundred thousand people rode on the railroads daily, each person paying a dollar for the service, what difference would it make if a part of them rode a thousand miles while others only rode 500 miles, 100 miles or 50 miles?

Let's put it in another way. Suppose there was a moving sidewalk from New York to San Francisco, the sidewalk moving all the time and room enough on it for all who wanted to ride, why should the person riding 1,000 miles pay any more than those who only rode 500 miles or 100 miles?

Why should not all pay the same?

A certain number would be getting on and off all the time and the cost of maintaining and running this moving sidewalk would be the same regardless of the distances traveled by its patrons. All would ride daily some average distance. Would not a charge to all covering the cost of operating the road such an average distance be fair? The elevated systems in the cities are run on this plan—the cost of riding 30 or 40 blocks is the same as for two blocks. The government carries a letter to any part of the country at a uniform price, and Socialists believe that the transportation systems could be taken over by the people and run on much the same principle: that is, a uniform passenger fare be charged regardless of distance.

To ascertain what this uniform fare should be, all that would be necessary would be to find the average daily cost of maintaining and operating the railroads and divide this sum by the average daily number of people riding each day. And of course when the railroads were run for service instead of profits the cost of running them would be much less than it is now. Think this out.

SOCIALISM AND CIVIL SERVICE

This question comes to the APPEAL: Do you believe in civil service examinations? If so, why not all offices by that method instead of letting the people vote on their officials?

Civil service rules even today do not apply to officials so much as to administrators. Where the development of a policy is desired, it is well that men and policies should be selected by the people. It will follow, whether we wish it or not, that administrative offices will finally be filled through some kind of proof of adaptability to the work. It has often been urged, as an objection to Socialism, that some will have the power to say who shall work here and who there. It need not be if both adaptability and popular choice are employed in the selection of officials.

To illustrate, men who understand building will and should naturally drift to the building trades; men who understand the steel industry will get into that line. The preparation for any work will consist in preparing for it. This is not exactly the same as civil service examination, but is tantamount to it.

It might be well if no one were considered competent to enter any trade or profession until he had shown his competency in the work. The rule might be applied even further: that no one should be considered competent

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Some enterprising friend of the APPEAL sends us a copy of a letter written by J. F. Callbreath, secretary of the American Mining congress, to the Clermont Coal Mining company, Philadelphia, Pa. The letter is a general one sent to all coal operators in the country, inviting them to attend the 19th annual convention of coal barons which met at Philadelphia last month. The most interesting paragraph in this letter reads as follows:

To the extent that the public demand upon the coal industry for safety appliances, better health conditions, workmen's insurance and conservation of fuel is reasonable and it should be met and the consumer should pay the bill. The demand for a reasonable wage scale is met and somebody pays the bill. The consumer should, but does he? Either the consumer or the operator pays it. Why undertake to fight all the battles, if you are entitled to a reasonable profit on your business. Why not get it and let the public pay as for a commodity, and not a commodity which concerns you only in a general way?

This letter, intended only for the eyes of the coal operators, is a bit of inside information which should interest you. It is perhaps the best evidence the APPEAL had gotten hold of for some time of the ineffectiveness of reform measures. Any benefit to the working class is instantly absorbed by passing the burden over to the consumer—the consumer being the workingman himself. This is made possible because the finished product is the property of the capitalist. In this case, the coal after it is mined belongs to the coal mine owners. It is after all a matter of no particular concern to him what wages he pays for the mining of the coal so long as all operators pay the same wage. He merely adds that to the price he places on his coal when the man who needs it buys it. The miner pays this increased price on the clothes and food he purchases because the men who deal in these things base the price at which they sell on the cost of production, and coal being a part of the material that enters into production, forms a part of the cost. If we could get this simple fact into the minds of the Henry Dubbs, we could quickly bring about a change. To make Henry understand is our biggest job.

A FARMER'S WIFE

A farmer's wife writes the APPEAL this very heartfelt letter:

After mending my husband's coat and mending the base of my dress (out of one of the older children's old ones) I will rest a few moments and write a few words to you. I have been reading the APPEAL for some time and I have been thinking about it all the time and I have been thinking about it all the time and I have been thinking about it all the time. I used to have such thoughts as these before I met you and I have been thinking about it all the time and I have been thinking about it all the time. I have four sweet little children, just as dear to me as any child could be. I have sought to enroll my children in the school, but I cannot send them to church because they haven't decent clothes to show. Only yesterday I wanted to go to church myself and had to stay at home because I could not go dressed even in common decent clothes. And it is not my husband's fault, for he works very hard and does his best, as many more good men do, yet he cannot make enough to support a family of six. Why is it? I wonder if some millionaire's wife could explain it.

This is an editorial within itself. See how it condemns the system. A hard working man cannot make a living for his family. An "independent farmer," who understands farm work, cannot clothe his children—though the plutes seek to rush raw recruits to the farm in order to get rid of the pressure in the city. Capitalist conditions are making it so the poor cannot go to church. Thought of these conditions is driving women to think of Socialism before they know what Socialism is. Not a bit of this is theoretical. It is all based on bitter experience.

The National Socialist League is just like a mass meeting, everybody has something to say. There is a lot of good stuff in it. So says comrade McEntock of New West, Pa. Everybody invited. Get your name on the list and join the meeting. It's only 25 cents a year, or if you want to take the time to get up a club of four you can have it for 25 cents for two years.

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J. K. Clark, Leechburg, Pa.
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