

Senator Norris Tells Appeal Readers of True Coal Remedy

Senator George W. Norris, who will lead the impending fight in the United States Senate to protect the nation's remaining water power sites from private interests, is a splendid example of the drift of the mine, thinking of the country to the idea of public ownership.

It is a difficult thing for me to respond to all of the requests from various publications, to write articles on governmental subjects. I realize that I might be able to accomplish more good in this way than in any other, but if I responded to these requests, it would take up practically my whole time, and very reluctantly therefore, I have been compelled to decline most of them.

It has seemed to me that the settlement of the coal question must be by the Government taking over at least a portion of the mines and operating them. Everybody I think must concede that we have not handled this business properly in the past. Those who have studied the coal question, particularly the bituminous coal industry, are practically unanimous in the opinion that the mines are not operated efficiently and that there is a terrible economic waste.

for the preservation of life itself, we must agree that there should be a sufficient supply of coal available to keep the people warm; yet we are faced every year with a coal shortage, usually at the time when coal is the most necessary. This year, the shortage has been greater than ever on account of the great strike, and when we realize that there never has been and for many generations never can be, a shortage of coal if the mines now in existence and open, were operated properly, we are struck with wonderment that the people will stand for such a condition of things.

I have recently examined a study of the coal question for the State of Illinois and I look with the greatest especially during the winter months.

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Debs' Column

The American Appeal

The authorized publication of the Socialist party, owned by the party, controlled by the party, and established to serve the party in the struggle it is waging for the overthrow of the capitalist system and the establishment in its stead of the Socialist commonwealth.

As the official mouthpiece of the Socialist party the American Appeal stands squarely and staunchly for the labor movement and it will back up the trade unions in their everyday struggles and in all their struggles for higher wages, shorter work days, better working and living conditions, and for ultimate industrial emancipation.

The American Appeal is thoroughly committed, in pursuance to the policy of the party, to the industrial and political organization of the working class for the waging of the class struggle with ever increasing intensity and determination until that struggle is finally crowned with triumph and the workers stand forth free and untrammelled in the Socialist Republic.

The American Appeal realizes the supreme necessity of education among the toiling and producing masses and will use all its power and influence to open their eyes to what capitalism means to them in the present system and what Socialism will mean to them in the system that is to be.

This paper, while passionately desirous of achieving high standing as a paper of the people, will make absolutely no concession to popularity. It will not compromise its principles nor will it trim or hedge to avoid giving offense if the truth demands that offense be given.

It is with a keen sense of duty that the American Appeal in its initial issue calls upon the workers, all workers of both hand and brain, upon the farms as well as in the industrial centers, to join the union of their trade or occupation and to make it as thorough and complete as possible as an industrial organization, embracing every employe in the industry it represents, thus achieving industrial solidarity through which alone can come the power to fight their daily battles and to ultimately destroy the present system of exploitation and wage-slavery.

The industrial union is of supreme importance to the working class for it, if they are not only united but gradually fitted and trained to take over industry and to manage it successfully when the hour strikes for the inevitable change from private to public ownership of the industries of the nation.

That the workers must also unite in one and the same party to develop political power as well as economic power goes without saying. The Socialist party is the party of the working class and as such should have the loyal support of every worker who subscribes to its principles and who believes that this nation should own and control its own industries and that the working people ought to be their own masters, control their own employment, enjoy in full the fruit of their own labor, and live the lives of really civilized human beings.

Repeat the Infamy

The brutal powers of capitalism took prompt advantage of the common herd during the war by enacting in nearly all the states a law, so-called, strutting free speech and reducing the common citizen to the level of a mute and abject slave.

We have reference to the criminal-syndicalism and antiseditious enactments, which would have been a disgrace to Russia under the regime of the Czar.

These infamous laws are simply garlands. They were enacted for that and no other purpose. Under this vile and despotic measure, eighty men are now serving long prison sentences in California for simply belonging to a labor organization.

The outrage is beyond belief. It staggers the senses. It does not seem possible. And this in the land of Washington and Lincoln, now rapidly degenerating into a land of Babbitts and morons under the corrupt and criminal misrule of the capitalist system.

Wendell Phillips said, that honest men trample unjust laws under their feet with scorn and contempt. These laws are certainly the negation of every principle in the Declaration of Independence, and a positive disgrace to us as a capitalist administration.

Arouse, ye people of United States, and demand in thunder tones the repeal of all so-called Criminal-Syndicalism and Anti-Seditious laws! Every labor union, every liberal society, every progressive circle, and indeed every self-respecting American citizen should join in the movement to force the repeal of these speech-strangling, utterly despotic and infamous capitalist enactments.

To the Front Again

It is most gratifying to see the old-time workers for Socialism coming to the front again.

The clarion call of the American Appeal has reached the ears and touched the hearts of the old comrades who built up the party before it was beaten to the earth by the brute forces of capitalism, and they are now rallying once more to the red standard of Socialism, resolved to build it anew upon

Church Youth Movement Puts Ban on Capitalism and War

War was condemned in flaming, passionate language and the present capitalist system was repudiated and denounced as the cause of war by the almost unanimous vote of one thousand Christian college students of the church-youth movement representing several score church denominations and most of the colleges in the United States, at the Interdenominational Student Conference on the Church and the Social Order, at the First Methodist Episcopal Church in Evanston ending January 2.

A clear acceptance of the Socialist position on the present industrial

system and the "which flow from it, the chief of which is war, was embodied in the resolutions adopted by this nation-wide representative student conference.

These resolutions, among other things, say:

"THE PRESENT COMPETITIVE PROFIT MOTIVATED INDUSTRIAL SOCIETY IS THE SOURCE OF WAR, CLASS DISTINCTIONS AND ECONOMIC INEQUALITY, TOWARD MODIFICATION OF WHICH STUDENT EFFORT SHOULD BE DIRECTED."

Not only did the resolutions adopted repudiate the capitalist system and pledge the students to work to change it, but the attitude adopted on war was such that, should an attempt be made to maintain it in case of war, American prisoners would be filled to overflowing by sincere followers of Christ.

Says another part of these resolutions:

"The churches should take the lead in excommunicating war, refusing henceforth to allow the use of the church as a medium for preparation for or prosecution of war."

Military training in schools and colleges was vigorously condemned. In a referendum on war, participated in by only a part of the con-

ference, 181 students declared themselves unwilling to participate in war in any way and 85 said that they might take part in war under certain circumstances.

These students affirm with a fine and brave social idealism took an advanced stand on eugenics, or race improvement.

Says one paragraph of the resolutions:

"A modified program, of eugenics should be sponsored by the churches. This should include the legalizing and dissemination of information concerning contraception or birth control and the segregation or sterilization of those who are by heredity mentally unfit."

Against race discrimination and injustice, these ardent young men and women trying sincerely to apply the teachings of Jesus in our modern world, set their faces like flint. This part of the resolution declares that:

"Discrimination against race, in restaurants, playhouses, hotels, etc., should be vigorously opposed as inconsistent with the brotherhood doctrines of Jesus. College students should make unbiased studies of the race situation, so that equality and mutuality may be promoted. We endorse the Dyer anti-lynching law."

Disgusted, Busted Farmers Revolt Against Coolidge

The disgusted, busted farmers of twelve states are going to jolt the Republican party clear out of the national saddle (and try the Democratic Republic again) unless Coolidge and company come across in a hurry with some relief for the farmers. And right well the politicians from Coolidge down to Congressman and committee know they are slated for a swift slide into political oblivion unless they chatter less and accomplish more for the farmers.

The great look-alike Senator Cummings pulled out of Washington and went back to Iowa last week. Senator Brookhart also rushed away from Washington to the Iowa prairies. Also the entire delegation of Iowa Congressmen hustled back to Iowa with a great increase of temperature born of fear. President Coolidge would like to go out and "talk things over" with the Iowa farmers, but he got no swift a bit from 5,000 assembled farmers in Chicago a month ago. He will remain in Washington and read the papers—from Iowa and eleven other agricultural states crowded with ruined angry farmers.

The farmers of this country have seen the Coolidge government helping the railways with the equivalent of good hard cash, millions of it, with a free hand, and at the same time sneering at the tillers of the soil. At Chicago a month ago the five thousand assembled farmers listened coldly to Coolidge's empty advice, stupid platitudes, sterile suggestions and empty promises. The farmers assembled at Des Moines last week were desperate to be put off any longer with any more consensual windmilling.

When at Des Moines last week Senator Brookhart had "talked long" about—though briefly—the angry

farmers flatly told him to cut it out. They did the very same thing to Senator Cummings, and likewise to several loquacious watch-me-fool-em Congressmen. They were bluntly ordered to sit down and shut up; that the farmers were there for work not wind.

The farmers want the federal government's help in marketing their crops, some revision of the tariffs affecting the farmers, a modification of the pure-food laws with respect to certain corn-sugar products which will make a market for 50,000,000 bushels more corn, and an export corporation for stabilizing the prices of farm products both at home and abroad; and they are wrathful against the great eastern bankers who pay the western farmers 2 per cent for western money which same money is then loaned in the farm regions at 6 to 10 per cent.

All this is a clear case of "Help! Help! Help!" We are being ruined while year after year Presidents chatter and Senators chatter and Congressmen chatter about beginning to commence to prepare to appoint a committee to investigate our condition.

However, the whole present distress of the farmers grows out of the fact that more farm products are produced in the whole world than the whole world market will absorb—under the wage system.

The people of the world could easily and would gladly consume far more—billions of dollars worth more—of farm products than they do now make use of. But the multitude of workers of the world are wage-earners and farmers whose products the wage workers are eager to consume. But the wages of the wage-earners will not enable them to buy abundantly.

The wages of the world are the leavings of the world after the loafers of the world have stuffed their own pockets with rake-off. The wage-earners are able to produce abundantly, but their buying power is arbitrarily restricted by the wage-and-profit system of industry. Thus the wage-system also restricts the market for farm products. The farmers are cornered by the railways, packing companies, farm machinery trust and the bankers—and the wage-system helplessly balks them and mocks them when they try to sell all they produce.

The farmers are actual producers. The wage-earners are actual producers.

These two groups constitute a class of producers, easily, neatly and legally fenced under the wage-and-profit system, called capitalism. Until they learn how to unite and banish the loafers thru a great orderly reconstruction of industrial society the farmers as well as the wage-earners will sorely suffer. Noisy rebellion will get them nowhere. Quiet, fearless reconstruction is the next step. McKinley and Roosevelt, Harding and Coolidge; distinguished protectors of capitalism; Wilson and all his Democratic pals—distinguished defenders of industrial despotism—of the fool-em and fleece-em system—how long will the farmers trust their betrayers?

Line Busy

Correspondence line is busy, no it has stopped; given way to the mailing list. The first number to you shows you are listed. If you sent in all your "gave faith"; they are on. For will get letters of acknowledgment as we catch up with the production.

There were 2,000 fewer inmates of prisons in the United States last year than the year before. This is the first really encouraging statistics we have seen for a long time—but we have a lingering suspicion that maybe it means only that the American people are developing the ability to keep out of jail.

The Appellate court in Chicago has just sent eighty women to the filthy jails of the foulest city west of Constantinople. Many of these women are mothers of families, willing workers, fighting fiercely with the wolves of want in a city that boasts its many billions of wealth and vast prosperity. In their industrial fight for life these women were forced to strike for improved conditions and wages. In order to keep other hungry and desperate women from scabbing and giving the victory to the employer masters, these striking women were forced to picket the places of their former employment. The lower courts convicted them and gave them jail sentences. The cases were appealed. The Appellate court gives a loud and jolly ha, ha, and yells: "To jail with them! And keep them there from five to forty days!" What will become of the children, the homes, the jobs, the fight for life? The judges are not interested. They have kicked these women in the face—jailed them. They have thus delivered the goods for the capitalist class. Other courts in picketing cases will now quote the Illinois Appellate court precedent and smash other brave strugglers in the great raging class struggle.

We might have a League of All Nations if it wasn't for the League of Oil Nations.

Senate to Probe Billion and Half Dollar Gift to Mussolini

Startling developments and fresh revelations connected with the atrocious deal between the American Debt Commission and the blood-stained Mussolini dictatorship are rapidly making this affair one of the most sensational issues before the American people.

Here are a few recent developments that assure that this amazing deal soon will assume the proportions of a national scandal:

The nature of the settlement promised Italy by the debt commission—Senator Smoot and Secretary Mellon, with the knowledge and approval of President Coolidge, following the publicity that has been given the affair, has forced the United States Senate to take notice and to promise an early airing of this event.

It has developed that in paying more than a billion dollars in hard American money to save the Fascist blood dictatorship and to permit Wall Street to make investments in Italy totalling more than a half billion dollars, the debt commission either consciously or unconsciously took a viper to the bosom of the American republic, which has already begun to sink its poisonous fangs into the heart of this country.

President Coolidge of the American Federation of Labor has torn the mask off from Mussolini's treachery in an amendment and a warning, which states that Mussolini is using the threat of confiscation of the property of Italians coming to America as a club to prevent them from becoming American citizens and to hold them as loyal adherents of Fascism and workers for Fascism in America. The long arm of the tyrant, Mussolini is being used to build up Fascist cells in the United States.

It appears that this is one of the

little things the debt commission financed.

This is proving too much even for the most intensely reactionary and labor-baiting papers of the country, formerly so profuse in their admiration of the destroyer of democracy and the labor movement in Italy. Mussolini, by his astounding impudence, has hurt their nationalistic pride. They, too, are demanding an airing of the Mussolini deal.

In the meantime Fascism is destroying the last vestiges of democracy and the labor movement in Italy and plotting world empire and war, while its poisonous ramifications have spread into all other civilized countries until it has become the greatest menace that confronts liberty, democracy, Labor and Socialism in the world today.

Within the last few weeks the suppression of all independent labor organizations in Italy, the surrender of the last shreds of governmental power by the Fascist parliament to dictator Mussolini, a new policy of empire-building and compulsory military training in the schools for Italian children beginning at the age of eight, has been decreed by the Fascist dictatorship.

Let us not forget that good American money paid for all of this. Let us not forget that the money for those four purposes was pledged after America had paid with 50,000 lives and hundreds of thousands of cripples and billions of dollars in cash to make the world safe for democracy. How much the debt commission has pledged America to pay to maintain the Fascist dictatorship, sustain Fascist cells in the United States and promote Fascist empire-building and war-making, few American citizens yet realize.

OPPOSITION IN THE SENATE OF THIS UNSPEAKABLE DEAL ESTIMATES THAT THE DEBT COMMISSION HAS PLEDGED THIS COUNTRY TO A SETTLEMENT THAT WILL COST US AT LEAST ONE AND A HALF BILLION DOLLARS IN INTEREST LOSS ALONE!

The settlement as a whole represents a cancellation of 75 per cent of the debt.

IN ADDITION TO THIS THE INTEREST LOSS IS \$1,500,000,000. The settlement proposes that Italy shall pay the principal of the loan, funded at \$2,042,000,000, and interest at 1 1/2 per cent for 62 years. But for this amount the American Liberty bond buyers who advanced the money, will receive interest now approximating 4 per cent and probably at no future time less than 3 1/2 per cent.

The difference between the interest the United States will receive from Italy and the interest the United States will pay for the money it loans Italy amounts to about \$1,500,000,000.

AFTER PLEDGING INABILITY TO PAY AS AN EXCUSE FOR SUCH A SETTLEMENT, THE ITALIAN DICTATORSHIP TURNED AND PAID 7 PER CENT ON MORE THAN A HALF BILLION DOLLARS MORGAN AND HIS WALL STREET ASSOCIATES HAVE ALREADY POURED INTO ITALY.

In other words, the American Debt Commission has pledged the American republic to pay a billion and a half dollars of the taxpayers' money to furnish enormous loot for Wall street and preserve a dictatorship whose object is the destruction of all republics.

Let Smoot, Mellon and Coolidge explain why this incredible deal was made.

Mussolini says that the parliamentary system is rotting. He ought to know after his recent experience with the American Debt Commission.

Under the League of Nations and the pact of Locarno and several others after the Four Power Pact at Washington, European home armies decreased very little in strength but European colonial armies HAVE BEEN INCREASED. The Allied powers preservers of the world had 2,000,000 soldiers at home in 1913. They had 2,600,000 in 1925.

European militarism sounds smaller in part of Europe; has been diminished. The combined colonial armies of Europe totaled 513,000 men before the war and although several other European powers have been diminished of the colonial business, the combined colonial forces in 1925 were 600,000. The military strength of the United States before the war was 94,000. Now it is 124,000. The terrible carnage of the war and all subsequent moves and peace talk have not noticeably decreased militarism throughout the world and has not been able to prevent a considerable new concentration of military forces against the weaker people of the world. It is misleading and dangerous to assume that the world is drifting toward disarmament and peace. There was more urgent need of countering militarism and attacking THE CAUSES OF WAR than right now.

Cheer up; the worst is yet to come—a Congressman wants to cure Present Ills that afflict this country by wending the Congressional Records to all the high schools. At least it will cause these pupils to forget their other miseries.

Coolidge says 1926 will be a great year for business, but he is not so sure of the farmers. After several bitter experiences predicting agricultural prosperity, Cal. is again getting silent and cautious.

Five thousand Chicago people have just been deeded of \$5,000,000 by a small bunch of bond-selling bandits whose total assets are only \$200,000. Now where is the \$4,800,000?

But why not ask something about the whole bond-and-mortgage system by means of which—for example—twenty billion dollars' worth of railway property will be given—straight gift—to the children of the present owners of the railways, who in turn will give—as straight gifts—these same railways to the grandchildren of the present generation of owners—to children and grandchildren who will not have to build the roads or manage the roads or do anything but own the roads. They will own pieces of paper called bonds which will bring them unearned incomes wherever they may be, loafing at Palm Beach, Thousand Island, in Southern California, or somewhere in Europe—say Monte Carlo or some other real nice loafing place? Simply own something of a certain sort—and you and your children and your grandchildren and great grandchildren have a cinch—under capitalism.

Its a pretty rotten system we have when the principal news carried in the papers whenever the temperature falls to zero is the news of charity and municipal rescue work taxed to the limit. How do those thousands live and what is being done for them when the temperature is twenty or thirty degrees above zero?

Government figures, from Washington show that the cost of living is still going up. It is the uplifting part of the Coolidge prosperity, you know.

The Manchester Guardian recommends that Great Britain establish a Fascist dictatorship so that England may get easy debt terms from the United States.

Every time Coolidge shows a new government economy, Senator Couzens takes the joy out of life by showing a new leak caused by some super-rich tax dodger.

Nature put the HUMP ON THE CAMEL'S BACK; A PARASITE built yours. Glangarry.

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The needed remedy was applied. THE PRESS WAS STARTED AGAIN and for a run which has supplied every one who ordered copies of the first number. A FEW MORE CAN BE HAD BY EARLY COMERS.

