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Published Every Saturday. OWNERSHIP of the EARTH AND THE FULLNESS THEREOF. By ALL the People, and Not by Part of the People.

For forty years the power of Corporations has been growing in the United States. They have not been satisfied with controlling industry to their profit, but have invaded politics and by special laws written by their own hired attorneys, passed by venal or ignorant legislators, dominate every avenue of social activity.

Neither of the old parties will change the trend of things. Both are controlled by men who own and are interested in the ownership of trusts. They have had ample time to make a change if they desired. They have not done it. You know this. To continue to vote them into power is to continue to vote power into the hands of the corporations.

This is a question for You and Your family. It is a question of poverty or plenty. It is a question of prosperity for the masses or prosperity for the few. If you would have your children possess the same opportunity to become independent, to develop all their ability, it cannot be done when corporations own the industries in which they must work if they work at all.

Every two years the people vote to express their approval or disapproval of conditions and men. Next month you will have one of these times come around. To vote as you always have is to vote that you are satisfied. To vote the Socialist ticket is a vote that you are not satisfied and desire a change.

Sooner or later the world will be governed by the principle of Socialism. Help to hurry the desirable event, and shorten the reign of oppression by Industrial Barons.

The coal lands in Pennsylvania are assessed at \$2.50 an acre. Does that look like the owners were upright, law-abiding people? Do you think any assessor not bribed would put such a valuation on lands that would not be sold for \$1,000 an acre?

The United States government is short of coal. It would be a good thing if no coal could be had in Washington this winter, and when congress convened the misrepresentatives of the people would have a taste of what it means to have the coal supply owned by a few irre-

VOLUNTEERS!

I know that during these last days before the election the Socialists are concentrating all their efforts in the personal propaganda, and they haven't time to give to efforts that can be as well attended to later on.

Volunteer No. (Do not use above space.) J. A. WAYLAND, Publisher Appeal to Reason, Girard, Kan. Comrade—You may enter my name on the Roll of Five Thousand, for the Twelve Months Campaign for a Million Circulation.

What good has your vote ever done you? Has it furnished you permanent employment? Has it increased your wages? Has it shortened your hours of labor? If it has done none of these, then what have you received in benefits from the exercise of your vote?

I would at any time prefer to do physical than mental labor. Especially that mental labor connected with the business management that has to do with seeing that affairs are conducted that there will be money enough to run the expenses, seeing what your competitors are doing to down you, and the uncertainties that surround the market with which you have to deal.

You say you cannot regulate wages by law? Well, you can and do. Is not the wages of every one of the three hundred thousand civil officers of the nation and the hundred thousand employed in the army and navy, regulated by law? Is that not regulating wages by law?

These conferences are great things. The best thing for John Mitchell and his miners to do is to vote the mines to the people of Pennsylvania and let the United Mine Workers run them. This begging business does not count for much. Remember what the Lord said about the earth and the fullness thereof.—Erie People.

The authorities are confiscating the arms and ammunition that belong to miners in Pennsylvania. But they are opposed to confiscating the property of the lawless mine owners: They are opposed to confiscation! When will the working people see that law is always tried on the poor when it would help them?

The girls employed in the box factories of Chicago are on strike. Great gobs of prosperity.

The coal strike has overshadowed all other topics. But the corporations are managing to quietly stick in a few more mergers.

A strike of the coal miners of France embracing nearly 100,000 miners is on. Thus does the private ownership of the mines produce the same effect everywhere.

The government can employ soldiers to stand around with their guns, doing nothing, producing nothing, but it would bankrupt it to employ miners to mine coal! What a funny world!

The Osage Indians are the richest people on earth. They have property to the value of \$1,000 per person. This is because their property is held in common. Individualize it and there will be poverty and starvation within a year.

The plumbers of Kansas City are on strike. The master plumbers have formed a combination for the purpose of robbing the public by extortion but have locked out their employes because they belong to a union!

The Appeal Army should send a postal card with election returns as fast as they can get them. The good that will come from the great vote will be only because of the publicity it gains. The vote will influence no one who never hears of it. Send in the vote with the vote of two years ago, for comparison.

It is nice to read about the great banquet of the coal operators in New York, while the miners out of whose lives their millions were coined are starving and freezing. It reads like the orgies of the French king while his peasants were starving. And in a republic where the men could vote themselves into power and gain the whole world!

The coal barons are adopting the same tactics to crush the miners into submission that an army adopts when the entrenched are too strong for assault—laying siege and starving the garrison to submit. This is the grimest phase of war—using starvation on the foe. This then is war. We have the war in active operation. And the government can do nothing! What a government! What will the historian of fifty years say about such a brutal condition. Down with the private ownership of capital that causes civil war.

The government has become a stock broker, loaning the great eastern banks four millions on city bonds! When the banks want money the government is very kind to them in their gambling speculations, but when a common citizen wants money—well he can go to the banks and pay the tariff. The government has plenty of money to loan the bankers, to aid them in forming trusts and floating watered stocks, but nary a red for the useful citizen striving to make a living. Bankers understand the benefit of electing their members to office and having them appointed to control the treasury. Working men do not understand this simple remedy.

Rev. Alexander Kent, of Washington City, preached on the strike the other Sunday, and incidentally referred to the utterances of the Washington Post, whose attitude, according to Kent, is that it were better that millions of people die of cold and hunger than to open the doors to the pernicious doctrine of public ownership of the mines. That is the way the rich look at it. The Post said that if the public ownership ever got started there could be no stopping it. Which means that whenever the people found the advantage of it they would soon swipe out the capitalists and run the country themselves. And that is just what will happen. Hence these tears of the capitalists about the rapid growth of Socialism.

The Detroit Evening News, Sept. 29, records how the Barnett family were ejected from their home and spent the night in the street on their scanty furniture, with one of the children dangerously sick. And it rained all night. Any man who says the country is not prosperous is a fool! A government that permits such a condition is not worthy of the votes of the working people, of whom Barnett is one. That the rich support the system and vote the old tickets is natural. They can afford to. They have the nation. They own it. They are the bosses. But the working people living within two days of want—why should they desire to uphold it with votes?

Shame on a nation that professes to be Christian and has such incidents, thousands of them, continually occurring. Vote the Socialist ticket and we will put an end to such conditions.

When the Chestnut Street National bank of Philadelphia was closed by the government in 1897 by the failure of Singler, who died the following year, the Daily Record was one of the assets that the government was forced to handle, because it was so largely indebted to the bank. The government administered the banks assets including the newspaper. The receiver, an officer of the government, continued the publication of the paper and it made so much profit that enabled the receiver to pay all the bank depositors, and the stock of the paper was increased in value. But some people say the government could not successfully run the paper, business even in the face of the fact that it has been doing it for years. The only difference is, that the profits went into the private coffers instead of into the public treasury. Of course the government can operate the newspapers—and do it better and cheaper than it is being done today, and pay higher wages. But Socialism is impractical.

The Boston News Bureau, a paper "published in the interest of bankers, brokers and their clients," in its issue of September 23, first page, quotes a railroad president on the strike as saying: "There was no peace on our railroad until the miners' union was broken up and the men had been whipped into submission. Then there was peace for eight years." Another says: "Not one cent for concession. We can have peace only by breaking up the miners' union and we must do it." That is why there is a strike. They forced the men to strike. And before they get through with it they will have their mines taken from them and operated by the people. Whom the gods would destroy they first made mad. The miners have proven themselves the better citizens, the most law-abiding and the most honest in ever way. Horrible will be the life of the miners if they should strike up. They might as well die in the effort for freedom as to die in the chains of the slave.

Next Week.

Next week's issue of the Appeal will contain Rev. Father McGrady's reply to Bishop Corrigan's attack on Socialism. The Appeal Army should know how to use it.

Here is the prophecy of the Appeal: The strikes, riots and disturbances will never cease during the continuance of the private ownership system. They will lull here and there, but will break out in other places with increasing violence. This will continue until the people will have to take over the industries and operate them, whether they want to or not. The Social system has entered upon its last stage of existence. Society is breaking up gradually. The ideas that control the people are changing. Old thought is giving way to new. Labor will organize more compactly and so will capitalists. Being natural enemies this must result in the battle of Amageddon, in open conflict, unless something is done in a legal way to remove capital from the few and place its control in the hands of the many. If the people are not taught how to vote to make this change, republican and democratic workmen will strike against republican and democratic capitalists, and in some of these contests revolution will raise its ugly head, and the gloom that strikes raise will be as sunlight to the gloom of a class struggle. Socialists wants to make the change peacefully by the ballot. Ignorance knows no force except physical force. Beware!

Former Senator Chandler, of New Hampshire, now president of the Spanish treaty commission, declares that congress has the power to seize and operate the coal mines. To assert anything else would be to assert that the coal mine owners are bigger than Congress—and in which case government would be a pure farce if there were a higher power. But as the old party members of congress and the supreme court are more or less directly interested in the ownership of the mines or other corporations, congress is not going to do any such a thing. They are not going to vote against their personal interests. But the situation is rapidly making people disgusted with private ownership of their heat. Perhaps it will be able to freeze something into the voters heads if something cannot be reasoned into them.

Confiscation of the mines is not to be thought of by some of the very loyal plutocrats. Confiscating and freeing the slaves was thought of in the same way at one time—but conditions made it necessary, just as conditions will make it necessary in the matter of coal and railroads if the lawless element that controls the mines and roads get off with less punishment than was meted out to the slave owners they should consider themselves lucky. If it was all right to confiscate the slaves by the republicans, why are they so much opposed to the same action again? Is it because they happen to own the things to be taken this time?

The very honorable postmaster at Calumet Mich., according to the statements of some of the Appeals patrons said that anybody who subscribed for the Appeal or took it ought to be got rid of, or words to that effect. Reports from his town it seems that he has some very shady relations with a gold mining bunco company, and it required an investigating committee of his dupes to find out where they were at. The honorable postmaster left town when the report was to be made public. That is the kind of men who are always opposed to Socialism. He should be removed from the public office he disgraced.

The coal barons imported under false representations hundreds of thousands of foreigners during the past several years, hoping to get men too ignorant of their rights to demand anything beyond a dog's living while digging coal to make millionaires. These men have shown themselves shoulder to shoulder with their demands for a better condition of labor. They have not proven the submissive curs that their importers dreamed. When men are heard together they exchange views and soon find a bond of sympathy in their misery.

New Orleans is having a repetition of the Chicago Street car strike riots. For some time no cars have been moving, every attempt being frustrated by the striking employes who have the sympathy of the public and the police. A number of people have been killed and wounded. But private ownership of the street cars is such a sweet thing that it must be upheld even if all the people are killed by the strikes and no one left to ride on the cars. "What fools these mortals be."

Some one asks if the government CAN confiscate the coal mines. What power is above the government? Are the laws made by the majority? But they tell us the constitution stands in the way. Well, who made the constitution? Did not we make it? And cannot men amend it as they have in the past? And can the amendment not operate? A majority can do as it wills, right or wrong. Otherwise we have not majority rule.

As soon as the machinery can be erected in the Appeal office, the Appeal will be enabled to appear in eight pages part of the time, if not all the time, and thus be able to present twice as much of the important matter that never see light for lack of space. The Appeal is making arrangements to be a greater factor in the movement than ever before. It is expected to have the machinery ready for running within a month.

If the president protects the people from the tyranny of the Coal Barons, he will lose the support of the politicians of both old parties but will gain the love of the millions; if he does not he will lose the millions and receive the half-hearted support of the rich. He must lead one or the other of the two.

The English private traders are organizing to head off the co-operative societies. They have recently sent an appeal to every person not connected with co-operative societies to stop their patronage or else they will drive a private trading out of existence! Surely this is funny world.

If King George had not been so despotic the American colonies had not overthrown his power and constituted the royal wealth and power in America. The coal mines are following King George's actions.

