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### Imperial Rome Being Repeated in United States

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In Colorado a militia officer has issued an ukase ordering every person to deliver up all their firearms and knives to the officers, and a failure to do so, will result in the offender being shot without trial. Any criticism of the governor, the militia or the president is also to receive the same summary punishment.

Rome was a republe. She was governed by her citizens, each having a voice like we have here Her cunning citizens first amassed great personal wealth from the labor of their fellows. Then they began to feel the thrill of power. Public servants became masters. The nation was used to aid leading citizens in increasing their wealth and power. Corruption was used to deceive the electors. Empire was increased because it increased the opportunity for plunder. Laws were made in the interest of the rich. Judges gave decisions in favor of those who had social and wealth power. Little by little the rights of the people were curtailed. Generation after generation were raised, each believing they had the greatest and freest country that ever existed. The people were oppressed. When they protested they were slaughtered-not at first, but toward the closing of the bloody republic. Workingmen were organized then. Their organizations were made the object of many laws. They were outlawed. Their members were killed and imprisoned. In the name of law and order they were mutilated by the hundreds of thousands. The rich ruled in the name of the people they oppressed. Hard work, long hours, slow social poison had rendered the masses stupid.

We are here traveling the same road-and traveling faster than Rome ever did. Workingmen when they ask for a larger share of what they produce in abundance are locked out to starve. A worse death than being slaughtered outright. They are arrested without process of constitutional law. They are imprisoned and trials refused. The civil law has been trampled under foot by the men elected by the working class to execute laws. On a hundred industrial fields the blood of the workers has crimsoned the grass of their native land. They have been shot while peaceably marching along the highway carrying the American flag. They have been thrown into bull pens without shelter or decent food. They have been imprisoned by hundreds. The justice of their cries has not been considered—only the laws made in the interest of the rich is kept in the eye of justice. The latest incident is in Colorado, where the governor elected by the working class has thrown down the civil law and rules with soldiers. The press has been gagged. A censorship has been established in violation of the United States Constitution. Workingmen members of the militia are to be tried as spies! On what could they spy? The governor, a civil officer, says he will defy the courts if they attempt to apply civil laws. In the south peonage has been carried on for years, in the interest of the master class. The masters are using the worst of all war tactics-the policy of closing the industries and STARVING their slaves into submission and killing them if they do not starve in silence.

These are the conditions here and now. These are the conditions that the working class approve by their votes. These conditions are caused solely and only beof the ignerance of what changing conditions mean, just as was the case in Rome.

Next fall the working class will have another opportunity of putting the masters into control of the government for another four years, and will doubtless whoop it up for them-and get another four years of INCREASING oppression.

Isn't it time to VOTE for the masses and against the

Under Socialism the workers will be the whole cheese. Who wants cheese must be a worker.

Under Socialism there will be no gain in teaching error. Gain can be had ONLY by producing wealth.

Under Socialism the average production of will go to those who produce it. There could then be no poverty with any who would work.

Under Socialism the working class will elect the foreman, managers and superintendents of industry, and make all the rules. There will be no strikes.

Under Socialism the workers will build beautiful homes and occupy them. Under capitalism they build beautiful homes for the drones to occupy.

Under Socialism everybody will be interested in every person having the place where they can do the best work. And everybody likes to do the best work they are capable of.

Under Socialism there will be no boodling of public officials, because there will be no private wealth to enhance, hence there will be no incentive to bribe. No profit could be gotten by it.

Under Socialism there will be no family quarrels bout the division of an estate. The parents will not be tried for lunacy to enable children to get possession of property before their parents are dead

Under Socialism the better the machinery the fewer hours it will require to make the wealth the people want. Under capitalism the better the machinery the more workers are thrown out of employment.

Under Socialism the products of land and mine will taken directly from place of production to place of shing and then to place of consumption. There will be middlemen, no profits, no adulterations, no deception. t would profit no one to have these things.

Hoder Socialism there will not be hundreds and

# How We See Each Other.

definition of Socialism is, The Reconstruction of Human Nature by Act of Congress It contemplates the extinction of selfishness, thriftlessness and laziness; it wipes out individual endeavor and individual responsibility; destroys social, political and economic distinctions; overcomes natural idiosyncracies and acquired peculiarities, and reduces mankind to a smooth, oleaginous, homeogeneous paste. The life it alms to establish will flow on in one continuons sweep of unruffled monotony. There will be no debts to pay, no bitls to collect; no hills to climb, no declivities to slide down When a child is born the government at Washington, D. Ci, enters him up for rations. and duty. Until he is 18 years old he is fed, clothed and trained by government officials according to the regimen established by the commissary department. Then he is drafted into the services of the industrial army and serves the commonwealth for 30 years, when he is retired on pension and finally buried by the state. The food he eats will be prepared by the secretary of the flesh pots, and served by the fourth assistant scullion. The clothes he wears will be designed by the first lord of the fashion plate, and constructed by the eleventh assistant to the state tailor. The books and newspapers he reads will be written and edited by the comptroller of the press, printed by the bureau of typography. and dispensed by the bureau of intelligence. The railroads, telegraphs, telephones, steamships, factories, mills and farms will be operated from the seat of government. All the common people will have to do is take what is given them and obey orders. Living will be just as easy as dying and hardly distinguishable. There won't be a thing to bother about. Every morning the program of the day will be dropped in the front yard by messengers of the director general, and there you are. When the slobby perlod in the age of swain and maiden arrives, and thoughts of love bump around their diaphragms, the trouble can be relieved by merely making out an application blank to the bureau of matrimony. The first assistant match maker general will tend to all the details. Socialism is a fine thing, especially for wooden Indians. But just at present we are wondering where all the integrity and ability to run the machine is to come from. That is the secret which remains forever locked in the profound brains of the boss Soclaiist. His machine is all right, but it will take God Almighty to operate it, and He will be busy with Mayor Hawley of Boise for at least two years, and in all probability for four thousand years if the half which Jim has promised is done.—The above is taken from the columns of the Tribune, published at Caldwell, Idaho.

definition of captalism is The Reconstruction of Human Nature by Act of Rockefeller; Morgan & Co. It contemplates the extinction of self, thrift and energy; it wipes out individuality and puts numbers on people like cattle; it wipes out individuality and puts numbers on people like cattle; it destroys the social political and economic lives of the masses overcomes the natural talents and teduces mankind to jelly-like flunkies for the rich. The life it aims to establish for the workers is one continuous drudgery for masters. There will be debts to pay, and life for the workers will be one long hill to climb. When a child is born Rockefeller, Morgan & Co. will give it a number, and will put it in their factories at five years of age and keep it there without unnecessary education, rest or hope, under hired overseers, and pay it with a scrip on the capitalist pluck-me-stores and will retire the child when it is worn out and bury it in a pauper lot-for few will be able to own a lot in a capitalist graveyard Capitalism may turn the bodies into fertilizers for the fields of the rich. The food the workers eat will not be prepared more than that given to the other animals of the masters. The clothes they wear will be overalls, cut and made under the direction of the masters. The books and newspapers the few of them can steal time to read will be carefully prepared by the best paid hirelings of the masters, teaching the workers such lies as will keep them in subjection, and charging them twenty prices for the The railroads, telegraphs, steamships, factories, mills and farms will all be operated from the offices of Rockefeller, Morgan & Co. All the common people will have to do is to take what is given them and obey orders. Dying will be easier than living, and many will commit suicide There won't be a thing to hope for. Every morning will bring its task by the orders of the overseer at the blow of the mistle, and starvation if you fail to obey. When the slobby period in the age of swaln and maiden arrives, and thoughts of love bump around in their diaphragms, the trouble can be relieved by co-habiting like animals, producing offspring for future masters. Slave marriages are not of any great moment. Capitalism is a very fine thing especially for capitalists and their funkies. All the integrity and ability that runs the machines comes from the workers-they invent the machines, do the work, keep the accounts and turn over the ownership to the masters. That secret the capitalists carefully keep from their dupes, else they might conclude to do away with the capitalists. The capitalist machine requires the devil and all the thieves, robbers, forgers, murderers and criminals to operate its controlling machinery as evidenced by the corruption in the Postal. Army, Navy, Indian and other departments of the nation and in St. Louis and Jefferson City matters, to say nothing of all the other

Under Socialism old age will be honored and not sent to a paupers' house to die of want and neglect. The aged are our parents and the best the nation can provide is none too good for those who have born and loved us.

Under Socialism whatever is produced will belong to the workers. Under capitalism, one owns the place of employment and pays the workers a wage that represents only a part of what the workers have produced.

Under Socialism the workers will select of their numbers those whom they feel can best direct the industries for the benefit of the workers. Under capitalism the owners of plants select those who will get the most out of the workers and give them the least.

Under Socialism the best minds will be selected to direct the labor and hence will be most onored. It will be to the interest of all to have the best minds in the highest places, and none incapable would have such places for it would bring them only dishonor if unatted

The capitalists are sending out reports that Socialm has failed in New South Wales. That's fu This is the first intimation that that country did not elong to England and had appropriated all capital to the public. Socialists are no more in control there than in New York City. Of course these lies deceive the ignorant—and they know the majority are ign ming close to home—isn't capitalism a fathere here? Is the condition here what you would like? Is iety organized for the purpose of prolucing the th daily reported? If it is, the ads of crimes that are talism is a success if these are not what we all saided to produce, then capitalism is a failure in the United States. When

Another great oil field has been discovered in Texas. Now the price of oil will be advanced again. Supply and demand seems to work backward.

without waiting four thousand years.

The Iowa Implement Dealers' Association at a ret session discussed the Harvester Combine. One of the members said: "The Association isn't agin' the combine; it simply proposes to make the best deal with it." In other words, the dealers will work with the head robbers to skin the farmers. Was robbery ever more bare-faced?

Manufacturers say that wages must come down or xportation of goods must stop! Well, let 'er stop. Let the Americans have a chance of using what their labor produces for a while and see if it will make them savages. Let the blarsted foreigners make his own iods and use them. Not one American in a thousand has all the goods he wants-why send them away?

In New York the courts have sentenced a labor leader son for extortion. He got a few hundred dollars. nat state the Standard Oil Co., has practiced extortion for years, has extorted MILLIONS from the people but it is not convicted. The rich can do no wrong. fard Oil defied the U. S. courts to make it bring its ret arrangement for extortion into court. It does not care for the courts. It has a hand in naming judges.

The republican leaders may they will make tariff The republican leaders say they will make tariff the issue next year. Sure. Anything the discussion of which will not interfere with the robbery of the Trusts and the brodle office-holders. To discuss Trusts would bring up the equity of private property—and anything but that. That old tariff chestaut has done good work for nearly a hundred years—but then there is a fool horn every minute and it has material to work on. It don't take much in interest the ignorant.

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# **Everybody Knows**

Everybor to cnows something is wrong. Everybe - knows that disease is increasing. Everyb knows that insanity is increasing. \* / knows that times are out of joint.

Every

y knows that prices are being raised. Every Ever dy knows that crime in on the increase. Everybody knows that the wages are being reduced.

Everybody knows that the Trusts are public enemies. Everybody knows that conditions are getting worse. Everybody knows that the people are opposed to

Everybody knows that the small factories are being runined.

Everybody knows that the most corrupt men are in office. Everybody knows the laws are made for the cor-

porations. Everybody knows that the public treasuries are be-

ing robbed. Everybody knows that judges are the creatures of corporations.

Everybody knows that legislative bodies are notoriously corrupt. Everybody knows that the working class is getting

it in the neck. Everybody knows that imperialism has unseated a rule of the people.

Everybody knows that the middlemen are being crowded to the wall,

Everybody knows that justice is being strangled where money opposes.

Everybody knows that preparations for military despotism are being made. Everybody knows that the national wealth is being

accumulated in the hands of a few. Everybody knows that the liberties of the people are being curtailed as rapidly as the rulers deem safe.

Everybody knows that-but what of it? They sit supinely down and insist on permitting things to go on, and damn any man or woman who would disturb their hypnotic slumber. And the traitors to liberty feel secure in the belief they can continue their plunder.

But Socialism will wake up the people.

Under Socialism the earth will take on a new beauty, because it will not be marred by the nightmare of want.

Under Socialism the people who get millions gambling in stocks and bonds will have to do useful work or

Under Socialism there will be no fat, sleek idlers living off the labor of the credulous. Hence the skinners opnose Socialism. Under Socialism all murder for wealth will disap-

pear, because no wealth could be transferred because of

the death of any citizen. Under Socialism city property would never advance

or decrease in value. It would be owned by all the people and would be for use only. Under Socialism all children will be equally well

clothed, fed and educated. None will be in factories making riches for a few skinners.

Under Socialism citizens will work only with the best machinery, as it would be against public interest to have labor done with old or crude machines.

ployment. All would have a right to employment by the fact that they were citizens. Under Socialism men will not accumulate millions

crease the hours of labor and throw no one out of em-

Under Socialism every good invention would de-

that others have produced. Each worker will get the full equivalent of what he or she has produced. There will be nothing for the useless class.

Under Socialism all suits at court about property

rights will be abolished. There will be no private capital to be quarreled about. There will be all the capital the people can use, but it will be for use not profit. Under Socialism there will be no deputies, thugs or

militia called out to force slaves to their task. The citizens will own all industries and will be equally interested in their operation. To strike would be to strike against

Under Socialism there will be no wasted labor in insurance, either fire or life. Buildings will belong to the nation and if burned will be rebuilt by the nation. No family could be left in want, and hence no life insurance would be wanted.

Under Socialism there would not be hundreds of millions wasted in advertising, and all that labor would be directed into useful channels, making the people good and beautiful things, instead of the nasty things now made to deceive and profit a few operators.

Under Socialism a crop failure in one section would not cause any serious inconvenience. The crop over the whole nation would produce enough for all, and those who had labored in the stricken district would receive as much of the national wealth as those who had labored in the favored parts.

Special privilege feels that its throne is threatened by the wonderful growth of Socialism. I notice that the Sunday school papers are now being used to boom the republican party, and that a Seventh Day Adventist paper of California was recently filled full of articles on the labor problem from the standpoint of capitalism. Money is the God of this nation, so it need not cause surprise that the churches, upheld by money from the hands of the despoilers, should openly espouse the cause of the monopolists. As the Church of Russia is the principal upholder of the Russian tyranny, so in this country it is the upholder of the despotism of private

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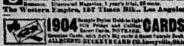
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# The Time For Action

HE trades unions of the world land with such an overwhelming abundant have been fighting a bitter bat- of the things necessary to sustain the body tie now for a great many years. How much longer is the un-equal struggle to be continued? What remains to be said to convince and perfect cure for all the ills under which

The remedy is sufficiently perfect and no ossible flaw can be found in its logic. Neither can its enamy point to a single failure recorded against it.

Its fundamental principles are working in this great world today wherever civiliation has established a claim to a name.

The charge cannot be raised that it is but an idea, an untried utopia. Every dollar that has been made by cont.

halists under the thing called capitalism has been produced by virtue of using the fundamental of this yet untried remedy that will unlosse the bands that bind labor to the juggernaut of its own destruction That remedy is wrapped up in the one word which contains all the power of the conjurer-that cabalistic word, SOCIAL-ISM-which in its quintessence means the

ductive capital by the collectively ewned and administered. The workers of the world have continued to multiply their productivity in geometric ratio, while their share of the products

displacing of all the privately owned pro-

as decreased in the same ratio. The standard of living has been con-

stantly on the increase.

Public schools and the means of education and the wide diffusion of the printed page have been constantly telling the workngman how enjoyable and desirable the od things of life are.

Side by side with this has continually raveled the economic law that has deprive abor from possessing the things that edcated desire has demanded.

When shall the workers cease living in

outs and continue building palaces? Cease tramping over the face of the earth

someless and hungry when they have built and manage the best railroad system in the world: when they have constructed the inest and fastest locomotives and the handmest coaches ever reclined in?

Quit going ragged and illy clothed when truct such comfortable and desirable gar-When will the workers cease crying for

oread when their handlwork has filled the nills and factories and storehouses of the

of the things necessary to sustain the body? How long will the workers of the world remain in ignorance, suffering, want and poverty when their brain and brawn is producing in the United States alone such a superabundance of wealth and plenty that another awful panic is on?

party spokesman tells us that the armies of the United States—these same workers were sent to batter down the walls of China that they might force a way for new kets to dispose of the results of the labor-ers' toll hell back by fraud?

These things will continue until labor as a mass rises up and places Socialism in

By their votes they must make the cir-

We now have co-operation in production One-half of the circle has been in use for nany, many years.

The one thing needed is to extend the co-operation BOTH in production and in dis-

This the workers of the world have the power to MAKE POSSIBLE at any moment When they shall move in this matter all the ills of the world from an economic standpoint shall be in their hands for so

THEIRS IS THE POWER TO DO. THE TIME FOR ACTION HAS COME. Enough of valuable energy has been wast ed and enough of foolish moves on the per-

sonal political field have been made. It is time for labor to quit its foolish nees and begin to get busy on the problems of life that it cannot evade and which it

THE TIME FOR ACTION HAS COME. The workers of the world must now begin to make it possible for their families to en joy the good things of this life and to get themselves away from want and the fear

THE TIME FOR ACTION HAS COME. The science of Socialism is the wayfull industrial liberty the goal. Equality of opportunity must be attained

Workers of the world, on to the battle ments. Let us fight the last great battle for the emancipation of our wives and little from the misery and cruel deformity of

crushing poverty. Talk Socialism, think Socialism, breathe Socialism, vete Socialism, and yours is the earth and the fullness thereof.

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# Trade Unions Held Up to Scorn

Editorial in Chicago Tribune: "The em-| If the working class were only as wise sometimes uses barsh words, and not in their interest as the capitalist class ilways without cause, about labor unions, awake to its interest, then we would have cuses them in angry moments of getie accuses them in angry moments or get-ing tyrannical. He does not often stop to reflect that they are one of the forces which stand between him and something which would indeed be tyranny. What would the tatus of an employer be under a Socialist test of socialist the socialist test of socialists.

RALLY BELIEVE THEY CAN BETTER

Nothing that a Socialist or Socialist pa THEIR CONDITION MORE EFFCTUAL Y THROUGH UNIONISM than in any ther way. If it were in the power of the unloyers to obliterate the union idea from he minds of employes they would not use the power if they stopped to reflect. IF llegiance and devotion of workers THE REACHERS OF SOCIALISM WOULD TAKE A THOUSAND CONVERTS WHERE o know that the American Federation of abor has again repudiated Socialism.

The workers of the world that unwisely nd without proper understanding of th subject condemn Socialism, should read

the above over several times Canitalism understands and knows the alue of the philosophy of Socialism to give to the workers of the world the full social value of their labor.

The above is also a warning to the capitalist anti-union organizations.

It would warn them that while the unions and unionism might be bad, no unions would be worse. That without the unions there coult surely be Socialism and with Socialism there would be nothing left for capital-

Because when the workers under Social

sm should get the full social product of their toll capitalism would be at an end. Capitalism can only live by virtue of its wer of exploitation.

As the time draws nearer for the pre-entation of a candidate for the suffrages of the people for the next president of the United States, the political papers of the country are filling up with stories of slates

In all this talk not a word is said about the candidate that labor may elect next

Just as sure as the sun shines labor could sut one of its class in the White House pext ear as president of these United States. Will it do it?

Why will it not do that which its power

easily enables it to do? Because it is politically and eco y blind.

That's all.
While it is selecting a president from its while it is selecting a president from the own classes it could also elect members to the lower house of congress "sid state legislatures and through these send some new and decent blood into the great (?) United

With these things in its po rould be well nigh master of the situa-

Instead of labor's enemies being in the law making branches of the government their friends would be there, and instead of laws being made against labor, haws would be made in the interest of labor. These are things that labor can do but these are not the things that labor will de

full fledged Socialism at the next election The Tribune argues that they (the capital lata) continue to run the affairs of the coun try and to make huge sums of money solely and only because the working men are such

per could ever say in behalf of Socialism could be more radical or to the point to prod the union man to action than the above by an active defendent of capitalism.

The thanks that capitalism returns to the American Federation of Labor through the medium of the Chicago Tribune is the thanks of one who recognizes the power of its opponent to at any time stop the graft that it now holds, and it recognizes in the American Federation of Labor its

the friend of capitalism?

Socialist party shall come into power. The question is shall the workers better their condition—get the full social product of their toll.

The Chicago Tribune admits that Socialism will give them all this and thanks its little god (the ignorance of the worker) that the worker is so foolish as not to

The workers' short-sightedness makes it

With what glee capitalism claps its hands at labor and says nice things about it as it presents itself in the ranks of the old parties and votes to continue the system of exploitation and the pienty of the few and the poverty of the many.

While it praises aloud, secretly it con-demns such idlocy.

### WHO SHALL BE PRESIDENT?

tee could go home and get busy at some

of the capitalists and calling them great and getting in wages \$2 a day or less than to possess the powers of government

Queer animal is this workingman of the wentleth century. Some day he may wake up from the hypnotic aleep under which be votes for the capitalist class and thus puts his enemy

Into power and himself into poverty.

Who shall be president?

The man who is an enemy of the work-

The workingman!

Who will elect him to office?

THOUGHTS IN A SENTENCE

Can a man preligious when he is hun

Socialism doesn't need you half so much as you need Socialism.

The Socialist question is neither moral nor religious—it is purely economic.

Which would get hungry first if out of a job—the religious or the irreligious man?

Why chide the worker because he votes the old party ticket—that is the only way the old party can live.

Men are not so wicked today—it is the rickedness of the capitalist system that akes all the trouble. You may not like Socialism as you see personified by an individual, but the sun

It percentified by an individual, but the sun continues to shine despite your scorn. Who is responsible for the deaths that occur yearly from starvation—the man whose vote robe the victims of their living. Why do men steal when placed in public office? Because that is the only way to save themselves from want under this sys-res.

# Pa Teaches Young America

How the Interest of Capital and Labor are Identical BY G. H. LOCKWOOD

"Say, pa, you got mad the other day when I asked you why the workingmen did not have a party of their own, but I really to learn, really I do!" want to know, pa; won't you please tell

Well-er-why-you see why, there is no reason in the world why they should

other question. our interests are all the same.

"Well, why don't the capitalists bave a party all by themselves?" "Why, boy, that is just as foolish as the

"Whom do you

"Why, I mean the capitalists and the What is the interest of the capitalists

'nd workingmen, pa?"
"Why, boy, we have 'prosperity.' I am surrised at your ignorance! "Say, pa, don't get mad at me again, will You don't want me to listen to those

Socialists and I really want to know."

Pa, a little ashamed at his show of anter, "All right, son, only you ask some ques-tions that a little baby ought to know and ome of your fool questions no one can anwer because there isn't any sense to them. do ahead, 'talking machine,' what do you want to know next?"

pa, I thought we decided last week

that we didn't have prosperity?"
Pa, sourly, "Well, kid, YOU evidently deided that way and if you are such a goose you can't see anything different, all right, I ain't going to again try to explain a thing so simple. But even if we

prosperity isn't to the interest of the working man and the capitalist Pa smiles and ooks pleased with himself after the above emark, but Young America railys imme-

haven't got prosperity.

"Well, pa, I want to know about it." Pa makes no response but looks uneasy. "Say, pa, if we had prosperity you would have a good job and big wages, wouldn't

Pa, "Yes, I suppose I would."

"Say, pa, why is it to your interest to ave a good job and big wages?" "Well, son, a good job means short hours f work, and of course it is better for me not to work so long for my boss, then I will ave more time for myself; a goo er for me not to work so hard, especially

buy so

could if



HEAVY LIFTING.

"Why, that seems simple enough, don't it Pa, proudly, "Yes, my son, eretty good at figuring out things of this kind."

now?

"Well-er-I get \$2.30 per day.

"That isn't very much is it, pa?" "No, boy, it certainly isn't; when your old dady gets all you kids fed and clothed and pays his rent and taxes and doctors bills and his share of the preacher's salary and a lot of other things, there's mighty

tittle left I can tell you." Boy thinks a while, "Say, pa, how much wages do the capital-

Why, what a question, boy! The capi-"Do they work for nothing, pa?"

"Oh! No, child! They get lots of money for what they do, but not in wages like "Why, pa. I thought you told me that

their interests were the same as yours." live under the same government, vote the same ticket, and the same glorious flag waves over both our happy destinies." "Say, pa, did you get that one at the

"Same time as what, boy? What do you



"Why, I mean did you bear that nice little speech you just made the same time you heard the other one that you recited about what Banker Skinum said at the meeting?" "Well, s'posen I did?

"Why, pa, I want to know if it is true or false like the other

Speech. liberties with your old dad again! You'd better look out or I'll have to waltz you out to the woodshed and interview you with a shingle."

Truths are not affected by what you may think of them but you are effected by the manner in which you may adapt yourself to truth.

Why would men not become thieves under

The average workingman would feel very uncomfortable in a fine house, and that must be why he votes to remain all his days Don't scold the workingman for not vet-

ing for his interests—he is a humble fel-low and likes living in a shack and on n rough diet. Fierce rioting at the Denver elec-

when bearing credentials, and ill-old tickets, you working anim treated. Rev. Pinkham was failed to enjoy carrying guns to shoot you keep him from watching, and when selves into submission to your me keep him from watching, and when selve his release was compolled, the police term

"Oh, no, pa, don't! Please don't! I want

Pa settles back in his chair, uncomfortably, and boy is quiet for a while thinking out a new method of attack

"Say, pa, what are the capitalists' inter

ests if they are not the same as yours?"
Pa, angrily, "well, who said they're not?"
"Why, pa, you said your interest was to

have a good job and big wages, didn't you?" "Ani you said the capitalists didn't have

jobs like you and didn't work for wages." "Yes." "Well, then, I can't see how your interests

are the same." "Well-er-that is-ob, drat it all, kid. you're the worst numbskull I ever saw. If you can't understand a little thing like that how do you expect me to explain it to Young America looks a little uneasy and gets around on the side next to the do

before he begins the next attack. "Say, pa, who pays your wages?"
"Why, the capitalists do, of course!" "Say, pa, is it the capitalists' interests

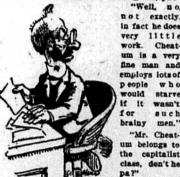
to pay the workingmen big wages?"
"Well-er-why, I suppose not, at least know they make an awful fuss when the demand a raise in wages, I almost got fired last week for trying it on."

to have the workingmen work short hours? "Well-er-why-I suppose not, the fact is, they're talking of increasing our hours down where I work right now, and we're already working more than the law allows."
"They are opposed to long hours then, are

they, pa?"
"Well-er-y-e-s, I suppose they are." Young America looks very much puzzled for a while but shortly remembers that there is one part of the proposition that his father has not yet explained (?) and again renews the attack.

"Say, pa. who is it sells you the things you have to buy?" ,
"Well, son, you know that we buy most

of our things at Mr. Cheatum's store. 'And is Mr. Cheatum a workingman, pa?" not exactly. in fact be do



MR. CHEATUM. ly, "well, I suppose he does." "Say, pa, does Mr. Cheatum sell things very cheap?

"Mr. Cheat

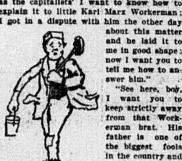
ee, it wouldn't pay him to sell things too "Would it be against his interests, pa?"
"Well-er-yes, I should say it would." "Well—er—yos, I snould say it would.

"Well, pa, I can't see how your interests
the things are the same as the capitalists, you—"
we need
than I out of me with your fool talk. Why don't

"No. son. I can't say that he does; you

you run out and play with the dog a while?

BUN OUT AND PLAY WITH THE DOG. "But, pa, I want to get this thing straight in my head; if your interests are the same as the capitalists' I want to know how to explain it to little Karl Marx Workerman



about this matter and he laid it to me in good shape : now I want you to tell me how to answer him."
"See here, boy,

I want you to keep strictly away from that Workerman brat. His father is one of the biggest fools in the country and

MR. WORKERMAN. just believe what your pa tells you and you will be all right." can't believe some of the "But, pa. I hings you-



That boy must take

"What's that!!" reaching for Young America, "I'll teach you to to call your dad a liar!!" Bit Bang! Bif! "New rill you be good?"
Poor little Young America retires in consternation. Pa, reflectively, "That

after his mother. boy must take after his mother." (Continued)

Socialism—because a man will not steal from himself—there is nothing to be gained beat him nearly to death. Such is old party politics according to the associated press. This is what the politicals call practical. Socialism, that would abolish all possibilities of grafting that is the cause of these crimes would be impractical! It is needless to add that the thieves' ticket carried the day. The Military despots in control of

Colorado have informed the people that the new military law of congre is in force, and that every able be Repeating on a gigantic scale citizen of the state belongs to the was done and reputable watchers militia whether they will or no: were thrown out of the booth, even Whoop em up, Lim Jane. Vote the

# DR. SHOOP'S RHEUMATIC CURE

Costs Nothing If It Fails.

bonest person who auffers from Bhou s welcome to this offer. For years I sets arrywhere to find a specific for resument arry 29 years I worked to this and. At I many, my search was rewarded. I for by chemical that did not disappoint me

a coaty committee that the not desposite a coaty committee that the coaty committee that the coaty coaty can turn bony joints into Eash angin. That in impossible. But it will drive from the blood the polson that causes pain and swelling, and then that is the end of rheumatism. I know this so well that I will furnish for a full month my Rheumatic Cure on trial. I cannot cure all cases within a month. It would be unreasonable to expect that. But most cases will yield within 30 days. This trial treatment will convice you that Dr. Shoop's Rheumatic Days is a power against Rheumatism—a potent force against disease, that is irreshible.

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remedy on trial. Simply write me a pestal for my book on Rheumatism. I will then arrange with a druggist in your vicinity so that you can secure aix bottles of Dr. Shoop's Rheumatic Cure to make the test. You may take it a full month on trial. If it succeeds, the coat to you is \$5.50. If it fells, the loss is mine, and mine alone. It will be bott entirely to you. I mean that exactly, if you say the trial is not satisfactory, I don't expect a penny from you.

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#### SOUVENIR WATCHES.

The second batch of watches having been exhausted, it will be February 1st before another order can be filled by the case maker. Comrades will bear with us until that time.



be a president, or a president's wife. I would not like to have to eat with negroes. I do not believe in equality, it would never do. We are coming more and more to have an in being too dem ocratic.

"It is said

that Mrs. Roose-

velt dresses on

\$300 a year, and she looks it. I

would not like to

along without different classes," says Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish, a prominent m York's polite (?) society. Ignora and ill breeding are not confined to the "common people" by any means.

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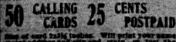
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# News Fresh from the Battlefield.

WHAT HAPPENED TO ONE OF THE | etc." writes Comrade I. Barsky. Conneaut, APPEAL BUNDLES.



Thief-Ah, now I'm on de cent. I seen a Mug totin' a large, bundie of swag from de post office and I followed him to dis point, rather poor looking from this farm. nackage contained valuables, 'coz he was so keerful wid it. \* \* \* Dat's de house, sure

nuf, easy now and I'll soon have de prize. Yep! Here she be! I'll just dust out of here and open her up at me leisure.

LATER. Well, I'll be - darned! Here I have

toted a bundle of old newspapers fer an hour. Gee! Dis is one on me. Wonder what the gang will say if day gets next to this. Well, I will be dodgasted!!! Wonder what kind of a blamed paper it

STILL LATER.

By gee whitaker! If dat ain't an anhy gee whitaker: If out aint an arkist shect I never seen one: Glad I captured the bunch. Why, if dose guys 'ud have der way my biz would be knocked into a cocked hat quicker den you kin skin a

No siree! No Socialism in mine! Mr.



seem to have the idea that if they join the Socialist movement they will in some way themselves with the lady whose picture appears here with. Now, dear sis ters, put aside your fears, this poor creature is a product of capitalism and has nothing to do with the Socialist move-The true wo men will not lose any thing by joining the

justice, unless it is the challes that havebound her to a brutal past. The true woman has everything to gain in the over-throw of capitalism and the Socialist revo-lution. Capitalism has trampled on everything that the true woman holds sacred, even to invading the home and snatching the children from her very breast that their tiny hands might help to weave the fabric of a nation's dishonor.

Socialism stands for the home and for the rights of the child and the rights of the

when! Oh, when! will the mother heart of this country come to the rescue of the bables whose little lives are being ground into capitalistic profits? If there ever was a grand and noble cause where is Socialism and that needed, that cause is Socialism and that need is now. Join the Socialist party and help to emancipate yourselves and the human race. G. H. L.



Two souls with but a single thought" - and that is how live in fine style and not do any plutocratic class have become so morally depraved that they cannot see the dishonor in living on the fruits of other peoples' toil. That won't keep from seeing, it people" who do the toll wake up there will be a

lot of things and "thingesses" that will get



ATTENTION ARMY.

When you want to say anything to us aside from the business which prompts your letter, say it on a separate sheet of paper in your letter. This will greatly simplify our work. We like to have you say things. It is what you say that we put in the army This will greatly simplify column, and if you did not say things and we would have no arm; news. Don't try to say something big, just say what you feel, for it is what you feel that creates the impulse of the social revolution.

"PLEASE SEND ME THE APPEAL, ANOTHER YEAR. THE 250 PIECE I EN-CLOSE I HAVE CARRIED IN MY POCK-ET FOR 12 YEARS, AND NEVER CARED TO-PART WITH IT, BUT I WOULD PART WITH MY LIFE, IP NECESSARY, TO BRING ABOUT SOCIALISM."-COMPADE

Comrade Wm. A. Savage, of Salineville, O., sends in a nice bunch of subs.

Comrade Jas. A. Jones, of Colt, Ark., ends in \$2 to "keep the ball rolling."

Comrade J. Simonson, of Chattanooga, Tenn., sends in a \$ for goods from this

Comrade J. T. Mitchell, of Ogden, Ind. says, "Don't worry about Ogden and ad-jacent country We keep it hot."

"I am heart and soul a Socialist, and

"The more I understand Socialism the tore I see it is the great need of the age," comrade Geo. H. Swarta, Elmwood, Neb.

Comrade Geo. H. Swaria, Elmwood, Neb.
Comrade, Gertrude Mackiey, of Luray,
Kana, sends for \$1 worth of Appeals to be
"sent where they will do the most good."
"I am an old man, still, I do not like
to see girls news!. I would rather see them
smile—no' send me the 'Union Girls Comla stilm' and other Bierature as follows,

"Comrade Mrs. Ida Ways, of Latham, Kans., is interested in Socialism and sends for literature on the subject.

Comrade W. B. Clancy, of Bakers, Mich., sends us a little letter with cash enclosed amounting to \$4.20 for various produce "Have received the watch. Value it very

highly as a souvenir, as well as a good time piece. It is a beauty," Comrade John S. Stoll, Albia, Mich. Our labor union at its last meeting voted

for independent political action from now Who said we were dead? Writes Comrade Henry Vivian, of Mojave, Calif. "Richardson's Introduction to Socialism

is the best small book I have ever seen on the subject. Send me \$1 worth," write Comrade Jas McFarlan, of Flint, Mich. One disheartened comrade says the peo

ple are too narrow minded to have any

son to appeal to. Keep pounding away, comrade. We don't believe in total depravity. Comrade Mrs. G. S. Mann, of Crowley, La., says, "I never let an opportunity pass to speak a good word for your paper,

there are a number of others here who do Comrade Hyland organized a Socialist lo-

Comrade T. T. Turiey, of Mexico, Mo., asks that his subscription be extended an-other year Hope Comrade Turiey will get things moving in Mexico. The Army editor used to live there and is interested.

Comrade Jos. D. Cannon.

Comrade John Wright, a Socialist agi tator of Brussels, Ont., sends in \$6 for cards and literature and says, "I think I have avakened the whole country for around. Wish all Socialists would TALK." Comrade Auther Fisher, of Gladstone, Mich., sends in for various brain foods of

the Socialist brand with which he hopes to stimulate the thought functions of who are afflicted mentally with "that tired feeling. "We have already begun our next campaign and the ladies have organized a club and are giving entertainments and otherwise working for the cause," says Comrade

H. Rew, of Toledo, O. And we say, "Good for the ladies." Comrade Z. B. Meade, New York City, says, "I am getting 10 Appeals a week. Enclosed find \$5 for which send me 10 more, making 20 in all. Trusting you will have a million circulation within the next

year, I am, etc." Comrade Ad Vossbeck, of Stege, Calif., certainly belongs to the real agitators. He has sold 60 Appeal cards this year and there is no telling how much cain he has raised in the meantime. We won't turn him out of the Army for it, however.

Comrade G. S. Beaver, of Bulcher, Tex., says, "I started to the office this mo with a sub in a letter, met three fellows the names. Send 'em fast, the boys get impatient if they have to wait." ; . Comrade T. M. Alexander, of San Antonio.

Texas, says, "I have bought \$65 worth of Appeal cards in the last year. Am one of the striking street car men here. Have been on strike nearly two months and no prospect of a settlement. Trades union are inadequate."

"I have received the handsomely engraved souvenir watch. And I must confess tha it is fine in design and workmanship, and is altogether beyond my expectations. I am grateful to you all, and will endeavor to double my efforts in getting subscribers, Comrade Jno. W. Wright, Muskegon, Mich.

Comrade Fred Bennett, of Yonkers, N. Y., sends in \$2 for subs and "Water Tanks," and asks the following question: "A minis-ter asked a little boy what religion his father professed. 'Well,' said the young one, 'he is a Methodist, but he don't work at it.' Are there any Socialists who don't work at It?"

Comrade Geo. H. Rupenthal is a Socialist farmer who is all right. He takes a cold lunch with him from home when he goes into town with his wheat, and for the money he ordinarily would spend at a restaurant, buys Socialist literature. He says, "I can stand a good many cold inches for dinner if it will be the means of making Socialists.

"We have just organized a local in Ft. Collins (Colo.) with 17 charter members. The soil in this part of the country seems to be in excellent condition for the germi-nation of Socialism and we propose to make an educational campaign this winter that will bring many a wanderer to the fold of Socialism."—Comrade J. F. Long.

"Enclosed find \$1.25 for Woodbey books Did not have enough of the others to go around. Whenever you make a move in the Army you can always count on me, and no tify me of your demands. If I can co ply with them I will do so. If I should left out on account of finances, you will find me along the highways and hedges bringing up the rear in the interest of Socialism."-A. S. Woodward, San Diego, Calif.

"I guess I'll ante up with a sub. is my first, but I have just lately been born. My brother took the Appeal but didn't have time to read it so turned it over to me. It has made a life-long Socialist out of me. They say that 'under Socialist out of me.

They say that 'under Socialism we will have
to divide up.' All right. We ought to
know how pretty well, have been giving up
the biggest share capital long enough."

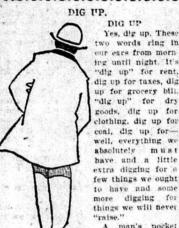
Comrade S. T. Rabed, Senora Cal.

"Am engages in work at the World's Fair grounds, and to date have sold about 200 cards to employes working here. The people are from all over the world, and a great many of them will go back where they came from and will carry the seeds of our noole cause with them. When I came into St. Louis county 18 months ago, there wasn't a Socialist club in the county. We now have five, and the membership is growing." writes Comrade Wm. A. Jones, of St. Louis,

A comrade in Watertown, Mass., says:

"I want you to say in the Appeal that Socialism was not defeated in the A. F. of L.
convention but political action was. The
convention was held within a stone's throw
of where I, work. My conclusion of it is
that it is a big farce. I was there Wednesday and when the political discussion was
held, I was told to get out because I cher-

DIG UP.



extra digging for a few things we ought to have and some digging for things we will never "raise." man's pocket fairly wears out in this constant hunt for the necessary

wherewithal to supply himself and family with the essentials of existence. We So-cialists are tired of this program, we're on the war path and we propose to put an end up the capitalistic system, root and branch order to do this, comrades, you'll have "dig up" a little for literature each week No siree! No Socialism in mine! Mr. Appeal to Reason. De old kapitalistick cal in Rambler, Wyo, with 18 charter mem- and keep the ball rolling. Let "EDUCA-system is good 'nuff fer me. Here goes!! bers. Four more have been added, and more in sight. Others are coming, says the Co-operative Commonwealth."



You can't tell how far a frog can jump by the length of its legs. after him with a bright lantern on a dark You can't tell how a workingman will

vote by the contents of his dinner pall. Socialist proposition and get him to thoroughly understand it you can be pretty sure that he will vote right whether the dinne ist politicians come around the week before election with their bright, alluring prom-less, he will not be effected by such balt for suckers. The work of the Socialist is to EDUCATE. Push it along, boys! Push it glong!



the greatest foe of the working class. There is perhaps little that can be said in defense of the drink bablt, but there is much that can be said by way of explanation regarding the cause and development of this habit that is generally overlooked by the temperance advocate who is until liar with economic history.

The prohibitionists (and the writer was

one for a number of years, until he got his eyes open) has seen that to try to stem the tide of drunkenness by perishing" is of no avail and he sings out, "stop the fountainhead, prohibit the manufacture of the stuff." Well, he's got an other guess coming. The fountainhead of the drink curse is the capitalist PROFIT

in the business.

A careful study of Socialism will convince any unprejudiced mind that it is the only hope for a "sober humanity."

ed Carey. But I did not move, even though the police came in before the discuss

Comrade Irene Hillary Beebe, of Burlington, Ia., sends in two subs. Comrade Thos Cuff, Eureka, Cal., send

for literature to the amount of \$1.25. Comrade Iva B. Foster, of Bridgewater, Pa., sends a \$ for ammunition from the Ap-

Comrade C. B. Taylor, of Grimmet, Mo., wants a \$ worth of the real thing in So-cialist literature.

Comrade Albertha Fiedler, of Alton, Ill., adds two names to our subscription list, and calls for "What to Do, etc."

Comrade Richard Kidder, of Bar Harbor, Me., sends \$1.50 for the gospel truth, as It is set forth in Socialist literature.

Comrade Mrs. Amelia Telson, of Hope-ille, Ia., "cannot do without your valuable paper," so sends for a year's extension of Comrade J. L. Grave, of Wayzata, Minn.

sends for 1 dozen "What to Do and How to Do It." besides \$4 worth of other valuable Comrade J. L. Patrick, Sinnett, Okla., ught he was a republican until he began

to, read the Appeal. He writes that he knows better now. Comrade Geo. Perry, of Gladstone, Mich., wants \$4 worth of "What to Do and How to Do It," and other ammunition for use

along the firing line. Comrade Anton Otto, of Cincinnati, wants s dozen "Ideal Republics" so that he can more quickly assist in bringing about the

operative commonwealth. "Here's to the old Appeal, the best ever.
I'll stay by it, if we dont get Socialism in
a hundred years," writes Comrade Jos. B.
Paimer, of The Dalles, Ore.

Comrade Mary Thompson, of New Lon-dons Wis, sends for "What to Do and How to Do It." This is a question that all live Socialists are anxious to estile.

"Please send me two copies (yearly) of he Appeal. I want them for distribution. You are doing a grand work, and I only Vot are doing a grand work than I do."

Ish I could help you more than I do."

Comrade Miss E. G. Peden, Lexington, Ky.

Comrade J. L. Westray, of Lake Creek Ill., says, "It is hard to think that anyone could not care for the Appeal. I would not take any money for what it has taught me."

Commade Andrew Davidson of Obligation

Comrade Andrew Davidson, of Oulaska, Wis. like some other good army workers, makes us happy when he says: "I like the Appeal and would not do without it."

"I want to do all I can for the cause, and I know of nothing better than putting the Appeal in the hands of everyone I can," writes Comrade B. McCalister, of Marceline,

Comrade Ella Hancock, of Chicago, wants a package of the "American Circus." This is a bright little leaflet that produces both thought and laughter. It is the only one of its kind. An agitator by the name of H. M. Sher man, of Gladstone, Migh., wants fifty cop-les of the Appeal for two weeks. Wants

them to start fires with-in the dear peo ple's minds. "I am an old lady, not able to do much for the cause, but I always hand my Ap peal to others to read after /I have read it." writes Comrade Sarah Hanson, of Ar-

lington, Tex. ington, Tex. various forms. Years of study as a special-"Would be glad to correspond with Louis- ist, devoted to this dread disease, have iana Socialists. The Appeal must go in every home in this parish, if I can put it there," writes Comrade Jno. W. Conner, of

Hornbeck, La.

"We have a nice suite of rooms for our headquarters. Have purchased the Buffalo lodge outfit and have good speeches, all through the efforts of Comrade Gains, our chairman," writes Comrade E. G. Brooks, of Anderson, Ind.

"I shall talk Socialism so long as I am able to talk. I heartly appreciate your noble efforts in behalf of humanity and thank you for all past favors. onscious Socialist comrade, W. J. Holder, Solgobachia, Ark." Comrade F. H. Rounds, of Battle Creek,

Mich., says, "I have been a reader of your paper since it started in Greensburgh, Ind., as the Coming Nation, and every Issue gets better and better." Comrade A. Pierson, of Jacksonville, Ill. sends for 100 'What to Do and How to Do It," and says, "This book proves to be all

sults. Should be used freely by comrades all over the country." "Give thanks to God!" the potentates pro-

expected of it. Just the thing for re-

And call the plous to the place of prayer, The perfumed family of the millionaire. Who feast and fatten while the blind and

Ragged and hungry, haunt some den of Or beg their dinner at a mission door.

O Christ, come down! the cruel world once Neareth a crisis, and fierce hatred's flam Kindleth a hell that surely will co

This social structure in that day of doom! Sack-cloth and ashes, O ye men of state! Justice and Mercy are inviolate. Pledged is the Love that moves the univers To cleause man's economic crime and curs
--LUCIEN V. RULE.

RUSSIANIZING COLORADO.

General Bell called his stenographer into his office this afternoon and dictated the following statement for publication:

will fight it out in Colorado if it takes every able bodied man in the state, and some who are not able bodied, to the end that law and order is maintained and Socialism, anarchy and Moyerism are wiped off the earth and there isn't a grease spot left of those who assassinate, dyna-mite, molest, disturb, or in any manner in-terfere with the commercial conditions and the peace of Illustrious Colorado."

two more regiments formed in the Colorado National Guard, and in the course of the week he expects to recruit 600 men.

This is the kind of men in office because the working class, who are to be killed, vote the republican and democratic tickets. They go to the polls and vote the same tickets as this czar Bell! It doesn't look reasonable, but the election returns prove it-unless such men as this Bell violate the sancity of the ballot box-but that is not possible, for men who will 40 ACRE recipies Land Agency, Wichita, Ess. publish that they will kill all who oppose them would not do anything to the ballot box! Of course not! And this in America! Isn't it time that the working mules got their eyes open, and began to see the game their political and priestly advisers were playing on them?



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The Story of a The Outlook Co., New York, Buchannan. \$1.25. Review will appear later.

The American Farmer, by A. M. Simons. Chas. H. Kerr & Co., 56 Fifth Ave., Chica-50 cents New and revised edition.



Death from heart disease strikes instantly and when least exexpected. Many have heart trouble and do not know it. They
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the trouble is all in the heart. Many know it, but through aglect or delay in using my Heart Tablets their life is sonblotted out. All heart troubles, no metter how slight, are
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HAVE YOU ANY OF THESE SYMPTOMS OF HEART DISEASE?



Christ-mass. Christmas, the celebration of the Q

birth of Christ.

Jesus, the carpenter of Nazareth, who was crucified because he stirred up dissension among the common people by his revolutionary speeches and doc-

He said the Kingdom of God belonged to the poor, and that the meek should inherit the earth.

He said that it was easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle, than for the rich man to inherit the Kingdom.

He taught that God was the father of all, and that ell men were brothers, and he said:-"A new commandment I give unto you, that you love one

The ruling class of Judea were the Pharisees. Jesus said they were hypocrites and whited sepulchres.

Just like all ruling classes, they devoured the re merciless and unjust.

Because the privileged rich did these things,oppressed the poor, Jesus said:-"Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers how can you escape the damnation of hell."

It is not surprising that the master class had Jesus arrested, given a farce of a trial and crucified him for such utterances.

Just a short time before, John the Baptist was beheaded for a similar offense. Stephen was stoned for the same reason and nearly all the apostles lost their lives at the hands of the master class who were robbers, exploiters and tyrants just as they

When Isaiah thundered his reproaches against the ruling Jews because of their robbery of the people. the rulers called him before them and said:-"Prophesy unto us smooth things," promising him honor if he would do so, but he chose to take death rather than betray the people.

Well, nearly 2,000 years have gone by since Jesus died for his fidelity to right, and a great religious sect has been founded in his name.

We now have Christian Nations and Christian

Rulers ascend to office by kissing the bible, laying their hands on the book and otherwise paying

Men swear to rule justly by the Bible; swear to tell the truth in court; and swear to be faithful to

wife and family. Notwithstanding all these things, the poor do not possess what Jesus said they should and the meek do not inherit the earth.

In this land alone five millions of children work eat shops and factories, while many of their cliess employers occupy the high places in the

IN the Mercy Hospital at Pittsburg, Pa., with body bruised and maimed, the result of capitalist disregard for the life of the workers. Comrade William P. Manning asks to he propped up in bed that he may write to the Ap-

I HAVE SIXTEEN CARDS LEFT, AND I WILL KEEP THEM AND MAKE A RAID ON THE HOS-PITAL PATIENTS AND NURSES WHEN I AM ABLE TO GO ON CRUTCHES. MY HIPS ARE CRUSHED AND MY PELVIS BROKEN. SORRY TO BE PUT OUT OF MY ARMY WORK FOR THE BALANCE OF THE YEAR, BUT SO SOON AS I AM ABLE I WILL BE FOUND ON THE FIRING LINE AGAIN.

Comrades, if you are moved by the spirit that animates the breast of this hero, we are a host that no power on earth can conquer. But for men like this there could be no Socialist movement, no Appeal to Reason. With an army such as he there are no heights we cannot reach, no barriers we cannot scale. All that this paper is, or hopes to be, is and must be, the product of the sacrifice and patient persistent work of men who know not defeat, and who rains, work when it shines; work when it is hot and when it is cold; work when success seems near and when it seems far away.

We must either take the earth away from capitalism or consent to be slaves. No, we cannot even be slaves, for capitalism will not assume responsibility for our food, clothing and shelter We can get these things only by getting the privilege to work for the masters of the earth and the machinery of production and distribution. Capitalism has not enough jobs for all. Some of us are not needed and must go. It may be your turn next, it may be mine. We will soon be forced to do something and do it QUICK. Socialism cannot be put off to our children. We must settle this matter in the next ten years, or we ourselves, must face conditions which even the bravest man cannot look forward to without a shudder. As we write these lines the first returns from the municual elections in Massachusetts are handed to us. They are from New Bedford where a city election was held December 2nd. The Socialist vote is 774, against 314 for the head of the ticket in No-Nothing daunted by the somewhat dis-

couraging returns at the state elections the Massachusetts Comrades have gone to work again with renewed determination, and the vote at hand is doubtless an indication of what is to come from every city.

One year ago you took hold of the old Appeal and doubled her circulation. You added names by the thousands. In a few weeks more these names will begin to expire. What you have done once you can do again. It is simply a question of WILL. Who WILL work next year? At the top of this page you will find a fac-simile of the certificate of membership in the Appeal Army for the year 1904. It will be beautifully printed, and mailed to you in a tube, ready for framing. It's cost, 'tis true, is a trifle, and you could not sell it for anything, and yet Comrades were I out where you are-on the firing line-no picture on my wall would be so highly prized as that certificate. It would inspire me when I came in disheartened from conflict with an ignorant world, and send me back to battle again. It would drive away discouragement, and nerve me to the task before us all. It would fill me with the spirit THAT NEVER SAYS Do you want that certificate, comrades? Will you

enlist for another year in a campaign against ignorance Think not that your sacrifices for this paper cause are unknown, and unappreciated here at Your letters and the SPIRIT THEY BREATHE ARE THE LIFE OF THE APPEAL. Does discouragement seize us? We go to the letter files and are filled with a new life drunk in from the messages your letters contain. The whole pan-orama of life is in them. Here's a word of praise. Here's a kindly criticism. Here's a prayer for our welfare. Here's a note of complaint, but the next comrade writing, says:—"I am in the fight till I die." We turn away from your let-We turn away from your letters to our typewriters with a new hope and a firmer re-selve. We share with you the toll and misery of capitalism, but before us is a goal. It is Socialism. After that is jus-tice, and then—"the peaceful earth shall slumber wrapt

in universal law." One year ago today I was called from the skirmish line. where I had been one of the Army, to fill a place at head quarters. In that time more than 60,000 letters have passed under my eye. It has been no easy task, but a joyous one. For years Contrade Wayland scenned the pages of every let-For years Confrade Wayland scenned the pages of every let-ter that came to the office—till failing eyesight drove him from the task. Many a night we have sat up together read-ing the files, his eyes lighting up with the mention of a name long on the Army list. Out in the big card cases are 21,000 names of loyal comrades who have done service in the Army during the closing year. What have you to say about this blank, comrades? This is Christman time. Do you want to gladden the hearts of Comrade Wayland and the staff? In common with the rice we love alse things, but nothing in your power to bestow can so fill us with hope and courage for another year of mighty work, su your name on this blank, which is right here for you to sign.

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Rockefellers extort millions from the people for the means to light their humble homes and on Sundays teach Bible classes.

Plous Preachers pray for pompous potentates who pilfer the public.

Christian nations keep large standing artisles, every regiment of which has a plous chaplain who prays God in behalf of the red slaughter of battle.

When armies meet on the battle field the opposing chaplains pray the same God for victory all in the name of Jesus

The Church founded on the name of Jesus is ways the loyal supporter of the governing class in all species of official crime, oppression and injustice.

Not a vestige of the revolutionary doctrines of Jesus remain as a guide and rule for the church and with it has gone the spirit of Christianity-the spirit that sent countless thousands to martyrdom in the first three centuries of its growth, the spirit that prompted men and women to seek to establish social relations in bermony with justice and which so filled the early Christians with real, that they went to martyrdom singing hallelujaha.

The established institutions of religion have bepluchres. which in tiful without but are within full of uncleanness."

Religion has always been a valued ally of government. Rulers in all lands have fostered religion whether pagan or Christian, for the priests and preachers have a mighty power over the people. THE PEOPLE BELIEVE that the priest or pres is a mediator between God and man and when the religious master speaks the people fear to be disobedient. The priest is always on the side of the ruling class, and if he chances to raise his voice against official injustice, the church kicks him out as an infidel.

It was the willy Constantine who saw that the Christian could not be conquered. He turned from oppressor to protector and in espousing the new religion, he became—and after him all rulers—the master of the priests and all the functions of the church.

Oh Jesus, thou humble prophet of Galilee, whose voice was ever heard in behalf of the poor and oppressed, and from whose pure and lofty mind came the most beautiful conception of brotherhood ever bequeathed to the race and who wert indeed the Prince of Peace, what sins are committed in thy

How men nave conjusted the name every species each other at the stake. In thy name every species each other at the stake. of crime and injustice known to the hellish ingen

of man has been perpetrated.

Every noble utterance that has fallen from thy lips has been tortured into a means of oppressing the poor for whom thou didst willingly go to the CTOSS.

Sometime, oh thou just one, the poor shall reso thy name from the sanctnaries of hypocrisy, precepts shall be known and honored of men, an meek shall inherit the earth. There is coming a time when the working closs will put away as forever and take over the means of life to be op for the common good. Socialism will compose earth and give to thy philosophy consthing then mame, a living, everlasting reality.

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\$404040404040404040404<u>04</u>\$404040404040404040404040404040 You may enroll my name in the Appeal army of workers for the great campaign of 1904. I enclose with this blank pay for ..... It is agreed that you will number my application in the order in which letters are opened at your office, beginning with the morning of December 1, 1903, and that you will send me a certificate of membership suitable for framing.

Name ......

Comrades, let us hear from you concerning the Library of the World's Workers. We have aranged this plan for those who are too busy to write letters to their friends. While we were preparing the plant, we received from Comrade Ament, of Indiana, a copy of a book which he has ben sending out with a letter inside the book. Of course, the postage is very expensive to him, but the work is certainly effective. With our plan we pay the postage, write the letters, cut the price of the books in two, and then when you have been in the fight for fifty weeks, you got eleven cloth bound books, of which there are no better.

Of course, you do not have to send the books to fifty different persons unless you wish; you can send he set to twenty-five or twelve or one or any number. To those staying in the fight for twenty-five weeks, we shall be glad to give a little library of five volumes, consisting of Marx's "Capital," Kautsky's "The Social Revolution," Liebknecht's "Memoirs of Karl Marx," Simon's "American Farmer," and Engel's "Origin of the Family," every one a Socialist classic. If you can stay with us but for twelve weeks, we shall be glad to award you a copy of Marx' "Capital."

We have just seen the letter which will accompany the first book sent to the prospective convert. Mechanically it is all right; the matter you saw in the issue of December 12. We may be mistaken, but we think very few people will fail to read this letter, and if they read the letter we feel quite sure they will read the book. We shall keep right behind each book, and let you know exactly how much good your efforts have done.

There is a great deal of pleasure in being accused of having converted a man to Socialism. One of the most pleasing things ever said to the writer was something like this: "You did it; you put me on the road to Socialism." This man was a candidate for a state office in 1900, and there is no telling how many persons have come to see the light through his efforts. You never know where your work will end. Making Socialists is a kind of an endless chain affair. Each man goes after three others to get even; except that they do not stop with three.

If you have some stubborn neighbor who thinks he knows everything, and that the Socialists are all cranks and fools, just send us his name to be put on the circulating library, and write us the circumstances. We shall take pleasure in making a special report on his case. It will be some satisfaction to you to go to him after he becomes a howling Sodalist and tell him how you had to resort to strategy to get around his all-fired prejudices.

George D. Herron's new pamphlet, "From Revolution to Revolution," is a masterplece of pamphlet literature, a perfect classic, and should be read by every Socialist. Taking the illefated Paris Commune for his theme the author deals with it in a manner that is as striking as it is new. With all the force of a latter day Carlyle he points out the lessons which we may learn from that tragic episode. The pamphlet is printed by the Comrade Co-operative Co., (11 Cooper Square, N. K.) and contains a striking portrait of the author. Price five cents.

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# THE POLITICAL ECONOMY OF JESUS. By A. W. Ricker, Associate Editor Appeal to Resson.

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We have on the press now a dozen leaflets, which will doubtless go like "hot cakes" as soon as the comrades on the firing line once see them. price is ten cents a hundred, but for the next thirty days we shall send one thousand assorted for \$1.60. We feel safe in offering your money back if you are not satisfied. In ordering, say 1,000 assorted Eye-

Opener Leaflets.

Comrade Lockwood has done well on these leaflets. They are illustrated on both sides and there is some statistical information which will cause anything that has a mind to think. No. 2 of the series pertains to the sweating system and the caste line of the \$. No. 7 shows Mr. Jack-in-the-box who always spring up with his silly prattle about the impracticality of Socialism and those other objections which come from the person who talks without having thought. No. 9 shows the nicture of that patient member of the animal kingdom to which has been compared the working class. No. 10 has the Socialist vote of the world on one side and a couple of healthy bacilli with the history of their ramblings on the other. The whole bunch is all right. Not a poor leadet in the lot. Truely they are eye-openers.

The orders for calling cards have been coming in, 400. This is something that is more in use in the cities and towns than in the country. Be sure to ask your wife if she wants a package of 50. They cost only 25 cents and that will serve for about one call a week for a whole year. But by far the greater use of calling cards is with men. "What is your address? Just write it down here for me." If you have a calling card, all you have to do is hand it out. We had hoped to get orders for many thousand cards before the holidays, to be used in sending out Christmas presents. There are a thousand uses for the card, and the first hundred means you will be a constant user.

The comrades have begun to deluge the office with orders for envelopes, most of them straight Form A. There is one thing about the envelope; it has to be read. The whole face is so full of matter that a postal clerk must pause a moment to find the address. The way the boys have been coming in on this proposition leads us to hope to supply the whole country with envelopes. We can print them with your simple name and address if you wish, or with all the Socialist matter. The price is only 40 cents a hundred, 200 for 75 cents.

There is really no reason why you should not take the order for envelopes from every one of your neighbors. He must have them if he writes letters, and we can supply them just as cheap as the storekeeper, besides printing the name and address so the letters will come back if not promptly delivered. As you will probably be out some time in getting these orders, we shall reward you with a cloth bound copy of the latest edition of Simon's "The American Farmer." for every ten orders (1,000 envelopes) you send us. Send all the orders together, and say you want the premium. If you prefer Kautsky's "The Social Revolution," or Vanderveide's "Collectivism," or Engel's "The Origin of the Family, Private Property and the State," all you have to do to get it is to say so. 

# CAUGHT IN THE QUICKSANDS OF CAPITALISM. By W. P. Mason.

V certain shores of Brittany, we are told by Victor Hugo, a traveler or fisherman sometimes becomes engulfed in the quicksands. He becomes conscious all at once that he has been walking with some difficulty. His feet have begun to sink into the wet sand. Deeper and deeper they go at each step. It reaches the ankles, then the knees; soon he is unable to go further. "He shouts, he waves his hat, or his hankerchief; the sand continually gains upon him ...... He surveys the horlzon; he sees the trees, the verdant country, the smoke of the villages on the plain, the sails of the ships on the sea, the birds which fly and sing, the sun and the sky. He sinks further. He feels that he is being swallowed up; he shrieks; implores, cries to the clouds, wrings his hands, grows desperate. Behold him in the sand up to his belly; the sand reaches to his breast. He is only a bust now. He uplifts his hands, utters furious groans, clenches his nails on the beach, tries to cling fast to that ashes, supporting himself on his elbows in order to self from that soft sheath and sobs franti cally: the sand mounts higher. The sand has reached his shoulders, the sand reaches to his throat; only his face is visible now. His mouth cries aloud, the sand fills it; silence. His eyes still gaze forth, the sand closes them; night. Then his brow decreases, a little hair quivers above the sand; a hand projects. plerces the surface of the beach, waves and disappears. Sinister obliteration of a man."

We look out over the world today and see thousands upon thousands of human beings struggling in the treacherous quicksands of capitalism. We do not need to look; the horrible vision is forced upon Try as we may to vell the piteous struggles of the earth's unfortunates, as they strive to get a secure footing upon the industrial sands, there is no power that can screen the frightful sight from our eyes; nothing can deafen our ears to the pathetic as of the engulfed victims. We must see the death-struggle and listen to the mouraful wail of our victims; we cannot escape the horrors of our terri-

ble system, and it is well that we can not Not a newspaper do we pick up that does not teem with human suffering and horrible misery. In the heat of summer, death stalks through the slums of our great cities claiming its scores of victims from the sweltering tenements: tiny babies born into a land that boasts of equal opportunities for all, are swept from their foul habitations by hundreds. In the spring the raging torrents sweep down the valleys leavis that the man who works usually lives in the flood ts. In the cold winter months, exarcely a day a that does not leave behind the frozen corp some propertyless toiler. In all seasons the pages em with the stroggles of the workers for a larger are of what they produce. Union man is pitted minet non-union man, one struggling to raise the man of living that his wife and bables may have per food and clothes; the other seeing only a if of brend for his hunly in the coveted job, and a the 2 takes brend from another's family, he is

willing to pay the price. Here is the account of a hundred miners buried in the depths of the earth, with frantic wives and mothers, sisters and daughters, wringing their hands and wondering even in the first moments of such an awful tragedy, "What is to be-

Here is the story of the little girls who wear out their lives in the cotton mills and factories of our land; tiny children set to those long tasks before the need of a mother's constant care has passed; pale little things with a weary, drowsy look, worn out and tired of life before it has scarcely begun. There is the story of the breaker boy, scarcely twelve years old who works amidst the clouds of coal dust in the mines, cold and comfortless in the winter months. If he does not die too early he may become a mi r; and if he is very fortunate and carefully guards the interests of "the company," he may become a superintendent, possibly. Two miners in every thousand become superintendents; why not he? What an inspiring hope! He certainly will not be one of the 998 twenty years before, except that they are broken down

Why multiply the list? Why drag before your eyes these awful borrors of our industrial system? You are familiar with them. Not a day passes that does not bring before your eyes some instance of human suffering and misery. They arouse your warmest sympathies and your severest indignation when you realize how powerless you are to alleviate these frequent horrors; and yet, how easily the

whole thing could be remedied. We know you are unprepared to turn from the story of the breaker boy and listen to the politician prate of "the glorious opportunities of this land of the free and the home of the brave." After you have read of the many little girls working in the textile mills of America you cannot listen serenely to the indifferent man who thinks things are going on all right so far as he is concerned. When you read that 5,000 Colorado miners, purple with cold, stood in the snow and listened to a man, anxious to hear some words of hope from his lips; when you read this, you cannot help but feel a terrible bitterness against that man when he tells those miners to tie their right hands behind them and fight the enemy upon the plans of the enemy. When you read that a hundred miners have been buried alive, you feel like turning with contempt from the man who talks about the profits due the capitalist for his risks. When you see the bended form of an old man, as he gathers up garbage and see the wrinkled face of the nan who scrubs the floors, you boll with indignation when some conceited fool asks you: "Who will do the dirty work under Socialism?" When you see the old woman bent under the load of a week's washing and look upon the scarred face of the section worker, you can scarcely keep from scourging from your presence the cowardly slanderer, who says: "If rking people were not so thriftiess and lazy, they uid all have plenty." When you read of the thouands spent upon a single banquet of the rich, you

want to smite the man who talks of the intemperance of the working classes.

We know you grow full of wrathful impatience when you recount the terrible suffering of the world's tollers and explain how easily it can be avoided, with no better result than to have some indifferent ninny say, "I have been a republican (or democrat) all my life and I guess I will be, as long as I live." know you must chafe and fume with rage when some vacilizing simpleton has listened to the story of wretchedness and is shown the way out of it all, only to exclaim, "What's the use? The capitalist has got us down. It's no use to kick." We know you must quiver in a paroxysm of fury when the anguish and agony, the despair and misery of the world's unfortunates, excites some well-fed idler to slander them, as thriftless, lazy and intemperate beasts. These are feelings we all have at times. There comes to every person as he broods over the persecutions of the past; as he sees and feels the sufferings of the present; and speculates upon the trials of the future. there comes a time when all the pent-up furies of his nature bursts forth; when his mind cannot conceive nor his tongue utter the language to express his heart rankling passions; when he reaches out in vain for some sufficiently brutal cudgel with which to scourge

the miserable apologist for "things as they are." But all this is not effective. The vials of wrath must be corked; the hot blood must be cooled; the gnashing teeth must be firmly set, and the mind must be calm and serene. It may be hard to plan a campaign against the known prejudices of a man, but it must be done. We must give him the right kind of books; we must not force him to understand Socialist principles in a day. We must see that he subscribes for a Socialist paper. If need be, we must give him a series of books that will beat down the walls of objection in his mind. If he has shown that he cannot converse without becoming angry, then converse with him no more. Trust to the printed page.

In going about this matter calmly, we are not deserting the cause of those who struggle in the quicksands. We are trying to reach them before it is forever too late, but there is a greater struggle in which we must do our full duty. We must think of the thousands yet to be engulfed and try to save them, Ail our energies might easily be consumed in trying to care for the victims of the present system, but it is our duty to establish a system which will have no victims.

Bitter is the fact, but we might as well face it. the cry from Macedon will yet come from the lips of many thousand creatures before we shall have established the Co-operative Commonwealth. Politicians, itch for the spoils of office and will not ree their grasp upon the worker's throat until shaken loose and politicians have power, and infinence, and it seems the workers do not care to shake them off

"Come over and help us," will yet reverberate throughout the world. It will come up from the depths of the mine; it will come from the tremulous lips of weazened boys and girls, and often will the

cry have to go unanswered; for priest and clergy love ease and comfort, and priest and clergy want the present system to continue, and priest and clergy have influence over the people's minds.

The frantic cries of the disappearing victim will yet disturb our ears; they will come from the widowed mother who wishes (Oh! so much) that her little babe could have warm clothes and healthy food and then it might have blood in its cheeks and life in its eyes; they will come from the families of men incarcerated in Bull Pens and Stockades; and the cries may often be in vain; for college professors and teachers like prestige and fame and endowments; and college professors and teachers want the present system to continue, and college professors and teachers have power over the people's minds.

The cry for help comes from Colorado, as the striking miners battle against the vipers they have voted into office. It comes from the man whose home is desecrated by capitalist hirelings, it comes from the starving families, found there at every turn: it pleads for constitutional rights and human treatment, but it may have to go unanswered, for the gentlemen of the "public press," like their large salaries and the luxury they bring and the gentlemen of the "public press," want this system to continue and the gentlemen of the "public press" have great influence over the inlads of the people.

The treacherous sands of capitalism will silence the mournful wall and rise over the struggling body of many a victim yet, for capitalists want their rents, interests, and profits and capitalists want the present system to continue, and capitalists have great power over the workers' minds and ballots.

Do not let your energies be consumed in anger; nor your vigor diminished by despair, but work boldly forward, placing a book here, and leaving a pamphlet there; distributing leaflets everywhere, Then you may look upon the strange actions of men, feeling sure their folly will some day cease to curso the world, and exclaim:

How long, oh Lord! how long!

### THE WOODBEY BOOK.

A great many letters on the file contain orders for a hundred of "What to Do and How to Do It." The boys are acting on our suggestion to buy the book in quantities, and sell them out. A comrade from Brock, Neb., enclosing five dollars for Woodbeys says:-"I am out of work, and think that I will start something." This is a book that will sell, becau it is novel.

In all our literature, but little has been supplied by the Negro. The fact that one of the African race has written a work worthy to be in the hands even of a student and philosopher, adds greatly to its selling qualities. Load up comrades on Woodbey's "What to Do and How to Do It," and go canvassing. You will not have any trouble in getting a dime, yes lots of them from rich and poor. They are going out of the office at the rate of 500 per day, and every-

# A CATHOLIC'S REPLY TO BISHOP MATZ

ERASTE VIRDRINE, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA. 

My attention has been called to a letter one so much of individual merit or goodness | twenty fold. Does the Bishop want the (shaken the world; and it becomes clearer addressed by Bishop Matz, of Denver, to the Western Federation of Miners and the American Labor Union. This letter, I understand, has been given wide circulation in this country, and no doubt has attracted particular attention in this city, owing to the evils from which we suffer are due more the fact that our population here is largely lieve it my duty to my fellow Catholics who have not found out for themselves what Socialism is, to point out wherein the letter of the Bishop is erroneous and unfair

The learned Ecclesiastic begins his letter by saying: "In our sermon on Pentecost Day, we have shown conclusively that the Socialist State claims capital and labor. wealth and power, agriculture and com from the control of the parent to be educated by the state and indoctrinated in its

It is refreshing to remember that Bishop Matz is not the Imperial Pontiff, and cannot speak infallibly, even when he attempts to speak "ex cathedra." He has not mentioned the source of his information, but it is certain be did not drink at the same spring with Archbishop Spalding, for the latter has written a book on Socialism, which the International Socialist Review recommends to Socialists.

If the Good Bishop would read the Socialist party platform carefully, he would see that the whole program of Socialism is embodied in a purely economic proposition, to-wit: "The collective ownership of the sources of production and the means

He probably mistakes Socialism for communism. Socialism has nothing to do with the private concerns of men, but deals only with their social or collective affairs. Its underlying principle is, that things which are collectively used should be collectively owned. Communism, on the other hand, embraces a community of all affairs, without discrimination or distinction. It was advocated by the early fathers of the Catholic church for the first four hundred years of the Christian era, and it is still practiced by many if not all of the Catholic re

It would seem, therefore, that as the present attitude of some Catholic Bishops toward Socialism is necessarily at variance have assumed towards it when it advocated communism, the ordinary layman may well consider himself free to follow his own mind in regard to this economic question.

But let not the good Bishop fret overmuch. The Socialist philosophy is much too broad to run in the Tut of an established church. Under Socialism, religiou will continue to be the private matter that It is now; and, when every man receives the full product of his toll, instead of onesixth thereof, the people at large will have both the means to support their churches and the time and opportunity to-patronize them. But every religion will stand or

I am sorry that the Bishop does not seen as yet to have shaken off the dust of the dark ages, that his mind appears still to ry, and that he seems to think more with nerves than his brains. As a Catholic, I am ashamed of such words as these, from a dignitary of the Catholic church ;

"Nothing could be more anomalous, at normal and ridiculous than the position of Socialists claiming to be Godly and Chris

These words, addressed to the prejudices and passions of men, not to their minds or their reason, are narrow and bigoted words, without a scintilla of proof. They constitute just that kind of language which one would fancy was used in the dark days told them why they should be exposed to of religious persecution.

Furthermore, they are false. Socialists do not claim to be Godly and Christian men. On the contrary, they claim to be no bet I in the mines and willing hands to mine it? ter than their fellow men. They are no lifas he told them why they should go naked here worshippers. They do not recognize or in rags when there is overproduction of leaders in the ordinary sense. They believe that the voice of the people is greater than fruit when oranges are rotting on the that of any one man or set of men. They ground in California? Why they should have all their official representatives under the check line of the initiative, the refer- wheat? Why the Kansas farmers burn corn endom and the imperative mandate. They when men, vomen and children in the claim that all men are more the creatures mines of Pennsylvania are hungry? The than they are the creators, of their cirwhich separates the saint from the sinner,

as it is one of circumstances. They claim that the system under which we live, ex they would prefer to be crimeless; that to the social conditions surrounding the in Catholic. As a Socialist, therefore, I be- dividual than to any inherent wickedness in the individual himself. Socialists lay a large stress on the evolutionary side of he opposes Socialism, he necessarily gives life, and even contend that Socialism is coming less because we are making an effort reasons they have no envy or animosity for the excessively rich who are the apparent oppressors of the people because these, like the pauper and the criminal, are the neces sary products of the system under which we live. Individual responsibility there is, to be sure, but it is influitesimal compared with social responsibility. Under a demofranchise upon every citizen, the responsibility for the existing conditions rests upon all the people, and the cause of their sufferings, by a democratic interpretation, is to be found more in their ignorance

than in their wickedness. Socialists, there-

fore, being nothing more nor less than

democrats in the highest sense of that term,

have no other pretension except that of

possessing a little more enlightenment on

their economic system than their benighted

brethren.

It is evident, therefore, that the Bishop is either an enemy of democracy, or else he does not understand the philosophy of Socialism, when he tries to convey the idea that Socialists are hypocrites who pretend to be Godly and Christian men. What Socialists do contend, however, in that regard, is, that under Socialism men will be more Godly and Christian than they are now. not because they will be inherently much better, but because the industrial conditions make it easier for them to lead Godly and Christian lives. In fact, they contend that Socialism will be applied Christiaity. The Encyclopedia Brittanica therefore, declares "the ethics of Socialism are identical with the ethics of Christialty."

The Bishop next says: "In the famouromance of 'Gil Blas' we read of a beggar sitting by the wayside in a lonely spot. asking for alms in the name of God, while pointing a gun at your head-a fair speci men of the Socialist who, in the name of Christianity holds you up for what you

The only trouble with this picture is that kind of Christianity which the Bishop stands for.

In the name of Christianity, the Bishop tells he members of the Western Federation of and the other workers of the country, that whereas, upder Socialism, they can get the full product of their toll, or twenty-four hundred dollars, and more, per year, yet they must, in the name of Christianity, continue under capitalism to work for four hundred and thirty-seven dollars per year; and if they will not do that, then the good Bishop does not point a gun at their heads, must continue to huddle together, like rats. feed on crusts, to raise their children in ignorance, to live in the slums, surrounded by fifth, immorality and vice, breathing a contaminated atmosphere, drinking foul water, suffering all their lives, a daily hunlittle liberty—they must bear all this in the name of Christianity-or-go to the "demnition bow wows,"

Has the Bishop pointed out how these men can better their condition? Has be cold and become with their wives and little children the victims of all that exposure to cold means, when there is plenty of coal cotton? Why their children go hungry for go hungry when there is overproduction of plea that nature is niggardly and will not cumstances; and, therefore, that the gulf supply the wants of man can no longer be made in the light of modern science which fast drifting towards one of the darkest

and become "scabs" so that in addition to being robbed on one side by capitalism they may be bounded and persecuted on the other

The good Bishop will no doubt say that it is not his business to preach economics; If so, then he should not interfere with the workman's politics or economics, for when his support to capitalism, and contributes his share to the oppression and the evils which the human race suffers today under the capitalist regime.

Surely there must be little in Christian ity to attract men, or else there must be much under capitalist society, to repel of preaching and agitation, it has become a constant cry that the people are deserting the churches and that crime is growing on all sides. Yet the good Bishop thinks the people will hearken to him at last!

The fact is that Christianity and capitalism will not mix any more than water and oil, and the Christian capronist is neces sarily a Dr. Jekyl and Mr. Hyde, because Christianity preaches peace, co-operation and brotherhood, whereas capitalism stands for war, competition and exploitation or social cannibalism.

The Instituation that Socialists would use violence to despoil men of their property is little less than a deliberate calumny. Whatever Socialists propose to de, they propose to do peacefully through the government, and by a majority of the people, and I hope the good Bishop does not expect us to abandon majority rule in order to place ourselves under his tutelage.

Socialists do not propose to take from one man to give to another. They do not common pile, and re-divide it among the seople in equal shares. They do not proone to interfere with private property at all. Some industrious liars have circulated such falsehoods, but there has never been an atom of foundation for them. In ancient times there may have been such practices, but not a single one of the Socialists, whether Utopian or Scientific, has ever advocated such absurd nostrums. What he Socialists propose is, that the state, or the collective body of the people, should own all the necessary capital of the counfor use instead of profit; so that the exploitation of man by man, ander the pri vate capitalist regime, may be topminated; so that every worker, may get the full product of his toll, so that we may es-tablish funder at last and give evenual rights to all and special privileges to some." But whatever Socialists propose to own collectively, they mean to acquire by regular ourchase from private owners, by collective production, or by ex-propriation after due process of law and adequate compensation made in accordance with constitutional requirements. If the state, or the collective body of the people, can delegate the right of expropriation to railroad and other corporations, then, as it must have that right before it can delegate it; so it may retain instead of delegating it, and exercise it di ng it to be exercised by icresponsible cor but really and in fact for their private inter in lonely spots but clamor for justice in all the highways of the civilized world

Ills Grace continues: "In a romance such things are amusing, but when the lone bandit suddenly conjures up around him fore, recognize the inherent goodness of manan armed band of one hundred thousand kind, the inherent power of man to grow, s into reality. threatening the life and property, and the very existence of society, it is high time for society to wake up and prepare to save itself. This is the condition we are facing now. The sooner we prepare to meet It

the better." I am quite certain that the Bishop means by "Society" only the people who think like himself, even if they amount not to so much as one-twentieth of the entire people. but I will assume that he uses the word in its proper sense, so as to include the whole people, or at least the majority, and I want to shake hands with him and say: "Yes, it is high time for seclety to wake up and prepare to save fiself." If we are to accept the statements of our most prominent citizens from every walk of life (excluding the Bi-hop, who no doubt thinks this "the best of all possible worlds") it is evident that we have for some time been the here from the common mortal, is not has multiplied the productivity of man and bleodiest revolutions that have ever ing soon. Respectfully,

Catholic laborers to get out of the unions and clearer by the returns of each election in the civilized world that Socialism is the only counter current that offers any hope -the next pational election will sound the death knell of the democratic party; the populists, the prohibitionists, the singletaxers, all the so-called reform elements have long since been lost in the scuffle or fallen by the way side. Therefore, I say, it is high time for society, by which I always mean the entire body of the people. to wake up and determine what they are going to do to be saved; whether they are going to continue listening to the siren roice of the preacher, while the glacier of capitalism is burling them down into the depths of revolution and anarchy, or whether they are going to get on board the life boat of Socialism, directed as it is by the scientific minds of the age, and manned by an ever swelling multitude of determined men and women who clamor for industrial freedom and consider it a crime for the great masses to "crook the pliant hinges of the knee that thrift may follow fawn

> The concluding paragraph of his Lordsin's letter is as follows:

"We have neither the time nor the luci! nation to follow the Western Federation in its vagaries and contradictions on the Socialistic platform it has formally adopt ed. As a Bishop of the Catholic church a duty rests upon us to point out the 'aws of the church regarding Socialism and say to our people, 'Socialism is condemned by the church. You cannot belong to an organization that stands on the Socialistic plat

This shows that the Bishop is on among those who still believe that the peo ple are incapable of thinking for themselves, and that they must be guided like children by those who are vested with authority He does not deem it necessary to reason with the 100,000 workingmen who have pledged themselves to Socialism, in order to show them where their error lies, but he chooses rather to tell them, in the name of authority, that they must retrace their steps because Le ays so.

This is a relic of those good old time when the despot could say, from his throne "Sic volo: sic jubeo: sit pro ratione voluntas.

His Grace would do well to read the con stitution of his state, which no doubt provides as the constitution of Catholic Lou islana does, that

"All government of right originates with the people, is founded on their will alone. and is instituted solely for the good of the whole, deriving its just powers from the

The distinctive feature bout this declaration is, that it assigns to authority a human origin, in contradistinction to the once universally pravalent doctrine that authority was divine in origin, and that kings hade a "divine right to rule."

Any government which vests the people with plenary powers, which recognizes the right of self-government, necessarily repudiates the idea that man is born with wicked tendencies; for otherwise it would alm at retrogression instead of progress, at going backward to primitive barbarcivilization, Christian .y and humanity. All democratic forms of government, theredevelop and rise in the social scale by natural process. "In no sense whatever," said George Washington, "does this gov ernment rest upon the Christian religion. Religious and political freedom are man's achievements, and owe their continued existence to man's sustaining love of truth. justice and freedom. The time has come when in addition to religious and political freedom, man is demanding in no uncertain tones, the establishment of industrial justice and industrial freedom, and these he will obtain, as he obtained religious and political freedom, not by virtue of the estab lished churches, but by his own unsided efforts, independent of the churches.

This is not saying anything against any particular individual, nor that Bishop Matz is not a very good man, indeed, nor that he means anything except the very best interests of his flock. Still, he is laboring under grave mistakes, and I hope he will have a conference with Archbishop Spaid-

this is a "snap" if there ever was one; just a little extra work for Socialism instruments in every respect. If you A great campaign is just ahead of are a member of the Socialist Party, cal Mishak, Okla., for the small sum of A good method of procedure would the Socialist Party and you will need get busy AT ONCE on this proposicontest. The Appeal is ready to dethe proper list of subscribers.

### CIRCULATION.

There is still the problem of re-"tickled" for the chance to learn to in our dreams and, like the ghost of

Banquo, will not down. subscription list, of 220,000 and an army of 21,000 to handle it. According to figures we have an average of a little more than ten subscribers to each member of the army, and if we could say with assurance that each captain of ten would see to it that his squad were in line and would keep constantly on the look for recruits, the question would be an easy one. But the matter stands like this: There's the old guard, who go armed with pamphlets and books and never let a possible victim escape. If we had a big army of old vets we would go at them double quick. After the old guard comes the short service men, who work with enthusiasm for awhile, then stop altogether for a season. Then there's the timid man. the busy man, the man afraid of his job, and the man who is no agent. But there the circulation man is not going to scold you, for you are all doing the best you can, and more could not be expected from angels. But listen boys, we don't know how you got your victims last year, but it is fair to assume that you can repeat what you have done before, and we are going to ask you now to make a raid for renewals. If you have no record of what you did in the early months of this year send and get a copy of our sub list for your locality and go after the fellows you got before and get them on for another year. They won't take the trouble to send in. many of them, for they are only half baked. Lets continue the job for another year and brown them to a turn. You see you are the whole thing in this matter. The army is more than name, it is a living reality. When you stop, the machinery here stops. You have built this immense plant with your money and your energy, and there is no power anywhere but hat which lies in your effort to keep it going. The circulation report this week shows a loss once more. The girls in the office tell me that next time it will be better, and we hope he tide has turned again for good. n a whole year, but three reports show a loss, which is a mighty reord of faithfulness. We have aranged in the office for a division of he work, the letters east of the Mississippi passing through one channel, those west through another. dereafter these reports will show the result by locality. Letters will get nore prompt attention. At times durng the year we, have been over whelmed with work, and despite the

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born free and equal? True, the child of the boulevard may reach the alums with little

effort, but has the

Christmas is coming, and what are we going to do about the poor "kiddles"—oh, the thousands of poor kiddles who will swarm from the factories, the mills, the mines, the sweat shops, the tenement hous-es-what will society do about them on Christmas day?

The little thin people, the little ragged people, the little hungry chaps—are they to be forgotten on the one day of all days that is set apart for the glorification of a child? What about the great turkey with its fragrant dressing and its cranberry sauce? Will the little pale girl get her fill of it? Will the little grewsome object with the pinched blue nose have even a smell of it? Will the little brothers and sisters of the slums have the pleasure of smearing the delicious gravy over their

What of the Christmas tree, with its gaudy array of lights, with its undreamed of load of presents from the Santa Claus wonderland? Will the tired eyes of the factory child open to rest upon these when the morning of the 25th of December shall



loving embrace? Wil ad child dance i sing and eat whole long, beautiful day-the glorious mystic day when the and the air is sweet it do these Christmas be to it all that we sing and write and "slocute" about in our wonder fully civilized way

Will the 25th of December, the day upon which the meek and lowly Nazarene was born, be a day of suffering and cold and hunger, to the meek and lowly children of the slums, the sweat shops, and factories? Will they sit by dying fires, or walk the streets half clad, while other children are over-fed and over-clothed? Will they look wistfully into shop windows at the wonderful toys that they may never play with —never touch, while other children are actually burdened with these things? Will they sit at a bare table where starvation rations are gingerly apportioned out to them, or roam the allers, filching crusts from the garbage cans, while other little ones are crammed to nausea with rich

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How the owners of railroads do fear the lawlessness of confiscation. The roads of Kansas own the state and own the state government and have owned them for the last thirty years I'll venture that every state of has his pockets full of passes. For what? O. don't be inquisitive. Think of the governor of a state "going to try" to keep the railroads from confiscating the coal mined and owned by the state from going to its own institutions! If we had a governor we would have hed these railroad thieves in prison. But then the railroads have the governoushiphere and in all other states. Great is Kansan but reacter in her wilload. what? O, don't be inquisitive.

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So long as other nations write the value of their articles of trade in gold, the ex-change value of an article can be as read-ily made without such a local value as with it. Wheat in England is represented there by so much gold—all other things there the We export them wheat, get credit for the amount and with the credit buy what other articles we desire to import. THAT IS JUST WHAT IS DONE TODAY. Under Socialism the United States would do this, instead of the rich men doing it

for their pront.
Under Socialism the people would not
likely live in coloules—not unless they preferred that life. If they prefer that life they can do so today. The people will live under conditions that they themselves shall decide. Today capitalism decides and they

At a recent woman's meeting I was sur-prised to hear a saloon-keeper's wife got up and speak in favor of Socialism. As understand it Socialism is for the masses, while the saloon is a detriment to them, and the saloon is a detriment to them, and the saloon for a detriment to them, and the saloon of the working class for the capitalists besent. Annie Girsted, hiearo.

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If rents were to be reduced one-half, the abovers would not be better off; for other apitalists, finding the people had money off, would increase the price of other hopeful that humanity will soon things and leave the people just as poor, to what to so and how to so it.

of his life in college at his own expense. the benefit he derives therefrom re then the henefit derived by a me compensation while learning?-Enquirer. Questions like the foregoing are not to

portant at this time. Keep 1, mind the fundamental proposition of the Socialist party, which is the united action of the workers as a class for the capture of the powers of government. The capture of governmental powers by the working class will mean the transfer of the tools of production and distribution from the capitalis not all tools belong to the catalogue of capital, in the economic same. A jack knife is a tool, but it is a simple one, and the user is the owner. On the other hand, a factory, though a tool of production, is not actually used by the owner. The own er is a capitalist who hires men and wo men to use the machinery, and in the pro a certain part of the time for the pr tion of wages, and the balance for the pro-duction of susplus value which we call profit. Through the private own wantp of this means of production and distribution, comes the surplus products which when the capitalist cannot sell then causes panmust submit.

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The saloon, the tank and the monopolies are incontent to the great quarantee of the world, which is, that those who use the means of producing the food, adothing and shelter of the world, shall own in the monopolies are if there were no incentive?

The saloon, the tank and the monopolies for a neducation, but under floridation to the present system and freedom to exercise your talent.—A. W. R. freedom to exercise your talent.—A. W. R. and the rule of Socialism, which is, the best way of serving the common good. Lat me the common good. Lat me the country of the common good is not general to the great question at issue, but stick to our text, which is, that those who use the means of producing the food, debting and shelter of the world, shall own them. Under the present system you have no guarantee for an education, but under the present system you have no guarantee for an education, but under the service and the control of their woods for their woods f

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Appeal to Ressen, Girard, Kan.

r if they did not do that, and the laborer ere more than the jobs, they would work or less pay, because they could get along ith less as the rent did not take as

The scioes, nor any other thing, can ake the workingmen's votes, when they cars what Socialism will do for them and

It will enable a laboring man to live as call as any citizen—by fact all citizens will be working men and women, for none ther could get a living. They will have tood and the best clothing, the best food and the best entertainment and intraction. What more could they have? These they are entitled to, for they produce here things. Now the idle or vicious have been while the working class have the here things. Now the idle or vicious have hem while the working class have the rumbs they throw from their abundance.

What so the Socialists propose to do with the rich man and his wealth? Shall we consider him an enemy and take hy sorce, or atlow him to take his time in obtaing us, leaving him in full possession of his property without intwest? S. E. Field, Red Cliff, Califf.

Yeu will find the subject theroughly dis-ussed in "introduction to Socialism" and "Methods of Acquiring National Possession of Industries," by Richardson, price five

cents each, this office.

Biditar Appeal to Reason:
In your issue of July 25 you speak about tonvict blavery in Alabema. Slavery exists us Alabama and always has. This I know from personal knowledge, having lived here 65 years. I also know it writes is all the states in some form or other, and always has, while the republican and democratic leaders have been laying the blame on each other. But to the point: You say the way to ead this rate of real and exploitation is to vote the Socialist party into power. But how it is to be done you tail to tell us. Do you think there is nothing to do but for the working class to get taggether and ware? Sice theory, but you's find it H.—when you undertake it. You workers have been disfranchised, and by oney constitution the exploiting class can disfranchise eneugh at any one registration to insure their success, and if that falled they have the efection machinery in their hands and can count their mean in as they have been doing for the last twenty was a few as year your force. How

### WITH MY LITTLE BALLOT.

Josephine Conger.

The father of this country, Perhaps is Washington. And the people they all love him so They say, "like dad, like son."

The cutest trick this great sire did, When young and "brave" was be, Was to take his little hatchet, And cut down a cherry tree

And when his father questioned him, He could not tell a He; But meekly, sweetly, humbly said. "Dear father it was L"

And so today our people tell, In school and church and book, What wondrous "pains" to save his

Our dear George W. took.

And now when strikes and panics

(And other things of note.) The workmen proudly should aver. "I did it with my vote.

"I did it with my little vote; I whacked down Reason's tree; did it slick as saything-Oh There ain't no flies on me.

I felled it sir, I laid it low: Dear father, that is why We're up against some things today But I cannot tell a lie."

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#### A COUNTRY OF GREAT THINGS.

Prof. Clark, Ann Arbor, Mich., was hit with a wave of prosperity that wiped out his fortune and suicided. Great is private wealth!.....Bernard Owen, a once wealthy confectioner of Cincinnati, is sent to the poor house. Great is private wealth! .... ....Dennis McGowan, an old soldier of the civil war, is a rag picker in Chicago. Great is patriotism!.... ... Isaac Carnis worked himself to death to support his family, says the St. Paul Daily News. Great is civilization!...... Chicago female teacher wrote the president of the school board that she would commit suicide unless she got a place to earn a living. Great is education! ...... E. L. Chase, son of the famous Dr. Chase, of Michigan, can't make a living and wants to go back to prison from which he was discharged. Great is fame!......Workingmen are arrested for walking on the streets in Colorado. Great is freedom!.....Mrs. Grantham, 6909 Parnell ave., Chicago, was beaten so badly by two constables who went to collect an alleged judgment, that she is permanently injured. Great is law! ...... Frank Hall, Chicago, turned burglar after his family had been days without food and no employment obtainable. Great is private ownership of industry! . . .....Two anarchists tried to break up a Socialist meeting in Barre, Vt., and were shot. Great is republican money!......Mrs. Williams, mother of five children, drunk at the Salt Lake police station; charity associations "unable to lend assistance." Great is charity!

#### TONS OF FOOD OVERBOARD.

In an article in the Los Angeles Times, Bassett Staines describes a fleet of barges going out to sea in New York harbor loaded with food to be thrown into the open sea, to prevent its being thrown on the market and injuring the trade of "business men," dealing in the various kinds it conveyed. There were tons and tons of food, while thousands in that great city never have enough to eat! It seems to me that when the people read these things in their daily papers that it would cause a greater number of people to meditate and see that something is radically out of joint. But the people are stupid and profits must be maintained if people starve. Great is this civilization-only I don't see anything civil about it.

#### THE IGNORAMUS.

The secretary of the Trades Assembly, Port Huron, Mich., oposed the establishment of a co-operative store "because it would be a failure as it would drive the merchants out of business and throw the members of the clerks' and teamsters' unions out of employment." Just as though the co-operative store could sell goods without clerks or teamsters! And that it were better for the clerks to have masters dictate to them than to be their own masters, working for themselves! Ye gods! What things the working class does elevate to position! No wonder labor is the slave of capital.

The rulers in Chicago, mostly a set of boodlers, if reports in the press of that city be true, who should be in prison, have decided to make a law "licensing firearms." That is, those who are able to pay the license can carry firearms and those who are poor cannot. This upon the theory that all who are poor are naturally criminals. And they further propose to arrest every man who "has no visible means of support." Chicago is so full of well dressed scoundrels who have no HONEST visible means of support that if this proposition was carried out there woudn't be prisons enough in the nation to hold them. But only the POOR will be considered in the prosecutions. Those who can swindle their fellows will be considered respectable and law abiding. What a funny old world this is, anyhow.

Six thousand wage slaves in Pueblo, Colo., have been locked out by their masters and the process of starving them into submission is proceeding gaily! On these men depend half as many more-making nine thousand bread-winners or about 40,000 people whose sources of getting a living by honest work have been cut off. And then people will be surprised when crime increases! And what is all this for? Because the masters refuse to obey the eight hour law that is on the statute books of that State. You see that crime is on the throne while labor is being crucified. Private ownership of industry is such a practical thing! Socialism that would guarantee all employment at a FULL EQUIVALENT of their labor would be impractical! And it is claimed by some scientists that men and women are endowed with REASON!

The employers have agreed not to use the Union Label on their goods, even when they employ Union Labor. That is done to help those who do not employ Union Labor, even if they are competitors. Capitalists know how to stand together. Organized Labor, under the leadership of such as Gompers, Mitchell and Schaeffer are playing into the hands of the employers by keeping their followers from voting against them. What is organized labor going to do about it?

Kings and the nobility were ever permitted to do things without punishment that would send the common herd to prison. It is just as true today as in the long ago. The daily press is a long chronicle of the crimes of the rich who are not molested while the poor devils, driven by want, are punished without mercy for less acts against others. How long, O Working Class, will you be the dogs when you have the votes to be men?

We are gleefully informed that our exports are double our imports. Now if a man were to give away twice as much as he received in return he is getting rich fast, isn't he? But people think that the trade of a nation and an individual are just opposite! Why should Americans give the foreigner twice as much as the foreigner gives them? But then people shouldn't think! It is dangerous to think.

T. W. Gilner, who started the exposures that have forced the government to uncover the postal frauds, was rewarded by having his salary reduced and changing his position to a more mental one You bet this is a reform adminstration.

The capitalists are busy in the churches. The pulpits are resounding with anathemas for the crier after justice, and with praise for the robbers who divide their spoils with the cloth.

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Here master, is the product of my years labor. All right John, you have worked faithfully. Here's your pay.

This is not pleasant for the workingman and he sometimes strikes for more money, when the capitalist turns lose his militia and courts, and beats submission into his slave. The thing will continue till the working man learns to vote his own class into power, when he will keep all he creates, and the capitalist will have to work for a living.

### The Working Class and the Capitalist. J. E. NASH.

Behold a class who never own The product of their labor; Yet humbly plead and beg to work For some sleek, idle neighbor.

Yes, beg for work; it seems to be A working man's ambit.on To get a job, and serve a drone Who lives in fine condition.

Yet we invent, our hands have made Machines that aid production. Which drones have legally acquired Through laws of their construction. They claim they pay a living wage; To keep their dupes content; But take it back, though large or

small, Through interest, profit, rent.

As time rolls on, the parasite Grows haughty, fat and greedy; As time rolls on, the working man Grows old, worn out and needy. Don't blame the parasites if they Exploit, coerce and rob

A class which they can satisfy By giving them a job.

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Socialists cast 500 votes at the recent election in Fitch-

How would Parry, the Union fighter, do for a running

The canitalist papers are throwing boquets at Gompers

The Union man who votes the same ticket as the em-

The man who can be influenced by an old party politician

The Chicago Bureau of Charities, in a begging letter sent

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out says that it was called on to help 12,993 cases of destitution

and that it gave relief to 4,500. A system that would provide

ALL families with wholesome work at a reward that would

enable them to live in comfort, would reduce them to savagery,

don't you know. These charity fakes are worse than the

Butler, Pa., with a population of 12,000 has 1.800 cases of

fever caused by impure water furnished by a corporation for

profit. What's the difference how many people die, if the cor-

poration pays dividends? There are plenty of people !! millions

do die by poison. Most of the cases are little children-but

then the working class somewhere will produce enough children to furnish the nabobs of the next generation with

slaves. Great is private profit and the Sacredness of Property!

disease. Change the system that produces paupers.

What the Capitalist Will Get.

ployers is a scab. He votes to have a master.

burg, Mass.

mate with Teddy?

American citizen.

and Mitchell. I wonder why?

As workingmen are ranked below Their masters mules or cattle. They organize, but let the drones Select the field of battle. Thus dollars mark the worth of man.

One single millionaire May crush a thousand working mea, And strip them clean and bare.

Where men and numbers tell; United there they might destroy Their economic hell. The parasites at once detect Where union craft is lame; And bid the press and pulpit say, Our interests are the same.

But why ignore another field,

One day in every year is set Aside, for men who labor: To march, without their pay, before Their greedy, grasping neighbor. We ask some college president. With flowery speech to treat us: But when our unions strike, ah! then, He'll furnish scabs to beat us.

Though drones may starve, or lock us

Or plug us full of lead; Their preachers bid us be content, They form a billion dollar trust, To smash our class communion. +0+0+0+0+0+0+0+0+0+0+0+0+0+0 It might disrupt your union.

The drones indeed, as they concede, Have organized to beat us. And may e'er long, where they are strong.

And we are weak, defeat us. But union men begin to note The crafty drone's illusions; Great numbers reason for themselves, And draw their own conclusions.

They reason thus: If working men, All wealth produce alone, Society does not require An idle class to own. And why on earth should we consent To give it all away, And be, as preachers say, content With scarcely living pay?

getting fighting drones and whipped,

There's neither fun or glory: If fight we must, why not unite Where numbers tell the story. Then we can make a code of laws, Of working class construction: And you can bet, each class will get The whole of its production.

Product of His Labor. **\*** 

The bank of Pine Grove, W. Va., has succumbed to pros-People who never saw a cotton field are making millions out of cotton. But if it were not for such people what would be the use of raising cotton?

> The good republicans at Manilla are looting the government treasury there in a way that would make old Boss Tweed rise in his grave. Yes, we have a good adminstration. Put none but republicans on guard!

> The good old party sherifi of San Miguel county, Colo., is arresting all striking miners as vagrants unless they leave town! This is the treatment the old party gives the workers after they have voted them into office. These are the kind of men whom Gompers and Mitchell want the working class to vote for. This is the way the tyrants in Rome were wont to fill their armies and galleys with men. Those who have read "Ben Hur" can see to what we are drifting. Working men, vote for Socialism, and if anybody is arrested for vagrancy it will be those who live in luxury without doing useful work. If you will vote for the masters, don't kick when arrested for walking on the public highways of this free (?) country.

> Gompers told his dupes recently in Boston that organized labor had gotten the eight hour bill passed by the lower house of congress twice, but because there were so many bills ahead of it, it failed to reach the senate in time. The Manufacturers' Association, in one of its circulars, said it had defeated that bill and the anti-in, action bill in congress. It looks like Gompers and Mitchell are working in perfect harmony with the masters, to prevent the working class going into politics for itself. Does it not look like Gompers was playing the members of Labor Unions It. suckers to make such an excuse for the non-passage of the bill—and then advise his followers to keep on voting for the men who refuse to pass laws in the interest of labor?

MEN VOTED FOR THIS.

The Chicago Record, of November 30th, gives an account of the reduction of force in the works of the Harvester Combine of 1,500 men with only tw hours' notice, and that 1,500 more would be laid o in the other divisions of the Trust, together wit 4.000 in clerical and sales departments, making. with the 1,500 paid off three weeks ago, 8,500 men, "making a saving of \$500,000 a month to the Trust." Then follows this statement, which it will be we to burn in the minds of the working class:

"It is said that with the reduced force practically the same amount of machinery can be turned out, as at present much of the work is duplicated in the five divisions."

The five divisions formerly employed 19,000 men This is proof practical that the contention of the So cialists that capitalism cannot employ all the peopl and that an unemployed question will appear that cannot be solved by the present industrial system, is true, and that unless it is solved society will be d solved in chaos. The plants of production are n ing completion, and there will be little labor nee to produce new works, the existing ones being at ficent to produce all the needed products. For t generations millions have been employed in produc ing the great railroad systems, the great factories and machines. Now that part of the employed will not be needed and they will be added to the army of the unemployed which will rapidly mount up into the millions. The ablest of them will take the places of the less competent, but that will not help matters -rather the contrary, for it takes fewer competent men than incompetent ones to produce any given amount of wealth. The papers in the last few weeks have noted the discharge of certainly a hundred thousand men, besides those out on strike. What shall the harvest be? Why ask Gompers and Mitchell-they will tell you to keep on voting the old party or masters' tickets. And the priests who live mighty comfortable lives, will also tell you to do the same thing. In the meantime both Catholic and anti-Catholic working people are going to get mighty hungry. Then Gompers, Mitchell and the priests will not feed them-these gentlemen want the workers to do the feeding. They live, move and have their being by such an easy process.

Working people, get the dust out of your eyes, and join the Socialist movement, vote the working class into power, and then Gompers, Mitchell, the priests and monopolists will have to do some useful work and earn their own living like you do. They are of the same flesh and blood as you. They are not gods. Wake up.

YES, WHY DON'T HE?

Editor Appeal to Reason:

Enclosed find clippings (refers to starvation, uicides, etc.)

Why don't the workingman think? Because he reads only the papers owned and edited in the interest of the capitalists. These papers can make better money serving the capitalists, and can get the pennics from the poor devils for small ads "Wanted-A Joh." The average workingman whom I meet does not know enough to come in out of the rain, when it comes to looking out for his own interest. Look at him every election day-walking right up to the ballot box and voting to continue his own bondage, voting to support the capitalist in his luxury, while his own family are perhaps living in a hovel, his wife without sufficient clothes to appear decently, hi children in some factory helping to eke out a miser able existence; rent behind, grocery bill unpaid, and himself worried near nervous prostration. What a sorry specimen of humanity he is! I sometimes think he doesn't deserve anything better-but then his conditions have been forced upon him. He is the victim of a disorganized society, and our duty and indeed OUR salvation is to reach his reason and get his help to change conditions. It is a pity. It is hoped that he will learn to use his ballot for his own benefit,

Boston, Mass. A Victim.

WHY EXPORTS ARE GREAT.

When the members of congress, senate and cabinet were bribed in what was known as the Credit Mobilier, during the time Grant was president, and which retired Schuyler Colfax, vice-president under a cloud of fraud, the booty being caught in his possession, it created the conditions that now result in more goods going out of this country than come in. At that time congress gave away 252,000,000 acres of land to syndicates that were organized and engineered by Englishmen, who used a few American "statesmen" as their tools. This and the money taken out sury to build railroads of the gigantic fortunes of today, which, while nominally known as being owned by Americans, are largely held in England. These Englishmen draw hundreds of millions a year out of this country in the shape of rent, dividends, profits, interest, etc. For instance if an Englishman owns Standard Oil stock that pays him one million a year, it would require exports of one milion to pay him, while England would have to send us nothing in return. That is why our exports are larger than our imports. The United States is a slave pen where slaves make wealth for our blue blooded people on both sides of the Atlantic.

The German Princess Elizabeth who shot an actress whom her husband brought home and slept with, shows the kind of people who are so much opposed to Socialism because it would destroy the home. You know all the royalists are telling the people in Europe, as the Roman priests tell the people here, that Socialism means free love. These are the kind of people who practice free lust. All rogues, robbers and despots are opposed to Socialism. That is the best evidence that it is right.

Georgia sells her convicts to brutal employers, similar to those who work the convicts in Siberia, Russia. When the "respectable" employers have not enough cheap labor, they connive with the petty officers to arrest any poor man without money and have him sent to prison. This furnishes the contractor with a hand, whom the state feeds and guards, for a few pennies a day. The petty officers are doing a landoffice business. Slavery was much better for the poor than this system.

If the millons who labor will submit to reduction to servitude to the few thousand who produce nothing, then the millions are unfit for anything except servitude. They must, however, be made to see their degraded condition, else in their submission they compel all others to become mentals even then they are wise enough to see the horror of the