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MISSOURI clergyman borrowed \$1.25 and walked five miles through the mud last week, so his letter says, in order to get his name on the Army roll for 1904, before the time set for the expiration of enrollment was reached.

Notwithstanding the fact that we named January 23rd for the closing of the list, and were only deterred from doing so because there was no room in the paper for the names, every mail has brought dozens of applications. More than two hundred names have been added since January 23rd. Two comrades used the wires to get their names enrolled.

Will something else occur to delay the closing of the list? many will ask. We can say **POSITIVELY, NO.**

On the morning of February 22nd, the anniversary of Washington's birthday, when the mail is opened, the last chance to join the Army will have ended.

On the afternoon of the 23rd the sealed instructions will be mailed from the office. You are warned now to watch the postoffice for the letter. The envelope will contain on the outside, in big, red letters, these words, "Preserve this envelope, it is valuable."

The comrades living in Kansas should have their letters by the following Monday, and those in California and other distant states not later than Thursday. If you are on the Army roll and do not get your letter by that date, you should notify the office at once. These letters should not fall into other hands than yours, and we will take every possible precaution to that end.

If you wish to be included in this list, sign the pledge, which is once more printed on page four of the paper, and send at once.

The Chicago Central, published by the Y. M. C. A., says there are 100 men for every vacant position in the city. This is prosperity.

Our Norwegian comrades will be glad to know that "Gaa-Paa," the Norwegian Socialist paper, published in Girard, has been granted the second-class mail privilege. I want to urge all Socialists located in neighborhoods where Norwegian is spoken, to push the circulation of "Gaa-Paa." It will prove an effective auxiliary to the regular work of education.

The newly elected governor of Maryland, in his inaugural address, advocated limiting the suffrage to "intelligent citizens." That means, to men with capitalistic minds and capitalist pocket books. Better get a shove on you, fellows, if you want to retain the mastery of the situation. If the capitalist government is allowed its way, there will no longer be universal suffrage.

It seems funny that there should be any dissatisfaction among the miners of the west. For instance: In Utah, the Utah Fuel Co. only requires 3,000 pounds as a ton, and only deducts 25 per cent for the slack which it may contain. And after all this, the company only charges a couple of prices for the articles of clothing, food and powder which the miner must buy at the company stores. Funny that men should be dissatisfied under such lovely conditions, isn't it?

Three million rounds of ammunition, purchased by the political grafters during the Spanish-American war, have been found to be defective and they have been thrown aside and more war material purchased. And the working class doesn't see the cheat—doesn't see that it is being used to perpetuate its own slavery—doesn't understand that it makes the cartridges with which its own members are ruthlessly maimed and killed! Is it any wonder the capitalist smiles to himself?

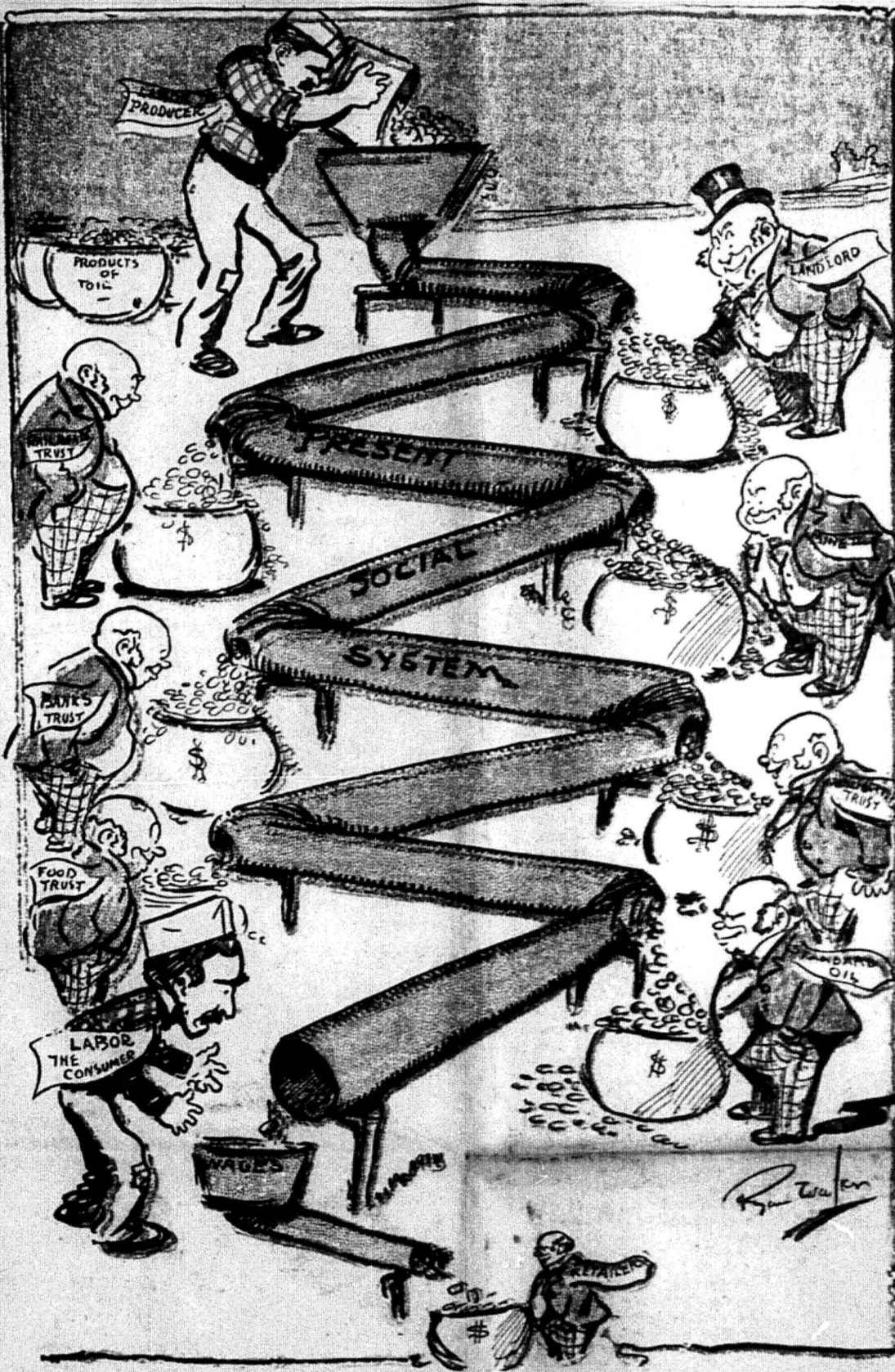
The Western Union report shows that it pays interest on bonds of \$1,145,000 a year, besides its dividends and imperial salaries to officials. This interest represents bonds enough to build and equip the system. You see the people pay an interest great enough to borrow the money to build a system and then have to pay a dividend on what they would have borrowed besides. It would reduce us all to savagery if we should own the telegraph and get service at the labor cost, wouldn't it?

When the Suez canal was built, a quarter of a million peasants were drafted into service from the various provinces of Egypt and compelled to work for nothing and furnish their own tools and food. The millions of dollars expended was swiped by the bosses and engineers. Capitalism works the same graft the world over—only in some places it is more subtle and cunning than others. As the intelligence of the working class increases, capitalism becomes more clever and less brutal. Civilization has given us laws and rules by which the mass of mankind is robbed.

The striking employees of the Merchants' Coal company at Somerset, Pa., are being evicted from the company's houses, and their furniture and families thrown into the streets. The men have been informed that when they renounce the union they will be permitted to return to work. The men might have replied that when the company severed its connection with the coal trust, the men would return to work—but they didn't.

Food Commissioner Ladd, of North Dakota, issues an official list of adulterated and mis-branded food products which have been palmed off on the unsuspecting inhabitants of that state as the genuine article. The food stuffs are composed, for the most part, of material deleterious to human kind, and in many cases have resulted disastrously. But profits must be made in order that food magnates may prosper. Why not change the order of things, and, for a while at least, make food to use, and not for profit? This, of course, can not be done until the profit system is abolished. So, let's all jump in and help put the prevailing method of slowly killing our neighbors and our children, out of business. You can give it a pretty big black eye by voting the Socialist ticket this fall.

Everything at the Appeal office during the last two weeks has been subordinated to the rush of work on the Colorado situation. As a result, we have fallen behind on our book printing. The orders for the "Political Economy of Jesus" have been pouring in, and some have complained because the book has not been received. We will get around to the matter just as soon as possible. The Woodbury edition is also just about exhausted, and we will have to start the presses on another run of 30,000. The boys in the press department are working on the erection of the Coming Nation's big press, which will be mated to the Appeal book press and then we will be able to care for your orders, for a while at least. The boys are taking hold of the campaign work in dead earnest, and I see right now that the big press and all the little presses will green before the fight is over.



Col. Jere Baxter, president of the Tennessee Railroad, recently told a lot of workmen that the present system is the "smoothest proposition ever devised by men to extract the honey and avoid the sting of the bee." Jere was right. Labor, the creator of all wealth, pours in an endless stream the bountiful harvest which it reaps from the earth into society's great, gaping hopper. Follow its course down the snake-like channel, called the present social system, watch the golden shekels as they fall into the capacious money bags of men who get the honey and turn the sting over to the other fellow, who stands at the bottom, anxiously waiting for the few crumbs which fall his way. In the census year of 1900 we are told that the man at the top of the heap (in this picture) manufactured goods to the value of thirteen billions; farm products, seven billions; mineral and metals, another billion. This is the value on the farm, at the factory and at the mine. After it leaves the producers' hands it goes through the tortuous channels of commerce, and at each turn profits are added, until the twenty-odd billions of wealth have reached the fictitious value of not less than fifty billions (\$50,000,000,000). Count it again. It is by the manipulation of this fictitious value that the man, as the producer, is robbed. After the pittance has been grudgingly paid to him by the gentlemen who smilingly appropriate to themselves the honey, he has, as the consumer, the gratification of seeing it slip through his fingers, and what the big fellows don't get, the little retail dealer does. Yes, it is a great game, Mr. Capitalist, but we're getting onto you. This edition of the Appeal, with this clever illustration, will be read by no less than one million men and women, and in a future issue of the Appeal will be pictured your chagrin and amazement when the Socialists have straightened out the kinks in the present social system.

In the examination of Schwab regarding the wrecking of the ship building trust, the attorney asked him "if he did not know the government expected the Carnegie and Bethlehem company to compete for contracts in good faith?" The answer came promptly: "No, the government did not," stating that the government understood the price before the contract was awarded! A tacit admission that the government of Roosevelt is in cahoots with the contractors to gut the public treasury. But then everybody knows that the government is robbed by the hoodlums, even if the evidence was not so profuse in the boodling cases. There are no men in Washington who are there for the public good—it is merely a matter of how much money they and their friends can graft. That is what "public service" means under capitalism.

In May, 1887, the Standard Oil Co. was brought to trial in the Mathews Refinery case at Buffalo. The Standard Oil company was charged with an attempt to blow up this concern, and thus kill its influence as a competitor. After a full and complete trial, in which the Standard used every wile and every resource at its command, the jury returned a verdict of guilt. THE STANDARD OIL COMPANY WAS THUS BRANDED AS AN OUTLAW. This same concern blew up empty buildings in Idaho during the strike troubles in that state in 1899. It cunningly laid a trap for the union miners in Colorado when it blew up the Sun and Moon transformer, but its case against the thirteen men arrested was so flimsy that even its capitalistic ridden court refused to be a party to the crime, and the men were discharged.

Schwab, the "get-rich-promoter," made affidavit to the fact that one of the properties absorbed by the steel corporation was worth \$700,000,000. He estimated the actual assets of that concern at one and one-half billions of dollars—representing a capitalization nearly equal to all the gold, silver and paper money in the United States. This gigantic and formidable financial concern has gone through the shattering process at the hands of Rockefeller, so I am informed by the U. S. Security Co., a controlling interest was purchased by the latter for forty millions—less than three per cent of its valuation. That illustrates the clever manner in which the petty bourgeoisie is being shoved off the financial shelf.

Haverhill Redeemed Again.

Haverhill, Mass., the town redeemed from Socialism by the republicans and democrats, has again become famous, this time through the absconding of Captain David F. Whittier, of Co. F., 8th Infantry, M.V.M., recently elected alderman from the first ward. The highly respectable gentleman, and upholder of his country's honor, made away with \$3,000 of his friends' money. This is the kind of cattle which the republicans propose to throw across the track of Socialism and stop its progress. Last week it was the eminent respectable city treasurer, who got rid of \$43,000 of the city's funds. Secretary of the Navy Moody, who rejoiced with exceeding great joy when the news of the glorious republican victory came to him at Washington, has another guess coming. And, by the way, when you consider the analysis of the Haverhill vote by a Boston republican politician, there seems to be but little consolation in the final returns for the men who spent so much money and energy in busting Socialism. Here is the way the Springfield Republican looks at it:

Republican or coalition vote	Socialist vote	Republican or coalition plurality
1900.....4,037	2,874	1,163
1901.....3,276	2,341	935
1903.....3,273	2,901	374

If you met an untamed tiger in the middle of the road and you had a gun in your hands I am quite sure you would not waste any time bestowing pet names on Mr. Tiger, but you would take aim at the most vital part of his anatomy and let drive. Capitalism is the untamed tiger that the laborer has met in the middle of the road. The laborer has the bullet in his hands. Use it for Socialism and you hit capitalism's most vital point.

The U. S. Court at Chicago has decided that the government is NOT entitled to the open rates that railroads give theatrical and other parties, but must pay the regular fares, no matter how many soldiers are shipped at a time! Now what do you think of that? Nice, isn't it? Poor old government, you seem to be a goose for the speculators to pick. But the people are careless of their rights, and the whole officialdom of government knows it.

LATEST COLORADO STRIKE NEWS

Wholesale Arrests Continued--Jails and Bull-Pens Crowded Unpaid Militiamen Indignant Over Non-Payment of Wages--Judges Decide Against Unions--The Rank of Organized Labor Closing Solidly Against The Alliance.

PARKER IN JAIL AGAIN.
Sherman Parker, the Cripple Creek Union leader, charged with blowing up a shaft in the Vindicator mine, but against whom no evidence has so far been brought, has been arrested again, after twice giving bail. He had gone with his wife to Denver to consult with the executive officers of the Federation, and so soon as he arrived in the city General Bell sought to have him arrested. This the civil authorities refused to do unless charges were brought against him in the civil courts. A conference with the governor immediately followed, and a message was sent to Cripple Creek to hunt up some charge against him so that his arrest could be effected. The charge agreed on was assault on the person of one Stewart, and which is alleged to have occurred last September. On this charge an order for arrest was issued by the Cripple Creek Court, and the Sheriff of Teller county started at once for Denver to make Parker a prisoner. The latter was arrested and thrown in the Denver police station over night and then taken back to the district. The offense is bailable in the sum of \$500, and the military supposed that Parker would at once get bail, which would permit them to throw him in their foul bull pen again. He fooled them, however, and remains in jail, where some of the civil officers are friendly to the miners and afford them all the humane treatment that the military will not permit.

GLOVER STILL IN BULL PEN.
Ex-Congressman Glover is still confined in the Goldfield bull pen, and there seems no likelihood of his being released. The civil court issued an order for his release, and Deputy Sheriff Underwood served it at military headquarters, but the officials, who say "To hell with the constitution," of course, paid no attention to the order. Concerning the reign of martial law, the Denver News has the following to say:

"The question of 'qualified' martial law has been in the opinion of the average citizen settled months ago. The military authorities are in possession of the county jail here, the city jail of Victor and the city jail of Cripple Creek, and the officers who were elected and supposed to control these bastilles are no more than ordinary jailers or clerks. They are entirely under the control of the military. The camp is absolutely under the dictation of the militia."

THEY WANT THEIR PAY.
You will remember in my report last week I stated that Colorado had no money with which to pay her soldiers. So far it is generally understood that the Alliance has put up the money to pay for the military, but the Federation executives informed me that the Alliance had about exhausted its means. This seems to be the case, for lately Colorado officials have been in the east selling the state's evidence of indebtedness. It seems that Colorado bankers will not loan the state money, for they know it is a grave question whether a dollar of it will be repaid. Every candidate for the legislature will be asked this fall if he will vote for the payment of the military debt, and it is hardly possible that a legislature that will vote to pay the Peabody debt can be elected.
A sum aggregating over \$50,000 was raised in Chicago last week and the payment of this sum to the soldiers will stop numerous suits from the militiamen.

THEY HAVE A GOOD TIME AT THE STATE'S EXPENSE.
It will be remembered that early in the history of martial law in Colorado, there was a falling out of some of the officers leading to the court martialing of Brigadier General John Chase. The merits of that case do not concern us, since it was purely a falling out of the leaders in the strike-crushing crusade. It is the items in the bill rendered by those who constituted the military court that is interesting. The following itemized bill is taken from the Denver News, just as it was copied from the original document:

Sergeant Hoover (October 30 to November 1).....	\$ 4.00
Cafe bill (for that day).....	39.25
Valet.....	1.50
Washing.....	.75
Total.....	\$45.50
November 14--General Sherman Bell:	
Seven Days.....	\$28.50
Cafe.....	30.00
Bar.....	1.00
Telephone.....	.50
Newsstand.....	1.00
Phone.....	.25
Bargage.....	.25
Total.....	\$68.00
Sergeant J. B. Ford.....	\$18.00
Sergeant Baldwin.....	15.00
L. J. Whalen.....	11.00
Private Orwig.....	28.00
Henry Gamble.....	12.50
James Wallace.....	53.00
George F. Fonda (five days).....	14.40
Colonel R. W. Gilbert (six days).....	14.40
November 3.....	14.50
General Sherman Bell (one day).....	\$ 7.50
Bar.....	.50
Total.....	\$ 8.00
Major Naylor--	
Room.....	\$30.50
Washing.....	1.75
Valet.....	1.00
Total.....	\$33.25

Sergeant Hoover, General Bell and Major Naylor have valets, flunkies who rub them down in the bath, shine their shoes, brush their clothes, and perform other menial service. The state of Colorado, that is, the hard worked farmers and wage earners, pay the bill. Then it will be noted that these same wealth producers are called upon to pay the drink bills of these petty officers. Sergeant Hoover has a cafe bill for one day of \$59.25. What an appetite that man must have, even at Cripple Creek prices.

UNIONS MUST GO.
As an evidence of what is coming all along the line in due time, we reprint the following Associated Press dispatch:
OMAHA, Jan. 24.—Superintendent Patterson yesterday presented to the employees of the Pacific Express company for their signatures a pledge by which they agree not to join the Brotherhood of Expressmen of America or any other labor organization. The pledge contains a stipulation that failure to observe the agreement shall be considered by the employee notice of his resignation. Superintendent Patterson said he did not wish any of the men in his division to become members of a labor union, and took this plan of assuring himself of their not doing so.

JUDGE STEVENS AFRAID TO DO HIS DUTY.
Last night at Grand Junction, Colorado, Judge Theron Stevens, of the 6th Judicial District, showed his own hand, but laid the blame on Powderly (I mean Peabody—somehow

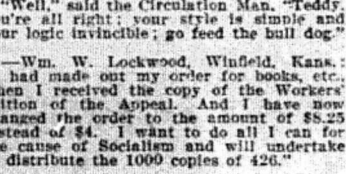
THE CIRCULATION.

The report for last week shows a loss of 4,913 in regular subscribers, and an immense gain in extras. As we make up this report, the orders have just started to come in for the Colorado special, and if the files are a correct indication of what is to come, it is not unlikely that half a million copies of that number will be sold.

Table with columns OFF ON and OFF ON, listing circulation numbers for various states and territories such as Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, etc.

another Berry at work in Maine from the way she was coming in from Sprinvale. The Maine comrades seem to be waking up.

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Comrade Andrew Miller of Caruthersville, Mo., hands in a club of ten and the twinkle of the bull dog's eye seemed to say, 'What's the matter with Missouri?'

Advertisement for 'The Secret' investment scheme, claiming to be the most successful and profitable.

Large advertisement for 'The Political Economy of Jesus' by A. W. Ricker, Associate Editor Appeal to Reason.

USE THE CARDS.

Notwithstanding our repeated calls to the army of 1903 to close up their card accounts, there are still many thousands of cards unaccounted for.

DOWN IN DIXIE.

Comrade Grimm, of Corvuss, Ala., gets a bundle of five for a year.

Comrade Ford, of Paduch, Ky., fears the relentless blue pencil caught him, as he missed his paper for a few weeks.

Comrade DeRoss, of Jennings, La., after reading the Appeal for a year concluded that Socialism is what he wants, and the other day went out and persuaded five of his neighbors to subscribe.

They go like hot cakes. Can't last three days. This book has proven a great seller. Price \$5 a hundred; \$1 a dozen; 10c a copy.

Comrade Hillinger, of San Antonio, Texas, says: 'I notice in looking over your circulation report for South Carolina that you have but one sub for the week.'

Comrade Freeman is now in Southern Alabama working under the auspices of the state committee.

At the time this report was made up the orders were just commencing to come in. Many thousands more are in the office but as yet unreached by the army of clerks who have this in charge.

Advertisement for 'Unionism must go' pamphlet, discussing the National Employers' Association.

Our readers have manifested considerable interest in the history of the union that was organized in the Appeal office.

Comrade Josephine Conger, states that she will be with us again by February 1st. Miss Conger has been enjoying a month's vacation.

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Advertisement for 'WRITZER BRASS BAND'.

Advertisement for 'CANCER CURED' with a testimonial.

Advertisement for 'FREE GOLD WATCH'.

Advertisement for '\$3 a Day Sure' investment.

Advertisement for 'A PINT OF BLACK RED INK'.

Advertisement for 'RUPTURE' relief.

Advertisement for 'JACK LONDON'S "TRAMP" BEGINS IN THE February Wilshire's'.

