

NEXT WEEK.....

the Appeal will print the first installment of a story originally printed in the Saturday Evening Post. "Seeking an Investment" is a story of modern finance, labor politics and the true inwardness of up-to-date methods, equaled only by Lawson's "Frenzied Finance." The story will be printed in two installments.

Appeal to Reason. This is Number 524. Girard, Kansas, U. S. A., December 1, 1905

No man is great enough or rich enough to get this paper on credit or for a longer time than paid for. It is published as an advocate of International Socialism, the movement which favors the ownership of the earth by ALL the people—not by a PART of the people.

A HOME IN FLORIDA

Read the Rules Carefully.

One of the most delightful parts of Florida, in what is known as the Highlands, the Appeal has a fine country property of seventy-five acres of land, on which is a two-story house of six rooms, extensive lawns and water piped to kitchen, windmill and a large barn, and completely enclosed with a barbed wire fence. This property will make a desirable and remunerative home for one, located in a world-famous region, a region which is free from winter, and where what little fuel you need will cost you nothing. It is convenient to railway, being but a short distance from the station of Keuka, Fla., and only eighteen miles from ocean transportation at Palatka, which will furnish a good market for everything that can be produced. The products are sea island cotton, corn, sugar-cane, tobacco, oats, rice, arrowroot, cassava, pinders, potatoes, chufas, field peas, melons, etc. Early vegetables are produced in great variety and in abundance. Oranges, lemons, limes, figs, grapes, pomegranates, peaches, plums, blackberries, strawberries, guavas, shaddock's, citrus, etc., grow to great perfection and in very great quantities.

This property will be given to the man or woman that makes the largest weekly contribution to the Agitation League fund each week, beginning December 22nd, and continuing for twelve weeks. Each one must enter during the first week of the contest, and no one will be permitted to enter after the first week. Each contestant that enters must stay the full twelve weeks if he would win, and must remit exactly the same amount each week. No one will be permitted to raise or lower their remittances during the contest, and the thing hinges upon getting in each week and every week rather than upon who sends in the most money. A man might start in with a remittance of \$1 weekly and drop out at the end of ten weeks—then he would forfeit his rights, and the Florida home would go to some one that stayed in the full twelve weeks, even though the total of his remittances might not be more than \$1.20. Thusly, John Smith starts in with \$1 per week, and this amount he must maintain each week, and he would forfeit his total remittances of ten dollars to the League if he failed on the eleventh week. But Thomas Jones, starting in with ten cents a week, and keeping it up the whole twelve weeks, might be the winner, although the total cost of the premium to him would only be \$1.20.

It's the man that gets in and stays in that wins, and not the one that jumps in big and then drops out. This is your opportunity to do something for Socialism, and at the same time secure a fine home in an agreeable climate for yourself. The description of the property is as follows:

- FARM. 75 ACRES in all. Ten acres slightly detached from main body. 25 acres cleared, balance pine and oak. 25 acres cleared, balance pine and oak. 25 acres cleared, balance pine and oak. 25 acres cleared, balance pine and oak. 25 acres cleared, balance pine and oak.

The following explains how the Florida property will be given. The Agitation League is composed of Socialists who contribute ten cents or more each week to the fund for making a fund for the purchase of the Florida property. Every cent of the contribution is used for the purchase of the Florida property. Each week each member contributes his dues to the Appeal office, where a separate fund is maintained for the Florida property. Each week each member contributes his dues to the Appeal office, where a separate fund is maintained for the Florida property.

USING THE GOVERNMENT.

A few weeks ago the Appeal printed an article showing how the capitalists use the government at Washington to increase their profits. The similar use of the government to provide markets for the surplus products—the wealth which is taken by the Master of the Machines from the working class. All the United States consular officers are constantly on the lookout for new inventions and improved methods used by foreign competitors; lengthy and detailed descriptions, gathered and printed at public expense, are instantly sent to the capitalists of this country. Our home capitalists are thus given a tremendous advantage—at public expense—which they are not slow to utilize.

The state department, the agricultural department, the navy, the bureau of commerce and labor, the census, and every function of government, is utilized by the capitalists to further their private ends. Every government aid as much as they will, they nevertheless are willing to pay, and have paid enormous sums for advance information from the agricultural and weather departments. With this information a few days in advance of its general publication they are able to reap many millions. Few people have any conception of the magnitude of these various government departments and the important work they are doing.

The Appeal is quite sure its readers will be interested in a brief description of them, with an outline of what could be done by the Socialists were they in power, without a single exception—government has been used to promote the material interests of the class in power. There is no reason to get excited because the capitalists are making millions out of the government service. It should stimulate you to greater endeavors to capture the government and use it in the interest of the wealth producers.

In order to stimulate thought along these lines the Appeal has had prepared a series of articles showing first, how the capitalists utilize the machinery of government, and second, an outline of what the Socialists could do, and what they probably will do, when they get in power. The articles will be printed under the following titles, one each week, commencing next week: 1. "When the Worker Enters the Promised Land." 2. "Our National Figure Machine." 3. "The Fighting Machine—on Land." 4. "The Fighting Machine—on Sea."

DAUGHERTY, the Peoria, Ill., republican school officer, has been sent to prison for stealing \$94,000 from the funds to educate the youth of the land. But that won't do a bit of good. The system that prompted him to commit the crime is left just as it was, and others will follow his example as logically as he did, tho', perhaps, they may not be found out or may not steal as much in a single case. New York City is as rotten today as when Tweed was sent to prison. Change the system if you want different results. No matter how much you punish crime, it continues to increase. Crime is logical to the system of private ownership. Daugherty is doubtless better than thousands of others who have never been suspected.

THE EDITOR IS THE ONE TIRED.

That "fools rush in where angels dare not tread" is exemplified by the editor of the Minneapolis Tribune, who made some remarks about Socialism and offered his columns to a discussion worth while. He says in the next issue that he has received so many articles that "we fear the public is getting tired of the discussion!" The great interest that it aroused, as shown by the letters, shows that the public is getting tired! Think of such a position! The editor probably had orders from some of the paper's prominent advertisers or the man who holds a mortgage on it that he must not let these Socialists have any further publicity. Cowards.

How do you expect any relief from congress when it is composed of men who own the trusts and their attorneys? As well expect a king to willingly resign his privileges. No person is well paid who does not get the full social value of his labor. But the majority are too ignorant of economics to know what the "full social value" of their product is.

If the people who own no homes or anything else of value will vote for Socialism they will all have homes and employment, regardless of those who are rich. The homeless are in a majority.

In many localities the schools are being concentrated and the children hauled to one central institution which can afford better facilities. This is not only cheaper, but the pupils can be taught much better. Concentration is the universal law.

I HAVEN'T noticed that the republican or democratic parties have expelled any of their members who have been convicted of grafting. The Socialist party expels members who do even small infractions of the code of equity. If the old parties did likewise they would have no leaders. Funny, isn't it, how bad the Socialists really are?

"A Prophecy of the Future" is a strikingly attractive picture in colors printed on a 1905 calendar, which the Appeal is sending to members of the Appeal Army who send in a list of five or more subscribers during December and January. As the number is limited you had better get in early. Always ask for the calendar when you send in your list.

INSTEAD of the community taking from its productive efforts to keep up a hundred stores, with all their wastes and jealousies, Socialism will establish one great store, owned by all the people, and it will be a dream of perfection, in which the people can get the goods made by them in their various occupations at the cost of production. Compare such a method as that with the anarchy that now prevails in merchandising. Why not lift up your eyes to a higher state of civilization?

WHEN the industries are owned by the people there will be no bribing the people by the people. There will be no lobbies to thwart the wishes of the people when they want a thing. The people will not adulterate the goods they make for themselves. They can't raise the price without having the surplus going into their own treasury. There will be no bosses living in palaces while their work people live in hovels. Wouldn't that be better than the present horrid scramble and deception and oppression?

So long as contracts are given out for any kind of public work, the men who seek these contracts will bribe the officials who have them to give out. You can see that every day and everywhere. Under Socialism there will be no such thing as contracts. All work will be done for the people by the different departments of industry operated by the people. There will be no chance for booting. When the people do the work for themselves who would spend their money to bribe them to do it bad? What interest could they have in such an act?

THE American people pay Rockefeller enough each year to build 50,000 houses costing \$1,000 each! That means that he is given the homes of 250,000 people each year! And if these houses were built at one time by the public, having the ownership of all the means of building, it could erect houses that would cost today \$2,000 each. That is what the people pay one man for the blessed privilege of having the industries owned by individuals instead of the public. Rockefeller is not to blame—it is the system that you uphold with your votes.

THE Panama canal will cost the American work people (for their labor will pay for it all) more than enough to build a double track railroad from the Atlantic to the Pacific and from the lakes to the gulf. That employment at home would have been a tremendous benefit to the people and the road would be able to transport produce at one-fourth the prices now charged. But it would have knocked the water out of the capitalist roads and would have been an object lesson right at home which the people could have understood, and would furnish comparatively little chance of graft. Hence the canal. See?

THE ARKANSAS TEN-ACRE TRACTS.

Comrade E. F. Evenson, of Brainerd, Minn., won the ten-acre tract of land for the largest list of yearlies for the week ending December 1st-9th; and W. H. Case, of Mt. Vernon, Ohio, for the week ending December 8th. Note—Comrade G. E. Zinn, of Elkhart, Ind., who was reported as winning the ten-acre tract with 34 yearlies for the week ending November 17, advises us that he had help on his list, and as this is against the rules, he requests that we award it to the next highest man. This is Comrade J. W. Schonfeld, Modesto, Cal., with thirty-two yearlies.

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Socialists do not like the system we live under, but they must practice it or starve. Therefore, they are just like other men, with the exception that they are working and voting for a better system. You can't live a Socialist life under capitalism. In other words, you can't practice what you preach until conditions for practicing it are made.

The law says that no man shall be deprived of his liberty or property without due process of law. But I notice that corporations fine their employees when they do not handle their jobs as pleases the boss without any trial or right of appeal. But then the corporations are higher than the government—like the czar. Perhaps we will sometime get wise enough to treat them as the czar is being treated.

As usual, when it begins to get cold, the price of coal has been boosted up fifty cents to one dollar a ton. Give me your sunburned ear for just fifteen seconds: Do you believe that if the public owned and operated the coal industry that it would raise the price or cut the wages? If it did, what would become of the party that did it? That's all.

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WHEN a reporter tried to interview Mrs. McCurdy, the wife of the grafting president of the Mutual Life Insurance company, she turned on him like a vixen and said: "We have not sold a blasted thing, and if we have it is none of your business. Get out." Which shows what a low creature unearned wealth makes of what might have been a gentlewoman. The upper crust is as rotten as the lower crust of society—only it has stolen money to keep up appearances. And that is what you pay for when you pay insurance.

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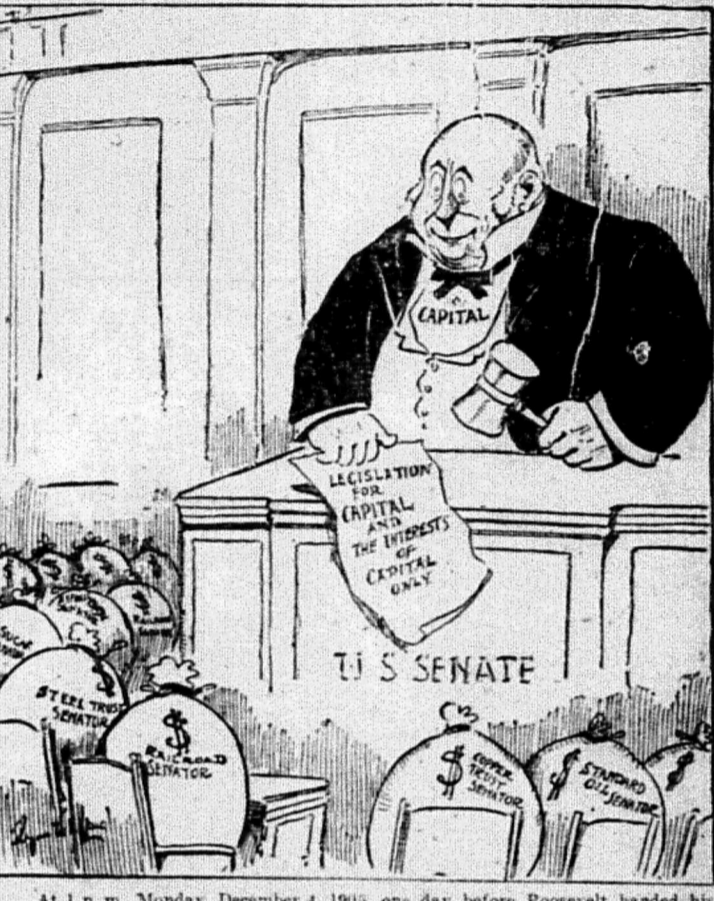
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Congress is Now in Session.



At 1 p. m., Monday, December 4, 1905, one day before Roosevelt handed his message to congress, the New York stock ticker sent this word to every stock exchange in the country.

"The impression is gaining ground that Mr. Roosevelt's message will not be of a radical character, and that any rate regulating bill that is passed by the present congress will be of a character acceptable to the railroads."

The President's Message.

Lords, Gentlemen and Attorneys for American Industries: "You have met to consider the condition of your property and slaves and plan for the perpetuity of our peculiar institutions. You are aware that there is tremendous unrest among the slave population that produces our billions of wealth, and it behooves us to look with care how they can be deceived and be kept contented, that we may prosper off their credulity and labor. "The past has been the most prosperous year for us in the history of human slavery, but evidences are not lacking that we are in danger. The agitator is abroad in the land, and in Russia we see what may be our fate in the near future unless we can make the people believe that they are to get some relief. "Some of our members have been very coarse and clumsy in their work, and the people have been getting a look behind the curtain, and their suspicions that all is not right have been aroused. We must allay these suspicions by making some pretended reforms; the people must have some legislation on insurance, making them believe that we are to protect them in their savings; the exposures of clumsily-given rebates and bribery in the railroad industries also require that we make similar laws regarding them, or the people will demand public ownership and that will mean that we shall not have half the opportunity to fleece the fools that we have had in the past. "You should proceed cautiously in the work of building up a larger army and navy for our protection, under the guise of patriotism and peace. You should see that the public lands are not permitted to be hogged by corporations, as we can easily get them back from the people after they have entered and improved them, as we have in the past; you should destroy the people's money and issue money to the banks under the deception of having an elastic currency to move the crops; you should throw a sop to the railroad men about shorter hours, liability bills and safety appliances; they will stand for it for a dozen years more on a few flimsy promises; make some meaningless laws about female and child labor, something that sounds big, but which the courts can destroy at pleasure; talk about equal rights to all, as the costs nothing and goes a long way with the dupes who imagine they are as good as us; make a great show of economy by cutting off a few thousand clerks and laborers in the departments; you can put your heels back on again and the slaves will not notice it; they know nothing about what is going on in the departments, thanks to our ownership of the great press and magazines, together with the telegraph; make a bold about my great peace play at Portsmouth and also about the Monroe doctrine, the latter which you know will give us control of all the western hemisphere for us and our children to exploit; make some naturalization laws, as the immense immigration from Europe contains many Socialists and they will not be desirable slaves; they are agitators; make an exclusion law for the Mongolian, that will admit all we need, as they never become citizens, and, therefore, have no votes; fix up the criminal laws so that we can more easily catch the obstreperous slaves, while pretending the laws are to catch us capitalists; make a great howl about wanting an American marine for the glory of the nation, and pass a subsidy bill to enable us to build a great many ships that will prove a good excuse to charge the slaves for their use; make some meaningless statutes against the adulteration of food, as the people are getting onto this method of swindling them, and it won't hurt anything; see that the control over the Philippines and other slave colonies is held securely, as these furnish a place where we can send our faithful slaves to hold positions and get rich at the expense of people who are not permitted to have any voice in government; push the building of the Panama canal, as it is furnishing splendid opportunity for the contractors and others of us to graft millions from the public treasury without being caught, and the people must be bled cautiously; we must be careful in thus using the public money for our benefit that we do not make a mess of it like the insurance masters did. "Lords, keep in mind the great danger that lies in the Socialist agitation of class against class, for, if they ever get the slaves awakened, these halls of power and dignity will resound with the voices of the common herd, and they will make the laws for us; they will control the army and navy we have prepared for them; they will make it possible for us to get something to eat and wear only by really doing useful work for it; be cunning, be watchful and let us continue to prey. "Taddy, the Chief."

Debs Talks to the Steel Workers

The following address was delivered by Eugene V. Debs at South McAlester, Okla., Nov. 24th, in an immense audience.

THE year now drawing to a close will be memorable in the annals of labor because of the organization of the Industrial Workers of the World. For almost thirty years I have been connected with the labor movement...

your masters find that you have produced so much that all of the markets at home and abroad are glutted, and the capitalists cannot sell what you have produced in such abundance...

The old trades union, that is itself the product of industrial evolution, is subject to the laws of change, and the trades union that has served its purpose a quarter of a century ago is now as completely out of date as the tools of industry that were then in use...

Now, I assume that most of you are more or less familiar with the history of the industrial development of the land; that you know in a general way that in the beginning of industrial society in the United States, when the tool with which work is done was still a hand tool, made and used by an individual...

At that time one man worked for another, not in the capacity of a wage-earner, but simply to learn his trade, and having become the master of this, he was in a position to enjoy what his labor produced...

It has not been a great while ago that the operators on the Missouri, Kansas & Texas appointed their committees, and called on the officials to concede to them what had been conceded by a great many other systems...

The agents and operators of the L. E. & W. railway are compelled by that road to wear full uniforms purchased from the railroad. As an agent my uniform cost me \$18.75 without caps...

Now, when you see such things as these, see workmen in great bodies go out on strike and are defeated uniformly, doesn't it occur to you that there is something wrong with that form of organization...

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members were striking against the capitalist class; and the bankers came to the rescue of their class. And this brings a very important point to our attention, and that is that the struggle in which we are engaged today is a class struggle...

Has it ever occurred to you workingmen that if you can make that tool, if you can use that tool, that you can also make yourselves the masters of that tool...

The time has come for you to think about these things for yourself. In closing I appeal to you tonight as workmen, to think for yourselves and to cut loose from those who have betrayed you...

I appeal to you to close up the ranks, to organize your class; I appeal to you to ally yourselves with the revolutionary organization of your class, and stand beneath its banner...

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Remember Your Russian Comrades And Give Them a Good-Size Christmas Present for the Revolution Propaganda Fund.

Our Russian comrades are engaged in one of the greatest revolutions in the history of mankind. IT WOULD BE A GROSS NEGLECT OF DUTY ON OUR PART if we should not remember our Russian comrades during the coming Christmas holidays...

No local should fail to do its duty and donate as much as possible for this noble purpose. Fraternally, G. A. HOEHN, E. T. BEHRENS, Members National Committee from Missouri.

WILL THE PRESIDENT MAKE GOOD?

The Wall Street Journal says that the visit of President Mellen, of the Vanderbilt system of railroads, to the president indicates that the president will agree to the creation of a commission on rates composed of "high-class railroad experts and attorneys"...

HOW YOU CAN HELP.

A Little Talk by the Advertising Manager of the Appeal. If you would buy good goods cheap or better goods than you are getting...

As soon as the APPEAL opened its columns to advertisers we received hundreds of letters from comrades commending or objecting thereto. Publishing advertisements was an experiment with us, to see if the additional income would be sufficient to permit us to produce a larger and better paper...

Now, desirable advertisers, as a rule, will not patronize the APPEAL unless they are confident it will pay them handsomely to do so, for they would rather spend their money in the "popular" magazines...

SOCIALIST CONSISTENCY.

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UPPER CLASS PATRIOTISM.

I attended the banquet given to Prince Louis—it wasn't my fault—I was sent by the paper. The banquet commenced at about 12, and after it came a private performance—I got home at 5 in the morning...

A MODERN FABLE.

The wife guys tell us to let Well Enough alone and be satisfied with half a loaf if we can't get the whole bakery. Well, we are willing to let Mr. Well Enough alone, but he won't stay alone...

ducing to the lowest possible price his cost of materials, and because of such reduction and because of his fear of successful competition he reduces the cost of the finished work to the purchaser in proportion...

Second—A well-advertised article must possess the merit claimed for it, for no manufacturer or dealer can afford to spend large sums annually for the purposes of acquainting the public...

No advertisement of Whiskies, Patent Medicines or Quack Doctors will be accepted under any circumstances. No advertisement that purports to give something free, unless the firm who is advertising actually lives up to the claim of their advertisement...

Send us the names a number of dressers of fifteen good farmers and 15 extra-steps taken—and we will send you The Farmer's Outlook for a month absolutely free...

THE YELLOW DOG FUND.

The Yellow Dog Fund was kept up by a lot of yellow financiers to buy yellow legislators—and both buyers and sellers have a dirty yellow streak in them. If Russia's revolutionaries had more sense they would appropriate that the transition to despotism to democracy cannot be made in a day...

NOTICE—The Appeal guarantees its readers against loss of money from patronizing the firms who advertise in its columns. You are required to report promptly any error on the part of any firm...

SOCIALIST PARTY—J. Mahlon Barnes, National Secretary, 209 Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill. KAREN A. HOMEY, For particulars address (with stamp) The Colorado Co-operative Company, Nuclea, Montrose Co., Colo.

THE 'LIVE!' CHAS. WARDNER'S Famous book: People's edition, complete (sold by mail only). Price 15c. Two 5c. stamps or 2c. in cash. Dept. 18, Buffalo, N. Y.

SIX SOCIALIST LEAVLETS by Charles H. Kerr. Shows, Figs and Problems. A booklet by Lewis Childs, a comrade of our attention. Price 10c. For a copy of the 'INTERNATIONAL SOCIALIST REVIEW' will be mailed for your country's copy of the 'INTERNATIONAL SOCIALIST REVIEW'...

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NUTRITO The New Cereal Coffee. At 1226 Main St., KANSAS CITY, MO. Try It. Buy It. Use It. 'The most delicious ever' is what they all say.

CARE BUYERS UNION—WEST NATIONAL CO-OPERATIVE ASSOCIATION (Chicago, Ill.) have NUTRITO listed in their grocery catalogue. Write for details...

IN THE HEART OF NEW YORK CITY Passengers ticketed via N. & O. S.W. to New York are now loaded at New York 23rd Street Terminal, 23rd Street and 1st Avenue, New York City. Located in the heart of the Shopping, Hotel and Theatre District...

Dare Defy Disease For 10 cents will send you 3 issues of the 'NATUROPATH AND HERBAL OF HEALTH' (\$100 a year) and systems of the human body...

INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL STUDIES Second year will open at Chicago. JANUARY 2, 1906. Following courses now arranged for: AMERICAN INDUSTRIAL HISTORY, by A. M. SIMONS.

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