

"I want the world to know what will Haywood has gone through for his fellowmen, so that if he must die a martyr to the cause his name may not bear the stigma the men who are crying for his blood would have it bear." -Mrs. Nevada Haywood, wife of the accused miner official, to a New York Journal Reporter.

2,520,000 copies of the "Rescue Edition" are scattered from one end of the United States to the other. The effect of this deluge of paper bullets is quite apparent. Daily newspapers are taking up the Idaho matter, big demonstrations are being held in every city, and the topic of daily discussion in factory, mine, store and on the street is this latest capitalist outrage.

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IF NUMBER 542 IS ON YOUR YELLOW LABEL, YOUR TIME EXPIRES WITH THE NEXT ISSUE.

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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.
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Let May Day this year be re-christened on Labor's calendar—let it be known as "Demonstration Day." And on that day let every labor organization in the land voice in unison a protest that shall shake this continent like an earthquake and send its vibrations from coast to coast. MOYER AND HAYWOOD MUST BE SAVED!

Shall These Men Thus Be Murdered?

FROM THE JOHNSTOWN, PA., DAILY DEMOCRAT, MARCH 21ST.
According to a special to the Philadelphia Inquirer, James McParland, detective of Molly Maguire fame, and whose latest contribution to the cause of law and order has been the arrest of the officers of the Western Federation of Miners, charged with the murder of ex-Governor Steunberger, of Idaho, has again been making threats that "THE OFFICERS OF THE WESTERN FEDERATION SHALL NOT LEAVE IDAHO ALIVE," this time in a letter to a friend at Tamequa, Pa.

Will you permit it? It's up to you! The responsibility for the fate of Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone rests with you, my comrades, not with the authorities; you are morally responsible—the authorities are criminally irresponsible.

There now is no question as to the intentions of the conspirators. They are desperately determined to murder these men!

If the hanging is permitted, the blood of your innocent brothers will be on your hands, and may it also be on your consciences so vividly and so lastingly that not all the tears of years can wash it away.

It is quite within your power to prevent this crime. Will you do it? How?

This is the way: WAKE UP! Let there be no stopping for rest until these men are restored to liberty!

Let a mighty tidal wave of remonstrance sweep the length and breadth of this vast country until it shall strike upon Autocracy's ear and rouse him from his dream of power. Let it reach the land's remotest corners, and let it roll and reverberate until it shakes this continent as could never the tread of an avenging army.

Set the heart of the people afire with indignation, and let their wrath sweep the nation like a besom of flame.

Do your best, and—DO IT NOW! There is no time for delay if the tragedy is to be averted.

Let every possible protest be uttered, and in words that shall startle and blast like the sevenfold curse.

No ordinary measures will serve this extraordinary need. So let the steps you take be sufficient.

And do not stop until the Appeal, with its true story of the conspiracy, has been placed in the hands of every uninformed citizen. Then will the victory be complete and vindication assured.

Once the people KNOW, their demands can not be denied. Public sentiment, resolved to active remonstrance, is irresistible.

This is not a question of Socialism. It is not even a question of saving these men. This is the supreme struggle between forces which have been in conflict through the centuries, and it is not too much to say that upon the outcome depends the fate of society. It is the life struggle of Labor, and if Labor is vanquished then Liberty dies. It is your fight and mine, my brother, and let each give a good account of himself.

These men are to be murdered because of their devotion to you—because they have loved their brothers well and fought without fear—and if you permit it you will prove yourself unworthy the offering; it will have been a wasted sacrifice. Unless you save them, you deserve literally to be placed in chains that all the world may observe the tangible evidence of your voluntary slavery and openly scorn you therefor.

But you are not going to permit it. The manhood of the American working class will assert itself at last, and prevent the infamy of this whisperless deed. Thus strong is my faith in my fellowmen, and nothing can shake it in the slightest except the damnation of their own defection.

The absurdity of a score of millions of workmen submitting to the murderous mandates of a score of criminal officials is readily apparent. Resistance is such a simple thing, yet so very effective withal.

So, let us all "be up and doing." In this tremendous crisis of the centuries, when Freedom is gasping, with the hand of Tyranny upon her throat, let us prove true to the cause of human rights and human justice and teach the oppressor a lesson he may never unlearn.

If we fail to do this, then the cause of Labor is surely doomed and the last of our liberties will be lost to us. There will be a Judas Iscariot in every council, a Benedict Arnold in every camp, and the trail of the traitor will be everywhere. Those who now are inactive and indifferent will awake too late from the slumber of fancied security to find the Idaho situation become a universal condition. This is why, in asking you to strike a blow in behalf of the victims of the vilest conspiracy ever conceived in the brains of human brutes, I am asking you to—

"Strike for your homes and altar-fires."

In handling this situation from week to week, the Appeal will show no tenderness of touch. This is not a time for soft speeches. The velvet voice of conciliation must give place to the bugle blast of battle. Expect not the elegant language of the literary exquisite, but rather the rude, strong words of honest truth. For it is a devil of a fight we are up against. The time is past when compromise was possible. We must face the enemy and strike blow for blow. We will get no mercy if we cringe.

So look you here for the sharpest shots of the conflict—for words as hot and hissing as a musket ball on the wing.

This is the only thing that can fully arouse the public, even as such an awakening is the only thing that can surely save these men from the fearful fate by which they are menaced—and society from the awful consequences that would inevitably attend such a crime.

It is these paper bullets, scattered by hundreds of hands, that must win the battle and save the day. Let not a moment be lost nor an opportunity overlooked; let none shrink and none falter, but let every effort be exerted by all who love mankind and are fit to be free.

Just a Word of Warning.....

CONSISTENT with the methods of such conspirators, the Idaho authorities, it is reported in a special dispatch to the Denver Times, are planning a fake jail delivery to create the impression that friends of Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone are attempting their rescue.

It is very probable that such a move has been planned, but the publicity given the scheme will cause it to be abandoned.

The Appeal doubts that the purpose of this plot is merely to influence public sentiment against the prisoners. It is even more possible, that, as the Times correspondent charges, the motive is to secure the removal of the men to the state penitentiary in order to afford better opportunity for McParland's famous "third degree" sweating process. But, more than all else, the persecutors are fully cognizant of the character of the men they are dealing with and readily realize that not the rack or wheel nor all the cruelties ever devised by the ingenuity of the inquisition could torture them into making a false confession. Through all suffering, and even unto death, they will remain as true to their manhood as did any staunch martyr of the olden days.

The most plausible purpose of the pseudo jail break, which has been frustrated by exposure of the plan, was to afford an excuse for shooting the prisoners. While the authorities are fully determined that "these men shall never leave Idaho alive," they are seeking the most desirable method of disposing of them. A public trial will demonstrate the innocence of the prisoners, despite a possible conviction against the evidence. Such a trial—branding, as it would, their infamy in lurid letters before all the world, and damning them forever in the public esteem—the authorities are anxious to avoid. Furthermore, their dastardly natures dread the harvest of wrath that so surely would follow a hanging. But a fake jail delivery would not only obviate the revelations of a trial, but would afford a seeming justification for the murder of these men by the prison guards.

But the people will not consider the method of murder employed. Therefore, the Appeal has this to say to the authorities—and let the words be remembered: "YOU WILL BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SAFETY OF THESE INNOCENT MEN, AND IF ONE HAIR OF THEIR HEADS IS HARMED THE PENALTY WILL BE EXACTED—AND THE PRICE WILL BE ONE YOU WILL NOT CARE TO PAY."

RELEASED ON BOND.

Judge Stevens Grants St. John's Petition for Bail—\$10,000 Cash Deposited as Security.

Special telegram to the Appeal: Denver, Colo., April 7.—Vincent St. John was released by Judge Stevens at Telluride, yesterday, on \$10,000 bond. The cash has been deposited by the Western Federation with the Denver Guarantee Company. Bond forwarded today and St. John ordered to report to Denver headquarters of Western Federation of Miners Monday. G. H. S.

The tobacco trust cleared \$25,000,000 last year. It is so much better to have a trust rob you than to have society do the business and turn the surplus value into the pockets of the fellows who do the work.

A NUMBER of very loyal papers say that the APPEAL should be suppressed because they cannot answer its logic. They denounce anarchy, yet there is appeal to lawless methods, for there is no law to suppress the APPEAL or any other publication that conforms to the postal laws. It is ever the action of tyrants to suppress those who have the best of the argument.

NOTWITHSTANDING that both Senators Depew and Platt, of New York, are self-confessed bootleggers and grafters, the republicans of the empire state stand by them and tabled a motion to demand their resignation. A republican who stands for honesty and decency has mighty little show in the G. O. P. Nothing but Socialism will clean the public service of its corporation spill tubs.

BEFORE 1860 the whole nation was ringing with the slavery and anti-slavery question. It was the principal topic in press, pulpit and rostrum. Today Socialism and capitalism, or what they both stand for, are occupying the public mind in just the same way that slavery did then. Progress? Well, yes, and it can't be kept down. The louder the noise the more people it wakes up.

J. H. McEACHEN, Victor, Colo., was convicted of conspiracy to defraud the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance company, and it took forty-five minutes to convict him and sentence him to prison for fourteen years. There are a lot of other conspirators whom the public now knows have robbed the companies out of many millions, but none of them are in jail, though they have confessed the crime. It's different with the poor devils and the rich ones, isn't it? And the poor vote to keep it so!

The Baltimore & Ohio Railroad company is charged in the Maryland senate with furnishing money to bribe legislators to defeat the telegraphers' eight-hour bill. Sure! It is to the interest of the barons of the railroads to defeat such a law. But if the public owned and operated the roads would these same men put up their bootle to defeat an eight-hour law? What interest would they have to beat it? But the railroad and other corporation employes always vote for the parties that believe in private ownership of their jobs. They vote the same tickets as their masters. And I wonder why?

In old English times, when a man tried to evade the process of law, like Rockefeller and others are doing, they were declared outlaw, their property confiscated to the state and a price put on their heads. Wonder how that would net today? Such men are public enemies and would be so declared if the government were not composed of their pals and confederates. Notice the plea that the packers are putting up, that they gave evidence "under promise of immunity." When the poor are sweated and forced to confess, the confession is used against them. But the poor are the pawns of law and don't amount to much except to give the officers fees for prosecuting. Strange land!

The Standard Oil company controls all the great railroads that cover Kansas, and can confiscate the property of its citizens at its pleasure. The time is not far off when this company will own and control all the oil and coal fields of Kansas. Nothing can prevent it except the taking of the railroads and operating them for the equal and just benefit of all the people. And Kansas congressmen and senators are opposed to that because they are directly or indirectly influenced by the means which the Standard knows so well how to operate. No one of them has raised his voice against the absolute mastery of the industries of the state by the Standard. Do a little thinking with your own mind.

HERE is a sample of what great private wealth does: Billy Parker, aged 17, is the son of a retired Chicago business man. He is an all-round sport, spending thousands annually on chorus girls and wine and autos and other debaucheries. His father cut him off and he now lies in jail for forging his father's name to many checks to continue his high and useless existence. Boys should be made to earn what they spend. It would be better for them. The father took his fortune in profits off of the poor—and this criminal son is one of the blessings to crown his old age. Under Socialism every person would have to produce whatever he consumed or its equivalent, and this would train him up to industry and against waste. Private wealth is a curse to nearly every possessor of it. Then why continue the game?

NEXT WEEK.

Three features of special importance will appear in next week's Appeal. One is a communication from the editorial staff of the Appeal, the brilliant editor of the Western Federation of Miners, in which he arranges the criminal capitalists and subsidized officials who have conspired to murder our comrades in stirring words that would quicken the pulse of every man in America who has red blood in his veins. The second will be a damning comparison of the Standard of the Republican governor of Colorado in the Moyer-Haywood case with the strict observance of same case with Republican governors of various states, including Roosevelt of New York, and the Governor of Nevada, who has been brought to trial on the charge of conspiracy to murder the miners' democratic.

And the third an exposure of the detective methods by one who has been in the work of that institution. WONDERFUL is this government! Despite its screaming eagle it cannot arrest the richest man in the nation—Rockefeller! What a sickening fact—that it cannot cope with a single individual. Old Glory should be hung at half-mast.

CONGRESSMAN SIBLEY says that every Socialist and anarchist favors the rate-making bill. That's going away from home to hear the home news. I never heard of a Socialist who favors one opposed the rate bill before congress. That is about as much truth as there is in the average politician.

THE death of 1,000 French coal miners, for lack of proper safety precautions, is likely to force the government to take over all the coal mines, as it is evident that private owners will not go to the expense of providing for the safety of their employes. Society, of which the miners are a part, will provide these safety appliances.

DUKE, the tobacco baron, says he left his wife when he became suspicious of her fidelity! Wonder how faithful he has been! This shows the character of the exceeding rich. Chastity is a rare virtue among them. And they oppose socialism because it would destroy the family! It wouldn't hurt many of their families if Socialism were black as they paint it. The poor support these degenerates in their rottenness.

THE mine owners of West Virginia have killed a hundred miners again, by refusing to make their mines safe to work in. It occurred at Fairmount recently. The mine was owned by Baltimore capitalists who never mine coal, never were in the mine, but only use it as a slave pen. But wage slaves are cheap—cheaper than chattel slaves of yore. Will the workers ever get wise enough to vote to own the mines they work in?

To show their contempt for the trick of the czar in calling an election, which is a farce, the workmen of St. Petersburg elected a dog to fill the doghouse. Not a bad idea. If dogs had been elected to congress in this country they wouldn't have passed the thousands of vicious laws that have been passed in the interests of the capitalists. And yet some people believe the Russian working people are too ignorant for self-government! The Americans have proven that they are!

THE deputy assessor at Folsom, Cal., took the blankets from two workers because they would not pay the poll tax. They resisted and the judge sentenced them to thirty days and a \$10 fine, and the officers can now play poker for the fees they got out of it. That is the way the Russian officers act. A poll tax is the meanest of all taxes—it was instituted by kings in the long ago to count how many slaves they had. It was the straw that started the Watt-Tyler revolution. Of course, the two victims will love the country's laws all the more for it! Such is capitalism, which the workers vote for.

In the Birmingham Age-Herald of March 7th, Jack Curran, of the police court, tells how, years ago, when the city was hard up for cash, and the market house needed whitewashing, the mayor advertised for bids and when a poor devil of a painter put in a bid who had not paid his license he was arrested and fined and made to whitewash the market to pay his fine—and thus the city got its market house whitewashed free! And this is boasted of! And the poor people keep on voting for the same old system! Such an act can find its parallel only in Roman history, and Americans are taught to believe they are free! Such is democracy in the South and republicanism in the North. Socialism will be different.

T. W. KILEY is a millionaire banker and hardware merchant of Brooklyn, N. Y. He keeps two legal wives. It came to light the other day during a law suit. Kiley says, according to the Chicago Record-Herald of March 22d, that his wife was lying at the point of death and that he did not expect her to recover when he married the second wife, with whom he was off on a pleasure trip at the time; his wife did not die but got well. And this is his remarkable conclusion: "I do not see why the public should intrude on private affairs of this nature." And Kiley is the kind of man who tell you that Socialism would destroy the family. He is one of those aristocrats who say that Socialism would promote free lust! And he is so opposed to that! See?

IMPORTANT The Appeal will make a proposition within the next few weeks to the following trade organizations: Bricklayers and Masons; Hotel Employees; Railroad Telegraphers; International Association of Machinists; International Brotherhood of Teamsters; Plate Makers; and our imprisoned comrades within the next few weeks to a local copy of the above organizations should see that they are present when the proposal is made and use their influence to see that it is accepted. They may want, giving names of any number of persons and advise me of your willingness to cooperate with the Appeal in this important work. If any number of the Appeal is able to supply me with the names of the local organizations, I will be glad to have so.

THE APPEAL UNDER FIRE!

Suppressed in Canada for Sedition—New Laws Enacted by Mr. Madden Prohibit Any More Three Million Editions of The Appeal.

IMPORTANT NOTICE—Send no more order extra copies of No. 541 or any other issue of the Appeal. I have just handed a new ruling by the postoffice department which will prevent the Appeal from sending extra "chance purchasers" by second class mail. The question is definitely settled, the Appeal will please send no more orders for extra copies. Orders now in the office will be sent out either by express, where the points can be reached by express, or by mail, though we be forced to pay third-class postage (eight times the rate now charged.)

I HAVE just been handed a copy of a set of postal laws enacted by Mr. Madden, at Washington,

which, if enforced, means that the Appeal can issue no more record-breaking special issues. These new "laws" were formulated by the Third Assistant Postmaster General on December 16, 1905, seven days after the date of the big Trust Edition. These new regulations were not served on the Appeal until April 4th. Mr. Madden states that publishers would have from December 16 to April 1st to adjust their business to the new requirements. It may have been merely an oversight on the part of Mr. Madden that he failed to give the Appeal the same three months' notice which he gave to other publishers, or it may have been intentional. True it is, that not until four days after the time limit had expired, was the Appeal informed of this new change, which not only embarrassed us seriously, but will entail a great financial loss AND PREVENT THE FURTHER DISTRIBUTION OF NO. 539, containing the truth regarding the Idaho conspiracy!

I have not time to discuss this phase of the situation—you may draw your own conclusions!

Since the Appeal's historic fight with the postal department in 1901, this paper has been under a continual fire from Washington. These battles have been mostly smokeless, and without much noise. The Appeal won out in every instance, merely because a studios effort has been made on our part to comply, in every respect, with the multifarious rules and regulations handed out by the Third Assistant.

Up to eight months ago I was permitted to send out as often as desired subscription blanks with each copy of the Appeal. In the course of a year, at least ONE MILLION of these blanks were placed in the hands of our friends. The little sub blank, insignificant and unimportant at it appeared, was a powerful factor in building up the circulation of the Appeal. It was a seductive invitation to the man into whose hands it fell to jump in and help. Those of you who became a victim to its subtle influence understand what I mean. When you got hold of it you felt as though you just ought to hustle out and corral a few subs. An examination of our office records shows that during the twelve months preceding the curtailment of the sub blank privilege, at least 25,000 of them came back containing lists of names—the greater majority being sent in by men

and women who had never before sent in a single subscription save their own. When the blank failed to make its appearance, these casual workers neglected to send in new subscriptions. As a result of this move on the part of the postal department, the Appeal has lost within the past year nearly 75,000 annual subscriptions.

A year ago, the Appeal's regular subscription list contained a few less than 300,000 names. As a result of this curtailment of the subscription blank privilege the list has fallen to 191,464. So you can chalk down Tally One for Mr. Madden!

This is a humiliating confession for me—as it means that at last, after years of effort, the forces of plutocracy have reached a vital spot in the Appeal's anatomy. Notwithstanding this decline in the regular list, the Appeal's business, measured in dollars and cents, has been steadily increasing. This increase has been due to the immense special editions which we have been able to put out, the profits accruing from such sales making up the deficit caused in the regular subscription department.

New comes Tally Two! In refusing to carry these extra papers as second class matter, one of the important sources of revenue has been cut off. On a circulation of less than 300,000 at 25¢ per year, the Appeal cannot possibly meet its heavy expenses. A circulation of 350,000 will furnish a sufficient revenue to pay all expenses of the shop, while a circulation of 300,000 would enable us to provide funds to carry on such work as the Appeal has been doing the past four weeks, or send a special correspondent to Washington, or conduct any one of a number of similar enterprises as opportunity offers.

As the situation now stands, the Appeal faces a serious financial problem. With this revenue from extra sales cut off and a subscription list that will not

SUPPRESSED IN CANADA.
POSTOFFICE DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF FIRST ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL, WASHINGTON.
April 4, 1906.
The Postmaster, Girard, Kans.
Sir:—The department is in receipt of information from the postoffice department of Canada to the effect that an order has been issued prohibiting the transmission or delivery, through the Canadian mails, of the newspaper, entitled "Appeal to Reason," which is published at Girard, Kan., on account of the scurrilous and seditious character of articles appearing in a copy of that publication which has been brought to the attention of the department.
You are requested to inform the publishers of the paper of the issuance of the order mentioned.
Respectfully,
F. H. HITCHCOCK,
First Assistant Postmaster General.

meet expenses it is going to require quick work on your part to put the Appeal out of danger.

I am going to call, therefore, for volunteers for the "Emergency Squad." I want 5,000 Appeal readers to agree to send 10 yearly subscriptions at 25¢ each before April 15th and ten yearly subscriptions by May 15th. This will quickly put the Appeal on its feet, and we will be in a position to make another fight for its existence if it becomes necessary. That an attempt will be made to prevent the Appeal from reporting the Moyer-Haywood trial, I have every reason to believe. We must be prepared for that attempt.

The Appeal is needed at this time as never before, and I know that every one of its friends will realize the importance of prompt, vigorous action—NOW!

Under a temporary arrangement with the Girard postmaster, I am permitted this week to place a ONE-LINE subscription blank in this issue. I do not know why there should be discrimination against the ten-line blank. There is no rule, however, so far as I have been informed, that will prevent you from writing as many names on that maddened blank as you can, and if you want to paste it to the top of a sheet of paper eighteen inches long and write one hundred names thereon, you may do so.

Let us call this latest trick of the plutes as we have called other tricks before. If we can't print big editions, by the eternal gods we will build a regular every week circulation that will stagger Washington plutocracy as the Appeal's 2,500,000 "Rescue Edition" staggered the Idaho gang of conspirators. Use the enclosed sub blank and also send in the pledge printed below. Who will be the first man across the line?

The Emergency Squad.

J. A. WAYLAND, Girard, Kansas
Enroll me as a member of the "Emergency Squad." I agree to send in ten yearly subscriptions by April 15th, and ten more by May 15th. I enclose herewith my first list of _____ names.

Socialist Gains Everywhere

That the Socialists are becoming a real factor in American politics goes without question. Returns to date are meagre, but what we have received are highly encouraging:

Oklahoma City, Okla.—Socialist vote shows 50 per cent increase over last year. Average vote, 175.

Stotts City, Mo.—The following telegram has been received from Comrade C. F. Krueger, of Stotts City: "Entire Socialist ticket elected in this city today."

Kansas City, Mo.—T. E. Palmer, candidate for mayor on Socialist ticket says: "We are highly encouraged with the results here. The opposition never had a more seductive issue, but in spite of it we increased our vote over the

election two years ago, from 297 to 645."
Willsville, N. Y.—Socialists were pitted against the fused forces of the opposition. Purdy, the Socialist candidate, received 127 votes, as against the combination republican and democratic candidate's 567. Socialists gain nearly 100 votes over November election.

Mystic, Iowa.—Socialists elect a mayor and three councilmen. In the single ward still in the hands of the enemy the Socialists were after them red-hot and lost only by a few votes. Old party lines were banished and the fight was between the Socialist ticket and the capitalist ticket.

Milwaukee, Wis.—Twelve Socialist aldermen will now have seats in the city council, as against nine heretofore. Arnold, the Socialist candidate for mayor, received about 17,000 votes, Becker, republican, was elected, with

22,565. The fight was hot up to the time votes began to be cast. The Sunday before election 71,500 pieces of Socialist literature were distributed in the city. Orators were explaining Socialism from the street corners day and night the last week of the campaign, and the result shows conclusively that the Socialists are surely and steadily gaining control of the city. Let us rejoice with Milwaukee.
We mostly do what we must, not what we wish.
Join the "Emergency Squad."
DO NOT OVERLOOK the offer to send the Appeal each and every week to one of the four million copies of the Appeal that are scattered from one end of the United States to the other. This period will cover the important developments in the Moyer-Haywood trial, the proceedings of which should have the widest publicity it is possible to give them. It has been my aim to be sure that the world know why.

McPARTLAND FLUNKS.

Feeling the Tremendous Pressure of Public Opinion, McPartland Hesitates in Carrying Out His "Sweating Process"—Better Treatment for the Prisoners.

Special to the Appeal to Reason.
BOISE, April 4.—Fearing an aroused public sentiment, Detective James McPartland has not yet commenced to apply "third degree" methods to the imprisoned president of the Western Federation of Miners. When Judge Smith issued the order for Moyer's separation from his companions, and transfer from Canyon County to the Ada County jail, every one immediately jumped to the conclusion that this transfer was brought about to give McPartland an opportunity to sweat Moyer in an effort to extort from him some of a confession. Moyer had been a very sick man since his arrival in Idaho, and at the time of his incarceration in Jasper Nicholls's calaboose he was so weak that he could hardly stand erect. Gooding and McPartland naturally concluded that he was in a more susceptible condition than either Haywood or Pettibone and would fall an easy prey to McPartland's machinations.

But so plain was the game, however, that a veritable storm of protest went up all over the two counties and the professional father-confessor became afraid to put his scheme into execution. In a day or so the prosecution changed its mind regarding the separation of the three men, and, later, Haywood and Pettibone were carried to Ada County and placed in the same jail with Moyer.

During the past week Gooding and McPartland have been together most of the time, talking and planning and looking wise, and it is the consensus of opinion that they are trying to perfect arrangements whereby Moyer can again be separated from his companions, and placed in solitary confinement. It is the ardent desire of the state authorities to carry the men back to the penitentiary, but that is not the legal place of imprisonment for the men, under the circumstances. Besides, there is a well defined sentiment of protest against that procedure existing among the people of Caldwell and Boise. Governor Gooding would like to ignore public sentiment in this matter, but at this particular point in the proceedings he dare not.

There is no doubt but that plans are under consideration to start something that can be used as an excuse by the governor to order the men back to the penitentiary. Several days ago it was thought that Pinkerton detectives would be instructed to attempt a sham jail delivery in order to create the sentiment that friends of the accused Federation leaders were at the bottom of it. But the scheme was exposed and Gooding had to let it drop. What will be tried next no one knows, but that something will be started by the state is believed on all sides.

Like Jasper Nicholls, of Canyon County, Sheriff Mosely, of Ada County, is a good fellow personally, and is inclined to treat the prisoners with every courtesy. He has refused to let McPartland apply "third degree" methods to Moyer, and has given Gooding to understand that so long as he is sheriff there will be no persecution of the Federation men. It is whispered around that Sheriff Mosely believes the men are innocent of the charge of murdering Steunenberg, and that may have something to do with his present attitude. Anyhow, Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone are receiving good treatment at the sheriff's hands, and while they cannot see over the country, nor are they allowed outside of the jail—privately accorded them in Canyon County—they have no kick coming, and are perfectly satisfied with their situation.

G. H. SHOAF.

WAGE vs. CHATTEL SLAVERY.

Wage slavery is cheaper than chattel slavery, and does not carry with it the care of the slave. In the 50's good, able-bodied black chattel slaves brought from two to three thousand dollars. How much does the average white man (wage slave) imagine that a capitalist would care to pay for him today? Labor does not average more than \$1 per day, and we will call it that, and, excluding Sundays and holidays, we have, say, 300 working days in the year. If a man worked every working day he would then earn \$300. He can't possibly be fed and clothed on less than 50 cents a day—that's \$182.50 for the year. Deduct this from his gross earnings and we have left \$117.50 as his net earnings. Doctor bills and loss of time and insurance upon his life will knock off at the least calculation \$27.50—leaving but \$90 a year as his net work to his master, at the very utmost that it can be figured. Why, you able-bodied American "freeman," you are not worth, in dollars and cents, more than one-third what was paid for black men in the 50's. A chattel slave was thought more of than a wage slave today. And he had the best of it. He had more comfortable quarters, food, his wife and daughters were at the mercy of their white masters, that's true—but how much better off are the thousands on thousands of girls in our large cities who work for less than what room rent and food and fuel cost, to say nothing about clothing to make them look decent behind the counters of our big downtown palaces of trade.

The monopolist will never lessen your fetters, but you can rend them by voting right. Read, investigate, think and sew the seed and spread the light, and by voting right, free yourselves from wage slavery.—Exchange.

A FABLE AT A CHICAGO CLUB DINNER.

"A fresh milch cow was hard at work in a pasture when she attracted the attention of a foreign syndicate of flies, who were traveling through the country in search of investments. 'This is a sure thing,' said the head of the syndicate, who was a model merchant. 'There are no flies on this cow. Let us put our trust in her, and put her in our trust, for it is a poor rate that will work both ways.' The cow gave her consent, as is usual, in such cases. Harmony being restored, the flies settled themselves on her neck and drew their dividends from her circulating medium.

"The cow began to run. When they were full those of the syndicate who had talent for after-dinner speaking addressed the cow on the questions of reform.

"One dwelt on the manifest goodness of the Almighty, who had so ordered all things for the best that the glad duty had fallen to them of giving employment to her otherwise undirected energies.

"Another who was versed in the science of political economy pointed out to her the perfection of the law of supply and demand by which the faster they put their suckers into her the faster ran the blood.

"Meanwhile the cow, feeling the destiny of woman was something nobler than to be treated as a mere pasture ground, lay down and began to roll over on her back. The model merchant warned her that the syndicate would withdraw their capital and plant and close their works if she persisted in this disregard of their vested rights. The animal continued to roll, he said to his fellow stockholders: 'This cow is evidently a member of the Socialist party, and cares nothing for an honest currency or the obligations of a contract. Let us withdraw and seek a better field for investment.'

"BILLY" MASON RAPS THE SENATE.

The Ex-United States Senator Says the Body is Wholly Un-American.
Chicago, April 2.—Ex-United States Senator William W. Mason says the august body which he lately adorned is "a gigantic con game." He spent six years in the game and made an unsuccessful play for six more. He said: "While I have the best personal feeling toward the men with whom I served in the senate, the body, as a body, is wholly un-American.

"Republicans and democrats, it is the only legislative body in the world where the majority governs," he said. "All you have to do to defeat legislation is

MANIFESTO

Issued By the Boise Local Socialist Party
In view of the fact that three of our fellow workmen are imprisoned in this city, charged with the atrocious murder of ex-Governor Steunenberg, and in view of the fact that the Socialists, as the political representatives of the working class, are now forced to the front for examination and criticism, we feel called upon to make the following statement:

First. We direct attention to the fact that International Socialism is the champion of peace and of peaceful methods. We expect to win by ballots, not by bullets. To its six million Socialists alone is due the peace of Europe since the Franco-German war. We are unalterably opposed to the use of arms to achieve our victory. We appeal to men's reason and to their interests, urging them to unite at the ballot box.

Historically, the Socialists have always been the most unrelenting and consistent opponents of anarchism. Second. We point out that the murder case now set for trial in our state is only an incident in the great struggle between capital and labor now in progress throughout the civilized world.

Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone, whether innocent or guilty, would never have been arrested, and Gov. Steunenberg would never have been assassinated, except for the war of interests between the mine owners and mine workers in the Rocky Mountain region.

We point out that this war of interests between employer and employed, between organized capital and organized labor, is the underlying cause of all the brutal and bloody conflicts which have rent Idaho and Colorado during the last few years.

It was this war of class interests, and not Gov. Steunenberg, which established the bull pen and imported negro soldiers in the Cour d'Alenes.

Gov. Steunenberg fell as one of the victims in this class war, as many an unknown miner has also fallen.

"We ask all thinking people to consider what vast interests are involved in this cruel war. If these officers of the Western Federation of Miners are found guilty and condemned, their organization will be ruined and the mine owners will be able to regulate wages to suit themselves.

A wage reduction of fifty cents a day for the hundred thousand members of the Miners' Federation equals fifty thousand dollars a day, or over a million dollars a month.

The conviction of these men is, therefore, worth at least ten million dollars a year to the combined employers. Consider that even a single million, judiciously expended in a political campaign, can control a legislature, elect a governor, unseat judges and name a United States senator, and we see how great and far-reaching are the issues involved in this case.

It was this war of class interests which devastated Colorado with unheard of violations of human rights and seated a governor not elected.

Third. We do not know whether our comrades are guilty of the crime charged against them. We do know they have a right to be presumed innocent till proof shall be presented sufficient to remove every reasonable doubt.

We believe every fair-minded citizen will agree with us that all efforts should be condemned which aim to prejudice and poison the public mind against these prisoners by the publication of one-sided statements, garbled "confessions" and of such names as "assassins," "conspirators," etc., etc.

Fourth. We request careful consideration of the fact that the murder of Gov. Steunenberg was sure to injure the miners and sure to help the mine owners. Every one charged it to the miners at the first, and if it can now be fastened upon them, the result will be millions on millions of benefit to the employers.

New Carpet Baggers

By Ernest Untermyer.
ONE of the dearest recollections of the Southern democrats is the overthrow of the republican carpet-bag government after the civil war.

The other day, just after the news of the abolition of constitutional government by the capitalists of Colorado and Idaho had reached me, I had the pleasure of listening to two old democrats from Mississippi, who were swapping reminiscences of the great old time they had with the "niggers."

"Well, sub," said one, "we had a great time. The election laws provided that anyone who could not vote at the local polling places could go to the county seat and vote there. You know, sub, the intention of this was that the niggers might be able to vote the republican ticket and might not be overawed by the white democrats at the polls into voting for a democrat, or frightened away from the polls altogether."

"Well, sub, the day before election the niggers poured into our county seat from all directions. The whole town was black with them. They camped anywhere, slept under the trees, and showed a general disposition to own everything in sight."

The other old Mississippian laughed into his whiskers and sent a squirt of tobacco juice in the general direction of the speaker.

"Well, sub," continued the speaker, "something had to be done. We called together our local militia and sent word to a company of Alabama cavalry next to us to be on hand next morning. Everything went all right. In the morning the militia marched to the court house square and drew up along one side of it. The Alabama cavalry joined us and occupied the second side of the square. And the white democratic citizens occupied the third side, leaving one side open toward the county jail."

"Another chuckle from the other, and another squirt.

"Then we elected a committee of twenty, sub, and provided them with good, stout hickory sticks. I was one of the twenty. Well, sub, you should have seen those niggers when those hickory sticks whacked down on their backs. They moved so fast that I didn't get into action at all. Like a herd of buffalo, they stampeded."

"Hab, hab, stamped,"—squirt—seconded the other.

"And they jumped over the fences, climbed over hedges, dived into the tall timber in a way that gladdened my heart, sub. Some of them ran so far that their families missed them for a week."

"Chuckle, chuckle, squirt.

"We looked for some of them next day, because we wanted to drive a few dozen of them back to the polls and make them vote the republican ticket."

"So as to show that their rights were protected."

Hab, hab, chuckle, chuckle, squirt, squirt, in chorus.

A TIMELY SERMON.

From the New Haven (Conn.) Register.
At the United church Sunday morning, Rev. Artemas J. Haynes preached on "Present Day Considerations of the Lord's Supper." Among other things Mr. Haynes referred to Upton Sinclair's socialistic book, "The Jungle," which is an exposure of the terrible treatment received by the laborers in the great stockyards of Chicago. Mr. Haynes was in Chicago before coming to New Haven, and for three years preached every Sunday night in the stockyards. Mr. Haynes said in part last Sunday:

"Who were these men seated with Jesus that night in an upper room at Jerusalem? Workingmen! That is, men who were accustomed to work with their hands. Jesus himself was a workingman—a carpenter. He gave up His trade to enter upon that wonderful ministry to those in need; but His sermons pathos unto the very last were with the people who were weary and heavy laden.

"Why is it that so few, comparatively speaking, of the workmen of the nation are in our churches today? Why are they not found at the Lord's table? What has happened to drive these people away from a place that is peculiarly their own? I speak as a laboring man—one who has worked all his life, until recently, with his hands; I speak as one whose sympathies are and always will be with the workingmen. Why, I say, are the great hosts of labor outside our church? No man, I venture, will deny the fact that this is so, and I am asking—why is it?"

"Perhaps I should not raise a question that I cannot answer of this meeting. But I am going to do something better. I am going to tell you where you may find the answer, and it is one that goes straight to the root of the difficulty. I am going to ask you to read a book recently published. Perhaps it is not on the book stands yet, but it will be in a few days. It is a book that will be read and talked about. It will meet unfair attack from one side and extravagant praise from the other. But it is a book that answers this question that I have raised; it is a book that every man, and especially every young man, should read. The story is that of Upton Sinclair, entitled 'The Jungle.' I shall say nothing more about the book this morning, except to venture the prophecy that it will stamp itself upon the mind of the reading public as perhaps the greatest American book of this generation. You may not agree with the author in his conclusions, but you will be compelled to admit that he has raised a problem that every citizen should squarely face. We may shut our eyes to the movement going on about us, but nothing can be more certain than this—it will go on in spite of us with all the inevitableness of fate. It has in it the resistless sweep of the tide."

"The Jungle" will be mailed, postpaid, by the Appeal for \$1.35 per volume. Special prices to agents, locals and clubs desiring the books in quantity.

Join the "Emergency Squad."

COMMON SOULS.

He was a "common" sailor.
What does the word "common" stand for?

Ask Judge De Haven of the far west, and I believe that he would tell you that it stands for a general lack of fine feeling, a callous soul, one so rough it feels no insult, one grovna so hard that it has no sense of pain when under the lash of cruelty and gross injustice.

This "common" sailor was insulted. He was chained like a ferocious dog and ironed as if he were a dangerous convict. All this unjustly, and he fought his case in court and won.

But with the judgment Judge De Haven took occasion to hurl at the "common" sailor these bitter words:

"It is a matter of common knowledge that one man would suffer more than another, by reason of mental pain incident to false imprisonment. I am satisfied by the appearance of the libelant as a witness and his general character, as disclosed by evidence, that his feelings were not greatly outraged by the treatment he received."

His feelings, because he was a common sailor, were not greatly outraged.

Common! Common! If I am a common sailor I cannot feel insult, cruelty, bitter wrong!

Because I dig in the ditch my heart is callous.

An Imperishable Utterance.....

DEBS has immortalized the idea of human brotherhood in his famous phrase, "If they hang Moyer and Haywood they have got to hang me!" This sentence will be handed down in history when the impassioned words uttered by Patrick Henry in the Virginia convention have passed entirely from the memory of man. They will be read and repeated and remembered and revered until every language is dead and all lips are dust.

After declaring that his comrades might, if so they were minded, submit to the tyrannical exactions of the Third George, the eloquent colonial rebel then exclaimed, "But as for ME, give me liberty or give me death!" Here we find no hint of that noble courage that lofty heroism, the self-abnegation, the sacrifice for others, that marks the luminous language of Debs, the significance of which is "Liberty for others, or death for me."

There are some frivolous and skeptical ones who point out the sacrilegious fact that the patriotic Patrick indeed so greatly preferred liberty to death that he continued peacefully to look for the former while those whom his oratory inspired with martial ardor confronted the latter on the field of conflict. Some even have intimated that if driven to the undesirable alternative of death, Mr. Henry would greatly have preferred to die of extreme old age.

Not so with Debs. He wants no liberty not shared by all, no rights that may not come to his comrades. In fact, he is willing to die that liberty may live; and if ever the conflict comes he will be found at the front in battle.

While this spirit survives, the days of heroism have not quite departed. So long as men would embrace death joyously for the benefit of their brothers, the sordidness of commercialism has not wholly conquered the world.

Debs is the cavalier of the social revolution. He is the most knightly figure of this generation. The charm of chivalry clothes him as a garment. He is an anachronism in this selfish age. He properly belongs to Provence in the brave old days of lance and lute.

There is but one Debs, but let us hope there are many men who will worthily echo his words, "If they hang Moyer and Haywood they have to hang me!"

—WALTER HURT.

MINE OWNERS UP TO OLD PLOTS.

Special Dispatch to Pittsburg, Pa., Press.
Boise, Idaho, March 27.—Although there are not a dozen persons here who are not known to every resident of the city, persistent rumors are being circulated that there will be an attempt to dynamite the jail and deliver Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone, the three officers of the Western Federation of Miners, who are accused of the murder of former Governor Steunenberg.

It was asserted today that this was a part of the conspiracy to turn public sympathy from the accused miners and afford an excuse to remove them to the penitentiary, which cannot be done legally. Only persons convicted of crimes and sentenced can be confined in the penitentiary.

The object of this, it is alleged, is to place the three men out of reach of their friends and counsel, to give the detectives in the employ of the state and mine owners an opportunity to work the "third degree" to better advantage and force the men into confessing something. In other words, the plan is to have a bogus attempt at jail breaking within a day or two, according to the friends of the miners.

In a day or two, it is alleged, strangers will begin to arrive in town, and that their presence will apparently be unnoticed by the law's officers. At the proper time these men will surround the jail and demand that the prisoners be released. After making this formal request, there will be shouts of "Break the jail."

A revolver shot or two will play a part in the plot. To guard against any such action being charged against the Western Federation of Miners and their friends, special detectives have been employed by the miners, who will keep a watch on any strangers who arrive in town, and also guard the jail in which Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone are confined.

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CASH BUYERS' WOES OVER.

From Beece's Weekly, Chicago.
The tangled affairs of the Cash Buyers' Union, of Chicago, were straightened out at a meeting of prospective backers of the firm. The meeting was called at the instance of some of the major creditors and quite a number of outside representatives were present. Sufficient money was pledged to put the concern on its feet and to safeguard all holders of preferred stock. Arrangements to continue the business as soon as it can be taken out of the bankruptcy court were made. The \$2,500,000 common stock held by President Kahn will become the property of the holding company under the new arrangement and it is understood that Mr. Kahn is to continue at the head of the newly organized company.

The average labor leader is simply a reflex of a majority of his followers. Let us not forget this.

SOCIALIST PARTY—J. Malloy Barnes, National Secretary, 259 Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill.

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THE ABOLITION OF COMPETITION.

Whether we love it or whether we hate it, whether we be Socialists, anarchists or conservative politicians, merchant prince, financier or day laborer, our every act drives daily on the car of progress toward the fatal instability of the present system, away from commercial competition as an accepted public institution, and toward the recognition of the only alternative—universal emulative co-operation as a national principle.—Sidney A. Rowe in "The Cost of Competition."

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Can You Answer?
In a recent lecture on Rome, Prof. Raymond, of Chicago university, asked this question of his audience: "Can any one in the audience give the name, or have they ever heard of a single individual prominent in either literature, science or art in Italy who was not a Socialist?" He waited for a reply and there being none, he added: "I have asked this same question every time I have given this lecture and have never yet received a reply thereto."

Why the Poor Are Poorer.

INDIVIDUAL property is the result of labor and frugality, says the Cincinnati Enquirer. Yes, but not necessarily of the possessor of it. Do you mean to tell me that the labor of the Astors or Vanderbilts or the...

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like to think; they are not used to it. Yet if they were to THINK they could have the earth and all in it, and lose nothing but their poverty and misery!

THE FARMER AND HIS HAND.

If a farmer, under the Co-operative Commonwealth, employs help to save his crop, would he not have to pay an equal amount for the crop?

THE HELLO GIRL.

What is to become of all the hello girls when the automatic switch boards are used instead of girls? I know that now they will be out of employment...

CAPITALISM AS IT IS.

From Boston Herald. A. Matthew McDermott, a laborer, dropped dead early this morning while handling a shovel in an excavation at Denver place and Ferry street.

CAN'T YOU BE SATISFIED?

Those who rule and get the benefit of ruling do not like to hear any complaint against their rule; it scares them and makes them uneasy.

"FOR DISTINCTION"

Th. F. Ryan, the Wall Street frenzied financier, in the New York Independent, says "that after they have acquired a competency, it is for distinction that most men strive rather than for mere money."

"THE CRIMINAL POOR."

None of the petty crimes that are committed today to get something to eat, drink or wear, would be committed if the people all had employment at even two or three dollars a day—small enough, God knows.

THE BIG COAL STRIKE.

There have been some breaks in the ranks of the coal operators during the past week and a number of the smaller companies, fearing a strike, are signaling the 1905 scale and resuming operations.

ANOTHER HAZELTON RIOT.

The First National bank of Hazelton, Pa., has failed with large deposits of the miners. The officers are fugitives from arrest and the books show they have robbed it of all its funds.

WHEN DOES THE DIFFERENCE?

"In this twentieth century we do not live as in antiquity and the Middle Ages by the loot and tribute of war, but by doing business," says the Houston Chronicle.

SUCH FUNNY THINGS!

The governor of Kansas is being petitioned by the lovers of the competitive system to save them from its effects. The petition wants an extra session of the legislature called to make an anti-pass law; a primary election law; a ballot law that will enable a voter to vote and get it counted; and goes on to say that "the oil and railroad trust, today, not only control every avenue of transportation and commerce, but through bribery and subsidizing of the newspapers, absolutely attempt to control the agencies of information and thought."

Hot Cinders.

Every man wants a "square deal" for himself. It's so easy to be good when it pays. Ever notice it? There is a vast difference between law and justice.

THE SOCIALISTS ARE NOT FIGHTING ROCKEFELLER.

The Socialists are not fighting Rockefeller, but the system that produces such monstrosities. Socialists are such strong believers in the laws of the land that they insist on the capitalists obeying them.

THE COLORADO-IDAHO MINE OWNERS.

The Colorado-Idaho mine owners and their Pinkerton thugs fought about the Appeal when they started in to hang a bunch of innocent men on manufactured evidence.

THE SUPREME COURT HAS DECIDED.

The supreme court has decided that a corporation cannot be granted immunity. It isn't necessary—the average corporation provides its own immunity in its own peculiar way.

ANOTHER PREACHER GONE WRONG!

The Rev. G. C. Porter, pastor of a Presbyterian flock at Laurel, Neb., has resigned to take the lecture platform for Socialism. In his resignation he states: "I resign because I have become convinced that the spirit of Christianity, as taught by Jesus, involves Socialism."

JOIN THE "EMERGENCY SQUAD."

To sell one's country for money has ever been treason, in all lands and in all times. There are a lot of pap-sucking papers, whose editors have their hands in the public treasury, who refer to this paper as the Appeal to Treason.

THE KANSAS CITY JOURNAL.

The Kansas City Journal says that McAlester, I. T., spends twice as much for its theatres as it does for its municipal schools, city government and churches. Which is proof that the city should own its theatres, as municipalities in Germany and France do, and it wouldn't cost them so much.

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Another Record-Breaker...

THE Appeal regrets—and this is putting it just as mild as I can—that the recent postal-office ruling makes it imperative for me to announce that no more orders will be accepted for the "Hoax Edition," No. 539. That it would have exceeded the big "Trust Edition" of 3,000,000 copies there is every indication. The figures on No. 539 stand as follows: Start made at 1:45 p. m., Saturday, March 24th.

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