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Noman is great enough or rich enough to get this paper on credit or for a longer time than paid for.

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ON TO THE 300,000 MARK.

It took just twenty-two weeks to make a net gain of 50,000 in the circulation.

I don't believe any other paper in the United States can show so remarkable a gain as that made by the APPEAL.

There remain nine weeks of this year—and in those nine weeks we are going to put the circulation of the APPEAL to 300,000.

First: The big Socialist vote that will be registered on the sixth day of next month.

Second: The campaign being waged in Colorado. Haywood is not a national figure.

On election day there will be thousands of this gallant crew who will make it a part of the day's work to nab four at two-bits each—and you really can't count your duty done on that day if YOU don't do likewise.

The Meat Packers' Merger.

All the great packing industries are to be merged into one company with a capital of half a thousand millions of dollars.

For years there has been a secret understanding among the packers' buyers, and they have skinned the cattle raisers to the bone.

The public will have to pay a profit that will pay an interest on this vast capitalization, which is nearly as much as the national debt.

Well, I don't blame the packers at all. They are doing business for what they can make out of it.

Congress at every session votes each of its members 20 cents a mile for his journey to and from the seat of government.

At the session of the railroad surgeons last week, at the Palmer House, Chicago, Doctors Mitchell and Corwin, two well-fed, fat animals owned by the railroad companies, denounced all agricultural rights and labor troubles as hysteria of the people!

The corn crop this year is estimated at 2,250,000,000 bushels. At 40 cents per bushel, the home market price, it amounts to \$1,100,000,000.

Let every voter in Denver and vicinage attend the big Debs meeting in Coliseum Hall the night of Nov. 5.

Are You a Coward?

How many cowards are there in the working class of America? How many workmen who have been systematically robbed of the product of their labor will stay away from the polls November 6th to serve their masters another day and fail to protest against their own degradation?

Will you be one of the spineless, submissive traitors to yourself, your family and your class by skulking on the one day when brave men come out into the open and demand by ballot what is theirs—and yours?

No matter how many laggards there may be, will you, YOU WHO ARE READING THIS, be one of them?

For what is all the sacrifice of time and labor and money to build up the movement? Is the agitation and education that has opened your eyes to come to nothing because you fail to do the one thing possible?

Take these questions to yourself, comrades, and resolve that you will make the best possible use of the ballot to strike a blow for freedom.

Be early at the polls. Vote at the earliest possible moment. A thousand things may happen to make it impossible later in the day.

If you do what you can, the total will take care of itself. If you want a strong Socialist vote, do the best thing possible to that end by voting yourself.

No vote for right and justice is ever lost. Not only do votes elect candidates, but, what is of greater consequence to the movement at this time, votes are an encouragement to those who are joining us in increasing numbers and are helping us win our fight.

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Emison says he will have a storage battery on the market in the spring that will revolutionize traffic and relegate horses to the side-shows as curiosities.

The new religious law of Spain provides for state support of any member of a religious order desiring to renounce the vows taken; provides for the state to enter monasteries without ecclesiastical sanction; provides that no order shall hold property in excess of the objects for which organized; provides that no religious order shall receive any donations, bequests or legacies; and, if any such orders engage in trade, that they shall be taxed the same as other businesses.

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Haywood Denounces Plot of Democrats

"No Compromise in Colorado!" is Still the Slogan Which the Socialist Candidate for Governor of Colorado Sends from His Prison Cell in Idaho to the Loyal Comrades of the Centennial State.

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I have just received information to the effect that Alva Adams, democratic candidate for governor of Colorado, in his canvass is reading telegrams purporting to be from my representatives.

WILLIAM D. HAYWOOD.

Ada County Jail, Boise, Idaho, Oct. 20.



COLORADO! When the sun sinks behind the rugged mountains of Colorado on November 6th, the curtain will be rung down on the first act of the world-wide struggle between the working class and the master class.

Whether the second act will open with the rattle of guns and cannons, I do not know. As I look over the field and view the situation calmly, it looks like war—grim, determined, remorseless war, the kind that makes orphans and widows and cripples!

Private advices to the Appeal from nearly every voting precinct in Colorado indicate the certainty of a vote for Haywood that, if honestly counted, will seat him in the governor's chair and place the other state officers in the hands of Socialists—giving a working class administration absolute control of the executive and military machinery of a state for the first time in the history of this country.

But these advices are accompanied also by the information that THE CAPITALIST POLITICIANS ARE PREPARING TO STEAL THE ELECTION, AS THEY HAVE REPEATEDLY DONE IN DENVER, IN COLORADO, AND IN OTHER STATES.

Knowing this, will the working class of Colorado stand for this added outrage—will this not be the last straw that will precipitate a crisis, the like of which has never yet been witnessed on this continent?

The aggravation will be great—more than human-patience should be expected to stand. When we reflect upon the outrages and crimes committed against the miners of Colorado, it is difficult to view the immediate future calmly.

I know the temper of the comrades who are staking all on the results of this election, and who have made sacrifices unnumbered and suffered insult almost unbearable that a slumbering people may be awakened; and when they see the fruits of a dearly bought victory illegally stolen by ballot-box methods familiar to the capitalist politician, then it is that the eye sees "red," discretion is thrown to the wind, and the wild dogs of war rage the streets and valleys of a land where peace should be.

But no matter the provocation, MY ADVICE IS TO REFRAIN FROM VIOLENCE OR TALK OF VIOLENCE!

The Washington government is watching the developments in Colorado. We can't win by force in a fight of this kind against the regular army of the United States, backed by the state militia of forty-five other states.

Let us pass up the idea of an armed revolution. True, a small band of men who cared nothing for their lives, could wreak vengeance upon those in authority and inaugurate a reign of terror—BUT NO GREAT SOCIAL CHANGE WAS EVER MADE BY SUCH METHOD UNLESS BACKED BY THE INTELLIGENT SYMPATHY AND SUPPORT OF THE MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE AFFECTED.

NO TYRANT EVER FEARED DYNAMITE AND GUNS SO LONG AS THE PEOPLE WERE IGNORANT! The backbone of the Russian revolution is the awakening intelligence of the Russian people, and this awakening is the result of a propaganda of education.

This is being written with the sole object, as you have no doubt perceived, of impressing you with the importance of circulating Socialist literature. It was the Socialist press of the United States, alone and unaided, that prevented the murder of Haywood and his associates; and it is the Socialist press, alone and unaided, that has made the Colorado campaign the most important and vital in the history of this country.

I WANT TO SEE THIS WORK CONTINUED UNTIL EVERY STATE IN THE NATION SEETHES WITH THE SAME INTELLIGENT DISCONTENT WE FIND IN COLORADO TODAY.

This can be done in two years! By 1908 a majority of the 12,000,000 working class voters of the United States and Canada can be made to see just as clearly as YOU DO TODAY!

Spend the few remaining days before the election in unremitting work and LET US SHOW BY OUR VOTES THAT WE MEANT JUST WHAT WE SAID IN OUR RESOLUTIONS OF PROTEST.

Continue the work on election day! Count not your duty done until you have taken at least four yearly subscribers for some Socialist periodical—preferably the APPEAL, of course. It will result in five votes where we now have one!

Let's start the campaign of 1908 with a whirlwind that will sweep everything before it!

May I depend on you?

TO THE VOTERS OF COLORADO.

Ada County Jail, Boise, Idaho, Oct. 22.

Disregard any reports FROM WHATEVER SOURCE, that I have entered into any compromise in the Colorado gubernatorial campaign, or that I contemplate such craven action.

This assertion is not to be made too emphatic. The reality is that there should be any occasion for such denial.

Every energy must be exerted to dispel the idea that I would lend any support to Adams; he has been weighed in the balance of JUSTICE and PRINCIPLE and found wanting.

DON'T BELIEVE THE ANGELS OF HEAVEN, THE IMPS OF HELL, OR ANY MAN ON EARTH, THAT TELLS YOU I AM NOT IN THIS FIGHT UNCOMPROMISINGLY TO A FINISH!

I appreciate the splendid support given me by my fellow-workers. I will never betray their confidence.

The last words I spoke to Mr. Darrow were to the effect that I would rather die than compromise the Socialist party.

WILLIAM D. HAYWOOD.

Don't Be Deceived.

All this bi-party anti-trust agitation in this campaign is for the sole purpose of beguiling the masses in order to sidetrack the Socialist vote.

If there seems to be a disposition on the part of the old parties to ease up a little on the pressure under which they have borne down the people through the years that are past, don't forget the fact that every concession which Capitalism ever has granted was wrung from its reluctant grasp by the insistent fear of Socialism.

When have either of the old-line parties redeemed their anti-election pledges? But even were they sincere in their platonic promises, why should such be accepted? Why should the despoiled masses be content with the slow process of change that comes from gradual and grudging concessions?

Let them demand their own, and demand it without delay. Let them possess themselves of the full product of their labor.

Let them not permit themselves to be fooled to a finish.

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The Australian ballot system will be used at the coming state and county elections in Santa Clara county. The board of county supervisors have decided to stray from the machine and return to the old method of casting the ballots was made imperative by the large number of independent candidates and new parties that sprang into existence at the eleventh hour.

Multifarious are the schemes of the old party managers to prevent that which every decent man desires—a fair vote and an honest count.

Finding it impossible to beat the voting machine, it was decided to discard such an obstructive appliance.

Any ballot improperly marked in the slightest respect is declared invalid and thrown out.

But the Socialists will triumph in spite of all such tricks to divert and delay.

SENATOR BURTON is now serving his time in jail. If justice were done there would be about seventy more senators serving sentence.

Whose is This Prosperity?

We have a plethora of prosperity—a fatal plenty. Nature seems to have conspired with Capitalism to produce an abnormal condition this campaign year.

Too often the workingman possesses no economic perspective. He has neither memory nor foresight. When his belly is full in the present, he is lulled into a condition of content, like a porker in his pen, forgetful of the hunger-pangs of the past and unmindful of the sure famine of the future.

The land is filled with groaning granaries and bursting bins. But in the cities countless children gather garbage from the alleys and press polluted crusts to their famished lips.

Excess is always evil. Surplus begets waste. But a short while ago the orchards were bending with a burden of fruit that later rotted beneath their branches; the fields were filled with a wealth of grain that never was garnered.

But the point is that this "bumper" crop will be made the means for misleading the voters. It will be mis-called "prosperity."

The price to the farmer for his product is reduced, but the rates to the railroads for hauling it to a market remain the same.

Didn't think of that, did you? Under Socialism, the farmer, in common with all others, would get the full value of what his labor produces.

The question presented is not one of natural economic law. The problem is not that of supply and demand, but of control and distribution.

And in Kansas and Iowa—aye, even in Nebraska, Mr. Bryan—farmers already are talking of using their corn for fuel, even as they did in the early days.

Oh, the infinite cruelty and shame and pity of a system that makes of Nature's dear generosity a crime—a system that gives corn and cotton to the flames while thousands go hungry and unclothed!

Will you continue to be an accomplice in this crime by voting to perpetuate such a system?

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In 1905 the postoffice and money order business done in the United States amounted to \$250,000,000, on which the fees were \$8,000,000.

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Let us show by our votes that we meant just what we said in our resolutions of protest.

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An Economic Revolution is on!

Let Labor stand together at the polls against the Lords who already control 90 per cent of the country's wealth—and the battle is won!

—Foster H. Semblance in "The Morning"

