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ONE of our gamest workers is a locomotive engineer on the Santa Fe. To his list last week he added a few remarks in regard to the slump that are worth quoting.

IN the Appeal of May 11, No. 597, Comrade Eugene V. Debs will analyze the Boise, Idaho, Statesman's attack on the Appeal, and the labor unions.

THE letters which appear below were intended for our last issue, the May Day number, but coming too late, we now have the pleasure of presenting them to our readers.

MAY DAY AND THE REVOLUTION

LET US STAND TOGETHER. BY WALTER THOMAS MILLS. Workingmen of the World! Let us stand together in the ballot box and at the workshop door.

ROOSEVELT vs. ROOSEVELT

WHEN the letter in which President Roosevelt denounced Moyer and Haywood was made public, organized labor entered its protest and demanded an explanation.

TO BE NUMBERED ONE

BY MAX E. HAYES. Of the Cleveland Citizen. May Day, the universal Labor Day, is the occasion when every thoughtful, conscientious workman ought to consider it a high honor to join the greatest international movement that ever was in existence.

COLLUSION BETWEEN ROOSEVELT and SUPREME COURT

BY EUGENE V. DEBS.

The one point of the most vital character in the kidnaping cases is the collusion of President Roosevelt and the Supreme court of the United States, clearly indicated in the dispatches from the white house published in the capitalist press.

UNIVERSAL PEACE

BY A. M. SIMONS. Of the Chicago Socialist.

While capitalists and representatives of capitalist governments are talking of universal peace in the midst of the hell of competitive warfare and of nations armed to the teeth to advance exploiting interests at home and abroad, the Socialists uniting in the only international holiday, are laying the foundation of a genuine universal peace movement.

WE ARE GOING TO WIN.

BY ALGERNON LEE. Of the New York Worker.

As the Socialists and progressive workmen of the United States this year celebrate the international holiday of the proletariat the subject uppermost in their minds will be the capitalist conspiracy to murder the officers of the Western Federation of Miners, and the necessity for defeating it.

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QUESTION BOX

What would become of the poor if it were not for the rich? What would become of the world if all were poor, and there were no wealthy people to give us work or lead us to glory?...

under a capitalistic national government as it would be to do the same thing with a county, a city or a village. You might as well attempt to secure industrial freedom for an individual under capitalism as to attempt such a task for anything less than a politically independent nation.

THE GENIAL OUTLAW.

Written for the Appeal to Reason. BY ELLIS O. JONES. I was, by all odds, the jolliest outlaw I ever met. He seemed to take a great interest in our welfare and, as he went through our pockets, he chattered freely, evincing great familiarity with general social questions and conditions.

THE BIG TEN.

How's the big ten for you? Well, that's how many the ten chief justices landed this week. Get your name in this list next week, you'll see and you can't have it at all. Following are the names of the Big Ten this week:

THE BUNDLE BRIGADE.

The Bundle Brigade is certainly doing its best these days to hold up the little old APPEAL's hands. If the mercury in the thermometer does continue to slide down it is not the fault of these comrades.

AGITATION LEAGUE.

Reported collected last week \$1,104.22 Collected since last report \$14.72 Total \$1,118.94

The Cheapest Form of Health Insurance

YOU can buy Health Insurance now. Several good "Accident" Companies sell it. Sixty dollars per year will bring you \$25.00 per week, for every week you are sick.

FINANCIAL COLUMN

BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

OWING to the prevalence of earthquakes, I concluded to write an article this week showing the inside of the San Francisco disaster as it pertains to finance.

An earthquake, causing any large loss of property (life does not count), especially in large cities, anywhere in the world, will always be followed by sinking prices on the New York, London, Paris and Berlin stock exchanges.

The details of the recent Mexican earthquake are not yet at hand, but it is a serious one in regard to property destruction, then the New York stock exchange will suffer losses dating within a few days of the earthquake, and these losses may assume the face of a panic.

No banker is in business for his health. If he couldn't make profits from the deposits made with him he would not be able to furnish a building, light and heat, with his own time and that of clerks to conduct the business.

In other words, for each dime of actual money in circulation, the banks owe depositors one dollar. Of course, the bank is safe as long as it is honestly conducted and runs on it do not occur—but if the people should at one time demand two-fifths of the money they have on deposit in the banks, all the banks of the nation would have to close, for there is only enough money to discharge one-tenth of the money due to depositors.

The bankers of San Francisco, with hearts bowed down, were looking gloomily into the ruined future. They were paupers—they, who but a few days before could hold up their heads in the financial councils of the world, were the possessors of bank vaults over which the flames were still crawling, licking hungrily at every chance morsel of value that had been overlooked by the fiercer holocaust that had gone before.

on industries lying flat and prone upon the ground. The fire might as well have eaten its way into the vaults, have leaked out the evidences of debt, as well as to have thoroughly demolished the values which stood behind the bits of paper to make them good.

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At last it was done. The plutocracy, after giving one of the greatest exhibitions in the way of energy, skill and nerve, sat back, wiped the sweat from its brow, and the banks of San Francisco opened with money enough on hand to pay every depositor in full.

J. EDWARD MORGAN is credited with having made "the most dramatic speech ever heard on the floor of the Chicago Federation of Labor" in behalf of Meyer, Haywood and Pettibone and the cause they represent.

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Upholders of Law in Their True Colors as Holdups and Outlaws

The white house sent Taft to Idaho to "uphold" the people who were holding up the state. The "upholders" of law and order are now under indictment as holdups by order of the law.

Our artist has caught the inspiration and drawn the picture true to life.

Woman in the Movement.

The influence of woman is not sufficiently evident in the Socialist movement. This is distinctively a weakness which should be remedied.

The Socialist movement, above every other, is woman's movement in its origin, and it can not be wholly for either unless it is equally for both.

Woman has an influence and power peculiar to her sex and nature which the Socialist movement needs and must have and without which it must surely fail.

There is a certain spirit which only woman can impart to the movement and a certain work that woman is better fitted to perform than man.

When the crisis comes the need for woman's sustaining influence will be felt more than now. The pains of travail are borne by her and her spirit is supreme in the crucial hour of revolution.

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ROOSEVELT'S RATING.

When the injunction proceedings were entered against the Great Northern railway in Minnesota to restrain that corporation from issuing sixty millions of additional bonds, it transpired, according to the press dispatches, that one of the stockholders was Theodore Roosevelt, president of the United States.

The value of a vote. The average worker, using the best machinery under effective direction and favorable conditions, produces in a year wealth to the value of \$2,400.

Each worker does not produce goods to the value of \$2,400 a year because most labor is poorly directed and he does not use the best machinery to facilitate his work.

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Long live the king! We have the right to know Theodore Roosevelt's standing as a capitalist, investor, promoter, speculator, stock and bondholder and business man.

The secret machinery of Dun's agency has been set in operation to secure confidential reports on the APPEAL and men connected with the Socialist movement.

Confessions of guilt are not infrequently made in silence. For Dun's report that never came, thanks.

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American History for the Workers.

No. XX.—The Rule of the Frontier.

WE have already noticed that after the war of 1812 the industrial face of America was turned west rather than east. During the years immediately following that war the means of communication were such as to confine industrial life closely to the sea-board and along navigable rivers.

To break away from this bondage the most strenuous efforts were made to construct canals and highways. These wrought great transformations, but they, too, were extremely limited in their capacities.

The size of an industrial unit, and, therefore, of a social unit, depends principally upon the "circle of the market." That is, each commodity can be carried a certain distance before the cost of transportation amounts to as much as the value of the article carried.

The method of growth of these early railroads was very different from those that have been built in the last fifty years. There was no general plan at this time; nor, indeed, any idea of a plan.

The application of steam to transportation on land and water was rapidly opening up the whole eastern slope of the Mississippi Valley.

Iron and steel mills were beginning to enter upon a new stage of growth, due to the increased demands for their products.

The western wave of population swept on until it carried the beginnings of the ranch stage into Texas, where land boomers were already talking of annexation, where the earliest recorded cattle drive took place between 1842 and 1846.

Along with this western movement, as has always been the case with similar movements, went a land boom. This particular one was perhaps the craziest of all that have ever cursed this country.

Never, perhaps, had the feud between the eastern creditor and the western debtor states been fiercer than at this time.

This was what is commonly known as the "Second Bank of the United States" in distinction from the one established by Hamilton.

Against this bank, therefore, Jackson at once turned his guns, and the politics of this period turns largely on the struggle between Jackson and the bank.

He first attacked its financial stability and insisted on a congressional investigation. Congress, being hostile to him, appointed a white-washing committee.

About the same time the land boom having nearly run its course, Jackson gave the blow that was to jar down the already tumbling financial house of cards.

By this time the Mississippi Valley was passing out of the stage of small debtor farming into that of diversified farming for a home market of industrial cities.

All this meant a shifting of political lines. The west was no longer opposed to protective tariffs, neither was it intensely interested in them.

1. How did the railroad affect industrial and social life? 2. Why did the western movement necessarily develop a land boom? 3. What were some of the distinguishing characteristics of the "war on the bank"?

DEBS A HARD DRINKER Roosevelt Says "Debs is an Undesirable Citizen." We Can Prove He Is a Hard Drinker. Most of the Appeal Readers will be intensely interested to learn that Gene Debs is getting fat and healthy boarding at a popular hotel in Girard, where he drinks hot NUTRETO three times daily.