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STRAIGHT TALK TO UNION MEN

interest to you.

members of unions.

could compel any government to trial field.
its bidding. The three millions Second—

Now it is quite probable that you I differ in this matter of unnism, but I am going to admit at you are just as honest as I am, that if we cannot agree it is simike. I am going to give you my at you listen to me in the same irit in which I talk to you.

ther dreamers or violent anarch-You have seen and heard these m over for yourself.

all its career raised its voice once at home. sinst organized labor, or against It is not a question of electing ord may be found in its files and its own welfare. challenge contradiction.

g to destroy it.

again I challenge the record.

to organized labor. The question is, me spread this paper among the un-what are you going to do about it? ion men of the United States. I'll tell you what I think and then Let us get together, boys, for the if you please to continue the capi- labor will be put to a test that will talist class in power you need ex- strain every fibre of its being.

WANT to have a little pect nothing more than the kind of straight talk with you union decisions you have been getting. But men and women. It does I am assuming that you want to betmatter what particular union ter your condition and that you are to, I think the few ready to listen to suggestions from ds I have to say will be those who have given the better part

There are of their lives to the labor movement, nt three millions of you union First-I think that organized ople in the United States. At workers should get together within same time there are about one great industrial body, making enty-two millions of wage earners, common cause of the whole upon the that about fourteen per cent, or principle of industrial unionism. later and the sooner the better. Now, three millions of workers, There can never be any true solidarunited, would be a tremendous ity and effective action until the my and have a force so great that workers get together on the indus-

Second-You workers who are are organized economically and still in the republican or democratic plitically have a good share of the party should not lose an hour getains and energy of the working ting out of those parties. Congress s and largely control the unor- is made up of both republicans and democrats, but you get no legislation there. The reason is that there is not a single working class representative in the entire body. supreme court is made up of both republicans and democrats, but you because we cannot see this thing get no decision there. Same reason. And the same reason applies to every department of our government, national, state and municipal

Third-When you have quit the You have been told by the capilong played you for suckers join the list papers and possibly by some Socialist party, the only party made up of the working class and our enemy and that Socialists are ized to put the working class in the interests of old capitalist parties which have so power to legislate in the interests of the working class. This is certainly ings many times and if you have simple enough and you should be en influenced by them I ask you able to understand it. The supreme w in the interest of truth to think court may prohibit workers from boycotting capitalists when a strike The Appeal is not your enemy, is on, but it cannot prevent them ut your friend. Its friends are from boycotting capitalists on elecour friends and lits enemies are tion day and electing every candir enemies. The Appeal has never date on a capitalist platform to stay

working class. From its first good or bad candidates, but of putae it has fought without conces- ting the working class as a class n and without compromise the into power so that it can legislate ttles of the working class. Its in its own interests and look after

Fourth-I think the working Now the object of the capitalist class can develop a capacity for clear pers in putting the Appeal in the thinking and that there are plenty titude of being an enemy to or- of representative wage-earners who nized labor is simply to deceive are entirely qualified to sit in legisranized labor into believing its latures and in congress and to oc-ends to be its enemies and its cupy the executive seat at Washingmies to be its friends. The very ton. Why then continue to divide per that warns you against the your forces between the republican eal is itself your enemy, as you and democratic parties, and why con-I find when there is a strike on tinue to elect corporation lawyers and the line is drawn between or- bankers and other parasites and canized labor and those who are try- flunkies instead of boosting your own class into power?

In view of this fact I feel that I not begin to tell you all that I should have a right to a few words with like in this brief talk, but I can at The supreme court of the least give you an idea of what I United States has within a few days have in mind and of what you livered three knockout blows to should have in yours if you expect and statutes are ethically valid only labor unions as follows: to meet the great issues of the day

First—It has smashed the Em- and cope successfully with the great

Third-It has smashed the boy- this country. I believe this paper cott and it has laid down the law has a message for them and in say-that if a labor union deprives a host ing this I have no other object than tile corporation of trade by any con- their own welfare, for this paper certed action on the part of members was started in the interest of the it is a conspiracy, and the corpora- labor movement and has no other tions so affected may hold the mem- mission than the emancipation of bers personally and as a union liathe working class. Could that be
everything which men have fought
ble for damages equal to three times accomplished without this paper I
and bled and died for in all ages
the amount inflicted. These three decisions following in bottom of the sea. If you are im- the right to be A MAN. rapid succession are all deadly blows pressed with what I have said help

you can do as you please. Of course, time is coming soon when organized

The fully-developed labor-union- the trades-union on the one hand ist uses both his economic and po- and in the Socialist party on the litical power in the interest of his other hand; that industrially and poclass. He understands that the litically they must act together as a struggle between capital and labor class against the capitalist class and is a class struggle; that the work- that this struggle is a class struggle, ing class are in a great majority, and that any working the but divided, some in trades-unions serts his union in a strike and goes and some out of them, some in one to the other side is a scab, and any and some out of them, some in one to the other side is a scab, and any political party and some in another; workingman who deserts his party that because they are divided they are helpless and must submit to being robbed of what their labor an enemy of his fellow-man. produces, and treated with contempt; belongs there than Rockeler that they must unite their class in Let us all too the mark squarely. longs in the Socialist party.

class are in a great majority, and that any workingman who de-

That Message.

President Roosevelt has sent still another message to congress, the steenth one this session. After occupying the presidential chair for almost seven years, during which time he repeatedly bombarded jongress with words, the president discovers, now that congress is soon to adjourn and there is a national election at hand, that something must be done to placate the dissatisfied working class.

But what shall it be? Ah, the president is a wonderfully adroit politician when it comes to fooling and humbugging workingmen. He touches a button, orders a freight truck to the White House and a special message is carted off to congress.

.In this special message the president recommends seventeen laws, or amendments to existing laws, among which is child labor, employer's liability, pension to government em-ployes for injury or death, injunctions, traffic agreements, receivers for bankrupt railroads, anti-trust regulations, labor organizations, arbitration of strikes, boycotts, finance, tariff and waterways.

When this message was penned the president well knew that not one of these measures would be given serious consideration.

The whole country knows that there is to be no important legislation at this session of congress; that beyond drawing their salary congressmen find it difficult to "kill' time. But then such recommendations will "look good" on the record and can be "pointed to with pride" by campaign orators.

It was this and this only that inspired Roosevelt's last special message to Congress.

But to make certain that no ac tion would be taken the president asks for the enactment of seventeen

What a joke! No sane man will for an instant elieve that congress in its closing days will take up and pass these measures. It is simply a thinlyreiled ruse to fool the workers.

This last "spiel" of the president is a grandstand play that may "hook" a few suckers but the intelligent workingman will not be caught by such a skin game.

The Rights of Labor.

The rights of labor! This is dynamic phrase. It comprehends vast possibilities for the race. It includes the fundamental facts of abjectly obeys it. human existence; the means, methods, processes, agencies, tools and materials wherewith men wrestle The Appeal has stood for the unon through hundreds of strikes and questions are now in order. It is
never against it in a single one, and high time you were giving thought
again I challenge the record.

These and man other aimlar with nature for the means of subnever against it in a single one, and high time you were giving thought
to these questions. Of confee, I can
is exerted.

The rights of labor cannot be limited, extended, or destroyed by statute law, nor by the constitutions of organized society. Constitutions when they conform with the fundamental rights of labor and give

Second—It has smashed the law the chains of wage-slavery.

The rights of labor are the rights to live, to love, to have one's being prohibiting railroad corporations.

Every issue of this paper discusses these vital questions and if you will employes for joining a labor union, read a few numbers I am persuaded thus virtually legalizing blacklisting that you will not differ from me and offering a premium to corporations that you will not differ from me tions for breaking up labor unions done. There has never been at time of gods; the right to marry and to give in marriage; to be surrounded by one's own offspring. The rights of labor are the rights to live, to love, to have one's being on this beautiful earth which an all-wise power upon the sapreme court and here is the touch stone by which it will be judged:

The Right is speech, are made in that way. The constitution of the United States never conferred any such power upon the sapreme court and federal judges. They have simply usurped it; helped themselves, and the people have submitted.

There are times when forbear-ance is a disgrace and submission of Brotherhood of Brotherho of eye; to be the possessor of one's own vine and fig tree; to live one's own life and develop one's own individuality free from the domination of economic circumstance and the oppression of one's fellow men.

The rights of labor comprehend

Woman in Socialism.

In Socialism woman will stand forth the equal of man-all the avenues will be open to her and she will find her fitting place and rise from the low plane of menial servility to the dignity of ideal woman-

Breathing the air of economic freedom, amply able to provide for herself in Socialist society, we may be certain that the cruel injustice that is now perpetuated upon her sex and the degradation that results from it its order or enforce it. Moreover, will disappear. dom, amply able to provide for her-self in Socialist society, we may be will disappear.

The moment a worker sees himself The moment a worker sees himself porate it in their commins. And in short, as Socialism all in his true light he severs his relations with all capitalist parties, for doing would have been backed up he realizes at once that he no more belongs there than Rockefeller belongs in the Socialist party.

Then let the supreme court of the longs in the Socialist party.

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THE FEDERAL COURT AND UNION LABOR

BY EUGENE V. DEBS.

The recent decisions of the supreme court of the United States leave no doubt as to the attitude of that tribunal towards organized labor. These decisions, so far as they are vital, are uniformly and emphatically hostile to labor union-

The decision outlawing the boycott and holding a union and its members liable for damages sustained by a boycotted employer practically disarms the union and places its members at the mercy of their employers.

The strike and boycott are now both virtually outlawed and this leaves labor without any lawful means of defense under the present system.

The decision of the federal court at Washington in the injunction proceedings instituted by the Buck Range and Stove company against the American Federation of Labor and its national officers not only makes the boycott unlawful but goes so far as to prohibit the officers and members of a labor union, "either by printed or written word, or orally," from calling their employers by name or making any allusion to their unfairness to labor.

To even whisper of an employer's hostility is to be in contempt of court.

It must be borne in reverential

Thou shalt not call the name of

the employer, thy master, in vain! When this injunction was made and Mr. Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, was enjoined from publishing the usual "unfair list" in his official organ, it was intimated in the press dispatches that he would refuse to obey torial in a succeeding issue he said: "With all due respect to the court it is impossible for us to see how we can comply with all the terms men may not boycott employers of of this injunction." Nevertheless, Mr. Gompers did comply with it in-sofar as the "anfair list" was concerned, and it has not since ap-peared. In issuing his appeal for financial aid in defense of a free press and free speech Mr. Gompers said: "The injunction invades the liberty of the press, the liberty of speech." And yet Mr. Gompers, as

Wendell Phillips once said that real men trample upon unjust laws decision, or order, of the federal court, enjoining the working class from publishing, writing, or speaking the names of its enemies is not even a law. It is simply the ipse That is all.

Most of the laws which now fetter labor unionism, restrict its op-erations within harmless bounds, and stifle its speech, are made in that way. The constitution of the

The labor movement should call a halt. To appeal to congress, com-phancy. The supreme court is su-preme and will be so long as the people tamely submit to its usur-pation of power, and so long as its despotic and outrac main unchallenged reous decisions re-

The working class is supreme when it so wills.

I have been asked what I should have done in the pine of Mr. Gom-pers. I should have expressed myself as Mr. Gompers did, only more so, and then I should have done

what he did not do.

Upon that issue I should rather have been in jail than not to have been in conte

pers not carrying the list to incor-porate it in their columns. And

American labor movement in jail for contempt!

Girard, Kansas, U. S. A., April 11, 1908

It is just such spineless submission which invites such judicial con-

The labor decisions, or rather anti-labor decisions, of the federal court, are a travesty upon justice and an insult to the intelligence of labor, if it has any, and if once treated accordingly the court would in that hour purge itself of contempt for the working class.

The organized working men and women of this country should not hesitate to express their contempt for any court when it is deserved.

.In this war of the classes in capi talist society labor has the undoubted right of refusing its patronage to its enemies and of calling them by name. If it has not that right it has no right at all and is in abject slavery; and any order which denies that primal right ought to be ignored and the court that issues it treated with contempt.

The organized workers of the United States would undoubtedly support an attitude of defiance to such an outrageous invasion of their fundamental rights as human be-

Where Do We Stand?

What is to be the next move of mion labor?

Relying upon the strength of its economic organization trade unionsm has endeavored to secure better wages and shorter hours of labor for workingmen by means of the strike and the bovcott. These are its weapons, but they have been taken away. Capitalism has destroyed permanent by Judge Gould, of the them. In the economic game of district federal court at Washington, chess capitalism has given "check." It is now the move of unionism. What will it be?

Let us briefly review the situa-

tion and see where we stand. In the Adair case, decided Jannary 27, 1908, the supreme court said the order of the court. In an edi-that employers of labor may boycott union men. In the Danbury labor. Then here is where we stand —a boycott of employers directed against workingmen is perfectly legal, but a boycott of workingmen directed against employers is illegal! It is to this maze of contradiction that the "freedom of contract" theory proceeds.

What has been proposed by the leaders of union labor as a remedy the official leader of organized labor, for the difficulty into which union ism has been plunged by these decis ions? More capitalist law!

Conferences have been held and a and defy those who enact them. This a result congress has been asked to pass legislation relieving labor from its present disabilities, and the threat has been made that every representative in congress who does not prove acceptable to labor shall be dirif of a corporation lawyer who defeated at the polls. The request now happens to be a federal judge. is fattious and the threat is inance defeated at the polls. The request

Granting that union labor may have the power to compel congress to enact such legislation as it de-

which he will accept such labor from

right, and any legislation that disturbs that equality is an arbitrary interference with the liberty of contract which no government can le-gally justify in a free land."

The above quotation is from the opinion of the supreme court in the Adair case. Is it not futile to enact laws in the interest of labor which must be submitted to such a rule of interpretation? Are not unionists dissipating their energies and chasing a chimera when they attempt to secure class justice from capitalist legislators and capitalist courts?

United and determined action in the political field is what is needed. but it must be such action as has for its object the capture of every branch of the government by the laboring class, and the exercise of every function of government in the interest of that class; such action, in short, as Socialism alone pro-

bears a striking resamblance to a

IMPENDING TRIAL

N'THREE weeks Fred D. Warren, managing editor of the Appeal, will be placed on trial in the federal court. The charge is, as heretofore announced, having sent threatening, defamatory and scurrilous matter through the mails. The charge grows out of the offer of the reward for the fugitive Governor Taylor, of Kentucky, and was inspired by the kidnaping of Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone and the legalizing of that infamy by the supreme court of the United States.

Having explained this matter in detail in previous issues it is not necessary now, on the eve of trial, to repeat it. Our readers understand fully that this whole proceeding is but a subterfuge to overwhelm the Appeal with court costs and if possible suppress its publication.

In face of the fact that every sheriff in the country circulates re-

wards for fugitives through the mails it is absurd to suppose that Warren has been arrested and is now about to be-tried for any offense growing out of that charge. Nothing could be more a clous and everyone connected with the case knows it. But it has long time been the purpose of the "authorities," the political be aen of the ruling class in the present regime, to put the Appeal is business. They have long had a watchful eye on it. No clue has permitted to escape the arguscyed special inspectors who have be pointed to escape investigation.

Relentlies by have these special provise here on the track of the Appeal

Relentiessly have these special gents been on the track of the Appeal by order of their "superiors," and for the one purpose of trapping it in some infraction of the rules or some violation of the law, however slight or immaterial, to justify its exclusion from the mails. But the Appeal has not been in ignorance of these manoeuverings. It has its friends, as well as its enemies, in the postal department, and it has not been foolish enough, in the face of repeated warnings, to violate the rules or laws in any particular that would warrant the revocation of its second-

In this game the Appeal has been more than a match for those who have been pitted against it. It has given them no excuse to pounce upon it; no peg upon which to hang a prosecution; no warrant for ousting it from the mails. Every investigation resulted in a fiasco, so far as the Appeal was concerned. In every case the Appeal came forth with clear

Seeing that all attempts to trap the Appeal were proving hopeless and that something else must be resorted to if the Appeal was to be suppressed the brilliant thought occurred to the postal sleuths that the reward offered by the Appeal in the Taylor case furnished the long-sought opportunity to come down upon the Appeal with all the force of a federal ndictment for sending threatening matter through the mails. This is the case in a nutshell. It is perfectly simple and easily understood. A federal indictment can put the defendant to any amount of expense and to no end of trouble.

This case has been pending now almost a year. It has already cost everal thousand dollars, for the best lawyers have to be employed. When the case actually begins large additional expense will have to be incurred and much valuable time given to preparing the defense. But the defense will not be neglected. We can assure our friends that it will be thoroughly made and that if Warren is "railroaded" it will be so flagrant a case of persecution by the federal court as the instrument of the trusts and corporations that the whole country will understand it.

The Appeal has even now its agents in the state of Kentucky who making an investigation, the result of which will prove interesting to the prosecution. But we shall not anticipate. It is sufficient to say

A day or two ago we had a letter from a Kansas comrade who warned is that the pins were all set and that Warren would surely be sentenced to prison. This comrade received his information in a confidential way from a certain court official who is closely allied with the prosecution and who doubtless knows whereof he speaks. Be this as it may, if Warren is convicted it will simply be in further evidence of the fact that the courts are instruments of oppression and subjugation in the present system

issert themselves must pay the penalty.

We are only desirous that the working class and the people generally shall understand the importance of the issue that is here involved. It is not because it happens to be the Appeal that we say this, but because we are in position to know that it is not the Appeal alone that is to be silenced if this conspiracy is successful, but the entire Socialist and labor

and that they who are opposed to this system and have the courage to

press, so far as it is a menace to the prevailing system.

This case, therefore, aside entirely from Warrer Appeal, is of very decided moment to labor and to the American people. Its outcome may make it a very celebrated case in court annals. Warren is to be tried by the same court which has through its various branches and through its supreme tribunal launched its deadly decisions against trade unions and organized bodies of working men in every part of the country, gradually stripping them of their power with the object of reducing them to a state of maudlin fear and whining impotency.

When the Warren case is called at Fort Scott on May 4th it will be the first judicial assault upon the Socialist and labor press of the

we are ready!

The Right to Quit Work.

In the Lennon case, which was an outgrowth of the strike of the labor upon such terms as he deems Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers against the Ann Arbor railroad. the supreme court confirmed a judgment against Lennon, who was an engineer on the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway, for quitting his employment rather than haul in his train a car belonging to the Ann Arbor railroad. His action was in obedience to a rule of his organization, and in furtherance of a policy adopted by the Brotherhood to force the Ann Arbor company to accede to its terms. The supreme court held that Lennon's action was an interference with interstate commerce, and that a man had no right to quit his employment at any time or place he saw fit, but if he wished to quit work he must do an in such a manner and at such a time and place as would impose no hardship upon his employer in the performupon his employer in tance of a public duty. In the Adair case, which involved

the right of a master mechanic on the Louisville & Nashville railroad to discharge an employe named Coppage because of his membership in the Brotherhood of Locometive Firemen, the supreme court said: "The defendant, who seemed to have authority in the premises, did not agree The latest photograph of Taft particular time, nor did Coppage agree to remain in such service a must unite and fight together as one moment longer than he chose. The ton both economic and political fields.

latter was at liberty to quit the service without assigning any reason for his leaving. And the defendant was at liberty, in his discretion, to discharge Coppage from service without giving any reason for so doing.

Who will reconcile these two decisions? The truth is that even the right to quit work when and where he pleases is no longer possessed by a workingman. His employer may discharge his summarily and he has no remedy, but if he relies on the rule laid down in the Adair case and quits his job in a manner not satisfactory to his employer he will find that his case will be tried by the rule laid down in the Lennon

The present system of private ownership must be abolished and the workers themselves made the owners of the tools with which they work, and to accomplish this they must organize their class for political action, and this work is already well under way in the Socialist party, which is composed of the working class and stands for the working class on a revolutionary platform which declares in favor of the collective ownership of the means of production and the democratic mangement of industry in the interest of the whole people.

BY FRANKLIN FREEMAN.

ASHINGTON, April 3, 1908. —Every American citizen should have a copy of the annual report of the Isthmian Canal Commission for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1907. It's a big book, and contains a lot of pretty pictures, besides much interesting reading matter. The part that will have most interest for Socialists is the chapter on contract versus hired labor, pages 16 to 24 inclusive. The conclusion is against contract labor, and the arguments might well have been written by a Socialist. Here are some quotations that read well:

"It is not uncommon in the execution of comparatively large projects that the contractors have failed and the government carried successfully to completion, by hired labor, the work undertaken by the contractor. Notable instances of the government successfully completing partment building and the congressional library, Washington, D. C. Omitting profits derived from subsistence and general stores, and assuming the hours of labor the same making the necessary outlay for contractor, for no question of profits enters into consideration."

Again: Experience has shown that continuity of construction is more apt to result in cases where the government undertakes the task than when it is turned over to contractors. This can be easily verified by an examination of the records (the number of failing contractors) to be found in the office of the chief of engineers. For all work done by hired labor continuity of work is merely a question of continuity of appropriations. It

cost, is not apparent. "To anyone who has had experience with contracts on government work, the claim that letting a piece of work by contract is a reasonable assurance that it will be completed in a definite time is utterly untenable. On public works, including public buildings, it may safely be said that in the majority of cases amination of the contracts for material to be supplied the Isthmian posed by the contracts are concerned, will clearly show that there is no assurance of completion in a defiwhen fully cognizant of all the conditions surrounding the work, fix the youngest child. the time for the completion or delivery. It certainly cannot be supposed, therefore, that in an enervating climate, like that on the Isthmus, and with labor below that in would be changed."

ment could have been done as well and more cheaply if undertaken by contract, but an examination of the records will generally disprove such have given us is good. As far as

At a recent hearing before the Interstate Commerce Commission the processes by which the natural resources of this country have been own children alone, Socialists should not their utmost efforts to organize President Hill of the Great North-

President Hill of the Great Northern, and President Elliott of the Northern Pacific were among the star witnesses, and the facts developed were as follows:

When the Great Northern railroad was opened to the coast, the freight movement was nearly all westward, and there was nothing but empty cars to haul east. "To remedy this uneconomica' situation for the railroad and make dividends possible for his stockholders President Hill hit his stockholders President Hill hit upon a bright idea. He made an

South. It had to be hauled very in republican councils, but this latter supreme court how fully they ap-long distances in order to get it on fact is not heralded in the press preciate its solicitude for the market, and it was consequently reports.

to move any but the very choicest grades. The finest trees could be cut into immense sticks of dimension lumber, or into the choicest board material, but in the process there were many trees of poorer grade which would not make better than second-class lumber; there was also a large waste battling with your employers. Alone, in cutting up the best trees. This second-grade timber would have been is invincible. extremely valuable but for the long haul. But it would not bear the haul to market it profitably in the east in competition with similar grades of lumber there, and there was no market for it on the coast. So it was thrown aside as useless. From time to time immense amounts of this timber, valueless simply be the employer who oppresses you. cause it was too far from market; valueless because that magnificent forest was being forced into the mar-

impossible to make a rate low enough

Jim Hill might make a profit for his railroad-were burned or left to zation with millions of members. rot. It was testified at the hearing that fully one-third of the potential lumber content of the cut over land work are the state, war and navy de- was thus wasted. Nothing but the in almost perfect political solidarity. very choicest could be sent to mar-The rest was lost. ket.

Again, the heaps of waste left in the process of cutting made fire traps now vote together politically. They in the forests, and billions of feet in both cases, it stands to reason that of standing timber have been burned of the workers. They want trade the government, when warranted in because of fires originating in them. union rights, the eight-hour day Thus has something like half the the insurance of workingmen against plant, can do work cheaper than a social value of the greatest forest old age, sickness, invalidity, accion this continent been wasted in dent and unemployment. They ask order that private individuals might for Labor the full product of its pile up millions of dollars in profit, toil. They plead for unity and soand that a railroad might pay divi-dends to its stockholders. The the end of obtaining the complete natural heritage of generations yet emancipation of Labor. unborn is ruthlessly destroyed in the insane scramble for private

Child's Primer of Socialism.

The German Socialists have begun at the right end-that is to sav, with the child. They are now recommending that the children of is true that continuity may be equally Socialists shall not be given toy caninsured by turning the Panama non, tin soldiers and wooden guns. Canal work over to contractors, if They would not have the little ones the contract is so drawn that prac- familiarized in their infancy with tically all risks are assumed by the the notion of legalized murder. Thus government, but why this should be they will stop the spirit of milidone, at a considerable increase in tarism at its very source.

The Socialists of Germany are wise. Socialists make a grave mistake in not teaching their children the spirit of Socialism in their earliest years.

This, of course, does not mean that the little ones' heads should be stuffed with phrases about "surplus value" and "class-conscious-No childish brain can comthe time limit is exceeded. An exprehend the abstract idea of the collective ownership of the means of life. But Socialism is something Canal, so far as the time limits pro- more than a theory. It is or at least will be-a form of living society. It will be a new and better nite time of any contract, even coming era—the spirit of universal though the contractors themselves, brotherhood, of humanity, of equality, of freedom-can be taught to

What a cruel dwarfing and distorting of the child's conscience is constantly going on in our public schools! It is systematically poithe United States in efficiency, this with false standards and sordid aims soned with jingoism and snobberv. time failing record for contract work The little child is early trained to "There is no question that there tain of industry" is held up as the be a selfish individualist. The "capare a number of people who will al- hero for him to imiatate. And the ways believe and contend that any natural result follows. Our nation piece of work done by the governis rapidly growing more and more

The hint our German comrades Thus is punctured another stereo- possible the children of the Socialists should be guarded, not only typed capitalist argument by our friends the enemy. from all the base and corrupting tendencies of the times.

And since the best of parents canwasted were forcibly illustrated. The hearing involved the greatest railroad and industrial interests of the Pacific northwest, and its occasion was a protest against an increase in lumber rates from the Pacific coast, coming generation will be saved to us.

Representative Charles Ward, of extremely low rate on lumber, in Bancroft, Mich., is being tried on the order to induce lumbermen to go charge of manslaughter in connecinto the wonderful forests of the tion with the death of Miss Edith Puget Sound country and cut them Preseler from the effects of a crimiinto lumber for the eastern markets.

This Puget Sound lumber had to compete with the lumber of Minnescompete with the lumber of Minnescompeters of a criminal presence, from the elects of a criminal presence. Representative Ward was speaker protected. Representative Ward was speaker protected. Ward is a soota, Michigan, Wisconsin and the lumber of family and a shining light WHY TRADE UNIONISTS SHOULD BE SOCIALISTS

BY ROBERT HUNTER.

NIONISTS, you have learned one great lesson—the power of solidarity, of unity, when you are helpless; united, your power

For the sake of vourselves and others you strike; if necessary, you starve.

The working man who helps the employer to defeat you in this bat-tle you call a scab. This poor creature is more hateful to you even than The employer at least is fighting his own battle. The scab is fighting the battle of the enemy.

The Socialist party is a political ket ahead of its time in order that union. It is an international organi-In Russia, Finland, Denmark, Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, England, your brothers work together

> The Socialists here are endeavoring to build up a similar party. Several hundred thousand workingmen are organized to fight every battle

This political union; this party, owned, controlled and financed by the workers, will have in congress and in the legislatures their own official representatives, their own walking delegates.

While Socialists work to achieve political unity, many working men go to the polls and help the employers. They vote for democrats, for republicans, for Hearstites. They divide the workers, and render them helpless in this great political battle. Do you wonder that Socialists are

sometimes bitter when they see trade unionists, who loathe the scab at the time of a strike, vote like a scab at the time of an election?

You know what employers do when a strike is on. They import scabs, give them big wages, banquet them. They have the police protect them. They promise anything to the poor devils.

What do they do when the strike is over? They throw them into the streets among the other starving unemployed.

It is so in the political battle; and election time is like a strike. The politicians go out to divide labor. They promise anything. They banquet labor. They wine and dine election they spurn and ridicule the

at Washington. They put the demo-They helped democrats and republipoor wretches that have defeated their employers, they find every hand against them when the strike is over.

von but one thing.

tures, your courts, your president. There is no need, therefore, of your governors. The democrats and an Independent Labor party. The present moment they are even takfunds of your unions are the prey of your enemies.

philosophy. It is also a political movement, destined to become the greatest political movement of all

'It says to the workers, "If you can strike and starve, you can vote and conquer."

It says to the workers, "By politi-cal unity you can become the masters of your own destiny."

It proclaims that when there shall be no scabs at the ballot-box the workers will be supreme. They will fashion life as they like. They will mould industry to their will, and establish for labor throughout the world, Justice, Liberty and Peace.

The supreme court has enjoined organized labor from doing every-thing that the capitalist class does not want it to do and now the workers, will have a chance to show the ters and its contempt for the slaves.

Great meetings are being held in and about Chicago by William D. Haywood. The halls are all crowded to their capacity and many hundred have to be turned away. The enthusiasm is intense. The stirring pleas made by the big miner for working class unity are arousing many thousands who have heretofore managed to sleep on. Haywood has been peculiarly fitted for this great work. He arrives upon the scene at an opportune time. We in respect to these decisions should have to thank the Mine Owners of be sufficient proof that these parties the west for kidnaping him and putting him through a course of training for this difficult task and for furnishing him with greater audiences than greet any other speaker pefore the American people. And such audiences! They consist of the real aristocracy of the nation. The people who create all wealth, support all society, and conserve all civilization. Comrade Luclla Twining informs us in a glowing report that Haywood is growing in power from lay to day, and that his recent work is far more fruitful than any he has yet done. Truly, this is our year, and before it takes its last breath drawn up by corporations, failed to movement of which the Appeal is an there will be the most far-reaching and effective agitation and the most tremendous changes in sentiment and born with a silver spoon in his sag the general trend is bound States.

Appeal to Reason, Girard, Kansas.

WHAT PARTY?

BY F. M. CASSIDY,

HIS question seems to me utterly ridiculous and absurd, and when asked in sincerity a wage-worker, surprises me to find one so superlatively stupid, that he cannot see where his interests lie and are best conserved.

- There are four political parties in these United States today that have sufficient numerical strength to entitle them to recognition as national parties, viz: the republican, democratic, prohibition, and Socialist parties, respectively. The first three named stand for the wage system and the exploitation of the wageearner; that is, for taking four-fifths of the wealth produced, thereby leaving but one-fifth to the wealth producer. The Socialist party, when it captures the powers of government, will give the creator of all wealth, the workingman, ALL that he produces.

Surely the worker with an ounce of brains should be able to determine which of these parties is HIS party. Recent supreme court decisions have virtually declared organized labor an outlaw; in fact, at this very moment organized labor is lying prostrate, shackled hand and foot, with a gag in its mouth, and what is the giant among the lilliputians going to do about it?

The presidents of the various national and international labor unions the leaders of labor. And after the have held a conference in Washington, have discussed the advisabilvery men who put them into power. ity of organizing on the political The leaders of two or three million field, and have adjourned without men are now begging for legislation settling on any definite plan to capture the powers of government crats and republicans into power, other than to fight in a desultory way, supporting those on any ticket cans to divide labor and to defeat who profess friendship, and fighting the political strike. And like the those who have made no secret of their enmity for organized labor, as trade unionists in their battle against was done towards C. E. Littlefield and "Uncle Joe" Cannon. So all the talk about an Independent Labor Trade unionists, the Socialists ask | Party has come to naught, and it is well that it has, since the toilers Vote as you strike. Unite your- already have a party in the field that is controlled and financed by The employers own your legisla- the wage-workers of this country:

republicans promise everything; they fact is the wage slaves of this coungive nothing. They not only re- try have been voting too much indefuse humane legislation, but at the pendently of their own class interests. The Socialist party is coning away your rights as unionists- trolled by and for the wage-workers your rights to combine against your of this country, and assures the laemployers. Union men lie in jail. borer the full product of his toil. Judge-made law ties you hand and This is what, to a certain degree, foot. Union papers are censored, organized labor is striving for on You can no longer picket; and the the industrial field. This being true, how in the name of common sense can a union man have any hesitancy Socialism is a philosophy; a great in joining the Socialist party?

How can trade unionists possibly vote the republican or democratic ticket this year? It is simply inconceivable. If they have not been punished sufficiently, kicked from pillar to post often enough and hard enough, in the name of all the gods at once when will they have enough of capitalism? But reports are assuring. The eyes of labor are opening at last and we look for surprisingly big things this year in the labor

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UNION LABOR AT THE BALLOT BOX

BY A. F. GERMER, Vice President District 12, United Mine Workers.

HE recent anti-union court de-HE recent anti-union court decisions, state and federal, should certainly open the eyes of union men. The silence of the democratic and republican parties have no interest in the working class. Organized labor has in the past

been utterly inconsistent in the use of the ballot and only too many of its members have voted the tickets of their masters. It is this political self-betrayal of union men which has sacrificed the interests of labor. The workers have sentenced themselves to political helplessness by supporting with their votes the parties of their employers, and then have complained that those nominated by corporations, whose campaigns were financed by corporations and the platforms on which they stood ate with the growth of the great serve them.

Can it be expected that a judge, spirit ever known in the United mouth, whose seat on the bench is to be upward and toward a larger secured through the influence of the money power, will turn a Judas Iscariot? and that the legislator elected on a platform declaring for the private ownership of the means of life will commit treason against the party whose servant he is?

A political office holder elected on a capitalist ticket has a mind that runs parallel with that of the party boss, and every workingman knows. or at least should know, that none of his class are bosses in either of the old parties.

So working men have nothing to look for from democratic or republican politicians!

But however gloomy the past has been for labor, it is with rejoicing that I say, "The future looks brighter." Workingmen are awakening to the wrongs they have suffered, and the coming campaign will show that the democratic and republican parties are no longer looked upon as a Moses commissioned by the Almighty to redeem a people yearning for freedom.

Before the eyes of the workingman flames a new ideal. He is beginning to realize how abjectly he has been sacrificed in the past. In his heart throbs a new hope, that of seeing his fellow workers gather within the folds of a working-class party whose slogan is, Industrial Freedom and Social Progress.

He is beginning to see what he failed to see during all the tragic past, that to free himself from economic, political and judicial tyranny he must extend the hand of political fellowship to his fellow-workers all along the line, and that all who toil must rally round the standard of our social system. Its corrupt fruit the Socialist party, the ONE party betrays its foul and unclean nature organized to emancipate the working and condemns it to death.

union labor I quote a resolution pickpockets, suicides, confidence adopted by an overwhelming vote of men, fallen women, consumptives, the delegates to the Nineteenth An- idiots, dwarfed children; the disease nual Convention, District 12 (Illi- poverty, insanity and crime ramnois), United Mine Workers of pant in every land under the sway America, held at Peoria during the of capitalism rise up and cry out month of February, and who represented approximately 65,000 mem- the pleas of its mercenaries and

bers:

Whereas, In the struggle between the employers and the employes, one of the strongest instruments is the political power, now in possession of the employers, which is used by them for the purpose of protecting their interests at all points and especially in the maintenance of private property in the things that are necessary to the life of the employers; and

Whereas, Society as today constituted permits a few who revel in unlimited laxury, through the ownership of the means of life, to doom to idleness and starvation the great multitude whose existence is made possible only through an opportunity to have a job; therefore, be it
Resolved, That we recognize the necessity of a united working class political organization for the purpose of wresting from the grip of trust magnates the avenues of life, and we further recognize as the only remedy for present ills the establishment of a system that guarantees to the workers an opportunity to obtain a living by honest toil and the full product of their inbor.

From the foregoing it will be seen From the foregoing it will be seen

that the mighty giant in the caverns of the earth is rising from his slum-ber. He is aroused, he appeals to you, feliow-union men, to take your part in the battle for freedom. What the Illinois miners did, though but a spark, is going to set organized abor aflame. It is grand to contemplate, and looking into the future, we behold the glorious vision of a world without a master, a world without a slave.

Fellow union men, the judicial and legislative clutch of capitalism is upon your throats, and the hour for political unity has struck. When you cast your ballots cast them lovally for your class, for the emancipation of your class means the emancipation of all humanity.

A yeggman was shot and mortally wounded in an Illinois town while in the act of burglarizing a bank. Had this burglar been wise enough to adopt the methods used by capitalists he might now be filling the place of an "honorable" citizen instead of holding down a cold slab in the morgue.

Two Appeal Marches.

It is by comparison and contrast that striking changes are best noted. Thus the wonderful growth of the Appeal is seen in comparing two months a year spart. For such comparison we have chosen March, 1907, and March, 1908. We have chosen March 1907, because it was an exceptionally big and busy month for the Appeal and because during that month there were received 29,927 new subscribers, amounting to almost one thousand

per day for every day of the month. This was certainly a gratifying achievement. The Appeal was truly enjoying a boom. But there were many, some of them good friends, who predicted that this could not last; that it was but the crest of the wave upon which the Appeal was momentarily perched and that it would be sure to come down again and possibly fall even below its previous circulation.

But time has proved that the boom of the Appeal was to be a perexponent, and that while there may and larger hearing until it numbers a million subscribers and more, and is recognized by capitalists and workers alike as the voice of the social revolution.

To show that the growth of the Appeal since March, 1907, has not only been steady but rapid, even remarkable, it is only necessary to say that for March of the present year the Appeal received 35,728 new subscribers, breaking the record for March of the previous year and adding in addition thereto 5,801 new subscribers to the list. In other words, comparing the two Marches a year apart the Appeal in that space of time increased its own record by almost 6,000 per month. increase is continuing steadily from day to day and will doubtless do so through the entire campaign.

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LABOR'S FIGHT FOR FREEDOM

HE trade-union movement of the present day has enemies within and without, and upon all sides, some attacking it openly and others insidiously, but all bent either upon destroying it or reducing it to unresisting impotency.

The enemies of unionism, while differing in method, are united solidly upon one point, and that is in the effort to misrepresent and discredit the men who, scorning and defying the capitalist exploiters and their minions, point steadily the straight and uncompromising course the movement must take if it is to accomplish its allotted task and safely reach its

These men, though frequently regarded as the enemies, are the true friends of trade-unionism and in good time are certain to be vindicated.

The more or less open enemies have inaugurated some startling in-novations during the past few years. The private armies the corpora-tions used some years ago, such as Pinkerton mercenaries, coal and iron police, deputy marshals, etc., have been relegated to second place as out of date, or they are wholly out of commission. It has been found after repeated experiments that the courts are far more deadly to trade-unions, and that they operate noiselessly and with unerring precision.

Step by step the writ of injunction has invaded the domain of trade-unionism, limiting its jurisdiction, curtailing its powers, sapping its strength and undermining its foundations.

Injunctions have been issued restraining the trade-unions and their for every Socialist who goes to prison eve of a political election. If such ell's program and gleefully make members from striking, from boycotting, from voting funds to strikers, a score of others will be ready to advice does not indicate treason and every promise it calls for? And has velop their power and teach them from levying assessments to support their members, from walking on the take his place. public highways, from asking non-union men not to take their places, from meeting to oppose wage reductions, from expelling a spy from membership, from holding conversation with those who had taken or were about to take their jobs, from congregating in public places, from holding meetings, from doing anything and everything, directly, indirectly or any other way, to interfere with the employing class in their unalienable right to operate their plants as their own interests may dictate, and

to run things generally to suit themselves.

The courts have found it in line with judicial procedure to strike every weapon from labor's economic hand and leave it defenseless at the mercy of its exploiter; and now that the courts have gone to the last extremity in this nefarious plot of subjugation, labor, at last, is waking up to the fact that it has not been using its political arm in the struggle at all; that the ballot which it can wield is strong enough not only to disarm the enemy, but to drive that enemy entirely from the field.

The courts, so notoriously in control of capital, and so shamelessly perverted to its base and sordid purposes, are, therefore, exercising a wholeome effect upon trade-unionism by compelling the members to note the class character of our capitalist government and driving them to the inevitable conclusion that the labor question is also a political question riding rough shod over the people class in every vital phase of their and that the working class must organize their political power that they and clubbing them without mercy. legislative activity. may wrest the government from capitalist control and put an end to class

Trade-unionists for the most part learn slowly, but they learn surely, and fresh object lessons are prepared for them every day.

They have seen a democratic president of the United States send the

federal troops into a sovereign state of the Union in violation of the constitution, and in defiance of the protest of the governor and the people, to crush a body of peaceable workingmen at the behest of a combination of railroads bent on destroying their union and reducing them to vassalage.

They have seen a republican president refuse to interpose his executive authority when militarism, in the name of the capitalist class, seized another sovereign state by the throat and strangled its civil administration to death while it committed the most dastardly crimes upon defenseless workingmen in the annals of capitalist brutality and military despotism. They have seen a composite republican-democratic congress, the leg-

islative tool of the exploiting class, pass a military bill which makes every citizen a soldier and the president a military dictator.

They have seen this same congress, session after session, making false promises to deluded labor committees; pretending to be the friends of workingmen and anxious to be of service to them, while at the same time in league with the capitalist lobby and pledged to defeat every measure that would afford even the slightest promise of relief to the working class. The anti-injunction bill and the eight-hour measure, pigeon- sion of his noble nature he yearned widespread suffering that inspired are to be apportioned as heretofore holed and rejected again and again in the face of repeated promises that to serve them, to comfort them. And it, the workers of the United States to the two divisions of the capitalthey should pass, tell their own story of duplicity and treachery to labor of the highest legislative body in the land.

They have seen republican governors and democratic governors order out the militia repeatedly to shoot down workingmen at the command of hungry hordes and scattered them pels its admission.

They have seen these same governors construct military prisons and "bull-pens," seize unoffending workingmen without warrant of law and thrust them into these vile quarters for no other reason than to break up their unions and leave them helpless at the feet of corporate rapacity.

They have seen the supreme court of the nation turn labor out without a hearing, while the corporation lawyers, who compose this august body, and who hold their commissions in virtue of the "well done" of their capitalist retainers, solemnly descant upon the immaculate purity of our judicial institutions.

They have seen state legislatures, both republican and democratic, with never an exception, controlled bodily by the capitalist class, turn the committees of labor unions empty-handed from their doors.

They have seen state supreme courts declare as unconstitutional the looked upon Hunter as a vicious continued suffering to the workers, workers. last vestige of law upon the statute books that could by any possibility intruder. Had he not sympathized no matter how charitably it may be be construed as affording any shelter or relief to the labor union or its with the unemployed, had he followed Bingham's example and allowed Bingham's example and allowed by any possibility intruder. Had he not sympathized no matter how charitably it may be interpreted?

In furtherance of these reflections would seem to express the opinion the governor, was jointly guilty with

They have seen these and many other things and will doubtless see lowed them to starve, there would and to justify our comment the fol- that the working class is the least the contractors, but the outrages many more before their eyes are opened as a class; but we are thankful have been no trouble. The differfor them all, painful though they be to us in having to bear witness to
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pure and simple" trades-union of the past does not answer the requirements of today, and they who insist that it does are blind to the changes going on about them, and out of harmony with the progressive

The attempt to preserve the "autonomy" of each trade and segre- if Hunter did not want the police gate it within its own independent jurisdiction, while the lines which once to handle him he must "behave him-separated them are being obliterated, and the trades are being interwoven self," and that if he did not behave and interlocked in the process of industrial evolution, is as futile as to himself he would be "sorry for it."

ented in its working force. To have these workers parceled out to spark of dignity and would a hundred unions is to divide and not to organize them, to give them disgrace any but Bingham. But over to factions and petty leadership and leave them an easy prey to the machinations of the enemy. The dominant craft should control the plant or, rather, the union, and it should embrace the entire working force. This is the industrial plan, the modern method applied to modern conditions, and it will in time prevail.

The trade autonomy can be expressed within the general union, so instead of human beings. He not far as that is necessary or desirable, and there need be no conflict on only wants them put down, but account of it

The attempt of each trade to maintain its own independence separately and apart from others results in increasing jurisdictional entanglements, fruitful of dissension, strife and ultimate disruption.

The work of organizing has little, if any, permanent value unless the work of education, the right kind of education, goes hand in hand

There is no cohesiveness in ignorance.

The members of a trade-union should be taught the true import, the whole object of the labor movement and understand its entire program.

should know that the labor movement means more, infinitely than a paltry increase in wages and the strike necessary to secure it; that while it engages to do all that possibly can be done to better the working conditions of its members, its higher object is to overthrow the capitalist system of private ownership of the tools of labor, abolish wage-slavery and achieve the freedom of the whole working class and, in fact,

Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote: "And truly I honor the generous ideas of the Socialists, the magnificence of their theories, and the en-

Warren, however, would never be not to take such action. when penalties are imposed. Com- are the victims, rade Warren is very much needed It is no more inconsistent, if such the result not invariably been the

Robert Hunter.

In his address to the public following the breaking up of the meeting of the unemployed in Union Square, New York, Police Commissioner Bingham assumed an insolent and pompous attitude toward and capital have proved conclusively the working class. He served notice that they are class courts and that that he was going to deal with such when final decisions are rendered hand." before. There is nothing in it.

police. Of course. The police acted to see it. No less evident is the under his orderss. Thousands of fact that congress and state legislaeye-witnesses declare that the police tures are controlled by the capitalist acted with unspeakable brutality in class and are hostile to the working they were so many chattel slaves? Hundreds who were unable to escape

in a false light before the people. We happen to personally know Comrade Hunter and to have known him from his childhood. There is no gentler, kindlier, more considerate more courageous. His heart throbbed in sympathy with the thousands of distinction, and, considering all the the unemployed. With all the passagitation there has been and all the so he was to speak to them on that ought to be ashamed of themselves. ist party. fateful day when the blue-coated This is speaking plainly but it is a Cossacks swooped down upon the fact, and honesty to ourselves comwith as little mercy as if they had been so many tarantulas. Robert organized workers is due to their ig-Hunter did not speak. He had no norance is obvious enough, but that chance to speak. But he was blamed or the trouble because he sympathized with the unfortunates; be- ily understood. What object can a working class party composed of He stood on the side of the law

vulgar capitalist politician, could islatures and a capitalist congress? according to the doctrine of capital-not understand Robert Hunter any Is this not the practical effect of ist politicians and capitalist editors. more than a hyena could under- their leadership and advice? And echoed by some labor leaders, for the Roosevelt thus became accessory to stand an arch-angel. Bingham does it not indicate disaster and In this way only can they be made to see, to think, to act, and every of course, makes him vicious and ciated Press dispatches, is here rewrong they suffer brings them nearer to their illeration. political satrap.

In condemning Hunter this mercenary of capitalism, clothed with a declare and attempt to enforce the independence of the waves of the sea. The cowardly threat here made A modern industrial plant has a hundred trades and parts of trades would shame any official with a would shame any official with a mercenary than if they were spiders wants them to remain down. They have no place in his economy ex-

cept in the potters-field.

As for Robert Hunter, he would not know how to misbehave himself. He is a man. Every inch of him, from his crown to his footsoles, attests his genuine manhood.

The light of sympathy for his fallen fellows beams from his eyes and the nobility of his nature is expressed in every feature of his manly countenance. In every essential of decency and dignity, of manners and manhood, he is the opposite of Bingham, the brutal bully of the New York police.

Blind Leaders of the Blind.

It seems strange after all the experience workingmen have had in thusiasm with which they have been political and governmental affairs that they still refuse to enter politics as a class to combat the class now It is a loyal comrade indeed who in power and which has used that writes to us to say that if Comrade power uniformly in the interest of Warren is convicted next month he the capitalist class and to the detri- Mitchell and those he speaks for will gladly serve his sentence in ment of the working class. It favor the election of such republiprison. The very offer of such a seems all the more strange that they cans and such democrats as will comrade and the spirit of it is worth are advised by their own leaders and promise to be good to labor and proserving a sentence for. Comrade their supposed mentors and guides mote the "general welfare." If this

guilty of taking advantage of such | Such advice is tantamount to adan offer. He realizes that in this vising the workers to remain divided the heary tale over again. struggle every man takes his part politically and fight each other as deliberately and that he is not to heretofore to perpetuate the outshirk when dangers threaten or rages of which they have been and this not the kind of politics they

about the Appeal, but if he should a mild term may be used in this same?

be "railroaded," as is not at all imconnection, for a labor leader to adprobable, there will be no whimper- vise his followers to divide and fight ing and no lowering of colors. How each other on the eve of a strike many heeler and a Hinky Dink to soon the rest of us may follow we than it is for him to advise them to Boss Cox or Roger Sullivan, who will lo not know, but we do know that divide and fight each other on the not joyfully subscribe to Mr. Mitchthe enemy for a consideration.

During the past few weeks the courts all over the country in deciding questions at issue between labor Mr. Bryan on the democratic ticket? We have heard such talk capitalist class and against the working class. This is so self-evident Bingham goes on to defend the that even the blind should be able

The working class has not a single from the crowd bear the marks of representative in the national con- nomy toward the labor movement. the outrageous and unprovoked as- gress. The two or three labor unioncourse the police were not to blame, on a capitalist platform and are for a specimen of the capitalist poliand of course Bingham comes to committed to the capitalist owner-tician who will not accede to Mr. their rescue and defends them. The ship and control of industry and they Mitchell's modest request. The truth police were the mere tools in the will have no more influence in af- is that ninety-nine percent of them of New York had passed a law limhands of such politicians as Bing- fording actual relief to the oppressed will do so with a delirium of joy, iting the work day upon public con-Among other things, Bingham Indians or clothing store dummies. in the past and screnely confident tractors were systematically violatrook occasion to misrepresent Com- Indeed, as distinctively labor repre- as to how it will work in the future. ing this law. The employes objected rade Robert Hunter and place him sentatives there are regarded as a Mr. Mitchell is said to be a very at first, then complained, next projoke and their record, when com-pleted, will fully justify them in gram certainly goes far to prove it. The contractors appealed to Roose-

that capacity. This total lack of political repre-States alone bears that unenviable

That this backward state of the leaders and champions is not so eas-Of course the brutal Bingham, the the capitalist courts, capitalist leg- terests, and this would be a calamity,

produced:

John Mitchell, prodent of the United Mine Workers, when asked today in regard to rumors to the effect that there had been inaugurated during the recent mine workers' convention a movement to indone the candidacy of certaen aspirants for the presidency of the United States, and for other political offices, stafed that so far as he knew there was no foundation for these romors. He said, however, that the members of the miners' muon, together with all trade unionists affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, were interested actively in the election to all legislative, judicial and administrative offices of men who were known to be sympathetic to the reasonable demands of the wage express of the country. Fit follows, therefore," said Mr. Mitchell, "that they would oppose the candidacy of aspirants for political honors who are known to be unsympathetic or abtagonistic to the labor movement.

"This activity on the part of the organized, and to a less extent upon the part of the unorganized workers of our country, is not a partissan successed. I think there is little passibility of labor organizations catering the political field from a party

The word with the steriling of humanity. These were the words uttered by that steriling partiot and friend of humanity. These was being important leader.

Workingmen are not spineless vassation and his campaign was passing the hat around among the plutocrats to raise the set politicians; they are not misser practical men," and his campaign manager was passing the hat around among the plutocrats to raise the set of this time and was reviled as all great minds have been who have dared to advance new ideas.

No doubt 100 years hence DR MUNSON will be RECOGNIZIO (as Paine is now as one of the BENEFACTORS OF THE RACE when the world will have come to understand that his WONDERFUL RESEARCE when the world will have come to understand that his WONDERFUL RESEARCE when the world will have come to practical men," and his campaign manager was passing the hat around among the plutocrats to raise the sycophants to lick the boots of them to say that they "are least able to protect themselves." They are RACE when the world will have come to practical men," and his campaign manager was passing the hat around among the plutocrats to raise the "yellow dog" fund which elevated (?) him to the presidential chair.

Remember Croton Dam if Roosevelt themselves." They are least able to protect themselves. It is also suggested that, since the average republican stump speaker themselves."

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standpoint. In common with other citizens, the workingseen seek the general welfare of the country, and at the same time they ask such special legislation as is necessary for the protection of their own lives and the preservation of their own health, so far as these ends may be secured by legislative enactment. In other words, the laboring people believe the officers of the law, whether they be high or whether they be low, should be especially solicitous for the welfare of those members of society who are least able to pratect themselves."

Reduced to simple storms.

Reduced to simple terms, Mr. is not what he means his interview has no meaning. It is the old story,

Alas, are the workers to be forever caught by the same chaff! And is have always been playing and has

publican or democrat, from a Tambase betrayal on the part of a leader, this announcement of Mr. Mitchell's how to use it, and who turn appealit must be because of a degree of ig- political program as a labor leader ing eyes to the grafting politicians norance on his part which makes any connection with the fact that a and mercenary exploiters for "symhim quite as dangerous to his dupes day or two following its appearance pathetie" consideration in behalf of as if he actually delivered them to Roger Sullivan, the notorious Chicago corporation boodler and corrup- least able to protect themselves." tionist, nominated Mr. Mitchell for president as a running mate for

> What is there in Mr. Mitchell's program that differs so much as a single jot from the foolish, almost working class program of the past measure being spurned in congress, every labor case decided in favor of the capitalists by the courts, and workingmen generally treated as if |

and democratic politicians to do is to turn a "sympathetic" physiog-

The Appeal will pay a reward of workers than if they were wooden knowing full well how it has worked tracts. At Creton Dum' the con-

sentation in national councils is true the workers does not indicate "a state militia and had the striking soul. Nor at the same time one of no other great nation. The United partisan-movement." To this every workingmen awed into submission The workers are not to go into poli- to the story. tics as a class, or as a party. They

To go into politics as a class, to The workingmen stood for the law organize a "partisan" movement, and its enforcement. The criminal be a menace to capital, and this must and treated it with contempt. be avoided in the future as in the desirable thing, since it would mean nine-tenths of his waking time? ist politicians and capitalist editors, poor, helpless and friendless wage-

pecially solicitous" for its welfare. and humiliating doctrine for a labor workingmen who are even suspected themselves.

good enough for orphan children but against the working class. strong, grown-up men, the men who it has come to capitalists who have toil in the mines and the forests, walked all over the law and spat the mills and the furnaces; the men upon it with supreme contempt he who make and move the ships at has bluffed and blustered, fumed and sea and the trains on land; the charged, to convince the galleries men who have made all there is of that he was honest and impartial, society and bear it upon their backs while at the same time he was writlike some mighty Atlas, should dis- ing confidential letters to "My Dear dain and spurn it as the weak and Harriman," opening with the sig-enfeebling doctrine of a weak and nificant observation, "You and I are ignorant leader. practical men," and his campaign

strong as Jehovah's primal elements if they but will it so. They have been strong enough to conquer the earth and they are strong enough to rule it. Their weakness is not due lack of consciousness of that strength taken completely out of his be

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by the blind leaders of the blind who oppose any "partisan" movement by the workers that will dethose members of society who are

How About Croton Dam?

The evil that men do lives after them, and the record of a public official rises to accuse him meetings hereafter with an "iron they are uniformly in favor of the criminal, political impotency of the when he least expects it. Ten years have passed since the Croton Dam which has resulted in every labor strike in New York, but, like Banque's ghost, it will not down, and it Roosevelt is nominated for a third term the memory of Croton Dam will damn his candidacy in the name of the working class. In the ten All Mr. Mitchell wants republican years which have passed since this outrage was perpetrated the workers have had time to reflect upon it and only now do they begin to realize its enormity and only now their duty saults of the police hirelings. Of ists who are in that body were elected a thousand dollars and do it gladly in pronouncing condemnation upon the responsible author.

> The essential facts in the tragic story are briefly told. The State Mr. Mitchell is particular to serve velt, then governor of New York, notice that the political activity of and he promptly ordered out the capitalist politician will say amen, and surrender. This is all there is

But the pith of it is to be found in the issue involved, and as an outrage upon workingmen it has few parallels in history.

would give power to labor and would capitalists trampled upon the law In this contention where stood

past. Every worker must be taught Roosevelt, the governor? On the it should be encouraged by their that a "partisan" movement is an un- side of the law of which he prates cause he did not have a heart of these leaders have in keeping the a united working class and stand- breakers and helped a gang of crimi workers divided and at the mercy of ing stanchly for working class in nals with the state militia to overcome honest workingmen who were guilty of the heinous offense of attempting to have the law enforced. the criminal contractors and the infamous record of his Hessian con-

Roosevelt, with swift anger hurls To put it very mildly, this is a sad the charge of "anarchy" against leader to teach. Infinitely better is of violating the law, whatever the it to appeal to the workers to rise circumstances, and has taxed his jaws in their strength and protect them- into perpetual motion on the duty selves; to throw off the yoke of wage- of being "law-abiding," but when slavery and to rely henceforth upon it comes to looking into his own record it is found that he is for law Mr. Mitchell's doctrine might be enforcement only when it operates

to lack of inherent strength but to he can be punctured and the wind and how to use it, and this weakness by the simple, pointed question may be accounted for in large part How about Croton Dam?





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cure a conviction goes without the

for nothing. The end always justi-

fies the means, and the one is as in-

It is well known among those who

have been in touch with Steve Adams

that he is a man of high courage

and of unquestioned loyalty to his

fellows; that he has been in many

of freebooters is sufficient evidence

of his loyalty to the working class.

ruling class.

TAFT AND ORGANIZED LABOR Of course Sargent was induced to write this letter. That is one of the things he was appointed for. The labor leader who accepts a

scale is being made to show that to prison by Judge Taft for alleged Secretary Taft, the republican can-violation of an injunction, called didate for president, is and always has been a stanch and uncompromisfriend of organized labor. To make him to prison, assured him with tears this all the clearer and more convincing to the wage-slaves, who of course, are incapable of determining for themselves who their friends are, a gratefully for the service he had corps of brilliant journalists is em-rendered the A. R. U. in breaking ployed to prostitute their talents and up its strike, and for making a labor spread broadcast tissues of false- strike a criminal offense, punishable hood to deceive the workers, and to by imprisonment. counteract the opposition inspired | The following is quoted literally by the actual facts. In this line from the Curtis article: of intellectual assignation there are three writers who enjoy unenviable eminence. The names of William E. Curtis, Walter Wellman, and James Creelman are well-known as literary lackeys in the service of the corporate masters, who, to earn their tainted stipend, will write anything about anybody, and lend their services to any cause, however venal or reprehensible.

When the capitalists were in despair about their plot to destroy the Western Federation of Miners and hang its leaders they sent Walter Wellman out to Colorado to "investigate and report," and the letters he wrote from there and which were spread broadcast were filled corporation judges of his ilk who, with the most vicious and damnable falsehoods that were ever written to roads, imprisoned the strikers and consummate an infamous conspiracy commit crime. Wellman was challenged by the Federation to their families to suffer, the absurdity make good, but discreetly remained of Taft's alleged sympathy is at once silent. He had earned his price.

James Creelman, one time known as a brilliant war correspondent, has adopted as a profession the fulsome eulogizing of the ruling captains of society. One of his latest magazine contributions is entitled "Morgan, the Magnificent." From this title it is easy to deduce the character and quality of his contribution. It is such subjects as these which now inspire (?) his pen and line his exchequer with the filthy lucre. Rockefeller, the Royal, and other

it has been put in special sheet and leastet form and systematically distributed among the organized workers of the country. Several of these have been sent to us from as many

different labor unions.

In this article Curtis claims to have examined the records and to have found that Judge Taft, while on the federal bench, was a loyal friend ing class. To prove this he tells very truly yours any number of palpable falsehoods which upon their very face expose themselves. Among other things

An organized effort on a large leader at Cincinnati, who was sent to prison by Judge Taft for alleged violation of an injunction, called on Judge Taft after serving his sent is been a stanch and uncompromistiend of organized labor. To make him to prison, assured him with tears in his eyes that he was now satisfied to the wage-slaves, who of course, it was judge Taft and himself. Nevertheless, it is false upon the very face of it.

Is about what I expected and throws no light upon the subject. Of course it was judge Taft and his cierk; that is, by Judge Taft and himself. Nevertheless, it is false upon the very face of it.

Does it not seem strange to you that Taft does not verify himself by a few of the him to prison, assured him with tears in his eyes that he was now satisfied to their forms positions through his kind intervention? fied that the great jurist was his best friend, and then thanked him

trom the Curtis article:

It is an interesting fact that six months later, when Phelan was released from Jall, he called upon Judge Taft to solicit his good offices in securing the restoration to the pay rolls of the company the strikers who had lost their jobs by following his advice. Upon his release he went to Ludiow, a suburb of Cincinnati, where many of the railroad hands resided, and there he found the families of the strikers in great distress. It is a satisfaction to know that Phelan was touched with remorse by seeing their condition, and it was an acknowledgement of his confidence in Judge Taft's sense of justice that he immediately applied to him for advice and assistance. He told Judge Taft that he did not realize the consequence of his actions in forcing the strike, but he was sent to Cincinnait by Eugene Debs to carry out the plans of the American Railway Union, and obeyed orders to the best of his ability.

Tim willing to serve another six months or even a year, he said, "if you'll help me to get work for these men so that they can feed their wives and children."

When it is remembered that it

When it is remembered that it was practically Judge Taft and other obedient to the demands of the raildefeated the strike, thereby causing the strikers to lose their jobs and their families to suffer, the absurdity apparent, and his crocodile tears deceive no one who is not hopelessly feeble-minded; and when Curtis goes on to show what great influence Taft had with the railroads in having the strikers reinstated he inadvertently admits our contention. makes Taft out a corporation tool and completely gives his case away.

It would be difficult to concoct a more brazen tissue of falsehoods. Upon reading his article Eugene V. Debs at once mailed the following letter to Mr. Curtis:

exchequer with the filthy lucre. Rockefeller, the Royal, and other oligarchs of whom Creelman is the literary boot-black, doubtless do the handsome thing by him in the way of lavish pecuniary reward for his intellectual degeneracy.

We now come to William E. Curtis. whose letters upon all conceivable subjects and from every angle of the globe, written from his editorial den, are well known to newspaper readers. Curtis is for the time a rival of Creelman, this being a political year and there being a large demand for this peculiar brand of talent. His latest contribution to political literature is an article, entitled "Taft Labor Friend, Proved by Rulings," which appeared in the Chicago Record-Herald of Feb. 24th. How much Mr. Curtis received for this piece of demagogic special pleading we do not know. We do know that the article has been widely copied through trust and corporation influences and that it has been put in special sheet and leaflet form and systematically dis-

To the foregoing letter Mr. Curtis

lows:

to the jungles.

and that the very leaser improper stratefully acknowledged his judicial benefactions.

Of course this letter written by you of and for Taft was intended as a campaign document to convince workingmen that a corporation judge who breaks up their strikes and locks them up for striking thus proves his friendship for them, and that they would be lacking in proper appreciation if they did not enthusiastically unite to elect him president of the United States. This is the logic of your plea and it is not strange that it requires a dead man's testimony to support it. Nor is it strange that railroad and other corporations are busying themselves with the thorough distribution of your letter among their hundreds of thousands of wage-slaves all over the country.

of the Taft boom of itself tells the whole story.

In closing I repeat that I was in touch with Thelan up to the time of his death, and that the statement that he repented of his part in the strike at Cheinnatt and looked with favor upon Judge Taft for having broken up said strike and having sent him to prison, is as false as is the cause victous which requires such hase means to support it. Yours very truly, EUGENE V. DEBS.

There is not the least doubt that to the very hour of his death. never dreamed of apologizing for his acts in the strike, nor did he cease to condemn Taft for his judicial tyranny; and if he were living today these vicious falsehoods reflecting upon his allegiance to organized labor would never have been put in circulation.

We are in position to enter emphatic denial of these baseless calumnies. Judge Taft broke up the strike at Cincinnati, as he and Judge Ricks had broken up the strike of the engineers and firemen on the Toledo, Ann Arbor and North Michigan, in the interest of the railroad companies, and it was on these occasions that he won his judicial distinction and the patronizing plaudits of the him. At the same time it must be corporate masters, who have smoothed the way from office to office for him until he now stands on the threshold of the presidency.

It is not strange-indeed, it is perfectly natural and proper—that the railroad corporations should boom Judge Taft for the presidency as they are now doing with all their power, but it is inconceivable that the working class could be so comlions as Curtis as to support this arch enemy of theirs for the highest office in the gift of the people.

For the very reason that Judge Taft used his judicial power on the bench to imprison labor leaders, defeat their strikes, and destroy their organizations, the corporations are his enthusiastic supporters, and not This letter was answered as fol- bench in a limited way will be repeated on a national scale, and enforced by all the executive and milithemselves. Among other things Girard, Kas, April 1, 1908—Mr. William forced by all the executive and milifavor of the 28th ult. —Dear Sir: Your favor of the 28th ult. in answer to mine tary power at the command of our favor of the 3d, has been received and noted. It

of all the organized workers of the Unity and Victory.

The question of emancipating labor resolves itself into a question of uniting labor on a revolutionary basis. The unity of labor, economic political office under a capitalist ad- and political, means the triumph ministration agrees in advance to of labor over its exploiters, the overserve that administration, and when throw of the capitalist class and the there is any disaffection among the end of wage slavery. To prevent wage-slaves, or any disposition to labor from effectively organizing is break away from the old parties, or therefore the strategic point of the capitalist class. Its salvation deto line up against their exploiters, the "decoy duck" is promptly put in commission and the result is that pends upon keeping the workers divided, or what amounts to the same thing, organized upon a basis which the workers are defeated, demoralized and driven back in confusion gives them the appearance of being united while at bottom they are arrayed against each other. This kind This letter of Frank Sargent in the interest of James E. Watson is of organization is in fact the worst kind of disorganization; there is a concrete case and we want the working class to remember it. Wat- unity on the surface but permeating son is a smooth capitalist politician the body the most disastrous elements and the capitalist class wants just of strife prevail.

Take, for instance, railway employes and coal miners. The former are organized in a number of sepabetween capital and labor that the rate bodies. They are closely related soldiers will be made to serve capi- to the coal miners and yet organized tal just as they did recently at on a basis which precludes their Muncie under the present admin- knowing, so far as their union is concerned, that there are such men as miners in existence. If railroad bor officials who hold office under men strike the miners continue to a capitalist administration will furnish the companies with coal vouch for any politician as a "friend until other employes are secured to of labor," however false, treacher- take the places of the strikers. If ous, and antagonistic he may be to the miners strike railroad men haul labor, provided only they are or- scabs to the mines to take their dered to endorse him by their po- places and haul the scab product to litical masters, the hirelings of the the market, thus playing into the hands of the corporation to the detriment of the workers.

The whole labor movement, far as trades unions are concerned, is organized upon that dividing parent that extreme efforts will be principle, and the disastrous effects made to convict Steve Adams at are visible upon every hand. The Telluride. The recent explosion al- crushing defeat of the commercial leged to have been an attempt on a case in point and should be of the life of Bulkeley Wells has in- value as an object lesson. That flamed the community as could have strike could have been made a signal victory in a day if the workers had been well imagined. No shrewder been organized on a basis of actual scheme on the part of the mine ownunity instead of actual division. Not until all the workers are embraced But to whatever desperate straits within one industrial union and act the mine and smelter trust may be together, making the grievance of driven to convict this working man one the affair of all, will they win we do not believe that any jury can strikes and make progress. Until ever find him guilty. It is simply then defeat will be their portion and out of the question that twelve reas- it will do them no good to expose onable men could find an innocent their wounds to capitalist legislaman, such as Adams is known to be, tive bodies and expect any comfort guilty of the crime charged against there.

An injury to one is the concern of none, seems now to be the motto, and until organization is so changed as to make an injury to one the concern of all, increasing injuries will be inflicted and the workingclass will furnish all the victims.

When it comes to politics the saying. With them scruples count workers fall an easy prey to the wiles of the capitalist henchmen. "It is so very easy to keep the poor fools fighting each other." That is famous as the other. If Steve tion regarded him as a menace to the trick. He has only to caution union men to steer clear of "partisan" politics.

The labor leader who echoes the capitalist politician is lauded by the press as conservative and wise and erty, ignorance and misery? is re-elected with an increase in Washington D C. March 28, 1908—Mr.
Eugene V. Debs. Girard. Kas—Sir—On
a dissenting voice is heard in their
my return from several weeks in the south
I find your communication of March 2d,
and while if is not my practice to give the
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ments, and while that is considered an unprofessional set. I have permission to say
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workingmen, Socialists excepted, still

lustration. The United Mine Work- emancipation. ers is the largest single union of wage-workers in the United States, understand the little game of which shall be the watchword, that the It is often referred to as the most they are the victims. How much important and progressive of labor longer they will be able to endure unions and we are not disposed to it depends largely upon the staying detract from its merits, but what qualities of their stomachs and upon becomes of these "united miners" on their desire to offer themselves as election day? They are divided, So-targets for capitalist bullets. These their masters, of course, since they action. Such a movement will have are taught by their leaders that their to spring from the rank and file and interests as slaves are identical with it surely will when the rank and the interests of their masters.

A WORD TO TRADE UNIONISTS!

ITH this number many of you will receive for the first time a copy of the Appeal to Reason. This issue has been prepared and several hundred thousand copies will be printed and distributed for the

special benefit of trade unionists. The Appeal, as its readers know, is published in the interest of the working class. It is a Socialist paper, and as such it is the exponent of labor and the champion of those who toil in their struggle to overthrow wage-slavery and achieve their industrial emancipation.

The Appeal believes that every trade unionist ought to read it and would read it if he really understood its mission. Unlike the demagogue, the Appeal does not cater to the ignorance of workingmen, organized or unorganized, but it seeks to dispel that ignorance, and if necessary it fights that ignorance, but in any event it is uncompromising and it stands

unflinchingly by the principles of the international Socialist movement. There are those who have so subtly played upon the minds of trade unionists as to make them believe that Socialist papers are their enemies and that Socialism is but a dream-a visionary theory which can never be realized. All those who are interested in keeping the working class in darkness are opposed to Socialism. This in itself is significant. It is

quite enough to at least set union men to thinking. Why is it that all trusts and corporations, magnates, barons, lords, plutocrats, and bosses of all descriptions, are opposed to Socialism? Why is it that all the parasites who prey upon labor, all who live out of the sweat and agony of the overworked and underpaid, why is it that with one accord they are all violently opposed to Socialism? The answer is not hard to find. The present system is their system. They enjoy without working, while the wage-slaves work without enjoying. They take to the meal that the windows of the wage-slaves work without enjoying. themselves the product of the workers in the form of profit and they have the power to do this because they own the means of production, and for the same reason they control the powers of government and are easily able to keep the workers in subjection, as witness the decisions which have been rendered within the past few weeks and which have uniformly tended to silence the discontent of the slaves and keep them submissively in control of their masters.

It is not strange, therefore, that all these are opposed to Socialism, for they are wise enough to see that when Socialism prevails the workers themselves will be the owners of the means of production and that the power to exploit the workers will thus be taken from them and the workers will be free and the parasites will have to go to work.

In the working class itself inheres the power for its emancipation. It cannot come from without. It must be developed from within. This power is economic and political. It may take still other forms as the struggle proceeds. But for the present the workers must combine and act together in one class-conscious body, whether it be to strike against the corporations or to strike with their ballots on election day.

It is foolish for the workers to continue to remain politically divided and to give their votes to opposing capitalist parties, neither of which differs from the other in the least, so far as the workers are concerned. It matters not who their candidates happen to be, their platform shows them to be capitalist parties, and committed to capitalist interests. The large variety of issues, so-called, which they introduce into each campaign are but so much dust to blind the eyes of the workers to the only

The Socialist party has been organized as a working class party, and its platform commits it to working-class principles, and to working-class emancipation. We do not ask trade unionists to take our word. We do ask them to read and think for themselves.

Let them procure a republican platform, a democratic platform and a Socialist platform, and read and compare them. We challenge them, if they still persist in adhering to either of the capitalist parties, to point out to us the slightest difference between them so far as the workingman is concerned. Both stand for the private ownership of the tools of production; both stand for the profit system and for the robbery of the workingman under that system; both stand for capitalist class rule and working-class slavery, and their own history shows that it makes no difference to the workingman which of these two parties is in power in the city,

On the other hand, the Socialist party is the party of those who toil, and its platform is so clear that there can be no mistake in regard to it. It does not appeal to capitalists. It expects no support from them. It addresses itself to the workers and points out to them the fact that in the present system they are exploited of what they produce and that if they are but wise enough and loyal enough to their own interests to combine and act together they can conquer the political power of the nation

famous as the other. If Steve fools fighting each other." That is Adams were as pure as light and as the fact, at present, humiliating as spotless as a saint he would still be hanged if the Mine Owners' Association regarded him as a menace to the trick. He has only to caution ply beasts of burden and doomed forever to be ridden by those who apply spur and lash and hold them as inferiors to be regarded with contempt?

Is there no latent manhood in the workers to be aroused and to assert itself? Is the working class to be forever the "lower class" and are the sons and daughters who toil and produce doomed to eternal pov-

We do not believe it. We spurn the thought. We believe the working class is destined to become the ruling class of the world and to inaugurate the highest civilization humanity has ever known.

Yes, this is our belief and it is more than that. It is an overmastering conviction which compels us to express it and to do battle for it with all the strength at our command.

unions crushed by the iron heel; and with Taft as president, if they should elect him—and only they can elect him—what he did to them from the limited for vengeance by that body have offended to the marked for vengeance by that body of freeheaves in author of the limited for the limited for vengeance by that body of freeheaves in author of the limited for vengeance by that body of freeheaves in author of the limited for vengeance by the limited for vengeance by that body of freeheaves in author of the limited for vengeance by that body of freeheaves in author of the limited for vengeance by the limited for vengeance b see and think and act, and the near ings, and the clubbing and jailing of labor speakers, the vast army of future will see some decided changes hungry and tattered down-and-outs, and all these cruel and agonizing As the trial of Adams approaches in the matter of the unity of the effects of capitalist misrule and wage-slavery, gives aid and comfort to those who are exploiting him and his class and as certainly betrays his We have said that it is very easy fellow workers as if he received the thirty pieces of silver for his perfidy. The same vital issue is involved in to keep the working class politically We admit that this may be the result of his ignorance, but in the light this case as was involved in the Hay- divided. This is unfortunately but of what has taken place during the past year there is no longer any good too true. The reason for this is that excuse for ignorance, and it becomes little less than criminal.

Every true trade unionist who has intelligence enough to know what blindly follow the lead of others and unionism is and what it seeks to accomplish, will refuse this year to have not yet developed the habit of give his vote to the republican or democratic party; will join the party thinking and acting for themselves. of his class, and not only cast his vote, but use all his influence in in-Let us take another union for il- ducing all other trade unionists to cast their votes for Socialism and

file, who have to bear the brunt of fer is

ranks shall be closed up and that the workers standing shoulder to shoulder shall march to victory.

To vote the republican or democratic ticket is to ratify the antilabor decisions of the supreme court. No true union man will be guilty of such treason.

Let us make this year historic.

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slaves are not yet wise enough to THE GIRARD MANUFACTURING COMPANY, GIRARD, KANSAS.

How Labor is "Recognized"

It is a rule with capitalist politicians in making up their tickets or deciding on their appointments last.

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Rut when a capitalist educinic capitalist class: recognition of labor. Fer in dered according to the terms of the ernor of Indiana and recently made agreement.

Frank P. Sargent, grand master of the Brotherhood of Loco-from the office of grand master of mediately his union labor constituents. motive Firemen, to the office of commissioner of immigration. This is a fat office and gives the appointee and gives the appointee. When Sargent was appointed and labor was a

Of course, this sort of "recognition" of labor does not help the trank and file in the remotest degree; does not add a cent to the wage of a fireman or better the continuing the capitalist class in but still labor has been "recognized" and the rank and file ought to be, and usually are, happy, and ready are nearly served and should have the support in open-evel wonder.

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But lo, hardly had the organized workers declared themselves before a long letter was received from boosting a workingman into a high office.

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master of the firemen, and now com-

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ful to his political masters and the capitalist class: James E. Watson, out of the way. He is a dangerous or deciding on their appointments

But when a capitalist administration appoints a union labor of of Indiana, the congressman known man in the sense that he cannot with the cannot in the sense that he cannot in the sense that rule it is customary to choose some ficial to an office with a good salary as "The Whip of the House," who be bribed, browbeaten or intimilabor official of prominence and attached it is not merely to "recog- has been notoriously hostile to un- dated. He is a true representative place him in a fine and fleecy political berth. This constitutes the free gritton" of labor. Fer indeed according to the terms of the labor measures, concluded to be govern that are expected and must be rendered according to the terms of the labor measures, concluded to be govern that the sattraction attached it is not merely to "recognition" dated. He is a true representative that are expected and must be rendered according to the terms of the labor measures, concluded to be govern that the sattraction attached it is not merely to "recognition" dated. He is a true representative that are expected and must be rendered according to the terms of the labor measures, concluded to be govern that the sattraction attached it is not merely to "recognition" dated. He is a true representative that are expected and must be rendered according to the terms of the labor measures, concluded to be govern that the sattraction attached it is not merely to "recognition" attac ernor of Indiana and recently made

we must warn the workers of the country not to lose interest in it. wood and Pettibone trials. The charge of murder against Steve Adams screens the persecution of

the Mine Owners and the latest charge brought against him is but is as fairly tried as were the other members of the Federation. If there

This being election year the organized workers have the opportunity of making emphatic answer