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The Imprisoned Liberator
BY FRED D. WARREN

"I admit that I am prejudiced against this defendant, but I am determined to break up this conspiracy against President Diaz, of Mexico."
These words were spoken by a United States federal judge, Thomas S. Maxey, of Austin, Texas, a few moments after he had sentenced Antonio de P. Araujo, editor of a Mexican liberal paper, printed in Waco, Texas. Araujo, as has been told in these columns, was arrested on the charge of violating the neutrality laws. He was tried in Judge Maxey's court at San Antonio, before a jury, the foreman of which told the judge he was largely interested in Mexican enterprises. Should Araujo's party succeed in capturing the reins of government in Mexico, the working class would have a chance to improve its condition by raising wages and shortening hours. This would interfere with the profits in the enterprises in which the foreman of the jury was interested. Hence his bias against the prisoner. Many of Judge Maxey's business and political associates are likewise interested in Mexican concessions, the success of which depend upon a continuation of the present system of peon labor.

tion there was a feeling among the workers of the country that the interests of the Western Miners were not identical with those of the east and the far west. Before many months had passed, hundreds of thousands of men and women in New York, Boston, Chicago and elsewhere were marching under banners which declared the nation-wide brotherhood of the toilers. State lines were obliterated and Giant Labor reached out his hoary hands and snatched capitalism's victims from the gallows! So, likewise, must the international brotherhood of labor be recognized. Let that same Giant step to the front and say to the United States federal government that it cannot lend itself to the aid of the despot of Mexico, but must keep its hands off. Are you with the Appeal in this fight? I believe you are—I know it and it is because I know that we have decided to throw the Appeal with all its fighting power into this contest. WE MUST WIN!!

MAGON'S TRAGIC STORY.

Every American citizen should read the heartrending story of Ricardo Flores Magon as told by himself in the current issue of this paper. It is replete with the shocking horrors which have disgraced the Diaz administration. That such brutal and atrocious crimes against humanity as are here set forth are still possible in the twentieth century is enough to stagger belief. The misuse of Diaz and the seething hell of peonage he maintains by force of arms, chiefly assassins, is the reproach of all America. The misery of the masses defies description. Nakedness, hunger, filth and disease run riot. The peons are robbed, starved, whipped and trampled upon with far less consideration than if they were beasts. American capitalists are responsible for these appalling conditions. Mexico's fabulous resources are being developed and her untold riches brought forth BY SLAVE LABOR. Mexico is today under American capitalist exploitation a vast slave pen, a seething corral of convicts. The Mexican government with Diaz at its head is the slave herder for the American capitalists. To protest against the heartless misuse of Diaz is treason against the government. Hired assassins attend to the rest. If the victim escapes to the United States he is pursued across the border and American detectives join the Mexican cut-throats in hunting him down. Against this frightful slavery the patriotic spirits of Mexico have risen in revolt and to carry out their program of emancipation they have organized the Mexican liberal party. Of this party Magon is the president. He is a leader of superb strength, wise, fearless and incorruptible. Diaz hates him. The people love him. Every conceivable outrage has been perpetrated upon him and his assassination has been attempted, but he still lives and will live to fulfill his mission. Ricardo Flores Magon is a patriot and a liberator. He has the quenchless fires of a Patrick Henry in his soul and will live in history when all the brood of pigmies in the service of Diaz, on both sides of the line, now hounding him, have been dumped into the alleys of oblivion. But the story of Magon from his own lips must be read. It is white-hot with the eloquence that burns and sears. No wonder Diaz, the bloody monster, is straining every nerve to destroy Magon the white-souled liberator! Can anyone read this burning message of Magon without feeling his blood leap hot with horror and shame? Readers of the Appeal, Ricardo Flores Magon is one of the grandest souls of this age. He is the commanding figure in God's own revolt against the massacres of Diaz and the slavery of the Mexican people. It is OUR DUTY to stand by Magon and his fellow-patriots. Let the millions of true Americans arise and say to the bloody despot across the Rio Grande, HANDS OFF! Let the millions who love liberty hail our Mexican patriots as comrades and pledge to them "their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor" in the struggle for the overthrow of slavery and the freedom of the people. To Our Readers. Please note the number of the little yellow address label on the wrapper of your paper or on the paper itself. This number tells you how long your subscription runs. The number of this issue is 693. If the number on your label is 694 your subscription expires next week and you should renew at once. It would be a great help to us here in the office if you would watch the number on your label and renew at least three weeks in advance. For instance, if the number on the yellow slip following your name is 696 you will have time to send in your name and not miss a copy. Do this!

ELIMINATE the tenement and slum, and conditions brought about by poverty, and you will have the most rational tuberculosis cure ever devised.

WHEN Socialism prevails, there will be no reason for race suicide, because the monster that creates child slaves and starves the children will have passed away.

WHAT splendid homes the workers could have under Socialism! Think of a condition in which it would be possible for every one to own a house and live under his own roof.

If all that the capitalists really possess—that is, stocks, bonds, notes, deeds and mortgages—was taken away from the earth, the world would be infinitely richer and freer for it.

I will mail copies of the Liberty Edition at the rate of one-half cent per copy where fifty or more are sent in at one time. Make up a list of fifty names and let's see what we can do.

LINCOLN was smeared with dishonor on the 22d of last month. Grafters, exploiters and knaves tried to steal some good respect through their pretense of paying homage to the great emancipator. Lincoln's name will ever be connected with the freedom of the chattel slave, but at none of the banquets in his honor were black men invited to a seat at the table. They are still slaves and served the tables and blacked the boots of the master class just as they did before Lincoln lived and wrought. The centennial was merely the stealing of the livery of heaven to serve the devil in.

YOU WILL ACCEPT IT.

When labor-saving machinery was first installed practically everybody but the discoverers of it were opposed to it; but economic necessity drove men to accept it and use it. This is true of improvements in political ideas. Socialism, the science of social relations, is better for all the people, but they are opposed to it. But like new machinery, they will be forced to accept it from the necessity of the conditions. There are millions who now have accepted its philosophy and the number increases with every day. The future belongs to Socialism as surely as it belonged to labor-saving machinery when it was discovered. It is a greater and more growing force than any other in human thought. It is creeping in by a thousand paths unperceived by both its friends and enemies. Every new discovery in science helps it; every new combination in wealth helps it; every new machine helps it; every labor organization helps it; every dispute between capitalists and laborers helps it; every case of corruption awakens thousands to its remedy. These forces, far more than Socialist agitation are making for the adoption of Industrial Democracy. The very necessity will bring it. It is the only path that will bring relief to the millions from the extortions of the few. You may damn it today, but you will accept it tomorrow, all right.

The Appeal is in receipt of information that Magon, Villarreal and Rivera, the Mexican patriots who have been held in jail in Los Angeles incommunicado, have been secretly taken to Tombstone where they will be tried on the charge of having violated the neutrality laws of this country. The Appeal's staff correspondent, Geo. H. Shoaf, is speeding on his way to Tombstone and our readers may rest assured that the facts in the case will be handed out at first hand. In this connection I want to urge every reader of this paper to do his level best to increase the circulation. To carry on this fight and WIN as we did in the Moyer-Haywood contest, we need subscribers and lots of them. Come, comrades, it's up to you. We are doing our part—will you help?

THE ARAUJO JURY.

The following named men composed the jury that convicted the Mexican editor, Antonio de P. Araujo, at San Antonio. Perhaps if we knew the political complexion of these gentlemen, and their business connections we could understand why they convicted this Mexican youth on the flimsy testimony introduced by the government. This information will be forthcoming, and printed in future issues of the Appeal. G. G. Gross, San Antonio, Tex.; G. J. Smith, Seguin, Guadalupe county, Tex.; H. L. Dennis, Fiberville, Wilson county, Tex.; W. W. Gordon, Seguin, Guadalupe county, Tex.; R. Pennington, San Antonio, Bexar county, Tex.; Julius Zerk, San Antonio, Tex.; V. P. King, Round, Medina county, Tex.; W. A. Lannon, Seguin, Guadalupe county, Tex.; A. Grimsinger, Carlisle, Medina county, Tex.; Louis Forsythe, Brackett, Concho county, Tex.; Carl Benson, Upton, Valmora county, Tex.; H. Myers, Seguin, Guadalupe county, Tex.

The magnificent preparation for the inauguration of Taft was spoiled by a snow and wind storm. Is it symbolical? Capitalism is making wonderful preparations to rule the world, but may not natural conditions, the sweep of events and the snow of white ballots put a stop to it all?

The workers of the United States can never secure their freedom so long as Mexico remains a capitalist slave-pen.—Fred D. Warren.

—ARAUJO, PATRIOT, No. 6307—

Antonio de P. Araujo, a Mexican lad of 26, is registered as Prisoner 5307 at the federal prison at Leavenworth, Kansas. The story of this youth, first told in these columns, is full of romance. Forced to leave Mexico on account of his opposition to Diaz, he came to this country; here he was tracked by spies, arrested, hunted round the globe—Asia and Africa have long expelled her; Europe regards her like a stranger, and England hath given her warning to depart. Oh, receive the fugitive, and prepare in time an asylum for mankind.—Thomas Paine, in The Crisis.

"OH, RECEIVE THE FUGITIVE." Oh, ye that love mankind, ye that dare oppose, not only the tyrant, but the tyrant; stand forth; every spot of the old world is overrun with oppression. Freedom hath been hunted round the globe—Asia and Africa have long expelled her; Europe regards her like a stranger, and England hath given her warning to depart. Oh, receive the fugitive, and prepare in time an asylum for mankind.—Thomas Paine, in The Crisis.

ANIMALS are kept in prison by wire fences; men by paper titles.

THERE is a new president, but the same old capitalism is in the saddle.

If you have a job you also have a trap. If there was not some man out of work and ready to take your place, your wages would be higher.

If Socialism prevailed, instead of forming bread lines and eating out of dinner pails, the workers of the world would eat at their homes, good, square meals, always.

"The Man who Bought an Island," is the title of a storyette that will amuse and instruct. The opening installment appears in this issue. Don't fail to read it and ask your neighbor to read it.

INSTEAD of having an army of unemployed which it has to hide and kill off under the pretext that they are vagrants, Socialism would provide employment for all, and no one in all the world need ever miss a meal.

WHEN Socialism prevails tenements and huts, the things that capitalism provides for the only worthy people in the world, the workers, will give way to homes owned by the men and women who produce things.

SAME THE WIDE WORLD OVER

The workers are very largely in the majority—in fact, they represent about nineteen-twentieths of the whole population. They consume therefore nearly all the sugar as well as other foods. When the rich want the government to spend more money to build up a navy or an army to keep the poor in subjection they put a tax on sugar and tobacco and other things the poor consume and the poor pay the bills of government and the property of the nation, owned by the few, is exempt from the payment. See? This government does it, and England is guilty of the same crime. The rich are everywhere the same cunning creatures—and the poor the same easy dupes.

COST OF BEING GOVERNED.

The late congress spent over a thousand millions of money—more than a billion. This is nearly as much as the expenses of all the European governments combined! Talk about the oppression of kings, emperors and czars! They are small speculators compared with the grafters that do business in Washington. And what have you to show for your part of this unthinkable sum? This means \$75 that each family must pay extra on the supplies it buys. It is so cunningly woven into the prices of things that the average stupid citizen cannot tell if he pays anything—but he is \$75 poorer by reason of it. Put another way, it means that one million houses, each costing \$1,000, was eaten up by congress to pay the officers it has created! A million houses! Government of fools is very costly to the fools. And the voters keep on voting for it!

With Araujo in Prison
BY EUGENE V. DEBS.

Returning from Texas whether he had hastened to ascertain the true facts in the Araujo case, the managing editor of the Appeal, Fred D. Warren, was up in arms, declaring the affair a monstrous injustice and his determination to aid the convicted Mexican by all the means in his power. This determination was made stronger by the connection he discerned between the case and the cases pending in Arizona with which Appeal readers are familiar and by its important bearing upon the whole question of the war in Mexico. For, be it understood, the war in Mexico has begun. The despotism of assassination has done its worst, and at last the people have revolted, for which thank God! In this Mexican war the working class of the United States is deeply and vitally interested, whether it knows it or not. In Mexico fourteen million working people are in peon slavery. Their wages, in American money, will not average 25 cents a day. American capitalists virtually own these millions of slaves and grind out their lives to amass fortunes to squander upon syphilitic parasites. These American capitalists, in collusion with Diaz, the despot, have taken possession of Mexico. Millions upon millions of wealth are in sight. Diaz and his government—government by assassination—keep down the slaves. No labor leaders there. They are shot. Strikers are hanged and agitators waylaid and assassinated. The Mexican government is the slave herder of the American capitalists. Diaz is the chief herder in the service of Rockefeller, Morgan, Harriman and other American plutocrats who own Mexico. These fourteen million Mexican slaves are the competitors of American wage-workers. From now on the industrial development will be shifted to Mexico, the land of marvelous resources, and peon slaves will be employed at 15 cents a day while American workmen walk the streets and starve by the wayside. The Mexican war is the war of peon slaves against peon slavery. These slaves are fighting the battles of American wage workers. Will American wage workers see this and fight the battles of the peons and thereby fight for their own freedom? Araujo is a compatriot of Magon—one of the leaders in the revolt of the slaves. Driven from Mexico he came to the United States. Escaping Diaz he found Roosevelt and Bonaparte. He soon realized that American capitalists are the masters of both republics. He was seized on a trumped-up charge, tried before a friend of Diaz—and sentenced to a long term in a federal prison, one of Uncle Sam's hospitable retreats for the sons of the refugees he used to entertain at the white house. This, in brief, is the story of Antonio Araujo, the Mexican lad of 26, who is destined to make important history in two countries. This case appealed to us from the moment we heard of it and that was when Araujo's letter, announcing his sentence was first received. The papers had not a word of it. Warren's trip to Texas speedily followed. To see Araujo himself was next in order and Warren and the writer were soon enroute to Leavenworth. Arriving there we were cordially received by Warden McLaughry of the federal prison, who, for sixteen years, was warden at Joliet and who has done more for prison reform and the humane treatment of prisoners than any other man in the United States. Araujo is fortunate in this respect at least, that he is in the most comfortable prison in the country. But it is still a prison, and a prison's a prison for a' that. Warden McLaughry invited us into his private office, rang a little bell on his desk and when the attendant appeared, said "Have Mr. Araujo come, and tell him some friends wish to see him." Five minutes later Araujo stepped in. A mere slip of a boy, he surprised us. He was neatly dressed in a suit of gray (here there are no prison stripes and no shorn heads). The frank ingenuous countenance looked troubled for a moment—and no wonder. For months he had been as a hare ahead of the hounds. What was he now to do? And then a sudden light overspread his features. It all occurred in an instant. He recognized us and his very soul beamed from his dark and expressive eyes. He put his arms about us, first one and then the other. His face was a study. Overcome by his emotions he could not speak. But there was a world of utterance in his fine eyes and his clear-cut and mobile features. Araujo and Warren held each other in fast embrace. They looked into each other's eyes but said nothing.

COMRADES! I had never before realized its full meaning. How beautiful, how elevating and how suggestive! Warden McLaughry's eyes filled and he turned away. Every chord within me thrummed with emotions of mingled pain and joy. This living picture held my rapt attention. International solidarity was here incarnate. A few days before, this Mexican boy and this American youth, but a trifle older, had never seen, nor even heard of each other. Now they were joined together in the bonds of indissoluble comradeship. Araujo, the Mexican editor, and Warren, the American editor, are one in the international movement. Araujo is sentenced and Warren is under indictment. They are comrades in the social revolution. Is it strange that they embraced spontaneously and are now united as by hooks of steel? Araujo expressed his gratitude that he had such loyal comrades and Warren assured him that he was willing to share his imprisonment. The story of Araujo was soon told. It is substantially as it has already appeared in these columns. To see Araujo is to believe him. He is incapable of deception. He has all the attributes of a frank, candid, manly young man. He is brave as he is gentle, and fearless as he is incorruptible. This noble youth is in the penitentiary because of his virtues. He will one day be known as a patriot and emancipator. Bravely fighting for the unfortunate peons of his country he is fighting at the same time the battles of the working class of the United States. Will the wage-slaves realize this and give to this brave boy and his colleagues who are soon to be tried in Arizona their united support? If they fail in their duty to the Mexican comrades they will betray their own cause and dearly will they pay for it. But they will not fail! Upon our return to Girard, Wayland said to us: "You have done a great day's work. Araujo now knows that his American comrades will do their duty. The Appeal has to make the fight of its life and before it is over it may also be a fight for its life!" Comrades, friends and fellow-citizens of America, these patriots have been convicted because of our cowardly indifference and inexcusable apathy. We are bound by every tie of our class and by every consideration of duty to right the wrong done these men. Let us organize our forces and press the fight. When the united voice of labor is heard in protest the prison doors will open and justice will be done. TO REACH MILLIONS. When you stop to reflect that it was a stray copy of the Appeal or a Socialist pamphlet that first made a Socialist of you, then the problem of winning the nation for Socialism becomes easy. Get our literature into the hands of men and women, who, like you, want a good home, a permanent income (for which you are willing to exchange your labor) and leisure to improve the mind and time to enjoy oneself. This is what Socialism offered you—this is what it offers every man and woman. But we can't get Socialism until a majority understand how to get what they want. The Appeal has a plan which it wants the comrades of cities of less than 50,000 population to adopt. Most of these cities issue a directory with names and addresses. A copy of this directory of your city should be secured and a subscription taken up to send the Appeal to the entire population. In this way we make a clean sweep of the whole community, which can later be canvassed for subscriptions. This work is under way in several places already. Take it up at once in your home town. Funds for Defense. Funds for the legal defense of our Mexican comrades may be sent to Jane Addams, Hull House, Chicago, treasurer of the Political Refugee Defense League, or to Ernest Mills, secretary-treasurer W. F. M., Denver, Colorado. The Appeal urges its readers to take up this very necessary work of raising funds at once. Go to your unions and ask for a donation—circulate a subscription list among your friends. The defense will need funds and at once. Those who send manuscripts to the Appeal should keep a copy, as the Appeal can not guarantee to return articles not used. Thousands of such communications reach the Appeal in the course of a year and it is simply impossible to keep track of them all. Socialism, while interfering with no one's right to drink if he wants, will end the traffic in liquor by removing the profits from the business.

American capitalists have more than a billion dollars invested in Mexico. In that country they are using peons who are slaves in all but name, as their laborers, paying them from fifteen to twenty-five cents a day. When Americans are using slave labor in Mexico and the product of this labor enters America in competition with American labor, then American labor is menaced with poeage.

The Yellow Peril Outdone

BY T. A. HICKEY. All is quiet along the Potomac, was the cry in '61 when both armies were stationed on opposite sides of the river and the bayonets reflected the sheen of the bristling guns.

All is quiet on the Rio Grande, says the black press on both sides of the border, but the shooting and jailing of Mexican patriots goes steadily on, from Corpus Christi, Texas, to Los Angeles, while the camp fires of the contending armies keep burning ever brighter under the sunny southwestern skies.

While we, as Socialists will, as a matter of course, throw our strength into the fight that the Mexican liberal party is making for human liberty, freedom of person, speech and press, we must also consider that American labor is vitally interested for the reason that the defeat of the liberal party will mean the lowering of our present standard of living.

For instance: The Western Federation of Miners has gone from Joplin, Missouri, to the Michigan peninsula and from there to Behring Straits, organizing the quartz miners, reducing their hours, increasing their wages and raising their standard of living. In but one mining camp has the flag of the open shop flown for twenty-seven years, despite repeated attempts to organize.

can labor must sink to peon work or desperately struggle to lift the cross from the back of his brother to the south. Hence, we Socialists, who occupy the vanguard in the labor movement, not only from motives of sympathy, but as a matter of economic determinism, must throw our lot with the men who are struggling through the liberal party to establish a genuine republic in Old Mexico. At the present time unions are not tolerated in Mexico. When men, women and children were worked sixteen hours a day for thirty cents, gold, in the textile mills, and as a result attempted to form a union, twelve of the leaders, without a shadow of a trial, were lined up against an adobe wall and shot to death.

Not only will no unions be tolerated, but the press, that invaluable adjunct to the union, is muzzled, subsidized, and when independent, death is the lot of the editor. And thus the union men of America are now facing a peril that is indeed a real one—not a yellow peril from the Orient, but the white and copper-hued peril from the land of Diaz and Montezuma.

Out of this deplorable condition of affairs an amazing political situation develops in our country. The logic of protective tariff for the big capitalist industries is made evident to even the most stupid democrat, with the result that even Texas must swing into the Republican column and banish Bryanism forever from the Lone Star State. On the other hand, the Socialist party, recognized champion of the trades unions of America, and the labor movement generally must take from the democratic party the last vestige of radicalism that must still rest under the folds of its tattered flag.

The issue is now plain. As Moyer and Haywood were saved by the Socialists and the trade unions, so must Magon, Villarreal, Rivera, Sarabia and Araujo be rescued from the plutocracy that would crush them so that peonage may live. They are the modern Lafayette and Payne. They have come to our country in the struggle to establish freedom in their own country, and we would be recreant to the traditions of the founders of this if we do not jump in and work, heart and hand to secure their release to the end that the liberal party may triumph and freedom's rays dawn on the land that is now groaning under the tyrant heel of Porfirio Diaz.

European Notes BY NICHOLAS KLEIN. Comrade Hartman, who for 12 years represented the workers of Germany, in the council, has just passed away at the age of 74 years.

Dr. Jansen is the first Socialist to sit in the cabinet in the German Reichstag. He was elected although there were two other candidates in the field to fill the vacancy created by a death.

Objections to Socialism.

Objections by C. S. T., Answers by Appeal. Socialists have organized clubs. To become a member one is required to pay a monthly fee, which would almost cover the fee in some jobs. The republican organization does not demand this fee. The poor and rich alike can belong to and support the republican party.

In this world a man gets and should get just what he pays for. You pay for membership in the Socialist party and the party belongs to you and works in your interest as a toiler. You pay nothing directly for membership in the republican party and get nothing out of it. The party belongs to the rich who pay for it and buy it.

Government is rotten because it is supporting a system of robbery, just as it was rotten when it supported the robbery of chattel slavery. That ought to be plain enough. Socialism has a definite and plain remedy, which is to completely end the system of robbery—that is the profit system—through the adoption of public ownership of the tools of production and distribution.

What is your opinion of a man who claims to be so good a Socialist that he will not read a Socialist paper or subscribe for one, on the ground that nothing can change him or make him a better Socialist?—G. P. H. They used to say that a dead Indian is a good Indian. The man you mention may be a good Socialist. He is certainly a dead one. The only trouble with this view of the case is that death and Socialism is a contradiction of terms. Yet may the deceased brother cease to rest in peace.

Childs Play. Would it not solve the problem of the hard times and the unemployed if all the hungry and idle in the cities were sent to the country and farm, or buy a piece of land on the installment plan? I know a few people who had not a cent of money, who are getting rich by going out in Oklahoma and Dakota. The removal of these from the cities would help to increase wages there.—C. C.

What effect could or would Socialism have upon the temperance issue? Would it be placed in the Socialist platform that would be better and attract the people's interest more in a general way than the present-day prohibition movement?—F. H. S., Ohio. Socialism would destroy the entire profit system, and so, while not having a special program for the saloon, has the only thing that will fully destroy the liquor traffic. The weakness of prohibition is that it regards the liquor traffic as an evil within itself, when in reality it is only a feature—a bad feature no doubt—of an evil system. At its best prohibition can do no more than keep liquor from the very poor, without in the least keeping it from the rich who stock their own cellars privately.

There are several reasons. The first is, that it would be a straight business proposition, and the Socialist party to accomplish this would require more capital than any other body of men could command and at the same time shrewder financiers would have to make a profit and work up trade, and swindle to get it. It is a great deal easier and cheaper to let other capitalists do the concentrating and in the meantime organize the working class to take it all over when things get ripe for it.

Competition and Socialism.

Answers to Questions by R. W. S. Q. Tell me the form of competition under the present order. A. It is competition, in commerce and industry, by groups. A half century ago it was by individuals, and a moiety of individual competition remains; but competition is becoming more and more a matter of groups—of trusts, labor unions, armies, parties and societies.

Q. What would be the benefit of non-competition under Socialism? A. There would not be an absolute ending of competition under Socialism. But the competition would be transferred from one field of endeavor to another. Then, we would compete with the ballot, to carry out our policies, and possibly in other ways as well. The removal of competition from industry, which would be effected by organizing it so institutions would be public rather than private in nature, would benefit in several ways: It would eliminate the expense of building and maintaining duplications. It would render unnecessary the expense of advertising.

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TRICKING THE VOTERS.

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Roosevelt and Diaz.

From the Laborer, Dallas, Texas. In Texas, with her glorious history of revolt against iniquitous Spanish tyranny, in San Antonio, the central city of the Texas revolution, under the very shadow of that Alamo where Travis and his men died like heroes that we might live as freemen—a conspiracy of American capitalists, acting through Roosevelt, and of Mexican capitalists, headed by Diaz, has condemned a man to prison for daring to use the right of a free press.

This is a brief statement of the Araujo case. It is here, as in the Haywood case, not the man at stake; it is freedom itself. The capitalist class aim to crush the workers; it is for the workers to refuse to be crushed. Araujo was arrested in Waco and convicted in San Antonio for printing things that the Laborer and many another working-class paper has printed. If a precedent can be made against him—a Mexican, friendless, penniless—soon the whole working class press will face the same fate.

Cullen F. Thomas, Araujo's attorney—now of Dallas—when asked who was pushing the case against Araujo, stated that it was Theodore Roosevelt, himself—the federal government, in connection with the Diaz despotism. On evidence chiefly furnished by the Diaz government, Araujo was convicted and railroaded to a United States prison. There were grounds for appeal, but he had no money to bear the expenses with.

On Wednesday, February 24, Fred D. Warren, of the Appeal to Reason, came to see Mr. Thomas, and discussed with him the question of appealing the case. It is just about certain now that the case will be reopened. The grounds on which Mr. Thomas thinks the verdict was wrong are three: (1) insufficient and invalid

dictment, (2) errors made by the trial judge, and (3) insufficient evidence. Whether these grounds can be presented fairly and fully to the higher court, depends on our providing the funds for the cost of the court, printing briefs, etc.

We, who saved Haywood from the mine owners, who saved Rudowitz from Russia, are now called on to save Araujo—a hero of freedom, struggling against the sort of despotism our ancestors fought to overthrow at San Jacinto. Shall we fail him?

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A NEW CONDITION.

It is not any more a question as to whether internationalism will come; it has already come. Things must adjust themselves in accordance with the new fact; for, having once come, we will never again return to the condition where each land lives within itself, and where "patriotism" is another name for exclusion.

But internationalism is coming under the form of capitalism; that is to say, individual capitalists and corporations are directing it with a view to obtaining profits out of it. This means that the labor that is the most available for the securing of profits will be used. It is useless to argue against it, that this is wrong, and to plead for exclusive patriotism; all this passed with changed conditions; and labor in America will be forced to regard labor all over the world as brothers. We are all in the same boat.

Even if the Japanese are excluded from America; even if chattel slavery is prohibited here; now that internationalism on a profit-seeking basis has arrived, this labor must be reckoned with. If it cannot be had in America, it can be used at home, and the product of it sold in America. It is be-

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GRAND LAND OPENING OF THE FAMOUS PECOS VALLEY

Land Commissioner Dobbins will soon place on the market 5,000 acres of land in the famous Pecos Valley, Texas.

The date of this land opening, and all the particulars, will be given in a full page announcement in the Appeal next week—March 20th.

The Pecos Valley is well known as, perhaps, the finest body of irrigable land in the United States. The soil is a rich, dark chocolate loam, six feet or more in depth, and exceedingly fertile.

The price on this allotment of 5,000 acres will be placed at a low figure. The successful applicants will only have to pay one-twenty-fifth (1-25th) down. Four years time will be given on the

ing done. In 1906 there were barely ten pounds of cotton imported from Mexico to the United States. Two years later there were ten million pounds! The cheap labor of Mexico was being utilized, and its product was being sold in the United States. This cheap labor is cheaper than negro labor, and because the negro is being superceded the negro problem is again becoming a menace. The unemployed of England, the unemployed of America, mean that capital has found cheaper labor and has left them out. The poor is not unemployed. The Japanese are not suffering from a general unemployment problem. If the Japs come to America it is because they get better wages here than in Japan, and their competition here would be no worse on labor than their competition abroad would be. Japan has won the carrying trade of the Pacific. It has almost taken the American trade from the Philippines. This is proof that it is entering into competition in the world's markets. The demand for practical free trade by the big American companies means that they want the use of the cheapest labor, so they may the easier capture the world's markets and make the greater profits. It is business that it should be so, and it is also inevitable that it should be so.

The lesson is that the time has arrived when labor, the world around, must either rise together or fall together. Internationalism has come, and internationalism means a leveling of conditions, just as when two bodies of water are connected it means a common level for both. If capitalism is to prevail, it is inevitable that wages should fall. Neither exclusion or unionism can prevent it. If we are going to continue a condition where labor is the dependent and is always the creator of wealth and exploited out of it, we shall be exploited more and more as newer and cheaper factors come into competition in the labor market. The interests of labor all over the world have suddenly become emphatically one. Competition between labor now will only exploit labor the more. On the other hand, the fact of internationalism making the interests of labor one, all over the world, is proof of the further fact that labor can now throw off its yoke of dependence on capitalism, and, standing alone and free, secure for itself ITS FULL PRODUCT.

Are you ready for the question?

SOCIALISM VS. CAPITALISM.

Socialism is moral. Capitalism is immoral.

Socialism is scientific. Capitalism is chaotic.

Socialism is honest. Capitalism is dishonest.

Socialism is opportunity. Capitalism is robbery.

Socialism is the hope of humanity. Capitalism is its despair.

Socialism is freedom. Capitalism is slavery for all who toil.

Socialism is practical. Capitalism has proven its inability to feed and clothe and house the world.

Socialism will foster individuality. Capitalism, by its individualism, creates monsters of money and masses that try to follow fashion.

Socialism is in accord with industrial development. Capitalism is an embargo laid on trade. A man cannot even work under it unless he pays it a tribute.

Socialism is optimistic, it believes in mankind, in the elimination of poverty and overtoll. Capitalism is pessimistic, and never hopes to see an end of poverty and exploitation.

Capitalism has not only purposely kept the world poor, but it has also purposely kept it ignorant. If it was enlightened it would stop the game of robbery, and with that at an end, poverty would cease.

WISE PRECAUTIONS.

A good friend of the Appeal's, writing on Young Men's Christian Association stationery from Marshall, Mo., says:

I feel compelled to write you on a subject important to the cause. I know there to be a deep-seated hostility to the Appeal in some circles. Some or later it is almost certain we will see a bitter attack. The Appeal is a real peril to the capitalist class, and it is hated by men who will resort to any sort of crime or violence to suppress it. My warning message is this: Let copies of the subscription lists, together with lists of workers and other valuable memoranda, be prepared and put in secret places of hiding. They will then be available in case some dastardly attempt to destroy the lists at Girard should succeed. I know there are men who would willingly enter any sort of a plot to destroy the Appeal. But with discretion, victory is ultimately ours. Let us do our best to maintain the Appeal. It is the best friend of working people in the United States.—Cordially yours, Daniel C. McCorkin, Marshall, Mo.

The latest aspirant for journalistic honors in Girard is "The Hammer," edited by our Comrade W. Thos. Withrow. It's a monthly magazine of dollar criticism. The price is one dollar per year, but if you send Withrow fifty cents at once, you'll get "The Hammer" for twelve months.

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Settlement on the land is not required in the Pecos Valley. On all U. S. government land settlement is required, but our federal government has nothing to do with Texas lands, so the successful applicants for the Pecos Valley farms will not be required to settle on their land; will not be required to make improvements, and will not be required to "prove up."

You can buy a Pecos Valley Farm and stay where you are, if you wish, paying for your farm out of your monthly earnings. Or you can move on your farm at once, if you so desire, and work it, and pay for it out of the first year's crop.

Watch for the full page announcement in the Appeal next week, and get the full details.

"SO EASY TO SKIN."

Get a dozen workers talking on the labor and trust problems, and you will find no two of them agreeing on what is the matter and what is the remedy. One lays the hard times to immigration, another to the tariff, another to lack of religion, another to the drink habit, another to labor agitation, another to trusts, another to dishonest officials, another to lack of co-operation, another to the co-operation of the trust owners, another to the natural depravity of man, another to greed, another to extravagance of the rich or the poor, another to this and another to that. Each of them can survey the social scene only through the one color of his peculiar bias. In every country it is the same, and in every country the masses are being held down and crushed by the upper classes and are used through their ignorance and superstition to benefit the master class. The master class is onto their various mental conditions, and employ all their art and cunning to foster their mental shortsightedness. "The workers are so easy that it would be a shame not to skin them." You can do anything with the workers if you will just agree with their ignorance and praise their particular view of things. Put them on the back and tell them their political, religious or economic views are just the thing, and you can use them like so many puppets. But just try to show them that they are wrong, and that conditions they complain of are the result of their way of thinking and voting and they are up against you at once.

Politicians understand this, and they work it for all it is worth. The politicians, pulpit and press would serve the people—do serve them in just the way the people insist on having. If these elements tried to teach the people, the people would put them on the bum in short order. The people don't want to be taught. They want to go on just as they have been, and resent any deviation from their ways of thinking. This is what makes it so easy to graft on them and so hard to get a new condition under which grafting would be impossible. As I have in these columns hundreds of times stated the people are easy—dead easy. They have so little confidence in the men they elect to office that they say they could not trust to have the public own and operate the industries for the common benefit—and yet they will keep on voting for men whom they say are dishonest and can't be trusted! "Yes, the people are so easy that it would be a shame not to skin them."

Fight For Free Speech.

Several years ago the Gullege Lumber company started to operate a saw mill at this place. They employed about 100 hands, and most of them had families with children old enough to attend school. A subscription was taken up to build a school house, the lumber company furnished land and started to put up the building. The agreement was to use the building for school, for entertainments and all public purposes. The building was completed at a cost of \$800, and the residents subscribed money to put in seats, organ, lamp and bell.

The lumber company has assumed control of the building, and pockets rental money for shows, etc. After some time a Socialist local was started here, which grew to 53 members. A lecturer is advertised to speak in the school house on Socialism on three different evenings. A representative of the lumber company, after attending the first meeting, announced that no more can be held in the school house. On Sunday the meeting was held in the open air. At night, the speaker went to Riley's chapel, a building used by colored people, where a large audience greeted him. The colored people occupied the back seats, the whites the front seats, and all was orderly. The head of the lumber company, seeing the colored people in the house, demanded that they vacate. On being told that this could not be done, he became very angry, and said it would be necessary to kill a few negroes to teach them their place.

Those Postal Cards.

Look through your jeans and see if you have any unused postal cards. If you have, put them in a box and mail them to me. I will send you a new card in return. If you have a card that has been used, but the name of the subscriber is not on it, I will send you a new card in return. If you have a card that has been used, but the name of the subscriber is not on it, I will send you a new card in return.

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THE PLUNGE INTO CAPITALISM.

The Portland Oregonian expresses the hope that Oregon will not take the plunge into public ownership of railroads. It is presumed it prefers the plunge already made, into capitalism. The last legislature made appropriations to the amount of four million dollars, but killed an eight-hour bill and an employers liability bill. My taxes are 600 per cent higher than last year. Wages are from twenty-five to forty per cent lower.—J. Y. Burnett.

Books Received.

All these are works that explain the social order and point to a better one.

- "The Open Shop" by Clarence S. Darrow.
- "The Crisis" (in trade unionism) by Robert Hunter.
- "The Social Basis of the Labor Problem" by W. L. Garrison.
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PARTY PROGRESS.

Wisconsin has five lecturers in the field this year.

Comrade Dr. H. B. Dean, one of the pioneers of Socialism, died at his home at Roll, Okla. He was 82 years old, and was a very successful campaigner, and has good stock of carrying the city.

Now that the expose of the Diaz tyranny is being so general, you may look for capitalist parties to serve their class by false promises of the overthrow of 30,000.

Comrade T. N. Woodrow, of Moriarty, N. M., will give a course of "sermons" or lectures on Socialism in his townships and counties of territory, as wanted. He is mentioned quite highly.

The strike is still on at Tredegar mines, and the Socialist Employment agents are making false representations to induce the unprospecting to go there and become strike breakers.

A labor income and free library and trading room has been established by the Socialists of DuBois, Pa. A lecture course is to come later. It is a grand pull to do this, but enthusiasm never fails.

John G. Washops, state organizer of Idaho, has recently made a tour of the southern part of the state, speaking at Boise, Jan. 21, Twin Falls, Jan. 22, and in Twin Falls county and at Burley, Idaho, 30.

Miss Janet Fennimore, in the state electoral college in Indiana, took second place with 17,000 votes, and was elected to the legislature. She is said to have been masterly, and much surprise was expressed that she was not given first place.

In Warren township, near Elkhart, Pa., the Socialists, in a recent election, elected the following: School director, supervisor of roads, and school board members. The school board would have done better had not the two old parties combined against them to elect certain first place.

Thomas F. Kennedy, state organizer for Pennsylvania, will speak at the following: Curranville, 16; Glen Richey, 17; Philadelphia, 18; Bellefonte, 19; Jersey State, 20; Williamsport, 21; Erie, 22; Scranton, 23; Danville, 24; Danville, 25; Danville, 26; Danville, 27; Danville, 28; Danville, 29; Danville, 30; Danville, 31; Danville, 32; Danville, 33; Danville, 34; Danville, 35; Danville, 36; Danville, 37; Danville, 38; Danville, 39; Danville, 40; Danville, 41; Danville, 42; Danville, 43; Danville, 44; Danville, 45; Danville, 46; Danville, 47; Danville, 48; Danville, 49; Danville, 50; Danville, 51; Danville, 52; Danville, 53; Danville, 54; Danville, 55; Danville, 56; Danville, 57; Danville, 58; Danville, 59; Danville, 60; Danville, 61; Danville, 62; Danville, 63; Danville, 64; Danville, 65; Danville, 66; Danville, 67; Danville, 68; Danville, 69; Danville, 70; Danville, 71; Danville, 72; Danville, 73; Danville, 74; Danville, 75; Danville, 76; Danville, 77; Danville, 78; Danville, 79; Danville, 80; Danville, 81; 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THE RECORD.

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There seems to be one thing in plenty, left to the workers. That is, microbes. If you are going to make progress in Socialism you need to carry sand for the sick places in the track. It was rather a joke on Taft when Teddy stepped out and left him to hold a deficit of \$150,000,000!

CHAINED TOGETHER LIKE WILD BEASTS

Magon, Villarreal and Rivera are Delivered in Tucson Jail Under Heavily Armed Escort—Appeal to Reason Tranpled Upon By Guard.

Latest Developments in the Mexican-Washington Conspiracy—The Inauguration of Taft Was Signaled by an Event Not Chronicled in the Daily Papers.

THE steel workers, who voted for Taft, were handed a big juicy lemon in the form of a reduction in wages on March 4th. Hurrah for Taft!

WHEN a brave man becomes jobless and hungry he becomes an agitator for a change of conditions; when a coward finds himself in that fix he becomes a beggar.

THE Kansas legislature turned down a bill to give all parties representation on the election board. Thieves do not like to be watched. Honest men have no fears.

ROOSEVELT is going to Africa to give the animals a square deal—that is, to deal them a blow square between the eyes, with civilization's most murderous shooting iron. Only a coward would do that.

YOU will never get anything unless you demand it. That is the way the trusts get what they want and what you do not want. Why should eighty million people be at the mercy of the other eight millions? It is easy to fool and rule the ignorant.

CAPITALISM is unlucky. Its heads are filled with gold rather than brains. It has just been reported that Socialism is waning in Germany and is likely to entirely disappear there, but no sooner is the report well circulated than an election is held and Socialism gains a great many more offices, and thousands of votes.

Mexican Consul of that place, who said to him, in substance, "Col. Redondo, I was specially sent to you by President Diaz to get you to come back home to Mexico. You are an old man, your family are all in Mexico, we want you to come back and help us to govern Mexico." The Consul went on to explain the "help" needed—Col. Redondo was to assist in controlling revolutionists, and give over the names which he possessed of liberal sympathizers.

At Del Rio, the Mexican Consul of that place and also the Mexican Consul of Eagle Pass approached him and offered him money and every other form of bribe to return to Mexico and betray the names of liberal sympathizers. He refused these offers with scorn.

THE regular district judge at Del Rio refused to try him on these charges, saying that they were out of his jurisdiction and that "he wouldn't send a man back to Mexico, any way."

THE trial was to come up on the 24th of February, and Calisto Guerra was even without attorney—having no money to engage one—when the Hon. A. A. Worsley, having heard of the case, came over from Del Rio to investigate it. He sought out the regular judge and they wired to the secretary of state objecting to the attempt to extradite the prisoner for alleged offenses in Mexico when he was already under indictment for alleged violation of the United States neutrality laws.

THE trials of Calisto Guerra, Encarnacion Diaz Guerra and Ramirez will take place at Del Rio at the next term of the United States district court of western Texas, which opens on the third Monday in March, 1909, for violation of the neutrality laws.

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Every democratic editor listed in the 1906 newspaper directory (exclusive of the large cities) is now on our mailing list. The first issue—sent was the "Liberty Edition." Inquire of your local editor if he is getting the Appeal, and if not report that fact to us. If he isn't on the list, he will be put on at once. Look after this without delay—especially in the case of new papers, which would not be listed in the newspaper directory.

WHEN spring comes, they can discontinue the bread lines. The unemployed can then sleep out and subsist on grass, you know. MENTAL slavery is mental death, and every man who has given up his intellectual freedom is the living coffin of his dead soul.—Ingersoll. "STUDIES IN SOCIALISM" is the only purely propaganda paper of Socialism in the world. The time is ripe for this speciality. Send \$1 for 200 copies and see what you can do with them. HERE'S to you, Mr. Taft. The Appeal wishes your administration well, because it would be well for the whole people if it were so. But it will be spoiled, just the same, by the crowd you trot with, the industrial masters. IT is announced that a use has been found for the despised cockle burr. The spined seed is so rich in oil that the burr is to be raised for the oil it produces. There is good in everything if we were not too ignorant to find that good. Even capitalism has done a splendid work. It has prepared the world for Socialism. PAUPERS are cheap in Colorado, but competition is wide open there. At Grand Junction, the press reports, rival undertakers entered bids for the privilege of burying paupers, and one of them was successful on a bid of one-millionth of a cent for each pauper buried. There are plenty of paupers in America and capitalism seems to be very anxious to bury them from sight. THE disemployed understand what is the matter with them. At the convention of the unemployed recently held in St. Louis it was resolved that the unemployed be called upon to join a party of their class which is pledged to the workers' interests and the collective ownership of the means of life, and that workless men be asked to discontinue selling their ballots for any price! THE treasury department recently decided to abide by the decision of the court of appeals, which declares that zinc ore may be omitted from Mexico free of duty. This is good news to the capitalists. Perhaps the miners of Missouri and the preachers of that locality, who recently prayed for a high protective tariff on zinc, however, may think they are not getting a square deal. THE rural life commission appointed by Roosevelt seems to know what it was appointed for. It recommends parcels post and similar things which would aid in the concentration of wealth in the hands of the few and take prestige from the small town and little store. The report is all right, in that it follows the natural evolution of industry. ROOSEVELT has been rebuked by congress for permitting the merger of the Tennessee Coal and Iron company, with the steel trust. However, while it leaves its sting and proves what Socialists have long contended, that Roosevelt was a tool of the trust, it is ineffective in that it comes after the deed is done and when Roosevelt's term of office is over. THE Appeal has a neat folder issued by the government, entitled, "The Navy as a Livelihood." It is illustrated with pictures of good times, the recruit has, tells of his chance to travel, and makes the trade of murder to appear paradisaical as compared with the arts of peace under capitalism. Imagine it, in a "Christian" land, in the nineteenth century. The only good feature about it is that the people are sufficiently aroused to the murdering for money, fostered by capitalism, to make it necessary to advertise and coax them before they will enlist. THE Standard Oil company is really to be tried again for rebating, on the specifications under which it was once fined \$20,000,000. But the prosecution is not serious. The trial judge, Anderson, was careful to see that no farmers are put on the jury. He has also given out in advance that the utmost punishment which he will permit is a fine of \$720,000. Now, isn't that nice? Wonder if he would be as considerate if it was a poor tramp or a Mexican refugee on trial before him. Is it any wonder decent men have contempt for some courts? "INAUGURAL parade the greatest ever," is the way the dispatches put the coronation of the Taft. All the trappings of royalty now and after while the real thing can be had. As a few people get richer, the more they love the display and finally the real thing of kingship. But you should not blame them—you would do the same thing if you were in their places. A system that gives most of the wealth of a nation to a few, and those few such as do no useful work is wrong, and has destroyed every republic that ever existed. IT will destroy this.

COMMISSION GOVERNMENT. In the days when the spectacular cavaliers were at the head of American affairs, America rang with oratory. In the halls of congress Webster, Calhoun, Clay and others settled public affairs by speech that carried all before it. That was the method of ruling under slavery. But when capitalism began to dominate things, oratory as a method of carrying measures passed away, and committee work took its place. This prevails today. The committee is merely the board of directors of the political-financial machine who decide on policies. Up to the present, it has been selected from representatives elected by the people, so that, while the capitalists chose from the representatives such as would best serve their interests, the people had nominally a say in the matter—that is, they gave the speaker of the house the material from which he might select the rulers. But now that capitalism has developed to full dominance, even this semblance of popular rule is being withdrawn. Capitalism is ruling by commissions, but it now selects its commissions from whoever it may please, without consulting the people at all. The president appoints a commission to inquire into farm conditions here, a conservation commission there, and now a bi-partisan tariff board is proposed. As if this was not enough, in many states municipalities are now authorized to be governed exclusively by commissions. It means a rulership by wealth outright, without the people having anything to do with it. If things progress along this line for five years more as rapidly as they have in the past five years, political government will be practically set aside, and an open plutocracy, masked a little under political aspects, will have taken its place. ECONOMIC DETERMINISM. Frederick Emory, chief of the bureau of foreign commerce, department of state, in the World's Work for January, 1902, page 1617, says: "Cuba was, in fact, a stumbling block, a constant menace to the southward movement of our trade. To free her from the Spanish incubus was, therefore, a commercial necessity for us, and as we became more and more keenly alive to the importance of extending our foreign commerce, the impatience of our business interests at such obstruction was waxing so strong that, even had there been no justifying cause of an emotional kind, such as the alleged enormities of Spanish rule or the destruction of the Maine, we would doubtless have taken steps in the end, to abate with the strong hand what was seen to be an economic nuisance." Patriotism? Altruism? How does this bald statement from a government official, plainly stating the reasons why the United States went to war with Spain, fit in with the high-sounding wind jamming indulged in by the politicians when they were seeking to influence you to enlist? I would like to have you copy the above paragraph and send it to the daily paper you read and ask the editor if this statement by this government official is true. Ask if the United States actually went to war to extend its markets and if the loss of life and hardship endured by the boys who enlisted was required merely to make profit for American capitalists. You can have lots of fun with the plute papers' editors. Do it in a nice way. TO BLOW UP THE MAINE. Now that a pressure is being made on the United States to remove the battleship Maine from Havana harbor, where it has obstructed the channel for ten years, the president does not recommend an appropriation for that purpose, neither does congress make the appropriation. On the contrary, it is being whispered that very shortly an order will go forth to remove it—by blowing it up again! It looks more and more like the ship was originally blown up to further a plot of capitalism to take the Philippines and some of the West India islands, this being a means of arousing the people to demand a war. If the vessel is blown up, instead of being raised so that the cause of the explosion can be ascertained, it will look like an effort to destroy the evidence of infamy. Think of it! Blowing up the people's vessel, killing nearly 300 workers by open murder, and then precipitating a war where only the masters could profit—isn't it a terrible condition? If the evidence of this crime is destroyed by a new explosion, then "Remember the Maine" will take on a new meaning, being a reminder that capitalism's appeals to "patriotism" are only criminal in nature. END OF THE FARCE. After all the to-do that preceded it, the Roosevelt administration ended in a farce. His expedition to Africa was to be half-paid by the Smithsonian institute. The joke of this is, that he, as president, was the head of the institute when the generous offer was made him—by himself! But this is not all. The institute went after money for him, and is said to have collected \$25,000 more. Five thousand dollars of this came from Harriman, the man Roosevelt so vehemently denounced, and \$5,000 from the Rockefeller interests, which he tried so strenuously to destroy! This completes the farce of it. No wonder the president turned tail the minute his stunt was over, and left the stage. The applause was deafening, and the laughter general. ECONOMY may be wealth, but dollars give much better satisfaction. Taft's inauguration seems to have started in with a frost.

...PREPARING FOR THE BATTLE...

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