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Roosevelt's Challenge Accepted.

ROOSEVELT, backed by all the prestige that attaches to the president's office, huris his thunderbolt against Socialism; against its presidential standard-bearer, Eugene V. Debs, and against the greatest Socialist paper in the world, the Appeal to Reason.



SHALL THE APPEAL SUSPEND?

For the first time since the Appeal issued its initial number, fifteen years ago, the circulation has shown a loss for eight consecutive weeks!

With a daily average expense of \$400 and an income of \$300 it doesn't take a financier to figure out what the end must be at the present rate.

The expenses of publishing the Appeal cannot be reduced without crippling the paper and I would rather see it dead than deformed. If it cannot live in robust vigor it would better not exist at all.

The Appeal has never concealed anything from its readers. You know when things are going well at this end of the line. You know when the struggle is on.

You have always helped when help was needed.

Three times the paper's existence has been threatened and three times we have won out against fearful odds.

What between federal court prosecution and the tax levied by the paper trust, there have been times when I thought the end was reached.

It has been my ambition to conduct the Appeal without accepting a dollar as a donation. "One hundred cents worth of literature for every dollar received" has been the policy rigidly adhered to and it is too late to change.

There is but one other way to sustain this paper: TO SELL ENOUGH SUBSCRIPTIONS TO PAY EXPENSES. If that cannot be done then, the Appeal will suspend!

I say this after mature deliberation. I am not unduly excited, nor am I croaking about possible defeat. If the Appeal does not receive enough money to meet its current expenses then it is quite evident the paper is not meeting your needs. If that is true, it is a waste of your money and my time to longer continue the struggle.

I have told you frequently that at our rates of subscription the Appeal cannot long survive unless we have a growing circulation—unless we put more names "on" than "off." With the circulation decreasing I see but one thing to do—haul down the flag that has waved triumphantly and defiantly over the Temple of the Revolution for nearly fifteen years!

There never has been a time when the Appeal was more needed than now—there never has been a time when opposed to it was a stronger combination, nor has there ever been a time when the strangle-hold of capitalism, with its federal court attachment, seemed more effective than today.

If this machine stops—IT CAN NEVER BE STARTED AGAIN!

Prompt action can save the Appeal. The next ten days will determine the outcome. In that time I will have your answer. Every reader of this paper who is its friend will reply—and your reply will be accompanied by a club of subscribers—no matter how small the list, it will help. Your club of four multiplied by 10,000 will turn the tide and snatch victory from defeat!

It's up to the Old Guard who have never yet seen the Appeal's colors lowered.

Shall the old flag float or shall it be hauled down in defeat?

Which?

J. A. WAYLAND.

THE morality of capitalism is vividly illuminated in the report of the Homes Commission appointed by Taft's predecessor to investigate conditions in the District of Columbia. The report has been declared immoral and obscene and unfit to pass through the United States mails, by the United States senate. And no wonder! It discloses a condition so revolting, so bestial, so appalling, that it would shock even a Breckenridge or a Grover Cleveland! I have, with my own eyes, seen "homes" in Washington, within sight of the dome of the capitol, in which you would not house a pig! And it is Teddy who prates of the destruction of "home" life by Socialism! Write to the Outlook, New York, and ask the editor, Mr. Roosevelt, to reproduce in his magazine the report of his Homes Commission. He will not dare!

"HE EARNs his living," said Roosevelt of Debs. The trouble is that so many for whom Roosevelt has made himself the attorney and spokesman, do not earn their living. They make the workers do it for them, and this is the open robbery against which Socialists protest.

THE Appeal offered the Chicago Daily Tribune \$5,000 to reprint as a page advertisement the front page of our issue of March 13th. The Tribune refused. Why?

"YOUR REPLY TO ROOSEVELT."

There is a subscription blank in this issue of the Appeal. On that blank I want you to write your reply to Roosevelt's last and apparently most successful attempt to throttle the Appeal. If you are a friend of the paper that has borne the brunt of the battle for fifteen years you will reply with a club of subscribers.

CLASSES are a bad thing. Capitalism makes them. Socialism will do away with them.

THE other name of capitalism is want. Outwardly it is an overfed beast, but inwardly it is a skeleton.

THE capitalist loves his brother man. So does the cannibal. Both love him best when he is well done.

IT is said the wages of sin is death. It is characteristic of the capitalist system. All wages mean death by hard work.

THE grind of machinery is the crushing of human bodies and souls that profits may accrue to the owners of the machine.

TO HELP loot an unsuspecting public of \$62,000,000 is patriotism! To prevent the judicial murder of three innocent men is wrong-doing! It's in the point of view, after all!

PLEASE do not overlook the importance of putting your barber on the Appeal list. Hundreds of people may be roped into reading the Appeal in this way. It's the cheapest form of propaganda.

IF you live in a city of less than 50,000, please send the Appeal a copy of the latest city directory. We have a systematic plan of going after the folks listed therein. Now is the time to push the propaganda.

Please note the number on 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 696. If the number on your label is 697 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 700 you will have time to send in your name and not miss a chapter of "The Man Who Bought an Island."

THE grafter who made possible the Alton steal denounces the dishonesty of Socialism. The man under whose administration two million homes were left without means to sustain them, talks about Socialism destroying the home!

ROOSEVELT says the Appeal has "foully slandered" good citizens. Will he name one? We charge him with assisting Harriman to steal \$62,000,000. If that is slander, why doesn't he take the matter to his blessed capitalist courts? Ask him.

NINE hundred shop men employed by the Kansas City Southern at Pittsburg, Kan., were "laid off" last week. Six hundred Missouri Pacific shop men at Sedalia, Mo., were likewise given a slight token of Taft's esteem. And to think most of 'em voted for just what they got!

ADDRESS a postal card to the "Telegraph Editor" of the daily of which you are a subscriber and ask why his paper is silent about the arrest of the leaders of the Mexican liberal party now 'in jail at Tucson, Ariz., awaiting trial after being held incommunicado for nearly two years.

BY THE way, don't overlook the clever story now running in the Appeal, entitled, "The Man Who Bought an Island." It's something you can read to the children—especially children over 21, who continue to exhibit signs of childishness by voting old party tickets. The story will increase in dramatic interest as it progresses.

The names of all, including boys and girls, who order and distribute 200 or more copies of the "Reply to Roosevelt" will be printed in a handsome booklet. The title of the booklet will be "The Patriots of 1909." A copy will be given to each of you who help circulate this May Day edition. Urge the boys and girls to take part in this stupendous and important task of circulating not only the greatest issue of the Appeal, but of the largest edition of any paper ever printed in the world. And let us set the mark so high that it will not be reached by any other paper in this generation or the next! It can be done!

THE Appeal's offer of \$5,000 to any one who will disprove our statement that Roosevelt, while governor of New York, signed the Harriman bill which legalized the Alton bonds, and thus assisted in the robbery of thousands of dollars, still stands. Write Mr. Roosevelt's magazine, "The Outlook," New York, and ask the editor if the Appeal's charge is true. He dare not reply.

WHAT sells in Mexico City for \$3.60 per bushel—Mexican money. Flour accordingly. The peon receives 31 cents per day—Mexican money. It takes eleven days' labor to buy a bushel of wheat. To this standard of living American labor will be reduced by American capitalism if Diaz, Harriman, et al. are permitted to govern Mexico and the United States during the next ten years.

ROOSEVELT says the Appeal condones wrong-doing and upholds the wrong-doer. He has reference to the Moyer-Haywood case. Taft's predecessor overlooks the fact that two juries of twelve men, selected by Roosevelt's kind of lawyers, declared these men innocent and nine-tenths of the newspaper public, after reading the evidence introduced by the state of Idaho, via the Orchard route, likewise declared them innocent. Strange to say the Appeal is just villainous enough to be proud of its record in condoning and upholding the officers of the Western Federation in their struggle against criminal capitalism!

No. 700---May 1st.

The May 1st edition of the Appeal will consist of four pages. It will contain no advertising. It will be set in large, clear type and every line will be devoted to a reply to Roosevelt's recent article attacking Socialism, Debs and the Appeal.

**BANDITS AND TRUSTS.**

The difference between the bandits that kidnaped the boy Whittla and got \$10,000 ransom, and the millionaires, is one of form and not of fact. The bandits kidnaped the boy and held him until the parents paid the money demanded, and the millionaires kidnap the food and clothing and shelter, and hold them until the parents pay the money they demand. The bandits got ten thousand and the millionaires get ten billions. One is as bad as the other. Both rob and that is all there is of it.

**WHIPPED FOR BEING POOR.**

It was recently telegraphed over the country that eighteen men were publicly flogged (whipped) in New Jersey, "principally for larceny." It might be added that most of those who were supposedly guilty of larceny had been cut off from the means of living by the robbing capitalist system, and were forced to take back a part of that which had been taken out of their hides. For this they were whipped. Publicly whipped. Every one of them was a poor man. It is coming to the point where the unfortunates in America are as subject to as cruel lashing as the negroes were under slavery. And the poor have not the spirit to resist!

**VOTED FOR A CUT IN WAGES.**

The wages of steel workers have been cut. That is what they got for their votes last fall. It is curious what some people will trade their votes for. The Socialists voted for doubling wages and cutting out the employers' profits—but there was not enough of them. Most of the workers voted the same tickets as the employers and they of course ought to have what they voted for. Majorities ought to rule, even if they rule unwisely, for if minorities rule they would bring on chaos. There are innumerable minorities but there is only one majority. So long as the workers vote the capitalist tickets the capitalists will and ought to control, and cut wages and raise prices at their pleasure. When the workers get wise they will vote for men who want to raise their wages and cut the profits that make millionaires. Poor, silly children, they know not that their votes brought on their cut in wages.

**"DEBS UNAVAILABLE."**

When the daily papers reached Girard containing a telegraphic reprint of Roosevelt's tirade against Socialism, Comrade Debs immediately dictated a brief reply in response to a request from the local representative of a metropolitan paper. The correspondent offered it to the Associated Press. Back came the curt message: "Debs unavailable." In other words, the daily papers which you support refuse a hearing to Debs when he is attacked. Fortunately Debs is "available" and a complete reply to Roosevelt will be printed in a paper that has all the capitalist sheets in the world skinned in point of circulation. There was a time, Mr. Plute, when you had the voice of Socialism silenced, but that time is passed. You've made the road of the Appeal rugged and thorny, but we will triumph, even tho' we are a little wobbly on our legs at this moment. The future belongs to the cause espoused by the Appeal!

In Chicago a band of earnest young women and boys sold 10,000 copies of the Appeal to Reason in one day. The Appeal Army in that city is going to repeat this stunt every week hereafter. The Appeal should be sold on the streets of every city in the United States. I will furnish FREE for four weeks as many copies as you can get your young folks to sell, if you will start this work in your home town. After that the rate will be one-half cent per copy. The Appeal sells for one cent, but in a majority of cases the "newsies" get a nickel. The funds from this effort, if properly and persistently pushed, will help provide the money needed to carry on your local work. At the next local meeting, call for volunteers to sell the Appeal on the streets and write for the free copies.

PLENTY of papers will print Roosevelt's tirade against Socialism, but it seems we can't buy space in the metropolitan press to tell the truth about Socialism. Some months ago the Appeal contracted for a page advertisement in the Chicago Record-Herald, and our draft in payment for same was accepted by the business manager of that paper. Later the advertisement was refused and the money returned. Two weeks ago we offered the Chicago Tribune \$5,000 to print in its Sunday issue our first page of March 13th. It was refused. Funny?

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History doesn't repeat itself.

History doesn't repeat itself. The masters repeat it, and it always says, "Robbery of the worker!"

You call this a government of the people when you are dependent on the few for a job and must follow their will absolutely.

THE preacher who argues that there must always be poverty, has no faith and does not proclaim salvation. The fault is not with religion but with his lack of it.

LOS ANGELES has awakened to the fact that Harriman has secured control of her street car lines etc anyone suspected. It is a great game, and the people are merely pawns, moved by others for their own profit. Oh, yes, they are free.

JAMES A. PATTEN, a millionaire of Chicago, announces that he will put wheat to \$1.25 a bushel and bread to 10 cents a loaf. He admits it may be a trifle hard on the poor, but he says it is business. It is business, to a dot. Doesn't it make you love and respect the brutality of it?

IT is a pitiful thing that after Christianity has been preached for twenty centuries Christendom should maintain costly armies whose sole function is to destroy. Great recommendation for the "order" that has charge of things, isn't it? Better turn it out and substitute something that proposes to be civil and decent.

IT is announced that a quarter of a million laborers will come to America this spring from Italy. The earthquake is reported to be the cause. Thus is misfortune used by capitalism as a means of reducing wages. These laborers are needed, you know, because under republican policies there are no Americans unemployed.

SOME day Socialism may be the only thing that will stand between the robber barons and an outraged people ready to burn their possessions and take their lives. It were a good deal better to accept the Socialist proposition now than to accept the mob's repetition of the reign of terror which the murderers of the people are bringing on themselves.

SANCHO PANZA, when Clews has followed Don Quixote Roosevelt in his attack on Socialism, and while he didn't have to flee to Africa immediately after his joust, he is laid up for repairs. Sancho Clews bewails that Socialism will destroy competition. Poor fool! Doesn't he know that competition has been dead these years, killed, not by Socialism, but by corporate wealth?

A STRANGE object lesson of the power of the workingman has just been given in Paris. Everything there was completely tied up because of a strike. There were no papers delivered. Mails were not carried. Telephones and telegraphs were silent. Labor was merely taking a holiday, and the kingdom of "business" arrogant and cruel, as it is, was paralyzed. It shows that whenever labor chooses to act in unison, it has all power in its hands.

POLITICIANS of New York recently held a banquet at which the viands were served in fourteen solid gold vessels for each plate. The cost of the spread was \$60,000. These were servants of the people, many of whom were at that time in the bread line on the streets of New York. The system seems to have provided well for the "servants." But what about the tenement dwellers and the unemployed, the "American sovereigns?"

TADERO KALAW, editor of El Reueimiento, Manila, has been convicted under a federal indictment of libeling Dean C. Worster, and sentenced to nine months in military prison and to pay a fine of 3,000 pesos. It is the same kind of a case that is now pending against Fred D. Warren in this country, who was the first to be persecuted in this manner. Now that conviction has come to Kalaw, it may come to Warren. The masters are desperate, and will do anything to maintain their system of robbery, even to the overthrow of the republic.

CLASSES are bad things. But there are classes. As well be conscious of the fact, in order to end them. There are worse than classes. There are castes. Capitalism has already produced a caste system in America that is worse in its way than the caste system of India. Not only are prostitutes out-castes, but tramps are out-castes. Capitalism is making that new and dangerous caste, the unemployed, very rapidly now. You who object to class consciousness, to a knowledge of conditions, may tremble for the time when men become caste-conscious. Then there will be a hopeless body seeking revenge. Socialism would save you, if possible, from the product of your own vicious system.

IN TWO WAYS

You can reply to Roosevelt's attack on the Appeal and the issue it represents. Send a club of subscribers by return mail, using the blank between the enclosed, and place an order for as many copies of the May Day number as you can distribute. Do both!

WHEN the rich rest the poor must dig the harder.

THE issue is, corporate wealth vs. the Co-operative Commonwealth.

THE fellows who talk about Socialism's making every man "slaves of the state" are generally anxious to become masters of the state.

CHILD labor is destructive of development and health. It exists for the profit there is in it, as a part of capitalism. There will be no child labor under Socialism.

A souvenir of the "Reply to Roosevelt" edition will be a booklet in which will be printed the names of every man, woman and child who orders 200 or more copies. A copy of this booklet will be presented to each and every one who helps distribute 200 or more copies of the May Day edition. Once in your power, you wouldn't part with it. The book will be stamped on the cover, "The Patriots of 1909."

THE fact that few families are able to own homes is a horrible situation after these centuries and in view of labor-saving machinery. These conditions come because of capitalism. They will go when Socialism comes.

IT is announced that Philippine tobacco is to be admitted to the United States duty free. This may nullify the work of the night riders, but think what a good thing it will be for the tobacco trust. Taft is almost equal to Roosevelt as a trust buster.

SO INSULTING are the scions of the rich becoming in Paris that they smash the hats of working men, break the windows of the poor, and otherwise have "fun" at their caprice; and no arrests are made. Capitalist governments are for the capitalists, and it is time the slaves got next.

ROOSEVELT says Socialism is very, very wicked because it is a "foreign importation." On the day his tirade appeared, under republican administration, ten thousand foreigners were imported to America to take the place of more native workers, and within a week after that date one Mr. Roosevelt, whose forbears were "foreign importations," sailed for a foreign country, to meet foreign potentates and popes.

THE reason why the politicians oppose prohibition is because the nation is in partnership with the liquor traffic, and the man you ask to enforce the laws gets his money from not enforcing them. But the state is equally in partnership with every profit-mongering thing it licenses, protects or grants a charter. It is crime all around, and all on account of a criminal system.

WHICH SLAVERY?

Capitalist papers, pulpits and politicians warn you against being the slaves of the state under Socialism. That is because they want you to be their slaves under private ownership. Under Socialism you would own the state and would employ yourselves on your own property. Now you do not own the state, do not own the industries and are hirelings or slaves of other men. Which would you prefer, admitting for argument's sake that Socialism would make you state slaves—to slave for the state at about \$10 a day or slave for the trusts and petty tradesmen now for about \$2 a day? If you must be a slave, why not make the most out of it? What those who make a profit off you tell you, is likely to be adulterated about as much as the goods they sell you. But you are such easy-marks that it would be a shame not to skin you.

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THIS is an age of corporate property, brought about through the operation of capitalism. Private property has ceased to be. The rich have corporate property and the many have neither corporate or private property.

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Roosevelt's fulminations are taken up and repeated through the columns of a thousand daily papers. The weekly capitalist press is now re-echoing his words and soon the capitalist monthlies will be mouthing his miserable attempt to besmirch the character of the men and women through whose self-sacrifice and devotion this movement has been brought to its present position of strength and importance—a menace to plutocracy!

To destroy this movement; to destroy the Appeal to Reason, its greatest exponent; to martyr the Friend of Man—Eugene V. Debs—deceyng Capitalism has employed Theodore Roosevelt!

There is but one man who can make fitting reply to Roosevelt.

THAT MAN IS EUGENE V. DEBS.

There is but one paper equipped to print 5,000,000 copies of this message.

THAT PAPER IS THE APPEAL TO REASON.

There is but one organization through which this message can be placed in the hands of the American people.

THAT IS THE APPEAL ARMY.

A greater crisis in a great movement always produces the Man, the Method and the Means of grappling with it.

On May 1st—Labor's International Holiday—the Appeal will issue its reply to Theodore Roosevelt. It will be written by Eugene V. Debs and nothing will be left unsaid that ought to be said.

The long-drawn-out guerrilla warfare against Socialism has culminated in a spectacular fight in the broad light of day.

Roosevelt, by his latest attack, has set the stage; he has turned on the spot light; and the Appeal accepts his challenge on behalf of the Appeal Army and the Socialists of America.

We have done some big things in the past; we have started the newspaper world with our achievements—but we must break all previous records with this May Day Edition.

I have set my heart on a 5,000,000 edition—so has Comrade Debs. He came to the Appeal reading Roosevelt's article, and said: "This is the one thing needed to lash the Socialists of this country into action. If they do not take advantage of this opportunity I will give their missile."

The entire Appeal family caught the contagion. Everybody, from office boy to editor-in-chief, is making preparations for the battle. In three days after this paper goes to press, we will be hearing from the Army. Will your answer be among the first? SAY WILL IT?

F. D. W.

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# Battle Begun

## Getting Ready for the Trial of the Mexican Patriots.

Special Correspondence to Appeal to Reason.

San Antonio, Texas, March 24.—Reference several times has been made to the imprisonment of Col. Encarnacion Diaz Guerra, the alleged Mexican revolutionist who is shortly to be taken from the county jail at San Antonio to Del Rio, Texas to be tried on the charge of having violated the neutrality laws of the United States, but the complete story of Col. Guerra's experiences in connection with the cause of Mexican independence has never yet been told. Since the accession of Porfirio Diaz to the Mexican dictatorship hundreds of refugees from across the Rio Grande have been captured by rangers and United States marshals and through the federal courts they have been given short shifts to the federal penitentiary. At one time, following the Catrina Garza revolution of 1893 more than a hundred Mexican patriots were tried at San Antonio and sent to Leavenworth, Kansas, for a term of years. When Magon and the leaders of the junta of the liberal party were arrested and imprisoned at Los Angeles, California, comparatively little newspaper attention was given the several persons who were locked up charged with being included among those who were said to possess an ambition to follow Magon to the liberation of the oppressed peons of Mexico. Antonio de P. Araujo, editor of a Mexican paper, was tried, convicted and sent to Leavenworth almost before the fact of his arrest had been established.

There is a feature in connection with the arrest and trial of the Mexican revolutionists that is new and inexplicable to the attaches of the federal courts and the officials of the United States government who are charged with the responsibility of the prosecution. Heretofore, no lawyer has defended the Mexicans, no one took an interest in the proceedings, and after the pretense of a trial the prisoners were quickly sentenced. Save for a bare mention the papers never paid any attention to the trial proceedings, and quietly and unostentatiously the heroes who planned and sacrificed for the betterment of conditions in Mexico were hurried through a legal farce and given federal imprisonment and nobody knew or cared. The prisoners were merely "greasers," whose welfare and destiny were of no more concern than the "niggers," and why should white people interest themselves in the matter?

Now, however, a change has come about. Without warning the "greaser" has developed into a revolutionist. White people have taken an interest in the case. The press has been compelled in a measure to break its silence and say something. Lawyers, the best in the country, are being employed to represent the interests of the "greaser" who, in the erstwhile, was regarded as of no importance. A formal trial with a jury of twelve men is now scheduled, where before none was thought necessary. United States district attorneys and their assistants now are forced to dig into the law and summon evidence in order to make their case. The government is compelled to use its marshals and secret service men and private spies to bulwark the attorneys in their work of conducting a successful prosecution. Where before it was an easy matter to do the dirty bidding of dictator Diaz in railroadng his enemies to United States prison, now the employes of the United States government find themselves confronting a different proposition.

Why is this? That is a question that Federal Judge T. S. Maxey wants answered. That question is also giving United States District Attorneys

Charles A. Boynton, of Texas; J. L. B. Alexander, of Arizona, and Oscar Lawler, of California, a series of mental spasms in their efforts to satisfactorily solve it. The rangers and marshals and spies are nonplussed, and apparently know not what to do. Evidently a new factor has been injected into the situation.

In a two-hour interview Assistant United States Attorney Charles C. Cresson, of San Antonio, was given some facts that partly illuminated his mental horizon, and through him it is believed a faint reflection of light will eventually shed a radiance over the now befogged brains of his official associates. Mr. Cresson was told something of the growth and significance of the Socialist movement in the United States, and of its chief newspaper advocate, the Appeal to Reason. He admitted that he had heard of the Moyer-Haywood-Pettibone case and the work of the Appeal to Reason in arousing a sentiment that prevented the judicial murder of those men, but, he said, he could not understand why the Appeal to Reason and the Socialists should tear their shirts over the imprisonment of a few "greasers." Quickly the government representative was informed that the Socialist movement was a world movement; that its mission was to untie the workers of all countries; that as capitalism was international and involved the identity of interests of the capitalist, so was Socialism and the interests of the workers. Mr. Cresson was given plainly to understand that the peon condition of the Mexican proletariat was a menace to American labor, and that so long as that condition obtained in Mexico the agitation in this country for its abolition would not cease. As a champion of the interests of the workers of America and of the world, the Appeal to Reason had enlisted in the fight for the liberation of Magon and his comrades to the end that they might resume their organization of the Mexican toilers into a political revolution that would overthrow the Diaz despotism. The overthrow of Diaz, it was explained, was necessary before a condition could be created in Mexico that would guarantee to American workmen a continuance of even their own present wages rate.

Whether Attorney Cresson fully comprehended the reasons for the Appeal's championship of the Mexican revolutionists or not is a matter of indifferent concern; he knows, and his legal pals know, that the United States government can no longer with impunity hound to imprisonment political refugees at the instigation of a foreign despot—that if Magon and the other Mexican prisoners are sentenced to jail here or extradited to Mexico it will be in the teeth of such a storm of protest by an awakened and indignant working class that the agitation incident to the release of Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone were the gentlest zephyr by comparison.

That Cresson and Boynton appreciated the effect that their flat and permanent refusal to let the Appeal's representative interview Guerra would have upon the public mind was evident from their actions. The fact that their first decision to deny the Appeal an interview was followed by a reversal is indicative of the fear they had of a public exposure of their actions through its columns. Had the Appeal to Reason a circulation of five thousand or less its representative never would have been permitted to interview the Mexican prisoner; the three hundred thousand readers of the paper and its ability to reach upon occasion five million American men and women, constitute the supreme reason for the revocation of the inconspicuous order.

Accompanied by United States Secret Service Officer Joseph Priest the writer went to the Bexar county jail on Cameron street, in San Antonio,

and in a few moments was introduced to Col. Encarnacion Diaz Guerra, who was withdrawn from his cell and escorted to the jailer's office. Although a resident of Texas for thirty years Col. Guerra understands English but little, and the services of an interpreter were necessary. Officer Priest, who acted as interpreter, enjoys a reputation for honesty and square dealing among his brother officers. However fair and upright he may be as a man, the Socialist knows that the average official, especially a detective, loses much of his native honor the moment he acts in his official capacity. Mr. Priest has been commissioned by the United States government to keep in touch with the operations of Mexican political refugees and to effect their capture. He is the man who arrested Col. Guerra in Wilburton, Okla., after several months' search, and since the arrest of Col. Guerra he has been in personal charge. In the interview in the San Antonio jailer's office the Appeal representative and Col. Guerra were completely at the mercy of Mr. Priest.

"I was a soldier for the republic against the Maximilian monarchy," said Col. Guerra, who is a square-built, well-preserved, gray-haired man nearly sixty years of age. "I remained in Mexico as colonel of my regiment until Porfirio Diaz undertook his work of employing the army to destroy the republic and establish a dictatorship. Though offered promotion if I would desert my country for the standard of Diaz I refused to surrender. Finally with a number of others I was seized by the myrmidons of Diaz and thrown into jail. There I remained until 1878 when I was released. Before I could be recaptured I crossed the Rio Grande into Texas, where I have since resided. Many years I lived in Laredo, Lockhart and Del Rio. In Del Rio I engaged in the mercantile business and at the time of my arrest I had built up quite a trade. In Del Rio my children grew up, and for a time I tried to forget the wrongs that Diaz had heaped upon my country. However, a knowledge of the outrages perpetrated by the monster caused me unrest, and I could not help expressing sympathy for the unfortunate victims who, like myself, had fled from his wrath.

"During the year 1906 some one told me about Ricardo Flores Magon and his efforts to organize a movement for the overthrow of the despot. Later I got into communication with Magon and Villarreal. Finally I met and admired Antonio de P. Araujo, the editor of a paper published at Austin. I have nothing to conceal; I admit that I am opposed to the tyranny of Porfirio Diaz, and when Magon and Araujo started a movement that promised to abolish it I did what I could to make it a success."

Here the old warrior's eyes flashed an expression that conveyed more meaning than words could tell. Personally there is not a braver man living that Encarnacion Diaz Guerra. His enemies, principal of whom are the henchmen of Diaz and the United States government, freely admit that Guerra fears nothing but wrong doing. In Del Rio, where he is known and respected it is declared that Col. Guerra was never known to straddle any question. In every political fight he took sides definitely and fought in the open. Even Joseph Priest and Charles Cresson stated unequivocally that while they regarded Magon and Araujo as pretenders and adventurers they looked upon Guerra as a sincere and honest man. Magon and Araujo, they said, were sneaks who were afraid to face the actual music of war, while Guerra boldly mounted a white horse and led his column to the assault upon Las Vacas.

In an interview Attorney Cresson declared that Col. Guerra was a brave man who would not hesitate to admit

# IN TWO WAYS

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leading the assault upon Las Vacas, June 26, 1908. The persistency with which Cresson and Priest affirmed the courage of Guerra tended to arouse a suspicion that perhaps a shrewd game was under way in which the old revolutionist was to be the victim. Evidently Cresson and Priest desired the government's side of the case ventilated in the Appeal to Reason to the exclusion of Guerra's defense.

"You will find Guerra a brave man who will say that he led the assault upon Las Vacas," said Attorney Cresson, when he thought he had the prisoner safely incommunicado. "Why Guerra will tell you that he rode a white horse and that after he had discharged his carbine he threw it away," exclaimed Cresson. "The government's case is absolutely complete and the old man is certain to be convicted, if he is not extradited to Mexico and shot. My advice is for him to plead guilty and go on to Leavenworth, where he will be safe from Diaz. For I want to tell you that if ever Diaz gets him, and you, too, for that matter, his hide won't hold shucks. He will be shot for the part he took in the Las Vacas affair quicker than you can say Jack Robinson."

Believing that Cresson and Priest were advising Guerra to plead guilty in order to win a triumph, the question was asked of Guerra point blank: "Were you in the Las Vacas fight, and did you lead the attacking column on a white horse?"

"No, I did not," replied Guerra.

"Did you cross the Rio Grande on the day the fight occurred?"

"I did not."

"When did you cross the river?"

"The next day after the fight was over."

"What connection did you have with that fight and how came you to cross the Rio Grande?"

"I had been given a commission by Magon to take charge of the revolutionary forces in Mexico when the signal was given for the uprising to take place. I was in constant communication with Magon, and being chief in command I should have been the one who should have issued the order for the revolution to start. Imagine my surprise, then, when I was informed late on the day of June 26 that the war had begun and that the first battle had been fought at Las Vacas, in Mexico, just across the river from Del Rio. I knew that the raid was unauthorized and desiring to ascertain why hostilities had been started so precipitately I went over the next day. I did not ride a white horse and I carried no arms. I walked, and there went with me a number of citizens from Del Rio, all of whom were desirous of learning the particulars of the fight.

"Right here I want to say that while I co-operated with Magon and Araujo in the agitation for the overthrow of Porfirio Diaz I committed no crime and violated no law. It was not our intention to cross the Rio Grande in a body. We did not care to come in contact with the neutrality laws of the United States. These revolutionists in Texas who desired to join their comrades in Mexico were instructed to cross singly and report at a certain time and place on the other side. Our forces were better organized in Mexico than they were in Texas. The Las Vacas raid was undoubtedly precipitated prematurely by spies and persons who had insinuated themselves into our organization. No experienced soldier would have done what those fellows did at Las Vacas June 26, 1908. I had absolutely nothing to do with that affair. My belief is that the whole expedition was planned and carried out by men in the employ of the Diaz administration for the express purpose of discrediting our movement."

Here it might be explained that Col. Encarnacion Diaz Guerra is charged with violating the neutrality laws of the United States by leading an armed force from Texas against Mexico. The overt act which is said to constitute the specific offense was the assault upon Las Vacas, Mexico, June 26, 1908. Las Vacas is a little Mexican military post just across the river from Del Rio, and the population was several hundred. The invading party numbered about fifty men, and the fighting incident to the assault lasted all day. Fifteen Mexican soldiers were reported killed. "Perhaps a score of the invaders lost their lives. Included among the latter were Benjamin Canales Garza and Modesto G. Ramirez, patriot revolutionists whom the Mexican and United States governments had long wanted to eliminate from the revolutionary propaganda. Several alleged revolutionists were arrested that day and lodged in the Del Rio jail. Many days afterwards it was announced that Col. Guerra was the leader of the invading party, and that he was badly wounded."

Knowing that he was hated by Diaz and that his life probably would be forfeit were he arrested and extradited, Col. Guerra left Del Rio and repaired to San Antonio. Not finding Araujo he went to North Texas and subsequently to Oklahoma, where he was captured. Meanwhile Magon and his associates were forced to leave St. Louis, Mo., and abandon the junta of the liberal party. Later Araujo was arrested at Waco, Texas and temporarily, at least, the back-

bone of the agitation was broken. To the present moment, said Guerra, he had not learned who authorized the Las Vacas raid or why it occurred at the time it did.

"I may be sent to the United States penitentiary or I may be sent to Mexico to be shot," said Guerra. "It will be a week before I am tried in Del Rio. Come what may I am conscious of my innocence. I am ready to answer to the charge of violating the neutrality laws when I have violated them, but until I do I ought to be permitted to go free. I am a revolutionist, yes. I hate tyranny, yes. I am agitated for the overthrow of Porfirio Diaz, yes. But to this minute I have violated no law that would warrant my detention in a jail."

A telegram just received from Del Rio, Tex., from Sheriff, announces that Col. Guerra has accepted the alternative of being sent back to Mexico and shot or a sentence to the federal penitentiary. Guerra accepted the latter. He had no funds to provide for his defense, and the tender of services by Attorney Worsley was too late to be of any value. Guerra could not be made to understand that a man could not be extradited for a political offense. It had been done repeatedly in the cases of Mexican revolutionists. Since the Rudowicz case no political refugee has been extradited. This Guerra did not know and the government officials worked their bluff. The indictment against Guerra was for a political offense. The fact established he would have been safe from extradition.

### THE CASES POSTPONED.

Del Rio, Texas, March 26.—Influenced by government attorneys and detectives Basilio Raminas, alleged revolutionist today, against the advice of Attorney Worsley, consented to a postponement of his trial until October term of court. When he goes to trial he will have been in jail fourteen months.

Neutrality charge against Calixto Guerra was dismissed, and he will be held in Eagle pass jail until July when efforts will be made to extradite him to Mexico. The charges of conspiring to violate the neutrality laws returned in El Paso against Ricardo Flores Magon, Antonio Villarreal, Enrique Flores Magon, Antonio Araujo, Encarnacion Diaz Guerra and others, were ordered held in abeyance until after the Magon-Villarreal trial in Arizona. All of these men will be brought to Del Rio and tried, if they succeed in beating the Arizona cases. They are charged with conspiracy in St. Louis, Mo., January 25, 1907. The overt act is said to have been committed in Del Rio, June 26, 1908.

In the Del Rio transaction that has just concluded, the prisoners were completely under the influence of government agents, and Attorney Worsley was virtually barred from the defense. The prisoners were mortally afraid of extradition and were refused counsel. Encarnacion Guerra's plea of guilty with other proceedings here, will be used as evidence by the government agents.—Geo. H. Shoaf.

### MEXICAN INVESTMENTS.

In the last issue we promised our readers a list of investments made by American capitalists in Mexico. Since compiling this list we find it so voluminous that it would require half the paper to publish it in full. Unfortunately the space is lacking to do it justice. The list is on file in the Appeal office and there may be some later opportunity, when a six or eight page paper is issued, to publish it. The principal corporations in the list are the Mexican Petroleum company, capitalized at \$50,000,000 and controlled by Standard Oil; the Greene Cananea Copper company, capitalized at \$60,000,000, controlled by the American Copper trust; the United States Smelting, Refining and Mining company, controlled by the mine and smelter trust; the Mexican National Packing company, capitalized at \$20,000,000, incorporated in New Jersey with headquarters at 20 Broad street, New York City; The National Railways of Mexico, capitalized at \$605,000,000; the Guggenheim Exploration company, \$20,000,000; Mexican Lead company, \$7,000,000; Consolidated Copper company, \$10,000,000; American Mexican Lumber company, office at 11 Pine street, New York, \$5,000,000; Oil Fields of Mexico, 43 Exchange Place, New York, \$10,000,000; Mexican National Packing Co., 20 Broad street, New York, \$20,000,000; Sierra Madre Land and Lumber company, \$18,000,000; Oaxaca Rubber company, 29 Broadway, New York, \$1,350,000; National Paper and Type company, \$6,000,000.

These are but a few of the long list of investments by the capitalists of the United States in Mexico. The complete list in our possession aggregates almost a billion, five hundred million dollars. All the natural resources of Mexico are now being rapidly developed by American capitalists, Diaz the ruler being under contract to furnish peon labor while the capitalists furnish the capital and draw forth the enormous profits.

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## The Man Who Bought an Island

BY CHARLES LINCOLN PHIFER

### Synopsis.

Chap. I.—A writer and an artist, man and wife, having come into a large legacy, determine to get away from the city, where they hope to do better work. Hearing of an island of 100,000 acres, lying off the coast of the United States, they buy it. It is stocked with 100 horses, 2,000 cattle, 3,000 work oxen, 500 hogs, and is generally a very desirable and complete plantation for a colony of peons.

Chap. II.—The new owners of the island move on, building everything ideal and complete. The peons take such interest in some of the crates of pictures that "Adam" surrenders the remainder of the pictures to the veranda where they may be inspected, while the two Americans watch them from behind curtains at the back of the pictures. The morning following this there is no one to get breakfast. "Adam" makes investigation and finds every human being gone. The boats, too, are gone. It is a mystery. The new owners are left with all the stock and machinery.

Chap. III.—"Adam" works himself nearly sick feeding the hogs, while "Eve" milks a hoghead of milk they cannot use. "Adam" gathers several bushels of eggs. The chickens are on the veranda, and he turns the horses, hogs and cattle on pasture and turns the calves in with the cows. "Adam" throws a bushel of eggs at the barn to relieve his mind.

### Chapter IV.—Trouble Begins.

Looking back at it now I can see the humor of it, but it was anything but funny when it occurred. For several days wife and I worked ourselves nearly to death trying to care for the stock. Writing and painting were wholly out of the question with no one to attend to the other work. At last we sat on the veranda and talked the situation over.

"We simply can't keep this lick up," I said.

Wife agreed. But she objected: "If we turn everything loose and cut open the fences, stock will run wild, the crop will be ruined, and our loss will be terrible," she said.

"Better this than to lose our lives," I protested. Then I added whimsically, as I thought of one phase of our loss and how utterly valueless eatables were without people to use them: "I can't hardly go into the chicken lot without stepping on eggs. I believe there are twenty bushels of them."

"And I have been thinking that if we had milked the cows till now we would have had at least a dozen hogheads of milk, worth absolutely nothing."

"I would like to have the privilege of applying the lash to those peons," I returned.

Wife looked serious. "I don't know," she said. "Never till now have I realized what work people are to the world and how utterly helpless we are without them. I think I shall never regard them again as I did, and the lesson is worth the trouble it has caused us."

"The trouble is, school is not out yet. How do you like playing Eve?"

"Well, I think it will grow monotonous. This isolation is worse than the city was. I believe we ought to drop everything else and make a boat, so we can get to the mainland and secure the help we need before the chance of cropping is past."

That was the thing we decided to do. We cut the fences, leaving all to the stock. Then I tore down several of the peon shacks and a cattle shed beside, and finding plenty of tools, took the timber and began work on the boat. Wife drew the plan, a piece of real art, and I drew the saw. By night my hands were calloused and sore. But we kept at it. We seemed to have plenty of material, except nails; and all we had of them I saved from the sheds I tore down. I learned the value of the little things which in civilization we despise. But gradually the boat assumed shape, such as it was.

Then wife proposed that we rest on Sunday, and I interposed no objection. In the afternoon we walked down to the sea shore, two miles away, and gathered shells and played in the sand until nearly dusk. Just as we turned our steps homeward wife called in alarm: "Good heavens, our house is on fire!"

So it was. Already the fire was under good headway, and before we reached it the house was completely destroyed, as well as the boat on which I had labored so hard. We could never figure out how the fire came, unless rats had in gnawing matches started a flame in the pantry.

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USE THE LOCAL PAPERS.

Metropolitan papers refuse to print replies... USE THE LOCAL PAPERS... Metropolitan papers...

Mr. Roosevelt recently made a very bitter attack on Socialism... USE THE LOCAL PAPERS... Mr. Roosevelt...

Then, Mr. Roosevelt indulges in abuse rather than argument... USE THE LOCAL PAPERS... Then, Mr. Roosevelt...

Mr. Roosevelt errs in historical data... USE THE LOCAL PAPERS... Mr. Roosevelt...

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HAVE A DRINK—OF COFFEE?

Taking all, the coffee imported into this country costs less than eight cents a pound... HAVE A DRINK—OF COFFEE?...

WHAT IS RIGHT OR WRONG?

Kansas passed a freight law compelling all railroads to charge the same tariff... WHAT IS RIGHT OR WRONG?...

TARIFF TWADDLE.

Nelson W. Aldrich, Rhode Island senator and father-in-law of John D. Rockefeller Jr... TARIFF TWADDLE... Nelson W. Aldrich...

THE NEXT BIG JOB.

Have you ever considered that there are five good reasons why trade unionists should be Socialists... THE NEXT BIG JOB... Have you ever...

TEDDY, THE TOOTER.

Elsewhere will be found a mastery satire upon Roosevelt's attack on Socialism... TEDDY, THE TOOTER... Elsewhere will...

Agitation League.

Amount on hand last report... Agitation League... Amount on hand...

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You can reply to Roosevelt's attack on the Appeal and the cause it represents... IN TWO WAYS... You can reply...

WHO ARE BRIBERS?

In all the muck-raking, have you noted that all the bribers were men of great property... WHO ARE BRIBERS?...

WORK BORN WITH MAN.

No man is born into the world whose work is not born with him... WORK BORN WITH MAN... No man is born...

LAWLER'S PROMOTION.

The extreme fidelity with which Oscar Lawler the United States attorney of California has served the ruling class by torturing the Mexican patriots... LAWLER'S PROMOTION... The extreme...

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Recently I had occasion to call on a farmer. I had not known him before...

LONG AND SHORT OF IT.

There is something more than chance in the fact that Lincoln, the first republican president...

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SOCIALISM is the sweet promise of a cleaner, greener world.

BRAINS do not count these days unless they count money. WORKERS are men under the machine...

AS THE wheel revolves it progresses. Revolution always means progress.

CAPITALISM is war and spoliation. Socialism will be peace and security.

THE true spirit of Socialism is the highest spirituality to be found on earth.

CAPITALISM hates Socialism because it doesn't like to have to get off the backs of the workers.

"HARK from the tombs a doleful sound." It's Big Tooth begging the Socialists to resurrect him.

ACCORDING to the logic of Big Tooth, the republican party is the party of atheism.

THE majority vote for what they get and complain when they get it.

THE small dealer and small farmer need have no fear of Socialism.

SOCIALISM is a proposition that mankind be honest and moral and cease robbing each other in profits and "business" deals.

STRIKES, boycotts and lockouts are undesirable things.

CAPITALIST government exists chiefly to protect property.

FEED the bodies of the toilers who have been robbed of their right through the generations.

THE Socialist neither doubts nor fears. He knows he is right and goes right on.

SOCIALISM will protect the home from the invasion of the child slave worker and the white slave plotter.

Now what steal do you suppose is on hand, that it was thought necessary that Roosevelt should make a big noise over Socialism in order to distract attention from it?

You count Lincoln great because he freed four million blacks.

FROM the report that the black hand had made threats on attorney Lawler, one might suppose that he had employed James McPartland as his press agent.

"THE Champion Fabricator of Asiatic Terminological Inexactitudes." This is what Comrade Blenko of Pi. Marion, Pa. dubs Taft's predecessor after reading his attempt to paralyze Socialism.

"ATTORNEY LAWLER will be named for a high federal job," read the headlines in a capitalist paper.

Socialism will free the world of the burden of the unemployed.

WHEN religion becomes moral enough to stand against the robbery of nine-tenths of the world for the benefit of the other tenth, then it may become a power in the world.

CHARITIES and benevolences are evidence that there are many people in the world who want to do good and promote justice.

A LITTLE item from El Progreso Nerva, Casa Grande, Mexico, says "Mexico proposes to manufacture smokeless powder and gun cotton on a large scale."

A new decision in the Gompers case is heralded by capitalist papers as a great triumph for labor.

It nullifies the injunction against printing a "don't patronize list."

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CAPITALIST "INSURGENTS."

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These "insurgents" with the solid support of the democratic members would have carried their point and the rules would have been modified in accordance with the popular demand.

Uncle Joe was here not only supported, but his despotic reign was perpetuated by the votes of the democrats whom so many workmen, especially trade unionists, believed to be their friends.

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Caddy, the Cooter

I here reproduce as accurately as I can from memory a very able article by Teddy the Cooter, on Socialism, which appeared in the last number of the Outlook magazine.

It is always difficult to discuss a question when we do not have any comprehension of the question.

Neither absolute Socialism nor absolute Individualism, for which nobody has ever contended, and which, as I understand them, are not what the reader thinks, would be compatible with civilization at all.

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W-H-I-T-E SPELLS BLACK.

A fellow from out in Washington wrote in here the other day and said that the Appeal was another when it claimed that Socialism didn't propose to divide up the wealth of the nation...

What their system leads to may be gathered from the fact that in two presidential campaigns they nominated and voted for a man who perjured himself to save a few hundred dollars in taxes, signed the bill as governor of New York which made possible the Alton strike of \$62,000,000, and shot a human being in the back and boasted of it.

As for the so-called Christian republicans who associate themselves with this party, they either are, have been, or ought to be aware of the pornographic literature, Godless, licentious and indecent, which emanates from believers in republican principles.

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THE NEW STAGE MANAGER.

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Three weeks remain to get in the subs to begin with that epoch-marking edition.

THE government postal employees in France won their strike for decent treatment and better conditions.

FRANCE won their strike for decent treatment and better conditions. They could never have done so had there not been a goodly number of Socialists in parliament.

THE lie is too thin. The fact is, that nobody ever did want to do the man anybody harm, barring certain millionaires (who might be named), who would have rejoiced secretly had such crime been committed.

THE detective police want to create alarm to get more jobs and bigger pay, and the papers are at their old tricks of making fools believe that the Socialists in some mysterious way are responsible.

It may seem strange that any man should dare to ask a just God's assistance in wringing bread from the sweat of other men's faces.

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