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"BOTTLED UP"

The smile which our capitalist contemporaries displayed when they announced the "Bottling Up" of the Appeal editor has turned to a sickly grin. The Appeal is doing the smiling now! Here's the daily record of subscriptions received for the two weeks "after bottling" and the two weeks "before bottling:"

Table with 2 columns: Before "Bottling" and After "Bottling". Rows show daily subscription counts from July 1 to July 14, with totals of 10,379 and 54,777 respectively.

This means that we are going at a million and a half gait. An average of 27,388 subs per week for fifty-two weeks would give the Appeal a circulation at the end of a year of 1,414,000.

The Appeal has done some things—we've carved a few chunks out of the hide of capitalism with a circulation of less than 300,000. Multiply this four times and I tell you, comrades, we'd pretty near carry the country for Socialism in 1912. We'd come so near it that plutocracy would heed Taft's advice to "do something" to save the nation from Socialism! It's worth the effort—because you have everything to gain and nothing to lose.

AN UNSOLICITED TESTIMONIAL

I have before me the prospectus of a new prohibition paper to be called "Clean Politics," published at Indianapolis, Ind. The promoters of the new paper, after lamenting the fact that the prohibition party has no way of reaching the people with its doctrines, points to the Appeal to Reason as an example of successful political propaganda and unconsciously pays, this paper the following tribute:

WHAT IS SLAVERY?

Herbert Spencer answered this question as follows: How much is he compelled to labor for other benefit than his own, and how much can he labor for his own benefit? The degree of slavery varies according to the ratio of that which he is forced to yield up and that which he is allowed to retain.

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That the prosecution and conviction of Mr. Warren were not in good faith, is evident from a single fact. There are corroborating facts, but this one alone is conclusive. We allude to the fact that postal cards offering rewards for fugitives from justice are common in the mails, and no one is ever prosecuted for mailing them. Yet they are as distinctly criminal under the postal law as was the Appeal to Reason's offending envelope.

WHEN the rich men of a nation need soldiers to defend their property or conquer other peoples so they may get more property, they call on the working class to leave their occupations and their families and shoulder arms and go forth to kill or be killed. They pat these poor dupes on the back and tell them how patriotic they are.

THE RIGHT TO LABOR.

Not all the learned apologists in the world can justify the denial of a single human being of the right to labor. It is axiomatic. It inheres in his being. To deny it is to take his life and is, therefore, murder.

WILL COLLIER'S ANSWER?

A Russian workman came to this country looking for work. At Little Rock he found himself with just ten cents in his pocket. He was arrested for vagrancy and taken to a slave pen in the southern part of Arkansas.

THE GROWING MENACE.

John H. Wrenn, head of the big Wall street banking house bearing his name, has just returned from a trip of several weeks in Europe. He says: "Everybody in financial circles in England is becoming seriously frightened at the growth of Socialism in that country."

Warren's Speech in Plate Form

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TAFT AND DIAZ.

These two eminent worthies will soon shake hands across the border line between the United States and Mexico. It will be a great event. Thousands will gather to cheer them. The bands will play and "patriotism" will be rampant.

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THE ISSUE INVOLVED.

Stripped of all argument and confusion the issue involved in the Warren case is this: "Is Kidnaping Legal?" The supreme court, in the Moyer-Haywood-Pettibone case, held that it was. The Appeal made the offer of a reward for the kidnaping of Taylor to see if the courts would uphold the decision relative to a republican politician.

PLUTOMANIA.

Essentially a distinct mental ailment, a disease, as any brain afficionado—Dr. Charles Hill.

The Boston American of July 12th contains a highly interesting and profoundly suggestive article on "Why the Multi-millionaires' Children Often Go Crazy." The article contains a number of illustrations of the sons and daughters of well-known plutocrats who have developed mental weakness, moral degeneracy and committed suicide.

STANLEY MCCORMICK—Son of C. H. McCormick, head of horsecar trust; desire for great speed, metacolic. MARY C. MCCORMICK—Daughter of C. H. McCormick; delusion of Omnipotent power. HERBERT L. SWIFT—Son of G. L. Swift of meat trust; monomania; since released from asylum.

The list might be greatly extended. It reveals a horrible story. The price of plutocracy, even to its devotees, is disease, insanity, crime and death. The victims are as truly to be pitied as those at their altars in the sweat shops and slums who perish from neglect, filth and starvation.

There is a frightful object lesson in the list above printed. It simply proves that the laws of nature are inexorable and that the plutocrat with all his power to debauch and corrupt can not escape the penalties of the crimes he perpetrates upon others in his mania to pile up millions by enslaving and robbing his fellow beings.

Capitalism produces both plutocracy and pauperism and as the prolific parent of all the crying crimes of the age, ought to be swept out of existence, and this constitutes the great mission of the international and revolutionary Socialist movement.

Victim of the editor of this paper at Fort Scott was brought about by perjured testimony! The district attorney, Harry J. Bone, planned the coup which put Taylor on the stand—and he knew before Taylor testified that Taylor was to perjure himself! This was the price Taylor paid for a pardon. I don't blame Taylor—I pity him.

Judge John C. Pollock knew Taylor swore to a lie when he testified that he was not a fugitive from justice and under indictment at the time (January 12, 1907), the Appeal mailed its offer of a reward for his capture.

Pollock became a party to this crime of perjury when he permitted Taylor's testimony to stand. He manifested his prejudice and his unfairness in overruling the questions of our attorneys when they undertook to prove that Taylor was swearing falsely.

Pollock, in the eyes of all honest men, is guilty of prostituting his judicial office to punish the political opponent of his masters!

Manufactured Evidence. In the issue of July 10th, the Appeal to Reason charged ex-governor W. S. Taylor, of Kentucky, with having perjured himself by telling a point-blank lie in his testimony at the Warren trial at Fort Scott.

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AS TO BELIEFS. The Man Who Bought an Island

You believe the things you do because you can't believe anything else. Your beliefs are the effects of your environments. Tomorrow you may have some new experience and it may change your perception on some things and you can't help it—and you will believe what you are compelled to.

I appointed Herron foreman of the gang and he assisted me greatly in planning. It was no small job to agree on a scale of wages and to assign men to the work for which they were best suited.

Others of the unemployed had been gathered in. After the trial the men were chained, led to the railroad station, and shipped to a small town in west Arkansas.

After housing was provided and a system established which promised to secure food sufficient for all, I laid out the fields as I wished them to be and a fore of men was put to work in fencing these with the wire that Herron had brought.

THE next morning we formed in two lines in the yard. The boss came out of the house and counted us. There were eighty-five men, white and black.

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BACK TO SLAVERY

Read carefully the article which follows. It is taken from the July 24th issue of Collier's Weekly, New York. That publication does not like the Appeal—its editor has on more than one occasion taken space to ridicule the stories of inhuman treatment meted out to helpless and poverty-stricken men in the lumber, turpentine and cotton camps of the south, which this paper published.

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Watch for Next Week's Report

The Army has again demonstrated that it is the storm that makes the sailor and the battle that makes the soldier. If there is nothing special going on the army plods along in a sort of a listless way, as if not more than half awake.

When the judicial lightning crashed into the Appeal office some days ago the army seemed to be stunned for the moment. I myself was deceived as there was every evidence, seemingly, that most of the Army had deserted.

At this writing the Army is still in the trenches and the scalps of the captives are being shipped to Girard by the trainloads. The list below records the latest chapter of the Grand Army's achievement.

Table with 3 columns: State, On, Total. Lists circulation data for various states including Texas, Pennsylvania, California, etc.

BY THE ETHERAL

In 1832 a financial syndicate composed of United States banks which practically controlled the country at that time threatened Andrew Jackson, "Old Hickory," if he opposed the renewal of their charters.

"If your bank and you have power enough to make and unmake governors, senators and presidents, you have got a damned sight more power than any man or any institution ought to have in this country, and, by the eternal, if your bank charter comes to me, I will veto it."

WESTERN FEDERATION.

The convention of the Western Federation of Miners which recently adjourned was the most progressive in the history of that organization. There were some exciting debates and there were some minor elements with extreme tendencies.

The address and report of President Chas. H. Moyer, presented an exhaustive review of the industrial situation. The most important feature of the president's message was his earnest recommendation in favor of industrial unionism.

Frank Hayes, of the United Mine Workers, the brilliant young leader of Illinois, a member of the Socialist party, made a telling speech in favor of unity and won the hearty approval of the convention.

Whitelaw Reid is the successor of Horace Greeley as the owner of the New York Tribune. Greeley was exceedingly democratic; Reid is exceedingly the opposite. Reid has been for some time the ambassador of the United States to England.

Benjamin Franklin was once the representative of the United States in both England and France. As became the true democrat he was he stood erect before the kings and kept his hat on his head.

Reid has his wig, but not his head. He represents the plutocracy of America at the court of European royalty. The wage slaves of the United States whose votes placed Reid where he is, by putting Roosevelt where he was and Taft where he is, ought to be proud of their representative at the court of St. James.

These foreign comrades are "catching on," beginning to recognize their class interests and to understand that there must be unity of the workers, a lesson their American associates, with all their boasted freedom, have not yet learned.

WE WILL WIN!

I say this without qualification. Victory for Socialism is written in the hearts and aspirations of all mankind. Men and women will reach out for the good of life—for a more complete life. This can not be secured under the reign of individualism—only under Socialism can this ideal be realized.

RIOT AT KENOSHA.

It is the old story at Kenosha, Wis. The wage slaves in the employ of the N. R. Allen's Sons company went out on strike because the wages were too small and the working conditions intolerable.

Slaves without number may have to be shot, but the tannery is sacred and this by the grace of working class votes. It is the old story. When will the slaves profit by it?

SLAVERY AND SUICIDE.

The news comes from Cleveland that a club composed of discouraged factory employes has been organized in Cleveland, Ohio. One of its members, a young woman, committed suicide a few days ago.

The girl, Rebecca Bosechek, who last took her life, was but eighteen years of age. Others of her companions, all about the same age, are to follow in regular order.

These young girls whose joyless lives are being ended one by one are ruthlessly sacrificed upon the altar of capitalism.

POISON AND PROMOTION.

Franklin MacVeagh is secretary of the treasury in the Taft administration. He is eminently qualified for that position. He is a capitalist and a business man of the first class and as such knows all the tricks of the trade.

SOCIALISM IN EUROPE.

William Allen White, of Kansas, is in Europe and writing letters from there on what he sees that most appeals to him. Needless to say he had not been there long before he was impressed with the fact that Socialism is the paramount issue in the old world.

Mr. White has been regarded as a progressive thinker, but he is anything but a Socialist. What he writes of Socialism in Europe may, therefore, be accepted as fair and impartial. The Pittsburg Kansan in speaking of Mr. White's letters says: "He has been observing Socialism abroad and if one is to judge from his letters he is in danger of out-Debsing Debs when he returns to his desk at Emporia in the Gazette office."

Mr. White seems to have been more than impressed with the power of Socialism in the old countries. Says he: "The city government of Florence thinks nothing of spending \$50,000 for a picture. Bands furnish free music and the public schools are everywhere. And as in all the larger cities of Italy the Socialists are in complete control of city affairs..."

LET IT ALONE! We have already warned railroad employes against the "American Railroad Employes' and Investors' association."

"Six months in jail," said the judge. Future history will call this judge an enemy of society, but, as is often the case, history will be wrong. When District Attorney Bone drew the indictment against Warren he was forging a weapon to strike the shackles from the necks of the wage slaves.

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"I am convinced that we have the riot tide on the ebb. I anticipate no trouble either today or tomorrow. We are prepared for a long siege and intend to put down the mob spirit if we remain here the balance of the summer."

If wage slaves can not live on their wages they should peacefully submit to starvation. Any other course makes them a mob to be shot full of holes by the hired killers of their masters.

PROSPERITY AND POOR HOUSES ARE THE TWO ENDS OF CAPITALISM.

The age long battle of ideas continues as fiercely today as in any period in the past. The Socialists are on one side and the capitalists on the other. One represents the New, the other the Old. The New has always been victorious—that's why we are so confident the future belongs to Socialism.

ELLA GINGLES.

The trial of this working girl at Chicago, or, rather, the farce tragedy, is ended. A few words of comment, and only a few, are needed. Our readers are familiar with the shocking story of this working girl. She was assaulted that she might be delivered as a white slave at a resort where rich loafers spend their time and money.

The criminals were in high places and the victim but a working girl. What else could be expected? This is a working class case and Ella Gingles is a working class victim and the monstrous outrage perpetrated upon her by the courts as well as by her would-be captors cries aloud to the working class of the nation to unite in the overthrow of the beastly system under which a working girl is the legitimate prey of capitalist libertines.

MONARCHS OF CAPITAL.

Some fifteen years ago Chauncey M. Depew, then president of the New York Central and major-domo of the Vanderbilts, and now a United States senator, made the following statement: "Fifty men in these United States have it in their power, by reason of the wealth which they control, to come together within twenty-four hours and arrive at an understanding by which every wheel of trade and commerce may be stopped from revolving, every avenue of trade blocked, and every electric key struck dumb.

Since the foregoing utterance of Depew was made the fifty men have been reduced to less than a dozen and these monarchs of capital rule the land almost as absolutely as if they owned it and all the inhabitants thereof.

"PUT DOWN THE MOB." When wage slaves strike to resist starvation they are a mob. They have no right to strike and when they do they ought to be clubbed, bayoneted and shot.

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Editorial Comments on the Jail Sentence of the Editor of the Appeal

It is right to kidnap members of the Western Federation of Miners and take them to another state for trial, wherein did Mr. Warren, editor of the Appeal to Reason, commit a crime in offering a reward for the return of ex-Governor Taylor, of Kentucky? The sauce in this case is all for the goose.

Every year we get farther away from Socialism and its doctrines, but we want to commend Fred Warren, of the Appeal to Reason, for his masterly address before the court when Judge Pollock asked him if he had anything to say before sentence should be pronounced.

A case has just been terminated at Fort Scott, Kan., which bids fair to rival in history the famous Dred Scott decision. The case is that of the United States against Fred D. Warren, editor of that fearless Socialist publication, the Appeal to Reason.

We do not endorse Socialism in the least, but we think Fred D. Warren, editor of the Appeal to Reason, published at Girard, Kan., was wrongfully convicted and sentenced to serve six months in jail and pay a fine of \$1,500 for offering a reward for the kidnaping of ex-Governor Taylor, who was under indictment for the killing of Senator Goebel in Kentucky. It was proved on Warren's trial that thousands of rewards are offered by sheriffs all over the country and sent through the mails in the same manner Warren sent out his reward, and that nothing is ever done about it.

Neither are we in favor of the doctrines of Socialism, but we do believe that the whole machinery of our postoffice department and federal government is being used in a "little" way, in this case to punish one man who has the courage of his convictions.

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THE END OF CAPITALISM.

With the steady decrease of the capitalist magnates, who usurp and monopolize all the advantages of this present age of transformation, the mass of want, oppression, servitude, degradation, and spoliation grows; but the revolt of the laboring class, swelling ever in numbers, and disciplined, united and organized by the mechanism of the capitalist process of production itself—spreads at the same time. The capitalist monopoly becomes a fetter on the mode of production with and under which it has originated.

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