

## DEBS' DATES

Jan. 18, Muskogee, Okla., 7:30 p. m., Convention Hall  
Jan. 21, Ft. Worth, Texas, 8 p. m., Busby Theater  
Jan. 22, San Antonio, Texas, 8 p. m., Belvoir Hall  
Jan. 24, Houston, Texas, 8 p. m., P. M. City Auditorium  
Jan. 25, Beaumont, Texas, 7:30 p. m., Market House  
Jan. 27, Corpus Christi, Tex., 7:30 p. m., Olympic Theater

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### IMITATING THE APE.

Our ancestors for thousands of years insisted on having kings who killed them, imprisoned them, confiscated their property and outraged their wives and daughters—and when they revolted against some particular atrocious brute and destroyed him they at once selected another and gave him the same powers over them. You say they were ignorant, knew no better and are to be pitied. But what less are you who vote in the republicans until they become unbearable and then vote them out and put in the democrats who act just the same way until you turn them out and reverse the play?

Are you not acting just like they did—upholding the principle that produced their misery?

The system of capitalism is concentrating the property of all nations into the hands of a few parasites, and the immense, unthinkable wealth of this, the greatest and richest nation on earth is now held by a few thousand families, though it has required the co-operative labor of an average of fifty million people for a hundred years to produce it.

Have you any reason to believe or hope that by keeping the nation under the control of men who believe in this system that the system will be destroyed and the people come into their own?

Can you not see that our ancestors never attained any liberty so long as their power was given to uphold the principle of monarchy, through which the property and people were for the sole benefit of the ruling dynasty?

And are not the people today and all they produce, but the servants of those who have achieved heights of power greater than any kings that ever lived?

Rome was called a republic—this country is called a republic—and the people are fooled into believing that they rule and have the laws made in their interest, when such is not the case, no matter how honestly and earnestly and foolishly they believe it.

The question for you to answer is, are you any wiser than our ancestors who supported the kings of long ago?

### NO PEACE ON EARTH.

Twenty centuries ago the angels are said to have proclaimed "Peace on earth, good will to men." Despite the message of the great Prophet of Galilee, despite the work of thousands who were and are in every way sincere in heralding what they conceived to be his message, the world has anything but peace today, and there is anything but good will among men. On this Christmas occasion the earth is an armed camp. Every country in Europe is agitated by race or class feeling. Even in America there are both war and rumors of war. Ten thousand truck drivers on a strike in New York; 100,000 garment strikers and their friends in destitution in Chicago; cigar makers at Tampa, Fla., in a class war with the masters of the breed; Los Angeles in the throes of a bitter war over the idea of the "open shop"; 15,000 in Pennsylvania evicted from their homes and living in tents on the hills—these things do not look like peace and good will.agitators threatened with death in Japan; thousands of political prisoners freezing in Siberia or rotting in Mexico; France, England, Germany, Portugal in turmoil; rebellions on in Mexico and Brazil—surely, however sincere we may have been, we have missed the practical application of the message of Christmas time. They are begging the "good fellows" of the land to give thousands of children who otherwise would have no Christmas, a chance—one day in the year! Surely this is not ideal—this is not success. If we can't do better than this we have failed. If we can do better, then in doing better we shall realize the aims of the real Friend of the poor who once walked in Jewry, and why should any friend of His oppose that effort? Let us get down to practical ways. Let us go for results. Let us resolve to realize the Christmas ideal, by making this a good and peaceful world for all who live in it. Call this aim, "peace, if you please, it is right. Laud any theory as you may, if it fails to accomplish this, it is, in its working, at fault. All good people ought to unite in an earnest and practical effort to clean the world of EXPLOITATION and make it a safe and happy place in which to live. And exploitation is at the base of all which we feel and know as evil.

### DYNASTY OF TAFT.

Taft is a muckhead who couldn't again be elected to any office in America, yet he is a king maker. He has appointed four supreme judges, including the presiding judge, which is more than any other president ever did. In other words, he has appointed—not elected—nearly half of the third department of government, and these men he appointed will hold their office for life, even though the people should be dissatisfied with their acts. The dynasty of Taft, then, will run through perhaps three or four administrations, even after the man who established it is forgotten. And now that the supreme court has usurped the power of amending the work of congress, and the "interpretation" of laws, the power that will come to capitalism through the action of Taft, the muckhead, is stupendous.

### THE SAVINGS BANKS.

The government announces the establishment of one postal savings bank in each state, as follows:

Alabama, Bessemer; Arizona, Globe; Arkansas, Stuttgart; California, Oroville; Colorado, Leadville; Connecticut, Ansonia; Delaware, Dover; Florida, Key West; Georgia, Brunswick; Idaho, Coeur d'Alene; Illinois, Pekin; Indiana, Princeton; Iowa, Des Moines; Kansas, Hittsburg; Kentucky, Middletown; Louisiana, New Iberia; Maine, Rumford; Maryland, Frostburg; Massachusetts, North Andover; Michigan, Houghton; Minnesota, Bemidji; Mississippi, Gulfport; Missouri, Hannibal; Montana, Great Falls; Nebraska City, Nevada, Carson City; New Hampshire, Berlin; New Jersey, Rutherford; New Mexico, Bates; New York, Colosse, Wabtown; Ohio, Ashland; Oklahoma, Muskogee; Oregon, Klamath Falls; Pennsylvania, Du Bois; Rhode Island, Bristol; South Carolina, Newberry; South Dakota, Deadwood; Tennessee, Johnson City; Texas, Port Arthur; Utah, Provo; Vermont, Montpelier; Virginia, Clifton Forge; Washington, Olympia; West Virginia, Grafton; Wisconsin, Manitowish; Wyoming, Laramie.

The APPEAL understands perfectly well that the bill providing for these banks has a rider which permits the reposit of the funds in private or corporate banks, thus defeating to a large degree the good that might come of them. Nevertheless, the postal savings banks have the government behind them. Money you deposit there is safe. No fake "guarantee law" or "insurance" can be half as safe. For this reason, we recommend that you withdraw your savings from the private banks and reposit it with the government in the bank in your state or nearest to you. In the panic that is near it will be a safeguard which you will appreciate.

### BETTER THAN CAPITALISM.

Garment workers are on a strike at Chicago. There they are clubbed and even knocked down in the street, for picketing. Chicago is a capitalist city. Garment workers are on a strike in Milwaukee. There the mayor, hearing that the usual program of violence against the workers had begun, addressed the following letter to the chief of police:

Mr. John T. Janssen, Chief of Police.  
Milwaukee, Wis.

Dear Sir—Complaints have been made here that disemployed citizens have recently been subjected to abusive epithets and rough handling by policemen.

Whatever may be the basis of these complaints, I want it understood that no man on the police force has the right to interfere with a citizen who is not violating the law.

I expect you as chief of police to make clear to the members of your department that so long as a citizen is within his legal rights he should not be manhandled or insulted. Officers tolerating such tactics and practices are practicing them will be accountable.

Respectfully,  
RMIC SIBBEL, Mayor.

The mayor of Milwaukee is a Socialist. You see the difference, don't you? Some are inclined to miffify the work at Milwaukee because it does not and cannot end capitalism or mean the full co-operative commonwealth, but it is a good deal to have a fair show even under capitalism. Socialism is better than capitalism, even when it is hampered by competitive conditions surrounding it.

### THE HALF-WON.

More significant than the 650,000 votes cast by the Socialists in the recent election are the 2,000,000 votes that were not cast at all. We may have our theories about these silent voters, thinking they will of necessity come to Socialism, or, if we lean to the other side, that they will return to the old parties, but the number who, by not voting, expressed their disgust with conditions and distrust of politics, is so large as to be astonishing. No European country has ever had such a manifestation, therefore European conditions and remedies will not apply here any more than in other lines of Socialist activity. The American movement, if it is to succeed, will have to be true to the international ideal, but strictly American in nature and method. If these two millions can be won to Socialism, being already averted on the road to discontent, then the Socialist movement in America promises to soon lead anything in the world. But the fact remains that we have not been able to land them yet. Whether the fault is with us or them does not yet appear. The field is great and apparently ripe for harvest. Will we be adequate to reap it, so as to bring the overthrow of oppression and the coming of humanized conditions as quickly as indications suggest might be possible?

Whatever faults the Arizona constitution may have, it provides for recalling even judges, and that is ahead of most of the states.

The farmer of farmers and the worker of workers are the fellows who make it pay.

### Hellen Keller Writes.

Helen Keller, who voluntarily wrote the following letter with her own hand, is the most remarkable example of perseverance overcoming difficulties that America contains today. Born deaf, dumb and blind, she is in the new of her condition secured a liberal education, understanding English perfectly and writing it well, as her letter will show. She is well-read on many lines, and her studies are broad and grounded on understanding. Her example is an inspiration to anyone who will consider it, showing something of what any one can do if he tries. Her liberal views and wide sympathies ought to shame those who have physical eyes, yet do not open them to the sorrows that compass the mass of men, and the possibility of making all wise and happy and good. The letter was written to investigate by Miss Keller and signed in ink with her own hand. It will be treasured by Comrade Warren as a source of inspiration and encouragement during his period of trial.

Wrentham, Mass., December 4, 1910.  
The APPEAL TO REASON, Girard, Kan.

Dear Appeal—I enclose a check to be used for subscriptions to the APPEAL TO REASON. I am prompted to this by indignation at the unrighteous conviction of the editor, Mr. Fred Warren.

I believe that the conviction is unrighteous, although I have arrived at this conclusion with some hesitancy. For a mere woman, denied participation in government, must needs speak timidly of the mysterious mental processes of men, and especially of crimes of justice. No doubt any layman would give indication of criticizing the decision of a high court. Still, the more I study Mr. Warren's case in the light of the United States constitution, which I have under my fingers, the more I am persuaded either that I do not understand, or that the judges do not. I used to honor our courts, which I was told were no respecters of persons. I was glad and proud in the thought of our noble heritage—a free law open to all children of the nation alike. But I have come not only to doubt the divine impartiality ascribed to our judiciary, but also to question whether our judges are conspicuous for simple good sense and fair dealing. We may be pardoned if we regard some of their decisions merely as human imperfection, result of our common humanity, dependent for their seeming equity upon our poor human prejudice and ignorance.

Are not these the facts: Several years ago three officers of the Western Federation of Miners were indicted for a murder committed in Idaho. They were in Colorado, and the governor of that state did not extradite them. They were kidnaped and brought to an Idaho prison. They applied to the supreme court for a writ of habeas corpus, on the ground that they were illegally captured. The supreme court replied: "Even if it be true that the arrest and deportation of Pettibone, Moyer and Haywood from Colorado was by fraud and connivance to which the governor of Colorado was a party, this does not make out a case of violation of the rights of the appellants under the constitution and the laws of the United States."

Some years before this event Governor Taylor of Kentucky was indicted for murder, and was awarded in his state. Mr. Warren offered a reward for the capture of Mr. Taylor and his return to the Kentucky authorities. I understand that it is not an unusual thing for a citizen to aid in this manner in the apprehension of a fugitive from justice.

To what twistings, turnings and dark interpretations must the judges of the circuit court be driven in order to send Mr. Warren to prison! As I understand it, a federal law punishing the kind of matter which it is a crime to mail has been stretched to cover his act. What was the act? The offer of a reward was printed on the outside of envelopes mailed from Girard by Mr. Warren. This was construed as threatening because it was an encouragement to others to kidnap a man under indictment. The supreme court had by implication declared to be an innocent act, for in the case of Pettibone, Moyer and Haywood the accomplished act itself was held to be no infringement of the rights of a citizen.

One need not be a Socialist to realize the significance, the gravity, not of Mr. Warren's offense, but of the offense of the judges against the constitution, and against democratic rights. It is provided that "congress shall make no law... abridging the freedom of speech or of the press." Surely this means that we are free to print and mail any innocent matter. What Mr. Warren printed and mailed had been established by the supreme court as innocent. What beam was in the eye of the honorable judges of the supreme court? Or what mote was in the eye of the justices of the circuit court? It is evident that their several decisions do not stand in the same light. It has been my duty, my life-work to study physical blindness, its causes and its prevention. I learn that our physicians are making great progress in the cure and the prevention of blindness. What surgery of politics, what antiseptic of common sense and right thinking, shall be applied to cure the blindness of our judges, and to prevent the blindness of the people, who are the court of last resort?

Faithfully yours,  
Hellen Keller

### Important

The APPEAL wants immediately the name of every city and town which will hold a municipal election the coming spring. Let the first Appeal Army man who reads these words at once write us, giving vote last election and your plans for the spring. The APPEAL has something up its sleeve.

In nearly every precinct in the nation there was an increase in the Socialist vote. And there will be a much greater increase the next time.

You are not an American citizen. You are only a county citizen. If you were truly an American citizen you could vote in any part of the United States.

The equality of the States was so desirable that each state was given the same number of senators. But then equality is such a bad thing in the eyes of the capitalists.

Of the hundreds of seats bought in congress and the senate, did you ever hear of one member being convicted and sentenced? Jails and prisons are build only for the poor.

ATTORNEY GENERAL WICKERSHAM announces that the Filipinos are not yet ready for independence. Which is taken to mean that they still own some land that the sugar trust wants.

Isn't a public official who will cheat or aid others to cheat the government a worse traitor than one who gives aid and comfort to an enemy in war? He surely is, and should be so treated.

The working people now support themselves and the rich. Under Socialism they would have only to support themselves. It would be easier for them. That is why they will be benefited by Socialism.

If the trusts continue to own the industries and gather more power, what will be the condition of the nation in twenty years more? Did you ever stop to think about it? Is it wise to wait until they have the legal ownership of everything and a big army and navy to keep you in subjection? Are they not getting stronger every day while the people are getting relatively weaker? Wake up to what this trust system means.

I WAS recently down on the Mexican border and in touch with men close to Madero, the revolutionist leader. The revolt is gathering force rapidly and is already in possession of considerable territory, and could control more but is not in position to scatter its forces and maintain additional territory, the people of which are almost wholly in favor of the revolutionists. The American press seems to be wholly at the disposal and in the interest of Diaz, through the usual methods of the use of money. Mexico will dethrone Diaz.

It would have suited our purpose just a little better if Taft had appointed Pollock as a member of the supreme bench. Pollock's record is now so well known to the public that his appointment would have been taken as a confirmation of our repeatedly expressed opinion that the supreme court is composed of corporation attorneys. It will not be necessary for the APPEAL to painfully and laboriously go into the records, as we expect to do, of the men who occupy the American throne, as we did Pollock and Grosscup.

### GREASE UP YOUR BRAINS.

Are the wheels in your head greased up, or are they like unused muscles, of no use or value because of lack of proper exercise?

Do you not know that the mind is controlled by the same law as muscles—that the more it is used the more efficient it becomes?

Could any brain respond to its wonderful function if it were not properly trained to thinking by proper reading and sound exercises? God gave you about as good brains as any other mortal, and if you are left behind in any race it is because you have never developed your mind in that particular channel.

The difference between you and Edison, a Carlyle or Ruskin, is the difference in your mental state caused by your not giving as much application to some given theme as they have.

All of you are chasing after money but you haven't succeeded like Morgan because you haven't understood the game you are trying to play, and when you fail you think you are unlucky or lack brains, when it is simply a lack of mental development, the same as a weak and inefficient muscle is lacking because it has not had the proper training.

Use your brains more and your muscles less and you will get more out of life; for you never saw a man get rich by honest, useful labor in your life—and you never will under a system that makes the workers support the idle useless class in addition to making their own living.

Put a little more grease on your brains and get them to working.

### What Happened to Pollock.

The Kansas politicians who draw their influence from the railroads picked Pollock for a place on the supreme bench of the United States. The Pollock delegation was headed by M. H. Loomis, general manager of the Missouri Pacific, Henry S. Cardart, of the same railroad, Attorney Smith of the Santa Fe and Attorney Madden of the M. & T.; M. A. Lowe and Paul Water of the Kock Island; Baily Wagner, of the Missouri Pacific, and numerous other lesser railroad attorneys, sang the praises of their good friend Pontus Pilate in the hope of landing him in a position where for life he could serve his masters.

Senator Curtis and Congressman Campbell also endorsed Pollock. Campbell, it will be remembered, is the sole survivor of the Cannon machine in Kansas. The same men and the same influences backed Pollock for a place on the supreme bench that were instrumental in securing his appointment as district judge.

Opposed to Pollock were all the decent elements in Kansas. Senator Bristow, Wm. Allen White, McNeal of Topeka, Governor Stubbs, and other insurgents used their influence against the appointment of this corporation tool. Governor Stubbs was particularly active, writing the president that he had in his possession court records that would prove Pollock's subversion to the big interests that had for a quarter of a century robbed and bullied the people of this state. Pollock lost.

When he was appointed in 1903 these same elements were lined up against Pollock and just as damaging records as to Pollock's conduct were placed before Roosevelt, but Pollock won. Why should he lose at this time? Let me tell you. When Pollock was up for appointment the first time his record was not known to the public. Today there is scarcely a newspaper leader in the entire United States who does not know the details of Pollock's career from the time he proved himself a traitor to a confiding client in Oklahoma to his last act in turning down the widow of a murdered working man who was asking for damages against a corporation responsible for her husband's death. That record was dug up and printed by the Appeal to Reason. This line from the letter of a well-known newspaper correspondent in Washington, representing one of the biggest and one of the most influential newspapers in the United States, tells the story:

"I suppose you are aware that Pollock is being strongly considered here for the supreme bench. I will tell you in confidence that the powers that be were on a still hunt during the last two or three days to find out if Pollock was one of the judges whom the Appeal attacked for going on that Mexico hunting trip. If he fails of appointment, or of confirmation in case he is appointed, it will be due largely to the Appeal's attack upon him."

I want to say that there is no elation in the Appeal office over its part in Pollock's failure to secure the coveted place. Pollock is merely resping what has been sown. He is no better and no worse than the men who sit on the supreme bench today. His court record measures up with the court records of the men who are our masters. The nine judges on the supreme court were selected because of their well-known leanings towards great corporate interests. Pollock's failure to land the coveted prize was due solely to the fact that the American public knew the details of his record. It was so black that the president, who was predisposed towards him, did not have the nerve to put this poker-playing judge on the bench.

F. D. WARREN.

### Hellen Keller Writes.

"ECONOMY in the postal service is all right, but it should hit the grafting railroad roads. Any further economy at the expense of railroad mail clerks will in my opinion be followed by such desertions that the entire country will rise in protest against the poor service which inevitably will follow." So says Urban Walters, editor of the Harpoon, the militant organ of the postal clerks. He is absolutely right. It is criminal to permit the railroads to steal millions and then cut the mail clerks to the point where they can hardly live in order that the theft may be greater. And Taft and his postmaster general are the criminals in this case.

Mrs. RUSSELL SAGE is preparing to build a "model" suburb to New York, containing flats for workers. They will be for rent, and the papers are advertising them so much as a work of charity that they are expected to pay handsomely.

ADMIRAL DEWEY (of whom possibly you may have heard) and one W. R. H. of the Yellow Journal, have both resigned as officials of the Boy Scout organization. They were considered too babies to be placed at the head and couldn't stand it.

UNDER Socialism if the nation produced more than all the people could consume, the shop could be closed and the workmen have a picnic. Under capitalism when there is a surplus the factories close and you have a panic. You may take your choice.

A DISPATCH in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch of December 10th tells of a meeting of magazine publishers, and an agreement among them to "put the soft pedal on muck-raking." If you would get the news of how you are robbed you must take Socialist papers.

AT Oswatimic, Kan., the Missouri Pacific railway company has established a boarding house for the accommodation of the railroad men employed there, or rather, to get back as much of their wages as possible. The business men of Oswatimic are angered. They wanted part of the swag themselves.

"THE advanced freight rates demanded by the railroads," says Governor Stubbs of Kansas, "were agreed to by the combined railroads of the United states, and therefore are clearly in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law." The governor forgets that the makers of the law are above the law, and that capitalism is by nature lawless.

THE Denver Republican quotes Willard Morse, a representative of the American Smelting company (the trust) as saying: "Diaz has established a military despotism—a sort of limited monarchy." We have even more faith in it than we have in the government of the United States. I think he is a man after Roosevelt's own heart. This is capitalist love of country and democracy.

THE newly elected governor of New Jersey, the scholarly Woodrow Wilson, recently remarked: "We are working in the interest of business, and not against it, when we oblige all to regard its action as a process of service and not exploitation." Will this college president, who ought to be able to reason logically, tell how it is possible to conduct private business without exploitation at the very basis of it? This as a starter.

### COLLIER'S GETS POST.

C. W. Post, the inveterate enemy of Socialism, has just been mulcted of \$50,000 by Collier, the publisher, on a suit for libel.

Five years ago Collier's Magazine refused to print advertising of the Post table products, on the ground that he was advertising them as medicines. Post retaliated by making charges against the publisher. It was on the strength of this publication that Collier sued for libel. The award is the highest in history of libel suits in New York county, and was made on the ground that "Post has been accustomed to advertise Grape Nuts and Postum as cure-alls for everything, from consumption, appendicitis and malaria to Loose Teeth Made Sound by Eating Grape Nuts." It was further alleged that most of his testimonials were fakes, paid for and rewritten in Battle Creek; and various other things that reflect upon the methods of the labor-hating Post.

It is only another case where a blatant enemy of Socialism has been shown to be out with any kind of a scheme for profit. J. Wesley Hill, another of the same stripe, has but recently been fully exposed.

That Post was a fakir was generally known among the initiated and has been repeatedly made clear by Socialist papers. Collier has added nothing to the expose, except, perhaps, the injection of an element that shows further the fakery of the system. The suit was brought on the grounds of health, and was so clearly from the viewpoint of a certain medical school which is assuming practical oversight of the national health for its own profit that one is led to wonder if Collier did not win his large damages because he was backed by the medical trust and had promised in advance to devote the proceeds to "exposing fraud." Emphasis is made of the fact that at one time Post "practiced mental healing" and had advertised something else than the knife as a cure for appendicitis.

That the medical trust should second Collier's in making the expose does not detract from the truth that Post is a fakir and in his love of profits hates Socialism and the unions. It merely shows that the desire for profits leads others to seek monopoly and fight with any weapons all who stand in the way of a monopoly.

Capitalism is rotten in every fiber and behind all war on Socialism is desire for spoils.

### Pollock Taking His Time.

As stated last week the petition of the Sheridan Coal company to remove the Frank Lane case from the Crawford county court to the court at Fort Scott, over which Pollock presides, Pollock has not indicated what he will do in the premises. In the meantime our Comrade Frank Lane lies on his little cot in the Pittsburg hospital, racked with pain, his mind filled with anxiety as to the outcome of this legal contest. The long, weary days drag themselves into weeks and the weeks into months. The heartless cruelty of the American system of jurisprudence can be likened to nothing in our modern times.

Make a picture in your mind of this boy, ruthlessly thrown to one side a helpless cripple, his labor power gone and no hope in life save the favorable action of a federal judge whose record shows him to be prejudiced against the man under the machine.

If it were possible to tell the story of the outraged manhood in all of its beastly reality I believe we could arouse the American workers to a point where they would use their political power to make it forever impossible for a cruel Federal judge to rule against these victims of this modern Juggernaut. This is the Appeal's purpose in taking up this boy's case and bearing the expense of his prosecution to the courts. Our experience has disclosed to us that publicity is the one thing which the federal judge fears and that by turning the searchlight upon the methods by which these crippled soldiers are beaten we are doing the one thing that will make victory certain. In order to raise the money to pay the expenses of this prosecution we are asking our friends to pledge themselves to buy one subscription card to the Coming Nation, the Appeal's new magazine, each month for one year. There will be enough profit in the publication of our new magazine to pay these expenses. I am asking you to do this work in addition to what you plan doing for the Appeal. We must remember that the Appeal, after all, is the great publicity agent and that we must keep up its circulation if we are to get the sympathy and support from the public so necessary in this fight.

So with your next club of subscribers to the Appeal sign the pledge in the lower right-hand corner of this issue.

Below you will find the first 250 names of the men who have enlisted in the defense of Frank Lane. All together there are now nearly 400 signers to this pledge. Next week another 250 will be printed. Let a hand in what I believe will be the greatest fight ever waged by the working class for its emancipation.

### What the Comrades Think.

Twenty-eight years ago my own husband at the age of 35 was torn from me and his family by a mine explosion. I was a stranger in a strange land. Left alone with a little boy and girl and unable to properly support them they followed their father to the grave. I have walked through life alone and am still working for my bread.

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**They Write About Warren**

**A Strange Contrast.**  
From Star, Aurora, Ill.

It is not the first time that an editor has been obliged to go to jail. John Walters, the first great editor of the *London Times*, spent half his time in prison. The English courts once sent Leigh Hunt to prison because he alluded to old George IV's scandalous life, and yet at that very time, the old rascal had been ruled off the London race course for cheating. Still, it was felt to be an awful breach of propriety for Leigh Hunt even to allude to his lecherous life. All of which shows that if, as old Falstaff said, "Ships are but boards and sailors but men," United States court judges are extremely fallible, and are liable to play such fantastic tricks before high heaven as to make the angels weep. The sentence of Warren is a strange contrast with the recent decisions giving Standard Oil a clean bill of health.

**Republican, Ft. Supply, Okla.:** Poor fools, they do not know that jailing Warren will not stop the revolution. It will only hasten the day when all men will have an equal chance with their fellow men.

**Herald, Hodges, Mont.:** Why don't the federal courts arrest and gather up all railroad officials, the sheriffs and others who offer rewards for criminal or other fugitives from justice, and sentence them for a year or so?

**Machinists' Bulletin, New York:** The APPEAL TO REASON has rendered valiant services on more than one occasion when human rights were at stake. The persecution of Warren is an attempt to suppress this relentless exposé of the crimes committed in the name of justice.

**Optimist, Rugby, N. D.:** It does seem queer that the decision should follow so closely upon the heels of the recent election. If there was anything lacking to convince one of the perversity of this act, it is this long delay, simply that the decision might not arouse the Socialists too much, just around election time—when votes counted.

**Record, Colma, Cal.:** The Record is not an advocate of Socialism, but believes that the capitalist court of appeals in sending Fred D. Warren, editor of the APPEAL TO REASON, to jail for offering a \$10,000 reward for the return to the Kentucky authorities the murderer, ex-Governor Taylor, who was then a fugitive from justice, is a villainous outrage.

**Leader, Cottage Grove, Ore.:** The prosecution, conviction and sentencing of Warren is a blot upon the fair page of our national judiciary, and emphasizes more emphatically the necessity of removing the judiciary from politics in this country. A thousand recruits will be added to the ranks of Socialism for every day Warren is confined in jail.

**Dispatch, Dexter, Kan.:** The American people are for fair play. This takes the case of Editor Warren out of all party bounds and brings it directly to the American people for their verdict upon the broad principle of justice. No true American citizen can stand for this outrage—this awful travesty upon human rights and justice. Fred Warren in jail will be a thousand times more dangerous to the "powers that be" than Fred Warren in his editorial capacity.

**People's Friend, Rogers, Ark.:** There is no way to reconcile these two decisions. This makes us look upon the supreme court as a set of raw gawks who cannot see far enough ahead to see what a trouble they were getting into. In their zeal to serve the mine owners of the west (Guggenheims and Standard Oil), they took no heed of the result of that decision. The only way to right that court is to make a new court. Warren was sharp enough to get the court in this snip.

**People's Paper, Los Angeles, Cal.:** When the worst is said that may be of the hell-inspired corruption of our public land thieves, grafting politicians, M. & M. associations, and all the long line of destroyers of liberty in America, it must be admitted that our judiciary has stooped to fouler depths than all others in its attempts to destroy freedom and force the working class of this country into slavery. Our courts are in the intermediaries in the disputes between the masters and slaves. But when their decisions are controlled by the masters, what pray, can the slaves do?

**Republician, Hayden, Colo.:** We can't see where Warren did anyone any harm. The Appeal is a threat in the sides of federal judges and officials, but this decision will make Socialists by the thousands. Just persecute men for their ideas if you wish those ideas to become popular. We are afraid of Socialism and would look upon its assuming control of our government as a calamity, yet a few more Warren imprisonments will bring about what we so much fear.

**Critic, Portageville, Mo.:** The greatest outrage the courts of this country ever perpetrated was the sentencing of Fred Warren, editor of the APPEAL TO REASON, to a fine of \$1,500 and a jail sentence of six months for circulating rewards through the mail for the delivery of ex-Governor Taylor to the authorities in Kentucky. Taylor was a fugitive from justice, being in Indiana, where he was given immunity from arrest. He was under indictment for complicity in the murder of Governor Goebel—one of the foulest stains on the escutcheon of fair Kentucky. Mr. Warren did not commit a crime against society in offering a reward to anyone who would kidnap Taylor in Indiana and deliver him to the sheriff at Frankfort, but the federal courts of this country have so decreed. The affirming of the sentence of Warren by the lower court means a hundred thousand more Socialists.

**Greetings From Mother Jones.**

Dear Comrade Warren—I notice by press dispatches that you must pay to the American oligarchy the price for defending justice. You will be a much more dangerous man when you leave their bastles than when you entered. The courts are the lickspittles of the

**Censoring Socialism in Japan.**

From Japan Weekly Chronicle, Tokyo.

The attitude of the government toward Socialism is becoming almost grotesque in its severity. We learn from a Tokyo dispatch that the authorities are seizing every book found in public libraries or in the possession of teachers in elementary and middle schools which bears any remote relation to Socialism, and are subjecting new publications to strict censorship. It has been found that some of the teachers and boys in elementary and middle schools have been affected by Socialism and this is attributed to the wide circulation among educationists of socialistic books and other publications. Hitherto the government has been "magnanimous" towards Socialism, but it has now decided to suppress the propagation of its principles.

Acting on the instructions of the Home Minister, Mr. Abe, Governor of Tokyo, recently called a meeting of presidents of private and public middle, girls', and commercial schools in Tokyo, and gave them a warning regarding Socialism, ordering them to enforce stricter measures against the evil tendency, in conjunction with the parents of the boys and girls in their schools. Some of the students it was known, were urging their schoolmates to adopt socialistic principles.

**FACTS**

**Present For All Socialists**

The Appeal of Facts is, indeed, a present for all Socialists. The following is from the Melbourne, Australia, Socialist: "The APPEAL of Facts is an expressive title. It is edited by Fred D. Warren, who goes into the vast, pocket and brings with him the compilation of a singular array of facts and figures interspersed by authoritative definitions of everything of use to the Socialists of this country. The Yanks are always arriving."

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**Another Mary Miller**

BY LOUIS KOPPEL.

ONCE heard a labor lobbyist tell the senate committee on judiciary that the United States and barbarous Turkey are the only two nations which still cling to the ancient doctrine of assumed risk in personal injury cases. The legal lights on that committee blinked, but dared not challenge this remarkable fact.

But I am ahead of my story.

Flossie May Clements, a girl not quite eighteen, worked in the Model Laundry, of Washington, D. C. The pittance she received for pay supported herself and widowed mother.

Flossie worked at a mangle. She fed this monstrous machine from early morning till late at night, day after day, week in and week out.

One day Flossie's right hand was caught in the heavy machinery of the mangle. She was hurried to a hospital. The doctors found that amputation was necessary. A few weeks later the girl was discharged cured, but absolutely helpless.

The young victim brought suit against the company for \$30,000.

The other day the case came to trial. When the girl was called to the witness stand she was asked by the attorney to exhibit her injury. She trembled, drew back the sleeve from her mangled arm, and fell fainting at the jury's feet.

The girl was carried out of the court room. The trial closed. Justice Barnard adjusted his glasses, cleared his throat, and began his charge to the jury.

"The plaintiff," said the learned judge, "was familiar with the operation and the dangers of the mangle. According to law she assumed the risk incidental to the operation of this machine, and the defendant is therefore exempt from all liability. You are instructed to bring in a verdict for the defendant—(the Laundry Co.)."

The jury obeyed. The law was vindicated.

And Flossie? What became of her?

**Another "Commission"**

BY EMANUEL JULIAN.

The Civic Federation is, at the present time, busily engaged in a "campaign of education." A few nights ago I heard Marcus M. Marks one of the big ducks in that organization of capitalists, orate before a large audience.

The gist of Marks' talk was that strikes are bad things and should be done away with. Of course Brother Marks has a remedy—a good one—from the parasite's viewpoint. Marks told the audience that his organization was working for a law to force union labor to appear before a commission before declaring a strike. Then, said Marks, this commission would deliberate for thirty days, and then if that commission declared a strike justifiable, the workers could then LEGALLY go on a strike.

Do you get the point? Do you see what the Civic Federation is after? It is a sure thing that a body of workers could never win a strike under these conditions. By giving, through law, the right to the employer to have thirty days time in which to prepare for a strike who can readily see what would happen to those men if they struck. A strike would never be won, for any capitalist could easily get enough scabs in thirty days to replace the men in his employ.

"Of course," said Marks, "if the commission should say that a strike is not justifiable then the labor unions could not strike. Should they do so their leaders would be open to prison terms."

How does that strike you? You go to jail for not giving your boss thirty days time before going on strike? Say, by the way, did you ever know that Gompers and Mitchell are members of that organization? I wonder why they are there.

**The Poor Eat Less.**

From Associated Press Dispatch.

New York.—How the poor of New York's East Side meet the increased cost of living is told in the twenty-eighth annual report of the Charity Organization Society which has just been issued.

"The general way of meeting the higher cost of supplies," says the report, "has been a serious reduction in the amount and quality of food. The people have subsisted on meat once or twice a week, fresh vegetables have been almost entirely cut out, while milk and butter have been reduced to their lowest terms. This is not all. There has been a tendency toward the irreducible minimum of bread and tea or coffee."

"Effects of this have begun to be apparent even in the adults, and undernourishment has been noticed as never before in the children on the streets and in the new families coming to the city."

**Purifying Politics.**

By Eugene V. Debs in *Terr's Home Tribune*.

The franchise thieves and other public plunderers organize leagues for the purification of politics. A shining example is Belmont of New York, now under investigation for raising five hundred thousand dollars at a Delmonico dinner for the purchase of the New York legislature, the members of which have their regular market price. Mr. Belmont's virtuous indignation is aroused as he enters his den that he bought up the legislature. He only gave the money to "eminent" lawyers as "fees" for "professional" services.

**New Conspiracy of Silence**

(Upon Sinclair recently spoke at Wilmington, Del., on the case, and reviewed the conspiracy of silence on the part of the capitalist press as follows.)

Since the Warren decision was announced I have given a good deal of my time trying to bring the facts to the attention of the public. I wrote courteous and respectful letters to the editors of practically all the newspapers in New York concerning the case. None of those letters were published. So far not one line about the Warren case has appeared in any metropolitan newspaper—except, of course, the Socialist paper, the *Daily Call*. Needless to say, of course, very little news about the case has been sent out by the Associated Press, whose political and financial interests are now censured in the office of Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan. Also, needless to say, none have been sent out by the Hearst newspaper syndicate, which has abandoned the attitude of radicalism and is engaged in diligently supporting President Taft.

I am a careful reader of the New York newspapers, and I believe that there must recently have been a definite agreement among the millionaires who own these newspapers and use them for purposes of their own, to exclude from their columns all mention of the progress of Socialist sentiment in this country. Recently we had an election and in this election the Socialists polled some six or seven hundred thousand votes. Owing to this same newspaper censorship I cannot tell the exact number. In the New York newspapers you read columns of figures giving the vote of a gentleman named Stinson and the vote of a gentleman named Hopper; you saw no mention whatever of the vote of a gentleman named Charles Edward Russell, though he polled more votes as Socialist candidate than Mr. Hopper polled as candidate of the Hearst newspapers. That election was mainly notable because it marked the entrance into congress of the first representative of the American working class, Victor L. Berger. This is the first breach in the wall of the citadel of plutocracy; in the newspapers you read practically nothing about it—the significance of it you read nothing whatever.

This is all part of the policy of our ruling classes, to sit tight on the lid of social discontent. We have elected a president who is especially adapted to the occupation of sitting on the lid. He practiced it for several years in the Philippine Islands. I was talking the other day with a Boston manufacturer who spent several years in the Philippines and devoted a good deal of his fortune to attempting to bring justice to that unhappy people. He tells me that they have a phrase by which they describe their eminent ex-governor, our president, William H. Taft: they speak of his "death-bearing smile" because they found by long experience how graciously he would receive them and how urbanely he would smile upon them, while continuing to sanction the water cure and other methods of torture employed by his soldiers. Does it not seem like the irony of retribution that we should have trained this gentleman in the practice of the arts of repression in the Philippines, in order that he might come home and practice them upon us Americans? How do you appreciate that "death-bearing smile," you American workmen, whose families are being slowly starved to death by the knavish tariff to which President Taft has given his enthusiastic endorsement?

I spent a great deal of time in studying political and financial conditions in New York city for my two novels, "The Metropolis" and "The Moneychangers." I met many of our financial and political leaders and some of them told me the inside truth about conditions. Among others I came to know intimately the late James B. Dill, who was a legal authority—his work on corporations is the text book in every law school in this country. He was also one of the half dozen highest-paid corporations lawyers in the country and later he became a member of the court of appeals of the state of New Jersey. He is dead now, and so I presume that I am at liberty to tell some of the facts which he told me out of his own life-long knowledge of the courts of this country. He told me that the supreme court of New York state is rotten with corruption. He told me that on one occasion when he was representing the New York Central railroad in an important suit and went to one of the high officials of the road to consult with him about the case, the official took from his desk a typewritten list of the judges of the supreme court of New York state and marked a number of the names with crosses and handed it to Dill with the remark, "You may bring the suit in any of those districts; those are our judges." He also told me that three or four days after it was made known that he had been appointed to the bench in New Jersey, one of his most intimate friends, a well-known lawyer, came to him with the proposition that Judge Dill's firm in New York city accept a retainer from Mr. E. H. Harriman of fifty thousand dollars per year for five years, and they need not do any more. Judge Dill said to me that he had withdrawn from corporation practice because he had made more money than he knew how to spend and because he was sick of the game of corruption. His answer to this legal friend was, "Go back to Mr. Harriman and take him this reply—you are a fisherman and you will understand it—A fat trout does not rise to a fly."

Such are the men who are today ruling America, who are using all the powers of government to enable our trust financiers to draw out the life-blood from the veins of the people and to send to jail those who endeavor to inform the people as to what is going on. I have no words with which to express my contempt for the men who today sit in the

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Discouraged over the thousands of desertions in the army and the failure of the recruiting stations to allure enough new victims, the war department has turned to the Boy Scout movement for the future supply of food for cannon. This movement has so far been engineered by a lot of patriotic fools, Sunday school teachers and circulation managers of newspapers. But henceforth trained military butchers will have charge of the Boy Scouts.

The first step in this direction was taken when Representative Needham, of California, introduced a bill providing for the detailing of army officers to instruct the Boy Scouts in "scoutcraft and scouting," and authorizing the secretary of war to furnish Boy Scout organizations with transportation and camp equipment.

This bill was referred to the committee on military affairs, and it's a safe bet that this measure will become law before the present congress adjourns.

Ponderous Taft must be given credit for gracefulness. When recently confronted with the job of appointing two supreme court justices he very adroitly dodged the selection of notorious judges, such as Pollock and Hook, and instead picked out two men whose records are not so generally known to the people of the country, but who, nevertheless, will be just as faithful to the interests.

Judge Van Devanter, one of Taft's appointees for the supreme bench, is, however, known to be hostile to the progressive tendencies of the interstate commerce commission. The new court of commerce is said to be made up of men recommended by Senators Penrose, Nelson and Carter. These "statesmen" are well-known railroad and corporation representatives.

The election of Berger to congress is frequently discussed in the offices and lobbies of the capital. The other day a secretary of a democratic congressman, who has announced himself as a candidate for the office of doorkeeper in the next congress, said to me:

"Say, Koppel, can't you get Berger to join the democratic caucus, so that I may get his vote?"

I tried to explain to the bewildered fellow that Berger would not and could not join any capitalist party caucus, and that he is going to stand on his own ground.

"Well, that may be all right for the sake of principle, but Berger must do favors to others if he wants any help from others," was the only answer of my practical friend, the aspiring candidate.

The first official list of the members of the next congress have just been printed and it shows that the editors of the *Congressional Record* and other official literature are preparing for an invasion by Socialist representatives. Instead of putting an asterisk before Berger's name and a footnote explaining the fact that the Wisconsin representative is a lonely Socialist, we find the announcement at the head of the list that "Republican will appear in Roman, Democrats in Italian, and SOCIALISTS IN SMALL CAPS."

Apparently the experienced editors thought it just as well to establish a rule now as later when more than one Socialist congressman would compel a new typographical style.

**White Wash Bucket.**

Less than two months have elapsed since the election, yet Taft has been brightening things up wonderfully by the application of whitewash. The first to receive this coating was his man Friday, Ballinger. The latter is now as white as snow. It does not matter that he is so rotten that he stinks, the investigating committee has whitewashed him, and under the gobs of lime with which he is covered one can see the sprouting weeds. Originally they appeared like bulging pockets, but they are really wings. Then, Lorimer, the man who in Illinois bought his election to the United States senate, dozens testifying that they sold their vote and were paid for the same, is covered with whitewash as with a bath robe. Even his horns and hoofs are now a beautiful white. Taft has been at work with his bucket, which is fuller than the dinner pail, and the world is ready for the anthem, "A piece of the earth, good will to our man."

**Fifteen Years in Jail.**

From *Cotton's Weekly*, Cowanville, B. C.

Two old women in Montreal, blind and helpless, have spent fifteen years in Montreal jail. They have never committed a crime. They cannot earn their living and have been arrested again and again on the charge of being vagrants. On November 20th they were released, having served a six months' sentence. On November 30th they were found early in the morning huddled together on the steps of the city hall with no protection from the cold or snow. They were arrested on the charge of being vagrants with no visible means of support and will again endure prison fare and confinement because of their infirmities. This in Montreal, the richest city in Canada. But what else can you expect under the reign of capitalism, where to succeed needs cunning and cruelty and where the weak are trampled under foot.

**From John Brown's Old Home.**

From *Globe*, Oswatowee, Kan.

No matter what the people may or may not believe about Socialism it is going to take a long time for them to discover the fine dividing line between kidnapping the members of the Western Federation of Miners in Colorado and trying them in Idaho and sending Fred Warren to jail for advocating the kidnaping of Taylor in Indiana and taking him back to Kentucky. There is a very, very fine distinction that no common plug is able to see at a glance. We never saw Warren and have no interest in his case outside of the fact that the courts of this country should be in harmony with one another in rendering decisions. There must not be one law for one man and another law for another man. That will run this or any other government.

**Protecting Army Discipline.**

From *News*, Minneapolis.

"Aw, go on! How about that thirty-six dollars?"

"That's what Private Anthony Burns, Twenty-ninth United States Infantry, said the other day to Capt. H. C. Clement Jr., when Capt. Clement ordered him to return to his quarters."

It was not nice of Private Burns to say this. It was quite disrespectful. Especially was it disrespectful—not to make such a remark if it was true that the aforesaid captain really does have thirty-six dollars as would seem to be indicated by what Private Burns said.

So Private Burns was court-martialed. He was tried for the heinous crime of "behaving with disrespect toward his commanding officer."

He was sentenced to spend three years in Leavenworth penitentiary.

In reality he drew a five-year sentence, but General Fred Grant cut it to three.

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**The Lead Pipe Cinch.**

From *St. Paul Daily News*.

That meeting of steel kings in New York last Wednesday was a very conspicuous object lesson. It decided to arbitrarily maintain present prices.

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It is thus a legally-fostered, competition-crushing trust for the creation of a dozen or more multi-millionaire families, another generation of Carnegies, Coreys, Thaws, Schwabs, Baers and the like.

Government interference means "hurting business." Attempt at equitable division of profits means Socialism.

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**Working the Workers.**

Norfolk, Va.—The government is taking unfair measures to secure workmen for almost nothing. It induces men to enlist, and then puts them to work at their trade. All they get for their work is a measly \$17.50 per month. There are many in the navy with Socialist tendencies. Navy YARD.

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Socialism and Christianity.

In New York City, November 26th, Rev. Alexander Irvine, of the Appeal subscription lectures met Rev. Thomas S. Slicer, of the Fourth Avenue Unitarian church, in debate on Socialism...

the factory! They sell their little possessions, and eventually their virtue for a living. The great industries have become automatic. They almost go by themselves. And we have paid Mr. Rockefeller, and the others, a very large bill. Shall we continue to repay the bill to their sons and their sons' sons for thousands of years to come?

When he appeared on the platform in this morning's debate Slicer's attitude was that of extreme reserve. He was not one of those who at the moment he intimates that the working class was a mass of jelly-fish, his face was livid with hate. The posture accompanying his denunciation of Socialism was that of a man who would die for the cause he championed, while the severity of Slicer's countenance appeared only as a grimace to cloak the falseness of his speech.

That is the situation in a nutshell, as I view it. We do not ask for the absolute knocking out of competition, but as competition now makes men dishonest, and makes them liars, and fills the factories and the shops with misery, and the streets with street walkers, then we ask that something else come into power; and Socialism is that other thing, not to Socialism competition, but to hit it from the bare ordinary plane of something to eat and something to drink and some place to stay, up to the heart and the mind and the soul. That is what we want to do. Is it too much to ask the world? (Applause.)

Capitalism is the individual responsibility for production and distribution. The tendency under that arrangement has been to make a slave of the man who is dependent upon a master for his work, and consequently for his living; and to make an industrial master of the man who owns the means by which another man must live.

The rich man isn't held up for your disapproval. I want that understood. He himself is a creature like the rest of us. We had to pay the bill and we are going to keep on paying it indefinitely to his posterity; but I object to paying it forever. We have paid the great master man, paid him fully. But after his work has become automatic, social responsibility should take the place of individual responsibility.

Capitalism is not only responsible for the great disparity in distribution for this shocking misery at the bottom and the waste of wealth—and how they do flaunt their Bacchanalian feasts in our faces!—but believe they are not only responsible for that, but capitalistic is sapping the very foundations of those institutions that we have always looked upon as permanent and essential to human life.

Everything is all right; Doctor Slicer says it is! (Applause.) There is nothing wrong at the top; no want at the bottom; there are no bank presidents committing suicide because of some wrecker at the top who wrecks a chain of banks. There are no depositors standing all night in the freezing cold in order to find out whether they can get any of their deposits or not. The charity organizations have nothing to do whatever! The Association for the Improvement of the Condition of the Poor have only about 100,000 on their books and they are all bank depositors, every one of them? (Applause.)

great musician, or come to appreciate great operas or to think great thoughts. He is in the depths up to the lips.

In the Carnegie Steel Works at Homestead there are 17,000 men employed, and only 130 of them have an eight-hour day, the Pittsburgh Survey tells us, and the vast majority of them work twelve hours a day and seven days a week and for them the great Mr. Carnegie has established a free library at Pittsburgh (Applause). He might as well have established a depot for the distribution of free shoes for people without feet. (Applause.)

I don't want any more money. There is no appetite in my propaganda, except appetite for knowledge, and the desire, that is behind the Socialist movement everywhere, to achieve for the general good and to publish the light to the earth. The Socialists have taken up the great shibboleth of the church which is abandoned, "Man shall earn bread by the sweat of his face." We believe that with all our hearts, but the church has been perfectly willing that men should get bread by the sweat of any old face. We believe everybody should do something socially useful. We do not believe in a priesthood of idleness. We would make them work; Paul says, "If a man shall not work, neither shall he eat." The church has pretty generally lain down on that proposition. Socialism has taken it up; and they say again that "Man shall earn bread by the sweat of his face," and "If a man shall not work he shall not eat." And then we turn around and say, "If a man shall work he shall eat!"

We do not intend to belong to a church of fear. Let the church go on crying, "Lord, Lord," we are content to bring in the Kingdom of Heaven.

These forces we are bringing into power now do not depend on my coming here and telling you these things. Our movement is world-wide; we clasp hands across the sea and we have a vast number of the best men and women interested in this thing, and it is not going to end until we have established that equity in life, that a man shall get out of life something commensurate to what he puts into life. I want to see every man get something for what he does; I want to see Socialism triumphant because it will mean a better world, and it will be the giving of more freedom to women. (Applause.) To make them free to choose. We hope to make it better by taking little children out of the factories and shops and putting them to school; and we can only do that by giving the father what belongs to him. We hope to make it a purer and better world by making it possible for a man to get a job, and not have to beg another man for the means to live. The spirit and purpose of our propaganda is for the liberation of humanity from those environments and shackles and chains that keep the human soul down! I want to liberate the human soul as well as the human body. (Applause.)

I have been a missionary among the poor. I went there believing that drink made them poor; I came away, after a great number of years of patient investigation, believing that poverty made them drink. (Applause.) I want to give a Thanksgiving dinner the Salvation Army can't trot out the poor by the hundreds of thousands. (Applause.) I notice that in every great city of the country on Thanksgiving day streams of little children go to the soup kitchens and to outside eating places away from the home and carry home something to eat.

I think we are going to make a better world by a final announcement that that which is essential to the life of the community cannot be, shall not be, in the exclusive possession of a few people. Surely that can be obviated.

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TWO WAYS.

The city of Winnipeg, Canada, has just completed a 60,000 h. p. water power plant to produce electricity for heat, light and power. Instead of permitting some capitalists to do this and use it to build up fortunes for themselves and their heirs at the common expense, the people there did this for themselves, and all future generations there will have these essentials to modern life at the actual cost. When the city desires to induce industries she is in position to offer them heat, light and power for almost no cost to herself, or if she prefers to develop and sell the products at a profit, she can have her total public expenses of government paid by the profits; she can build all kinds of public improvements and schools and not have a cent of tax on her property. This principle is so simple that it would seem that any child would see through it, but here, where the people have been educated by those who monopolize these natural advantages for the purpose of building up families of wealth, the common herd are as ignorant of the things they are giving away as if they were illiterate savages. There are in this country more things of what you term "public utilities" owned by the few and used to exploit the many, than would run the whole national, state, county, city, school and good roads expenses of the whole nation and have no form of taxation whatever. Only you are so stupid regarding the functions of government that you don't see it. You depend upon the capitalist papers for your information and you get it all right—in the neck. Get wise to the game.

Lemonettes.

Some weeks before the late election Champ Clark declared that if his party carried the lower house of congress and he should be elected speaker, he would drive a pair of Missouri mules down Pennsylvania avenue. It is hoped that Champ on that occasion will carry aloft a banner with the strange (?) device, "When shall we three meet again?"

The corrupt politician who is "personally honest" is in the class with the safe-cracker who is a law abiding citizen in the daytime.

Repeating his New York convention platform, Roosevelt uttered the individual pronouncement, "There's no place in politics for a liar." And Teddy went out.

To the Rotund One in the Big House it no doubt seems strange that the portion of the citizenry which is given credit by the general press for all things Progressive should strike at the Wireless Smile. Yet, when the Pleasant Look came off, there was thus provided a blank space from which the country received election results flashed automatically.

M. L. PHARES, Bridgeport, Neb.

This worker gets soup at Christmas because he is in the soup the rest of the year.

SWEET-SCENTED LAND OF LIBERTY.

BY EUGENE V. DENB.

Rocketfeller, Morgan and Guggenheims goddess of justice is not only blind as a bat, but as hard and also as crooked as a corkscrew.

In the language of polite society, "She's a peach."

The state of Kentucky first, and Warren next, offers a reward for Taylor, a fugitive capitalist statesman under indictment for murder.

Warren is indicted and the fugitive statesman, charged with the murder, is pardoned on condition that he will perjure himself by testifying that he was not under indictment when Warren made his offer.

Trestlo! Warren, with no charge against him, and Taylor, under indictment for murder, exchange places.

Taylor goes Scot free; Warren goes to jail.

Ain't she a peach? Caleb Powers, another capitalist statesman, indicted jointly with Taylor for the same murder, three times tried, once sentenced to hang and twice sentenced to penitentiary for life, is elected to the congress of the United States.

Judge John C. Pollock and Justice William C. Hook, who jointly sentenced Warren to jail, were prominently mentioned for a place on the supreme bench of the United States.

Rocketfeller, Morgan and Guggenheims blind and crooked goddess incarcerates the innocent and glorifies the guilty. Her house of "Justice" is a Judicial House of Ill Fame.

Warren, the only absolutely innocent man, the only one in the bunch who ought to be out of jail, is the only one in jail.

Say, "Ain't she a peach, a rotten peach?" HURRAH FOR WARREN AND THE REVOLUTION!

QUESTIONS ANSWERED.

Would municipal ownership retard the growth of Socialism?—Montana No. Socialists favor municipal ownership, finding it helps the cause, and is a better thing than private ownership. Of course it is not and cannot be full Socialism, but it strengthens the faith of the people in their ability to do something for themselves.

How can a widow with two children improve her condition so as to get something out of life?—N. Y. Z. The Appeal doesn't know. If it were possible, except to a very limited degree, under this system, there would be no need of Socialism. The struggle of life is hard enough for an able-bodied man, but it is appalling to a widow with children.

Why do you condemn capitalism and condone the capitalists? What is sin without a sinner?—South Dakota. The capitalists are themselves victims, and are no more responsible for the capitalist system than are the workers. If the workers would unite they could overturn the system within a year, by the ballot. So long as they do not, it is wrong to blame the system on the capitalists only.

How would the people, under Socialism, manage to build and operate industry, seeing that the capitalists would have all wealth—money?—Missouri. Money is not wealth, but only a representative of wealth. The mills and railroads are wealth. These industries of these things would be self-sustaining under Socialism. They could be paid for, if profit were eliminated, within five years, charging the same rates that now prevail. To prove this is merely a matter of mathematics.

SOCIALIST FABLES.

Justice Gets Hers. While wandering through the world one day Justice chanced to enter a court room. She saw a poor man sentenced for what seemed to her to be a trivial offense, and a rich man, who was clearly guilty, released on the ground that the prosecution was against a corporation and could not touch an individual. Justice ventured to protest, whereupon the court thundered:

Arrest the disturber. Justice was immediately placed under arrest, and the judge on the bench gruffly asked:

"What's your name?" "Justice," replied she of the scales. At that all the people in the court room laughed. They had never seen Justice before and imagined she was a myth, like Santa Claus.

"Six month for contempt of court," said the judge. And as Justice was led to prison the regular proceedings were resumed.

STATISTICAL.

Socialist Vote. Germany—Deputies 49, votes 2,558,960. 1907. England—Deputies 31, votes 842,196. 1908. Argentina—Deputies 1, votes 5,000, 1908. Austria—Deputies 1, votes 1,041,948. 1907. England—Deputies 33, Senators 7, votes 492,210, 1906-8. Bolivia—Deputies 1, vote not known. Bulgaria—Deputies 0, votes 3,000, 1908. Brazil—Columbia—Deputies 2, votes 6, 700, 1909. Chile—Deputies 3, vote not available. Denmark—Deputies 24, Senators 4, votes 92,648, 1909. Spain—Deputies 1, votes 29,000, 1904. United States—Deputies 0, votes 600,000, 1909. Finland—Deputies 51, votes 336,806, 1909. France—Deputies 57, votes 1,120,000, 1906. Holland—Deputies 7, votes 82,194, 1909. Italy—Deputies 44, votes 358,881, 1909. Luxembourg—Deputies 10, votes (2), 1909. Norway—Deputies 11, votes 45,000, 1906. Sweden—Deputies 1, votes 30,000, 1905. Sweden—Deputies 15, votes 75,000, 1909. Switzerland—Deputies 7, votes 100,000, 1908. United States—Congressmen 1, votes 650,000, 1910.

The vote in several countries is not given, chief among these being Australia and New Zealand, and to mention Japan, where the Socialist movement is making itself felt under difficulties.

It will also be noticed that the reports from some countries are old in date. The aggregate increase of officers elected is doubtless one-third greater than above reported.

The Panic Is On. The banks of the country which are members of the National Bankers' Association have received instructions from headquarters to withhold all loans until after the 1st of January, 1911.

This concerted financial action has precipitated an incipient business panic, because the many smaller industrial and

business institutions of the country have been met with an unforeseen refusal by the banks of the necessary cash with which to relieve the pressure of immediate demands. What the 1st of January will bring forth no one but the banks can foretell, and they will not. The subsidized press of the country has inadvertently overlooked the panic and the public is standing dazed in wonderment about what has happened. The same people are cheerfully pouring their money into the bank vaults of the country for safe keeping. The banks are taking it—all; and no fellow citizen in distress can call for help in his hour of need and be heard. If the people in unison would withdraw their money from the banks as suddenly as the banks have undertaken to stop circulation, there would be a panic among the banks worth looking at. Spokane, Wash. HENRY V. SCHENK.

Writing for the Press.

Socialism is becoming a great movement, and, to do its best work, it must utilize every element of strength. Agitation and propaganda papers are no longer able to attend to all aspects of the movement; hence you on the firing line must train yourself to do a portion of the work. To illustrate: An attack is made on Socialism in a local paper. If the Appeal or Coming Nation was not attempt to reply to it, it would take up too much space for a local matter, and the general propaganda would be retarded. On the other hand, if the matter was answered in the same paper that printed the attack, it would reach the same readers who read the mistatement and so accomplish results. Besides, so far from detracting from the propaganda, it would get a mention of Socialism in a local paper and add to it. Socialists on the firing line must train themselves to reply to local objections; to write in such a manner that it will add to the propaganda when contributed, to Socialist papers; and to answer questions that may be asked, without burdening editors of Socialist papers with unnecessary private correspondence. As a help toward this, the following instructions are given as to writing for the press:

1st. Don't write unless you have something to say, and when you have something to say, say it in the fewest possible words. The average newspaper article is told in 300 words. If you have anything of importance to say, you can hold it down to this space. Pitch right into your subject at once, and don't waste space on introductions. Don't try to discuss every phase of a subject in one article; confine yourself to one aspect of it. Don't try to write a special article for every issue of the paper, because papers employ trained editors to work these things out.

2d. When you write remember the rules that apply in all newspaper offices as to the requirements of experience. Write on one side of the paper, only, never be typewritten, and don't use a pen, but do use ink. Don't roll manuscripts. Fold it. Never write anonymously. Place your name and full address (including state) on upper right hand corner of the first page of manuscript. If you wish to sign a fictitious name or withhold your name, the editor will grant your request, but he will not print anonymous communications.

3d. In telling a story, remember to tell it. Newspaper usage requires that the gist of it be told in the first paragraph, which will be enlarged on, later. To illustrate again from the story of the creation, as a story it complies with newspaper requirements, but the editor would delete the first paragraph and elaborate afterward.

4th. There are usually five things to tell, none of which must be forgotten. They are: 1. What happened, 2. When it happened, 3. Where it happened, 4. Why it happened, 5. What was the result. Remember these points. In a discussion they will not be repeated in the one that will apply should be used even there.

5th. Consider the special field and style of the paper to which you contribute. A paper of general circulation does not want a long letter in its paper which it has never been printed against. Socialism you must do so while the subject is fresh in the minds of the readers. Be brief and to the point. If sending in election reports, do it quickly, and briefly. Usually one line is all the Appeal or Coming Nation can give to a report from any precinct. Do not complain, the editor will wade through a long letter or a big table to get this one line. Be explicit. If you quote from anyone, give publication, where possible, or authority for the quotation. Be careful to write all proper names legibly and spell them correctly. Be sure you write your full address on everything you send to an editor. Many letters and manuscripts come to the Appeal office with the name of the state omitted, and the writers wonder why they get no reply to their manuscripts, and are not returned when rejected. Better keep a copy of everything you write, for it might be lost.

6th. Write a margin on the left hand side of the paper on which you write of at least an inch, and a white space at the top of the first page to admit of writing a heading to reporting your own writing, and don't single space it. These things admit what is known as "editing" the story—writing heads or shaping it up.

7th. Don't write more than you can build a house without having a hammer. Socialism will give you opportunity to learn this important thing, and in learning to write you will develop yourself and add to the propaganda. To write well you must think clearly. Study Socialism, study history, and read the literature of your own literature—anything that will develop you to the point where you are qualified to teach others through the press.

Santa Clause Incorporated

BY CHARLES LINCOLN PHIBBS.

"Do you believe in Santa Claus?" "The Little Girl clumped on her father's knee as he sat before the fire after his day's labor, and the Boy dropped his books and propped his chin on his hands to listen. Daddy knew!" "Sure, I believe in Sandy Claus," replied the Tired Worker. "He was a great, good-natured, yellow-bearded Dutchman—"

"Yellow bearded!" interrupted the Little Girl. "I thought his beard was white."

"No," declared Daddy, "they called him Sandy because of the color of his hair and beard. But, to tell the truth, children, Sandy Claus was not much account in the world."

The children's faces fell. This was not in accordance with what they had heard and they disliked to have their delusions dispelled, just as some grown folks do. But Daddy continued: "He pretended to run a blacksmith shop, but he spent all his time making jim cracks for the children, because he liked to make such things and because he liked children. But he made and gave them away every day in the year. They were ingenious things, for how the yellow-headed blue-eyed fellow could whistle and contrive! The trouble was, he spent so much time making things to give away to the children that, as the Priest said, he didn't earn his salt. But his neighbors couldn't see him starve after he had given toys to their children, so they fed him, and he lived. But what he gave was presents, bestowed with joy, and what they gave was charity, given with grumpiness."

The Little Girl sighed but listened in silence.

"One day the great Lord of the Land came to the Priest with an idea. 'Sandy Claus is no account, himself,' he said, 'but I see how he may make a means by which he may give his way.' The two men talked it over earnestly, and Sandy was removed to a distant city and put in charge of a factory where they made toys. The Priest had persuaded him it would enable him to make more happy, and that as the things would be given away on Christmas it would make the work religious and more meritorious. The simple-minded, good natured fellow did not see that limiting it to one day was at once limiting the joy of the children and laying the foundation of a monopoly that would be the very basis of a great Business System. Sandy was given enough wages to feed him, which was precisely what he received before, and many men were placed under him, turning out hundreds and thousands of toys—these about Christmas time the toys were shown in the shop windows, and the children were told that Sandy would visit them one day in the year and bring them presents. The parents paid good prices for the toys, which before had cost them only enough to feed the blue-eyed dreamer, and as a result the Lord and the Priest made a great deal of money. They had founded a Business on Sandy's peculiar skill and unstudied love of children."

"But did Santa Claus himself never return to give presents to the children?" asked the Little Girl.

"No, Daddy replied. 'That was a long time ago and Sandy worked himself to death many years since. But it was all the better for Business that he died.'"

"Why, how could that be, Daddy?" asked the Boy, wonderingly.

"Well, you see, Sandy himself could be in only one place at a time, but now people can represent him in a thousand places at once. They do it, too, because it makes Business. Every Christmas they advertise, and the parents all rush to buy toys for their children, and trade is brisk. The Lord of the Land and the Priest have long since died, but the Business goes on, and Sandy Claus, who couldn't make a living for himself, has become the founder of the biggest profit-making trust in the world. They make toys cheaper and faster these days. Great machines, and the very children whom Sandy liked to see at play, are busy all Christmas time making things which all Christmas time they strain their utmost to buy. Sandy Claus is incorporated today. So great is the strain, so huge as Business in all its ramifications become, that only the children of the fortunate get presents now; and so strenuous is the fight for profits that people are urged to buy and give, this one day, so the ones made paupers by Business may have something for it all means more buying and more profits."

The Little Girl sighed. "It makes me feel sorry for Santa Claus," she said. "It makes me feel the good old fellow is no more."

"He was a good old fellow," Daddy replied. "And wherever your father or mother or friends make anything to give to you to make you happy Sandy Claus lives in that act. That, and not the coming of the stuffed figure, is the return of the spirit of Sandy Claus. He died a slave to his genius and love. Grant that his spirit may live to see the overthrow of Business and the real giving of self, every day, once more."

The World's Drift.

Horace Traubel in Cosmopolitan. Something is moving us on; something that includes us all—that sweeps us all into its competent span; something that has passed has left no debris behind. It is moving us on; something that takes no account of caste;—that only takes account of love; something is moving us on; all of us, with one intention; something finally hospitable; something is moving us on; something that after death moves on in life once more without stopping; something is moving us on; I feel it; its arms embrace me; its kiss is on my lips; something is moving us on; a personal something; a you or a me; something always closest to itself; something is moving us on; we all seem to be moving together.

Before election met was said to be going down. Since election the cow and the hog have jumped over the moon.

Better buy books than beer. Better send out Socialist literature than gulp down red liquor.

New Year—787.

If number 787 follows your name on yellow address label attached to this copy of the APPEAL it means that your subscription expires with the next number and you should renew at once.

ANOTHER BIG DROP

DOWN goes the list more than twenty-two hundred. This is the Army's record the second week after the court of appeals affirmed Pollock's decision, sending Fred D. Warren to jail for six months. If the list continues to fall the capitalist courts' position will be justified; that is that the workers can be awed into submission by an illegal show of autocratic power. If, however, the Army is merely stunned, if it recovers itself, IN TIME the courts will be discredited and the Appeal and its editor vindicated.

This decision, far more important than the courts' ruling, will work with THE SUBSCRIPTION WORK YOURS! DO THIS WEEK, NEXT WEEK AND THE WEEK AFTER WILL DECIDE.

Comrades, this is a fight! The courts have declared "no quarter" to the workers who question their decisions. The ruling does not concern Warren and the Appeal alone. It is vital to every man and woman with a spark of independence in their make-up. These people must be reached and awakened through the columns of the APPEAL. The APPEAL is the only agency which can accomplish that work.

Beat up the bushes in your neighborhood, comrades. Turn such a flood of publicity on federal court corruption that it will wither and die in the sunlight. Thousands of workers will wake when the Army shows its militant spirit. Your fellow worker can't FOLLOW until you LEAD. The battle must be fought with subscriptions.

Take hold with a will. The Appeal's list now is the largest of any political newspaper in the world, but that's not enough for the cause, we are engaged in and the battle we are waging. It must grow, it must double and triple till it overshadows capitalism itself. Nothing less is worthy of Socialists.

Mention the Appeal to first man you meet after reading this. Let's have no more decreases.

The subscription report follows:

Table with columns: State, On, Total. Lists subscription counts for various states including Pennsylvania, Ohio, Texas, New York, etc.

In the Hospital.

Alaska has pulse. Alaska can't leave the hospital till the circulation pulse is 1,000. The next time you write the Appeal, enclose an extra remittance or sub cards for Alaskan names.

"Sub"-Lets.

Ohio has most "ones." Alaska has fewest "ones." Vermont's "offs" are lowest. Maryland comes down one number. Alabama's "offs" and "ones" exactly balance.

Pennsylvania has more "offs" than any other state. Canada drops one number, landing at thirty-ninth place. Massachusetts goes from number twenty to number nineteen.

North Carolina drops down to head of the "more than 1,000" division. The average "one" per state is 250. Last week it was 238 and 270 the week before.

The average less per state, 52 states, is 44 subs. Last week it was 28 subs and 13 subs the week before. Seventeen states increase with this report. That's about 33 per cent. Last week it was 48 per cent and 45 per cent the week before.

Fire that Arsenal of yours and put yourself in line for the January 1, 1911, edition. Give the old copy to some comrade who can't waste subs. The new edition will be better than any preceding number. It will be ready shortly after the first of the year.

Join the Socialist party of the town in which you live. You're not doing your duty unless you're in the party. You're not doing your duty unless you're in the party. You're not doing your duty unless you're in the party.