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**THE next big issue of the Appeal will be the Propaganda Number, dated Jan. 20, 1912, No. 842. It will be devoted exclusively to explaining Socialism and the organized movement. There will be more information than was ever before put into such small space. Many small propaganda cuts. Just the thing to make converts, without antagonizing anyone. You should flood your neighborhood with it \$1.00 per 200 copies, \$5.00 per 1000.**

**Flabbergasted Fools**

The masters are clearly flabbergasted. They expected the stunt pulled off at Los Angeles would stampede the workers like their other stunt, the blowing up of the Maine, did. When, therefore, they found that people still agitated Socialism and came nearly crying Los Angeles in spite of the frame-up, they were astonished. When the APPEAL refused to apologize but still dared make demands for the working class, they were thrown in a frenzy.

Roosevelt came out in a vicious thrust at Debs, declaring him an anarchist, and not a Socialist. Roosevelt recently, in insulting every Socialist worker in America by calling her a free lover, showed he knew so much about Socialism! But he wanted to honey the weak-kneed, if there were such in the movement, by telling them they mustn't protest against the damning outrage put upon them by the capitalists.

Then paper after paper attacked Warren. "This editor is an anarchist," shrieked the Sacramento Union. Other papers took up the same cry. They wanted to stampede the workers so they would not cheer when spit upon and kicked.

Many editors howled. The Republic of St. Louis took up the cry that the McNamaras were Socialists. Some catholic papers did the same. The purpose was to make it appear that Socialists believed in dynamiting. The liars were beaten when it was shown that the guilty men were democrats and catholics. Other papers screamed that Darrow was a Socialist. But it is coming out that he never has been a Socialist, but as a philosophical anarchist has repeatedly spoken for the democratic and republican parties.

Then they charged that the APPEAL had helped raise a fund for the defense of the McNamaras. This is wrong. The APPEAL, as it files show, concentrated its defense in an effort to "carry California for Socialism," and has no apologies for the act or for the result of its efforts.

They ask why the APPEAL did not say that the McNamaras were democrats and catholics. It did. In its issue of September 30, 1911, the APPEAL said: "Both of them are members of the catholic church and previous to their incarceration were loyal democrats." The APPEAL justified its defense of them at that time in the words: "James J. McNamara was violently and forcibly kidnapped, and contrary to the law and the constitution deprived of his liberty. The McNamara brothers were fighting in their own way. It is a poor way. We Socialists have always tried to teach the working class that the strike and boycott are doomed to failure, while the ballot, intelligently used, is certain to be effective."

The APPEAL has not laid down. The working class has not been terrified and ceased its agitation. This is all that ails the masters. The crime of kidnapping is still a crime, and it is one of which Burns and the capitalist class are guilty. They deserve the penitentiary as much as do the McNamaras. The APPEAL will continue to defend members of the working class who are deprived of their legal and natural rights by a brutal plutocracy. Democrats and republicans will hedge and be silent. The catholic church will do nothing to free accused workers from the masters. But threat of prison and death itself will not cause the APPEAL to falter for one moment in this battle for the emancipation of the workers. All the tricks that may be worked by detectives employed by the Masters of the Bread will not frighten labor or stem the tide of protest. You, lackeys of the cruel oppressors, are up against world-forces and the dearest sentiments of life, and all you may do will be as water thrown upon the ground.

**USING THE SCHOOLS.**

Chicago is using the schools for social centers. They are to be meeting places for the community. Lectures on all themes that concern the general welfare are to be delivered there. Dances and games for the young are to be held in this public plant. The schools are really to be of service to men. Kansas City is taking up the same question, and will adopt the social center idea, in spite of the howling of such reactionary influences as the Santa Fe organ, the Journal. It is a right idea. The APPEAL has been accused of never commenting anything that is done. It is an error. It commends this, as it has commended many things in the past. But what influence is behind the new move for the use of the public schools? Nothing but Socialism. Before Chicago began that use as a non-political move, Milwaukee adopted it as a Socialist measure. Before the various sociological movements now agitating for public good in many cities, apart from politics, the Socialist party declared for them in its platforms. There are many good measures now being generally advocated yet nearly all of them are things that were first suggested by Socialists.

BIRD S. COLLE says that seven out of every ten school teachers in New York state are Socialists. Shows what education does for people.

**A firm of corporation lawyers in Indianapolis volunteered to furnish the supreme court a brief proving the unconstitutionality of the Oregon direct legislation plan. This firm of lawyers was not retained by either side—simply butted in. The supreme court graciously heard this plea of the capitalist lawyers. Suppose about 1,000,000 of you common folk write to Chief Justice White of the supreme court and in a brief, respectful way, tell the court that as one of the common people you believe the people should have the right to make the laws and that you therefore ask and urge that the court uphold the constitutionality of the Oregon direct legislation laws. It would be something of a surprise to those nine judges at Washington to hear from the people. Write the letter today and put up your best argument why the people should make the laws. Be brief. Mail your letter to reach Washington on Monday, January 8th.**

The editor of the *Mud and Breeze* of Topeka, Kansas, is writing such insulting rot about Socialism, he owes it to his readers, nearly half of whom are Socialists, to study Socialism rather than nonsensical stuff turned out by anti-Socialists. If he is wise he will do so.

DEAN SWIFT once suggested as a satire on the oppression forced on Ireland, that the food supply of the island might be materially increased if the poor people would eat their own children. In America today the Masters of the Bread are consuming the children of the working class. How about it, Big Tooth? Is "murder murder" there?

It pays to be fair. The *News* of Omaha recently contained an editorial on Socialism. J. N. Brennan a few days later addressed the editor as follows: "I hand you herewith two express money orders and four subscribers (all Socialists) to your paper, Sunday and weekly, all for a year each. Sincerely hoping you will again give Socialism a little space, I am, etc." Will he? Just watch.

The old parties in Milwaukee, according to the *Wisconsin*, are preparing to combine against the Socialists in the spring election. Says this paper: "If Milwaukeeans who don't want Socialism will stick together they can turn out the 'comrades' now camping in the city hall." The *Wisconsin* will find that by spring a majority of the people of Milwaukee will want to continue the Socialist regime. They have no desire to return to old party corruption.

The Okmulgee Democrat says I am a blatherskite and not a Socialist at all. Which is saying that a Socialist is not a blatherskite and many other questionable names. That is all right. To admit that such bad people are not Socialists is to acknowledge that Socialists are good people—and that is very satisfactory. I must be bad enough to make a very acceptable democrat or republican. Would the editor of the *Democrat* like to accept "an open and sincere debate" on the subject?

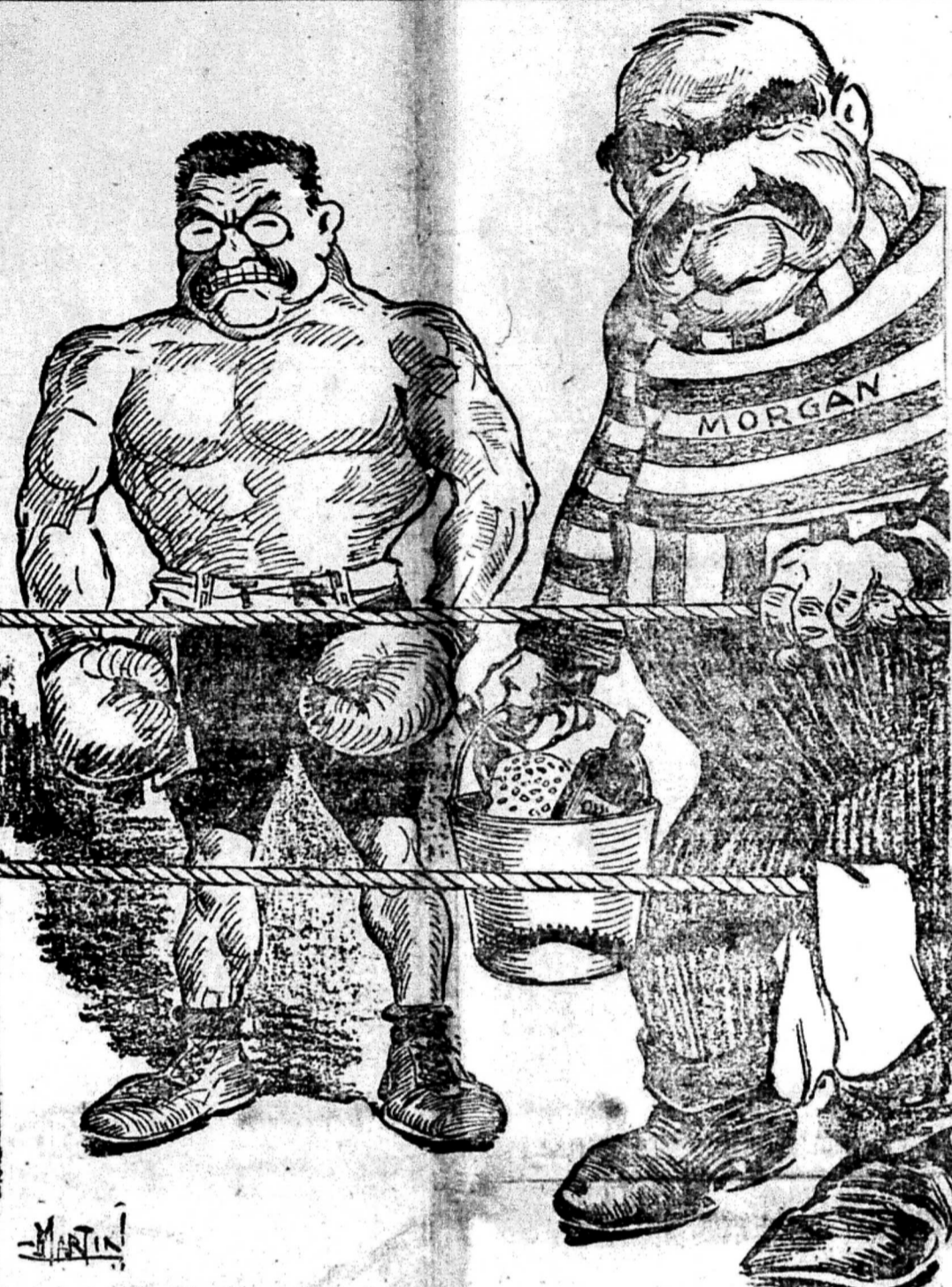
KANSAS CITY, KAN., has refused the offer of free use of the Bell Memorial hospital because the city "cannot afford to buy an ambulance." You see, no one but the working people who are too poor to buy hospital service for themselves would have benefited by the acceptance of the offer. It is a lovely situation isn't it? Kansas City, where millions of dollars worth of products are made every year by the workers, and in return for it are paid a few paltry thousands, refused a gift of care for injured producers. Some day these same voters will demand that they have free hospital service of the highest quality whenever and wherever they are in need of it. Shame on such a set of public servants!

**BETTER CLEAN HOUSE.**

Socialism, with its somewhat varied opinions, within the last few years, has made remarkable gains. The Socialists have deluded themselves into the belief that this was due to the party doctrines. The last presidential election showed results. Then cities of importance gave themselves over to Socialist administrations. In Milwaukee, in 1910, great advances were made and in the last election a great surprise was the victory at Schenectady. But observations lead to the conclusion that whenever Socialist gains were recorded, they were made because the independent, free thinking voters, disgusted with republican chimeras and progressive means of escape—that of temporary Socialism.—Indianapolis News.

You are deluding yourself into a false sense of security, Mr. News. That Socialism is not a temporary expedient, one has but to point to the political situation in Europe—particularly in Germany—where once tried has never been discarded. It is here we are a little new in the United States—but a close study of the election returns will prove to you that once Socialism is turned to as an avenue of escape, the poor folk have liked it so well that they refuse to return to "democratic and republican corruption." Perhaps in some places Socialism may lose where it has swept into office in a three-cornered fight—to be met at the next election by a combined opposition of the corrupt old party forces. But a defeat of that sort will only serve to weld more securely the forces of Socialism.

Had the election in Los Angeles been held in the good old fashion way, Harriman would have been elected at the primary, and had a 4,000 lead over his next strongest opponent. From our point of view, Socialism in Los Angeles is stronger today in the hour of its widely heralded defeat than it would have been had our comrades been placed in power by a minority vote. Socialism can only be firmly established where it is placed in power by a majority vote. In those places where our strength is such as to drive the opposition together, we are laying a firm foundation for a lasting victory.



**Wall Street's Hope—Can He Come Back?**

Theodore Roosevelt is out in a bitter article attacking Debs, declaring Gene is not a Socialist but an anarchist, and calling on the workers of America to cease following his lead. There is a double reason for this tirade on the part of the Modest One. One is to attract attention to himself. The other is to betray the workers into submission to masters. When the workers of America choose Roosevelt's rather than Debs' definition of Socialism, then Socialism will not be worth hell room.

This man Roosevelt is seeking to come back as the "White Man's Hope." A New York paper illustrated his position correctly in picturing Big Tooth leading a dog, third term, by a string, and at the same time calling on the cur to "go away." It pictures rightly the kind of a hypocrite Roosevelt is.

Roosevelt, posing as a great moralist and shooting fleeing Spaniards in the back, Roosevelt denouncing trusts and at the same time assisting in the biggest steel history has known, would never be mentioned for the place again if Wall Street did not believe he could be used in skinning the people.

Six years ago the APPEAL told of the Alton steal, by which the Chicago and

Alton Railroad company was enabled to market bogus bonds to the extent of \$114,000,000 only because Theodore Roosevelt, then governor of New York, signed a bill making them good in savings banks. Roosevelt denied, but was confronted with a fac simile of his signature to the bill. He had previously, with fine hypocrisy, denounced the steel trust and its agents. In the *Outlook*, in 1907, he had to admit that he did sign the bill authorizing the steal, but claimed he did not know how vicious it was. That's Roosevelt for you.

Three years ago the APPEAL told about the Tennessee Coal and Iron company steal, authorized by Roosevelt contrary to law. It happened while Roosevelt was president. The Tennessee company was the sole rival of the steel trust. It owned vast holdings of ore land which made it a power. Morgan formed a pool to destroy it. Rockefeller and Harriman stood in, whether sham or real, financial battle, precipitated a panic, and the two magnates came together with a plan for the steel trust to absorb the Tennessee company. Roosevelt was approached for consent to the deal, and although the act was in direct violation of federal law, Roosevelt permitted the

combine that gave the steel trust complete monopoly. Rockefeller's commission on the deal was \$400,000. Stockholders of the Tennessee company received for their property an aggregate of \$35,000,000, although Morgan afterwards declared the properties acquired were worth at least a billion dollars. After the APPEAL's expose many papers denied the steal. But the past year, in investigating the steel trust, sworn evidence was introduced that substantiated every charge made by this paper. That is the kind of a man Roosevelt is.

When America had under consideration the digging of an isthmus canal, while Roosevelt was president, the stock of the old French company was bought up by a relative of Roosevelt, and after Roosevelt, according to his own confession, forced the choice of Panama as the place of operations. When that was loaded on the United States government at a profit to the original purchasers of the French interest of \$40,000,000. The New York World made the charge against a relative of Roosevelt and a brother of Taft that they participated in the benefits of the steal, and though damage suits were brought against the World with great flourish, it has all been hushed up. That is the kind of a man Roosevelt is.

THE ruling classes today violate every statute law, every right inherent in man as a social being; they record it daily in their papers; but other people must obey these vicious laws. When did you ever hear of a millionaire going to prison for bribing laws in his interest or for any other crimes? Only for working people are these laws made.

WHITE men in wage slavery are more profitable to employers than were black men in chattel slavery to their masters. The negro knew, or most of them did, that they were slaves, but the white men still labor under the delusion that they are free. Those who make millions out of their sweat tell them they are free, and of course they wouldn't lie to them!

At last the farmers are protesting. A Kansas farmer has written the war department: "I want you to stop sending literature advertising the navy into my home. I want my son to stay with me. Take his name off your list. If you send him any more attractive literature I will make trouble. He might take it into his head to be a soldier, a marine or a something like that and I want to raise him right." It is about time that Uncle Sam would quit his tempting the boys to commit murder. That isn't what he is supported by the workers for!

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*Congressman Berger wants your opinion. He contemplates introducing into the house a resolution providing that "congress reserves to itself, as an integral part of the law making power vested therein by the constitution of the United States, the sole right to consider the agreement and disagreement of each and every statute of the constitution of the United States with the constitution thereof." This would curb the power of the federal courts to declare laws unconstitutional. Socialism provides for industrial democracy, and though Berger is a Socialist congressman from a Wisconsin district, he wishes to serve all the people and to know their will in the matter. Drop cards to him expressing your views.*

PROFIT is the core of old party principles. The whole fruit is accordingly rotten.

RACE SUICIDE Teddy has ceased advising mothers to produce more sons, since the mother's sons have taken to voting again Teddy. Enough's a plenty, think's he.

ACCORDING to the *Moderately Monitor*, Rev. Father J. P. Carney of that city says that "the toiler is entitled to a remuneration large enough to support him in reasonable and frugal comfort." Socialism says the toiler is entitled to all he produces, which would give him every luxury. What do you say?

GOV. O'NEAL of Alabama recently made a bitter attack on Socialism, but before the Socialists could land with a reply, Col. P. G. Bowman, a former adherent of the governor, took off the gubernatorial hide, denouncing him as an ingrate, a corruptionist and a drunkard. That will probably be enough.

A WRITER in the *Saturday Evening Post* explains the "A. B. C." of the Aldrich currency plan. I have waded through it carefully. The A. B. C. is plain enough—what the country would like to know is the X, Y, Z. of the scheme. It is clear as mud how we get in—but how to get out—ah! There's the rub.

"Old party leaders," says the *San Francisco Bulletin*, "admit that nothing now can check Socialism except Socialism under some other name in diluted form." The capitalists see that the only way the hungry multitude can be satisfied is with a banquet where they will sit down to plates and napkins with the food left out.

No, Johnny, my dear, it is not "taxation without representation" when the beef trust raises the price of meat. That is business. It is taxation without representation when the people of Oregon vote to levy a two per cent tax on a corporation doing business in that state. That is taking property without due process of law!

EVEN Rhode Island, Aldrich's state, is making a pretense of socialistic trend, working for a public dock. But that doesn't spell anything except graft for the private owners of the ships. Quit building battle ships and use the money spent on them in building a public merchant marine, and public docks will be in order.

COLLIER'S states that "it is just as well as a kindly system that cares for scholars when they are old and tired." Correct. But how about the people who spend their lives working physically as hard as or harder than them, producing the things necessary for the consumption of these same scholars while they do their work?

THE press calls attention to the fact that Governor "Bill" Hanley of Erie owns 200,000 acres of land and that he this year cut 25,000 tons of hay on the land. When one man can own that much land it means that other men must farm it, and pay him a profit off their labor. In other words, it means taxing the many for the benefit of one. It is wrong.

THE biggest little stories that have been told in years will be printed in the APPEAL next week and the week following. The first story tells how capitalism is betraying laborers in order to get them in prison, and the second story deals with a proposition to capitalize and enlarge the prison labor trust in order to exploit the workers to a frazzle. Men "higher up" are really concerned in this. There will be no may-be-so's about the record, but it will consist of facts gleaned from capitalist sources and abounding unbelievable brutality.

WRITE TO ROOSEVELT. Roosevelt denounces those who defended the McNamaras, saying murder is a murder and should be punished.

A few years ago a democratic governor of Kentucky was murdered. A republican politician was charged with responsibility for the crime. This republican politician fled to Indiana, where he was protected from extradition by another republican politician. Theodore Roosevelt, the governor of New York, contributed money for the defense of this republican politician accused of murder, of assassination, namely, Wm. M. Taylor, and when Fred D. Warren, of the APPEAL to REASON, suggested that Taylor be kidnaped and taken to Kentucky to stand trial, indicted prosecution against the APPEAL that cost the government \$12,000 and resulted in Taft setting aside the sentence and fine. Was murder murder then?

Would the kidnaping of Taylor have been any worse than the kidnaping of the McNamaras? Is Roosevelt a purely class man, believing in punishing the worker and letting the shirker go scot free?

Suppose you write and ask him, directing to Theodore Roosevelt, Caretaker, Bay, N. Y. Be brief and courteous but plain. If possible, use typewriter. Hand your letter to the local paper with request that it be printed. Tell them there are things the people want to know.

**The Real Rulers**

The members of the supreme court are as follows:  
 Edward D. White, chief justice, of Louisiana.  
 Joseph McKenna, of California.  
 Oliver W. Holmes, of Massachusetts.  
 William H. Day, of Ohio.  
 William H. Moody, of Massachusetts.  
 Harmon H. Lurton, of Kentucky.  
 Charles E. Hughes, of New York.  
 Joseph R. Lamar, of Georgia.  
 Willis Van Devanter, of Wyoming.

These eight men (there being one vacancy) will decide whether the Oregon direct legislative plan is constitutional. These eight men have assumed the power to say whether the people shall vote on the measures which they want to make or not make into law. Inasmuch as the opponents of direct legislation have submitted briefs to show why the supreme court should decide against this law, the Appeal believes the people should supply these judges with briefs in the form of letters setting forth their reasons why direct legislation should prevail. Write a short letter, and address to one of the above-named judges—preferably the judge from the state in which you live. If your state is not represented on the bench, then write to any one of them. If you want to take the trouble to write a letter to each of the supreme judges, you will find it time and postage well spent. Let the judges hear from the people. Do this today and get your neighbor to do it. Letters should be written so as to reach Washington on Monday, January 8th.

**TRUTH AS A DEFENSE.**  
 The New York Call has a \$500,000 libel suit on its hands. Big Tim Sullivan, who owns many of the moving picture shows in the metropolis, is angry because the Call dared to point out that these concerns were employing inexperienced and youthful operators, thus jeopardizing the lives of the theater patrons. The Brooklyn Eagle in commenting on the case against the Call says:

"Truth is a complete defense. Truth, however, must be demonstrated by the defendant. The burden of proof is on the newspaper when a libel suit is brought. If the Call can prove what it alleged, it will have no damages to pay. In any case, the damages will hardly approximate \$500,000."

In its right to set up the truth of its statements as a complete defense, the Call has the advantage of the APPEAL in its present controversy with the federal courts—and herein lies the difference in practice between the state and federal courts—the APPEAL will not be permitted to show the truth of its statements.

The truth has no place in practice in Judge Pollock's Kansas federal court. If the modest language used by the APPEAL to describe the terribly brutal and immoral conditions in the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth is declared obscene by Judge Pollock that ends the case of the APPEAL; editors will be carted off to Leavenworth forthwith.

The government has already admitted the truth of our statements by clearing out the federal penitentiary and appointing a new deputy warden. Conditions at Leavenworth are said to be much improved. This is second-hand information. If Prosecutor Bone's plans do not go awry we may have some inside information, fresh from the Leavenworth bastille, to give our readers.

**THE "GOOD" CAPITALIST.**  
 A friend of the APPEAL still misty on the Socialist proposition, sends the following inquiry:

"Why do you denounce all capitalist, large and small, honest and dishonest? This seems wrong to me. Capital is all right if it keeps its proper place and does not try to rob others of the privilege of doing business on equal terms with itself."

Capital is a means that permits individuals and combinations of individuals to do "business," and all successful business involves profit. Profit is a tribute laid on the purchaser or producer, and as such is morally wrong and unjust. It does not matter whether the profit be large or small, the principle is the same. In other days slave holding was within itself wrong. The fact that some masters were considered of their slaves did not excuse the will of it, but rather made it respectable and so helped to maintain a thing that was vicious.

There are at present many people who do "business" at a profit who are conventionally good, neighborly, honest men. Yet their very virtues help to sustain a system that is iniquitous, and while as individuals they are not condemned, on account of their ignorance, just as many slave holders should not have been condemned as individuals, still, as supporters of an immoral system, they are wrong. Really good men will get their eyes open to evil they did not suspect at one time.

The correspondent will yet see the Socialist contention that the whole profit system is immoral and must be destroyed, root and branch, in spite of those who having grown up in it, are conscientious in its support and hence "good" people.

WHILE examining your Christmas present and estimating its cost it will be of interest to you to know that E. H. Gary, head of the steel corporation, gave his wife a Christmas present consisting of a pearl necklace valued at \$500,000. Gary is one of these fellows who told about profit sharing, a sort of divide-up system of capitalistic invention. It will be noticed that in the division of things he got a lion's share.





Court Fight on the Appeal

Calendar of the Warren Case. May 7, 1907.—Warren arrested after indictment by federal grand jury on charge of sending incendiary, scurrilous and defamatory matter through the mails. Appeared for trial. Case postponed.

February 7, 1908.—Pollock overruled motion to dismiss charges of conspiracy and conspiracy. Case continued by the government. November 9, 1908.—Case continued by the government. May 3, 1909.—Case heard. Warren found guilty.

July 4, 1909.—Pollock sentenced Warren to six months in jail and payment of fine of \$1,500. Appeal taken. May 9, 1910.—Hearing before court of appeals at St. Paul. November 21, 1910.—Court of appeals confirms decision of lower court. February 1, 1911.—President left in prison.

Data on Warren Case. During the four years in which the Warren case was pending the cost to the Appeal was \$12,310, and to the government over \$12,000. The circulation of the Appeal increased during that time from 287,000 to 540,000.

Calendar of Second Case. April 29, 1911.—Expulsion of corrupt congressmen at new congress. September 21, 1911.—Deputy Warden Lemon resigns on suggestion of Washington authorities. May 7, 1911.—Warren, Wayland and Phelan indicted for publishing the expose of Lemon. Case set for trial May 7, 1912.

WHO DRINKS THE BOOZE?

Who drinks all the beer and whiskey and gin made in the United States? A report from a liquor journal says that last year the country produced 175,000,000 gallons of distilled spirits—about two gallons per capita. There was also manufactured 63,000,000 barrels of beer, about twenty gallons per capita. That would mean about \$12 for every man, woman and child in this country, or about \$60 per family, counting five persons to the family.

SOCIALISM'S GREAT VICTORY.

It sure does mean something when all the great (?) newspapers of the country with one or two exceptions, "Socialist Defeated"! Meaning the 33,000 bomb-proof Socialist votes cast in the Los Angeles election. To the man from Mars who knew nothing of the situation, it would appear that Socialism was a real power in the country and that some great deed had been performed in its defeat. The real truth is that Socialism was never more triumphant than in Los Angeles. For the first time in this country Socialism was the overshadowing issue. Political feuds were forgotten. As the Portland, Ore., Oregonian well says:

LOOTING DENVER.

—Denver papers are in a perfect rage because of the crookedness of the politicians who are running things under the present capitalist administration. The Post has a lurid cartoon on the last page depicting an anarchist with a bomb in one hand and a flaming red torch in the other, bent on death and destruction, while the News has an editorial denouncing the council in terms that would indicate a degree of corruption and crookedness beyond the power of words to describe.

CAPITALISTIC PLOTS.

They have found that the Maine was blown up from without. Yet, strange to say, they report that after the outside explosion the ship's magazines exploded and did the real damage. There is also a secret report filed with the president. This is supposed to end the matter and clear the capitalists of the infamous plot that brought about the Spanish-American war. "But the people

are wondering, Why should there be a secret report? If the real damage was done by an inside explosion, how do they know it did not come first, a mine being set off by that instead of the report? Who profited from that war, anyhow? Why should they make the investigation with only friends of the masters present and then destroy the vessel so it can no more be examined? It looks like trying to hide evidence of a terrible crime.

The feeling is growing among hundreds who write the Appeal that there was more in the McNamara case than appeared on the surface, and that it was in line with the blowing up of the Maine, though not so successful in stampeding the people. There were hundreds of spies in the Iron Workers union before violence occurred. Many are suspecting that the spies themselves engineered the work of destruction, and that possibly they were engineered under direction of rival companies and politicians.

LYING DEMOCRATS.

The lower house of congress is overwhelmingly democratic. The cry of this crowd is for "economy" and "reform." Once the democrats are in complete power, we are constantly assured, there will be some radical reforms inaugurated in the national administration. This is all simply hog-wash. There is absolutely no difference between republicans and democrats on any real issue, and both loot the treasury with equal disregard to common honesty to the full extent of their opportunity.

When the first congress met, before the days of railroads, and the members were required to ride and drive long distances to reach Washington, the mileage of representatives was fixed at twenty cents per mile. Since then repeated efforts have been made to cut off that gigantic steal by reducing the mileage. But every such attempt has failed, and these shameless, lying Congressmen will put their hands into the public treasury and draw twenty cents per mile for every mile they travel to and from Washington, when as a matter of fact they only pay two cents a mile for such travel.

When the present democratic (?) congress was elected it was at once boasted that this mileage robbery would be cut off without doubt. A bill to that effect was introduced, but it only provided for reducing the mileage to ten cents, just half of what it was, and even this bill was defeated by an overwhelming majority of these "democratic" congressmen and these "reform" statesmen will continue to steal eighteen cents per mile on their mileage account in the same old way.

And this is "democratic reform," and if ever the democrats come into complete power every other reform they claim to stand for will be inaugurated on the same basis.

These congressmen receive each \$7,500 per year, they are provided with a secretary and allowed expenses, including many free articles which they are entitled to draw at the expense of the public, and yet they are mean enough, greedy enough and contemptible enough, to pick the pockets of the people who have elected them and whom they pretend to serve.

COWARDLY POLITICIANS.

Senator Kern of Indiana made a speech in New York last week. He took occasion to denounce the gobbling up of the Tennessee Iron company by the steel trust and in fact got very excited about it, and in true Columbian style held up before his hearers the picture of ninety millions of people being absolutely at the mercy of Morgan and Wall street and of the president himself bowing meekly when they crack their whip and ride rough-shod over the rights and interests with their "raids." Senator Kern toned down considerably, however, when he came to Roosevelt's connection with that criminal deal, without whose sanction as president it could not have been put through.

Kern is a democrat and Roosevelt is a republican, but instead of taking the hide off Roosevelt, as it was his duty to do if he was really in earnest and honest, he became gentle as a lamb and said he was sure that President Roosevelt, in violating his oath of office and authorizing the steel trust to ruthlessly violate the supreme law of the land, was animated by a "patriotic motive." And this is a "progressive democrat"! Deliver us from the entire bunch. They are of a kind and of the very poorest kind, and their pretended political honesty is simply a sham to deceive the people.

The capitalist politician is essentially a trimmer and a dough-face. R. M. HOPKINS, clerk of the United States district court of western Washington has been found out and must face a charge of embezzling \$18,000 in fees. When the discrepancies were first discovered Federal Judge Hanford, the soundly who is so unpopular he was recently hung in effigy, issued a signed statement vouching for the propriety of his clerk. It is a rotten bunch all around, existing solely for the defense of grafters on the people. Taft refuses to give the people power to recall their judges, neither does he seem inclined to dismiss Leslie J. Lyons, one of his appointees who has been accused in open court of gross irregularities.

CLAYTON D. POTTER, state senator from Mississippi, thinks the remarkable tendency in the south toward "corporate land holding" is a graver danger than the boll weevil. He says that a corporation recently purchased 32,000 acres of the best land in the Delta, and now has one-half of it under cultivation. The corporate holdings in many places are to be farmed as a whole by hired hands.

It's Worth a Postage Stamp

The supreme court is expected to hand down its decision in the Oregon direct legislation controversy within a few weeks. This case grows out of a law passed by a referendum by the people taxing the gross receipts of the Pacific Telegraph and Telephone company two per cent.

The corporation claims that this law passed by the people is unconstitutional. That is the question which the supreme court will decide. If that court decides that the direct legislation method is unconstitutional it knocks out direct legislation in all states where it has been adopted. This will definitely and "for all time to come" end democracy in the United States. If on the other hand, the right of the people to tax corporations doing business within the several states is upheld it will mean the end of corporation robbery. Either horn of the dilemma taken by the supreme court means the end of the present regime.

If the court decides that the people have no right to make such laws as they want, it will start the political revolution that will sweep the courts from power. If the supreme court is true to its precedents it will declare the Oregon direct legislation plan unconstitutional. The Appeal suggests and urges that 1,000,000 letters from the people be mailed to the judges of the supreme court, Washington, D. C., setting forth your reasons why the Oregon plan should be held constitutional. Letters should be mailed to reach Washington on Monday, January 8th.

YOURS, NOT OURS.

Peter W. Collins, of Springfield, Ill., secretary of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, breaks into print on the McNamara case and among other things says: "The Socialists have made it (the McNamara case) the tail of their kite and labor has been grossly deceived. It is small wonder that the poison of Socialism has gone to the minds and hearts of some men and made them a menace to our country and to trade unionism. I am not an alarmist, but I know something about the ordinary sense of the word. Rather they are unskillful soldiers of a cause.

The churches are not going to escape participation in the class struggle while the masters have forced on the world, however much they may try to evade it. Some churches, some preachers, will take their position directly with the capitalists, and get abundance of money. Other churches, from now on will array themselves squarely on the side of labor—and they will find themselves filled to overflowing and full of spiritual power, even if they do lack funds.

WHEN WORDS FAIL.

We have been reading of the coronation of George and Mary of England as Emperor and Empress of India. Words utterly fail us when we undertake to comment of the internal outrage perpetrated in the shocking contrast between the riotous display upon the part of a few royal pimps and masses of literally starving human beings.

When, oh, when, will the people awaken and put an end to these insulting and brutalizing ceremonies of coronation? In the name of the Great Jehovah and all humanity is it not high time for the masses to rise in their power and call a halt on these barbaric displays in the presence of conditions of suffering that would make angels and adders shed tears?

STAMPING OUT THE CANKER.

We have a letter from the secretary of a lodge of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen asking if it is true that W. G. Lee, national president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, had denounced Socialism as a "canker upon society" and that he "would use every dollar in the treasury of the trainmen's brotherhood" to stamp it out of that organization.

In answer we have to say that the statement is absolutely true. It was in the lodge of the brotherhood at Erie, Pa., at a meeting where Lee was asked some pointed question about his own conduct, that he flew into a rage, denounced Socialism as a "canker" and declared he would spend every dollar of the Trainmen's money to stamp it out of the brotherhood, and a number of members who heard him will see to it in due time that Lee is made to answer for these words.

Oklahoma City, Okla., captured the National Socialist convention, which opens Sunday, May 12th. Girard is on a direct line to Oklahoma City from the east, north and northwest, and a hearty invitation is extended to the delegates to stop off and visit the Appeal plant.

Class Struggle Invades Church

That the class struggle is invading the churches is becoming apparent. The daily press reports Bishop Warren Candler of the Methodist church South as saying:

"We have had quite enough of semi-socialistic agitation and consequent sectional legislation. It is time there was unity and fair-dealing. We have had too much baiting of corporations in recent years, especially in the case of Pullman. This violent capitalistic view is offset by the following extreme labor view reported the same day as expressed by Rev. John Hayes Holmes of the church of Messiah, New York:

"If I had to choose I would rather be a criminal with blood upon my hands than be one of the leaders of the steel trust. But with it to the respect of the ex-prophet of the United States, it is not true that 'murder is always murder,' and the McNamara brothers are not criminals in the ordinary sense of the word. Rather they are unskillful soldiers of a cause.

The number of dependent families in Greater New York increased last year 13 per cent, according to the report of the charity society. The report goes on to say: "The industrial conditions during the year have been generally less favorable for unskilled laborers. In the city the high cost of living drove many families to poorer quarters, or compelled them to take lodgers. In either case the net result is increased overcrowding of rooms, to the detriment of health and morals.

CLEAN POLITICS, organ of the prohibition party, seeks to make capital for its faction in a very unclean way. In a labored editorial it says: "The Appeal to Reason raised a huge fund for the defense of the McNamaras. That is big. The Army never even attempted to raise such a fund. What is Clean Politics going to do about it?"

Mr. Highpraces is the most effective ally Socialism has in the United States. He it is that is stalking abroad in the land stirring up discontent, out of which is growing anti-republican and anti-democratic sentiment. The Socialist agitator is merely taking advantage of the situation to further his cause. If you want to beat Socialism, Mr. Capitalist, you'd better rope Mr. Highpraces, and hog-tie him so he can't get away. Of course you will not do it.

First column prominence was given an article headed "The Socialist Alarm" in Collier's Weekly. This article proves Collier's fears the strength of the Socialist vote in case certain leaders of the old parties receive the nomination for the presidency in the coming election. The article gives Professor Hoxie the credit for stating that "It is the Otises, the Parrys, the Kirbys who are most active in raising up Revolutionary Socialism in this country."

In reply to several inquiries, the Appeal knows nothing of Shoaf. Since he engineered the frame-up, contrary to newspaper ethics, and since he deserted his family, living with a young girl in Los Angeles, he has not been in the employ of the Appeal nor has the Appeal communicated with him. It is true several letters have been received from Los Angeles, street number not given, that were undoubtedly from him, but they have not been answered. Letters received in this way since the McNamara confession attempt to excuse his act on the ground that he now believes in direct action. This puts him in opposition to Socialist tactics, and the Appeal does not consider itself or the Socialist movement responsible for a man who is not in its employ and who no longer favors Socialist methods.

There must be something rotten at Fort Riley, Kan., judging from the repeated attempts to dynamite buildings and threatening the officers. Not a hint of what it is, is given, but do men take such risks without some incentive? It is not robbery or gain, for there would be nothing to gain by burning government stores. It must be the tyranny and graft of the officers. If the government would put some of its secret funds to finding out how much of government stores are sold and what becomes of the money, they might get a clue. Ask any private, who never profited by graft, what he knows about it.

COL. JOHN VAN RENSSELAER HOFF, representing Gen. Grant, recently predicted a war, according to a report in the New York Sun, at a speech in that city. Says the Sun: "Col. Hoff said that at present while there were many 'whispers of peace' there was very little of the unadmitted article to be had and that at this moment this country is facing questions which threaten the very foundations of the nation. Socialism was one of the things Col. Hoff meant." You get it? They are willing to enforce a wholesale killing in order to distract attention from their loot and so save their crime-soaked system. Are you going to be stampeded into war in order to accomplish this result?

A Reader for Life

Yes, a reader for life. Have you agreed out just what that means? Have you thought how you would feel knowing that you would never take a copy of the Appeal as long as it is published? Every week on a certain day, the mail carrier or the rural route man will have the little old Appeal in your private box. You will not have to sweat and stew around at the last minute to keep from missing a copy or two when your sub runs out, as it does every little while when you subscribe for only forty weeks at a time.

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No Muckraking Permitted

FIVE years ago the magazines were filled with the work of radical writers. Since then the interest in radicalism has multiplied fiftyfold. But the magazines have abandoned the muckraker, and shut their pages to the opponent of the powers of grab and graft.

Charles Edward Russell has called attention to the fact that writers of radical tendencies are practically boycotted by all the big magazines. The names of Socialist writers appear in their pages only as writers of fiction. It would be impossible to bar Socialists entirely and maintain any decent literary standard.

Last week a letter was received by the Coming Nation from one of the best-known magazine writers in the English language confirming the story of a boycott. He said that the Socialist writers in New York had all discovered that there is a simultaneous move on foot to exclude them from the magazines.

The attitude of labor and socialist tendencies with which we are confronted demands our presence in the field of politics, for when the labor demagogue and his cronies seek to stir up class hatred against us, we shall not be employed without our sanction and the card of our association, and to another class, "you shall not be employed without the sanction of the union card," he violates one of the cardinal principles of the constitution.

RAPE OF THE NATION.

The grabbing cormorants of capital, with the insatiate appetite of a system without soul or conscience, have stolen to themselves almost all the land on the American continent. President Van Hise of Wisconsin university, after a thorough study of the continental robbery, says:

THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT.

Recently the writer had occasion to visit Mineral, Kansas, where he called upon a local Austrian barber, who is the secretary of the Austrian local at that place.

"Sweet land of liberty." "Socialism will restore the land to the people, the earth to humanity." On with the social revolution!

Will Mr. Roosevelt run or will Mr. Roosevelt not run, that is the question. The politicians are sure up against the real thing. Taft has fallen against the hard. He did the best he could—with his temperament. Taft is honest in his way. He is not two-faced. He doesn't act one way and talk another. He had, for many years, been a federal judge, and he had come to look upon his official utterances as law. He has never been able to quite understand the open and frank criticisms of the public. It has pained and shocked him. Roosevelt, on the other hand, has highly developed the bump of duplicity. He will sign a bill that will help a Harriman steal \$2,000,000 or give his sanction to the law defying consolidation, as in the Tennessee Coal and Iron deal, and with the next breath lambast the predatory rich in the language of a fish-monger's slanders. The unthinking populace applauds his utterances and his actions greatly by his acts. Both factions are thus highly pleased. Roosevelt is in the Wall street hope—folera though it is

HEARTLESS HUMBUGGERY.

The crowning of George and Mary at Delhi, India, a few days ago, was an event which should set the whole world thinking, at least that part of it not so dead that it is incapable of exercising its thinking and reasoning faculties. This brace of titled parasites and snobs were foisted upon the people of India, backed by the British army, and there put upon exhibition amid scenes of the most overwhelming extravagance while millions of the natives pined, many of them and reduce almost the weakest spots. California lost 600 Texas 1,088 and Washington 1,513.

Listen to this from the press dispatches: "The most magnificent feature of the Durbar at Delhi, where King George was proclaimed Emperor of India, was the procession of elephants in full state regalia bearing in their solid silver and gold howdahs the rulers gorgeously arrayed."

Capitalism's Victims. "I saw a funeral procession; I saw it from a mountain peak; I saw it crawling along and curving here and there, serpentine, through a level vast plain. It seemed to see a hundred miles of the procession, but neither the beginning of it nor the end of it was within the limits of my vision. The procession was in ten divisions, each division marked by a sombre flag, and the whole represented ten years of our railway activities in the accident line; each division was composed of 80,000 cripples and was bearing its own year's 10,000 mutilated corpses to the grave; in the aggregate 800,000 cripples and 100,000 dead, drenched in blood!"—Mark Twain.

WALLIS' WALLS OF WOE.

There is in Wisconsin one Henry M. Wallis. We happen to know because we saw his name in the newspaper. Wallis attended the congress of the National Business league at Chicago the other day and here are some of the gems in what is reported as having been a speech delivered by him:

While business men do not deny the right of labor to organize for the purpose of militant unionism. The attitude of labor and socialist tendencies with which we are confronted demands our presence in the field of politics, for when the labor demagogue and his cronies seek to stir up class hatred against us, we shall not be employed without our sanction and the card of our association, and to another class, "you shall not be employed without the sanction of the union card," he violates one of the cardinal principles of the constitution.

Allow us to inform Mr. Wallis that labor does not care a continental whether business men do or do not deny the right of labor to organize. They are organizing as militants and issuing their defiance to the capitalist robbers who have all these years coined their blood of their slaves into gold and now have the gall to arrogate to themselves the right to decide whether their slaves shall or shall not be allowed to organize. That day has gone by and the slaves are now shouting the conquering shibboleth of the social revolution.

MARY'S COURT TRAIN.

Mary, Queen of England, who has just been crowned empress of India, and who looks upon a working woman as a low menial created especially to pamper her and fawn at her feet, wore a dress and train at the coronation, the gift of Irish women, the making of which required fifty seamstresses and seven months of continuous service.

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840—Please Observe—840.

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Five Thousand Killed

The loss in the last week's battle between the "offs" and "ons" has been terrible. Thousands of former "ons" failed to answer "here" when the roll was called. Gen. Otis, in command of the western division of the enemy, seems to have jumped on us in the weakest spots. California lost 600 Texas 1,088 and Washington 1,513.

Where are all the gallant captains of the western division of the "ons"—the erstwhile invisible army? Where are the comrades who made it possible for such a glorious victory in Los Angeles? You comrades who have fought long and so valiantly must look to these lost comrades who may be stunned and not know the way to camp. You, who are reading how many are you going to look up and see that they are properly got back into the fold? We need you now, comrades, and these boys were stupefied when the big explosion happened in Los Angeles, December need your help and need it badly. Give it to them.

Remember, it is now or never? Things at the Temple are as were last week. No new moves by besieging armies. Here's the "off" and "on" report, faded and it does look bad. Can we change it next week? It's up to you to say:

Table with 5 columns: STATE, OFF, ON, TO, FO. Rows include Pennsylvania, Ohio, California, Texas, New York, Oklahoma, Indiana, Missouri, Illinois, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Washington, Arkansas, Oregon, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Virginia, Alabama, Connecticut, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Louisiana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Idaho, Nebraska, Kansas, Arizona, Maryland, Mississippi, Nevada, Wyoming, Rhode Island, Utah, Oregon, Alaska, Delaware.

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