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This breaks the record, not only of all other newspapers of America, but also of the Appeal itself. But we ought to make it Five Millions by May 1st

Appeal to Reason.

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Making Sure of Mother Jones

The president of the Military Commission in West Virginia, which wished to try Mother Jones and her co-defendants in place of civil authorities, issued this statement: "Defendants deny that the petitioners are innocent of the charges against them, but on the contrary believe and so aver that the PETITIONERS ARE GUILTY thereof." Then the supreme court of West Virginia turned them over to this commission to try them! And yet none of these judges could have been elected without the votes of working men. How proud they should be of their votes!

The APPEAL's suit against the Kansas City Star for \$200,000 damages was filed in Kansas City, Mo., by Attorney Sheppard last Friday. This suit is based upon the maliciously slanderous article printed by the Kansas City Star on 21st of March of last year. The story was to the effect that the APPEAL had suspended. This story was sent by the Kansas City Star to all the leading newspapers in the United States. For months the lie was given great prominence in the metropolitan press and this was followed by its publication in the country newspapers. It was a staggering blow to the APPEAL, from which we are yet suffering. For instance, on March 17, 1913, the Review of Reviews, New York, wrote to B. Clement, also of New York City, to this effect: "The writer was under the impression at that time that the APPEAL TO REASON had been discontinued." Mr. Clement had sent a subscription for the APPEAL to the Review of Reviews company, and that publication had not made remittance to this paper for the reason stated above. We propose to test in the courts whether the metropolitan newspapers of the United States can lie about the APPEAL and get away with it.

War in West Virginia

Keep both eyes on West Virginia! The war that is on there is of the most vital concern to the whole working class of this republic. West Virginia at this hour presents the most critical situation and the most important battle-ground on American soil. The result there means a great victory or a crushing defeat for the working class and all it stands for in the tremendous struggle that is shaking this nation from one end to the other. The plutocracy are making a desperate stand in West Virginia. They have sworn the slaves there shall not be unionized and that West Virginia shall remain as in the past a running ulcer of socialism to menace and pollute the whole surrounding country. It is highly significant, however, that the plutocracy is no longer in complete control in West Virginia. The civil authority is in conflict with the military power, attempting to check its brutal sway. It is of immediate and vital importance that Mother Jones and the comrades who are in the military bull-pen with her shall be rescued, and to this end the APPEAL pledges itself, with all there is behind it, to go the limit. Mother Jones and her comrades, leaders of the striking miners, whose battle has been fought with brave red blood spilled freely on many a field, were not tried in a court of law, but in a military tribunal.

LA RUSSIA! The pirates who own West Virginia and control it as their own private preserves, with the workers as their "niggers and slaves," take no chances with justice. They declare martial law and make short work of those who tamper with their slaves as the slave owners of Virginia with John Brown and his liberators fifty years ago.

TO THE RESCUE OF MOTHER JONES AND HER COMRADES!

Let this be the fighting shibboleth of the aroused working class of the United States! The military court has not yet rendered its verdict, but we must be prepared for it when it comes and if Mother Jones is railroaded by a bunch of military hirelings there will be something doing very speedily in this country. The United Mine Workers have just sent a dozen organizers into West Virginia and voted four hundred thousand dollars to back up the fight. The Socialist party should also send a dozen Socialist organizers there and back up the fight with all the resources at its command. If the brigands who have West Virginia by the throat insist upon war they shall have it to a finish!

POWER AND WEAKNESS.

The capitalists are in power; the workers are in servitude. The capitalists are few; the workers are many. Why are the capitalist strong and the workers weak? Why do the few capitalists rule the many workers? The answer is simple. The workers vote the capitalists instead of themselves into power. Why do they do this? Because they do not know better, and certainly the capitalists will never teach them better. When the workers realize the power that is inherent in themselves, when they cut loose from capitalist parties and build up their own when they vote together against the capitalists instead of voting for the capitalists, there will be a change. The workers have to wake up and rub the age-long sleep out of their eyes. They and their fathers and fathers' fathers before them have been in some form of servitude, exploited, poor and ignorant. The time has come for them to put an end to this servitude. Get together, ye brazeny sons of toil! United and fight together the battles of your class under the banner of industrial unionism and political unity and you will soon march triumphantly into the land of promise. MORRIS JONES is indicted for stealing "a certain machine gun belonging to the Paint Creek Colliers company." What would happen if the miners' union was to buy a machine gun? Wouldn't the newspaper prostitutes scream?

UNEMPLOYMENT exists because you have misemployed your ballot.

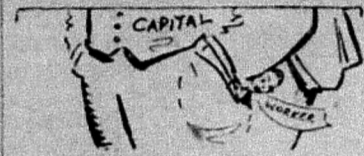
WHILE you are planting garden seed do not forget to drop a few seeds of Socialism.

If virtue paid as well as vice there would be a virtue trust, just as there is a vice trust.

HAVE you noticed how the country has gone to pieces since it lost its judicial temperament?

MANY bad things are discovered about Socialism, but that is it—about Socialism, not a Socialist.

The Aldrich-Vreeland currency bill expires next December. Watch the pliers for a substitute steel to take its place.



The voter who imagines he is sovereign in America is reminded that the average American is the pockets of the rich.

CONSIDERING how often the toiler is struck and even knocked out by conditions, it is no wonder he strikes occasionally.

The world is built anew every generation. You may lay the foundation of structure for the workers which your children may complete.

THE trouble with the flag is that it has been used chiefly in war. When it covers industries rather than capitalists the workers will love it.

STRANGE that Catholicism should make so much of unionism in America when in Europe it condemns all unions that are not officered by the priests.

THE greatest crop that will be raised this year will be the crop of new Socialists. It will be worth more to the country than all other crops combined.

WHEN you vote with the old parties your vote is lost in the factions of progressives and reactionaries. When you elect a Socialist you know always where your can land him.

PORTER stole his seat as senator in Kansas, but in doing so he lost the respect of all decent people, and will yet have to answer to them for his corrupt action. Stanton lost the seat, but gained the respect of everybody. Now that the end of the reactionary senate has come it is seen that Stanton really won.

LESLIE'S Weekly is very indignant. It says "the scales have been torn from the hand of justice every time the mob votes for a judiciary recall." However, when the master, who is so superior to the mob, chooses to turn off a few thousand workers, he places the scales back, not in the hands of justice, but over her eyes.

Here is another cause of the trouble in Mexico. The government is proceeding against the International Lumber and Development company which claims to own 288,000 acres of land in Mexico, when it is claimed the company does not own an acre. Six million dollars are said to have been received from small investors in the United States because of these false misrepresentations.

NATIONAL WEALTH.

The popular conception of national wealth is that wealth consists of a store of the means of subsistence available to all the people. This is not true. The so-called national wealth represents merely the accumulations of capitalists, used as a means of exploiting the working class. The greater its mass the greater is its power of exploitation, and the deeper is the misery and degradation of the wealth producers. One of the old economists, Destutt de Tracy, said: "In poor countries the people are well to do; in rich ones the people generally exist in the greatest poverty." This is bound to be true in a capitalist state. Wealth can only become really national, and of benefit to the people as a whole, when it is divested of its capitalistic character and is employed as means of subsistence instead of as means for the extraction of profits. National wealth under capitalism means misery for the mass of the people and enervating luxury for the few. National wealth under Socialism means comfort, happiness and plenty for all. Which do you prefer?

YOU THINK YOU THINK.

You vote for liberty, you think, but are against owning your own job.



You vote for liberty, you think, but don't want it possible to recall the judges.

You vote for liberty, you think, but want a few men to control the machinery and wealth of the nation.

You vote for liberty, you think, yet favor an army and navy whose sole function it is to kill and subdue.

You vote for liberty, you think, but wish judges appointed for life to say that when the legislature makes a law it shall not be enforced.

You vote for liberty, you think, but do not favor suffrage for women and believe in the grandfather clause and property and educational qualifications for the ballot.



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beginning to awake. The Baltimore News of March 6th contains a half page advertisement "authorized and paid for in the interest of the federated work of the churches of Baltimore." It claims to be "a message on the work of confronting militant Christianity." Speaking of the new work before the church this advertisement says: "Is the church ready and willing to do its share of educating, disciplining, encouraging and inspiring the awakened democracy? If not, then the poor have not the gospel preached unto them, and one of the signs, which was to be an evidence of the truth of Christ's religion, has failed. The unrest of labor, like social, is shaking the whole body of our social structure; *discontent with the wage system and weariness of long hours of toil have generated, throughout the length and breadth of our country, a seething spirit of protest that, in some cases, has openly burst forth into rebellion and riot.*" Then follow a protestation of sympathy with the new democracy. There are two ways of looking at movements of this kind which are becoming apparent in various parts of the country. One is to assume that it is an effort merely to sidetrack Socialism and the movement toward emancipation for the workers; the other is that it is a sincere effort to get right on questions that have been too long neglected. While the APPEAL prefers to think good of all efforts that are put forth by those who profess good, the expressed opposition to "forces sinister in design and revolutionary in nature" indicates a view which would seek to hold the workers to exploitation rather than to deliver them from a cursed system of robbery. However, that counts for but little. The church has awakened to the need of considering modern problems of a very material character. In considering these problems it will be forced into either a demand for the full social product for the worker, involving an ending of the profit system and revolutionary action, or it will compromise with the robbers in an effort to betray the workers while pretending to aid them. If it does the former it will mean a tremendous impulse toward Socialism, and Socialists will welcome it. If it does the latter, the toilers will resent it, and make their resentment clear that it will have to change its tactics. In either case Socialists win. "Let the good work go on."

WHO DOES THE WORK?

In the APPEAL'S Arsenal of Facts it is shown by analysis of the census figures that less than 23 per cent of the population, nearly one-fifth of which percentage is composed of women and children, produces the wealth which supports all the people in the United States; in other words, the people of this country are depending upon the labor of a little more than one-fifth of their number for food, clothing and shelter. Four-fifths of the population manage to live from day to day without producing anything to support life. Many of these people live in the greatest luxury, while the ones who labor supports them live in the direst poverty, having neither sufficient food to maintain themselves in good physical condition, nor sufficient clothing to protect themselves from the inclemencies of the weather. Every right thinking person must admit that this is an unnatural and unethical state of affairs, yet it is inevitable under capitalism and the proportion of producers must continue to decrease. The capitalistic system of industry exists but to enable its beneficiaries to live without labor—that is, the very purpose of capitalism. The system is simply a huge machine for the production of profit, and profit means the absorption of wealth produced by others without the return of an equivalent. There is a constantly increasing mass of capital demanding its return of profit, and this means a constantly increasing number: proportionately to the whole population, who are able to live without producing any wealth; they draw to their own use the wealth produced by others. We cannot all be profit takers, as if all lived by profit it is plain we should all starve to death.

You pray with your vote. If you vote with upholders of the present hellish system it is folly to merely say, "They will be done on earth."

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Alabama	1,000	1,000	1,000
Arkansas	1,000	1,000	1,000
California	1,000	1,000	1,000
Colorado	1,000	1,000	1,000
Connecticut	1,000	1,000	1,000
Delaware	1,000	1,000	1,000
District of Columbia	1,000	1,000	1,000
Florida	1,000	1,000	1,000
Georgia	1,000	1,000	1,000
Idaho	1,000	1,000	1,000
Illinois	1,000	1,000	1,000
Indiana	1,000	1,000	1,000
Iowa	1,000	1,000	1,000
Kansas	1,000	1,000	1,000
Kentucky	1,000	1,000	1,000
Louisiana	1,000	1,000	1,000
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North Dakota	1,000	1,000	1,000
Ohio	1,000	1,000	1,000
Oklahoma	1,000	1,000	1,000
Oregon	1,000	1,000	1,000
Pennsylvania	1,000	1,000	1,000
Rhode Island	1,000	1,000	1,000
South Carolina	1,000	1,000	1,000
South Dakota	1,000	1,000	1,000
Tennessee	1,000	1,000	1,000
Texas	1,000	1,000	1,000
Vermont	1,000	1,000	1,000
Virginia	1,000	1,000	1,000
Washington	1,000	1,000	1,000
West Virginia	1,000	1,000	1,000
Wisconsin	1,000	1,000	1,000
Wyoming	1,000	1,000	1,000
TOTALS	1,153,313	1,073,473	1,027,768

States marked with an asterisk (*) are not included in the regular bundle orders, nor does it include the counter sales which often amount to one hundred thousand and more. The press run for last week was 249,800.

Mother Jones Railroaded

IN the writ of habeas corpus, sworn to and filed with the supreme court of West Virginia, the military commission, by James I. Pratt, its president, says relative to Mother Jones and her co-defendants: "Defendants deny that the petitioners are innocent of the charges against them, but on the contrary believe and so aver that the PETITIONERS ARE GUILTY thereof." The supreme court, after having this evidence before them, remanded the cases of Mother Jones, Boswell, Parsons, John Brown and others to THIS SAME MILITARY COMMISSION TO BE TRIED BY THEM. In other words, the military commission expressed in plain and unadorned terms its belief in the guilt of the parties to be tried, and the supreme court of West Virginia then authorized this commission, that had expressed its belief before trial, to hear the case. Never was such an unfair thing done in the history of America. It was to be expected that the defendants would have been convicted. The case was tried under circumstances that were peculiarly brutal. It was not a trial, but a cruel farce. Mother Jones, over eighty years old, but a lighter from the word "go," who has seen all sorts of injustice and every kind of suffering, was so overcome by the horror of the situation that she fainted three times and was finally borne from the court room in a helpless condition. This isn't all. The court was preparing to try the accused without them being present, and when objection was made to this outrage the judge advocate of the commission explained that they did not think the presence of the petitioners was necessary and if the court would "imagine they were present" it would do just as well. Such a grotesque proceeding was made that finally the prisoners were brought into court under armed guard. The cases grew out of a strike that has been on in West Virginia for a year. The mining companies refused to recognize the union and a strike followed. An appeal by the mine owners was made to the governor and troops were sent into the territory and martial law declared. The brutality of the troops has been almost unbelievable. Miners by the hundreds were evicted from their houses and during the cold winter months had to camp in frail tents on the hillsides. Many deaths have occurred because of exposure. A military commission was appointed to try all who interfered in any way with the operation of the coal sent to run the mines. The methods of this commission were flagrant in the highest degree. Finally Mother Jones, Boswell, Parsons, John Brown and others were arrested. At first Mother Jones was thrown into prison. Afterward when the workers of the United States became vehement against such treatment of an aged woman, she was kept under armed guard at a private home. The accused were found guilty. Then a peculiar thing happened. The case was held up a number of days, the idea evidently being to get them into the penitentiary before the people were aware of what had occurred. During all this time a campaign of vilification was waged in certain classes of papers throughout the United States. Mother Jones, who has sacrificed more years in the interest of the toiler than any woman of America, Mother Jones, known as the angel of the mines, was heralded over the country as a prostitute. The whole agitation was charged to the Socialists in violent and incendiary language, the APPEAL, which was circulated in the strike district being denounced as a paper "so vile in blasphemy and treason that it seems the very ink that prints it would blush for shame." While this vilification and this campaign of lying was in progress, the capitalist press kept very quiet about the civil war and the murdering that was being done in West Virginia—things as bad as have occurred in Mexico. The APPEAL charges the governor of the state and the mine owners of West Virginia, and the supreme court of West Virginia, with the exception of one judge who dissented from the infamous decision noted, with being conspirators against the lives and liberty of the workers of that state. It charges them with treason, in violating the rights of American citizenship and setting aside civil law to accomplish the murder of the innocent. It charges the government of the United States with participation in the guilt, in that it has failed to take cognizance of the situation when the agreement that was made with the state when it was admitted into the union, was openly violated and overridden.

AN ABYSMAL SHAME.

Behold a woman, past eighty years of age, a woman whose life has been spent in ministrations to toil and alleviation of suffering; a woman, the luster of whose name for all time will outshine the glory of Lucretia Mott, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, or Florence Nightingale; a woman, now, at this moment, in the inhuman hands of a mine owner's drum-head court martial; a woman who has appealed in vain to every feeling of manhood, every sense of honor, every spark of decency, every sentiment of fair play, and every misnamed court of justice only to be ignored and overruled. Only yesterday, poor, tortured soul and wasted body, she swooned three times in her last fruitless effort to have an American civil court—conservator of the majesty of the law—God save the mark!—shield her from the sentence that a secret court of military thugs had pronounced, that she be sent to a dungeon for the remnant of her shattered days. And that court surrenders its boasted majesty, crawls in the spittle of its masters, and remands her to the military tribunal of thugs! With what is she charged? With the heinous offense of having stolen a machine gun, thus preventing the shoulder-strap thugs from playfully shooting down her friends, the sooty, the sweaty miners. But such a charge seems too preposterous to even the brass-buttoned military substituted for the courts; so on second thought she is charged with inciting to bloodshed. Inciting whom to shed blood? Surely not the blue-coated thugs to whom killing is a profession, a pastime. Whom then? Her friends, the sooty, sweaty miners, inciting them to save themselves from being shot by exercising the legal right of self-defense. And shall Mother Jones, the angel of the mines, be imprisoned for the remainder of her life—for death rather—in a noisome dungeon? Never! Not unless American womanhood is as dead as is American manhood!

SOCIALISM just now seems to be a Daniel in a den of lions.

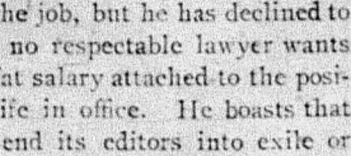
IDEAS move the world when the people with ideas get a hint on themselves.

CAPITALISTS take great interest in the workers, but still greater interest out of them.

When they say, "It won't work," it would be true if they meant by it the capitalist.

They bury Socialism with strange regularity, and like all living seed, it grows the better for being buried.

AMERICA is inhabited by a lot of poor people who make the idlers rich and a few rich people who rob the workers poor.



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THE SAME HUMAN RIGHTS.

If there is any mortal of supernatural wit who has ever devised a single reason why woman should be deprived on any right exercised by man it has not been brought to our attention. The silly, stupid, downright asinine arguments, so-called, which are used to show that woman has no right to vote, go a long way to prove that we are still in the stone age. Theodore Parker once said: "A woman has the same human nature that a man has, the same human rights, the same human duties, and they are as inalienable in woman as in man." The truth here stated is so self-evident that it voices itself in unanswerable terms. Of course woman has the same rights as well as the same duties that a man has, and no one ever denied it but a tyrant or a barbarian. If there is any man who ought to be absolutely disfranchised it is the man so feeble in mind and so shriveled in soul that he would disfranchise woman to keep her in mental and moral slavery. The man who opposes the right of woman to vote is the "boss" of the family. His wife has to account for the fifteen cents he gave her last week and the children grow pale when they hear his footsteps. He is the "boss." His not very remote ancestor wore hair and scratched his ear with his hind foot.

LICENSED ROBBERS.

The idle stockholders of the nation's industries are the licensed robbers of the nation's workers. A stock certificate in a corporation is the government's license to rob the working class. The whole brood of stockholders are blood-sucking parasites. They absorb what labor produces and despise laborers as beasts of burden. The licensed robbers produce absolutely nothing. They deposit their certificates of stock, their licenses to plunder honest toil, and the dividends they receive consist of the surplus value produced by the workers which are taken from them by the licensed looters under the capitalist system. The stockholders have no earthly excuse for existence and yet these parasites who live out of labor's misery consider themselves immeasurably above their deplored victims. Workers, every time you vote a capitalist ticket, whether it be republican, democratic or progressive, you vote for the idle stockholders and against your industrious selves; you vote for their slavery and your slavery; for their enrichment in idleness and your impoverishment in honest toil. Wake up and join the revolutionary hosts of Socialism and help to overthrow the capitalist system and get rid of the vampires that fatten on your blood and thrive in your misery! HENRY SIDDEL, of New York, says "Virtue is state of mind." As he employs 6,000 girls and women and pays them less than they can support themselves on, according to his own confession, he is without doubt responsible for the "state of mind" that must prevail among his employees and that is rapidly taking possession of the American people. That "state of mind" is a virtuous indignation at the infamy he perpetrates.

TOOLS OF PRODUCTION.

The whole class struggle is being fought around the tools of production. By tools of production is meant all the modern machinery with which the nation's industries are operated.

Privately owned by the capitalists these tools of production are the instruments not only of exploitation but of slavery and degradation.

Every party stands for the private ownership by the capitalist class of the tools of production. The Socialist party alone stands for the ownership and control of the tools of production by the working class who made them and whose very lives are dependent upon them.

Upon the fundamental issue of the ownership of the tools of production there is absolutely no difference between the republican, democratic and progressive parties. They are alike for private ownership and for the supremacy of the tool-owning capitalist class and the slavery of the tool-using working class.



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If there is any mortal of supernatural wit who has ever devised a single reason why woman should be deprived on any right exercised by man it has not been brought to our attention. The silly, stupid, downright asinine arguments, so-called, which are used to show that woman has no right to vote, go a long way to prove that we are still in the stone age. Theodore Parker once said: "A woman has the same human nature that a man has, the same human rights, the same human duties, and they are as inalienable in woman as in man." The truth here stated is so self-evident that it voices itself in unanswerable terms. Of course woman has the same rights as well as the same duties that a man has, and no one ever denied it but a tyrant or a barbarian. If there is any man who ought to be absolutely disfranchised it is the man so feeble in mind and so shriveled in soul that he would disfranchise woman to keep her in mental and moral slavery. The man who opposes the right of woman to vote is the "boss" of the family. His wife

MORSE AND THE LAW.

Charles W. Morse, the New York banker and trust magnate, who was sentenced to the federal penitentiary in Georgia for wrecking a bank and permitting divers to take his property returned from Europe and is reported in the best of health.

"And thereby hangs a tale." To begin with Morse only did what others of his kind have practically all been doing, but he happened to fall down and go broke and that is the only reason they pounced on him and sentenced him to the penitentiary.

Shortly after he began to serve his term it was reported that his health was failing. President Taft promptly sent two eminent physicians to the prison, at government expense, to examine and report.

The bank wrecking was in bad shape and could hardly last three months. Thereupon President Taft issued Morse an unconditional pardon. Morse packed his grip and went to Europe.

This has been a couple of years ago, and now Mr. Morse is reported back from his journeying abroad and is said to be in first-class health.

We do not regret that Morse got out of penitentiary. There are a whole lot of plutes far worse than he who have never been convicted. Nor are we sorry that Mr. Morse has recovered his health. Common humanity forbids any such regrets.

But the point we make and the moral we draw is that Morse was treated with such extraordinary consideration only because he was of the capitalist ruling class.

At this very hour hundreds of inmates of prisons, state and federal, are dying of consumption and other diseases, but they will be allowed to die like dogs.

Would President Taft or any other capitalist president ever have dreamed of appointing two eminent physicians at government expense to visit a prison and examine a working-class convict with a view to obtaining a pardon for him on account of his ill health?

Never in the world. Had Morse been a coal miner, a railroad switchman, a hod-carrier, or any other kind of an honest workingman, his health would never have moved the president to have him examined as a pretext for setting him free.

When the alleged dynamiter was railroaded at the Indianapolis farce of a trial a special train was contracted for, weeks before their conviction, to rush them to prison without the loss of an hour, their conviction having been a foregone conclusion, and this simply because they were of the subject working class and not of the capitalist ruling class.

Equal and exact justice to all? Go tell that to the rabbits!

Fifteen Years Ago This Week. J. A. Whelan in APPEAL TO REASON, April 24, 1896.

Direct legislation is everywhere making great headway. Only enemies of free institutions are opposed to the people having a veto on bad legislation and proposing laws to be voted on.

Fourteen miners were killed in Pennsylvania coal mine last week while working for a dog's living to make the coal company richer. But that is nothing. It occurs every day somewhere.

During the last twenty years the Spanish treasury has confiscated 1,982,486 real properties, the heavy taxation on which the owners, mostly small agriculturists, were unable to meet.

Some of the corrupt mammon worshippers have been sounding friends of the APPEAL to see how much it would cost to "swing it." There are some things that money cannot buy. One of them is what little brains I have.

The Metropolitan street car company of this (Kansas City) city pays taxes on \$400,000 only. Its value can be determined from the fact that its net annual profits are more than that much, and its market value runs into the millions.

Senator Allen of Nebraska introduced a bill for postal savings banks, but as a great majority of the senators whom the people permit to disgrace that body are stockholders or attorneys for banks, the committee to which the bill was referred will not permit the measure to come before it.

Frank Perry, a young man who stole two loaves of bread, two pies, and a can of honey from a farm house near St. Joseph, Mo., was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary five years for the starving man for taking something to eat. What a glorious civilization! What humane laws and judges!

The Growler. There are plenty of men around town growling because they cannot earn their living during winter months. They are getting what they voted for. Take your medicine. As soon as you get used to living on promises you will be all right. Just gather a few green permissives in the fall, wash them and soak in warm water, and draw your stomach out till it is educated to fit your salary. Cuss the Socialist, the only friend a working man has got, till you die and maybe the next generation will know enough to vote for their own interest.

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Wall Street and Mexico

THE Mexican situation is not so difficult after all to clear up. At bottom are the landless peasants and peons who have been robbed of their patrimony and kept in the galling yoke of slavery under the iron heel of a military despotism, consisting of native brigands backed by American capitalists.

Wall street wants a "stable" government in Mexico, though the devil himself be at the head of it and a thousand starving wretches had to be shot dead every day to maintain it.

The thousand millions of American capital invested in Mexico under the patronage, and with the connivance, of the Mexican brigands, beginning with old Diaz, is what Wall street is interested in, and that is its sole concern.

Wall street propped up the unspeakable old Diaz until it became clear that the people were determined to get rid of him and then Wall street switched over to Madero and helped him to drive out Diaz with the expectation that Madero would be able to give them "stable" government.

To popularize himself with the revolting masses Madero promised land to the peasants and other reforms which he never expected to fulfill.

For a time Wall street was with Madero, but when it saw that the masses had been deceived were resolved to overthrow him Wall street again switched over, this time to young Diaz and Huerta, the cold-blooded assassins, the latter of whom was Madero's general in command and by the basest treachery betrayed his chief and then had him and his brother assassinated in cold blood.

For this piece of shocking inhumanity, this revolting and scandalizing treachery and crime, Wall street and the cold-blooded capitalist brigands it represents are solely responsible.

THERE is not the slightest ground for doubt as to the charge directly made by Madero's friends that Wall street instigated not only his overthrow, but his cowardly and brutal assassination.

And for this the Taft administration cannot escape its full share of responsibility. Henry Taft, brother of the president, is and has been, the attorney in Wall street of the brigands represented there that are looting Mexico and massacring its natives. Charles P. Taft, another brother of the president, the plutocrat of the family, is also heavily interested in establishing "stable" government in Mexico.

Incidentally, William Randolph Hearst has played a dastardly part in the Mexico affair, giving, for a consideration, the influence of all his paper to the upholding of the looters of Mexico, among which he stands pre-eminent, and keeping the iron heel on the neck of the suffering people.

Huerta and young Diaz, the beneficiaries of their bloody treachery, and the pets of Wall street, provided they can crush the revolt and keep down the slaves, are now in the saddle—but not for long.

In spite of the powerful backing that Wall street is giving them in the form of money and munitions of war, they cannot last.

The actual revolution of the masses is too far advanced.

THE Mexican people have suffered too much and have learned too much through their suffering to be deceived by the fake election by which it is proposed to boost young Diaz into the presidency. The election, so-called, will be a farce if not a tragedy. The military hirelings and assassins will guard the ballot boxes and announce the result, which is a foregone conclusion.

The hope of the masses lies in keeping up the revolt and intensifying its spirit of discontent underlying it. Any peace that may prevail under Huerta and young Diaz will be based on slavery. Our sympathies are wholly with the landless peasants and peons, the exploited slaves who constitute the masses of the people and who have been crushed and robbed, brutalized and outraged as few peoples have been at any time in the history of mankind.

Let the masses continue to revolt against the despotism of which they have so long been the victims and which did not change in the least under Madero nor will change in the least under Huerta.

The present rulers of Mexico succeeded to power through treachery and assassination.

They have stepped into the shoes of Madero to inaugurate the regime of old Diaz, in which they have the powerful support of Wall street, and we earnestly hope the oppressed and suffering masses in Mexico will continue their revolt without abatement until it culminates in actual revolution, whose object shall be the overthrow of military despotism under whatever regime, established constitutional government, and emancipate the masses from peonage and slavery.

Breaking Away. CLAIM the Socialist voters as a class are the most intelligent voters the world has ever seen. The very fact that a man has broken away from the habits of thought that have dominated him and his ancestors for twenty-five hundred years; has overcome prejudices that have become an integral part of his very makeup; and has entered for all time a party whose doctrines diametrically oppose the doctrines of capitalism and competition under which he has been raised and educated; prove that he has carefully studied the subject, approached it from every side, and against his most natural inclinations, accepted it as the only truth in politics.

Why does Socialism thus convince men in all walks of life; men whom their friends, by the wildest flight of imagination, could never conceive of as believers in its doctrines and ultimate success? Why is it that in a comparatively short period of fifty years it has steadily pushed forward to a point where it may rightfully claim 12,000,000 voters, 12,000,000 more potential voters in the women who only await the franchise, and 50,000,000 people who understand something of its aims and wish it well? Why is it, skeptic, why is it?

I will tell you. It is based on truth. Socialism is truth. It is based on economics. Socialism is economics. It is based on science. Socialism is science. You cannot dispute it. You cannot refute it. You may oppose it, but cannot

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Wayland's Last Speech

The manuscript of the speech prepared by J. A. Wayland, but never delivered, was found in his desk after his death. It is printed in pamphlet form, together with an account of his death and funeral. The address is given at the end of the pamphlet.

Signs of Progress

THE Socialist movement has now become a recognized power in the United States.

As long as the activities of Socialists were confined to academic discussion they were scarcely noticed and not often molested.

They were treated with indifference or contempt, or an admixture of both. But since they have been putting their theories into practice and crystallizing their doctrine into concrete economic and political organization, and making the power of that organization felt, they have drawn the fire of the ruling class and more and more are the maledictions coming down upon their heads.

The ruling class politicians are quite as certain that Socialism is a menace to constitutional liberty and that all patriotic citizens should unite in resisting its advance.

The ruling class pulpsters echo the warnings of the ruling class editors and ruling class politicians and explore their congregations in the name of the religion it would sever, and the riot of atheism and free love it would inaugurate, to drive the spectre of Socialism from the land.

The ruling class professors join in the cry of their ruling class brethren of the press, the pulpit and the legislative halls, and solemnly exhort the rising generation to beware of the insidious approach of this anarchy in disguise, whose blighting shadow rests even now upon Columbia's fair domain.

The ruling class labor lieutenants are going forth, but not without their pockets, to save the way by warning trade unionists that Socialists have wicked designs upon them and that Socialism will surely destroy their unions.

These are recent developments and Socialists may congratulate themselves that they are the signs of progress and attest the growing power of the Socialist movement.

The opposition is the reluctant tribute Socialism has extorted from capitalism.

An army of hired maligners in the service of decadent capitalism is the highest possible compliment that could be paid to the Socialist movement.

A cause not worth misrepresenting is not worth supporting, and leaders not worth lying about are not worth listening to.

If the Socialist movement were based upon principles fundamentally false, as they claim and profess to believe, the Knights of Columbus, the Militia of Christ, the Civic Federation and similar bodies would never have been organized.

Upon the surface these associations are made to appear as organized efforts to secure religious, social, educational and promote the public welfare, but a matter of fact they were conceived and launched by the ruling class under capitalism to arrest the progress of the working class under Socialism.

Socialism is the only philosophy that inspires the terror of emperors, kings, exploiters and parasites of every known species, and the Socialist movement is the only movement hated, denounced and vilified by the vampires that suck the life-blood of the people.

The swarms of insects it has attracted but attest the triumphant march of this Mighty Movement of the Masses Toward the Sunrise.

WE HAVE NOW DEFINITE INFORMATION as to who it is that is systematically circulating falsehood and slander about Eugene V. Debs.

It is one Peter W. Collins, a militia-of-Christ, and one of the subsidized smashers of Socialism. He is a combination of Jesuit and labor politician and has been engaged to go among the labor unions of the country to show them that Socialism is going to destroy them and that Socialist leaders are their deadly enemies.

This fellow, Collins, along with a couple of labor scoundrels at Terre Haute, is circulating the report that the house Debs lives in was built by non-union labor and that it is painted and kept in repair by non-union labor.

It is a lie and a slander and Collins knows it.

At Fond du Lac, Wis., Collins repeated this lie, but union men there who know Debs refused to believe it. The secretary of the Fond du Lac Trades and Labor council wrote to the secretary of the Central Labor Union of Terre Haute, asking for the facts, and received in answer a statement to the effect that the charge made by Collins was an intemperate falsehood and that there was not a shadow of truth in it.

There are no labor scoundrels who were busy at the Terre Haute and have already come to an inglorious end. One of them was kicked out of the Central Labor Union after being caught in the act of attempting to deliver the union vote to the corrupt county committee of a capitalist party and the other, who was editing a vile little grafting labor sheet, absconded with the funds of his union and the sheet is now defunct.

These are the disreputable grafters, who wear union badges to traffic in and sell out union labor, that Collins is training with, in the intemperate, lying and cowardly attempt to mislead honest trade unionists into believing that the Socialist party is trying to destroy their

unions and that Socialist leaders are scoundrels.

This mercenary hireling, who is quite likely drawing his funds and his inspiration from the same source from which other anti-Socialist scoundrels are financed, is a fine specimen of the breed which is being put into commission by Wall street to go about the country to explain to the working class that Socialism is immoral and that it will destroy their home and blight their character.

We propose to nail this liar to the cross. Wherever his attempts to repeat his contemptible slander let Socialists and union men demand his proof. That will settle him on the spot. It will extract his fangs and silence his rattles.

Within the last two weeks Debs appeared before the carpenters' union at Terre Haute and challenged any one to accuse him in his presence, or to ask him any question in reference to his union record, but there was not an accuser nor a question asked, and when he left the hall the members eagerly grasped his hand and gave him a round of applause.

When Collins or any other anti-Socialist hireling and cowardly falsifier repeats this slander, nail him on the spot, and for proof that he is a contemptible snake and peddler of calumnies, refer to Phil K. Reinbold, 659 Chestnut street, Terre Haute, Ind., who has known Debs for twenty-seven years and who has publicly denounced these charges against him as unmitigated falsehoods.

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CAPITALISM says you should love your country—and pay rent for the privilege of living in it.

GREAT BRITAIN'S SHAME.

The brutal persecution of the women who are engaged in battling for the right of suffrage in England is that country's everlasting shame.

The reports of the mob composed of human brutes which attacked their recent meeting at Hyde Park, stoned its speakers and tore the clothes from the bodies of those assembled, would bring the blush of shame to a tribe of South sea savages.

We have nothing particular to flatter ourselves about since the woman's parade was so shamefully treated at our recent presidential inauguration, but the ill-behavior of our male blackguards and cowards is not a circumstance compared to the savage indecency and cold-blooded brutality to which Rose Drummond, Miss Rogers and other speakers were subjected at the late Sunday meeting of the suffragettes at Hyde Park, London.

The speakers were assailed with mud and rocks, hooted at, jeered, threatened with vile language, insulted in a most cowardly manner and assaulted by thugs and plug-uglies with no more manhood in their brute carcases than could be found in a pack of hyenas.

The saddest feature of all is that there were many college students in the mob and if this is what they learn at college they are already fit to have their heads shorn and to be put in stripes the same as other felons.

That vile British mob unconsciously furnished the strongest possible evidence in favor of the right of suffrage it was so brutally bent upon suppressing. No wonder that such beasts as assaulted and outraged these women who are bravely battling to secure their rights, to uphold their womanhood, and to make their country fit for civilized people to live in, seeing their supremacy threatened, retaliated by the only means suggested to their depraved minds.

There cannot be the slightest doubt that the administration encouraged the mob in making its dastardly attack and the suffragettes should not forget it. They have been censured for their militancy, but no man who is really with them in their struggle and fit to appreciate their high purpose, will deny that they have been driven to that extremity by the treachery and duplicity of the ruling powers.

We make no apologies for these fighting suffragettes nor do they need any. They are justified in whatever measures they may adopt to compel attention to their just demands and to extort concessions from the government which would be freely granted without the asking if it were a civilized government instead of a government fit only for brutes and savages.

WAGES AND VIRTUE.

In the investigation now going on at Chicago into the cause of the social evil the capitalist side is being maintained upon the basis of the wage actually necessary to keep a girl in food and clothes and shelter.

No allowance is made for indulgence in the little joys and recreations which are necessary to girlhood and young womanhood and sunshine and air are to the flowers and the birds.

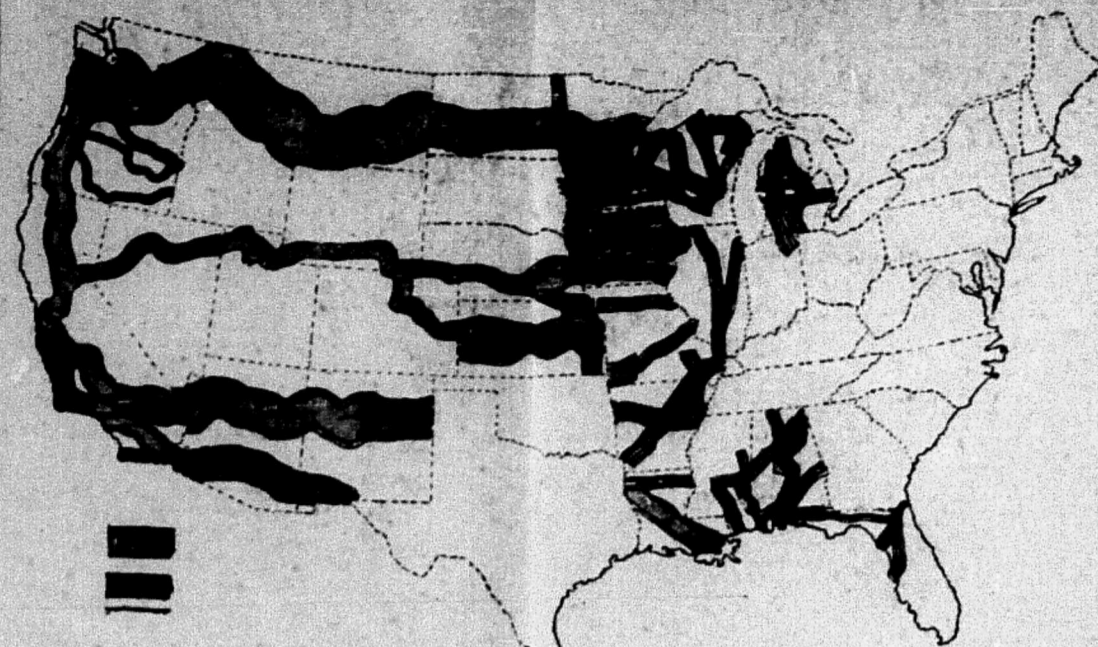
But the capitalists and their retainers figure it out that a girl can exist on six or seven dollars per week and so she can, but they would let loose a mighty roar if an effort were made to multiply their own daughters to exist within the same annual limitations.

It is not from actual hunger for bread that most poor girls are driven into white slavery, but from hunger of the spirit and of the soul, the inability upon the pittance received for a wage, to satisfy the natural desires in the way of spiritual enjoyment and joyous recreation incident to budding young womanhood.

They have to deny themselves and stint in their hopeless struggle to make ends meet and it is this struggle to get ahead and fall behind in spite of all their efforts, that many of them get discouraged, lose heart and give way to temptations that surround them.

Until girls who do useful work in stores and factories and kitchens are paid a sufficient wage to provide not only food and clothes and shelter, but all the bodily and spiritual necessities of civilized life, girls by thousands will be sacrificed to the lust of mammon and prostitution will grow like a malignant cancer at the vitals of society.

...How the Land Was Looted...



Map showing land grants to railroads, shaded.—From Commissioner of Labor Report.

From the Report of the U. S. Commissioner of Labor.—Direct quotations.

THE original federal grants to the Northern Pacific and to the Southern Pacific system alone amounted to MORE THAN NINETY MILLION ACRES OF LAND; a small empire in itself. Of this, nearly 6,000,000 acres have already been patented and most of the remainder will ultimately be obtained. Much of the land received has, of course, been sold. The Weyerhaeuser Timber company now owns 1,945,000 acres of land. In Florida 182 holders have 16,990,000 acres of land, of which 3,200,000 acres are owned by only three holders. Finally, the timber holdings of the 1,802 holders having each more than sixty million board feet in the investigation area involve 79,002,000 acres.

Two railroads were given public property (land) embracing territory equal to Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York and New Jersey, and besides enough cash to build the roads. The total present value of the lands is fully \$2,500,000,000.

of timber land. Practically all that portion of this acreage which lies in the Pacific Northwest, and, with comparatively unimportant exceptions, all that in the lake states, is owned in fee. In the southern pine region a considerable proportion is owned by these holders as timber rights; that is, they do not own the land, but have a certain number of years in which to remove the timber.

In addition to the above acreage, these holders own in fee 10,622,000 acres of land which lies in the timber sections of the investigation area, but which does not now bear merchantable timber. It is important to note that this figure does not include millions of acres of Northern Pacific and Southern Pacific lands in non-timbered areas.—Pages 28-29.

BESIDES the 100,000,000 acres of special land grants for railroads and the 8,900,000 acres for wagon roads, canals and river improvements, the federal government made general grants to the states amounting, roughly, to 170,000,000 acres. Most of the grants were to the public land states, which include Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida, and all states west of the Mississippi river except Texas. They comprised grants for common school purposes,

THE DOCTORS' TRUST.

Medical science is in the control, as far as may be, of the doctors. And the doctors are organized in a union.

Not only are the doctors organized in a union, but they rigidly maintain a closed shop.

Many of them denounce labor unions for insisting on the closed shop, but theirs is the closest shop in the business. Every step of progress in medical science has to fight its way against the doctors' trust.

They have the corner on healing and the healing must be of their school of healing and have the union label on it, or it is boycotted and the interloping healer prosecuted.

The doctors appear to be positively sad and distressed, in their organized capacity, when a discovery is announced which cures some malady out of which they derive their revenue.

The more sickness, the more shining bucks for the doctor trust.

See? It is a case of economic determinism with a vengeance.

If disease can be done away with the doctors' trust is on the hummer and M. D.'s are out of a job.

The discovery was made in Chicago some time ago that if a man of means had a pain in the abdomen he was promptly diagnosed for an operation for appendicitis and anywhere from a couple of hundred to a thousand dollars extracted from him for his pains.

One of these victims was asked by a friend after he left the hospital, "What were you operated for?" "Five hundred dollars," was the answer. "But I mean, what did you have?" "Five hundred dollars" was again the answer.

That was what he had and that was all that necessitated the operation on him for appendicitis.

And these are the gentlemen who in New York are doing everything in their power to thwart Dr. Frederick F. Friedman of Berlin who has come to this country to demonstrate his cure for tuberculosis.

the sixteenth section out of each township in states admitted before 1848, and the sixteenth and thirty-sixth sections in states admitted after that date; grants for general internal improvements, in most cases 50,000 acres to each state; grants for drainage purposes, giving to the states all swamp lands within their borders; grants for colleges of agriculture and mechanic arts, and others less important in amount.

SOME of the states sold direct to lumbermen without limitation of amount. Others allowed entries only in limited amounts by persons alleging they had made no agreement to transfer the land to others. Yet even in such states, either by the looseness of the laws or by violation of them, large holdings were built up from the state lands. The price received by the states was commonly only \$1.25 per acre, though in recent years prices have been sharply raised. In these ways many of the states have disposed of their lands rather freely and in such manner that valuable tracts of timber were eventually acquired by large holders at a low price. In Oregon two large timber

Land belonging to the children of the various states was given away to corporations or sold to them for almost nothing, making by design the few fabulously rich and the many hopelessly poor.

holdings consist entirely of state school lands in sections 16 and 36. The state has already disposed of by far the greater part of its grants, much at low prices. In certain large areas in north-eastern California it was found that out of 360,000 acres selected by the state under its various grants, almost two-thirds is now owned by large timber holders. One holder, Thomas B. Walker, has more than 125,000 acres of this land; three others together have 65,000 acres of it. In Idaho the state has sold the timber on large tracts to lumber companies, but has retained the fee.

The agricultural college scrip was often sold outright in large blocks. As early as 1867 a company advertised that during the two preceding years it had bought all the scrip issued to the states of Kentucky, Indiana, Maryland, North Carolina and New Hampshire, and the greater part of that issue to Massachusetts, Ohio and Pennsylvania; enough, with smaller lots, to make a total of

itself that does not originate with science and bear its own closed shop union label.

May Dr. Friedman triumph in spite of the profession that thrives in disease and fattens in misery.

An illustration of conditions that have prevailed in West Virginia is shown in a decision of the supreme court of that state concerning two flagrant wrongs that were done union men. L. A. Nance was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary for swearing at and threatening a military officer previous to a proclamation of martial law. L. A. Nance was given two years for intimidating non-union miners. Under the civil code his sentences would have been much lighter, but they were tried by a military tribunal. The Mine Workers' union appealed the cases, attacking the constitutionality of martial law. The supreme court upheld the governor in his act and affirmed the sentences, outrageous as they were, though one of the judges dissented. An appeal from this infamous decision will be made to the supreme court of the United States.

USED IN CONGRESS ARSENAL FOR 1913

The quotation from the Arsenal, page 41 of the 1913 edition, stirred up a hot discussion on the floor of the United States senate a few days ago. Senator Ashurst of Arizona, in his brilliant speech against a continuation of the railroad grant in carrying the mails used the figures printed in the Arsenal showing the difference in the cost of carrying one ton of mail, one ton of express and one ton of freight. If the Arsenal is reliable enough for a United States senator to use in an argument on the floor of the senate, it ought to be good enough for you to use in the shop. Please remember that in opposition to Senator Ashurst were the lowest minds and cleverest brains that can be bought by the railroad corporations with their millions of dollars. The figures printed in the Arsenal have stood the acid test for five years. Without boasting I believe I can say that there has never yet been printed statistics so reliable and accurate as those contained in the new Arsenal. This little book is bound in full morocco leather with flexible covers. It contains 176 pages and there are no waste lines in the book. The paper used is thin and tough. The size is just right to slip into the vest pocket. It is not for sale, but is given away to anyone who sends 12 forty-week subscriptions at 25 cents each or to the purchaser of twelve forty-week subscription cards for \$3.

over 3,000,000 acres. The amount of this scrip granted to all the states was only 7,800,000 acres; by 1897, according to this statement, TWO-FIFTHS OF IT HAD PASSED TO A SINGLE COMPANY. This company, no doubt, resold the scrip instead of itself locating the land.

SOME states gave large amounts of their swamp lands and internal improvement lands directly to railroads. Florida, whose entire area is less than 35,000,000 acres, received a swamp grant of over 20,000,000 acres. Up to 1910 its grants to railroad, canal, and drainage companies, and compensation to state agents for selecting swamp lands, together with a single sale of 4,000,000 acres, had ABSORBED ABOUT 16,000,000 ACRES OUT OF NOT QUITE 10,000,000 ACRES DISPOSED OF. Much of the swamp grant outside of the everglades was covered with pine and cypress; and a great part of the present high concentration of timber ownership in the state is due to the

More than half of Florida was given absolutely free to railroads. It is this land that is now being sold so extensively to people of the north at \$25 an acre and more.

policy adopted in disposing of the grant. Michigan also granted large amounts of its swamp lands to railroads. The Cleveland Cliffs Iron company interests now own 80,000 acres of swamp land in the Upper Peninsula, purchased from the railroad to which the state had granted it.

The original swamp land grant (act of September 28, 1850, 9 Stat., 519) granted the lands with a provision for their drainage and reclamation. The great bulk of the land, however, still remains undrained. What effect the failure to drain may have on the present question seems to be an undetermined question.

In Minnesota, according to Samuel G. Iverson, state auditor, whose office is charged with the administration of the state lands, the federal land grant to the state (excluding the federal railroad grants) amounted to 8,150,000 acres, of which about 2,955,000 acres were common school lands and 4,450,000 acres swamp lands. THE STATE TWO M2 3-3 Appeal HAS SOLD OR GRANTED NEARLY 5,670,000 ACRES. Of this over 2,850,000 acres was swamp land granted by the state to various railroads.—Pages 253-254.

HOUNDING DARROW.

The most bitter enemy of Clarence Darrow must be willing to admit that he is being hounded from motives of vengeance and not prosecuted from motives of justice, in the courts of California.

For the third time Darrow is to be brought to trial upon the false and malicious charge of jury-bribery.

The essential facts of the case are known to our readers and need not be repeated here. The only evidence against Darrow is that produced by the slimy scoundrels who were supposedly in his service and wormed their way into his confidence while he was defending the McNamaras.

The testimony of ten thousand such moral perverts ought not to weigh as a feather against the word of an honest man.

It is not that Darrow has been guilty of wrong-doing, but that he has been the friend of labor that sticks in the craws of the manufacturers' association and its allies and that fires these franchise-grabbers, political corruptionists and all-around respectable thieves to thirst for Darrow's blood. They have kept the hounds on his heels ever since he undertook to defend the McNamaras and they will not be satisfied until they have bankrupted him financially, ruined him professionally, and wrecked him in physical health.

But Darrow is not the one to show the white feather in such a fight. He has the red blood of a warrior in his veins and will fight it out to the end.

In the first trial Darrow was acquitted; in the second the jury disagreed. Any other man than Darrow would have been set free after the first trial. But Darrow must be made to suffer for having stood up for workmen when corporations and courts were seeking to crush them.

Darrow is today stronger in the confidence and good will of the workers than when his first trial began and he will be stronger still with them and with the common people in general when the last trial closes. E. V. Debs.

THE story is current that F. R. Gooding, ex-governor of Idaho, is not a citizen of the United States. The story continues that when he was trying to be senator, and this story came out, he filed citizenship papers. If he was not a citizen all this time, how does he hold land there that he got through home-stead and other land laws from the United States government? This land he holds a deed for and values and sells for \$300 to \$500 an acre.

THERE is one Collins going about advertising himself by announcing that he has challenged Theodore Debs. The other day Theodore Debs received a letter asking if this was true, to which Theodore answered that he did not know, but that he had once heard of a louse that had challenged a lion.

Collins came into the APPEAL office on March 8th as I was leaving to catch the train, which was just then whistling for the station two blocks away. He was accompanied by ex-Senator Ryan. In the half minute's conversation, he said not one word about debating the question of Socialism with me. This is testified to by County Register of Deeds Flint, Ben P. Warren and Miss Effie D. Lallement, all of whom were in my office on that occasion. Yet this blatant defender of the rights of the capitalist to rob the poor, announced that night at a public meeting that he had challenged Warren to a debate and that Warren had refused. This story he and his friends have circulated vigorously in this county and district during my absence. On my return, I learned of Collins' action and while I have no time to spend on a liar, I have sent his friends word that I will accept the challenge he never made, with the understanding that the meeting is to be held in Pittsburg, Kan., on any date between March 26th and March 31st. I have deposited \$50 in the First National bank to cover one-half the expenses of the meeting.



The man with the hoe works for the man with the dough.

THIEVES IN CONGRESS.

We have several times discussed the mileage robbery of members of congress in these columns. We propose to keep at it until that robbery is ended.

Long before there were any railroads congress fixed the mileage of members of congress at 20 cents per mile and to this day senators and congressmen are not only drawing 20 cents per mile for going to and returning from Washington, but for imaginary trips which are not made, nor possible, when congress reconvenes by special session or otherwise immediately after it has adjourned.

When the republicans were in power the democrats charged them with all kinds of corruption and graft and declared that when they got into power they would put an end to this shameful looting of the public treasury.

Now the democrats are in power. They control both branches of congress and they have a president in the white house.

We now demand that they make good their promise and put an end to this outrageous robbery which amounts to hundreds of thousands of dollars every year.

Representative William Elijah Cox, of Indiana, democrat, has for several years been putting forth the most energetic efforts to have this pernicious graft abolished. But his democratic colleagues have failed to support him and his bill to put an end to the thievery has been defeated. But Mr. Cox is determined that the bill shall go through or that his colleagues shall be put upon record. He, therefore, proposes to push the matter in the new democratic congress and in this he should have the support of every man who wishes to see the American congress something better than a den of thieves.

In discussing this mileage robbery Mr. Cox said in a recent interview:

It is a nasty little graft. "In our platform and on the stump we democrats have stood for the abolition of this mileage robbery and special privileges. What will the country say of us, when we are in power, we allow this contemptible graft to continue and dip our hands into the federal treasury for an allowance far beyond the amount we actually pay out for mileage? I know that this reform is not popular with members of the house, but I am going to press it even if I wear out my welcome. Furthermore, I intend to see President Wilson and ask him to back me up in this crusade for common honesty. I hope he can be persuaded that it is consistent with his duty to permit a message to congress asking that the mileage graft be repealed.

If the democrats who are now in power refuse to put an end to this robbery they will go on record not only as corrupt as the republican grafters they have for years denounced, but as being arch-hypocrites besides.

It is reported that an organization of capitalists has been effected in Pittsburg, whose business it is to induce the new administration to grab the "Isle of Pines." They do not want it to belong to the United States, but to them. Of course, they want the United States to pay the expense of getting the property for them.

The mine owner doesn't take the coal out of the earth; he merely takes the dollars out of the blood of those who do take the coal from the earth.

HELP TO FREE THEM.

The Mexican revolutionary leaders, the Magon brothers, Rivera and Sigot-Roa, who are still prisoners at McNeill's Island on the Pacific coast upon the trumped-up charge of having violated the neutrality laws, ought to be liberated and every possible effort on the part of Socialists should be put forth to that end.

These men are in prison only because they stand for a program that will give land to the landless peasants by breaking up the vast estates stolen from the people by the freebooters under Diaz, then Madero and now Huerta, backed by the capitalists of Wall Street, who have hundreds of millions invested in Mexican enterprises.

There is no possible excuse for keeping these men in prison any longer. They never should have been sent there in the first place and they are held now only upon the flimsiest of technicalities.

All the publicity possible should be given to this outrageous persecution of these Mexican leaders and a united effort should be made on the part of all who are in sympathy with the suffering and struggling peasants and peons of Mexico to secure their liberation.

WE ARE FOR NEILL.

Charles P. Neill, national labor commissioner, reappointed by President Woodrow Wilson and refused confirmation by the senate, is not a Socialist, but we are with him in the fight that is being made upon him by the southern cotton mill owners and their lackeys in the senate.

Charles P. Neill, as labor commissioner, fearlessly investigated the abolition of child slavery in the southern mills and had the report published in a series of volumes on the "Condition of Women and Child Wage Earners in the United States."

In this report the horrible conditions in the slave pens of the south are laid bare and this is exceedingly shocking to the sensitive souls of the southern slave drivers.

And for this inexcusable offense against the exploiters of child labor Commissioner Neill must be slaughtered without the benefit of clergy.

In this fight Neill is eternally right and all the forces of right should stand him against the brutal assault upon him by the plutocratic owners of the mills of mammon.

Nothing more insulting could have been done than the reception that was given the women on their arrival in Washington to ask for votes. They were practically mobbed in the streets, and it is openly charged by those who know that it was the result of deliberate intention on the part of those in authority, including the secretary of war and former President Taft. A few days after the outrage there was a big crowd of men to attend the inauguration and all the forces of right should stand him against the brutal assault upon him by the plutocratic owners of the mills of mammon.

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A CHICAGO bank recently issued a statement calculated to show the benefit of putting money on interest, which is really a splendid argument against interest. It says: "If Adam, in the year 4004 B. C. had begun working for \$10 a day and had worked every day since and saved every penny, he would now have less than \$22,000,000. But if he had found \$1 and placed it out at one per cent compound interest, that one dollar would now amount to \$64,597,604,384,947,648, or six hundred and sixty-four quadrillions." The logic is, never work any more, but beat the fool who does.

The Legal Department

Since the organization of this department, quite a large amount of law business has come to us from various parts of the United States. This business we send our students in the locality where it arises, and have them handle it through a local lawyer with whom the student is associated. This assures the business being properly taken care of, and at the same time gives the student a part of the fee which goes to helping to educate Socialists who have law business are getting it done, as cheaply as they would if the services of a Socialist lawyer, but we do want the business where a Socialist lawyer cannot be employed. Remember a letter to us, stating briefly the legal matter which gives attention, and we will have the business looked after properly in the manner above indicated. Every law fee, even if small, helps the student getting it just as much in paying for his legal education. So do not overlook us when you need the services of a lawyer.

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Read It Three Times

Comrade Maxey, the old Socialist war horse of Gage, Okla., writes: "I borrowed a copy of 'The Call of the Carpenter' and read it three times. Then I concluded that I would own a copy myself, so here's a club of ten. The Call of the Carpenter is the best thing I have ever read in my life."

A comrade from Kalispell, Mont., says: "I have two copies of the Call of the Carpenter in my town and they are nearly worn out."

Another comrade from Findlay, Ohio, says: "I have tried to get the copy of the Call of the Carpenter from the library, but I am never in time."

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