

and give us men! A time like this demands great hearts, strong minds, true faith and willing hands.

A Day of the Life of a Miner's Wife

ALL during the early morning hours as Mary Baker fixed her husband's dinner bucket for work, she had gone about her work with a preoccupied air.

Mary tried to smile, but her lips quivered and bright tears began to gather, and to hide them she put her arms around his neck and laid her head on his shoulder.

Turning she walked back into the house. All through the morning Mary waited for footsteps. Of course, she thought, it was foolish to feel this way, for nothing was going to happen to him.

Just as True Today. Consider your ways: ye have sown much and bring in little; ye eat, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe ye, but there is none warmth; and he that earneth wages, gathereth wages to put it in a bag with holes.

THE purpose in laying by is to provide against a possible rainy day. The need of it is an arrangement of the capitalist system.

Under Socialism there will be laying by, but it will be systematic and not individual and anarchistic. It will be political economy and industrial economy as well.

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Sentenced for Poverty. Governor Foss of Massachusetts. Out of 27,000 sentences each year to Massachusetts jails and prisons, approximately 10,000 are not for any crime whatever, but only for poverty.

REMEMBER. We are still offering Benson's great book, "The Truth About Socialism," and subscription cards for a dollar, the price of the book alone.

ye meet it shall be measured to you again." The former capitalists turned away dejected, and began to consult.

Beginnings of Things. THE First Railroad. AFTER numerous railroads had been chartered and not built, about 1828, active construction of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad was begun.

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PEARSON'S MAGAZINE for January will have another stirring article by Allan F. Benson, entitled "What You Won't Get from a Low Tariff." It's an article that every person struggling with the ever present problem of three meals a day will want to read. Benson gives the facts and figures. Subscribe now and get the magazine for January. It's \$1.50 a year, but we have a special arrangement with the publishers which enables us to offer you the National Socialist two years, all for \$1.50. The price of the magazine alone, one year and 20 of our five-cent propaganda pamphlets for \$1.50. Take your choice.

At the Country Store. The City Man went to the Pop Wawel's to spend Sunday. He was like Howson Lot's visitors, seeking rest. Awakened at five o'clock Sunday morning by a lowing, whinnying and squealing, he was very much irritated.

The Curse of Creation. In the old days men produced for themselves, and what they made they largely consumed.

Trained men are quickly spotted for better positions and higher pay. You can have the training for the position you want by devoting a little time each day under International Correspondence Schools direction.

Before you know it, some "boss" will pick you out of the line for a better position and higher salary.

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Work with the I. C. S. hand in hand, and you will go ahead with a rush, as thousands of others have done.

Mark the Coupon and Mail It Today, indicating the position you desire. The I. C. S. will send you invaluable literature and information explaining this method of self-help.

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MICHIGAN and Colorado are today bloody battlefields. Our comrades and brothers are being ruthlessly mowed down by the machine guns of the enemy. Men, women and children of our class are paying with their lives the penalty for demanding living conditions from a heartless and inhuman plutocracy. The coal and copper kings of both states are using the powers of the courts and the militia to crush the spirit of revolt. They will succeed if we remain passive and inactive. But we must not. An injury to one is the concern of all! The Appeal is making arrangements to get special correspondents on the scene of the industrial wars. And to you, members of the Appeal Army, we shall entrust as we have entrusted in the past, the task of spreading the truth, of increasing the circulation of the Appeal. Publicity is our strongest weapon!

As Washington Sees Us

Remarkable Views Expressed About Socialists at National Press Club.

Special Correspondence Appeal to Reason, Washington, D. C.—In the luxurious quarters of the National Press Club, the foremost organization of capitalist newspapermen and members of Washington political life, an important discussion took place the other day. To me, a Socialist who is compelled to sell his brains to a capitalist sheet, that discussion was most significant. I heard senators of both parties, congressmen of the three capitalist parties, two lawyers, a few chiefs of federal bureaus and departments and a dozen or so Washington correspondents of the large metropolitan dailies praising the Wilson administration on one point, and that is—WILSON IS CHECKING THE GROWTH OF SOCIALISM.

"Say what you please," said the correspondent of a Boston newspaper "Wilson has succeeded where Roosevelt and Taft have failed. Both Taft and Roosevelt have encouraged the growth of Socialism by persecuting its leaders and by a narrow and reactionary policy of antagonism to all labor and reform legislation. As a result this country has been threatened with an uprising of the masses which had it been permitted to go its full course would have swept everything away, and the Socialists would be here viewing the ruins of the white house and the capitol. Now, I am a republican. I did not vote for Wilson, but I must say that I like his diplomatic handling of the working people. He 'GIVES IN' ON ALL THE LITTLE THINGS AND THEREBY IS ABLE TO PROTECT THE BIG THINGS."

A half dozen were eager to break in at this point with statements of approval, but a democratic representative of Oklahoma "got the floor," to use a parliamentary expression. "I agree with you thoroughly," he told the Boston newspaperman. "In my state the Socialists have been growing by leaps and bounds because of the tactless methods of the Taft administration. Wilson is a far greater politician than you republicans have given him credit for. He said Bryan said that this country faces a grave problem. Differences between the old parties and even the progressive party court for naught against this danger. The working people are being told that they are entitled to all the wealth they create. They are being lied with Socialist literature and Socialist papers. The APPEAL TO REASON has a tremendous circulation in my state and I understand it has hundreds of thousands of subscribers in the country. The Socialists are like fanatics and it requires the wisest of statesmanship here in Washington to keep these fanatics from sweeping the country."

"Well, Wilson has them on the run, hasn't he?" asked one of the lawyers who is slated, by the way, for a job in the commission that is to appraise the physical valuation of the railroads of the country.

"Yes, you bet," answered the Oklahoma congressman. "I keep in touch with their movement. I have to. They are pretty thick in my district. From their papers I learn that the Socialist party has lost about 50,000 members since Wilson was elected. I also understand that the APPEAL TO REASON has been losing circulation lately and that a number of Socialist papers have recently suspended. But don't get a notion that these Socialists are whipped. They have got wonderful vitality and may come back. But let me tell you it's a wise thing to handle them with kid gloves."

Here a newspaper man, who recently had an article about Wilson in a popular magazine, presented his view. After stating that he was personally a bull moose and getting a "hoarse laugh" from the crowd for his foolish frankness, this newspaper man said:

"I have been studying up Wilson's record recently and I noticed that he took the easiest way on each question. Talk about international diplomacy, our present occupant of the white house would shame a Richieu in the gentle art of sliding out from under every time a serious situation developed itself. If a strike breaks out he immediately has Secretary Wilson—his appointment by the way was also a clever stroke—to send a federal mediator to the scene. This gentleman employs his good offices. That doesn't cost anything. He just arrives on the scene and the papers all over the country record that fact and the working people everywhere think he is going surely to settle the strike. He doesn't, nine times out of ten. Another thing about our present administration: Wilson has appointed a raft of reformers and single taxers to unimportant and harmless jobs, thereby giving the administration an air

of radicalism and progressiveness. But you'll note Wilson's got McAdoo counting the money and McReynolds handling the department of justice."

The bull moose's ideas did not please the democrats present. If facial expressions mean anything. The discussion drifted along for a while and the crowd broke up to attend a night session at the capitol.

I am sending this account to the comrades who read the APPEAL because I believe Socialists ought to know what the old party politicians and newspapermen think of the movement at the present time. Personally, I believe there is a whole lot of truth in what was said at this informal discussion. I know, as does every Socialist, that before long the Wilson administration will fall down. The bluff of tariff and currency reform will not give men jobs or reduce the cost of living. This may not be generally found out for a year. And it's possible that during this period Socialism will wane—unless the stalwarts—the fanatics, as the Oklahoma congressman calls us—will double, yea, triple their energies in the meantime. If during this Wilson chloroform period we, the avowed Socialists, sustain our press and party even to the extent of paying all the bills and doing all the work ourselves, we shall be highly rewarded when the Wilson administration collapses—and it will collapse as surely as I am writing these lines. But we must be brave and persistent in the meantime.

Tommy—Father, what's the future of the verb "invest"?
Peter (a congressman)—Investigation—
Pennsylvania Punch Bowl.

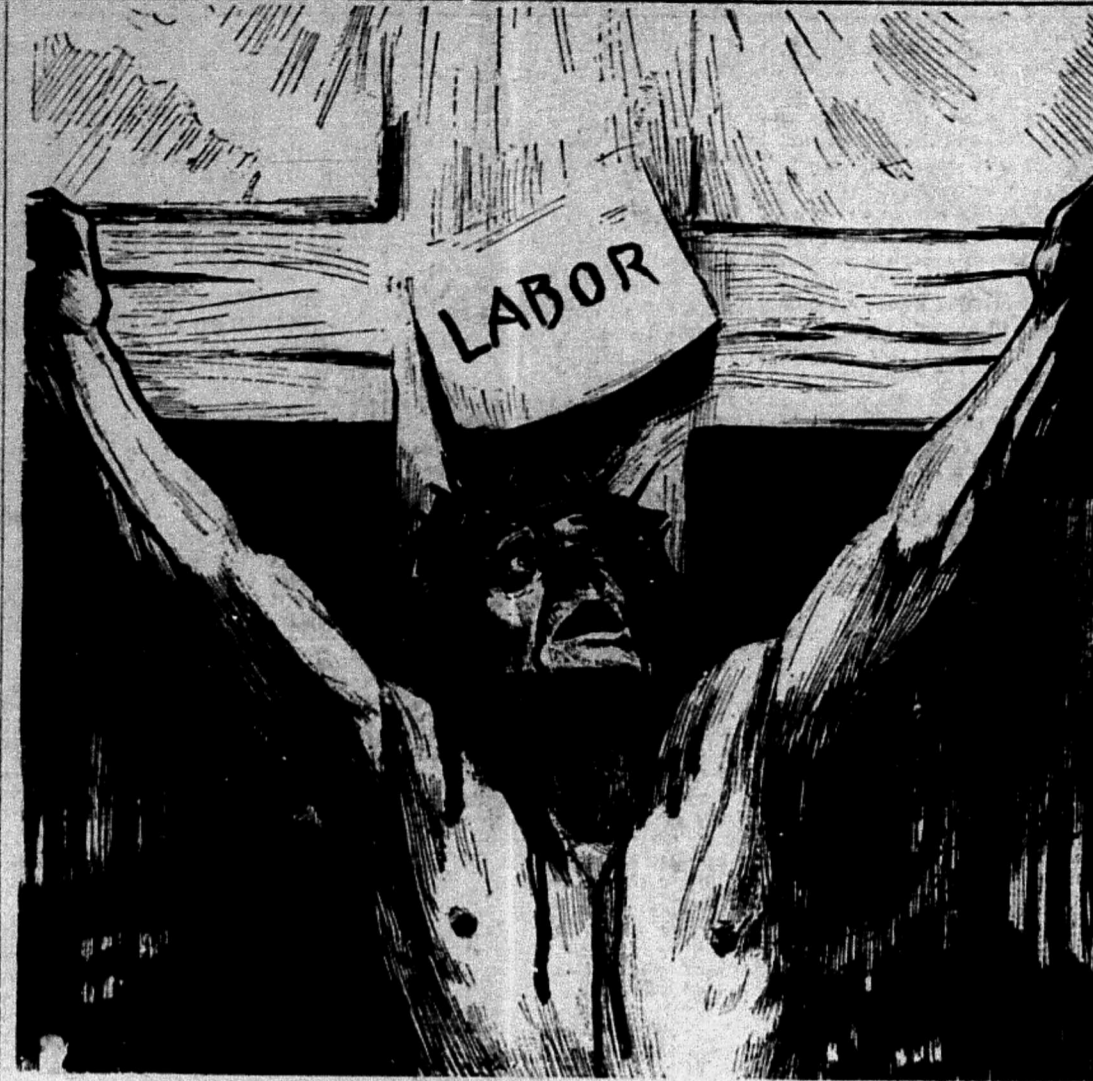
NOT "PUBLIC" OWNERSHIP

In the past few weeks the Wall Street Journal has published some twenty odd articles giving numbers of shareholders in industrial, railroad and miscellaneous corporations. In 145 industrial there were no less than 503,656 shareholders, and in 46 railroads 424,626 shareholders.

These figures are intended to make common people think that the trust magnates have but little to say about the affairs of the great corporations, that the interests of hundreds of thousands of stockholders, who, with their dependents, constitute some millions of the population.

Hundreds of papers the daily publishing these ill-conceived stereotyped editorials, though well informed persons everywhere know that the number of stockholders is woefully exaggerated through counting each shareholder's name once in each concern, though the same person is a stockholder in a hundred companies. Thus, 100 shareholders as tabulated by Wall street may mean only one person. Well informed persons also know that five per cent of the stockholders own more of the companies' capital than the other ninety-five per cent, a single stockholder often owning more than half of the company's property.

But the infamous deception overreaches itself and brings in the millions of wage earners employed by these corporations as participants in their prosperity and as being interested in their success. What a genuine popular scramble there ought to be to see that the interstate commerce commission allows the railroads to help themselves to five per cent more of the people's earnings!



Colorado and Calumet

Balfour Kerr

WHY THE STRUGGLE

I can't get into my mind how capital will be regulated under Socialism. I can't see how the capitalist and laborer can be antagonistic to each other.

No man employs another unless he has hopes of making a profit from his labor; he simply can't afford to do it. This means that the capitalist gets part of what the worker produces, and brings an inevitable contest. The worker wants more of what he creates. The capitalist fights for as much as he can get. As a result there is a class struggle. And there can be no ending of the class struggle until labor gets all it produces.

And labor can never get all it produces until the capitalist, who stands as a middle man exacting toll from the worker, is set aside. Through the collective ownership of the productive property of the nation. When that shall occur, the worker will have access to the tools, and as a result employ himself and get all he produces. The capitalist will then have no place as a capitalist, because he cannot hire men to work for him when they can get more working for themselves. Nothing will be left to him then but to become a worker himself. Becoming a worker, he becomes a member of the working class and the class struggle automatically ends.

PRODUCE RESULTS.

That is what every Socialist worker is striving for—to produce results. We cannot always do the thing we would like to do; some are not situated so they can solicit subs or distribute literature and we want to urge all such to help put the little old APPEAL into the hands of every voter in West Virginia. We have a splendid chance of capturing that state for Socialism. It is simply a matter of getting to the workers of that state with the APPEAL. You can't invest a dollar where it will produce more or better results. For every dollar sent on this fund the names of four West Virginia working class voters will be put on the list. This is an opportunity for all to boost and carry West Virginia for Socialism.

Now Agrees With the Appeal

Attorney General McReynolds, after having assisted his then chief, George W. Wickersham, in prosecuting the APPEAL editors for its exposure of the federal prison, finds the tide turned against him and now criticises the same judges that the APPEAL exposed, saying:

There have been several cases in the last few years where the actions of these judges, completely out of sympathy with the cause, and notoriously prejudiced against the rights of the people in favor of corporations, have brought the federal courts into ill repute. In one case, for instance, a judge, against whom there was much pressure, finally retired for age, but immediately became an attorney for various railroad corporations in suits opposing the rights of the people.

The attorney general, in an effort to square himself with the people, suggests that federal judges be forced to resign after having served (the corporations) for a certain number of years, in order, presumably, to give another appointed judge, a chance at the swag. The thing to do is to end all appointive offices, and especially to end the unnecessary offices of the minor federal judges.

BLIND JUSTICE

Joseph G. Robin, the skyrocket financier, sentenced to serve one year in Blackwell's Island penitentiary, was released a few days ago without ever having served a single day of actual prison life for the larceny of \$27,000 from the Washington Savings bank.

Judging from press reports he must have manifested extremely "good" behavior while under sentence, as he was required to serve but five months, and was permitted to leave the prison every morning in time to catch the nine o'clock boat, to remain at business in the city until the four o'clock boat and then resume his place in the penitentiary during the night. While nominally a convict Robin is said to have "made between \$200,000 and \$1,000,000 during his daily trips to New York."

STRANGE that people are discussing how to lower the cost of living when the real problem is how to raise the price of living.

CAPITALISM IS TOTTERING

Yes, things are improving. The masters have to do something to placate the people and prevent the ending of their graft in Socialism.

Here are some things that have been won in 1913:

California, Massachusetts and New York have adopted the commission form of factory law administration.

California, Colorado, Minnesota, Nebraska, Oregon, Wisconsin and Utah have passed minimum wage laws.

Some form of workmen's compensation measures have been adopted by Connecticut, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, Oregon, Texas and West Virginia.

Laws relative to accidents in mines and on railways were passed by twelve states. Four states required physicians to report occupational diseases. Missouri, Ohio and Pennsylvania passed laws for protection against trade diseases. Fifteen states made show of protection from mine accidents and twenty-six from railway accidents.

Legislation touching on child labor was adopted by thirty-one states.

Connecticut, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, Oregon, Texas and West Virginia passed workmen's compensation bills. Fifteen states already had such measures.

Ohio and Texas made eight hours the official day on state work. Twenty-four states in addition had this provision on their statute books.

Three states provided for free employment bureaus, and five states passed laws directed against abuses of private employment agencies.

Minimum wage laws for women were adopted by Colorado, Minnesota, Nebraska, Washington, California, Oregon, Wisconsin, Utah, Idaho, Delaware and Texas. Night work for women and children was prohibited in New York, Pennsylvania and Nebraska.

Many of these laws are defective and were clearly framed to appease the workers while beating them, after the old style of legislation. Nevertheless, they indicate that when the workers are aroused they can get legislation. If they remain content with these sops they will continue slaves. And they may be free, merely with a word—and that word is Socialism.

Attention, Comrades!

From the Minot, N. D., Iconoclast.

This paper needs support, but—

The APPEAL campaign for a million subs is more important than the needs of our local paper.

Comrades, go to it, get those million subs. The APPEAL is always there with the goods!

"What we want is the golden rule embodied in legislation," said the idealist.

"Yes," replied the "practical" politician. "But I doubt if you'd find a job on earth that could put that through."—Washington Star.

Comrade X Announcement Next Week

As this issue goes to press before the result of the enrolling in the Red Card Division can be known, a full statement of the number that have enrolled will appear in next week's APPEAL. Whether a sufficient number of Socialists have sent in pledges to make possible a donation of \$50,000 to Socialist propaganda by Comrade X, will then be made known. Watch for this announcement.

Here is a letter of a comrade who has caught the spirit in a way Socialists should:

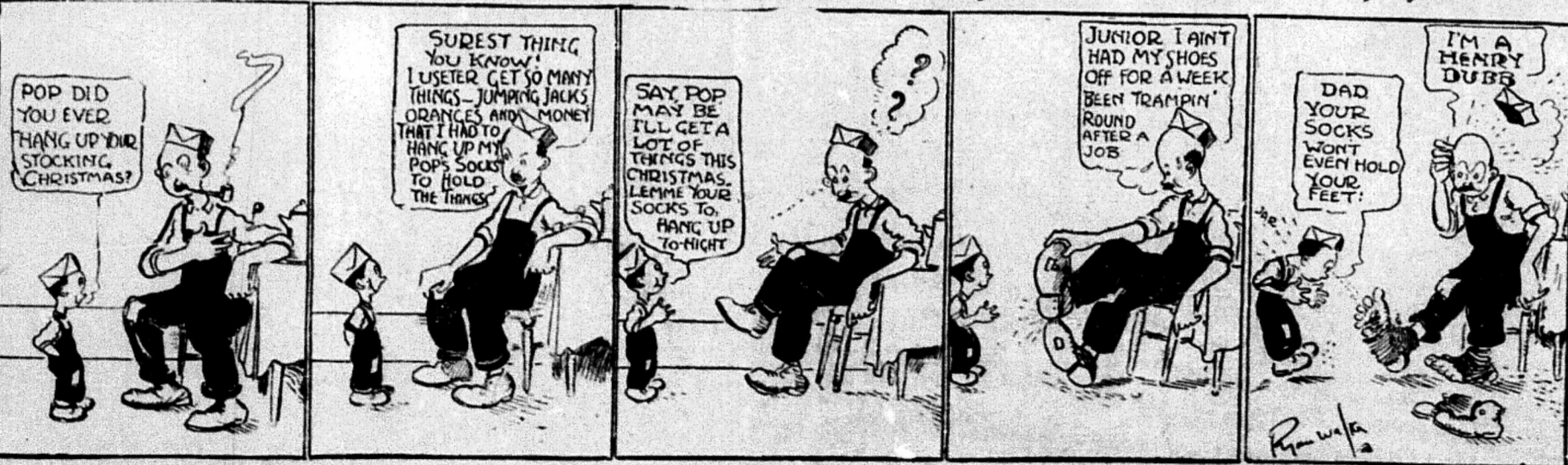
Dear Comrade Warren—My answer to proposal of Comrade X is check enclosed for \$62.50 in payment for 250 sub. cards and 100 sub. donated by Comrade X. This payment in advance will save me \$1.56 in money order fees and \$1.04 in postage. It will enable you to realize \$2.49 in interest at a 4 per cent, save you \$1.04 postage and probably 50 to 75 cents office expenses. I can use the cards from time to time during the year.—C. R. Miller, Holly Springs, Miss.

ACCORDING to a government report, Filipino children are worth a lot more than American children. This report says Filipino children are sold into slavery at \$80 apiece. In the United States the price runs from 90 cents to a dollar a week and no responsibility or expense of taking care of them when they are sick or unable to work. But then you know we have the advantage of being civilized. It will of course take the Filipinos some time to learn 20th century business methods. We musn't expect too much from them right on the start.

A MODERATE army of the unemployed is essential to the capitalist, in order to keep wages down. When that army gets too numerous, however, on account of the inability of the capitalist to fulfill his contract to employ all the people, it becomes dangerous. It is then the unemployed are jailed as vagrants, and the press cries, "Back to the farm," in order to get them away from the cities and make the innocent farmer bear the burden. Any way and in every way the capitalist system is a failure and is criminal in nature.

Santa Claus Will Now Have a Good Excuse for Skipping the Palatial Shack of Mr. Henry Dubb.

By Ryan Walker



THE splendid victories of the Socialists at the recent municipal elections in various parts of the county demonstrate eloquently the value of the work of the Jimmie Higginses. It is due to their persistent hammering that Socialists are made and that finally towns and cities are carried by the working class for the working class. Look over the list of the Big Ten and Big Four, and, in fact, read the entire Appeal Army column and you will see at once why Socialism is gaining in this country. So long as men and women will voluntarily try to get their friends to stop reading the pite papers or to be influenced by them just so long Socialism is certain to triumph. Every reader won for the Appeal is another nail in the coffin of capitalism. The plutes know this. That's why they call the Appeal a "blather-skite periodical." That's why they are eager to see the Appeal lower its colors. But they never will so long as the Appeal Army maintains and increases its invaluable work for Socialism and this paper.

"Who's Who in Socialist America"

The APPEAL is getting ready to print a book that will not be for sale. John D. Rockefeller with all his millions cannot buy a copy. The title of this remarkable book is "WHO'S WHO IN SOCIALIST AMERICA."

It will be a record of the work of the men and women who have made Socialism the greatest political power in the nation.

There have been several books devoted to the activities of the so-called leaders of the Socialist movement, but this will be the first attempt to put into permanent form a record of the rank and file, the Jimmy Higginses and the Jane Higginses who have made Socialism what it is today in America.

For the first time the Socialist workers will have a ready reference book that will put them in touch with soldiers of the revolution in every hamlet, town and city in the country. It furnishes a means whereby the workers can cooperate with one another and is something that has long been needed. Every precaution will be taken to prevent this book from falling into the hands of anyone outside of the ranks. The name and address of the owner of each copy will be written on the front cover and a notice printed to the effect that if the book is found in the possession of anyone else it will be taken as evidence of theft and the possessor prosecuted accordingly. The book will be copyrighted and protected in every possible way. We are now at work compiling the biographies of the Socialists whose names will appear in this book. This little book will tell briefly what each comrade has accomplished, and with this information, the owner of a copy may write to the comrade whose experience he thinks will help him in his work.

The book will be printed on good paper and bound in full leather with flexible cover. Remember, this book cannot be bought with money, but a copy will go free to every one whose biography appears in it. And only those APPEAL workers who have sent in 50 subscriptions during the year 1913 will have their biographies published. This means if you want a copy of "Who's Who in Socialist America" with your biography published therein, you must see that you are credited with 50 subscriptions to the APPEAL before January 1, 1914. If you are not sure how many you have already sent, drop us a card and your record will be immediately checked up and notice mailed you of exactly how many more you must send to make up the required 50. Just as soon as you have complied with this requirement we shall arrange with you to provide us with the information necessary to make up your biography. By a little extra effort every APPEAL Army worker can secure one of these valuable books. You need it and we have made it as easy as we could for you to get one. Remember you have little time left—so get busy.

If the railroads cannot attend to the distribution of the goods of the nation without robbing the people, let them give up the gun. That is their implied contract, and if they can't, Uncle Sam can.

Be Well Prepared

The Socialists will ultimately control the political affairs of every city and every state in this nation. No well informed person can afford to be unprepared for this event. Socialists know well that they are not now thoroughly prepared to take charge of governmental affairs and conduct them in the best possible manner. It is no disarrangement to them that this is true. In the main they are working men and women who have had but little opportunity for education. It is because of this lack of opportunity that they have so long been held in slavery by the masters.

It is now generally understood and recognized that emancipation of the workers will only come through education and intelligent action. To meet this need we have arranged for a splendid course in law and public speaking, which is furnished the students by correspondence, thus leaving them at their work while they are securing their education. This is the only way we can hope to educate our people, for their wages are necessary to support themselves and their families. This course is being organized, and when we finish it, we will try our very best to make a good lawyer and a good speaker of every student in the APPEAL law class.

Those of you who read this notice and have not yet determined upon a definite course in life, should investigate our plans while yet there is time. It may be the turning point for the better in your life. At the expenditure of a very little money and the giving of a little time each day one can, in generally three years, prepare himself to do real service in the struggle of the workers. If you are not simply trying to slip through life without making any effort to better the world write us for literature.

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