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Burns Detectives and Gunmen "Jobbed" Ford and Suhr to Prison, Says Turner

Appeal Breaks Conspiracy of Silence of Plute Press and Publishes Startling Facts Regarding An Infamous Crime Against Two Innocent Men—Hop Pickers' Loyal Leaders Sent to Penitentiary for Life Have Few Friends and We Must Stand by Them to Last Ditch

The Ford-Suhr Conspiracy at a Glance.

Richard Ford and Herman Suhr, in January of this year, were convicted of murder in the second degree as a result of the hop field "riot" at Wheatland, Cal., in which two officers and two strikers lost their lives.
 The judge, E. P. McDaniel, gave them the extreme penalty—life imprisonment. Application for a new trial was immediately made. Judge McDaniel denied it, and an appeal was taken.
 Pending the appeal Ford and Suhr are held without bail in the county jail at Marysville, Cal.
 Each has a wife and two children who are in destitute circumstances.
 The appeal will be argued in July before the court of appeals of the Third district of the state of California. If a new trial is then denied it is the intention to carry the case to the supreme court of the state.
 The prisoners are defended by Austin Lewis, a radical writer and speaker of national reputation, and R. M. Royce.
 These men are not guilty. The prosecution failed to connect them with the killings. The theory on which they were convicted was that, as they were leaders of a strike out of which homicide resulted, they were the authors of a conspiracy to murder.
 No person well informed on the case believes there was any conspiracy to murder. No one believes that Ford and Suhr conspired to bring about the death of any person. The reason for the savage prosecution of the charges against them was that the rich hop growers of Yuba county wanted to make an example of somebody and so insure themselves against strikes in the hop fields in the future.
 Publicity is the first necessary step toward the saving of these men. Their fight is the fight of every worker who wishes to preserve for himself the right to strike.

BY JOHN KENNETH TURNER,
 Staff Correspondent Appeal to Reason.

RICHARD FORD and Herman Suhr are two workmen such as you might find in any crowd. Ford is 32, the son of an Irishman who was an adjutant in an Illinois regiment during the civil war. In early life he learned the trade of an iron worker, but necessity drove him about from place to place, and he performed many kinds of labor.
 Suhr is 39. He was born in Nebraska. At fifteen he was in charge of a small farm, doing a man's work, bearing a man's responsibility, providing for his younger brothers and sisters, sending them to school instead of going to school himself.
 Later Suhr came west and started at common labor. He worked on farms and at teaming. He was unusually steady, sober and frugal. After years of the hardest toil he found himself in a position to begin paying for a home.
 Both Ford and Suhr are clean, intelligent men. They have neat, unassuming wives and promising children. Ford's children are small, a chubby, toddling boy and a bright little girl of six. Suhr's are also a boy and a girl, straightforward and ambitious, in their early teens.
 Last summer Ford was out of work in Oakland, California; Suhr was with his family in Stockton. In response to an advertisement promising high wages and a long job, they met, together with nearly 3,000 others, on the great hop ranch of Durst brothers, at Wheatland, Yuba county, the county-seat of which is Marysville.

Writes from Experience.
 I know from experience what hop-picking is in California. I picked hops for 15 hours a day, for 14 days, and my check came to \$13.99. Out of this I paid my board and lodging.
 And I did better than the average. Quoted averages are higher than they ought to be because whole families usually pick into one sack. A picker of long experience and rare speed, who takes big chances to cram vines in with his hops, who begins in the dark and quits in the dark, may under good conditions average \$2.50 a day, and once in a lifetime may make \$4 or more. But the average picker will surely fall short of \$1 a day.
 Until August, 1913, a strike in a California hop-field was unheard of. The season was too short; the workers were too many, of too varied nationalities and too near the hunger line for any mass action even to be considered.
 Only a situation literally beyond endurance could bring these untrained, unsympathetic and poverty-stricken laborers together. Such a situation was found upon the great Durst ranch.
Exploiters Get Big Profits.
 Durst brothers, whose hop "farm" is one of the largest in the world, and whose "legitimate" profits from the one

"farm" are in the neighborhood of \$250,000 a year, have in operation a cunning system designed to get them their hops harvested for next to nothing.
 First, by rosy advertisements they contrive to bring a vast excess of pickers over the number needed, and to get them on the ground several days before the work begins. The capacity of the drying kilns is sufficient to handle the product only of 1,500 pickers, yet, according to Dr. Carleton Parker, federal and state investigator, on the opening of the season 3,000 persons were waiting to wade into the Durst hops.
 Durst brothers want this excess of human flesh for three reasons:
 1. To rent them tents. Tents are 75 cents a week. Four persons to a tent would make 750 tents. Seven hundred fifty tents at 75 cents each gives us \$562.50 a week, \$80.34 a day.
 2. To steal their hold-back. The standard picking wage for 1913 was \$1 for each hundred pounds. Durst paid 90 cents cash, dubbed the other 10 a "bonus" and refused to pay it unless the picker staid through the season to the last day.
 Then, by giving his pickers work only a part of the time, and making conditions generally unbearable, Durst kept a constant stream of people flowing away from his ranch who were forced to leave their "bonuses" behind.
 Dr. Parker estimates that the amount thus gouged out of the pickers was between \$100 and \$150 a day.
 3. To be certain always of enough pickers who would be willing, through force of circumstances, to harvest his hops on his own terms.
 But Mr. Durst has not yet got all his pickers' money back. Next he opens a supply store, prohibits the town grocers from delivering on his property, establishes a monopoly, and picks up another fat profit.
Cousin Also Fleeces.
 More yet. Mr. Durst sells to his cousin the lemonade (citric acid), ice-cream, lunch, and water "concessions" for an unknown but presumably high price. A part of the contract is that no free water may be delivered to the pickers in the fields. The water at the camp, even, is so scanty that the two wells are pumped dry by sun-up. Yuba county runs hot in August—110 to 115 degrees. Water is a big item. Water sold in the fields at five cents a glass brings a small fortune.
 Ralph Durst, general manager of Durst brothers, "is one of our most respected fellow citizens" there in Yuba county. Why not? He has the cash.
 Ralph Durst helped elect the "beloved and honored" district attorney, who died in his behalf. That "beloved and honored" district attorney, by the way, was Durst's private attorney on the side.
 Durst helped elect the sheriff, too—another good republican—who led a posse, armed to the teeth and brandishing their arms, against a peaceful assemblage of Durst's employes, with the express purpose of perpetuating the vested institutions of the "bonus," the tent-graft, the pluck-me store, citric acid "lemonade," and the five-cent glass of water.
 Durst was also a close personal friend of Adjutant General Forbes, who led the state militia to his assistance, and later, through his newspaper, the

Knowledge Is Foe of Corruption.
 "A government that is corrupt can no more consist with a population that is enlightened than the night can continue when the sun is up." A man named Colton wrote this in 1836. It was true then; it is true today. A government by gunner cannot long exist when the people know the truth about it. John Kenneth Turner is writing about the truth about it in his "Government by Gunner" articles now appearing in the Appeal and which will run through the next twenty or more issues. You should help circulate this story. Subscribe for a regular bundle of extra copies and hand them out each week. Take advantage of the special offer of 30 copies each week for six months for \$2.50 and get your order in today.

Marysville Appeal, played an essential part in the frame-up which resulted in sentences of life imprisonment upon Richard Ford and Herman Suhr.
 But this article is not intended as a reflection upon Mr. Durst. Business is business. Besides, has not the Almighty, in his infinite wisdom, proved an abiding faith in Mr. Durst by placing so great a property in his hands?
 I have not yet, however, stated the most insupportable affliction put upon this great course of people who had gathered together in the hope of earning a dollar in the hop fields and getting away with it.
 That affliction may be stated in one word—filth. There was no provision for removing garbage; think what that means. There were not to exceed ten shallow toilets on the whole place. Many of the pickers declare that until after the tragedy there were but five toilets, and then Durst hastily added several more, declaring that they had been there from the beginning.
 But supposing there were ten toilets—one to each 300 persons. If you can't imagine what that means read the extract from Parker's report printed in another column.
 And they said it was an individual, Richard Ford, that incited the strike!
 Well, there was a strike. Had that heterogeneous mass of working people been able to get away it would have disintegrated and got away in preference to striking. Hundreds did get away. For hundreds of others getting away was a physical impossibility. They were there with their families, broke and hungry.
Crime to Rebel.
 So they committed the crime of going on strike. And Richard Ford, a little reader of speech than any of the others, became their spokesman.
 The strikers elected a committee, which called on Ralph Durst and asked him to build some more toilets. Durst slapped the spokesman, Ford, in the face with his glove and told him he was discharged. The strikers were ordered off the place, but as they had rented the ground they were living on they claimed they had a right to stay.
 A deputy constable, privately paid, told Ford he was under arrest. Ford demanded a warrant. The constable, Lee Anderson, drew his gun. A girl striker stepped between. An Italian boy, baring his breast, cried: "Don't shoot her; shoot me!" Anderson retreated, and he and Durst rode away in Durst's automobile to telephone for reinforcements.
 When the reinforcements arrived the strikers were holding a meeting on their own camp grounds.
PICTURE, IF YOU CAN, THAT ASSEMBLAGE OF UPWARDS OF 2,000 PEOPLE. HALF OF THEM WERE WOMEN AND CHILDREN. FEW HAD EVER BEEN IN A STRIKE BEFORE. FEW HAD THOUGHT IT POSSIBLE FOR THEM EVER TO DARE TO GO ON STRIKE. THEY WERE CROWDED TOGETHER IN A DENSE MASS ABOUT THE DANCE PLATFORM, EXALTED WITH THEIR NEW-FOUND POWER—THE OLDEST AND THE YOUNGEST. THE LIGHT OF A NEW HOPE WAS IN THEIR FACES. WOMEN HELD THEIR BABIES MORE TIGHTLY TO THEIR BREASTS, WHILE TEARS RAN DOWN THEIR PREMATURELY FADED CHEEKS. EVERYBODY WAS SAYING TO HIS OR HER NEIGHBOR, "MAYBE—MAYBE WE CAN DO SOMETHING; MAYBE WE CAN—WE, WHO ARE WEAKEST OF ALL—WE, WHO HAVE NEVER DARED BEFORE—MAYBE, IF WE WILL ONLY STAND TOGETHER—OH GOD! MAYBE WE CAN!"
 Heaven knows they did not want much. They were asking for almost nothing. Yet the thought of getting it was something wonderful to them.
 They had been singing. Ford was speaking now—a short, dark, compact man, with clear voice and decisive gestures. He was begging them to be true.
 Ford paused in his speech, reached out his hands, took a soiled baby from its mother's arms, held the baby high and shouted: "It's for the kids we are doing this." Then the reinforcements came!
 The "reinforcements" consisted of Mr. Durst, his private policeman, his private attorney, who was also district attorney (county prosecutor), his sheriff, and a party of deputies. There were two large automobile loads of them—and rifles, revolvers and shot-guns, more than enough to go around. At least two of the deputies carried Winchester re-

peating shot-guns, known as "pump-guns."
 Ford was speaking from his soap-box. There was not a sign of disorder. The two automobiles dashed up to the edge of the crowd, the occupants leaped out, and, brandishing their weapons, rushed into the crowd. Anderson, the sheriff, and the district attorney led the way. The sheriff shouted a command for the meeting to disperse. Anderson grabbed Ford and jerked him off his box. At that moment Henry Daken, deputy, opened fire with his pump-gun. The unarmed strikers, to prevent a massacre of themselves and their families, entered into a conflict with the officers for the possession of their guns.
 In five minutes the strikers were in command of the field. Four men lay dead upon the ground—the district attorney, a deputy sheriff, and two strikers. Sheriff Voss was hurt, having been clubbed and trampled. About twenty strikers, among them women and children, were suffering from gun-shot wounds.
 This is substantially the story of the "riot" as told by both sides. I personally visited the scene and was present during a part of the trial. I have read the testimony taken both at the trial and at the coroner's inquest. Here are some points:
 All witnesses agree that, on approaching the crowd, the officers displayed their guns, while no gun was to be seen among the strikers.
 No witness claimed to have seen Ford do any shooting, or even to have had a gun in his possession at any stage of the proceedings.
 No witness claimed to have seen Suhr do any shooting, or even to have had a gun in his hands at any stage of the proceedings.
 The prosecution made no claim that either Ford or Suhr fired the shot that killed either the district attorney or the deputy.
 The defence introduced witnesses to prove that one of the dead strikers killed both the district attorney and the deputy, each of whom received but one wound. The evidence is that this man, a Porto Rican named Fiagu, wrested a pistol from the hands of the deputy, beat him down, shot him, and then shot District Attorney Manwell. Fiagu was in turn killed by Daken.
 And yet Ford and Suhr are sent to prison for life!
 Why?
 In order "to make an example" of somebody. In order to teach migratory labor a lesson that it will never forget. In order to insure no more strikes in the hop fields of California.
 The California Hop Growers' Association absolutely dominates Yuba county, financially and politically.
 Ralph Durst had violated state laws in bringing his pickers together under the existing conditions. But the sheriff did not lead his posse to Wheatland to arrest Ralph Durst. He did not lead his posse to Wheatland to enforce any laws.
 The sheriff came to protect Durst in his violation of the law, in order to save Durst some money. He came as a representative of Durst and the hop-growers generally. He came to arrest some men and cow others, in order to break a strike. He led a posse armed to the teeth, ready and willing to shoot—ready to accept the slightest excuse to shoot in order to teach the lesson that hop-pickers' strikes in Yuba county are not allowed.
 Henry Daken admitted firing the first shot. He admitted killing one man and shooting the arm of another man. But Henry Daken was not tried for murder. He was not even arrested. His gunning was done for the hop growers. That's why.
 But Ford and Suhr, who didn't do any shooting, are sacrificed. The strike would have occurred just the same if Ford and Suhr had never been born. But if there hadn't been any strike there wouldn't have been any killings—there wouldn't have been any murderous attack by the "loved and honored" private-public district attorney, the sheriff and Henry Daken. Somebody must be "punished" for the deaths resulting from that murderous attack. The "representatives of law and order?" Nonsense! Then a couple of strikers, of course. No matter if they are men with families dependent upon them. Migratory laborers must be taught a lesson. Let these men be crucified.
 How did they "put it over?"
 By a common frame-up. By a deliberate and criminal misapplication of the functions of justice.
 This frame-up was originally intended to send Ford and Suhr, as well as others, to the gallows. A partial expose of the plot before the trial is all that saved

this scheme from being put into operation.

Some of the persons, functionaries and organizations concerned in the frame-up against Ford and Suhr are as follows:

The judge.
 The present district attorney.
 The progressive administration of the state of California, acting through the attorney general.
 Various county officials of Yuba, Sutter and other counties.
 In a secondary sense, the Yuba county press, notably *The Marysville Appeal*, owned by E. A. Forbes, adjutant general of the militia of California under Governor Johnson. Also various other "leading citizens" of Yuba county.
 Finally, the William J. Burns International Detective Agency.
 The rough work was furnished by Burns. The others were chiefly accessories before or after the fact. The almost unbelievable outrages perpetrated by Burns in pursuance of the frame-up, and the assistance and protection given him by his accomplices of high repute will come out in detail from week to week in these columns.

"Oil money" is denounced by a "progressive" in the senate. Isn't "blood money" more appropriate?

We are told that "money talks." Wonder if John D's millions are whispering to him these days—"Remember Ludlow!"

HEREAFTER when the workers wish to express the idea of coming defeat they will say, "It is 26 for you." That is Rocky's number.

It certainly will be a marvel, won't it, if the children who survived the Ludlow massacre, grow up with a deep and abiding hatred of "the law."

SEVENTEEN women were court-martialed and sentenced in Vera Cruz. Contrary to the custom now becoming popular, no children were burned to death.

There was a man and he had a vote. But had no brains to use it. So he gave it to a gang of thieves. For fear that he might lose it.

UPTON SINCLAIR says William Rockefeller is more to blame for the Colorado murders than is John D., Jr. And the old party voter is more to blame than either.

A BLAZING ship was found at sea recently, but as no women and children were in the flames, we may conclude that the Colorado National Guard has no naval reserve.

JOHN D., JR. is not the right target. If he were gone there would be another, and after him another, until the system that exists only by virtue of tyranny was entirely overthrown.

THE papers have tried to overshadow the Colorado war with the Mexican farce, but they cannot do it. The Colorado massacre will be an issue after the Mexican flurry is forgotten.

THERE never was a strike that was lost. Every strike, every election in which the workers engage merely swells the revolt that never ceases growing, and the end is ever for the emancipation of the toiler.

JOHN D. does not appear to be as successful in suppressing the press as his fellow mass murderer, Huerta, is. It is not the fault of the press but of the readers who are getting tired of being fooled by an ass press.

It is costing the working people of the United States a million dollars a day to prepare to make Huerta salute the flag. It would have been a great deal cheaper to salute the flag ourselves, if it really needs a salute.

THE Colorado masters know what they are talking about when they advertise that the United States army stands ready to protect strike breakers that may go to Colorado. All words to the contrary are merely pretense.

THE Colorado legislature is considering an income tax measure to meet the expense of its part in the Rockefeller private war. How would you like to be a Colorado tax-payer and help pay for killing miner's wives and children.

LUDLOW, where they burn women and children to death, is a sample of what the "radical" parties give you. Lisle, France, where the women and children are sent to the sea-shore at municipal expense every year, is a sample of what the Socialist party will give you. Which will you vote for?

"If the termination of this strike depends upon riot, bloodshed and destruction of property, then we can never hope to make this a state to which men and women will come to live."—Governor Ammons, of Colorado. But it's a howling success as a state to which women and children may come to be roasted to death, governor.

Upton Sinclair and John Kenneth Turner will each have stirring articles in next week's Appeal. The former will write on the Colorado struggle in which he is now taking part. The latter will continue his notable series on "Government by Gunmen." Watch for next week's paper.

Why We Must Close Mines, Says Sinclair

Appeal Correspondent Urges Socialists to Agitate Against the Importation of Scabs Under the Protection of Federal Troops—Warns Against Plot of Rockefeller's Hirelings to Railroad Leaders of Striking Miners.

BY UPTON SINCLAIR.
 By telegraph to Appeal to Reason.

Denver, Colo.—The situation in this state exceeds all imagination.

Having read the ten big volumes of testimony before the house committee I am only at the beginning of the story and each new eye witness has a fresh lot of horrors to unfold. There can be no question that militia have continually used explosive bullets—which are barred in civilized warfare. They have seized unarmed men and shot them in cold blood. There has been no crime too horrible for them and the whole story of the miners' experiences suggest Russia or Turkey.

John Reed, Mexican war correspondent, just returned from southern coal field, declares he has seen nothing in Mexico to equal it.

Court martial of militia criminals opened yesterday will be a farce. It has already acquitted commanding officer. It is intended to prelude indictment of all miners' leaders for murder. Another Moyer-Haywood case may be expected. I saw Governor Ammons today. He declares his intention, if necessary, to take charge of state militia in strike field. This means civil war again, all observers agree. Public sentiment must prevent it at all hazards. Corporations owned legislature has voted a million dollars for expenses of murders. This is all the state has to say in the crisis.

All the political machinery here has broken down. Progressive party now making secret deal with republicans to drop radical candidates and vote for platform of Denver chamber of commerce, which is law and order under Rockefeller rule.

I addressed a meeting of the Women's Peace League yesterday and urged deputations to President Wilson to demand closing of mines upon ground of military necessity until operators agree to adjust settlement by federal commission. Mine leaders endorse suggestion and declare that if the mines were closed, six federal soldiers in a district could keep order. Public sentiment of the country must be centered upon this demand. This is the only possible solution of the present tense situation. Socialists are urged to hold meetings. Those in the east should join deputations of women and miners in Washington.

Women here are thoroughly aroused, and declare their intentions to do anything to prevent another outburst of murder in coal districts. Let the mines be closed until justice has been done or until the state is prepared to run them itself. That is the demand of the people in this crisis. It is the only policy that will trouble the operators.

This whole nine months' campaign of murder was begun and maintained for profits and the way to prevent such devilry in future is to make clear to the murderers that they will never again be allowed to get away with the swag. They got away with it in Paterson, in West Virginia and in Michigan. They are standing pat at this moment, convinced that they can get away with it in Colorado. To permit them to do so is to put a premium upon crimes against strikers, to hang another scalp to the belt of the Baldwin-Felts detective agency.

THIRST FOR WORKERS' BLOOD.

Rockefeller's Court Indicts Miners' Union Leaders for Murder.

Boulder, Col.—Indictments charging first degree murder were returned by the grand jury here against William T. Hickey, secretary of state federation of labor; John O'Connor, president of the Louisville (Colorado) local union of the United Mine Workers of America, and Jerry Carter and Joe Pestasio, union leaders. Indictments charging conspiracy to murder were also returned against Edward L. Boyle, treasurer of district No. 15, United Mine Workers of America; John R. Lawson, international board member of the United Mine Workers, and forty-eight others, including the four men named in the indictments charging first degree murder. No mine owners were indicted.

ROCKEFELLER is a conspicuous example, but he is not the cause. He is powerful only because capitalism gives him power, and capitalism can delegate power to him only because you will let so. Don't try to shift the burden. Behold the slaughter at Ludlow is your own vote.

A Story of Two Men

Two men were talking on a street corner. One of them made a statement that an average of 168 railroad employes were killed, and injured every day of the year...

A CAPITALIST ECONOMIST.

Under the caption, "Will Wages Now Decline?" Chas. C. Jackson, in a recent issue of the New York Annalist, reviews present conditions from a capitalist standpoint.

We lack investing power and therefore cannot set the idle men to work on new construction until we get to creating quick capital faster; that is to say, until we get larger profits for capitalists.

Get it? Brutally frank, isn't it? "Until we get larger profits for capitalists." There you have in a nutshell the only solution that capitalism, or the old parties representing capitalism, ever have to offer for your problem.

All your life you have been producing profits for the man who owns the tools with which you work and now that you have produced more profit than you can buy back with your wages, he shuts down the machinery of production...

ROBBED OF EDUCATION.

Several college presidents have recently been discussing the cost of a college education. They fix the minimum cost at \$700 a year. Inasmuch as the average wage of the workers of America is only \$500 a year, this means that, though the family would eat nothing and wear nothing, and had only one child, still it would be impossible for a worker to send his child to college.

Occasionally, of course, a child of a worker may get a college education, but he only proves the rule that under capitalism higher education is impossible for the masses who toil.

CAPITALISM may be its own grave digger, but the Socialists help prepare the corpse.

THE issue of every campaign the world over is, Who is going to get what the workers produce?

SOCIALISTS judge the man by the logic he uses. Old parties judge the logic by the man who uses it.

IT is well to remember that much of the war is in the newspapers only. Their masters want you to enthuse.

MAN makes the machine and the machine makes profits for the owner and lack of a job for the maker of it.

WHENEVER the masters wish to put over an especially atrocious one on the workers, they begin by saying, "Don't knock, boost."

CAPITALIST government does not wish to end unemployment. If it did wages would automatically rise and capitalism would be destroyed.

A DOCTOR has discovered that certain ancient Egyptian mummies died of. But no one has yet discovered what modern political mummies are living for.

You plow the land and sow and reap And the crop you raise we ask you to keep And pay no man a single cent For profit, interest, or rent. Join your brothers. Don't be afraid To vote to keep what your hands have made.

POVERTY is a disease that only its victims can cure. It is a disease, however, that cannot be cured by taking up individual cases—it must be cured collectively.

A WASHINGTON dispatch informs us that congress is busy with the anti-trust bill. Far as the workers are concerned congress might as well be playing marbles.

SOME one asks what Socialism will do for royalty and nobility. Give them jobs at honest work, of course, and give them their first opportunity to be some account.

IN spite of all they still talk about Socialism. Indeed, it might be said that they talk of Socialism all the more because of the effort to get another topic of conversation, through war.

AMONG the inalienable rights not mentioned in the declaration of independence are the right to work and the right to rest. Under capitalism both have been alienated from the people, but as rights they still remain.

To really live you must have something to live for. The plutes may have taken everything else from you that is worth living, but the hope of Socialism is left. That is worth living for.

AND now Mrs. Taft declares herself against woman suffrage. The Tafts have humiliated the American people enough with their reactionary ways. They might at least be gracious enough to keep their mouths shut after all that has passed.

This was not said by a Socialist, but by Representative Clyde Kelley of Pennsylvania at a Washington birthday celebration of the Daughters of the American Revolution at Washington. They are beginning to see the handwriting on the wall.

IT is astonishing how anti-Socialist voters demand of an anti-Socialist administration that they shall give them government or Socialistic aid. They are anti-social only insofar that they want to be the sole beneficiaries of mass action instead of including all society in those benefits.

THE word tyrant originally meant only, king. Because the king was so often tyrannical the word took on a new and more sinister meaning. The time is coming when the word capitalist will undergo a similar transformation, and will mean something analogous to robber and murderer, simply because these things go with capitalism.

PROFIT is the heart of capitalism and it beats in tune with a cash register. Though crucified again and again the working class will some day arise and cut this heart out of capitalism. Capitalism has built a great industrial machine, a wonderful machine, and Socialists do not want to destroy it. Socialism will put a new heart into this industrial machine, one that will beat in tune with justice and the needs of those who do the world's work.

SEND HIM TO SOUTH POLE.

According to a London correspondent of the San Francisco Bulletin, the Prince of Wales has given recent expression to views that are almost human. Some have even accused him of being a Socialist.

It seems the prince, a student at Oxford, became associated with a group of young men who ardently desire to see the existing social structure greatly altered. These young men, most of them of aristocratic birth, undertook to prove to the heir apparent the truth of their ideas by showing him the worst sweating dens of London, places where two and three families occupy one room and the most abject misery prevails.

"The experiences of the prince," writes the Bulletin's correspondent, "profoundly affected him, and since his adventure there have been several gatherings of Socialists at Oxford in the prince's rooms."

Word of these meetings of course soon reached the king and his majesty, making a long story short, threw a fit and promptly arranged to send the prince on a visit to his aunt, the queen of Norway, with an automobile tour of Germany to follow. Some one should give the king the tip that there are several million Socialists in Germany and if he wants to keep the prince away from the Socialists he had better send him on a trip to the south pole.

DID WILSON BEGIN IT?

With the lapse of time it becomes more apparent that the occupancy of Mexico by American troops was arranged for with a deliberate attempt to force a war in the interest of Rockefeller.

George D. Coleman makes a strong point in writing to the APPEAL, to the effect that the landing of a force from a foreign power at any point save a port of entry is a violation of neutrality and in effect a declaration of war. It would appear that the American soldiers who were arrested had landed, not at the port of Tampico, but where there was no port of entry. This being a direct insult, equivalent to a declaration of war, Huerta was technically right in refusing to salute the flag that had declared war on him.

The whole thing appears to have been a deliberate attempt to force war. Whether Wilson was a party to this disgraceful action or not, he has since it was perpetrated sought to uphold it, and, therefore, becomes an accessory after the fact.

It must be remembered that for six years the interests tried to force this war. Before we get through with it we are likely to discover that the occupation of Mexico was brought about by a plot as disgraceful as was the blowing up of the Maine by agents of the sugar trust in an effort to precipitate a war with Spain a few years ago.

The criminality of the masters is beyond bounds.

THE REVOLUTION IS HERE.

"Let's start a revolution," writes an APPEAL comrade who is aroused over the Colorado outrages.

My dear comrade, the revolution is already started; it started away back yonder many years ago; it started with the first purchase of a man's labor power at a profit to the purchaser; it will end when every man is secure in his right to the full social value of the product of his labor.

Truly has it been said: "Revolutions are not made, they come."

A CORRESPONDENT asks if we do not think the Colorado legislature will decide to take over the coal mines of the state and run them? No, taking over the coal mines would be a move for the benefit of all the people and a reactionary body like the Colorado legislature is not going to do anything to benefit all the people, not if it can help it. The beneficiaries of capitalism do not elect men to legislatures for that purpose. As long as the Colorado legislature takes its orders from 26 Broadway it will not take over the coal mines. And it will take its orders from 26 Broadway until the working class of Colorado gets tired of voting for what they don't want.

What Caused Hop Pickers' Strike

Richard Ford and Herman Suhr were tried for murder, convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment on the legal theory that they caused the strike that resulted in the killing of four men.

Dr. Carleton Parker, professor of economics at the University of California, secretary of the California state commission on immigration and housing, and special investigator for the federal commission on industrial relations, made a careful study with a view to discovering whether two individuals actually caused the strike, or whether something else caused it.

"Perhaps the most vicious sanitary abuse was that of toilets. There were very probably nine of these for the 2,500 people. These toilets accommodated two persons and were crude boxes placed over a hole two feet in depth.

"There was no toilet inspection or cleaning. They were used indiscriminately by Hindus, Japanese, negroes, whites, women and children. By the end of the second day the seats, scantlings and floors were covered by a semi-liquid mass of filth. The stench, under the great heat, became so nauseating that many instances of vomiting have been recorded.

"Lines of fifteen or twenty women and children frequently formed, awaiting their turns at the toilet, and since dysentery had become prevalent, I have heard of instances of women humiliating themselves before passing men. Children were seen about the camp in an unspeakably filthy condition, since it was not possible for them to use any toilet without befouling themselves.

THEY ALL FOLLOW.

The APPEAL as usual leads, others follow. A few months ago the APPEAL printed a remarkable series of articles by John Kenneth Turner depicting conditions as they really exist in the army and navy.

Now such papers as the Daily News of Des Moines, Iowa, and the Times-Democrat of Muskogee, Okla., and a score of other capitalist dailies are reprinting the matter that appeared in the APPEAL—some of it word for word—and which is being sent out by a well known news syndicate.

Even a capitalist paper will print the truth when the pressure is strong enough and it can no longer dodge. The mission of the APPEAL is to apply the pressure.

U. S. EXPRESS CO. NOT DEFUNCT.

A few weeks ago the APPEAL printed a paragraph in which it was stated that the United States Express Company had gone out of business. The other day C. T. Ross, general manager of this company called on the APPEAL and pointed out our error in this matter. He asserted that his company will not go out of business until June 30, 1914, by which time it will have settled all just claims against it.

IT CAN BE DONE.

Why not confiscate the Rockefeller mines in Colorado at once?—Paul Peters, Westwood, Cal.

This is a question for American workmen to decide at the polls next November.

WHEN a man tells you, as Rockefeller told the congressional committee, that he takes a stand as "a matter of principle," you may be sure that an honest investigation will prove nine times out of ten that his "matter of principle" is but a "matter of self interest."

THE plute is the galoot that put the loot in salute.

POVERTY is a social disease, and it is very close to social decay.

So long as there is human oppression the voice of protest will find expression.

THE new freedom seems to be freedom for a new set of exploiters and no one else.

THE reformer may wish to loosen your chains, the Socialist would have you lose them.

CAPITALISM can only help Socialism, whatever it may do. Only Socialists can retard Socialism.

DISTRIBUTION is of necessity a social work. It is criminal to permit it to be conducted for individual profit.

WE have a department to protect the people against adulterated food, but adulterated news is sold without restraint.

THEY say Judas Iscariot never drank a drop, and it is certain he didn't use tobacco in any form. He was a "good" man.

THERE are five million idle men in the United States, not counting the fellows who get most of the products of those who work.

THE capitalist press is a smoked glass through which the workers have been taught to look. But they are gradually wiping the smoke away.

It's easy enough to be honest, And work from morning to night, But the man who will dare Is the man who will dare To vote and work for the right.

THE tolls question extends clear beyond Panama. The people want private and corporate tolls on their labor and what they use abrogated.

THE battle for bread is a part of the class struggle. It is folly to talk of ending the class struggle without first solving the bread and butter problem.

CONGRESS is about to cut out the old mileage-graft. This will probably benefit the working class about as much as the revised tariff and the currency reform.

THE Chinese used to think the seat of thought was the stomach. Judging from the way some workers act it would seem the Chinese were not far wrong.

AND now the Great Commoner wishes congress to supply him with a coachman and footman. It requires a lot of funkies to maintain Jeffersonian simplicity.

ALL wrong should come to light and be corrected. There seems to be no lack of ability to recognize wrong. But what a variance in the plans or manner of correction.

UNDER capitalism you live in another man's house, work in another man's shop, and give him all you produce. Under Socialism you will live in a house that is your own, work in a shop that is as much yours as it is anyone's, and keep all you produce. Which system is the more individualistic?

IDLE society women of Washington, D. C., have formed a club to prevent the overworking of horses. The child slaves in the factories will continue to work for starvation wages that the good ladies may continue their charitable pastime, the children's fathers voting for the horses instead of for their children.

MANY of the beneficiaries of a system may see its rottenness and express every willingness to have it changed for a better system but they will never do any of the real work of making such change. That very necessary "economic urge" is lacking. If the unjust system under which we now live is ever destroyed it will be done by its victims and not by those who have prospered under it.

SOCIALISTS, having been refused the right to speak in Brisbane, Australia, one of them paraded the streets, carrying this legend:

"Sorry to say, I must be quiet, For if I speak I'll cause a riot." He was arrested. But it all made the most effective possible argument for Socialism. Jesus said on one occasion that if the people were forbidden to speak even the stones would cry out. They are doing so now.

The Army Is Marching

The campaign against government by gunmen is on!

The Appeal Army has closed its ranks and is on the march. From every section of the United States come glowing reports of activity and intense interest. The people are hungry for the facts and the Appeal workers are lining them up for the Turner series. More than eighteen thousand new names were put on the Appeal mailing list last week and indications are that this high record will be broken before long.

The Army knows that you can't do anything without the facts being known. Its members have been drilled long enough to know that the people's aid in any campaign cannot be secured unless the people know what the campaign is about. Publicity has always been the Appeal's principal weapon and it is also now in this great campaign against the use of thugs in the class war.

Ludlow will be avenged with a federal law against the employment of gunmen by any individual or corporation. That success will attend our efforts, I have no doubt. The way the Army is taking hold of the Turner series is the most encouraging thing I have noticed since the beginning of the reign of terror in West Virginia.

Turner's articles will cover all recent labor wars and expose all important gunmen and detective agencies. It's going to be the most thorough job the Appeal has ever undertaken. His articles will run for about six months and throughout that time the rest of the paper will be kept up to its high mark of efficiency. There is every reason in the world for every Appeal worker and Socialist to get their friends to subscribe at this time. Every new reader will count in this war on government by gunmen. Remember that.

ORDER QUICK! THE HENRY DUBB BOOK OF CARTOONS FROM APPEAL 25¢ EACH. 3 for 50¢ 7 for \$1.00 BEST THING YET.

This unique series of cartoons by Ryan Walker has caught the attention of the workers of every nation. Everywhere the name Henry Dubb has become a synonym for the man who votes for what he does not want to get it. These pictures bring home the truth where all else fail. There are plenty of Henry Dubbs in your own town. Give them a copy of "Adventures of Henry Dubb."

NOT A STIMULANT.

Elaborate tests being made in Germany, the nation that has been so devoted to its schnapps, establish the fact that alcohol is neither a food or a stimulant. The body and mind are neither capable of performing as good work after alcohol has been administered as they were before. These conclusions are based on close experiments made by careful scientists.

It needs occasionally to be suggested also that alcohol does not stimulate mass action to better results. The worker engaged in the fight for his emancipation loses rather than gains by the use of alcoholic beverages. Even though the inflamed passions do not lead to overt acts that may discredit all, still the loss from drinking is decisive. We shall need cool heads, clear minds and high discernment to fight this battle to success. Money spent for liquor is money wasted, when it might be used for such good purposes.

There is perhaps not a movement on earth that is cleaner even in the matter of the consumption of alcohol than the Socialist movement. In Germany and other nations it has definitely aligned itself in favor of strict temperance and personal purity. It does so in action everywhere. And it becomes all the stronger as each individual becomes cleaner and more devoted to the highest ideal man ever held.

WHERE THEY ARE RIGHT.

The court historian of Louis XIV. of France wrote:

The people are always subject to the criminal error of considering that when justice is denied them they may do it themselves, and have recourse to force when their prayers are of no avail. This is the cause of almost all seditions.

This indicates where Taft and the republican party get their ideas. And they are right in this far: If the people would always submit to the tyranny that the master class would impose on them there would be no revolt! Such is the logic of "cabbages and kings," to refer to one of the notable characters in "Alice in Wonderland."

Get Ready for War.

It sounds strange to hear Socialists ask their people to prepare for war, but we mean exactly what we say. We are about to inaugurate the greatest war the world has ever known. We will soon issue a call for volunteers. This army will be made up, as armies always are, from the working class. There is one great point of difference between this war of ours and the wars that have taken place in the past. Our soldiers will fight not to destroy the lives of human beings, but to save them. Our battles will be fought against ignorance, and the lives of the workers will be made better and brighter and happier and more effective.

On May 15th, the Legal Department of the Appeal to Reason closed its enrollment of students in the Appeal Law Class. In two years and a half we enrolled nearly five thousand students in this class. In the work we have found the greatest need of general education among our people. The working class is in slavery because its members have not had the opportunity of education. To meet this need of general education, we are organizing at Fort Scott, Kan., "The People's College." This school will be owned and operated by the working class. It will be the first of its kind in the world, and we intend to make it a great institution of learning. Every dollar of profit will go into the college treasury, to be used in extending the work of education. Receipts and expenses will from time to time be published, so that all may know from whence the money comes, and for what purposes it is used. Everything that is now taught by correspondence methods this school will teach, and in addition thereto a resident college will be maintained, where those who have finished a correspondence course can complete and finish their education. The full announcement of the plan and scope of the school will soon be made. While we are preparing the announcement we want every Socialist and Socialist-sympathizer to prepare for the war.

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Henry Dubb Intends to Make a Friendly Call on Grabitall, but the Heartless Cops Spoil it All. Poor Henry is Still a Dubb.

By Ryan Walker.

A multi-panel cartoon strip showing Henry Dubb being harassed by police and thugs. Panels include: Junior, John D. Rockefeller Jr. says that he is the friend of the worker and that he is fighting for the right of every worker to get a job. I'm going to call on him and thank him. I'll tell him what I think about Upton Sinclair's mourning procession when he knows how I appreciate what he has done for the workers. He'll give me an oil well! You want to see Rockefeller? Youse a I.W.W. or one of those Sinclair mourners! What ho, the guards! Call the dogs! Here come the blood hounds! Kicked and thumped to a frazzle, and now Rockefeller's blood hounds are after me. The Henry Dubb! MILE A MINUTE.