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The Treason of the Capitalist Class

BY ALLAN L. BENSON

Written for the APPEAL TO REASON.

NOBODY has a good word to say of Judas Iscariot. Nobody says Judas Iscariot was the best friend Jesus Christ ever had. Nobody says the interests of Judas Iscariot and Jesus Christ were identical. Nobody says any of these things because Judas Iscariot has been a long time dead. When a traitor has been long enough dead, his treachery is everywhere acknowledged.

But the capitalist class of the United States is not dead—therefore it has both defenders and servants. The capitalist class of the United States has both defenders and servants, though it is at this very moment committing an act of treachery unparalleled in the history of that class in this country.

It is committing an unparalleled act of treachery because it is using all the great forces at its disposal to strip this country of its abundant food supply and starve the people.

The people of this country have foolishly trusted the capitalist class. The people of this country have foolishly permitted the capitalist class to own and control the vast industrial machinery to which we must look for the satisfaction of our needs. The people of this country have foolishly entrusted the government to men who believe the capitalist class should own the earth and what is on it.

THE WORKING CLASS of America looks to the capitalist class for the means with which to sustain life.

The capitalist class of America knows that, with winter still months away, the condition of the working class is desperate.

In the single city of New York, a canvas made by charitable organizations shows that 45 per cent of the working class is idle through inability to obtain employment. That means that 540,000 men in the city of New York are without work; and that means that more than 2,000,000 of people in the city of New York are facing winter without a cent in their pockets, a crust of bread in their pantries, or a prospect of work.

Every day, hundreds of families are evicted from the hovels in which they live because they cannot pay their rent. Every day the strain upon charitable organizations becomes greater. The strain is already greater, though winter has not yet begun, than has been in 21 years. Night wanderers in the metropolis are greeted by the unparalleled sight of a bread line in August. Little east side grocers are failing because they have given more credit than they could afford to give to penniless workingmen who cannot get work. Little east side grocers who are not failing have refused to give any more credit to workingmen. In New York, the situation of the working class, in every way, is about as bad as it could be.

The situation of the working class, in every city, is bad and growing worse.

Yet, in this hour of supreme emergency, the capitalist class of America, through no ill-will toward the working class—FOR ONE AND ONLY ONE REASON—is betraying the working class in manner unparalleled. For nothing else than gold, the capitalist class of America is betraying the working class of America into the jaws of hunger. For nothing else than gold, the capitalist class of America is consigning the working classes of European nations to the horrors of prolonged war by furnishing the food without which the war could not be prolonged.

THIS is as severe an indictment as I know how to frame against human beings. It is so true an indictment that nobody questions the facts. Some men call the facts "business," but nobody questions the facts themselves. Everybody knows that food that we need is being shipped out of the country for private profit. Everybody knows that the condition of the working class in the great cities is already desperate. Everybody knows that, if we were to keep and consume the food we have produced, food would be abundant and cheap. But "business" men say it is "business" to exchange our food that we can eat for gold that we cannot eat. And the "business" men are to hold the gold!

Let us use correct terms. This is not "business"—it is treason to the working class of the United States.

It is not treason against the government of the United States—it is **TREASON AGAINST THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES.**

Under the constitution, unfortunately, there is no such crime as treason against the people, as distinguished from treason against the government.

But in the moral law, there is such a crime, and the government of the United States is guilty of it.

The government of the United States is guilty of it because it is bending its energies toward the appropriation of millions of public funds to buy ships with which to help strip the country of food.

MR. WILSON may call this "business." Mr. Wilson may call it chess, dominoes or tiddle-de-winks. I call it treason against the people of the United States. Mr. Wilson was placed in his high office to conserve the interests of the people of this country. He is not doing it. He is conserving the

Sending Out the Food

Exports of wheat, including flour, from the United States and Canada for the week ending August 27, as reported by telegraph to-day to Bradstreet's, aggregate 9,397,000 bushels. This represented an increase of 2,457,000 over last week, and was the second largest weekly wheat export movement on record. The high record had been fixed in the week of July 30, with a total of 9,614,000 bushels. For the eight weeks ending August 27 exports were 55,060,012 bushels. Corn exports for week are 90,174 bushels. For the eight weeks ending August 27 corn exports were 414,558 bushels.—New York Post.

interests of the capitalist class of this country. The interests of the people of this country cannot be conserved by exporting from this country food that our people need. Mr. Wilson is obeying the letter of the law under which he serves while violating its spirit.

The letter of the law says he shall not "give aid or comfort" to the nation's enemies.

Under the letter of the law, the nation has no enemies.

But within the spirit of the law, the nation has many enemies.

Within the spirit of the facts, the people have still more—many of whom are right here in America.

Every warring emperor and king who, with his war chest at his back, is in American food markets bidding against American workingmen's wives for food—every such man is an enemy of the American people.

Every such man is doing to us with his hundreds of millions of gold what he could not do to us with his battleships or his soldiers—he is taking the food out of our country and leaving our people to suffer.

Every American "business man" who, for private profit, exports food that we need aids and abets the crime of moral treason—aims and abets the selfish forces that are slaughtering Europe and trying to starve America.

NO MAN in his senses would accuse Mr. Wilson of consciously and maliciously betraying the people of the United States, for the benefit of anybody or of any class. I have said again and again in my published writings that I believe Mr. Wilson to be devoted to the public welfare as no president since Lincoln has been. But Mr. Wilson, as a president of the people, labors under a staggering handicap. He represents a political economy that harks back to the day of Jefferson, tallow candles and stage coaches.

Mr. Wilson does not realize how rapidly the present is becoming the past and how dead the past is. Mr. Wilson does not realize how rapidly the future is becoming the present and how different the immediate future is bound to be from the immediate past.

Mr. Wilson was ruled by his instincts when he boldly went out in advance of all international law and declared that a neutral nation like the United States had no right to lend money to a nation at war.

When the warring European nations sought in the United States the food without which they could not long fight, Mr. Wilson not only interposed no objection, but urged that \$30,000,000 be appropriated out of the national treasury to buy ships to take our food to Europe.

He apparently did not see that if it would be

unneutral to lend money to France, it would be precisely as unneutral to sell food to France.

He apparently did not realize that if France had borrowed money in America she would have left every dollar of it in America in exchange for American food.

He apparently did not realize that if our food be exported to belligerents our neutrality becomes but a sham, since the nations that control the seas can get our food while the other nations cannot.

Mr. Wilson can buy grain ships, but he cannot put an ounce of grain into Austria until he first sinks the French and English ships that are patrolling the Mediterranean.

Mr. Wilson, apparently, realized only that the United States had a legal right to sell certain foodstuffs to the belligerents—and that American capitalists owed Europeans \$130,000,000 which they must pay in commodities or in gold.

AMERICAN CAPITALISTS wanted no more gold exported, because they believed their welfare demanded the keeping of our gold supply.

American capitalists wanted foodstuffs exported because there was profit in such exportation.

And Mr. Wilson, perceiving that both the facts and the precedents justified the capitalist contention, yielded to it—and forgot the people.

Again I urge every reader of the Appeal, whether man or woman, to forward at once his protest to the president against the exportation of food at this time.

If the president has forgotten you, let him know that you have not forgotten him.

Let him know that you read, with profound disapproval, that more than 9,000,000 bushels of wheat were shipped out of the United States during the week ended August 27, and that more than 55,000,000 bushels were exported during the first 27 days of the month.

Let the president know that you are indignant that exportations of sugar, during August, reached the colossal amount of 71,099,577 pounds, when the ordinary monthly exportation amounts only to 2,000,000 pounds.

AND, while we are on the subject, here is something for farmers to think about. This sort of a famine for the rest of the country means a feast for the farmers. The farmers will not get very fat, but they will fatten up a little. They are already getting more than a dollar a bushel for their wheat and they may get \$1.50.

In other words, in this lawful game of loot, the chief looters are passing a little along to the farmers, believing that the little will keep them quiet while working men in the cities are starving.

The New York agent of the Pillsbury Flour Company hinted at something of the sort at a hearing concerning food prices. The Pillsbury agent

America is Feeding War

Flour has joined sugar and wheat in swelling the list of exports from this port. Witnesses testified before Chief Magistrate McAdoo that the inquiries for flour have been received from several European Governments and that unlimited quantities can now find a market abroad at high prices. The effect of this will be to put up food prices in America, it was said. Wheat at \$1.50 a bushel, sugar at \$15 a hundred pounds, and flour at \$10 a barrel was the picture painted at the inquiry. Flour is now \$6.75 a barrel. It was also stated that an American merchant marine will assist in raising prices.—New York Times.

was quoted in the newspapers as saying that while an embargo upon the exportation of foodstuffs would put prices down in this country, "the administration, if it should enact such a law, would be turned out of office by the protesting farmers."

This to farmers: Like everybody else, you have to look out for yourselves. Under the capitalist system, you have never had much prosperity, nor under this system will you ever have much. The agricultural tool trusts, the railroads, the banks and the other institutions for fleecing you will always keep you properly poor.

If you can get \$1.50 a bushel for your wheat, you had better take it unless you think you can get \$2. You have not much to say about the price of wheat, so you cannot be much blamed.

But if you want to look out for yourselves, in

the truest sense, you will not that make your crops abundant

You will welcome any European rulers from competition with the workers. You will not make, perhaps, \$1.50 wheat hunger, of the direst sort in the great cities.

Of course you still for the conditions that what you have to sell, conditions may do to others.

In a legal sense, your wheat is yours and if you prefer to sell it to a king with a billion dollars for \$1.50 a bushel rather than to a workingman's wife for \$1, you have the legal right to do so.

But, in another sense, your wheat is not entirely yours and you have no moral right to take your full legal rights.

We are all living here together—we citizens and residents of America—and we are mutually dependent upon each other. Each has his appointed task.

We should have no civilization if on the whole each of us did not perform his task. No one has a right to be unproductive.

No one has a right to get more than his fair share of whatever prosperity there may be.

Certainly, no one has a right to starve others for his own benefit, or to defend conditions that bring about such monstrous injustice.

If grafters are to strip the country of food and ship it abroad, by all means get all you can for what you have to sell, because the wrong will be done whether you will or not—but in the name of all that you may consider your welfare, do not stand in the way of any department of the government that may try to prevent such an outrage.

GREAT HUNGER for the working classes in the great cities will inevitably mean great disorder and perhaps actual revolution in this country.

Don't measure this statement by the judgment of ordinary years—this is not an ordinary year.

It is both our misfortune and our privilege to live at a time when the earth is being convulsed by one of the colossal upheavals that destroy the old and make way for the new.

Whoever believes this great world war will leave the world as it found it knows little of war or of the world.

Men make wars, but the gods end them and write the peace treaties.

It is for us to propitiate the gods of justice by deserving justice.

Else we shall be swept into the whirlpool of revolution that will engulf all Europe within 20 years.

War, like fire, can be easily started, but not so easily put out.

Two or three greedy crowned heads started this war, but millions of empty stomachs will carry the series of wars, of which this is the first, far and away beyond the dreams of the monarchs who unloaded the guns this summer.

When Europe has finished fighting for its kings it will begin fighting for itself.

Europe will be disillusioned, starved, and maddened. The whole world will feel the convulsion as hundreds of millions of desperate men smite the earth with their ire and wrest from fate the justice that they could not get from their capitalist masters.

This will not all come about in a day, but it will come about before prolonged peace ever again comes to this earth. The war is on and each lull will be but a truce between battles.

GENTLE FARMERS and good folks all—let us keep out of this welter of blood.

If the lamp of civilization should go out in Europe, let us keep its light shining here.

Let us make its light here even brighter than it is.

But this lamp cannot be kept burning with fat fried from the bodies of the working class.

Try it long enough and they will set this country on fire—as they should.

Any government that will not permit its working class to live should be destroyed.

We shall best serve ourselves, when, a year or so hence, revolution gets in the air the world over, not to give the American working class any reason to appeal to the cannon and the sword.

Hold the Food in America to Feed the American Workers

Trinidad Judge Sends to Prison Appeal Correspondent and Socialist Candidate for Governor on Charge of Contempt

Murray Sentenced to 100 Days in Jail and \$100 Fine and Costs, and Marians Gets \$50 and Costs—Cases Will Be Carried to Higher Courts by Appeal—Movement to Recall Biased Judge Will Continue—Appeal Army Called on to Join Fight for Justice and Human Rights.

By telegraph to Appeal to Reason.

Trinidad, Colo.—John Murray, correspondent for the APPEAL TO REASON, and A. Marians, Socialist nominee for governor of Colorado, were found guilty of contempt of court. Judge Strong imposed a sentence of one hundred days in the county jail and a fine of \$100 with costs, upon Murray. Marians was fined \$50 and costs, to remain in jail until costs were paid.

In this attempt to recall District Judge McHendrie, the first one of the kind in the United States, the judge himself by contempt of court procedure has attempted to block the recall, and by decision of Judge Strong nearly two thousand people who have already signed the petition are judged to be in contempt of court and their right to the ballot denied. Yet the right to recall judges is a part of the Colorado constitution.

When the case was called, Judge Northcutt, Rockefeller's attorney, arose and stated that, at the request of Mr. Hines, the following attorneys had volunteered as counsel: Henry Hunter, Judge Northcutt, E. E. Upton, F. A. Hollenbeck and Robert Yeaman. Murray arose, faced the five attorneys and demanded a trial by jury, which Judge Strong quickly denied. The judge then advised Murray to secure counsel or to permit the court to appoint counsel, which Murray declined, saying he would conduct his own case, and filed six motions, setting forth reasons why the case should be dismissed. All were overruled.

Judge Hunter and Northcutt, the chief spokesmen for the complainant, were ably answered by Murray, while the court room remained in a deathlike silence. At the conclusion of the arguments, Murray was found guilty and was ordered to stand to be sentenced. Judge Strong said:

"The court has found you guilty of contempt of court, and, owing to that upon which it bears, it is more venomous on your part. It is the judgment of the court that you be imprisoned in the county jail here 100 days and pay a fine of \$100 dollars, with the court costs, and you will be released when you have served your term."

Murray bowed his head and followed the jailer to the cell. A. Marians was next called to the stand and was quickly adjudged guilty and asked to stand for sentence. The judge said to Mr. Marians: "I thank you for your orderly conduct upon your statement made here in this court and of the statements complained. As judge, I find you are guilty of circulating other matter contemptuous concerning the court and the judge. You may now receive your judgment, that you pay a fine of \$50 and the cost of these proceedings and that you stay in jail until such costs are paid."

Being a workman and unable to pay his fine, he was led by the jailer to the Las Animas county bullpen and left in this insanitary bastille which is already filled to overflowing.

Murray's Message to the Appeal

By telegraph to Appeal to Reason.

From the Crowded and Condemned Jail, Trinidad, Colo.—Judge Strong has declared from the bench his belief that any recall petition containing a statement that, even if true, would cast any reflection upon a judge who has a case pending before him, would put the framers, circulators and signers of such petition for recall in contempt of court. To this I would say that, if this be the agreed-upon attitude of the judiciary of the state of Colorado, then the honest judgment of the citizenship is smothered for all time. This case is the beginning of the trial of the judiciary of the state, and on the bench of public opinion sit the people of Colorado.

Federals Imprison Trained Nurse

By telegraph to Appeal to Reason.

Trinidad, Colo.—Helen Schloss, Socialist, trained nurse in charge of hospital tents of the striking miners at Ludlow, was arrested while picketing with a number of miners' wives at the railroad station. The gallant Southern Major Cabell of the United States army had one of his soldiers swear to the complaint, and a company just imported from Tellerville held court in the railroad station, sentencing Miss Schloss to 15 days in Trinidad's jail.

It was this same Major Cabell and his soldiers that man-handled Miss Schloss and a score of miners' wives a few days ago at Ludlow, the brutal attacks of the federals leaving black and blue marks upon the women. The jail in which Miss Schloss is confined has been condemned by the state board of health, and is at this time crowded with striking miners just indicted by a hand-picked grand jury, on which were a number of notorious gunmen.

Miss Schloss nursed the wounded miners in the hospital tents, and cared for their children. Her arrest has shocked the entire community.

On with the Recall!

BY JOHN MURRAY.

UNDER the direction of Comrade E. H. H. Gates, the recall of Judge A. W. McHendrie is being carried on systematically throughout the five counties of Las Animas, Huerfano, Baca, Bent and Powers. At the Socialist headquarters on Commercial Street in Trinidad a corps of writers is addressing letters, mailing blank petitions and circularizing the Third Judicial district. Distributors of the APPEAL TO REASON cover the town each week with the latest "Contempt of Court" put in print.

The Socialist headquarters is also the headquarters for the Women's Union Picket Squad who meet every train that comes into Trinidad in spite of Colonel Lockett and his troopers.

Socialist papers of many nationalities, are here on file, and the rooms are filled with union miners coming from the camps. The latest news is exchanged here. Yesterday the grand jury was said to have indicted 300 miners. No man knows whether he is among the hit or the escaped. This grand jury was made up of company men, two of them gunmen.

Everything of evil to the union miners begins in Northcutt's office. He is the attorney for the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company, the Victor-American Fuel and Iron Company and the Rocky Mountain Fuel Company. Also he is the attorney for the Baldwin-Felts Detective Agency and is allowed by Judge McHendrie to appear as "Special Prosecutor" in all cases where union men are fighting for their lives and liberty.

Subjected to Third Degree. From the jail union miners are taken to Northcutt's private office and sweated, put through the third degree, with noose hanging before their eyes.

From this same office came Winchester to arm the mine guards. It was to this office that Widow Bradley came after the terrible explosion in a Primero mine which killed her husband. Miner Bradley had asked the superintendent to furnish him with more props but was refused because "props cost

money." So, after he was killed, his widow made her plea to Attorneys Northcutt and Herrington of the coal company for some compensation and received this answer: "Well, under the circumstances, I think you ought to be satisfied with the company's paying for the casket—that cost \$20."

More Trumped-Up Charges

While writing this article word comes that seven more union miners have just been thrust into the county jail on the charge of murder. Among them is Comrade G. F. Wilson, who is the Socialist party candidate for sheriff. The town is tense with suppressed excitement. "Who goes to jail next?" is the question.

Comrade Wilson was playing checkers in the Socialist headquarters and someone asked "Whose move?" Under Sheriff Zeke Martin and Walter Belk, the Baldwin-Felts gunman who helped in the killing of Organizer Lippiatt and is under indictment for murder, stood behind Wilson and as he saw them he laughed. "It's my move; I go to jail," he said.

That Belk should take part in these arrests is proof that the coal operators rely upon the gunmen to win the strike.

Marians and I followed the boys to jail and saw them welcomed by Uhlisch as they passed through the iron door.

Think of it, there are now 28 men in this hot hell's hole measuring 8x40 feet!

Every new prisoner strips of his clothes as soon as he gets in to keep from smothering.

Bob called to me through the grating and wishes the APPEAL readers to know that Charley Bell and Bill Kathedoras have had nine more charges brought against them by the grand jury of gunmen that has just adjourned.

Also, and incidentally, Bob has had three more charges placed against himself.

How You Can Help

Every APPEAL comrade can help in this Colorado fight. Every APPEAL comrade should want to help. You must help. We must win and we can only win by the united support of the whole army. We must get the little old APPEAL into the hands of every workman in Colorado. They must be aroused to the danger that threatens what little liberty they have left. We have the names of all the voters and all we need is the money to pay for putting them on the list and mailing the paper to them for 40 weeks. One dollar will pay for putting on four names, \$2 for eight names, \$3 for 12 names (if sent \$3 for 12 names you get an ARSENAL) and \$5 for 20 names. Send what you can. A little from each will turn the trick.

Victims Defend Themselves

In determining to make our own defense before the court which was trying us for contempt, Comrade Marians and myself were forced to this decision by the fact that all of the hundreds of signers of the recall petition were in the same boat—all were equally guilty if we were, and all could not afford to hire attorneys; therefore, the court must be forced to give justice directly to the citizens if justice existed in the court.

The complaints stated that both Marians and myself were guilty of contempt because we had "caused to be written, published, printed and circulated a certain purported and so-called petition to recall District Judge A. W. McHendrie from office," and in the petition there was a general statement of why this judge should be recalled, all of which, so says the complaint, is "intended and calculated to impugn the motives of this honorable court and the judge thereof"; also "to bring the said court and judge thereof into disrespect and disrepute."

Nowhere in the complaint is it denied that the facts stated in the recall are true. The truth itself, accordingly, is contemptuous.

A Story About the Judge.

Before going into the proceedings of the trial let me tell a true story about Judge McHendrie: In Huerfano county, often called the "Kingdom of Jeff Farr," Jeff Farr being sheriff by consent of the coal companies, Judge McHendrie held court in a criminal case where a certain deputy sheriff by the name of Miller was accused of breaking the jaw of a union miner by the name of Malley Ball. The jury to try his case consisted of 12 deputy sheriffs. It goes without saying that the deputy sheriff on trial was acquitted. You can't blame the deputy sheriff jury for doing this because any one of them might at any time be caught in the same fix as their brother accused of crime, but how about the judge that presides in the case and

allows a prisoner's pals to pass sentence?

The clerk of Judge McHendrie's court in Huerfano county, one T. M. Hudson, makes the additional disclosure that a majority of the names in the jury box have been there for nearly ten years and are drawn over and over again.

Jurors Indicted for Murder. And still more: Among the names of these jurors is that of Jesse C. Russell, a deputy sheriff, indicted for murder.

And again, listen to the testimony of a printer by the name of Wheeler who told the congressional committee in Trinidad that he saw Winchester in boxes carried from Northcutt's down stairs

A Challenge to John D.'s Miserable Puppets

To you, Colorado Judges, Lawyers, Sheriffs, Constables, Soldiers, Gunmen and others Whose Alleged Souls Belong to John D. Rockefeller:

The Appeal has a few words to say to you. You believe that you have finally settled your troubles by jailing John Murray, our correspondent, and A. Marians, secretary of Trinidad Socialists. You think that charge of contempt of court was a master stroke. You imagine that with these men in your filthy, condemned prison the recall movement has been killed. Think these thoughts if they please you, but understand that the fight has only begun.

Murray and Marians will not stay in jail if the best legal talent can bring them out. Your contempt of court frame-up will be aired in the higher Colorado courts, if necessary in the federal courts, and certainly in the higher court of the whole people. What is most important the movement to recall Judge McHendrie, whom you are all so eager to save, will continue until he retires in shame. This is our answer to your latest move.

You wonder how it is we dare to question the authority of your little hierarchy and fling defiance at him who owns your body and soul. Here's the answer:

The Appeal is read every week by a million American citizens who think for themselves and have the courage of their convictions.

In the front rank of this multitude and ever in the thickest of the fight is the organized and disciplined Appeal Army, that has never been defeated. Its first big victory was to win freedom for three men whom your associates about ten years ago kidnaped in the darkness of night, transported to another state and tried to railroad to the gallows on trumped-up charges. Since then the Appeal Army has removed corrupt judges, dethroned Mexican tyrants, freed innocent victims of capitalism, opened the penitentiary doors to the victim of a brutal court martial, and secured for every free paper the right to print what is the truth no matter how unpleasant it may be to those who are exposed.

This Appeal Army is today stronger and more virile than ever.

Already they have enlisted in this campaign against the miserable crew in Trinidad who have shamelessly throttled the constitutional rights of the American people. Through its aid about 40,000 Colorado voters are reading the truth of your misdeeds where a month ago less than half of that number read this paper. And this is only the beginning. Our weapon is publicity, and we wield it mercilessly. This you have learned. Your jailing of our correspondent shows that you have felt the power of our club. But how foolish is your method of meeting our attacks! You can't jail the truth. You may keep some of our correspondents in prison, but you can't imprison all who would keep us informed. Even the military censors of Europe can't keep all the news from the war suppressed. Remember, truth has wings and you who grovel in the dirt cannot pull it down.

The Appeal began this fight to win freedom for Bob Uhlisch and his colleagues in prison. Nothing less than this will end the battle. Your latest move proves your weakness. You know you dare not face the issue before the voters of Colorado. But face them, you must and will. And when you do every word printed in this issue and issues to come will be known to them. You cannot with all your power prevent the Appeal from reaching the Colorado citizenship and with all your gold and influence you cannot prevent us from printing THE TRUTH. This is our challenge to you.

Gunman Belk Rules Colorado

That Walter Belk, under indictment for murder in West Virginia, under indictment for murder in Las Animas county, was the man that personally directed the arrests of the seven mine workers' officials, Tuesday afternoon has stirred Trinidad as nothing has done since the Ludlow massacre.

It is open proclamation that the gunmen still rule in southern Colorado. Belk's revolver sent a stream of bullets into the writhing body of the helpless Lippiatt before a stunned crowd of onlookers on the main street of Trinidad—and Belk is as free as air to walk through the town over the very sight of the murder.

He was freed by the same hand that holds Uhlisch in jail. If gunmen rule in Trinidad today it is because Judge A. W. McHendrie still sits on the bench.

And behind McHendrie is Northcutt. And behind Northcutt is John D. Rockefeller.

And at the crook of John D. Rockefeller's little finger President Woodrow Wilson, Colonel James Lockett, and all the United States soldiers in the martial law zone of southern Colorado, step aside and allow the gunman of the coal king to stalk through Trinidad and drag to jail men who dare to organize their class.

Belk, the gunman, has today proved that Rockefeller and not Wilson has declared martial law in Colorado.

one small room near the stairway, and there are several small rooms there.

Q. How many rooms does Judge McHendrie have there?—one or two? A. Either two or three.

Q. Now, is there a small room back of one of Judge McHendrie's rooms? A. Yes.

Q. What did you see in that room that was peculiar in a journalistic office or a law office? A. I saw several cases of arms and ammunition.

Q. How were they marked? A. 30-40 Winchester, from Winchester Arms Company.

But let us return to the court room where Marians and myself declared ourselves not guilty of saying anything which could lower the opinion of the people of Trinidad and the vicinity for Judge McHendrie.

Presented Four Reasons.

Without legal phrasing we made four motions in demand that the court should dismiss the cases against us, as follows:

1. Because article XXI of the constitution of the state of Colorado declares that the petitioners for the recall of an official may give forth a general statement "of the ground or grounds on which such recall is sought, which statement is intended for the electors, and the electors shall be the sole and exclusive judges of the legality, reasonableness and sufficiency of such ground or grounds assigned for such recall, and said ground or grounds shall not be opened to review."

2. Because the recall petition is in fact a primary ballot and all the signers thereon are parties to the alleged contempt, and that if the court upholds the complaint an attack would be made upon the rights of citizens to freely vote their convictions and desires at the ballot box.

3. Because the recall of any judge at any time would be as much in contempt as is alleged in the complaint, for all judges have cases pending before them which, it might be claimed, would be in like manner prejudiced, and therefore, according to the tenure of the complaint, no judge at any time would be criticised in any recall petition, and the recall law would become a dead letter.

4. Because the publications referred to in the complaint are truthful and, therefore, do not constitute contempt. And lastly because the complaint is an attack upon the constitutional rights of free speech and free press.

The truth is that we needed no defense before the court because the whole citizenship was in jeopardy with us.

It was not A. Marians and John Murray who were on trial, but the courts of Colorado before the citizens of the state.

Permit Sluiths to Arm

The Baldwin-Felts detectives that have been flocking into Trinidad within the last week are being given permits to carry guns by Colonel Lockett.

The commanding officer of the United States troops has disarmed the union men who are on strike, but the strikebreakers are now armed.

Plainly, the ground is being prepared for another massacre by gunmen.

Direct action by Rockefeller will now be used to break the strike.

Federals Organize Militia

Five militia companies increased to their full strength—120 men each—and completely reorganized under the direction of five United States army officers, is the plan for pacifying the strike zone as announced by a federal officer just arrived from Pueblo. This officer told of his investigations of the militia's mode of making war and said that at the battle of Ludlow these tin soldiers had used 27 varieties of ammunition, plainly showing that every gunman had used his own variety of gun.

All this, to the United States soldier, was bad form and productive of small results in comparison with what might be accomplished by a uniformity of ammunition and proper drill.

Company gunmen will now be drilled by United States officers before being turned loose to shoot up the camps.

Ludlow is Stranded

Ludlow, the strikers' tent colony of nearly a thousand souls, is to be barred from the ballot box.

Ludlow's citizens must go to Hastings two miles away to register, and Hastings is surrounded by company land, guarded by the armed thugs of the Baldwin-Felts Detective Agency, armed with the union men at gunless.

No union man is permitted on company land and so the ballot box is in the grip of the coal operators.

A committee of citizens went to Colonel Lockett's office in the city hall of Trinidad, Tuesday morning, to ask for protection at the polls and the colonel refused to see them. In his place stood Captain Rockwell with this message from the colonel:

"If the operators desire they can prohibit voters from going to the

polls when the polls are on company land—the military will furnish no protection to any person on election day."

The voice was that of Captain Rockwell, but the command was that of Colonel Lockett, Lockett of the United States army under whose protecting arm scabs have been flocking to the struck mines and digging coal for Rockefeller.

"Lucky" Vera Cruz.

Woodrow Wilson holds in the hollow of his hand the city of Vera Cruz, in Mexico. Vera Cruz is governed from the white house. There are no armed Baldwin-Felts detectives in Vera Cruz. Its jails are not crammed with working people, refused trial and denied bail. The United States troops went into Mexico for the purpose of establishing a constitutional government, to give the Mexican people the right to freely vote at the ballot box. This is the plan for the material law zone in Vera Cruz. Lucky Vera Cruz! Vera Cruz governed by Woodrow Wilson!

Does Woodrow Wilson govern in Colorado?

No. The ruler of the strike zone in Colorado is John D. Rockefeller.

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The Labor Leader of London, England, brings proof that English, German, and French officers now fighting at the front are stockholders in the same armament trust, and that similar trusts in these nations have similar interests. They are, therefore, helping to sell their own products. These European armament manufacturers are tied up also in the American armament trust. It is the most positive proof of capitalism for business purposes only that has yet been adduced. Here is a part of the article:

ONE of the five chief partners in the British Armaments Ring is the Nobel Dynamite Trust. It is closely linked with Vickers, Ltd., who have two directors in common with three of the companies within the trust. It holds the entire share capital of Nobel's Explosives Co., Ltd., and is interested in a number of other British firms, including the Birmingham Small Arms Co. and the Birmingham Metal and Munitions Co. But it does not confine its interest to British firms.

"It may be added," said the *Statist* of May 17, 1913, "that a working alliance with powder-makers of Germany has been carried out for some years past, and still has to run until 1950."

The German firms in which the Nobel Dynamite Trust has an interest:

- Rheinische Sprengstoffabrik, Cologne.
- Deutsche Dynamitfabrik, Cologne.
- Dresdener, Dynamitfabrik, Dresden.

Germany is well represented among the directors and shareholders also. Of the fourteen directors four are Germans. Of the shareholders living abroad, 76 are Germans, and we may add, 22 are French. Among the banks holding shares are the:

- Deutsche Bank.
- Deutsche Vereinsbank, Frankfurt-on-Main.
- Hannoversche Bank.

Names of officers of the British, German, and French armies are to be found side by side in the shareholders' list. They include:

- Officers of the British Army.
- Brig. Gen. Colin G. Donald, C. B.
- Lieut. Col. Nell Findlay.
- Lieut. Col. Charles A. Logan.
- Lieut. Col. Lewis A. Irving.

Officers of the German Army.

- General von Mühlhagen.
- Col. Max Adrian.
- Col. Friedrich E. von Fritsch.
- Major Otto von Funethel.

Officers of the French Army.

- Lieut. Col. Francis J. H. L. Lafargue.

Let us hope fate may not be so unkind as to cause any of these officers to be blown to bits by their own gunpowder.

The names of three other shareholders should be recorded:

- Lord Glenconner (brother-in-law of Mr. Asquith, and an officer of the national service league).
- Baron Ribbentrop (prominent liberal politician, and director of the trusts).
- Harold J. Tennant, M.P. (under-secretary of the war office, also a brother-in-law of Mr. Asquith).

Destroyers for Austria.
Great Britain is now at war with Austria, and before many days have passed the Austrian and British fleets will, no doubt, be engaged in battle in the Mediterranean.

Many of the destroyers in the Austrian fleet have been constructed and equipped by British armament firms.

They have been built by Yarrows, Ltd., and have been almost entirely engine and boilered by this firm and I. J. Torneycroft & Co., Ltd.

More than that, many of the tor-

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pedoes with which the Austrian fleet will attempt to sink British "dreadnaughts" have been manufactured at the torpedo factory at Fiume owned by Henry Whitehead & Co. Ltd., whose shares are chiefly in the hands of Vickers, Ltd., a second of the five chief partners in the British Armaments Ring.

The shareholders of Vickers, Ltd., include:

- Lewis Harcourt (colonial secretary).
- Lord Stratheclyde (Right Hon. Alex. Earl).
- H. J. Tennant (under secretary of the war office).

- Baron Sandhurst (Lord High Chamberlain of England).
- Bishop of Newcastle.
- Bishop of Chester.
- Dean of St. Paul's.
- Duke of Sutherland.
- Baron Kinnaird (president of the Young Men's Christian Association).

- The Rt. Hon. J. W. Lowther (speaker of the house of commons).
- Lord H. Cavendish-Bentinck, M.P.
- Hon. H. L. W. Lawson, M.P.
- S. Roberts, M.P.
- Stuart Wortley, M.P. (debenture trustee).
- G. Younger, M.P.

- Vice Admiral May (commander-in-chief at Plymouth).

In addition to the above, there are 21 peers of the realm in the shareholders' list and many other distinguished persons, including citizens of Germany.

So recently as 1912 there was quite openly an international ring with which the principal firms of Great Britain, Germany, France, Italy, and the United States were connected. It was known as the Harvey United Steel Co., Ltd., and its purpose was "to amalgamate or control four other companies holding the rights of the Harvey patents for treating steel." The managing director was Mr. Albert Vickers, chairman of Vickers, Ltd., and Armstrong, Whitman & Co., William Beardmore & Co., John Brown & Co., and the Coventry Ordnance Co., together with their numerous subsidiary firms, were represented on the board of directors.

Three of the principal firms in Germany were also represented:

- Actien-Gesellschaft der Dillinger Hütte, Esen.
- Friedrich Krupp.

Similarly, Italian, French and American firms were represented, and many of the banks of the different countries held a large number of shares. The names of officers in the British and French armies also figured in the shareholders' lists.

Herron's Strange Forecast

(Perhaps the most remarkable forecast of events now happening was made by George D. Herron, Socialist, in the *Coming Nation* (then published from the Appling office) in the early part of 1913.)

T is Germany that holds the key to the present European situation. The rest of Europe is merely waiting for Germany to move. As a capitalist power it is necessary for Germany to expand. Nothing else can save her from collapse. It is certain that she will very soon put her strength to the test. It is impossible for her to draw back, or much longer to delay. Her dilemma offers her the choice between war and bankruptcy. Of course, as a Socialist nation, she would have no such dilemma; but as a capitalist power, she is bound to choose between expansion and a collapse of her present military and industrial system. She is preparing to strike soon and swiftly, and to put all her resources to the supreme proof.

Germany's first enemy is France. And France, as the banker of Europe, is determined to reduce Germany by economic pressure. She is determined that Germany shall be financially dependent upon Paris and she is also determined to get back Alsace and Lorraine.

Then there is England—the most exploiter of the world, the most unprincipled plunderer since Rome. England is resolved that Germany shall not expand. She is resolved to keep the earth she has stolen. And Germany can expand only through possessing some portions of the earth already occupied by England.

On the east is Russia, fast becoming the dependency of English capitalism in its already dependent upon the Parisian bankers for her governmental finances. Russia has reorganized since the Japanese war. She is prepared for the struggle, though preferring to delay it as long as possible. The immediate issue between Germany and Russia is the occupation and exploitation of Asiatic Turkey. The Turkish Empire has no longer an actual existence. It is but a theory and a shadow, to disappear as soon as the bondholders have made arrangements for the payment of the interest on their bonds. They will make the Balkans pay—if they can.

If the European war comes, England, France and Russia will, of course, unite against Germany, Austria and Italy. The enemies of Germany will stand together without a doubt. But the problem of Germany will not only do with her own military preparedness; it has to do with her allies. The German kaiser knows very well that in leaning upon Austria he is leaning upon a broken reed.

The German portions of the Austrian empire would be with Germany to the death; but the Slavic and larger portions would be as likely as not to desert to Russia;

while Hungary might prove as worthless in a military sense as she is worthless in fidelity and morals. Who can foretell the issue of this European conflict? Its time is not far off. It will, as I have said, begin whenever Germany feels prepared, or when some crisis forces her hand. Viewed superficially, the chances seem to be against Germany, especially if the Balkan Allies should go with the Triple Entente. Yet of this we cannot be sure.

But leaving England and France out of the question for the moment, sooner or later must come the conflict between the German and the Slav for supremacy—that is, granting the continuance of capitalism. As the United States stands between Germany and South America, so Russia bars the German road to Asia. Both the German and the Slav must have room. Under Socialism, they would have it already, and to spare; but under capitalism, they must expand. Without Socialism, the German and the Slav will inevitably fight it out as to which is to have the hegemony not only of Europe, but of Western Asia.

And whatever the immediate issue, it would seem that Russia alone can effect a synthesis of Europe and Asia. Notwithstanding the insane and criminal Romanoffs, there is a vast intellectual and spiritual ferment in Russia that is absent from Germany and England. There is also a profound communistic basis in Russian life for the Socialist to build upon. And, sooner or later, there will be revolution, and the end of the Romanoffs. Also, being even more Asiatic than European, will the East and West yet meet in the Russian mind and society.

Yet this struggle, with its probable European catastrophe, though it be now inevitable, was absolutely unnecessary to the capitalist. We shall have done with the capitalist brain, one of these days, and shall take no marveling at capitalist incompetence and stupidity. Just as the diplomacy of the world now in its tottering dotage, so is the capitalist system running riot and uncontrolled. Capitalism is indeed approaching its period of senility. It is only by a vast imposture and hypnosis that we are led to think that either the industrial or the political world is being mangled with brains. The world is being run today, politically and financially, utterly without principle and with even less of sense. If there had been any brains in capitalist England and France and Germany, these three would have come to an agreement, and would have divided Africa and Asia between them, reducing their own armaments and increasing their industries. The European catastrophe, when it comes, will be due as much to capitalist imbecility as to capitalist development.

It is the Socialist alone who can save the world from a new series of dark ages. It is only the Socialist that can decide the tomorrow of the world; and the hour of decision draws near. The day of opportunity approaches with appalling rapidity. The Armageddon that tries and judges the world will also be a judgment upon the Socialist movement. Are we Socialists ready for the hour and the opportunity?

No. 984—Congressional Special.
No. 984, dated October 10, will be a great propaganda number to be used in the congressional fight. It will contain the record of every senator and congressman seeking re-election. It will show you how your congressman "represented" you at Washington. As never before it will bring home to the workingman voter the necessity of sending Socialists to congress. We are announcing this edition early so you will have time to take the matter up with your local and arrange to put a copy in the home of every voter in your congressional district. Let the people know the truth about the men they are sending to congress. No change in the price—\$5 per 1,000 copies.

Courts for Mine Barons.

Fort Smith, Ark.—Seven members of the United Mine Workers of America, including Peter R. Stewart of McAlester, Okla., former president of the Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas district, were pronounced guilty of contempt of court by United States Judge Frank A. Youmans and sentenced to serve short jail terms.

The charges grew out of disturbances at Prairie Creek. The union miners formerly employed by the Bahe-Denman Coal Company have been on a strike.

Funds said to amount to \$75,000 belonging to the United Mine-workers of Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas and on deposit at a local bank were attached today upon order of the court. The Bahe-Denman Coal Company filed suit for \$1,283,462.81 against the miners as a result of the riots.

The Reason.
Doc Jones to Jimmy Higgins—"Say, Jimmy! If called upon to give in less than a dozen words the real cause of the present awful slaughter of human beings now in progress in Europe, what would be your answer?"

And Jimmy Higgins promptly replied: "A dozen words will do. The real cause of the war is—private ownership and private profit in the means of life."

Little Old Appeal Adopts a War Measure

THE great European war has forced the United States and other neutral countries to take steps for their own protection. In other words, peaceful countries have adopted war measures. This is also true of the APPEAL TO REASON. We are compelled by the great world crisis and its effects upon this country to break our former rules and precedents.

For years the APPEAL has refused to take subscriptions for less than forty weeks. We have had scores of opportunities to get larger lists for shorter periods, but in every case we have refused to accept them. We did this because we believed that it was poor business policy to put on short time subscriptions on the APPEAL list. There is a flat cost for putting a name on the list no matter whether it is for three months, forty weeks or for four years. However, in view of the great world conflict which is threatening civilization itself and which not only is gradually destroying Europe, but is also slowly but surely involving this country, we are compelled to take a step that will insure the getting of the Appeal's message before tens of thousands who are now being poisoned by the plutocrats.

The message of Socialism and peace which is written in words of fire by the best writers America has produced must be borne to every home in America. The magnificent logic of Allan L. Benson, the ringing eloquence of George R. Kirkpatrick, the biting satire of Ellis O. Jones, and the forceful writing of Upton Sinclair, George Allan England, John Kenneth Turner, and the other members of the APPEAL editorial staff must be read by every man, woman and child in this country who can read the English language.

To enable you to get effective results during these war days we will make a special rate of 10 cents for three months (18 issues).

There is not a man or woman who would refuse you 10 cents for 13 copies of the little old APPEAL. You know this without us telling you. For a dime they will also get in every week's APPEAL the best work of Ryan Walker, the world famous cartoonist. His Henry Dubb alone is worth more than the price asked for the entire paper.

We confidently expect that every one who reads these words will take immediate advantage of this extraordinary offer. In order to be able to meet this reduced price we must insist upon getting a minimum list of ten names. Otherwise the putting on of 10-cent subscriptions will mean a severe loss to the paper.

One reason above all for making this reduction is the serious situation in which the American people now find themselves. Our food supply is gradually going into the hands of speculators who see in this great international war a chance to make more profits. They care not whether the people of their own flesh and blood starve as a result of their speculation.

They care not whether the supplying of food to nations at war may drag us into the bloody conflict.

They care not whether the exporting of food may prolong the great European war which otherwise might be starved out of existence. All they care for is more profits. The Almighty Dollar is their only ideal.

To avert this great calamity, the APPEAL is going to strike hammer blows at the food speculators of this country. It is not going to rest until congress prohibits the shipping out of food from our shores. We have adopted a simple plan of action. We are bombarding the president with letters, such as is printed in this issue of the APPEAL, urging him to recommend to congress to pass the necessary legislation. To compel the president to act and to compel congress to enact an anti-export law we must have the help of the American people. By accepting 10-cent subscriptions the APPEAL has opened a way to you to get those that you know and associate with to subscribe for the APPEAL.

Remember that you are now taking the precautionary steps not only to prevent a food famine in America, but to avert a possible war in which this country would be involved. The Appeal is today admitted by all to be the most influential and powerful advocate of Socialism and peace in America. If you don't want to see your family denied the bread and meat that is so necessary to sustain life act before the speculators and the jingos are in absolute control of this country. The price of sugar and other foodstuffs is soaring skyward. If you remain inactive the present prices will be considered cheap in comparison with the prices that will obtain this winter.

The money grabbers and the food speculators consider this terrible war the chance of their lifetime. They will spare nothing in trying to pile up their filthy dollars. You should display the same energy and interest in behalf of your family and in behalf of the working people of this country. You should show the same vim and enthusiasm in getting the people educated and aroused.

Remember, if we double our circulation our power for good in this fight is doubled.

Now is the grand opportunity to get all your friends and neighbors to sip from the fountain of truth. The little old APPEAL trusts that you will do your duty to your family and class. We confidently expect that as a militant member of the grand old APPEAL Army you will immediately seize this opportunity and enroll in the APPEAL mailing list at least ten of your friends and fellow workers. We are depending upon you who read these lines to send us at once a club of at least ten subscribers at 10 cents each. Get a piece of paper and start out—it's easy.

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 - A. A. Fisher, Oklahoma..... 16
 - Frank Gerson, Washington..... 16
 - J. N. Jennings, Kansas..... 15
 - A. L. Sims, Ohio..... 15

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- Mrs. A. J. West, Arkansas..... 6
 - N. Philbrook, California..... 4
 - J. Jaekerman, Indiana..... 3
 - H. C. Fields, Ohio..... 3

The fortunate ones whose names appear in the above lists each week receive a present of some good book.

Improves with Age—Clarence G. Emery says the Appeal is getting better with age and nothing is too big for it to attempt.

They All Want It—Find 12 copies my first round. Got them in less than one hour. Will try again.—L. O. Sevlund, Grelland, N. D.

Good Prospects—Everything looks bright in this part of Indiana for a large Socialist vote. Keep your good work up.—Otto Emmens, Napunes, Ind.

The World's Best—Wm. S. Jauchins, Lone Farm, Okla., calls the Appeal the world's best and truthfulest paper and renews his subscription for four years.

Says Dubb Cartoons Worth the Money—Can't get along without the Appeal. The Henry Dubb cartoons are alone worth the money.—E. D. S. Karnak, Ill.

There is No Better Way—I want to protest against this unholy world war and I know of no better way than circulating the Appeal.—G. R. Turner, Oklahoma City, Okla.

The War Extra—\$77.—"No. 977 is a corker and timely," says H. E. Gerken, Morgan Hill, Cal. "It's the finest piece of literature in print," comments W. W. Murray, Lakeside, Cal.

day a wise old fellow discovered how to get out of the trap. He must have told the others because after that we were never able to catch another rat with that style of trap. More sense than human beings.—What?—R. O. Fahnestock, Ephata, Pa.

Helping Colorado—Enclosed find \$1 for local Trinidad to send papers to Colorado. Tell them to melt this dollar and put it down the throat of capitalism.—Fred Monteith, Toole, Utah.

Predicts a Victory—We are going to carry Oklahoma this fall, writes T. Anderson, Ardmore, Okla., sending for 250 copies of the war edition which will help to turn the trick.

Will Help Bury Capitalism—Enclosed find a denotation for Colorado. I will do the best I can to help bury capitalism. Will get a lot of subs soon.—Karl A. Brendel, Columbia, S. C.

Noted as a Cleaner—Enclosed find \$1 for three years' subscription. It is the one paper that sterilizes politics in this land of plenty where corruption is on all hands.—H. L. Brunner, Newton, Kan.

Growing in Washington—We are in a hot county campaign. The cause is growing fast. Last night we had the largest meeting ever held here by any political party.—B. W. Brand, Colville, Wash.

War-Waking Up the Henry Dubbs—After reading Kirkpatrick's article I decided to get busy. The war has woken up all the Henry Dubbs around here and we are getting ready to do real work.—I. Gilvan, Newburgh, N. Y.

In Short Time—I read your card about the war edition at our local meeting after which I took up a collection and in five minutes had \$25.00 to buy war extras with.—W. Crawford, Roanoke, Va.

Going After the Henry Dubbs—J. Beaumer, Akron, Ohio, sends for a supply of the Appeal and is laying it out for the Henry Dubbs of his city and expects to have a dozen more on the list by this time next month.

Words of Commendation—I am glad you have taken up the Colorado fight and when it is won it will be a tremendous victory for the working class of this country. It will be a death blow to government by gunmen.—Bertha Zietz, Snodishish, Wash.

Never Too Old to Learn—Here is the subscription of a man 92 years old. He wants to learn what Socialism is. I just read him a few paragraphs out of the Appeal about the war and he wanted to know what the paper cost and handed me a quarter.—J. S. Dean, Buchanan, Ga.

From the Colorado Strike Zone—I am sending a club of four and I am the club. I hope four hundred thousand other Appeal comrades will do the same. The strikers are conducting themselves beautifully. I have never witnessed more pluck and determination in any set of men. As I make the rounds of the tented cities and note the hope of

these men who are making this fight for all men, I feel glad a thousand times that it is my privilege to live through this time. How happy is the man who sees his opportunity at this time and obeys the call.—S. J. Greear, M. D., LaVeta, Colo.

Seven Financial Conspiracies—This book was very popular several years ago but is out of print. Live Appeal has had several calls for it of late and we are glad to announce that in cleaning up some old shelves recently about 25 copies of this little book were unearthed. They may be had at 10 cents a copy as long as they last.

I have been a reader of the Appeal for 14 years, but I must say that the Henry Dubb picture in your issue of August 29 (No. 978) is the most convincing thing I have ever seen made with ink and paper. If one of these pictures was pasted on the canteen of every soldier in Europe, the shooting of one another would stop within 24 hours. One hundred dollars would not buy my copy if I could not get another. It should be in the hands of every teacher, school, libraries and other public buildings.—Simpson E. D. Sears, Miami, Ariz.

Significant News Notes

Justice Sure is Blind—Charles Miller was sentenced to 25 years in prison at Okla., for stealing 42 cents.

Municipal Ice Plants for Georgia—The Georgia legislature is considering a bill which will permit every city and town in the state to engage in the manufacture and sale of ice.

Vanderbilt a Strike Breaker—There being a strike of waiters at a fashionable hotel in Colebrook, N. H., Master Willie Vanderbilt donned an apron and helped break the strike.

Will Take Strikers Back—The French government has proffered the olive branch to the railway workers who took part in the strike of 1910. They will get back their old places whenever possible.

Reason for Their Fight—Enemies of the proposed eight-hour law in California are urging that it be "socialistic." This is likely to prove a means of popularizing the proposition. The time is past when people are afraid of Socialism.

Boosted Prices on Food—Investigators found that, following the announcement of the New York acting corporation counsel's opinion that individuals could not be prosecuted for selling food for whatever they chose to ask, prices in many retail stores were marked up.

Echo of Durt Riot—Mrs. Manwell is suing the managers of the Durt ranch in California for \$150,000 for the death of her husband during the labor troubles a year ago. Manwell was district attorney in California when he was provoked by him and others in behalf of the Durts.

Czar Suppresses Paper—For an article asking that the czar's administrators should conciliate a vast element of the disaffected—the Liberal Democracy—the Czar's organ of the constitutional reformers, the *Reich*, has been suspended for ever and permanently suppressed by order of the police.

Result of War—The *Miners' Magazine*, official organ of the Western Federation of Miners, has changed its form from a magazine to a four-page paper. The change is stated in its announcement. It is made as a matter of economy, and made necessary by the industrial depression and financial stringency caused by the war.

War Could Be Ended—The United States government could stop the European war by placing an embargo on food products. It has been asserted that New York investigation into the increased cost of living, since the conflict began, James Ward Warner, president of the New York Produce exchange, and George Zanakis, resident manager of the Minneapolis flour manufacturers, both said the end of warfare abroad must result if America ceased exporting to the beligerent nations.

German Socialists Protest
London.—The Berlin *Vorwaerts*, the Socialist organ, in its issue of August 23, prints a cautiously worded protest against the policy advocated by the militarist newspapers of making "frightful examples of the civilians of Belgium and France for attacks on German troops."

The *Vorwaerts* points out that little reliance can be placed on the stories of atrocities committed by civilians as circulated in the newspapers, because the stories are second-hand and third-hand and are written under the stress of excitement.

"Moreover," the *Vorwaerts* continues, "that every peasant shooting at the invaders is animated by the sentiment of defending his home and property."

The Socialist organ points out that the law of Prussia actually enjoins the Landstrum to harness and attack the invader as much as possible, and proscribes that the Landstrum shall not be uniformed so as to facilitate such attacks.

The *Vorwaerts* warns against the danger of putting the German cause in a wrong light before the eyes of the world and appeals to the members of the working class in the army to remember their brethren on the other side and treat them chivalrously.

The *Vorwaerts* expresses amazement that some German newspapers regard the destruction of Louvain with gay satisfaction.

Our Dishonest Constitution—Another great book by Allan L. Benson. Tells a lot of facts you should know. We will send a copy together with two Appeal subscription cards for a dollar.

The National Sportsman says "millionaires are grabbing game haunts." If private control of industry continues we may expect the same thing that now pertains in Europe, where poor hunters are "poachers" when they seek recreation, or possibly the depopulating of vast territory to make game preserves for some money lord, as done in the Black Forest of England.

Prepare for No War

As Kirkpatrick so aptly puts it, "In time of peace prepare for no war." And I am sure every member of the Appeal Army will agree that there is no better way than circulating the little old Appeal. Let every comrade do his or her part in this great and necessary work. Get your name on the bundle list today. Here are the rates:

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Comfortably Fixed.

They were discussing the probable wealth of the town's prominent citizen.

"Oh, he's no Rockefeller—just comfortably fixed, that's all," said "Doc" Jones, the druggist, to Jake Pombsty, the grocery clerk.

"Wadda mean—'comfortably fixed'?"

"Why, he's no multi-millionaire, but still rich enough to have appendicitis if he wants it."

No More Life Subscriptions

No more life subscriptions will be accepted by the Appeal at \$5 or any other price. This paper is not so much in need of money as it is in need of readers.

THE RICH MAN

I met the richest man in all the world. It was neither Rockefeller or Morgan. You would not know him should I give his name. He owned no stocks or bonds.

Henry Dabb Wins a Glorious Victory, but the Officers Celebrate It.

By Ryan Walker



Why We Talk About It

J. F. Strode of Cuba, Ill., sends a dozen subscriptions and says: "Send me that little Arsenal of Facts you talk so much about."

ONE TOO MANY

Another blue-eyed baby boy has made the mistake of being born into the family of a workman. He didn't know that food prices were too high in America for any ordinary workman to afford the luxury of a blue-eyed baby, or a black-eyed, or grey-eyed one.

An Open Letter to President Wilson

The APPEAL TO REASON, speaking for one and a half million workers who are Socialists, and for many more millions of workers who have not yet voted the Socialist ticket, respectfully represents to you that the crops of 1914 are under the normal, in spite of doctored reports to the contrary, and that to permit these crops to be sent out of the country at this time is to feed and prolong the war in Europe and at the same time starve thousands of the working class in America.

The APPEAL represents to you that four million workers in America are now out of employment, in spite of the special control of credit given to the capitalists of America, in spite of the authorized raise in railroad rates, in spite of every encouragement for the revival of business.

In view of these things—and it is well that you listen to the cry of the workers who produce all the wealth of the country, instead of to the controllers of industry who fail to revive industry in spite of every favor granted them—we call upon you to prohibit the shipment of all food from the United States until the war is ended.

This is the demand of the workers of the country. You have given the capitalists control of the credit. You have given the capitalists subsidy in the guise of insurance and monetary aid. You have given the capitalists money and ships to bear wasters of wealth from Europe—and they won't come.

CONCENTRATE ON THE APPEAL

For some time the APPEAL has been bearing the burden of two papers which were run at a loss.

First, the National Socialist, which never did pay and which at present is duplicated in many respects by the American Socialist, the official party organ.

Second, the newsstand edition of the APPEAL which failed of its purpose because the American News Company refused to handle it on a returnable basis.

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A BLOOD-MAD WORLD

A series of dispatches in one paper recently told of troops being sent to aid England from Canada, India, South Africa and Australia—from four continents.

The same paper told how France is employing negroes of Africa in war, how the Turks are preparing to enter the arena of death, and how Japan is invading China.

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MEN are not led to battle, they are driven.

THERE is too much "God save the king" by destroying the people.

THEY are now greasing the capitalist machine with blood, preparatory to a resumption of the capitalist works.

THE appeal for peace is an appeal for reason—and reason is at its minimum when the war drum beats.—Philadelphia Telegraph.

INDUSTRY is dangerous enough, but it builds up. War is more dangerous and tears down. The workers are getting tired of the latter.

THE European war shows how the masters are friends of property. They have already destroyed more than the workers can create in ten years.

UNCLE SAM can board a man for 30 cents a day. He does it in the army. He might do it for the industrial army that is homeless, in government hotels. Why doesn't he?

ENGLAND has food for only one hundred days, says a dispatch. American capitalists would ship away America's food and let America starve in order that they, the capitalists, might grow rich.

AFTER the war there will be two million more women in the world than there are men. They cannot marry, and prostitution will be largely extended. Talk about Socialism breaking up the home!

"My country, my people," say the kings. Damn their pretensions. The people want the country and will have it. As the old revolutionist Spartacus, said to the gladiators at Capua: "If we must fight let us fight for ourselves."

LIFE advertises to supply its readers with the only reliable news of the war. Says Life: "We run no risk. We manufacture it right on the spot."

IN America a continuous journey of fifteen days on the railroads would cost several hundred dollars; in Switzerland you can buy a ticket for \$8.60 good over any steamboat, steam or electric line in the nation for fifteen days—ride every minute of the time if you wish.

THE request that warehouse receipts be made the basis for issuance of national currency, says a dispatch, "has been flatly turned down by Secretary McAdoo."

Get your friends and neighbors to sign this letter to the President. In order to get extra blanks send at once a half dollar for a hundred extra copies of this issue.

Cut Out This Letter, Sign It and Mail to the President.

To the President, Washington, D. C.: I respectfully and most emphatically urge you to advise congress to enact a law prohibiting, until further notice, all exportation of food from the United States.

Name _____ Street and Number _____ City _____ State _____

APPEAL IS NINETEEN YEARS OLD.

The APPEAL was nineteen years old Monday, August 31. J. A. Wayland founded this paper at Kansas City, Mo., on August 31, 1895, and soon after that date the APPEAL was moved to Girard, Kan.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO AND TODAY. A hundred years ago making a living was a peaceful occupation. Today it is hell.

A hundred years ago men worked with the crudest tools. Today they work with almost perfect machinery.

A hundred years ago, in a majority of industries, men owned the tools with which they worked. Today they do not own them.

A hundred years ago men preached hell. Today they live in it.

Today Socialists propose to abolish hell by substituting public ownership of the machinery of production and distribution for private ownership of such machinery. They propose to do this by capturing the machinery of government.

There is No Market

An APPEAL correspondent at Frisco, Texas, writes of the terrible predicament the cotton farmers are finding themselves in on account of the collapse of the capitalist machine.

"This whole section is in cotton and the farmers have just begun to gather, grind and bale the crop for market. And, behold, there is no market. It costs about \$10 a bale to get it gathered. Many have offered to mortgage a bale for \$11 to pay the pickers, but nobody will loan them this small amount on what three months ago was selling for \$62.50 a bale.

WHY DON'T THEY?

Why don't the banks put out the billion and a half of asset currency based on stocks and bonds too valuable to quote, which congress and the president authorized?

Why? Merely because the people have ceased to have confidence in both the currency and their schemes. These traitors to the people have been forbidden to invest in foreign bonds. They have been forbidden to put through the deal for foreign ships.

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Post Up the First Page

The first page of this issue of the APPEAL should be read by millions and the best way to bring it to the attention of a large number of people is to post it up in every public place in your town or city.

JERSEY JUSTICE

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CHICAGO has started two municipal markets in order to partly control food prices. Good beginning. There is no remedy anywhere except in socializing propositions.

THIS war has shown why the boy scouts were organized. They who pray for peace and then urge the workers to fight are discrediting themselves as much as they are religion.

"THE administration has set its mark of disapproval on the rising tide of food prices," solemnly asserts a capitalist exchange. Under such drastic (?) action food prices will not doubt rapidly decline. Nit!

THE motto of one of the old Spanish families was, "Thou shalt starve ere I shall want." It expresses the spirit of commercialism for profit. It is the spirit that makes mules of men, compelling them to carry the burden of the idle.

AND so McReynolds has been confirmed for the supreme bench. He is eminently fitted for the position of agent of the capitalist class which he now holds, and demonstrated his fitness when he refused to prosecute the looters of the New Haven.

ENGLISH rule in India has caused famines in which millions have literally starved to death. Now India is to furnish workers to help kill European slaves. It is time that the blame of the war was fixed on the foolishness of the workers as well as on the infamy of kings.

THIS war began in July. According to official figures, the imports of gold for June were \$3,817,112, while the exports of the same metal amounted to \$48,107,964. These figures in themselves indicate that the matter of fighting was under contemplation then and that American capitalists understood it.

SEVERAL years ago President Hadley of Harvard declared that the remedy for the exactions of big business was social ostracism. It now appears that Mr. Hadley, very promptly after making the utterances, joined the directory of the New Haven railroad and went after some of the "ostracism."

TWO of a kind. The interstate commerce commission has declared there is no conspiracy to raise the price of food, though every housewife knows it is a lie; and the military court of Colorado has decided the Ludlow massacre were entirely innocent and should be reorganized, though every worker knows that is villainously unparalleled.

FOR months the APPEAL has been pounding on the idea of removing the limit to deposits in the postal savings banks. In response to the clamor raised by APPEAL readers, the limit has been doubled, being now \$1,000. Keep on howling, you Dabbs, and they will be forced to make these deposits usable for employing the idle at public work, to a safe banking margin, instead of being redeposited in private banks as now.

THE capitalist papers are making much of the European Socialists taking part in the war. In the present state of world affairs and at this distance and handicapped by the most rigid news censorship by the world has ever known, no man is big enough or great enough to sit in judgment on our European comrades.

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WOULD FORCE WAR. The American capitalists have twice been defeated in their effort to plunge America into the war-hell now existing in Europe, all in the interest of profits.

First, they wanted to lend money to some of the warring nations. The nations opposing those seeking loans declared this would mean the breaking of neutrality, and then the president properly suggested that the loans ought not to be made.

Next—and very recently—they sought to have the government buy for them German ships for the building up of American commerce. Congress and the president were willing. But France, England and Russia objected that they would consider this a breach of neutrality.

But they have the grain in their possession. They got it by advertising that it was a bumper crop, and because of this lying obtained it low. Now they propose to sell it to Europe at enormous prices, for their profit only.

They will probably yet order their press to inflame the people's minds so that they can involve America in the struggle, and that will mean the bond issues that European protest cheated them out of. Having failed to secure the purchase of German ships by America for their benefit, they will next be ready for a war that will destroy our navy and foreign ships, so that they can get their tribute in other ways.

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A Gentle Reminder. On September 15 our first class in Law, Public Speaking and English will commence its work. The course is a three-year one and is taught by correspondence. The student can, however, if he desires, put in the last year at the resident school without additional expense for tuition.

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