

NO REPRESENTATION

Where are your representatives in congress? A man who has interests opposed to you cannot represent you, no difference what title or commission he may hold.

Out of 435 members of the house 244 are lawyers, 55 office holders by profession, 26 are newspaper owners, 13 are real estate owners, 17 are manufacturers, 10 are merchants, five are bankers. The largest industry in the country, farming in its various branches, is represented by only 25 members, and all other branches of toil by nine members. As a matter of fact, most of the farmers are farmers by proxy, owning land and renting it, while most of those listed as laborers haven't worked with their hands for years if they ever did.

The senate is worse. There are 96 members of this body. Of these 55 are lawyers, 20 are professional office holders, six are newspaper owners, four are merchants, two are bankers, one is a physician and one an author. Here are 83 members who represent no productive industry. The remaining seven are listed as farmers, but not one of them actually farms. There is in the senate, then, not a single representative of industry.

Yet you talk of this being a representative government. It cannot be a representative government until the industries are represented—till there are miners, tenant farmers, day laborers, carpenters, blacksmiths, painters, and other actual workers in the senate and house.

They tell you this would be class government. It comes in bad taste for those who have made it exclusively a master class government to demand that the working class shall have no representation whatever.

But it is the fault of the working class that it has no representation in the senate or house. The Socialist party is the only one that has actual workers as candidates for these positions. Why don't you vote them into power to represent you?

HELP BURY CAPITALISM.

The capitalists themselves have forged the weapons that will eventually be used to destroy capitalism. The capitalists have brought about the condition that is forcing the workers to use these weapons. With the increased power of machinery fewer and fewer workers are required. Poverty increases. Unemployment grows. The present economic system can no longer feed the people and the people have no other recourse but to combine and overthrow it. Already are they combining to do this and this winter will see a dozen or more Socialists in congress. Capitalism is dead. It has killed itself by its own gluttonous appetite for profits. If the workers of America arise they will not delay the funeral services longer than November 3.

"DIVIDING UP."

No, Socialists don't believe in "dividing up." As Meredith Nicholson, the fiction writer puts it, "When you begin dividin', nobody's satisfied; everybody you let in wants it all."

This is well illustrated by the war now going on in Europe; the capitalists of the various nations were not satisfied with their respective shares, each wanted it all. And now they are letting the workers fight it out for them. There will be no "dividing up" under Socialism because every man will automatically receive the full social value of his labor. No one will want more or be satisfied with less.

There are in round numbers twenty million families in this country. It is safe to say that two-thirds of this number cannot afford meat once a week. And yet Armour is shipping a million pounds of meat to Europe every day. Ask some of your non-Socialist friends to explain this to you.

A CLASS congress of lawyers and professional office holders has tabled woman suffrage.

A CLASS congress of lawyers and professional office holders refuses to let the people say whether they want national prohibition.

WHEN the bankers object to a proposition it is pretty good evidence that it is a good thing for the majority of us.

A CLASS congress of lawyers and office holders will not provide punishment for the big crooks that its own committee found guilty.

A CLASS congress of lawyers and professional office holders will neither work eight hours itself or enact an eight-hour day for the slaves of industry.

A CLASS congress composed of lawyers and professional office holders does not want a constitution that will give the people power and limit their own snap.

A CLASS congress of lawyers and professional office holders refuses to provide the initiative, referendum and recall, or to give the people a real voice in their government.

THE government lends the banks money at three per cent. The banks lend it to the farmers at 10 and 20 per cent. Simple, isn't it? So simple only simpletons will stand for it.

A CLASS congress of lawyers and professional office holders ties up the laws with verbiage that will give lawyers jobs in interpreting them, and is expert in the "joker" attached to measures it enacts.

IT'S going pretty hard for Mr. Wilson and his democratic stalwarts to explain to the farmers why the government always has plenty of money for the poor bankers, but never a cent for them.

A CLASS congress composed of lawyers and professional office holders smoothes good legislation in committees and then explains that it couldn't be avoided. It is all a trick of those who are nominated because they know the game.

A CLASS congress composed of lawyers and professional office holders has farmed out credit of the whole people to Wall Street at three per cent interest, and permits the bankers to re-lend the money at from ten to twenty per cent.

A CLASS congress composed of lawyers and professional office holders makes the postal savings banks a mere collecting agency for the private banks, and prohibits the government from using the money its citizenship trusts to it.

A CLASS congress, composed of lawyers and professional office holders, admits the existence of a lobby of the interests, and invariably legislates for it. The workers who pay the \$7,500 a year to the congressmen, do not count with the workers of the workers who can pay much more.

THERE is now nearly fifty million dollars deposited in the postal savings banks. Why should not this money be loaned direct to the people at three per cent, instead of being turned over to the private banks to be loaned at 10 and 12 per cent? Ask your congressman about this?

THE government loans money to the New York bankers at three per cent on worthless stocks and bonds and which is as good as no security at all, but refuses to loan it to the farmers on the best security in the world, land and the products of the land. And this, Mr. Farmer, is what you'll get handed to you until you get wise and send Socialists to congress.

I WOULD rather vote for the most crooked man on the Socialist ticket than for the most honest man on the capitalist ticket. Because a crooked man on a Socialist ticket can be kept straight by the Socialist party through its democratic machinery, while an honest man on the capitalist party ticket will be forced to become crooked by the office seeking politicians of the capitalist parties.

An Honest Way to Get Money With Your Vote

Written by ALLAN L. BENSON for the Appeal to Reason

SOME things are so firmly fixed in our minds that we can turn to them at any hour, night or day. No well person, for instance, ever forgets his own name. The elder Von Moltke, when awakened in the middle of the night in 1870 and told that France had declared war against Germany, pointed to a bureau drawer and said: "Our war plans are in there."

The bulk of the American people have an idea in their minds that is almost as well entrenched as their very names. This idea is that there is not much hope for the working class, for the reason that improvements must come so slowly that nobody now alive can live long enough to see them. Wake up almost any American workingman in the middle of the night and begin to talk politics to him and he will express this opinion. He will not deny that conditions should be better. He will not contend that there is any reason why the country should produce an abundance of food and still suffer from hunger. He will not attempt to defend the enforcement of idleness upon millions who are willing to work. He will not argue that these millions, if permitted to work, could not produce goods of which we stand in great need. He will readily admit that such absurdities could not be if the lines of our industrial life were not sadly snarled. But he will go no further. Ask him to dare to hope and his interest will flag. Ask him to strike out for things that are really worth while and he will tell you those things are not for him. "Nothing can be much improved in my time," he will say. "The machinery of government moves slowly. It cannot be made to move more rapidly. I was born poor. I expect to die poor. I only hope that my children may enjoy some of the things that I shall not live to see."

Now, these are matters worth thinking about. Men who talk this way are not ignorant men. They are men who have learned deeply in the school of experience. They may never have seen a college, except at a distance. They may never have attended even a high school. But they have attended factories and they have attended grocery stores and they have attended coal yards and they have attended stores where clothing is sold. Moreover, they have attended the polls. And, from all these places of learning, they have drawn the facts of life as life is. They have seen the necessities and the comforts of life abundantly about them without being able to get many of them. They have worked for them; they have fought for them; they have voted for them, yet the things for which they strive are ever beyond their reach.

THESE ARE FACTS. They are facts which no one need attempt to prove, because they are of common knowledge. But like all other facts, they do not exist without cause. No fact is without a cause. The earth is not without its cause and nothing upon the earth, or in the universe, is without a cause. And the scandal of poverty in the midst of plenty is a great fact for which we should seek the cause. Our own welfare cries out to us to find the cause; our children's welfare cries out to us to find the cause; humanity, born and unborn, cries out to us to bestir ourselves—to move, to seek, to find.

Instinctively we turn to the laws of the land. As the maker of the laws of the land, we turn to congress. For a brief period, preceding each election, we interest ourselves in congressional candidates. For a brief period after each congress takes office we look to congress for the fulfillment of the pledges upon which it was elected. Congress does not spit in our faces. It would be better for us if congress did spit in our faces. We should then know congress as it is. But the gentlemen who compose our national legislature nevertheless betray us to the full limit of their courage. Just so long as they dare, they deny us our just demands. When they no longer dare to withhold from us everything, they give us something—perhaps a currency law made by bankers; perhaps something else of unimportance. But whatever they do, they never do anything for us. Times never become less hard; the press of poverty never becomes less intense. All this in a country that produces enough for everybody and might easily produce more, if all those who want to work were permitted to work.

In other words, congress persistently and consistently fails us. Why does congress fail us? Is congress composed of hell-hounds or fools? Congress is composed of nothing of the kind. So far as the humanities are concerned, congress is composed of the same kind of men that you see about you every day—neither better nor worse. So far as intelligence is concerned, congress is above the average. Members of congress are not, for the most part, profound in anything except politics, but the people at home are not profound. But congress is not an easy place to get into, and the mere fact of being there is an indication of the possession of mental nimbleness above the ordinary. This nimbleness is oftentimes of a reprehensible nature, but it is still nimbleness, and it comes from the mind.

Congress persistently and consistently fails us because it does not represent us. The people of the United States are, for the most part, workers. A few people in the United States—few in comparison with the many—are interested in getting the things that the workers produce. It is the struggle between the many and the few that produces our political problems. The rich few want to hold what they have and get more. The poor many want to stop the robbery.

If this is not the problem in this country there is no problem in this country. If this is not the object and aim of all our political efforts, there is no object or aim of all our political efforts. No matter in which manner this problem presents itself, it is still this problem. Two classes are struggling in this country for supremacy. They are struggling in the workshops. They are struggling in the legislative halls. They are struggling in the courts.

CONGRESS FAILS US because we elect men to congress who could not do us justice without repudiating every essential principle for which they contend. Take a look around congress and see who is there. Congress is composed of 531 men. Three hundred and two of these men are lawyers. Who is a lawyer? A lawyer is a man who would have almost nothing to do if it were not for the institution of private property. What is the institution of private property? It is the economic system which gives individuals the right to own resources and industries that are necessary to the existence of everybody else. Almost all of the business that comes to the legal profession comes from the institution that we know as "private property." Rich men hire lawyers to enable them to rob poor men. Rich men hire lawyers to prevent other rich men from robbing them. Poor men almost never hire lawyers. If it were not for the institution of private property, the legal profession, as we know it today, could not exist. There would be nothing for it to do. It would disappear from mere lack of subsistence.

Now, kindly note the position in which we are. Remember that there are two classes in this country struggling for the products of the working class. So far as restoring justice is concerned, neither class can go up without sending the other class down. The working class cannot get a greater percentage of its product without depriving the capitalist class of a corresponding percentage of that product. If the capitalist class did not own the great industries and the natural resources of this country the capitalist class could not rob the working class. It is this robbery that the working class is trying to end. Congress is the place of all places in which the working class is trying to end it. Congress is failing us.

Should any informed man wonder why congress is failing us? What do you expect these lawyers to do? Do you expect them to legislate themselves out of employment? Do you expect them to cut off the bread and butter supply from their own mouths? Do you expect them to turn against the interests that give them employment? If you do, you expect them to do what legislative bodies have never done and never will do. Men in the mass are ruled by their bread and butter interests. Self-preservation is the strongest instinct in all of us. It is necessary that it should be the strongest instinct. Without such an instinct, the race would long ago have died. It is an instinct that will continue to the end. It should continue to the end. It exists in the lion as much as it exists in the human being. But that is no reason why the human being should surrender to the lion. It is the greatest reason why the human being should not surrender to the lion. Most of all, it is a reason why we should not send the lion to congress. The lion's interests are opposed to our interests. Both the lion and ourselves cannot win in congress. One must be the eater and the other the eaten. If the lion had the most votes we could not prevent him from getting in. But the lion has not the most votes. We outnumber him ten to one. But we are so blind that we add our ten votes to his one. We constitute a congress of lions and then wonder why congress fails us. We constitute a congress of lions and then talk about the slowness with which conditions are improved and the impossibility of doing much of anything during the lifetime of anyone now living.

WHAT IS THERE that we want done that could not be done during a single session of congress, if we owned the congress? There are some things that could not be so quickly done. In a single session of congress we could not take over the ownership of the railroads, the meat packing establishments, the coal mines, the cotton and the woolen mills. In a single session of congress, we could not take over the steel mills, the flour mills and the other great interests that private individuals now own for the purpose of wringing an unearned profit from the rest of us. If we had a congress that belonged to

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A WORKINGCLASS Socialist congress would provide woman suffrage.

A WORKINGCLASS Socialist congress would safeguard conditions of employment.

A WORKINGCLASS Socialist congress would provide old age pensions for all toilers.

TRYING to secure justice through a capitalist congressman is on a par with making love to a girl by proxy.

A WORKINGCLASS Socialist congress would abolish the appointment of judges and life tenure in any office.

A WORKINGCLASS Socialist congress would immediately curb the power of the courts to issue injunctions.

A WORKINGCLASS Socialist congress would provide the initiative, referendum and recall for all federal officials.

A WORKINGCLASS Socialist congress would take the credit of the people from the banks and restore it to the people.

A WORKINGCLASS Socialist congress would provide for the free administration of justice, considering a public defender as necessary as a public prosecutor.

A WORKINGCLASS Socialist administration would end the contract system in public work, providing direct employment and supervision instead.

A WORKINGCLASS Socialist congress would destroy the presidential veto and the veto power of the supreme court over any law that either congress or the people might enact.

A WORKINGCLASS Socialist congress would work eight hours itself and provide not more than an eight hour day in industry, until such time as a shorter day would be feasible.

A WORKINGCLASS Socialist congress would take measures to do away with the nonsensical electoral college, selecting the executive of the nation by direct vote of the people.

SOCIALISM will not change human nature. It is human nature to be happy and to want to see others happy. Socialism will make it possible for every person to be happy without making others unhappy.

THE capitalists, although outnumbered 10 to 1 by the workers, are able through possession of the machinery of government to defeat any move made by the workers to better their condition. The capitalists have acquired this power through political action. Through political action the workers can gain control of the machinery of government and achieve industrial freedom. The first step in this direction can be made November 3 by electing Socialists to congress.

It seems the New York banks are charging their correspondent banks 7 per cent for the money so generously handed over to them by the government to "move the crops." The correspondent banks charge the ultimate borrower—the "goat" of the whole transaction—10 and 20 per cent. According to the news dispatches McAdoo is very angry and will deal severely with the naughty, naughty bankers. He even threatens to put their names in the papers. This will no doubt make interesting reading, but Mr. Farmer will go on paying 10 and 20 per cent just the same.

WHY no market for cotton? There is no market for your cotton, Mr. Farmer of the Southland, because you and your class send men to congress who are the tools of those who own and control the cotton market and every other market. Millions of Americans need your cotton, but as long as you support this system of private ownership of the machinery of production and distribution they cannot get it. Get wise, Mr. Cotton Farmer, and send Socialists to congress who will abolish the system under which one class live off the labor of another class.

COLORADO AND CO

Our congress in can't dodge its responsibility. It cannot strike. It cannot on the ground that with the facts. A res- con- volting. Congre- But it does nothing. It permits the Rockefeller to throttle one of our leading industries and to deny a living to ten thousand workers and those depending upon them.

Has any one any doubt as to what Socialists in congress would do? The strike would have been settled long ago or the coal mines in Colorado would have by this time been operated by Uncle Sam under the usual conditions in the government service.

A congress that means business can make laws to protect the worker and make more laws compelling the judicial and executive branches of the government to do what it is told. Let it be remembered that congress pays the salaries of all government officials, including judges. Congress could compel action by obstreperous judges and marshals by threatening to vacate their offices unless it is obeyed. So don't imagine that congress hasn't done anything in the Colorado strike because it has not the power. You know that it has plenty of power in serving the plutocrats.

Let the Colorado coal strike teach you this fact: If you want the workers protected elect Socialist working class candidates to congress. If you do this you will not only help the Colorado mine slaves but every man and woman who labors for a living.

HUMAN NATURE.

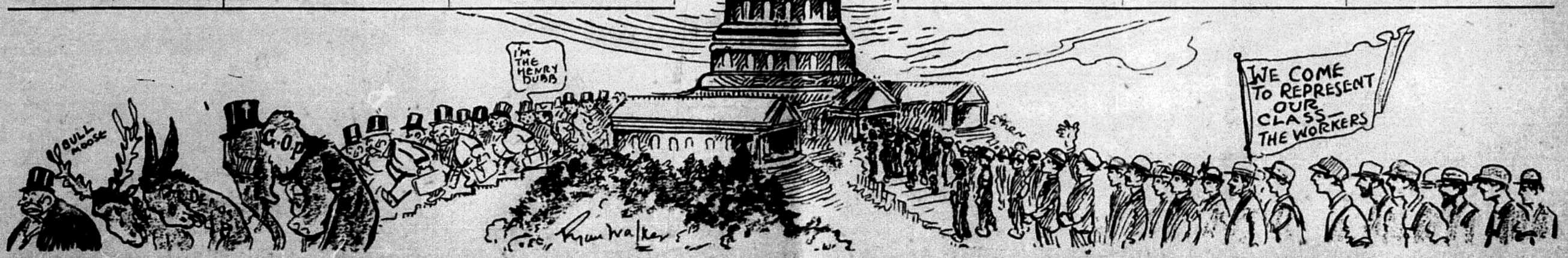
One of the favorite arguments of non-Socialists is that Socialism is against human nature. All of which is not true. Socialism is not against human nature; on the other hand, human nature is against capitalism. It is because human nature is what it is that Socialism must eventually prevail. Socialism must prevail because it is against the human nature of women to bring children into the world as food for cannon; because it is against the human nature of man to always live in poverty; because it is against the human nature of man to starve when on every hand there is food in abundance; because it is against human nature of man to toil long hours to produce cotton for which there is no market. It is human nature to be happy and because of this Socialism must come. Human nature is one of the strongest forces working for the Co-operative Commonwealth.

TWO GOVERNMENTS.

Have we two governments in this country? Is John D. Rockefeller, Jr., king of one and Mr. Wilson president of the other? It certainly appears so. And it also appears that President Wilson with an army of men and guns back of him is rather afraid of King Rockefeller with his army of dollars and banks.

According to the Washington dispatches, Mr. Wilson in urging his true plan on the Colorado mine owners is handling the matter and using the same tactics as he would in dealing with some foreign country. From reading these reports a man from Mars would think it was some important treaty between two nations that was being considered.

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used the credit of the county in such a way that the people could utilize it. Your lawyer representatives have sold the credit of all America to New York bankers exclusively. But you may save yourselves by ignoring them and their credits and using your own credit.

THIS IS HOW: Let counties and cities in the south, or individuals acting for them, establish cotton warehouses. Let them issue, not warehouse receipts, but certificates of deposit for cotton left with them, in denominations of one dollar each; these certificates to be taken up as the cotton is removed from the warehouse. They will find that the certificates of deposit will circulate locally, at par, and from starvation the town of south doing this will find itself flush. The banks won't dare to refuse to take the certificates, and there will be no interest to pay. The power of the money trust will be broken. A certificate should read something like this:

Certificate of Deposit.
 Value \$1.
 Issued by the _____ Cotton Warehouse and Storage Company of _____
 This certifies that _____ pounds of cotton have been deposited with us to secure this certificate of deposit, this being at the rate of _____ cents per pound and that said cotton is insured. When this certificate of deposit is presented, either singly or with other certificates, cotton to the amount left as security for certificate or certificates will be delivered to the bearer.
 _____ President.
 _____ Secretary.

The warehouse organization should be composed of men who have the vision to see that their reward will come in enhanced business and more general employment. They will run all if they seek profit. They will do a grave injustice to the farmer who accepts the warehouse certificate of deposit if they do not pay him practically full market value for his goods. If the banks refuse to accept the certificates of deposit at par, the people can retaliate by refusing to accept their asset currency at par. But it is the merchant and farmer and worker who will have the say-so in this matter.

That these certificate of deposits would be legal is attested by the action of the managers of the reserve banks, who reported to Secretary McAdoo, published in Farmers' Bulletin No. 620, that such collateral be made the basis of loans by banks. If they may legally be made basis for loans by banks they may legally be made basis for loans to individuals or corporations, and that is what the certificates amount to.

They have tried to shut you out from your own credit. Men, you may help yourselves. And while doing it see that no man who voted for a bank monopoly of credit shall be returned to Washington.
 LINCOLN PHIFER.

WILSON'S TRUST PETS.
 The *Drug Markets*, a weekly magazine, tells of how the manufacturers of resin, tar and turpentine have organized in bold defiance of the law, and how the government winks at the offense.

A few years ago the same people were fined \$65,000 for pooling their issues, and the officers were sentenced to 90 days servitude in a federal prison. "None of the men," says *Drug Markets*, "ever served a day's imprisonment, and finally, after years of litigation, the decision was reversed, and the case was thrown out of court."

Since the war began in Europe the same manufacturers have applied to Washington authorities for assurances that they will not be prosecuted under the Sherman anti-trust law, if they again pool their issues and raise the price of their commodities. "But," continues *Drug Markets*, "the government refuses to sanction officially any such violation of the Sherman law. Instead, the government ad-

Rockefeller to Fight Appeal to Reason

The APPEAL's publicity campaign in Colorado has driven John D. Rockefeller to desperation. Finding that thousands of Colorado voters are now learning the truth about his conduct in the coal fields, Rockefeller has gone into the newspaper business. The APPEAL has been informed that the Rockefeller interests have purchased the *Denver Rocky Mountain News*, the very newspaper that so ably championed the strikers following the Ludlow massacre. Readers of this paper will recall an excellent editorial, entitled "The Massacre of the Innocents," which we reprinted from the *Denver News*. It is stated that Rockefeller has picked out this paper because the *Denver News* is read by a class of people whose minds must be poisoned before he can offset the APPEAL's agitation in Colorado.

There are two lessons to be gained out of this purchase of the *Denver News* by readers of the APPEAL.
 First, no capitalist publication, no matter how fair minded it may appear, can be trusted. Every newspaper and publication which does not espouse Socialism has its price. The sale of the *Denver News* proves this beyond question.

Second, the friends of the APPEAL will have to redouble their energies to meet this move of the Rockefeller interests. It is the little old APPEAL vs. the *Denver Rocky Mountain News* in the state of Colorado. We have no fear of the outcome if our paper reaches the electorate of that state. There is only one thing to do and that is to concentrate our fire on Colorado. Let each member of the APPEAL Army try to put on the APPEAL mailing list at least four Colorado citizens. The Trinidad Socialists have the names of all the Colorado voters. And every penny we receive for the Colorado fund we put at the disposal of the Trinidad Socialists to be spent in placing voters of that state on our list.

These two lessons should go home to every lover of liberty and champion of the rights of the toilers!

vanced a counter proposition. It suggested that currency to the value of 75 per cent of warehouse storage receipts be advanced to producers needing loans."

This is very interesting, in view of the flat refusal of the administration to give the farmers direct loans on their warehouse receipts of cotton. Why the discrimination, Mr. President?

What will these favored manufacturing interests do? They will pool their issues anyhow and defy the government. And they freely say the government will not prosecute them.

Manufacturers can contribute to congressional campaign funds. Farmers cannot. This is why one class is coddled and the other is wantonly insulted.

FROM CELL NO. 7.
 With never a ray of sunlight. Locked up in cells 8x5 feet seven-

and a half hours per day. With seven hours' exercise walking up and down a gloomy corridor. Such is the fate of fearless "General" Kelly and his comrades who made such a brave fight for the unemployed of San Francisco a few months ago. In the jail at Sacramento, in cell No. 7, with faith and enthusiasm undaunted, "General" Kelly has served 158 days of his 209 days' sentence. On October 4 this dauntless agitator will again take up the fight with renewed determination to overthrow the system. "Our imprisonment grows very tiresome," writes this lion-hearted stalwart, "our health is gone, but we try to keep up a bold front."

Commenting on present conditions, Kelly says: "The war will not increase opportunities. The opening of the Panama canal will find thousands of longshore men and freight handlers on both the Atlantic and Pacific, as well as railroad men, thrown out of employment. Private capital, not being a charitable institution, failing to provide relief, the toiling masses must continue to beg of a brother of this earth for leave to toil (and be denied), or change the system to a co-operative commonwealth and employ themselves through the state."

And this is the message Kelly sends to his American comrades: "Vote, comrades; organize, educate. It is our grandest, strongest and only weapon."

May this message from a brave heart go to the ends of the earth and stir to action every man who works.

Thou shalt not kill.—Moses in the decalogue.
 Cannons and firearms are cruel and murderous machines.—Martin Luther.

SOCIALISTS AND WAR.

The hypocritical capitalist press is weeping crocodile tears over the reports that German Socialists are participating in the great European war. This capitalist press is forced to acknowledge that until this great conflict the German Socialists had been staunch anti-militarists. Then it proceeds to take for granted that the German Socialists have enthusiastically endorsed the war and are today among the strongest supporters of the Kaiser. The capitalist press naturally does not care to confirm such impossible reports. For their purposes these rumors are too good to be looked over.

The truth is that some German Socialists were at first tricked into participating in this war by the German government on the plea that their native land had been ruthlessly invaded by the troops of the despotic czar of Russia. The German people did not know that the Russian troops penetrated their land only after the Kaiser had declared war. It is reliably reported that the Kaiser's war declaration had been withheld from the people for three days. The German Socialists of course did not want the subjugation of their land by the bloody czar. They knew too well that the Socialist movement of Germany would be crushed out of existence if Russia conquered Germany. It was this trick that influenced the Socialists in the German Reichstag to vote for the war credits. It is not true that all the Socialist deputies were in favor of the war credits. Their unanimous vote was recorded only by the application of the unit rule. And also it is not true that the Socialists unanimously voted against the war credits that they would not have been adopted because the Socialists are in the minority in the German parliament.

But after days and weeks had passed the German Socialists have realized that they have been made the victims of deception. Learning this, they are beginning to rebel. Reports come daily that the Socialist press of Germany is being suppressed because it is opposing the war. The Berlin *Vorwarts*, the leading Socialist daily of Germany, has been indefinitely suppressed by the military governor. This news leaked into this country despite the strict censorship exercised by the German military authorities. What is now taking place in Germany no one knows. It may be safely assumed that the German Socialist movement will not fight the battles of the Kaiser once they learn the truth about this terrible conflict. And let this also be remembered that when the time comes the German Socialists will transform their country into a republic and place the power to declare war into the hands of the people who are expected to do the fighting.

Let the American capitalist press say what it will, the international Socialist movement is the only movement that stands for peace. Capitalism which they champion is the cause and the prime reason for all wars, including the present frightful carnage.

The Lawyer in Congress.
 A lawyer's business is to see one side of a question—and the right or wrong of that side generally depends on the way he can argue a pinhead technicality. That is his training, and he cannot get over it just by being elected to congress. It is not what is right or wrong in a broad sense—his experience as a hired intellect for private interests nullifies his power for mass consciousness. And his help to a nation seeking democracy is about as useless as a silk thread to a mountain climber.—*Art Young in Metropolitan Magazine.*

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WHEN a government can no longer feed all of its citizens it has outlived its usefulness and should be supplanted by a government that will do so.

EVERY human being will be better off under Socialism, even John D. Rockefeller.

SOCIALISM will not break up the home; it will make it possible for every one to have a home.

THE government of the future if it is to endure must be built on something more substantial than patriotism.

WE call ourselves a civilized nation. The time is coming when the present age will be referred to as the age of barbarism.

SOCIALISM will not destroy religion; on the other hand, it will destroy the system that keeps most men from having any real religion.

IT is not at all improbable that Europe will be forced to repudiate its war debt after the war, or face a revolution that, once started, will sweep away every European capitalist government.

MARK HANNA, one of the brainiest men in the republican party of his day, just a short time before his death, warned his friends that Socialism was coming. He urged them to study and understand it.

IN Texas the cattlemen are demanding national notes based on cattle security. But it will not avail. Favors are exclusively for Wall Street with this democratic administration, and railroad stocks that are unquotable are considered by Wilson as better security than Texas cattle. If Texas wants anything of real value to her she will have to quit voting the democratic ticket and try Socialism.

A New Book by Benson.
 The Appeal wishes to announce that it will soon offer for sale a new book by Allan L. Benson, entitled "War, Work and Wages." Details will be published in later issue.

"TEDDY" spent a few days in Kansas last week and it was really pathetic to see the *Kansas City Star* trying to keep him in the limelight by playing him up on the front page in competition with the war news. The *Star* is a pretty decent sort of capitalist paper; it prints a lot of good things; editorially it treats Socialists and Socialism with considerable fairness and respect, but the way it tries to make a god out of this four-flusher is, to say the least, disgusting.

NO CHANGE in the social structure of society ever did or ever will come suddenly. Many people seem to think that some day Socialists will be suddenly swept into power and that we will all wake up the next morning with the Co-operative Commonwealth in full operation. Nothing of this sort ever will or can happen. As the capitalist machine rots away or breaks down in places it will be built up with timber and material that fits in with Socialism. When Socialism is thoroughly established in the world, no one then living will be able to point out at just what period capitalism passed out and Socialism came in.

IN the Socialist Co-operative Commonwealth no one will be directly dependent upon anybody else for any material want, although all will be dependent upon the co-operative effort of society for everything. The wife will in nowise be dependent upon the husband; she will be economically free. A mother's pension will take care of the children and as the future managers of society and producers of wealth they will be educated at the expense of society. Old age pensions will take care of the old. There will be no charity organizations because there will be no need of them. Given justice, no one needs charity. Under Socialism the birth of a child will be a blessing, not a calamity, as is mostly the case today. The child will not be a burden upon anyone. The more producers, the less work. The less work, the more time for recreation, amusement and study.

Midnight, October 17th

This is to remind you that there are only a few days left in which to get in the list of three-month subscribers. Your list must be mailed before midnight of October 17 or it will not be accepted at the special rate of 10 cents for three months.

And don't forget that this special rate of 10 cents for 13-week subscribers only applies to lists of 10 or more. Don't send in lists of less than 10 names at this rate.

Here is the schedule—select the one that suits you best:

\$10 pays for 100 subscriptions.
 \$5 pays for 50 subscriptions.
 \$3 pays for 30 subscriptions.
 \$2 pays for 20 subscriptions.
 \$1 pays for 10 subscriptions.

It's a great opportunity, comrades, to give Socialism a big boost in your neck of the woods. Don't let it slip by without taking advantage of it. Remember—midnight—October 17.

A Socialist Bombshell

JOSH BILLINGS has said that one hornet, when it felt well and lively, could make it interesting for a whole neighborhood.

J. O. Judd, Socialist and treasurer of Crawford county, the home of the APPEAL, has turned loose a bunch of hornets, all well and lively, among the old party politicians and their followers in this neck of the woods that is making them hunt for cover. These hornets in the shape of a few plain facts are stinging the voters and they are flocking to Socialism as the only remedy.

The writer accompanied Judd on a little campaign trip the other day to Hepler, a little burg in the north edge of the county.

Judd spoke to a big bunch of farmers on the street and here are a few of the hornets he turned loose and which before we left for home had the whole town stirred:

Will it be necessary for me to tell you that there has been a few Socialists in Girard for the last two years in the county office? And during that period there has not been a single choker torn down, preacher murdered, home ruined, anything dynamited, and each one of us who happened to be married, is living with his own wife? You remember just after the election two years ago, when the republicans and democrats received the greatest shock of their lives from the election returns announcing the working class victory, they started the report immediately that the county clerk could not read or write, and that the county treasurer was an uneducated, know-nothing, and that it would take all the book-keepers in the state of Kansas to straighten out the records of their offices before they were six months in office. And they at once entered a contest proceeding, charging all manner of fraud, illegal voting, and even tried to hire evidence to prove it. Well, they lost the contest, and after we had been installed in the offices, came into possession of the books and records of the county, we workmen who could not read or write discovered something, and that was "why they contested the election."

We found why they did not want honest workmen in charge of the books. I want you to pay very close attention to this, for I have been threatened with being beaten to death, and sued for libel for telling these facts. I am telling you taxpayers this because I feel that you are entitled to know something about the county's business.

The speaker then read from a leaflet, signed by himself, the record of several former old party county officials. According to this record, and Judd vouches for its truth and correctness, one former clerk of the district court has been forced since the Socialists came into possession of the books to disgorge and turn back into the treasury the sum of \$1,101.03. This was paid back in installments. Another has paid back \$3,118.48 and according to Judd's record still owes \$225.91. While still another was forced to dig to the tune of \$1,375.91. Judd also called their attention that the county had brought suit against the former sheriff for \$1,228.57.

"Now I want to ask you a question," said Judd. "Do you think this county would have collected this \$6,822.99 if these men had been returned to office?"

It was without doubt the liveliest bunch of hornets that was ever turned loose in the little town of Hepler. Two years ago there were 17 votes cast for the Socialist ticket in this little town; watch the figures in November.

If President Wilson is looking for authority to settle the labor war in Colorado by taking over the mines, he might refer to supreme court reports, Vol. 17, pp. 409, 430. He will find therein a decision handed down by the supreme court of the United States March 7, 1819. It reads: "The government which has a right to do an act and has imposed upon it the duty of performing the act, must, according to the dictates of reason, be permitted to select the means."

The People's College.

Of course you are going to belong to the People's College Union. The fact that you have not already enrolled as a member is due to an oversight on your part and because you have been devoting your spare time to reading the war news. Don't spare time longer, but write us and we will tell you how to help in the greatest constructive work which you can now do for the Socialist movement. Be sure and write us for particulars of this great Working Class School.

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Men, Help Yourselves

THE government has tied up the credit of the country exclusively to New York bankers, and refuses to do anything for the cotton farmer of the south. Just how fully it has turned all things to Wall Street is shown by these words from a recent utterance of Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo:

"I have received complaints about the high rates of interest which are being charged by the national banks of New York, Boston, Chicago and other reserve cities. It is alleged that the New York banks are requiring their correspondent banks throughout the country to pay 7 per cent for loans and to maintain a balance with the New York banks, which makes the money cost the correspondent banks the equivalent of 8 per cent or more."

If New York charges the equivalent of 8 per cent interest to the correspondent banks of the south, these southern banks must, in turn, charge a still higher rate to the small banks which are, in turn, their correspondents, thus making money cost the ultimate borrower very high, if not exorbitant rates.

It must be remembered that these New York banks get the money direct from the government at 3 per cent! This money is secured only by trust stocks and bonds that are too worthless to be quoted on 'change. Yet when application was made to the president to let farmers borrow money direct at 3 per cent, secured by actual wealth, such as cotton and corn, he replied:

"Of course I need not say, gentlemen, that the gravity of the situation is very manifest; and I want you to know that I have been giving a great deal of attention to it, with the earnest desire to see some way by which the difficulties could be solved without committing the government in principle to any action which would plague us in the future."

The point is that he has already "committed the government to action" such as he deprecates; he has issued money to New York bankers direct, at 3 per cent and refuses to issue it to farmers on the same terms. And every republican senator and representative, and every democratic senator and representative, save one, voted for that kind of class legislation.

The New York bankers laugh at you. They think you are helpless. But you are not. If your government betrays you, you may act without the government as business men and save yourselves.

A FEW YEARS AGO, in St. Clair county, Missouri, a county judge who had spent months in prison for refusing to order the payment of bonds issued for railroads that were never built, found the county so hopelessly in debt that the county warrants went begging at 50 cents on the dollar. He proposed that the debt be refunded, in county notes, in the denomination of one dollar each. It was done. The result was that the notes issued by the county circulated freely at par, and St. Clair county enjoyed flush times during the panic of 1893. He had violated no law. He was not guilty of counterfeiting. He had simply

Junior Asks Embarrassing Questions and Gets Roundly Trounced by the Elder Henry Dubb.

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