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Rockefeller, Rex

THERE has been a war in America. It has been in progress about seven years. It seems that the house of Rockefeller has triumphed over the house of Morgan. It is now "Rockefeller, Rex." Rex means king. Within a few years John D. I or John D. II may be able to openly refer to you voting Dubbs as "my people," and to the Washington administration as "my government." For the office will be hereditary.

Seven years ago you heard much of the war between the house of Morgan and the house of Rockefeller. Only it was called the fight between the Harriman and Hill lines. That it went further than these railroads, however, is shown by the fact that Rockefeller planned to down the steel trust, which Morgan had organized, through the Tennessee Coal and Iron Company. But Morgan had a friend in the person of Theodore Roosevelt, who permitted Morgan's company to absorb the Tennessee C. & I. Co. in violation of law. The war would doubtless have been fought to a finish then if the failure of a Heinze bank had not threatened a panic and made a truce desirable. So Rockefeller was given \$40,000,000 cash and the truce was arranged. But the panic came.

The steel trust has remained loyal to Roosevelt since then. Its great manager, Perkins, is actively supporting him today.

THE battle was recently resumed. The New Haven exposure gave Morgan a body blow; for while the Rockefellers were interested in the New Haven properties, still the reorganization was and the scandals attaching to it were of Morgan making. How hard the blow was is made clear by the death of the elder Morgan within a few weeks after the exposure began. The death of the gruff old hammerer left the house of Morgan still further weakened.

The European war gave Rockefeller the opportunity to become the supreme financial power in America. Rockefeller took advantage of it to pound down stocks and conditions favored him in the work. Quotations became so low that the stock exchange was closed. It must be understood that the bulk of the Morgan fortune was made through reorganizing industry into trusts, the paper obligations of the industries covering, not the actual value of the factories and railroads reorganized, but the full earning capacity of the whole people. The slumping of the stocks to a point where they dare no longer be quoted on 'change meant, therefore, ruin for the house of Morgan.

THE house of Morgan was originally a banking proposition. But since the battle of the giants for the control of America in 1907, the house of Rockefeller had entered banking until it had become stronger in that line than Morgan himself was. It did not matter that it had obtained interests and directors in Morgan banks; this was merely strategy, for the purpose of forcing the Morgans from their own property. It was the Rockefeller interests that pushed through the asset currency proposition which gave the banks full control of the credit of the country, and made unquotable stocks and bonds that were made security for government notes freely given the banks at three per cent to be loaned at six and eight. The house of Morgan aided in the work, in the hope that it would enable it to cash in on its paper. While it did do this, still the house of Rockefeller became supreme. In one day the Morgans withdrew from 22 directorates. The Rockefellers, too, have withdrawn from many directorates, but a careful consideration of the matter will disclose that Rockefeller men have taken the place of Morgan men in most of the changes.

THE American battle is won. Rockefeller is king. The Tennessee steel has come back to John D. You may wonder that financial magnates would seek advantage over each other, yet that they do is known of all who are posted in the matter. The Goulds have been practically eliminated from the control of American business. They are still rich; they still have interest in many properties, but the control of things has been wrested from them. Similarly, the Morgans have just lost control of things. The two kings could not rule side by side. So Rockefeller became supreme. Morgan may continue and be outwardly a factor in finances, but he is subordinate to Rockefeller from now on.

THE Rockefeller power is correspondingly enhanced. Morgan is fighting under him. This is why the president of the United States has had to address the Colorado branch of Rockefeller's domain as though he were writing to another nation, and this is why that branch stuns and slams him as though he were an office boy of the real government. This is why Rockefeller is undertaking his investigation, so as to know just how far public sentiment will let him go. This is why he has bought a personal organ in the Denver Rocky Mountain News; he wants to be able to speak officially—for official his utterances are from this time forth.

THEY are still fighting for supremacy in Europe. That is all that the fighting means. Rockefeller and Morgan are united now, with Rockefeller, Rex, supreme, to send the food

of America to feed the war, to collect the gold of America to lend to Europe, to fight for markets in South America and elsewhere. In the meantime, Europe is weakening herself in slaughter and destruction and indebtedness. It remains to be seen whether Socialism shall triumph and the people overturn all autocracy, or whether the house of Rockefeller may not in this crisis become universally supreme, with the Rothschilds divided and lending to all countries and even fighting in all armies, realizing what Alexander and Napoleon and Caesar and all the olden conquerors failed of, in the establishment of a universal dominion. LINCOLN PHIPPS.

JOHN D. Rex, advises the worker to "save your pennies." They are in so much easier shape for him to rake in when they are saved in a pile.

DEFENDING the Rockefeller interests against decent working conditions and higher wages for the workers has already cost the state of Colorado a million dollars.

MR. ROCKEFELLER has donated \$200,000 for the purpose of pensioning indigent widows. It is suggested by the APPEAL that the money be used in relieving the widows of the victims of Rockefeller's gunmen at Ludlow, Colo.

If Jesus Christ had "made" and saved one thousand dollars a day from the time He was born until now He would not have been as rich as Rockefeller is. This shows how great is the steal the government, under democrats and republicans, has aided Rockefeller in effecting.

HERE is proof of the fact that John D., Rex, has become supreme. In New York state his personal assessment heads the list, while the Standard Oil Company heads the list of corporations. And they are not overvalued, either—trust Oily John for that.

THE Rockefeller fortune is predicated first on oil. That is a natural resource which an honest congress would have held inviolate for the good of all the people. Republicans and democrats are criminal in alienating it from the people to Rockefeller.

THE Rockefeller fortune has been enhanced by land grants, and by seizure of mineral land and water powers. These are all natural resources that should have been kept in the public heritage. Congress in alienating them was criminal and has created a power that now defies it.

If you should elect a republican, a democrat or a progressive congress, you will still leave open the channels through which the wealth of the producers will flow into the coffers of the exploiters, of which Rockefeller is the most conspicuous example. Only in Socialism is there the least hope of relief.

HAIL to the king! The Rockefeller carrying fleet, which formerly sailed under foreign flags, has now hoisted the stars and stripes from its masts. Rockefeller is great "for" the flag—when it pays him to be. He is glad to have it floating over Ludlow. He doesn't have to pay for federal soldiers like he does for the private gunmen.

WHAT will King Rockefeller do? The press reports that neutral ships, including those flying the American flag, are being held up in midocean, and deprived of all the copper cargo they may have on board. It was for this act of seizure that two wars were fought with England. Now that we have a king, we wonder what John D. I proposes to do about it?

REPUBLICANS and democrats have been in control of the government all the time the Rockefeller power was building. At the same time it was developing, the list of the dispossessed grew from practically nothing to include more than half the people of America. The reason for the Rockefeller house and for the general poverty is simple. It is that congress permitted, if it did not connive at, the looting of the land for the benefit of the few.

A VERY simple method of determining whether or not the exploiters, headed now by the house of Rockefeller, is not stronger than the government you suppose protects you, is found in the fact that they, not it, determine the cost of things, they, not it, collect the tribute that is making and keeping you poor. If all this has been accomplished in 40 years, where will the nation be in 10 more years? You must remember the law of physics, that momentum increases as the pressure continues, with accumulative speed.

THE Rockefeller fortune was created by profits. However, advantage was given to Rockefeller in the way of rebates and "drawbacks" to him on oil shipped by others. After the fortune had grown large from the exploitation of natural resources, Rockefeller began to use it in cornering transportation, in securing interest on bonds, and lately has been presented, by a republican and democratic congress, with the control of the entire credit of the country. He did not "make" his money. It was all given to him—part by special privilege and part through exploitation of those made helpless through unjust laws.

Your Money Has Given You Ownership and Control of the Denver Rocky Mountain News, but Remember the Colorado Voters Will Continue to Get the Truth From the Little Old Appeal.

THE most shameless sell-out in the history of capitalist journalism is shown in the recent change of ownership of the Denver Rocky Mountain News, which so ably championed the striking miners following the Ludlow massacre. Read two editorials printed below in parallel columns which appeared five months apart to a day in the Denver News:

Before Rockefeller Bought It

The following editorial appeared in the Denver Rocky Mountain News of April 22, 1914:

The horror of the shambles at Ludlow is overwhelming. Not since the days when pitiless red men wreaked vengeance upon intruding frontiersmen and upon their women and children has this western country been stained with so foul a deed. The blood of the women and children, burned and shot like rats, cries aloud from the ground. The great state of Colorado has failed them. It has betrayed them. Her militia, which should have been the impartial protectors of the peace, have acted as murderous gunmen. The machine guns which played in the darkness upon the homes of humble men and women, whose only crime was an effort to earn an honest living, were bought and paid for by agents of the mine owners. Explosive bullets have been used on children. Does the bloodiest page in the French revolution approach this in hideousness?

After Rockefeller Bought It

The following editorial appeared in the Denver Rocky Mountain News of September 22, 1914:

In the rush of events attending the early days of the strike there was difficulty in obtaining accurate information of what was going on. It is probably true that our newspapers published many statements which were mere rumors, and many other statements which, if true, had better not be published. In the stress of the conflict Colorado people took issue and became partisan on the one side or the other. They may have said things which only increased the intensity of the struggle, and done things which they would not have done had they taken time for sober second-thought. If *The News*, in the heat of the conflict, printed reports that came to it over the wires which proved to be only rumors, and in that way inadvertently injured the state, this paper acknowledges and deeply regrets such mistakes and will seek earnestly to rectify them.

Here you have it. A paper that fights valiantly for labor in April becomes the willing tool of John D. Rockefeller in September. Thousands of workmen have given their support to the Rocky Mountain News only to be betrayed by it for thirty pieces of silver. Why did Rockefeller buy that paper? Let us not fool ourselves. Rockefeller bought the News because he knows publicity is the most powerful weapon in the hands of the people. He could not stand having the News exposing him in Colorado. Furthermore, he knew that he needed a personal organ so offset the work being done by the little old Appeal in the state of Colorado. These two factors caused the purchase of the Denver News. The lickspittles of Rockefeller are no doubt congratulating themselves and him on this stroke. They are all figuring that with a powerful paper in Denver to poison the minds of the people of Colorado it will be an easy matter for them to repeat Ludlow, Forbes and other atrocities against labor. It must be admitted that this latest move of Rockefeller gives him for the time being an advantage over us. The Denver News will of course aid Rockefeller considerably until the people of Colorado get wise to the change of ownership of that paper. This important fact is hidden from the readers of the News. So our first move is to acquaint the tens of thousands of voters in the state of Colorado with the sell-out of the Denver News. Once the Colorado people learn that Rockefeller is the owner of the Denver News its editorials and news will be taken with a pinch of salt. Therefore, we must first concentrate upon this point. We must circulate this issue of the Appeal in every nook and cranny of the state of Colorado. And here is where your aid is earnestly requested. Help us in sending bundles of this issue to every city, town and hamlet in the great inter-mountain state. The Appeal has names of workers in Colorado who will gladly distribute this issue of the Appeal, which, as you will note, is a terrible broadside against John D. Rockefeller, King of America. At the lower right hand corner of this page is a suggestion as to how every liberty-loving citizen in this country can render assistance.

THIS IS HOW, MR. PRESIDENT.

The mine owners of Colorado are again treating you as a football. You may not mind it, but the people of the United States, whose representative you are, are tiring of it. After arbitrarily using a hired, private army to murder thousands of citizens; after having corrupted the courts and imprisoned many innocent people; after having placed the federal government to the expense of maintaining military rule in Colorado for months; they now wipe their feet on you by declaring your proposals of peace after the miners have accepted them. It is time you were doing something. If you do not act the people will believe you to be a coward, a puppet of the master class.

As Colorado is under military rule you have the right to seize the mines and run them by the government. But if you do not wish to exercise military power over the masters as you have used it against the workers, a Socialist sheriff will show you the way to victory through civil process. Girard points the way to you. There was a strike on the inter-urban lines here. The company would not yield. But no gunmen were employed—because there was a Socialist sheriff who cared a little for the workers—not as much as for the masters. No troops were called in to whip the workers to submission. No courts were ordered to imprison the strikers. After three months of inaction, the sheriff, in behalf of the people and

JOKE ON THE MILITARY.

Butte, Mont., has been under military rule for weeks. The militia has set aside civil law and substituted courts martial instead. It now develops that, since the repeal of the Donahue military law by referendum vote of the people at the last general election, Montana has no military laws whatever and consequently the military occupation of Butte by state troops was wholly unauthorized.

COMMENTING on a speech made by Roosevelt at Hutchinson, Kan., the other day, the *Kansas City Star* says: "He made a hit with this. And this is about the only thing that 'Teddy' ever made a hit with. The people may still be willing to listen to funny stories, but they have quit accepting them as a remedy for present conditions. 'How am I going to live this winter?' is what the workers are asking and all the funny stories in the world won't solve the problem."

THE only thing the reformer proposes is a reduction of the rate of rent, interest and profit. Socialists propose to do away with rent, interest and profit. If a 50 per cent profit on labor is wrong, 25 per cent is wrong. If 10 per cent interest on money is wrong, 5 per cent is wrong.

FOUND. The Opportunity America has for All. Loser should apply to J. D. Rex, 26 Broadway.

THE only hope of the people is take from Rockefeller the control of the nation's credit and of the nation's money is the Socialist party.

THE Rockefeller founder originally designed to discover far the people will permit man to go.

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A BIG vote for Socialism is a notice to the masters that the slaves are beginning to think. When slaves begin to think the masters have cause to tremble.

THERE is only one issue in the politics of the old parties—that is, who shall hold the offices. And whoever does, John D. and John P. control them.

THE only chance the average man will have to get a home of his own and to be able to educate his children and insure their future lies through the adoption of Socialism.

YOUNG ROCKEFELLER says we are all born in debt. Sure, Johnny, we know it—we are born in debt to your papa. But is it real gentlemanly, Johnny, to twit us about it?

BOILED down to the last analysis, the cause of the world war is rent, interest and profit. Eliminate rent, interest and profit and there will be nothing left for any nation to fight over.

THE only way to regain the wealth and power that the Rockefellers and their crowd have gained through political manipulation is to enter politics in your own behalf and vote for Socialism.

THE only way to insure against war in America is to take from the congress that betrayed the country to Rockefeller the power to declare war, and lodge that power entirely with the people.

THE only way to secure a congress that you may depend on to stand with you and against the Rockefeller interests is to elect men of your own class, whom you will find only among Socialist nominees.

THE only way to slay the dragon of Standard Oil and its fellow monsters, the trusts, is to let a Socialist congress annul their charters and seize the natural resources they have diverted from the toiling people.

THE only way that the land, given away to the Rockefellers and their clique of intermarried parasites can be restored to the people, is through the adoption of socialistic measures. It can all be done through enforcement of laws already in operation.

THE only way to break the autocracy of wealth in America, which is stronger than the autocracy of blood in Europe, and hereditary as there, is to adopt Socialism and place the people in control of their own lives, of employment and of all the natural and socially-used resources.

THE baby crop is not good. Of the 330,179 children in the public and parochial schools of New York City the bureau of child hygiene pronounces 230,422, or about 69 per cent, defective, physically. Socialism is not to blame for this condition, because Socialism is not in power. Will the administration take the responsibility for this, as it seems to be willing to do for the big Kansas wheat crop?

ROCKHOLDERS of the Rock Island railroad are charging in a suit against the managers of the road that bonds to the face value of \$180,000,000 are now quoted at only \$15,000,000. That is probably their real worth, but under the Aldrich-Vreeland scheme (Aldrich being a Rockefeller senator) they are made available for cashing in on national notes at par. The raise in rates that the house of Rockefeller forced on an unwilling interstate commerce commission merely makes sure the interest on this kind of paper. To get the interest and at the same time the equivalent of cash on such worthless paper is a financial achievement that is unequalled in history. It is the genius that enables Rockefeller to do these things that has made him the chief of all the money lords of the day.

THE CRUEL KAISER. Is not the following just like the German Kaiser? "We must play a great part in the world, and we will perform those deeds of blood and valor, which above everything else bring national renown. By war alone can we acquire those virile qualities necessary to win in the stern strife of actual life."

Doesn't such an utterance make your blood boil with indignation against German militarism? Well, don't boil over too soon. These are the words, not of Kaiser Wilhelm, but of Theodore Roosevelt, leader of "progressivism" in the United States. They show you the fake of the progressive movement. How can you vote for them with such a spirit as they manifest?

A FRENCH statistician estimates that during the last century fourteen million men were killed and disabled in war. And they call what we have "civilization."

I Will Help Spread the Truth

APPEAL TO REASON, Girard, Kansas: Here is my mite to help pay for bundles of this week's issue of the APPEAL which are to be distributed in every city, town and village in Colorado so that the people of that state may know the truth about the Denver News and the Colorado labor war. Find enclosed \$..... to pay for copies, to be distributed through the Colorado Socialist party.

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No More Desire for Tobacco. Arthur Krone is a locomotive fireman who had been using tobacco since he was a boy...

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Significant News

Beat the Republicans—At Egger, Ark. recent election the vote for assessor was 961 democrat, 429 republican and 447 Socialist.

Butte Socialists. Ben Wilson, member of the Kansas legislature, has been holding a series of meetings in Butte and writes the Appeal that the Socialists there were more solidly united than in any other part of the state.

Virginia Socialists Active. The Virginia Socialists are emphasizing their plans for the public ownership of the trusts, banks and railroads, and the government purchase of the cotton and tobacco surplus crops of the southern farmers...

Persecution in New Zealand. Grabbitail is chasing the "Worker" now; just been fined five thousand for libel—in fact, a little article called "The Scab" from one of the "V. W. News" had made the adder and snake and so on...

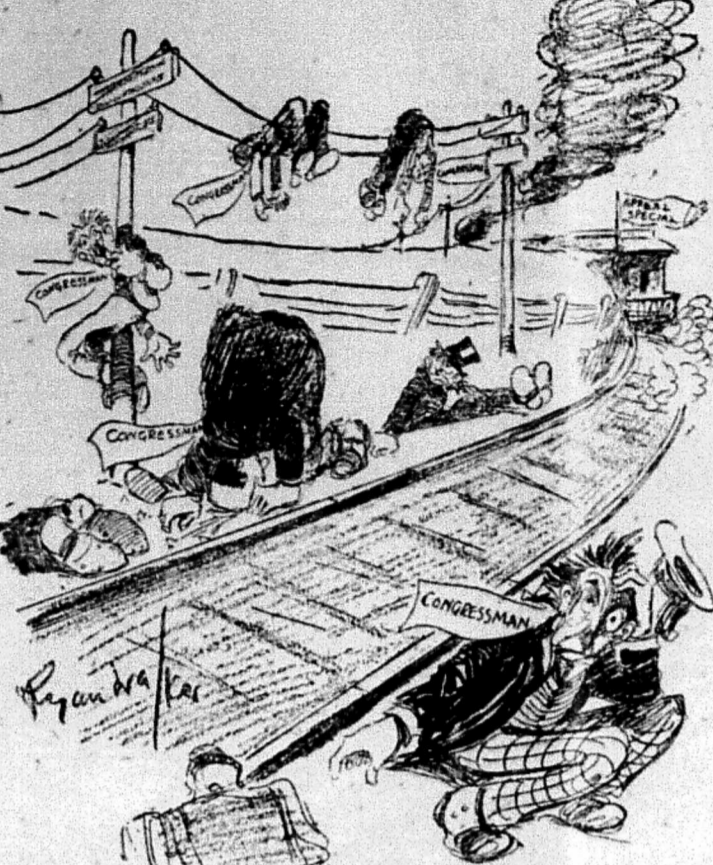
England Sends Greetings. Chas. Harrison, member of the National Union of Brewery Workers, London, sends a stirring manifesto issued by the brewery workers of Great Britain and Ireland against the war...

Germany shell Rhienis. French push German position. Russians pour deadly fire of Shells.—Headlines. And don't forget there's a shell game on this side of the water, too.

So much more practical to settle disputes at the cannon's mouth than at the ballot box, isn't it, Henry? Ask for G. O. P. SOOTHING SYRUP for Political Infants.

Before election the politician gives you his hand; after election he gives you his foot. When you see the politician on the platform his eloquence touches your heart. And when you don't see him, he touches your pocketbook.

They Were Hit by the "Congressional Special."



Only two weeks more before election. Only two more weeks in which to campaign for our candidates for congress. They should be busy weeks. Every Socialist we can send to congress this fall means that much nearer the goal.

Slaps and Slams. BY P. H. SKINNER. Wonder if Doc Wilson has a sneaking kind of a suspicion that the Belgian atrocity committee was a slap at conditions in Colorado?

Appeal's Big Siege Guns. 1 War—What For? Kirkpatrick... \$.50 1 Truth About Socialism, Benson... 1.00 1 Our Dishonest Constitution, Benson... 1.00 1 Appeal Subscription cards... 1.25

How Is It With You? GEORGE B. CARTRIGHT, Thurber, Texas. THE panic is on. Winter is near. There long many will be hungry and cold. Unlike the panic of 1907, the powers that be are unable to call off this panic by a few telegraph messages.

Twelve Reasons and Then Some. Mrs. Mary M. Dawson, Socialist nominee for register of deeds in Cherokee county, has 12 good reasons, and then some, why she should be elected to office, though, with characteristic modesty, she does not mention them.

Zeppelins dropping bombs on women and children of Antwerp. How did the Colorado national guard happen to overlook a nice, bloodthirsty scheme like that? Beautiful system. Can you beat it? Where some make bread and others eat it; Where some plant fields and others gather...

They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation shall not rise against nation, nor shall men learn war any more.—Isaiah.

...Appeal Army...

THE "BIG TEN" A list of those sending the largest clubs of 40-week subs for the week: M. Lyonnas, Missouri... 25 L. Lavelly, Pennsylvania... 24 Emil Berg, Alaska... 20 G. J. Smith, Michigan... 17 John Morris, Arkansas... 16 Wm. H. Quirk, New York... 15 Jumper Addis, Ohio... 12 C. E. Bissell, Pennsylvania... 12 John Donovan, Minnesota... 12 John Driscoll, Oklahoma... 12

THE "BIG FOUR" A list of those sending the largest clubs of four-year subs for the week: C. L. Hendricks, Washington... 6 S. W. Burbank, New Hampshire... 4 G. W. Braught, Washington... 4 Bert Clark, Nebraska... 3 The fortunate ones whose names appear in the above lists each receive a present of some good book.

On with the good work. You are getting down under the heavy snow in good shape.—O. M. Hanson, Minn. Can't do without the Appeal, so here is a dollar for four years. I try not to let any stray Henry Dubbs escape.—Guy B. Stone, Florida.

Am only a boy of 78, but am willing to do all I can to help the good cause. Have been in the fight for 40 years and am still at it.—W. L. Hartman, Okla. Would not the same security that the banks demand of the farmer before lending him a dollar be just as safe to the government?—W. G. Merritt, Oklahoma.

Sound reasoning has at last overcome my prejudice against Socialism. Socialism seems to be the talk of the hour. Every workingman should have read the best of the book to see the best of the book is 10 cents.

I Did Not Subscribe for the Appeal, but have been reading it for 40 weeks. Some kind of friend sent me and I feel under great obligations to him for putting a paper before me that is not afraid to print the facts about things as they are. Here is a dollar to pay the subs of four Henry Dubbs.—C. L. Unterkircher, Nebraska.

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Agitation League Report. Contributions to the Agitation League are used to put on names of Colorado Socialists on the Appeal list, until further notice: Balance on hand Oct. 1... \$3.85 Received during week... 239.50 Expenditures during week... 234.00 Balance on hand, Oct. 8... 39.47

Duncan Defies Foes. The following ringing statement has been issued by Lewis J. Duncan who was removed from the majority of Butte, Mont., by Judge Roy E. Ayers of the district court after a farcical trial on the charge of neglect of duty in connection with the recent miners' stop-blees: The expected has happened. The capitalists conspiring against the rights and liberties of the working people of this county and state have again demonstrated their ability to put over what they plan.

I have been ousted, not because I neglected to do my duty, but because I had the courage to act by a higher and humaner principle than is approved by the capitalist class. I have regarded human life as of greater moment and value than property and because I did not issue orders which, if obeyed by the police of this city, would have cost scores and hundreds of human lives, and would have settled nothing, I am pronounced unworthy of an office to which I have given my best thought and ability to fill honorably and faithfully.

I can better afford to receive this treatment at the behest of the tyrannical masters who inflict it upon me. I can better afford to suffer this injustice than I could have afforded to have upon my hands and conscience the blood of those who would have been killed had I suffered myself to be driven into the snare that the masters had spread for my feet. Today my political scalp decorates the wigwam of the Amalgamated, but my record is clean and my spirit unquenched.

The fight has just commenced. The people of this county and state will repudiate what has been done in their name as soon as they know the facts, and why this has been, and they shall know.

The Creed of Industry. Ida M. Tarbell. The creed of industry, as I learned it, mainly from the lips of employers, was hard, cynical—not to say inhuman.

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Some Light Reading for the Common People on a Light Pay-Day

THIS story begins at the Brooklyn Bridge Station of the New York subway and moves rapidly by express train to the Grand Central station. I boarded the train at 6 o'clock. The rush hour was at its height. The train was composed of ten cars and each car had a capacity of 200 persons—but ten cars were not enough. Ten-car trains were running only a minute apart, but a minute was too far apart to carry the crowd. The train was almost filled when it left Brooklyn Bridge. It was entirely filled when it left Fourteenth Street. People were packed so tightly in the car in which I stood that a lead pencil in my pocket was broken.

A twist of the motorist's wrist unloosed 2,000 horsepower of electricity and hurled us to the Grand Central station under Forty-second street. Perhaps 100 of the 2,000 wanted to get off to transfer to a local or to take an electric surface train. I was one of the number. With about as much ease as one could edge his way through a Brazilian jungle, we worked toward the doors and alighted on the broad cement platform that lies between the tracks.

I was one of the last, if not the last, to leave the car in which I rode. As I stepped out the door, I was struck by a tremendous tidal wave of humanity that no human being could have withstood. So I tepped in front of the iron railing that is placed about three feet from the edge of the platform and waited for the wave to dash itself into the cars. As I stepped in front of the railing, a huge guard—he was six feet four if not an inch—stepped beside me to get out of the way of the crowd; and as he saw the terrific jamming of men against women, and the terrific jamming of men against men, one word escaped his lips: "Cattle."

As he spoke, he turned toward me, and seemed to understand that I had heard what he said. Then, in a voice of pained wonderment (I am telling this story precisely as it is), he added: "What is the matter with people? See how they are treating each other."

NOW, this story may seem far from the plains of Kansas, the shores upon which the Pacific beats and the cotton fields of the south, but it has to do with each of these places and with all places where human beings live. The spectacle that I have described is based upon a profound fact that curses almost every human being from a moment even preceding his birth until death closes his eyes. This is a statement of some size, but if readers will do me the favor of going along with me, I will try to demonstrate, in this short article, that what I have said is true.

Let us now go back to the Grand Central Station of the subway and work out toward the farthest parts of the world. Why did the passengers treat each other so? They were not cattle. They were average American citizens. Yet they showed a ferocity, a disregard for the rights of others and a degree of disrespect

for ordinary decency that could nowhere be duplicated except in a hogan pen at swill time.

Why? Just one reason. These people wanted transportation and they knew that the present supply was insufficient. They knew that if they did not get on the train that was in front of them that the next train would be just as crowded—and the next train for an hour. The same persons whom the subway guard called cattle, if they had been boarding Pullmans, which are never crowded, would have gone aboard with all the ease and dignity of cultivated, well disposed persons. If one man had unduly jostled another, he would have apologized. If a man had seen a woman about to board a Pullman, he would have stepped back to let her go first. Every consideration would have been shown everybody else, because everybody would have known that there was transportation enough for all. The perfect proof of which is that the identical persons who act like savages in the subway conduct themselves like human beings when they ride in Pullman cars.

Now, let us shy out toward the edge of the world.

WHAT is there so much hell upon this little planet? Why is there so little brotherly love and so much unbrotherly hatred? Why do workmen betray each other? Why do rich men persecute workmen? Why do men strike and riot and sometimes kill and burn? Why do rich men shoot and swindle and starve and kill? Why are we swept every two years, by a hurricane of politics? Why does this hurricane, every four years, become a typhoon?

Go back to the Grand Central Station of the New York subway for your answer. The people cannot live without the means of life. Ninety per cent of the population know that only by the utmost endeavor can they command enough of the means of life to live. When the food train comes along, they must board it at all costs. If the food train appears in the form of a job, they must get and hold that job as they would hold their very life's blood. They want all they can get from the job. Their employers want all the profit they can get from the job. Neither end can be attained except at the expense of the other, but each side strives to attain its end. That is why we have strikes. That is why we have politics.

Now, fighting over food is not, in itself, a bad trait. The first duty that any human being has in the world is to live. We may talk as we please about the glory and the beauty of giving up one's life for this, that, or the other thing, but except upon rare occasions, there is nothing in it. Our first duty is to live and to live we must have the means of life. If we can get them politely and decorously, we get them politely and decorously, but if not, we must get them the best way we can or we die.

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NOW, the rich man should not be too much blamed for being the kind of a man he is. Like ourselves, he is but the concentrated extract of all his environment, running back through thousands of years. It has been bred into his bones, not by the Bible, but by the hard facts of life, that "He who looks not after his own is worse than an infidel." In the beginning, much loot meant to him much ability to eat. Later, much wealth meant much honor. Always it meant much power. The weakness of the rich man is that he does not yet realize that, after a little wealth has been gained, the hunger reason no longer holds; that much wealth no longer confers honor and promises to bring disgrace, and that the awakening of the masses is about to strip the rich man of his last reason for seeking great riches—and that is power.

The weakness of the poor man is that he does not see what he has created and proceed to take it over. He has filled the world with machinery, but he does not own it. This machinery, together with the labor at hand, is sufficient to produce an abundance of the necessities and the luxuries of life. This abundance is held by the rich, who did not create

to every citizen his constitutional rights without the consent and approval of those civilly disposed."

Having thus made the demand that the federal government shall protect the owners of the machinery of production and shall not protect the workers from exploitation by these owners, the mine owners proceed to lay down the terms under which they will obey the law. They say:

"The power to regulate the wages of our employees individually and collectively, as often as demands are made, would prevent us from making any estimate of the cost of production on which to base our contracts, for the sale of coal could be used to destroy existing competitive conditions."

"The power to regulate social conditions would destroy the personal liberty of individuals, and is a more sweeping and comprehensive control than is claimed by either church or state."

The house of Rockefeller thus defies the government to assume "the power to regulate social conditions." Yet it assumes the right to regulate social conditions so that those who do not work shall have and those who do work shall not have.

Then it insultingly publishes the diplomatic correspondence, to show its contempt for the government that has spent millions to enable it to grind the owners of the machinery of production into effect and to insult and look in effect upon the federal government. It spits on the president of the United States, who wipes the spittle off and says never a word. It is supreme—and there is no longer an American

flag, no longer an American government, except as they are subordinate to the house of Rockefeller and his fellow robbers.

The good ship graft is a hard-ship. Fellowship is much better.

WHY should a worker build a house and then pay somebody rent to live in it?

The day of Carnegie libraries is about over. The people are getting ready to build their own libraries.

NOTHING can be right until there is established the right to work and the right of every man to the full social value of his product.

If the worker believed in the ballot as thoroughly as the master believes in the ballot, there would soon be no masters.

AMERICAN railroads are a splendid example of private enterprise. It is admitted that they are practically bankrupt, that they cannot pay the interest on their bonded indebtedness. Great is private ownership!

CONGRESS is about to levy a war tax by which it is proposed to raise an additional hundred million in revenue. The workers will receive no benefits from this; why should they be called upon to pay any of it? The rich own and control the government and get all the benefits it can give. Let the rich pay the war tax.

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BY Allan L. Benson

he believed it would. He shook his head and said: "I am afraid not."

Now, people of the United States—these are facts. The men for whom you vote—democrats, republicans and progressives alike—know in their hearts and admit in private conversation that they are not disposed to do anything that will materially alter the condition of the working class. Their platforms are lies. Their speeches are lies. They try to suffocate you with glorious generalities, but when they are pinned down to definite things, they don't dare to promise anything definite that is worth while. I have talked with Underwood. I have talked with most of them. They are *honest artists on the stump and slyphases on the witness stand. Yet, solely upon the strength of their promises, you elect them, year after year.*

You are asked this year to elect a democratic congress. The most that the present democratic congress claims for itself is that it has faithfully followed Wilson. The present congress is just as good as Wilson is. If Wilson is good, the present congress is good. But is Wilson good for you? You know the platform upon which Wilson ran. You know what the platform promised. You know the history of the last two years. If the history of the last two years had been the democratic platform, would you have voted the democratic ticket? Suppose the democratic platform had read:

"It is highly probable that more men will be out of work in two years than are out of work now, but we cannot help that."

"Probably the cost of living will be higher in two years than it is now, but we cannot help that."

"Probably the wages of those who can find work will be no higher in two years than they are now, but we cannot help that."

"If we should succeed in producing record-breaking crops, possibly so much of our produce would be shipped abroad that sugar would go to 8 cents a pound and other things in proportion; but if so, we could not help that."

"We cannot give an additional day's work to any man, or increase the wages of any man, or reduce the cost of living of any man; but if you will entrust us with the administration of the government, we will solemnly promise to put General Huerta out of Mexico, even if we have to go to war to do it—and we will reorganize the currency."

If Woodrow Wilson had had the gift of foresight perfectly developed and had drafted a platform that promised only what has actually taken place, would you have voted for him? Do you know anyone else who would have voted for him? If so, will you please give the name of the asylum in which the gentleman is incarcerated?

Yet, as politicians go, Mr. Wilson

is an exceedingly good man, and as capitalist political parties go, the democratic party is a good party. It is not good for anything to the working class, but, for the moment at least, it is not led around by the nose by the Wall Street contingent with quite the ease and grace with which the republican party is led around. Ten years ago, the democratic party was the Wall Street party and, with Mr. Wilson's exit, it may again become the Wall Street party. But the point is that even now, when it is not conspicuously in the service of Wall Street, the democratic party is unable to give an additional man a day's work, a cent more wages or a lower cost of living. This is not because Mr. Wilson is a trickster or an incompetent. It is because Mr. Wilson is committed to the principle of the ownership by a few of the industrial machinery upon which all are dependent, both for an opportunity to labor and for the necessities of life. Mr. Wilson believes it is right that the nation's industrial machinery should not run unless its owners can wrest a profit from its running. And Mr. Roosevelt believes in this principle and every republican believes in this principle.

RIGHT here is where we Socialists differ from them all. We say that men have a right to work and live without giving a profit to anybody. We say that the industrial machinery of this country should at all times be available to the nation's needs. We say that it would be at all times available to the nation's needs if the nation, through the government, owned it. The navy never shuts down. The postoffice never shuts down. The Panama canal, now that it is open, will never shut down. Why should the nation's industries shut down? We have need of the shoes that the shoe factories could make. We have need of the flour that the mills could make. We have need of the cloth that the looms could make. Why are not all of these industries and others running to the full demands of the nation's needs? For only one reason in the world. The private owners of these industries cannot see a profit in running them to their full capacity. The private owners have paid us so little for our work that we cannot buy back the things we have made. That makes a poor market for the capitalists. They cannot see a profit. So they close down or slow down, though millions of men are seeking work and the whole nation needs the goods that could be produced.

We Socialists say this is not sense. We Socialists want to end this condition. If we had lived ten thousand years ago, we should probably have gone about it to end it with a club. That is the way men did ten thousand years ago. In those days, physical power was always pitted against physical power. To this day, physical power is the last resort. The armies of Europe are using physical power. But the ballot is the weapon of peace. The ballot is the weapon

with which civilized men first try to redress their grievances. And the ballot, as crystallized into law, is the foundation of all our institutions. The capitalists' power to take profits is based upon laws. The capitalists' power to close their plants if they cannot make profits is based upon laws.

WORKINGMEN take their ballots too lightly. They do not sufficiently appreciate the power of the ballot. The ineffective manner in which they have used their ballots has made them believe that voting cannot do much good and that nothing can make their lot much better. Workingmen are wrong. Their ballots have never done them much good because they have never voted for themselves. Workingmen invariably vote for the man who are grafting upon them. Since Mr. Rockefeller derives from the law his power to take what others have produced, how can his victims free themselves by voting the same ticket he does—or the same ticket Mr. Perkins does? These gentlemen, one and all, are engaged in the lucrative business of robbing labor, and the policeman who stops them will have to be a policeman whom they do not choose and hire. Do you believe otherwise? If so, why?

The Socialist party stands for the public ownership, through the government, of every great industry in the United States—not of the undershirts and toothbrushes; not of the peanut stands, bedroom furniture and hall carpets of the common people—the Socialist party stands for the public ownership of the great industries.

The Socialist party stands for the production of goods for use and without profit, precisely as postage stamps and railway mail service are produced and carried on without profit.

We would keep industries running to keep people at work and to supply people with goods—and that only.

We would keep the government straight by applying the recall to every public official from the president down.

We should not have to fight our measures through congress against the congressmen of the capitalist class, because the use of public capital would have erased the capitalist class. With production for profit eliminated, we should be free to produce only for public use.

Are you opposed to these proposals? Do they sound bad to you? Would you like to see them placed in effect? If you should vote either the democratic, the republican or the progressive ticket you will vote NOT to put them in effect.

Which way are you going to vote? Take yourself by the ear and ask yourself which way you are going to vote? Don't answer so that anyone will hear you. But vote so that everybody will hear you. Everyone will hear you if you vote the Socialist ticket. No voice carries so far as the voice of an aroused people, determined to take over their own.

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When it is considered, however, that these objections are put out briefly by employers of labor and by chambers of commerce, the real reason for the opposition becomes clear through the hypocritical mask of friendliness to labor. No one should be deceived by such rot. The eight-hour day would be of benefit to all workers. C. B. Kegely, president of the state grange, shows that even the farmer would benefit from the measure, saying: "It is much to the advantage of the farmer to work his men in teams, only eight hours a day. Long hours on the farm are obsolete, and it is to the best interest of the farmer to have an eight-hour work day."

The eight-hour day proposition should receive the support of every worker, and every considerate and up-to-date farmer as well.

When the masters resort to murder the workers begin to think as well as shoot. And thought is always and everywhere revolutionary.

THE ONLY way to be sure of controlling industry is to own it. "Safety first."

THE class war is perpetual, and costs the workers more than the masters' war in Europe does, both in treasure and in blood.

WHEN the power of the autocrats was slipping they began war with each other and re-established it through military rule.

THE more producers there are under capitalism the harder it is for any of them to get a living. The capitalist plan of relieving the situation is to kill off about five or ten millions of them.

THE capitalist press is free to tell us how the rich spend their money, but those who produce all wealth want to know how the rich get their wealth when they produce none of it.

Will You Awaken?

Mayor Duncan of Butte, Mont., by a decision of a corporation court, has been removed from the office to which the people elected him. Duncan's offense was, that of being a Socialist and a good officer. If the workers had elected the judges in Butte, at the same time they elected Duncan, he would still be mayor. The trouble is, we have very few lawyers in our ranks, who are qualified to fill the position of judge. We must educate men and women in our own ranks for these places. Write us and we will tell you how to do it.

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Hail, Montana, Hail!

BY ELLIS O. JONES.

If the European war will pardon the intrusion of a petty boast, we wish to record that we, too, of the New World have just added another martial law feather to our proud cap. It is no less a state than Montana and the particular locality bears the prophetic name of Butte. One by one our otherwise able mining states show that their digestive apparatus is not suited to the assimilation of civil law and so we have to fall back upon bayonets and other accoutrements of war. It is a noble list and grows more imposing with every addition: West Virginia, Michigan, Colorado and now Montana. Who's the next? There's still plenty of room at the top.

THE WISH TO SAVE.

John D.'s hobby is saving. The master class, while taking advantage of the war to promote business abroad, is also ready to take advantage of depressed times to reduce and overwork labor at home. It is, therefore, no wonder that they are making strenuous battle against the enactment of the eight-hour law in the Pacific coast states, where the propo-

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