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Appeal Army Herald

EDITED BY "BALDHEAD RICH" Girard, Kansas, Nov. 14, 1914 No. 4

Editorial. Comrades of the Appeal Army! For 14 years I have been in touch with you. For 14 years I have read your letters to the Appeal...

Best Suggestion for Week. Twenty of us have formed a club and will contribute five cents a week to create a fund to pay for subscriptions to the Appeal...

OUR ADVERTISEMENTS. Socialist Envelopes. Every Socialist should use them. Something new. Ask the Appeal job department for samples...

Why It's Better. The boys all along the line are telling us that the Appeal is getting better. It is getting better because the Appeal is working harder...

The Arsenal. A reader writes: "I haven't seen anything in the Appeal for several weeks about the Arsenal of Facts and I am wondering if it is still being published..."

Stray Copy Note. Saw your paper for the first time a few days ago. I am with you. C. K. Rutledge, Mississippi.

Asking About Socialism. Meaning of Capitalism. Please define for me the term capitalism. I do not find the word in the dictionary...

Are Human, After All. The human race cannot be said to have advanced very far along the path of civilization when millions of men in Europe are fighting and slaughtering one another...

Chief Cause of Poverty. Would other people be richer if Carnegie and Rockefeller had remained poor? If the capitalist system was in operation and these men had remained poor, then others would have become rich...

Agitation League Report. Contributions to the Agitation League are used to put on names of Colorado voters on the Appeal list, until further notice...

Appeal Job Printing Department. Your patronage of this department will go a long way toward supporting your paper. It will enable us to give you a better paper with which to reach the men and women who must be reached before Socialism can prevail...

Flashes from the Front. I never get tired of the little old Appeal. Have been reading it for about ten years. A. W. Linnell, Sask., Canada.

BETWEEN BITES. "Baldy" is a great optimist. He is always talking about a million subs for the Appeal...

Labor Notes. C. W. Potter, writing from southern California, says the cost of living there is very high and that jobs are scarce...

Mustered Out. Comrade Dr. S. B. Ellsworth of Benton Harbor, Mich., died Oct. 28. South-west Michigan loses a noble character. He was a credit to our cause...

Trade Note. The European war has caused no advance in postage rates on letters, domestic or foreign, nor on parcel post service.

necessary to make the insurance safe, and at the same time the money now going to the banks would be available for use by the government in employing the people and doing things the people want done.

Sooner or later the government is going to take over the life insurance business of the country. Why not start with the M. W. A. and a million policy holders? Surely no policy holder will object to this. There are probably several thousand Modern Woodmen among APPEAL readers. Think this over, neighbors, and start something. Get your local lodge to petition the congressman of your district.

Died With Song on Lips

An old man drove up to the Rosedale city hall, says the Kansas City Times; he stopped the two old horses that pulled the canvas covered wagon, leaned out and called for someone to come to him. William Plumberg, deputy city marshal, went out.

"I'm cold and sick," the old man said. "I'd like a place to sleep." "All alone, dad?" the marshal asked. "Nobody ever travels with me," he replied. Then the deputy city marshal explained that it was not the most comfortable place in the world that they had to offer, but he was welcome to a blanket and one of the iron beds in the city jail, where a stove would keep him warm.

"Beats the wagon," the old man said, and he climbed down, unhitched his horses, looked in to see if a hand organ he had was all right and went to bed. Dr. P. J. O'Connell, city physician, found he was suffering from cold and exposure. He gave him some medicine and told him to keep quiet by the big stove until he felt better. "Just wandering, me and the horses," he explained; "so from town to town. Play my hand organ for the children; sometimes I sing a little. Out in Kansas and down in Old Mizoo everybody knows George Knapp."

He said he had lost his money, lost his crops and finally decided to take the place to place as a minstrel. Then came the cold weather. "They heard him singing during the afternoon. At 4 o'clock they looked in. He was dead. Dr. J. Davis, corner, ordered the body taken to Gate's undertaking rooms. He said he had some relatives who lived near Wellington, Mo. He was 75 years old. Knapp's horses were worn out. One of them died the same afternoon the owner passed away.

Produced—But Lost. In a score of years the farmers of this country have produced \$35,000,000,000 worth of farm products, or enough to buy all the property in the United States. Yet this wonderful amount of wealth has not gone to the farmer; it finds its way into other hands. We have 10,000 men in this country who own an average of \$10,000,000 each. And their combined wealth is \$100,000,000,000. The other 99,990,000 people own \$31,000,000,000. Of our 100,000,000 people, 60,000,000 are homeless.—R. E. Lee Rhodes.

Ask Mr. Wilson. A struggling victim of the system writes from Stillwater, Okla.: "The tenant farmer of the south is up against it. There is no market for the cotton. Everything is mortgaged. The fields are white for harvest. We are gathering the crop, but there is no one to buy it. What are we to do?"

Adventures of Henry Dubb.—Best of the Henry Dubb series of cartoons by Ryan Walker. A Fiji canibal would be ashamed to vote an old party ticket after reading this story told in pictures. 25 cents a copy; 3 copies for 50 cents; seven copies for \$1; 16 copies for \$2.

An English Law of 1770. All women of whatever age, rank, profession, or degree, whether virgins, maids or widows, that shall from and after such act, impose upon, seduce or betray into matrimony, any of his majesty's male subjects, by the scents, paints, cosmetic washes, artificial teeth, false hair, Spanish wool, iron stays, hoops, high heeled shoes, etc., shall incur the penalty of the law now in force against witchcraft and like misdemeanors, and that the marriage upon conviction shall be declared null and void.

Neighbor, Get Busy. The Modern Woodmen of America is the largest fraternal insurance society in the United States. It's policy holders number a million or more, representing more than a billion dollars in insurance.

The local dues, used to pay the expenses of the local lodges, is \$3 a year. If the government should take over the M. W. A. this \$3 a year per member, or \$3,000,000, could be saved the policy holders. Even though the government could not for some time to come make any reduction in the present assessments they could save the policy holders this \$3,000,000 by utilizing the machinery it already has in operation—the postoffice. As the government would handle the business at cost and on a large scale there is no question but a considerable reduction in the rates might be made.

The money now paid in as premiums is deposited in private banks and ultimately goes into the hands of the big trust bankers, to be used by them in financing their own great projects. If the money were paid to the government, no great surplus would be

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M. KING, Va., writes: "Using one Burner and Radiator, I kept a 40x12 foot room at 70 degrees, when outside was 15 to 20 degrees below zero." W. M. EARN, Mo., writes: "This morning 16 below zero, and my library far below freezing point. Some of the books were frozen. I used the Portable Oil-Gas Stove. My range cost me \$5.00. It is worth every cent. Portable only \$1.25 per month."

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## A Joke on the Farmer

THE Retail Tobaccoist of New York tells it, and it is very laughable from the plute and lawyer standpoint. The final joke is not given by that paper, however. This joke comes in the appointment to the supreme bench of McReynolds, the lawyer who declared the dissolution plan for the trust should be relegated to the scrap-heap. Read the story, Mr. Farmer and Mr. Smalldealer, and laugh.

Independents in the tobacco business complained to the government that they were being ruined by the trust.

"Here's where you laugh first! The independents showed the government ruined factories and rank conspiracies, but the government said: 'Now go slow, all that may be true, but we must proceed in an orderly manner, according to law, with proper investigations, court decisions, etc. So for over twelve years the government prosecuted and the trust kept right on its usual business.'

"For over twelve years. Independents died or drifted to other businesses while the government sued on."

"Here's a good joke, too! Independents who would have sued did not because they said, 'See, the government is after them—just see what the government will do.'

"The United States circuit court decided in favor of the trust, but the United States supreme court reversed that and said that independents did have a grievance—that the trust should be dissolved."

"Now here is where you laugh again! The dissolution was left in charge of the United States circuit court, which had previously ruled against the independents."

"HERE'S another laugh! The United States circuit court held secret conferences at the New York federal building with the selfsame lawyers who had guided the criminal trust in the past and the United States attorney general as to the method of dissolution."

"Still another laugh! Mr. McReynolds, then a deputy attorney general, declared that the dissolution plan was fit for the scrap-heap, while Roosevelt favored it."

"The poor independents at this stage had another joke played upon them. The democratic platform condemned the republicans for compromising with the trust and the innocent independents saw another mirage. When Wilson was elected they would get justice. Funny, isn't it?"

"Well, Mr. Wilson won and Mr. McReynolds, who had declared that the dissolution should go on the scrap-heap was made attorney general!"

"Here's where you laugh even more heartily than ever; independents got another year and a half of investigations. Learned members of judiciary committees discussed bills and talked ponderously about rights of independents to sue."

"BUT NOW you stop laughing and ask: Wasn't there any objection on the part of anyone to this dissolution which, you say, was so farcical?"

"Yes, there was. Otto S. Jonas, a tobacco retailer of Nassau street, New York, being represented free of cost by one Henry H. Hunter, filed a bill of review within the sixty days required, after the dissolution, and he practically challenged the righteousness of the whole dissolution proceeding. Of course, Jonas was defeated before the United States district court and he appealed. You can laugh at the answer if you want to. The answer is that the government did not want to appeal. The independents got Senator Cummins to introduce a bill to make the attorney general appeal, but while it passed the senate it was defeated by congress, or some of its committees."

"JONAS withdrew his case last week; was glad to. He had spent a few hundred dollars that he could ill afford to lose, and to continue an appeal meant an additional bill of \$500."

"According to Attorney Hunter the (alleged) trust defendant came into court and made a motion that Storekeeper Jonas provide a printed copy of the appeal that would include the whole or part of the old dissolution suit. Now imagine the cigar store dealer of whom you buy your evening cigar forking up \$500 for printing a record of the dissolution suit."

"Another funny phase of the situation was that all of the newspapers and the trade papers printed news stories that Jonas withdrew his suit. The average layman supposes that Jonas withdrew because his suit was worthless—because he didn't have any case and would lose."

"The real reason was that he didn't have the \$500 to lose. Quite a joke. Ha! ha!"

"MOST of the millionaire promoters of the tobacco trust still hold their stock or its equivalent in swollen 'small trust' securities. Not a penny of the stolen loot of the trust has ever been disgorged; each of the divided 'small trusts' is now nearly as great and powerful as the parent octopus. The same 'great' lawyers who

## Henry Dubb Is asked a Foolish Question by A Foolish Man and Answers Same Wisely.

By Ryan Walker

Henry Dubb is asked a foolish question by a foolish man and answers same wisely.

Henry Dubb: "I don't know, but I'll try to answer it as best I can."

Foolish Man: "What is the meaning of the saying 'The King of England would have to fight himself as the Kaiser of Germany'?"

Henry Dubb: "That's the idea."

Foolish Man: "And that in line of succession the Kaiser of Germany would be the King of England?"

Henry Dubb: "That's the idea."

Foolish Man: "And as King of England would have to fight himself as the Kaiser of Germany?"

Henry Dubb: "That's the idea."

Foolish Man: "Don't ask such questions! I'm a Henry Dubb if you ain't trying to discredit royalty!"

## Looking Things In the Face

By Allan L. Benson

THE Rockefeller foundation, through its president, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., has announced the greatest charity ever undertaken by private individuals. The charity is no other than an attempt to take care of all non-combatants who have been driven from their homes by European armies. A ship is already on the ocean carrying \$275,000 worth of food and other supplies to the stricken Belgians. Other ships will follow to other nations.

The easy way to dismiss the subject is to say that the Rockefellers are trying to rehabilitate themselves, to some extent, in American public opinion. Since the fateful day at Ludlow, the Rockefeller name has been saturated with blood. Those who look no further than the surface of things may explain the Rockefeller attitude toward European suffering as the Rockefeller desire to wipe out the stain at Ludlow.

To a certain extent this is probably true. But there is another aspect of the case that goes far below such world considerations. There is another aspect of the case that gives a hint of the great amount of goodness that exists in humanity.

If this war has shown nothing else, it has shown that the qualities of pity and sympathy cannot be beaten down even by the horrors of war. We are told now more frequently than ever that the human race is inherently bad. We are told that wars must be endured because human beings are too bad to live in peace. Yet even the most casual newspaper reader must have been impressed with the great number of telegraphic dispatches descriptive of exalted individual acts and sentiments. More often these expressions of war have oftentimes come from sources which are oftentimes indifferent. They have come from sources which are oftentimes brutal.

THE WORLD has long pitied the ignorance of the French queen who suggested that if her subjects had no bread to eat, they might eat cake. Ignorance of conditions among the people has long been the attribute of both royalty and nobility. But on the day this is written a French princess, who has turned her home into a hospital, has appealed to the American people for yarn to be knitted into garments for needy French women and girls. She has pledged herself to use no money thus contributed for the administration of her charity, as she has also pledged herself to see that every inch of yarn contributed shall be knitted into garments without cost, and promptly distributed without cost.

The act of this princess shows that even the palying effect of nobility cannot entirely destroy the natural instinct to do good. The act of the Rockefeller shows that, bad as they are, they are not wholly bad. Their great wealth, together with the system that has enabled them to gain it, have made them deaf, dumb and blind almost to all kinds of appeal. They give away an exceedingly small percentage of their annual pickings in an apparent endeavor to pacify the public they are plucking, but here their amiability stops.

DID YOU EVER think what a world this might be if the good in it were permitted to grow? Did you ever think why so much of the good that is in this world is not permitted to grow? If neither of those thoughts has ever occurred to you, will you kindly read the following statement made by Elbert H. Gary, chairman of the United States Steel Corporation, at the opening of the American Iron and Steel Institute's annual meeting, at Birmingham, Ala., on October 29:

"I venture the opinion," said Mr. Gary, speaking of the European war, "that the struggle for commercial supremacy was the underlying cause of war, or at least had a decided influence upon its precipitation; that the question at issue largely relates to dollars and cents."

Mr. Gary is a great business man. He has read the British White Paper, the German White Paper, and the

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WICKED PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Every time the workers wish to do anything for themselves the masters who oppose it declare that it would smash civilization to give the useful any chance. For example, the Philadelphia National Gazette of August 19, 1883, said:

"One of the chief excitements of industry among these classes (mechanics and other groups) is the hope of earning the means of educating their children. Incentive would be removed and the scheme of state education and equal education would thus be a premium for comparative idleness, to be taken out of the pocket of the laborious and conscientious. We have no confidence in any compulsory equalization. It has been well observed that it pulls down what is above, but never raises what is below and often depresses the and low together beneath the level of what was originally the lowest."

That idea was generally urged against the public schools. The New York Herald of August 5, 1883, declared:

"Universal equality of education is impossible if the trades, manufactures and manual labor are to be successfully prosecuted, unless the standard in education be greatly lowered and narrowed."

The same class of wisecracks are now telling you how disastrous Socialism will be to the workers. These fellows merely mean that they don't want to give up the graft they have had on the workers.

WHILE seeking markets abroad, American masters are starving the workers of America so that they cannot provide the market at home that they should be able to do.

WHY don't the railroads take the people frankly into their confidence? asks an exchange. Perhaps the people have been "taken in" so often by the railroads they are getting timid.

MEN in rags are juggled as vagrants.

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## Mad Democrats

Democratic Louisiana is in trouble, and as a result is turning to Socialism to avert from its distresses. It is strange with what unanimity Socialism is appealed to by enemies of Socialism whenever the people really become desperate.

It is this way: The state of Louisiana sued the American Sugar Refining Company to compel it to undo its work of stock manipulation under which planters of the state were stung to a large amount. The sugar trust retaliated by refusing to buy any sugar in Louisiana. This has left many hobbing the bag, which is beautifully empty. They now demand that the state seize the plants of the trust in Louisiana and operate them in the interest of the whole people.

Tut, tut, as the presidential pedagogues might say—are the democrats going to demand both Socialism and confiscation at one time? Better apply the hot air brakes.

THE country is easy again—dead easy.

ARGUMENT with the ballot is the kind that counts.

"THE mob" is an assembly of workers that capitalism has deprived of the job.

THEY wish to restore confidence, they tell you; they mean the confidence game.

THE only job for life that capitalism can give is in the army; and that doesn't last very long.

THE great capitalist campaign for business seems to consist chiefly in watchful waiting.

It is not the offices that count, but the fact that the world has moved still nearer to Socialism.

THERE is one blessing that the most pious never pray for—the so-called "blessing of poverty."

OH, I don't know—America has quite a big army on the road—about two million of the unemployed.

HENRY DUBB didn't work his ballot right, and now he will have to work his triblys seeking work.

Now is the time to prepare to cast your neighbor's ballot for Socialism, by making a convert of him.

THE worker does not own even his chains; but the politicians see they are always kept in good repair.

THE path of progress is not paved with human bones, but with high ideals and kindly deeds.

PROFESSED followers of Washington and Jefferson object to Socialism on the ground that it is revolutionary.

NEARLY anybody will tell you he can't understand why is the war? Ask him if he can understand why is capitalism?

THE meek American voter, having been biffed on one cheek, has turned the other that he may receive a harder jolt.

So much cotton has been raised that there will doubtless be a marked increase in the price of cotton goods. Just watch.

THE university opens to the jingle of the dollar, not to the impotency of the lad whose father made the dollar and didn't get it.

Yes, there is a war in progress in the United States. It is a class war—the workers to get jobs and the masters to get what the jobs produce.

## Who Wants War with Mexico?

THE NEWSPAPERS contain statements to the effect that trouble is again brewing with Mexico. According to these statements army officers are quietly being ordered to their commands. This much at least is true—and it is as ominous as it is true—that Mr. Wilson, after ordering General Funston's army to return to the United States early in October, has found it convenient to permit General Funston to remain in Vera Cruz.

It is quite within possibilities that the United States may find itself soon engaged in an armed strife with Mexico. If so a good many Americans will lose their lives. But what grievance have the American people against the Mexicans that would result in the loss of a single life if the question of peace or war were determined by the people themselves? If we should go to war with Mexico it would be for no other purpose than to protect American property in Mexico and perhaps gain concessions and other advantages for American capitalists.

Do you believe that the American capitalists themselves would vote for war with Mexico if they knew that they would have to help do the fighting if war should come?

Do you think that a single American fit to be out of the lunatic asylum would vote for war with Mexico if he had no property in Mexico to protect? But the war may come for the simple reason that the American people have nothing to say as to whether there shall be peace or war.

LAND MONOPOLY.

The Single Tax Review is authority for the statement that the railroads of America own 200,000,000 acres or 312,500 square miles of land in the United States. This is equal to the total area of the six New England states, and in addition of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North and South Carolina.

These are not all the big land holdings. Were all combined in one group, it would without doubt add to the list of monopolized land, given above, territory as great as Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana.

If to this were added the land owned in comparatively small bodies yet deliberately held from use for investment's sake, it would bring up the area of land monopoly to include all the territory east of the Mississippi river.

This is how practical the present system of land holding is. Any man who is not blind can see a grave danger in it.

BETWEEN elections the working mule might practice in dealing the liquor traffic a blow by remaining sober. It will get him in good training to knock out the capitalist.

## How the War Referendum Idea is Advancing

A LITTLE while ago I received a letter from a Baptist preacher in Indiana, who approved my suggestion that war be declared only by direct vote of the people, and asked me what he could do, if anything, to help the idea along. I replied that it might be well if he would organize a "Peace Sunday" within his church, along different lines from the "Peace Sunday" held at the suggestion of the president. I suggested that instead of only praying for peace that churchmen preach in favor of taking the war-making power from congress and depositing it in the people themselves.

I have just received a letter from my correspondent to which he tells me that the social service committee of the Indiana Baptist convention has instructed him to act upon the suggestion, and he tells me that the five hundred Baptist churches in Indiana will undoubtedly devote a Sunday in November or December to the advocacy of the idea of war being declared only by referendum.

This is important only for the fact that it is but one of many indications that the idea has life in it. By its own vitality it is moving along. Only a few days ago I received a letter from David Starr Jordan, chancellor of Leland Stanford university, and the author of a number of books against war, in which he commended the plan.

IT IS BY NO oversight that the capitalists of the United States are at this moment exerting all of their energies to ship out of the United States the food that the working class has created.

The capitalists know perfectly well that we shall need this food.

They know we are facing perhaps the hardest winter we ever faced.

They know that millions are out of employment.

They know that prices are unprecedently high.

They know that suffering will be both wide-spread and profound.

They also know that the country has produced enough food to supply everybody in it.

But the food is going out as rapidly as ships can carry it. Congress could have stopped it. Congress did not stop it. Congress represents the class that is shipping the food. This capitalist congress has obeyed the capitalist class precisely as a working class congress would have obeyed the working class, if the working class had elected such a congress.

LET US LOOK at this civilization as it is, all the time remembering that man has made it what it is. Looking at it this way what an absurd civilization it becomes. Here is the world at war, although almost nobody in the world wants war. Here is the Rockefeller family, which deluged Ludlow in blood, pouring out its millions to relieve the sufferings of those whom war in Europe has made homeless. Even if we go the limit, and credit the Rockefeller with a degree of sympathetic feeling that they do not always show at home, what shall we still say?

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# Looking Things In the Face

By Allan L. Benson

THE Rockefeller foundation, through its president, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., has announced the greatest charity ever undertaken by private individuals. The charity is no other than an attempt to take care of all non-combatants who have been driven from their homes by European armies. A ship is already on the ocean carrying \$275,000 worth of food and other supplies to the stricken Belgians. Other ships will follow to other nations.

The easy way to dismiss the subject is to say that the Rockefellers are trying to rehabilitate themselves, to some extent, in American public opinion. Since the fateful day at Ludlow, the Rockefeller name has been saturated with blood. Those who look no further than the surface of things may explain the Rockefeller attitude toward European suffering as the Rockefeller desire to wipe out the stain at Ludlow.

To a certain extent this is probably true. But there is another aspect of the case that goes far below such world considerations. There is another aspect of the case that gives a hint of the great amount of goodness that exists in humanity.

If this war has shown nothing else, it has shown that the qualities of pity and sympathy cannot be beaten down even by the horrors of war. We are told now more frequently than ever that the human race is inherently bad. We are told that wars must be endured because human beings are too bad to live in peace. Yet even the most casual newspaper reader must have been impressed with the great number of telegraphic dispatches descriptive of exalted individual acts and sentiments. More often these expressions of war have oftentimes come from sources which are oftentimes indifferent. They have come from sources which are oftentimes brutal.

THE WORLD has long pitied the ignorance of the French queen who suggested that if her subjects had no bread to eat, they might eat cake. Ignorance of conditions among the people has long been the attribute of both royalty and nobility. But on the day this is written a French princess, who has turned her home into a hospital, has appealed to the American people for yarn to be knitted into garments for needy French women and girls. She has pledged herself to use no money thus contributed for the administration of her charity, as she has also pledged herself to see that every inch of yarn contributed shall be knitted into garments without cost, and promptly distributed without cost.

The act of this princess shows that even the palying effect of nobility cannot entirely destroy the natural instinct to do good. The act of the Rockefeller shows that, bad as they are, they are not wholly bad. Their great wealth, together with the system that has enabled them to gain it, have made them deaf, dumb and blind almost to all kinds of appeal. They give away an exceedingly small percentage of their annual pickings in an apparent endeavor to pacify the public they are plucking, but here their amiability stops.

DID YOU EVER think what a world this might be if the good in it were permitted to grow? Did you ever think why so much of the good that is in this world is not permitted to grow? If neither of those thoughts has ever occurred to you, will you kindly read the following statement made by Elbert H. Gary, chairman of the United States Steel Corporation, at the opening of the American Iron and Steel Institute's annual meeting, at Birmingham, Ala., on October 29:

"I venture the opinion," said Mr. Gary, speaking of the European war, "that the struggle for commercial supremacy was the underlying cause of war, or at least had a decided influence upon its precipitation; that the question at issue largely relates to dollars and cents."

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## Perverting the Proposition

Down in Georgia they are utilizing a suggestion made by the APPEAL to get the masters instead of the needy outdoor farmers and the workers.

The APPEAL's suggestion was that warehouse receipts for cotton be issued at 12 cents per pound, in denominations of \$1 each, to circulate as money. A Georgia probate judge has issued the receipts, all right, in small denominations, and they are circulating as money. But he has issued them at only seven cents per pound, which is not just to the cotton raisers, and in exchange for the endorsement of private bankers, has them draw six per cent interest. Whenever private interests take hold of anything they make it serve their private interests.

The proposition might be made of real benefit to the farmers and workers of the south, if it was worked in order to provide them markets and jobs, rather than to provide the master class interest and profits. The workers must learn to do things for themselves, even as the master class does things for its peculiar benefit.

MAD DEMOCRATS.

Democratic Louisiana is in trouble, and as a result is turning to Socialism to avert from its distresses. It is strange with what unanimity Socialism is appealed to by enemies of Socialism whenever the people really become desperate.

It is this way: The state of Louisiana sued the American Sugar Refining Company to compel it to undo its work of stock manipulation under which planters of the state were stung to a large amount. The sugar trust retaliated by refusing to buy any sugar in Louisiana. This has left many hobbing the bag, which is beautifully empty. They now demand that the state seize the plants of the trust in Louisiana and operate them in the interest of the whole people.

Tut, tut, as the presidential pedagogues might say—are the democrats going to demand both Socialism and confiscation at one time? Better apply the hot air brakes.

THE country is easy again—dead easy.

ARGUMENT with the ballot is the kind that counts.

"THE mob" is an assembly of workers that capitalism has deprived of the job.

THEY wish to restore confidence, they tell you; they mean the confidence game.

THE only job for life that capitalism can give is in the army; and that doesn't last very long.

THE great capitalist campaign for business seems to consist chiefly in watchful waiting.

It is not the offices that count, but the fact that the world has moved still nearer to Socialism.

THERE is one blessing that the most pious never pray for—the so-called "blessing of poverty."

OH, I don't know—America has quite a big army on the road—about two million of the unemployed.

HENRY DUBB didn't work his ballot right, and now he will have to work his triblys seeking work.

Now is the time to prepare to cast your neighbor's ballot for Socialism, by making a convert of him.

THE worker does not own even his chains; but the politicians see they are always kept in good repair.

THE path of progress is not paved with human bones, but with high ideals and kindly deeds.

PROFESSED followers of Washington and Jefferson object to Socialism on the ground that it is revolutionary.

NEARLY anybody will tell you he can't understand why is the war? Ask him if he can understand why is capitalism?

THE meek American voter, having been biffed on one cheek, has turned the other that he may receive a harder jolt.

So much cotton has been raised that there will doubtless be a marked increase in the price of cotton goods. Just watch.

THE university opens to the jingle of the dollar, not to the impotency of the lad whose father made the dollar and didn't get it.

Yes, there is a war in progress in the United States. It is a class war—the workers to get jobs and the masters to get what the jobs produce.

## Who Wants War with Mexico?

THE NEWSPAPERS contain statements to the effect that trouble is again brewing with Mexico. According to these statements army officers are quietly being ordered to their commands. This much at least is true—and it is as ominous as it is true—that Mr. Wilson, after ordering General Funston's army to return to the United States early in October, has found it convenient to permit General Funston to remain in Vera Cruz.

It is quite within possibilities that the United States may find itself soon engaged in an armed strife with Mexico. If so a good many Americans will lose their lives. But what grievance have the American people against the Mexicans that would result in the loss of a single life if the question of peace or war were determined by the people themselves? If we should go to war with Mexico it would be for no other purpose than to protect American property in Mexico and perhaps gain concessions and other advantages for American capitalists.

Do you believe that the American capitalists themselves would vote for war with Mexico if they knew that they would have to help do the fighting if war should come?

Do you think that a single American fit to be out of the lunatic asylum would vote for war with Mexico if he had no property in Mexico to protect? But the war may come for the simple reason that the American people have nothing to say as to whether there shall be peace or war.

LAND MONOPOLY.

The Single Tax Review is authority for the statement that the railroads of America own 200,000,000 acres or 312,500 square miles of land in the United States. This is equal to the total area of the six New England states, and in addition of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North and South Carolina.

These are not all the big land holdings. Were all combined in one group, it would without doubt add to the list of monopolized land, given above, territory as great as Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana.

If to this were added the land owned in comparatively small bodies yet deliberately held from use for investment's sake, it would bring up the area of land monopoly to include all the territory east of the Mississippi river.

This is how practical the present system of land holding is. Any man who is not blind can see a grave danger in it.

BETWEEN elections the working mule might practice in dealing the liquor traffic a blow by remaining sober. It will get him in good training to knock out the capitalist.

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