No Wrong Can Live Long Under Free Discussion

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"The Great Comedy"

We quote the following extraordimary indictment of capitalism and the recent order of things under ONE HUNDRED PER CENT AMERICAN-ISM from the well-known "Sportlight" column of Grantland Rice, published in scores of leading capitalist dailies throughout the country. This column is copyrighted by the New York Tribune and therefore bearing the stamp

The indictment follows: "AN OBSERVING CORRESPOND ENT, SENDING HIS MESSAGE TO PERCY HAMMOND, THE "GALLOP-ING GHOST" OF THE DRAMA CRITICS. OFFERS THE FOLLOW-

ING COMMENT: "ARE YOU AWARE THAT THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IS THE MOST DRUNKEN NATION ON EARTH: THAT IT CONSUMES MORE HARD LIQUOR, USES MORE ROUGH, WEARS LESS CLOTHING, COMMITS MORE MURDERS, HOLD

UPS AND ADULTERIES! IS SCENTED BY MORE PERFUMERY. KEEPS LATER HOURS! THAT NAKED WOMEN ARE TO BE WITNESSED IN NEW YORK RE-VUES NIGHTLY? THAT NEVER IN OUR HISTORY HAVE WE BEEN SO UNCHASTE, RIBALD, DISSIPATED, LAW-BREAKING AND GENERALLY

"WHEREUPON A FLOCK OF RE-FORMERS RISE UP AND START SWATTING FOOTBALL, ONE OF THE FEW NATIONAL INSTITUTIONS THAT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH LOUNGE LIZARDS, PER-FUMERY, HARD LIQUOR, HOLD-UPS, NAKEDNESS AND RIBALDRY AT LARGE. THE GREAT HUMAN COMEDY MUST GO ON."

And a beautiful, chaste, refined comedy it is, is it not? A Capitalist Comedy par excellence!

Rich and rotten and riotous, and rejoicing in it all! The description of one hundred per

cent American above quoted was not written by a Socialist, or "Ignorant" foreigner," or other "undesirable" and "unpatriotic" citizen but by a native and has the courage to spit it out into the very teeth of the self-vaunted "America Firsters" who are everlastingly prating about being the vanguard of civilization and the "moral" leader of the world."

Not long since the Kiwanis held a convention in Indiana and among which a workingman may be sent to other things it was resolved that what the penitentiary for exercising the con-America needed most of all was "Education and Americanization," and they proved it by deciding to stamp out all agitation and all radicalism, that is to say, all progress, and start the world back to the middle ages.

According to these Kiwanis, who would better begin a kindergarten course on themselves, for most of them never read even a primer on economics or social science, the Socialists and radicals, the real progressives, are a menace to peace and order, and "foreigners" must be Americanized so they will be sure to become meek and servile lackeys of capitalism. This is the doctrine of Knownothingism brought down to date by arrogant, conceited, narrowminded, popinjays, typical Babbitts with the moron mentality who in their briful ignorance and stupidity imagine pemselves to be the only true Amerans and that the salvation of the nation depends upon "educating and imericanizing" those who have intelligrace enough to see plunder in capi-'aliam and corruption in government and the courage to attack and expose in spite of the mercenaries, bogus dialriots, hypocrites and mercenaries Aho thrive and fatten in such corrup-

The Age of Investigation is there anything under capitalism that escapes investigation?" If so, what

The congress of the United States has within the last few years, since e trusta have become supreme and their private owners have to control the governing power, resolved itself

nito a mutuai amelling committee. Every department of the government, every function of the administration, has to be investigated.

The President himself would have ocen the subject of investigation in al had not the immunity of his high have a copy at his elbow for daily connection with the teapot dome scanoffice shielded him from the pestifereus probers.

The fact is that capitalism in its builts is so rotten that perpetual investment and educational articles. Let's before the public in a spectacular mantigation has become an imperative go, comrades.

necessity to placate the people while the orgies of crime and plunder go merrily on to the inevitable explosion, of which history furnishes so

many examples. Mellon, the secretary of the treasury, is supposed to be investigating the ridiculous horse-play known as enforcement of the prohibition laws, while at the same time there is a clamorous demand for the investigation of Mellon himself and his piratical aluminum trust.

of the highest eapitalist authority. There is something charmingly consistent in the fact of Melion having piled up millions out of the whisky trust and now as a cabinet official being commander-in-chief of the army for enforcing prohibition.

> Now the conclusion we have come to is the whole investigating business is a fraud and a snare. It is simply camouflage to dope the common herd and keep them milling around in the slave-pens and shambles of capitalism.

> The investigation of the teapot dome robbery resulted in placing the facts clearly before the eyes of the people. But what has come of it of the least benefit to the people? It cost an enormous fortune, but Fall and Doheny and Sinclair are still gentlemen of the first rank and enjoying unmolested their lost and plunder.

Had they stolen a link of stale bologna or a hot dog they would have been jailed in jig-time. Blessed are the highway robbers of

capitalism, for they shall be investigated and go free!

Judges Buy Their Jobs

It is well that it was not a socialist or other radical who made the charge against federal judges made by Hon. Emory R. Buckner, United States District Attorney for New York in a speech at the Women's Forum a few days ago... In this speech District

Attorney Buckner said: "BECAUSE FEDERAL JUDGES HAVE TO BUY THEIR JOBS THEY ARE NECESSARILY SELECTED FROM A CLASS WHICH IS UNDEM-OCRATIC."

Now of course we all know this to American of unquestioned standing be absolutely true. Federal Judges who knows what he is talking about are simply promoted corporation at-

But for a socialist to state this plain truth would at once convict him of treason and possibly subject him to indictment under the gag-laws that now roost like buzzards on the statute stitutional right of free speech or even for merely joining a labor organiza-

This is the "new freedom" into which we are being initiated in this day of capitalist imperialism because criminal error, but also a misfortune greetings says: "judges who have to buy their jobs

which is undemocratic." Nothing less than a clean sweep of capitalism the foster parent of oppression, corruption and misrule, can reach and remedy these evils.

Labor Year Book The American Labor Year Book is-

sued by the Labor Research Department of the Rand School of Social Science, 7 E. 15th. St., New York City, under the directorship of Solon DeLeon is becoming more valuable, more comprehensive, and more indispensable to students of the labor question each year. The volume for the year 1925 recently issued contains nearly 500 pages of matter, carefully classified and indexed, and excels all contents. Every phase and every feature of the labor movement in all its divergences and ramifications is for Director DeLeon that in spite of the acrimonious differences between groups and factions into which the leaders and representatives of all groups and factions approve in one voice the excellence and impartiality of the Year Book and commend it as an invaluable acquisition to the literature of the labor movement. It is a work so replete with data, information, statistics and vital facts relating to labor and the labor and socialist movement that every one interested in this greatest of all questions should

You furnish the subscribers and the political aspects and its economic re- Appeal will furnish clean, straight

consultation.

Back Berger's Fight for Debs' Citizenship

Comrade Marx Lewis, Congressman Berger's secretary, writes from Washington:

"We expect to get a hearing from the Committee on Immigration Naturalization on the Deba' citizenship resolution. I think the question is one that will arouse the membership."

THIS MEANS THAT THERE WILL BE A FIGHT IN CONGRESS BACKED BY BERGER FOR THE RESTORATION OF DEBS' CITIZEN-SHIP AND THAT CONGRESSMAN BERGER NEEDS THE AGSIST-ANCE OF EVERY FRIEND OF DEBS IN THE UNITED STATES TO MAKE THIS FIGHT SUCCESSFUL.

To facilitate this, the American Appeal is publishing on the last page of this issue a petition to YOUR CONGRESSMAN.

Clip this petition out. Attach it to blank sheets of paper with spaces for names and addresses. Then circulate as many of these petitions as possible with all possible speed. As fast as these petitions are filed with names and addresses SEND THEM TO THE AMERICAN APPEAL.

SEND ALSO THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE CONGRESS. MAN OF YOUR DISTRICT. THE APPEAL WILL FORWARD THESE PETITIONS TO THEIR PROPER DESTINATION AT THE PROPER TIME IN A MANNER CALCULATED TO GET THE BEST RESULTS.

While you are preparing these petitions write at once directly to your Congressman, ASKING HIM TO LET YOU KNOW HOW HE WILL VOTE WHEN THE BERGER RESOLUTION DEMANDING THE RESTORATION OF DEBS' CITIZENSHIP COMES BEFORE THE HOUSE, DON'T NEGLECT TO DO THIS. IT IS IMPORTANT.

THIS IS URGENT. THE APPEAL EXPECTS EVERY SOCIALIST AND FRIEND OF DEBS IN THE UNITED STATES TO GET BUSY ON THIS PLAN AT ONCE AND PUSH IT TO THE LIMIT. IF POS-SIBLE, WE WANT RESPONSES ON THIS PLAN FROM EVERY CON-GRESSIONAL DISTRICT IN THE UNITED STATES.

REMEMBER: Write your congressman at once. Clip out and circulate these petitions at once. Send the letter direct to your congressman. Send the petition WHEN FILLED to the American Appeal TOGETHER WITH THE NAME OF THE CONGRESSMAN OF YOUR

IF ENOUGH OF YOU DO THIS, DEBS' CITIZENSHIP WILL BE

Berger Denounces Barring of Debs

The officialdom of the United States to the country-not to Deba." was bitterly scored by Congressmen Berger in a statement accompanying his resolution demanding that Eugene V. Debs be restored to the rights of | a citizen. Comrade Berger among other things said:

"This disgraceful action is typical of the hypocrisy and stupidity which the governing officials of the United A 70 year jubilee in honor of Com-States are exhibiting these days."

famous sentence about the world be- lanta. ing governed by a minimum of wisof the Gem of the Ocean.

into the World war was not only a for the world and for the white race, are necessarily selected from a class which, it is said, includes the native

"What has Debs done?

into the war. "In England there are no less than

2" members of parliament who have served short prison s ntences because they were opposed to England's participation in the war Not a person in any country is being punished today for opposition to the world slaughter except in the United States of from Citizenship except in the United States of America, Robbing Eugene V. Debs of his citizenship is simply a disgrace

> Congressman Berger's resolution reopens the fight for Comrade Debs on a national scale.

Send Debs \$101

books of most of the states, under ger's statement said, "Chancellor School; Children's Club of Workmen's Czarism. Oxenstierna, when he penned that Circle School; Workers Party of At-

> Following the celebration greetings dom must have had a prophetic vision were sent to Comrade Debs accompanied by a gift of \$101.00 for the "For instance, our country's entry the striking anthracite coal miners. Among other things, the message of

> "Our heartiest greetings to you. our dear Eugene V. Debs. Your holiand Protestant 'Nordics' of the United | day is the holiday of all the radicals and Socialists. You are the symbol of justice, kindness and friendship. Your "He was opposed to our entrance idealistic life can serve to us as an example, how to live, struggle and be-

Smoked out by widespread criticism of the monstrous deal of the United States debt commission with the Fascist government of Italy, President Coolidge rushed to the defense of this act this week in an amazing series of

s'atements. It may be interesting for the people of the United States to know from Coolidge's own "ps that,

He heartily approves of the gift of one and a half billion dollars from the pockets of the American taxpayers that unquestionably bolstered up and stabilized the tottering regime of Fascism and started it anew on its career of blood and reaction.

THE PRESIDENT OF WHAT HE HIMSELF FONDLY CALLS THE GREATEST DEMOCRACY IN THE WORLD, FOR WHICH FIFTY THOU-SAND LIVES WERE SACRIFICED IN THE WORLD WAR, IS NOT SHOCK ED OR ALARMED BY THE MARCH OF INTERNATIONAL FASCISM TO WORLD POWER OVER THE WRECKS OF DEMOCRACY IN

As reported in a Washington dispatch, the President's position on the Italian debt deal is as follows:

Our world war debt funding commission is composed of our best experts and is bipartisan. Thus, 't represents business view and can fairly be said to represent public sentiment. If these men with the material before them, are not judges as to what Italy's capacity to pay is, then the President does not know to whom he can turn for judge-

This is the President's attitude on Mussolini and his government as reported in this dispatch:

An outstanding phase of the administration's attitude is that, whatever the world may say about the Mussolini government, there is no doubt that until it was established there had been no disposition, power, or ability shown to meet the payments due us. But after the formation of the present government, the Italians sent a commission to meet our debt funding body.

Not only was a settlement desirable, in the administration's opinion, but a definite settlement was doubly desirable, to the end that Italy may arrange its finances on a stable basis.

In this interview President Coolidge nakes no attempt to answer the criticisms that the Italian government is the deadly enemy of all re- pean peace by its attitude toward

and is engaged internationally in trying to bring about their overthrow. World democracy which was worth the expenditure of 50,000 American lives in the World War is not worth defending now. THE STABLIZATION OF FASCIST FINANCE MEANS MORE TO COOLIDGE THAN ANY OF THESE OTHER THINGS.

According to his own argument, the President is more friendly to the present lawless dictatorship of Italy than the former constitutional government because the dictatorship is more able and willing to pay its debts, AND YET, STRANGELY ENOUGH, THE PRESIDENT APPROVES OF THE CANCELLATION OF 75 PER CENT O . THE DEBT TO THIS DICTATOR. SHIP AT THE EXPENSE OF THE AMERICAN TAXPAYERS ON THE GROUND THAT MUSSOLINI'S GOVERNMENT IS NOT ABLE TO

And yet this Fascist dictatorship, which in the eyes of the President was not able to pay the United States, is able to prepare for war on a large scale, to conduct expeditions of conquest into Africa, to foment plots calculated to plunge Europe into revolution and war, and to endanger Europublican and democratic governments | Germany, Austria and Jugo-Slavia.

U.S. Threatens Coercion to Halt Socialization in Mexico

Admit U.S. Money Saved Mussolini

By Marx Lewis

Newspaper correspondents Writing from Rome declare that the money the United States gave Mussolini when we settled the Italian loan for about 20 cents on the dollar "makes Mussolini master for many years to come." Whatever else might be said of the administration, it is consistent.

Several years ago, an organization of monarchists whose purrade Debs was celebrated in Atlanta, pose, admittedly so, was the res-"Our country evidently is being Ga., February 7, by the radical, Social toration of Czarism in Russia, governed today by a queer mixture of ist and communist members of the sent Secretary of State Hughes a pot lick and stupidity, with a deplor- Workmen's circle, Branch 462; Ladies' letter thanking him for what he able lack of gray matter," Mr. Ber. Club Branch 462; Workmen's Circle was doing to help them restore

Helping the enemies of the liberties we profess to cherish has become a favorite practice with the administrations, Republican and Democratic, of the last few years. Czarism in Russia, Fascism in Italy, the crushing of every effort of the Mexican people to regain their lost heritage, the gendarme of the world-that world has come to under the rule of Morgan and his lackeys.

"It looks now as if nothing could avert a break in cordial relations with Mexico save a backdown by President Calles In the regulations carrying into effect the new land laws of Mexico."

In these ominous words, a dispatch from close to official sources in Washington voices the mailed threat of American capitalism to coerce Mexico into the revocation of its new socialization land laws, or suffer isolation, or fight. Never before, since representatives of the United States government have been in conference with Mexican representatives over these laws, has there

been such near danger of a break, which could have no other termination than Mexico's surrender to Wall Street, or war with the United States. The immediate cause of this situ-

sors in Washington, Mexico Threatened

"Reaffirms the position previously taken by that government. Mexico has taken a directly opposite view from that advanced by Secretary Kellogg and has denied vigorously that the laws are either retroatcive or confiscatory."

"The showdown between the United States and Mexico is at hand. The Coolidge administration, it is learned, has virtually warned that American recognition of the government of President Calles will be withdrawn, Ambassador Sheffield called home and diplomatic relations broken off, if Mexico persists in giving a retroactive Interpretation to the new petroleum and land laws." Great Britain is backing the stand

of the United States government, says the dispatches.

Unless the lovers of real liberty and social progress throughout the world make a supreme effort of education international capitalism and interis what the great Republic creat- and agitation, the two most powerful national Socialism, and behind it ed to help liberty throughout the nations in the world will compel a looms the threat of war and the tragic fourth class power to rescind an effort | sacrifice of the manhood of this nation of its people to socialize their basic re- to uphold capitalism. sources or there will be intervention and armed invasion of Mexico.

Socialism the Issue

The real issue is between Wall Street representing the supreme power of private capitalism on this est number of subs to the Appeal? planet and the Mexican Farmer-Labor- asked the man with the mathematical Socialist government representing the mind. greatest advance ever purposed by Socialism on the Western continent.

Washington already mentioned. In New York; 3, Illinois; 4, California;

"The contention of the Amercan government is that the Mexican laws are cunningly devised to deprive a foreigner of his property in that country, even though it was acquired prior to the adoption of the 1917 constitution. UN-DER THESE LAWS HE CAN-NOT CONTINUE TO HOLD HIS PROPERTY UNLESS HE WAIVES THE PROTECTION OF HIS GOVERNMENT, AND IN ANY EVENT HIS OWNERSHIP TERMINATES UPON HIS

Mark well this official statement of American capitalism. The claim is not here made that the laws are retroactive on their face, but are retro- up in second place and Nevada numactive in some cunning or underhand | ber five. The moral is, if you live in manner. This is convincing evidence a big town, step on the gas. You will that they are not essentially retroac- have to work to bring up that pertive, as the Mexicans claim.

ation is Mexico's final position as a and not under foreign protection. result of these conferences. This Second, because the properties would stand, says the official news dispen- revert to the state upon the death of

> Under the new laws foreign capitalists would be allowed to enjoy the properties they have already acquired in Mexico under Mexican law and Mexican protestion as long as they live.

The Threat of War WALL STREET DEMANDS THAT THESE PROPERTIES SHALL BE HELD UNDER AMERICAN PROTEC TION THROUGH THE COUNTLESS GENERATIONS OF THE FUTURE. IT DENIES MEXICO THE RIGHT TO ENACT EVEN INHERITANCE LAWS, ALTHOUGH THE UNITED STATES NOW HAS A LAW IMPOS-ING AN INHERITANCE TAX OF 40

TANCES. Thou shalt not socialize the resources of thine own land, says Wall Street through the Coolidge

PER CENT ON SUPER-INHERI-

administration. Thus is raised one of the biggest issues in the world today between

The Big Ten

We bit. We made out a report showing the following standing, of the That this is the real situation is states listed according to the number revealed by the news dispatches from of subscriptions. 1, Pennsylvania; 2, explanation of this situation they point 5. Wisconsin; 6. Massachusetts; 7. Ohio: 8, New Jersey; 9, Minnesota;

10, Indiana. "Let me show you something," said the man with a mathematical mind. "New York is a big state, so is Illii nois. See what happens when you compare the number of subs to the

population of the states." "Here's what he showed us. 1, California; 2, Rhode Island; 3, Wisconsin; 4. Illinois: 5, Nevada: 6. Pennsylvania; 7, Arizona; 8, Massachusetts; 9, Minnesota; 10; New York.

"There's your first ten," he said, "With New Jersey, Indiana and Ohio coming next. That's fair enough isn't

We answered, "That's fair enough." So there you are with little Rhode centage. We'll show you all up again They are retroactive, this capitalist if the man with a mathematical mind

Real Coal Conflict Commences as Strike Passes Into History

gan the real battle to settle forever every part of the country. the coal problem in the United States its predecessors in thoroughness of a few days after the anthracite ceal compilation and in the value of its strike had failed to settle it. Says a Washington dispatch:

Real Fight Begins

"The fight for nationalization of the treated fairly, impartially, and hard coal mines, originally proposed adequately, and it speaks well indeed in the house by Representative Victor hard coal mines, originally proposed L. Berger and indorsed by the Socialist party, will continue in spite of the strike settlement, it was anlabor movement is subdivided, the nounced at the Socialist congress. man's office here today.

"Mr. Berger has just received the first installment of petitions for public ownership and operation of the mines circulated by the New of authority vested in the govern-York state branch of the party. This batch of petitions contained something over 2,100 signatures, and further installments are expected in the next few days."

Never was the time more propitious than now for the concentra- the strike, before the present Congress tion of Socialist and labor effort throughout the nation upon this plan which his fight in congress will keep field of industry but a joint board unner while popular pressure can be

Congressman Victor L. Berger be | brought to bear upon congress from | obvious that it offers one of the weak-

The anthracite coal strike cost the miners \$150,000,000 in lost wages. One per cent of this amount devoted to wise political organization and education would enable the people of the United States to take political and legal steps to own the anthracite IS THE BALLOT. mines and settle the problem forever.

While Congressman Berger is keeping alive the fundamental plan of solution, public ownership, the coal strike problem will be made one of the leading issues before the nation by the presentation in congress of a series TALIST PRODUCTION IS SUFFERof bills designed to prevent strikes in this industry in the future by means

Labor Union Endangered This leaves the miners confronting an intrenched monopoly that was not even dented by the strike and likely to lose their only industrial weapon,

adiourns This would leave the miners well proposed by Congressman Berger, nigh helpless with no redress in the The lesson of this situation is

est spots in the system of American capitalism for a general Socialist at-

The stupendous-the overwhelming weapon of the miners, the forces of labor, the millions of coal consumers who have been plundered and gouged,

The Real Remedy The coal monopoly is ripe for pub-

lic plucking. Coal is being nationalized all over the world. THIS IS THE INDUSTRY WHERE CAPI-ING ITS MOST EXTENSIVE BREAK-DOWN. The strike is over. The real coal fight has just begun. Let the Socialists and progressive labor back u. Berger's fight; let the example of the New York Socialists be followed in every state. Let there be widespread agitation and education on this subject.

In another part of this paper is the plan of the British workers to nationalize their coal industry, following the acceptance of the idea by the British Government Coal Board. It is propaganda that should be widely Mexicans demand that such proper the top of the percentage column? circulated by Appeal readers.

DEATH."

explanation implies, first, because the doesn't break his arm. Who goes to ties shall be held under Mexican laws | GO!

Party Officials Help Plan Special Edition of Appeal

These who think of the Socialist | copy special edition of the American Party as slumbering—are much mis. Appeal. taken. The rank and file of the movement are busy and demand attil Office conferences was the selection greater activity.

Party has been heatedly busy for the passed in review, carefully considered. The National Office of the Socialist last three days-mapping out an extraordinary enterprise in connection with the American Appeal. Eugene V. Dobs, editor-in-chief, has repeatedly called together the editorial and National Office staff in conference to consider the new enterprise from every angle and to lay out the plans for a national newspaper triumph and a propaganda stroke of the first class.

The lusty young newspaper, the American Appeal, started on January 1, 1926. This paper has been forging ahead by leaps and bounds. But the Socialists are insatiably eager for still swifter progress and for practical service. Huge bundles of letters with generous praise, long lists of subscribers and bundle-orders, arriving with every mail delivery, please the Socialists, of course, but don't satisfy them. They are bent on a big plot. Debs is sure the new venture will surprise, shock and please millions of American

The enterprise in general is to address the American people on the most problem now before the country, with a same, practical and scientific contribution to the nation's thought for practical guidance in present day practical politics and social service.

This will be done thru a million. American statesmanship.

world.

The liquor Traffic Special of a million copies of the American Appeal will startle the country, will please millions of people regardless of party preferences, and make multitudes respect the Socialists, not for their idealism but for their solid commonsense.

cialists in a new light. Statesmen, educators, editors, farmers, organized labor and the women of the land will see the nation's shame and danger and the nation's hope of escape from this important, immediate and pressing Traffic Special goes broadcast over the country on May first-the date of the publication. Two months will be devoted to making the Liquor Traffic Special a landmark in newspaper enterprise and a genuine contribution to

ridge, Pa., 2; Samuel Kanter, Brook-lyn, 3; A. M. Spatz, Cleveland, 3;

Texas, 3; Stanley D. Morris, Syra-

cuse, N. Y., 3; J. Harry Sager,

Rochester, N. Y., 2; C. Freeland.

Terre Haute, 2; Ben Krause, Milwau-

kee, 3: E. R. Noldin, Los Angeles, 3;

Santa Ana, Cal., 2: Thomas J. Cooper.

Kokomo, Ind., 4: City Committee,

We haven't heard anything for a

"Every one I've talked to is well

"I was certainly glad to learn that

the tried and true friend of humanity,

Eugene V. Debs, and others have

started a paper which will voice the

opinions of the workers of the world.

Debs knows the way to a nobler and

higher social order and we are eager

to read his editorials."-G. Hummer.

"I'am very busy, but am always on

the lookout for subs. Later I hope to

have more time and do better."-M. H.

are doing their best for the Appeal

and wish it success."-Charles Dann.

"Keep up the good work, comrades.

Your work is most encouraging and

we are all behind you getting subs

I cannot express the joy I got out of

the last Appeal-January 23rd. It is

"The spirit of justice is not dead

A comrade sends in three subs from

"I saw your ad in the Pathfinder.

year's subscription for the American

"I have seen two issues of Debs' in-

wherever we can."-Samuel Kantor.

the best of all."-Kate A. Gardner.

-R. S. Hughens.

pleased with the paper and I am de-

of the letters of these comrades;

numerous to mention.

lighted"-Ben Hamilton.

Appeal Army Column

Where is that February slump? The Charles Dann, Brooklyn, 4; Thomas Appeal staff is getting snow blind E. Williams, Punxsutawney, Pa., 5; looking across the frozen wastes for Charles Freeland, Terre Haute, 2: Dr. it. Every time one of the staff peeps C. Cromwell, Shellburn, Ind., 4; S. F. hustle like I did for the old Appeal to over the barricades in the direction of Dziensgielewsky, Pecaville, Pa., 4; Pennobscott, Los Angeles, Seattle or Samuel P. Kramer, Long Island City, Miama, he gets a bump in the beezer N. Y., 5; Sam Flint, Lamont, Oklafrom an Appeal Army sharpshooter. homa, 2; Phillip J. Clowes, Brecken-

A February thaw must have hit the formerly frozen cohorts of Socialism. Kate A. Gardner, Ocean Park, Cal., 2; If its this bad now, what is it going J. A. Hart, Comanche, Okla., 5; Dr. to be when the real Spring sun begins S. Kleiman, Lawrence, Mass., 6; to shine down on the Appeal Army Jos. Klein, Milwaukee, 4; T. W. Meramunition dumps. This is no place for children! The staff would retreat | Pasadena, Cal., 3; Murray De Baun, underground if it wasn't for the company it might meet down there.

The fusilade of single subscriptions has become so terrific that they can't be recorded any longer in the Appeal Army column. If you want a record of it count the bumps and bruises and shell shocks in the anatomy of the circulation manager. The Appeal Dala Stapleton, Sullivan, Ind., 2; Dr. goes up a peg with this issue. It is II. Perkins, Butterfield, Mo., 2; Otto getting proud. In the future it will Pankhanen, 2; Bernstein Brothers. name only the pot-shotters of the Army-THOSE THAT LAND MORE THAN ONE VICTIM OF SOCIALISM | Socialist Party, New York City, 3; H. AT A SHOT.

Wow! Heres a potabot aiready tha rocks the building as it lands. Sixteen subs from Erhardt Tolzman, Milwaukee. Is that the way you land Socialists in Congress, comrade?

Zowie! The Finnish Socialist branch at Ludlow; Vermont, gets into action and lands fifteen. Right out of Cal's own state, too. No wonder!

Zoom! Wait till the building stops rocking and the Army editor will explain. Six yearlies from Mrs. B. Feigenbaum of Brooklyn. When the women get started the other side may as well run up the white flag.

Worse and worse! We are digging out. Comrade A. F. Authony of Baltimore smothers us under a bunch of ten yearlies, which makes 28 for this Appeal artillerist and he isn't good and started yet.

Here are the kind of pot shots that have kept the Appeal office rocking like the cradle of Liberty for the last week: Philip Pasik, Bronz, 5; Thomas E. Williams, Punxsutawney, Pa., 3; Miss Tanya Holmes, Jersey City, 5; Job Walker, Elmira, N. Y., 2; Emma Henry, Indianapolis, 2; W. M. Seilers, Altoona, Pa.; Frank Brota, Cleveland, 2; Jos. Britz, Export, Pa., 2; Thomas J. Cooper, Kokomo, Ind., 2; J. W. Tyrrel, Fallon, Texas, 3; C. W. Smith. Sr., Meridan, Mississippi, 2; Ben Hamilton, Terre Haute, 2; G. Hummer, Alma, Neb., 3; M. E. Culver, Glenside, Pa., 4; H. Kahana, Chicago, 2; Fred W. Renz, Indianapolis, 4; William Heuttemann, Sr., Peru, Ill., 2; John Rak, Nokomis, Ill., 2; Matt Arizona, with the following: "I have Semple, Ottawa, Kans., 2: Sam been admonished by an official to lay Young, Steelton, Pa., 2; John R. Key, off of the radical stuff. I will until I Pasadena, Cal., 3; C. M. Weaver, Ilmo, have \$400 or \$500. Then you will hear Mo., 4; Fred Norberg, Chariton, Iowa, from me again." 3; D. Mendelsohn, Chicago, 4; John G. Willert, Cleveland, 3; Maurice "I saw your ad in the Pathfinder. Samuels, Brooklyn, 4; A. H. Reich, Am very interested in Eugene V. Debs' Elwood, Ind., 2; John I. Aalto, Ston- plea for justice, brotherhood and ington, Conn., 3; W. Pitt, Acampo, peace. I can hardly walt till I re-Cal., 2; D. J. Thomas, Punzautawney, ceive his weekly mossages."-Alfred Pa., 5; H. Arends, Everett, Washing- Kampfer, North Industry, Ohio. ton, 2; Ida Siegel, New York City, 3; H. M. Leach, Los Angeles, 4; Cella Rotter, New York City, 3; Ed Horak, Cleveland, 2: C. C. Brandt, Muscatine, Appeal. The copy you sent me had lows, 2; W. R. Goodall, Williamsport, the old time ring to it."-D. F. Riley, Pa., 5; J. Ed. Kildow, Warren, Ohio, Bowie, Texas. 2; John S. Weaver, Highspire, Pa., 2; W. S. Hoffman, Bridgeport, Conn., 2;

The first question in our National

of the theme for the special issue of the paper. A score of problems were Unanimously it was decided in conference that the first-rank problem before the American people now imperiously demanding not simply attention but a common sense and final solution is the liquor traffic now menacing the nation's morals, threatening the sacredness of law, challenging the reality and stability of democracy itself, and placing civil liberty in such contempt that the nation stands humbled and ashamed before the

Two hundred thousand preachers, priests and rubbls will see the So-

> Hope to get back into the movement and to do good again for the Brotherhood of Man. I am rending my dollar." -R. H. Shale, Dugger, Ind.

"I am 81 years old and crippled Was one of the first Socialists in this county and am one yet, first, last and [all the time. I cannot get out and Reason, but can support the new Appeal, so here is my dollar to pay for it."-George Kidd, Stonington, Ky.

Masons Take Up

Berger Battle on

Scottish Rite news bureau here.

newspapers and periodical editors.

Send Lodge Sympathy.

since the resolution was thus broad-

cast. The Grand lodge of Tennessee.

for example has adopted a resolution

in which they are now placed." Other

bodies have adopted similar expres-

and concern over the tyrannical meth

ods employed by the Fascist govern

ment in suppressing various groups,

particularly the Free-masons, the

Catholics, the conservatives, the

liberals, the Socialist and the trade

teresting paper. It is fine to read.

That the Wisconsin man's de

The Bundle Brigade

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The whole Socialist front cracked lock, Canton, Ohio, 2; N. H. Cickery, this week! The Appeal staff is still busy picking itself out of the wreck-Shelburn, Ind., 2; F. J. Marzoff, Harage! Local New Castle, Pennsylvania. risburg, Pa., 4; D. F Fluck, Quakerlanded a permanent bundle order of town, Pa., 2; J. F. Turpin, Indianapolis, 100 per week. 2; R. S. Hughens, Sulphur Springs,

> This is the message that was picked up after the big Bertha had exploded: Branch New Castle will take 100 every week. We meet Wednesday, February 17, at which time I will send you money for papers in advance."-William Llewellyn, secretary.

The Appeal staff realizes that the Bundle Brigade bombardment of the past is only a lullaby compared to C. Briley, Fletcher, Oklahoma, 2. As what is coming. It has only been a we said before, the singles are too teek since the business manager sent out his call for permanent bundle begun to sideswipe us from all I ng time that listens so good as some directions at once.

> Wouf! The Socialist Party Labor Lyceum of West New York, N. J. lands a torpedo loaded with an extended order for 25 per week for ten

Zoom! Central Branch, Socialisi Party, Los Angeles, drops an aerial bomb right in our midst-a bundle of 50 a week for five weeks.

Zing! That was a nasty sideswipe! Lawrence Selak, Star City, West Virginia, extends his bundle of ten five more weeks. That's what most of the locals and individuals are doing. Let every organization try a bundle it it tendency was to create a militarfeels it can manage and get the big- istic outlook in the minds of the youth. "The members of the 13th and 19th | gest thing started that ever hit the Assembly Districts of Kings County U. S. A.

The way the bundle bombardment Appeal prophet and mathematician. who expected to be surprised. This J. B. Ely is the way the big guns, so far located, are placed: Ed. Peterson, Falon, Nevada; Harry Eckard, New Kensington, Pa.: Jacob Naepoa, Conneaut, waka, Ind.; Thomas E. Williams, yet. Send the Appeal to the following. F. Anthony, Baltimore, Md.; Sam Pin- millon."-A. Hausman. kus, Davenport, Iowa; A. Naikelis, Morgan Park, Ill.; C. A. Kneeland. Prather, Cal.: Wm. F. Richardson Roswell, N. M., Hazel Marie Bond, Muncie, Ind.; Adella K. Zametkin, Jamaica, N. J.; Ellis B. Harris, Chi- hit the ball hard for bundles. cago; Dr. J. D. Ely, Toledo; P. B. Sharp, Orienta, Okla.; Freeman Bell, Lawton, Okla.; W. L. Wallace, Lamar, Colo.; C. E. Perry, Loganport, Ind.; Geo. Hunter, Greensburg, Pa.; F. M.

"Rest wishes that the Appeal may really appeal and help shake out of the mental lethargy the comrades first "Enclosed is check for \$1 for a and then the working class."-Edella MANENT BUNDLE ORDERS will be-

Kirkendall, Dayton, Ohlo.

"Here is a dollar for as many copies of the issue containing Comrade Kirkpatrick's "Ten Million Dollars for Tho Answer," as you may please to send

Mexican Workers Natural Socialists By Clarissa A. Kneeland (Prather, Calif.)

Fascist Movement I thought the following might be WASHINGTON—The resolution conof interest to the Appeal; Comrade demning the present Fascist regime Ira D. Kneeland has had to make a business trip down to San Blas, Sinin Italy, introduced in the house recently by Representative Victor L. aloa, Mex., from there he writes:

"I fell in with some Mexican Com-Berger, Wisconsin, has been sent to more than 3,500 newspapers, maga- rades today, (while on the train,) six zines and Masonic organs by the of them, delegates from labor unions going down to attend a convention of The Scottish Rite bureau, which the Mexican Federation of Labor at represents the national organization Mazatlan. They came from Mexicali of this high Masonic body, reproduces and near by there, and are representthe Socialist congressman's scathing ing from two to four unions apiece. condemnation of Mussolini in full, in They sat near me and I noted that "clip sheet" prepared for use by they were reading English papers. also they were having a lot of talk in Spanish which I listened in on, but could only catch a word now and ineation of the suppressions against then, just enough to show they were Masons and other groups in Italy has discussing the labor question. So I borne effect is indicated by resoluhad to open up on them and get their tions adopted by various grand lodges line.

They don't now Socialism by name but they have it in their hearts, the spokesman of the crowd says all redirecting its Grand master to "extend sources of nature belong to all perto the Grand Master and the brethren ple, and all means of production of of the legitimate and recognized necessities of life should also be Grand lodge, F. and A. M. of Italy, our owned and operated in common for deep sympathy in the desperate plight the benefit of all.

I gave him a copy of the Appeal, he was quite interested in it and put it in his grip to show at the con-Mr. Berger's resolution asked that vention.

He used to know the Magons, had heard of Gutlerez de Lara. We swapped addresses.

Then he got to discussing religion with another Mexican, and he illustrated his idea of truth in this way. Picking up a piece of orange peel from the floor of the car he held it up as far as he could and dropped it. " Now," say he, "it appears to us that it drops straight down, but, if there was a man outside of the car watching, he would say that it dropped obliquely; and if there was a man on the moon watching, he would say that it dropped on a curve."

In that way he illustrated men' lifferent ideas about truth. "Now," he said, "it makes no differ ence to me what your religion is, you may be Catholic, Protestant, or any other religion, no matter how much your idea of truth differs from mine

you are still my brother." I enclose fifty cents for a bundle of 25 Appeals.

Truth in the news will bring purity to the nation and comfort to the people. Read the Appeal-\$1 the

Still Going Strong Comrade Jacob Winnen, a Chicago member of the Appeal Army, was 81 years old on February 25th. Comrade Winnen joined the Socialist Party in Germany in 1869, became editor of the Socialist Herald in Chicago in 1874, the first Socialist paper published in America, has been on the fighting front ever since and is still

Order Bundles Now

going strong.

The next article by Dr. Otto Bauer. the Austrian Socialist leader, on Russia, will be by far the best one up to orders and the big shells have already that point in the series. It will tell HOW MUCH SOCIALISM THERE IS IN RUSSIA. It will also tell WHAT THE PRESENT PROSPECTS ARE IN RUSSIA FOR THE FURTHER DE-VELOPMENT OF SOCIALISM. It will be wonderfully enlightening and have great propaganda value. Order bundles now for distribution among your friends, neighbors and fellow workers.

> "What is the matter with things." Read the Appeal and know. \$1 per year.

Getting Back to Christ The Toronto West Presbytery at a convention during the week passed a resolution condemning military training in the schools on the ground that

me. A million dollars! A Kingdom for a million to help push the circuincreased this week surprised even the lation of the Appeal into every home to help educate the dullards."—Dr

"Wish to congratulate the staff of the American Appeal for the good work they are doing. The Appeal in Ohio; Herman Kronenritter, Misha- my opinion is a much better paper than our former national organ, and I Punxsutawney, Pa.; A. Hausman, Oro- see no reason why we should not ville, Cal.; J. Ojala, Atlanta, Ga.; A. bring its paid-up circulation to a half peal.

> Comrades, we can get that half million circulation, WITHIN A FEW MONTHS, if the bundle scouts and the various Socialist organizations will

When we get that half million circulation, largely in tundles, WE WILL FOR A MILLION REAL SUB- eager to line up a local company or SCRIBERS.

Get busy, THIS WEEK. This is the week that the circular sent out by the business manager appealing for PERgin to do its big work, IF YOU DO YOUR PART.

THIS IS THE WEEK FOR EVERY BUNDLE SCOUT TO STRIKE HARD AND ALL TOGETHER.

Russian Industrial Conditions Improving, Says Dr. Otto Bauer

Article II The Industrial Situation

By Dr. Otto Bauer.

(Following a recent investigation of conditions in Russia by a group of Aus-trian Socialists.) At the time of the civil war Rus lan industry had undergone a collapse even more fearful than that of agriculture. It fell to 20, to 10, and even in some large departments of industry. to 2 per cent of pre-war production.

The important thing now is that in the last few years, and during last year at a notably accelerated rate, Russian industry has been recovering. On must understand what this recovery signifies. What is the problem of recovery for our own industry? It is many times too large for the small home market, it must export and can foreign countries. Such is the difficulty of reconstruction in a country like Austria. But this whole problem has no existence at all in Russia. Russian industry has to produce

only for its home market, which has been restored by the fact that the peasant is once more in a position to purchase.

Russian industry, moreover, does not have to meet any competition in its own country; for the bolshevists pursue a highly protectionist policy. If the duties in Europe are everywhere very high, in Russia they are still higher; for example, on shoes a duty of about 100 per cent of the value is imposed. To this must be added that the duty on imports is in the hands of government institutions that is, of the state import monopoly, so that the state can block any undesirable import

Controls Own Markets From this follows that Russian in-

than with us.

under, it could not meet the comdoes not exist for Russian industry less of the products are purchased because they are dearer. There is complaint in Russia on this point. Therefore, one must not yet over-estimate the recovery of industry.

There are certain industries which are still unable to meet the demand. And since the Russian government. does not admit, or admits only within narrow limits, the import of these goods, there is still a scarcity of certain articles. This holds good for textile goods; to be able to buy them in the towns one must still attend personally. A still graver scarcity prevails in the villages. In them there is also too little shoe leather only do so by producing as cheaply as | and tobacco, in which things industry is still unable to suffice

Flocking to Cities

The Russian villages are over-populated. This over-population was indeed one of the causes of the Revolution; in fact, it was the scarcity of land which first roused the peasants ing in industry.

ment, which has thus quite a differ- year has amounted to 17 per cent. ent basis than with us. There is even already again a lack of skilled workers in the less skilled grades of work.

One figure is given in the "Ekonomitdustry can still rule its market, even be an appallingly high figure. It can above the pre-war wage. Thus a sixwhen it produces at a very high cost. not be reckoned on the total popu-In point of fact manufactured articles lation of Russia, but only on the total still by no means wonderful. For you in Russia are considerably dearer number of industrial workers; and it Industry is once more able to was still worse than with us. Stalin produce—that is merely a technical gives a lower figure, 750,000. I do not Europe. But relatively to the terrible problem—but it produces at very know how this difference can be achigh cost, that is to say, with a dimin- counted for, but it must clearly arise marked progress.

ished productivity. In such a situa- from different methods of calculation. tion any other industry would go | Although industry has increared it cannot increase quickly enough to atpetitive struggle. But this problem sorb the influx from the villages, Consequently, we must accept the claim except with the one reservation that Russian industry has made immense strides with the following reservation; it is still working at very high cost, in particular hars it is still unable to meet the demard and to absorb the surplus population of the villages.

Immense Advance Achieved

But although all that is a fact, it is yet certain that in comparison with the earlier state of things, when industry was altogether in ruins, an immense advance has been achieved in the last few years, and especially dur. ing the last year. This change has also brought a possibility of raising the standard of life of the masses, first and foremost in the most direct way by an increase in the wages of labor.

The standard of life of the Russian worker had sunk at the time of the civil war to an unimaginably low level. it was then still below the standard to action. But already the villages of our workers at the worst time in are again over-populated, as can be our experience. But since industry seen from the fact that great masses has once more recovered, it is again are migrating from the country into able to pay better wages, and we obthe towns with the intention of work- serve a relatively rapid rise of wages in Russian industry; on an average Herein lies the cause of unemploy- the wage increase during the last

But there also we must not overestimate the achievement. Here are in Russia, but an enormous surplus some figures from the "Ekonomitscheskja Schisa," the official organ of I cannot establish exactly the extent the Russian Government for economic of the unemployment because two questions: the miners now receive contradictory figures are published. 661/2 per cent of the pre-war wage, the metal workers, 74.4 per cent; on scheska Schisa," according to which the other hand, the textile and chemithe number is 1 100,000. This would cal workers from 10 to 18 per cent uation has been reached which is must not forget that before the war would thus signify that unemployment Russian wages were substantially lower than in Western and Central time of the famine there is already a

Socialist Party News

The National Office Socialist Party 2653 Washington Boulevard

Chicago, Illinois.

News! News! News! Of course you want the party news We are delighted that you do want the party news. One of the dearest comrades in all the movement scolded us last week for not putting more party news in the Appeal and for not sending all such news to his Socialist paper

Now that's a good sign. But-just a minute on this news business. Our space is limited, but you try us with some news. Perhaps we have not had news from your community for a good

while. Try reporting a few lines. Things happening anywhere in the movement are of interest and importance everywhere in the movement. Send in the news.

Make the National Office a national i while. news agency for the Socialist and Labor press. A postcard is really inexpensive, two for a cent apiece-winter rates. Get a post card. Write one every week you have something of possible interest to the comrades all over the country. You don't need to send your news item to Edwin Markform. Give us the facts-arranged any next move is yours, comrades. way you like or not arranged at all. Give us the items. Comrades everywhere are waiting for the news from anywhere, just as you are waiting for the news from everywhere. Send in the news-to your National Office, your news agency for the national movement. Of course at the same time send the same items to your favorite local paper also, but hustle all the news to the National Office too. Make something happen and tell us about it. We'll hustle it along to all the papers and print it also in the American Ap-

Sure. it's a sign. From many comrades have already come requests for the special letter prepared at the National Office for use by Lny local comrades who wish to go after members for organization or reorganization. Come right along, comrades. We

shall be glad to furnish a package of these come-on-let's go letters to each of a thousand local live-wires who are regiment and march on with the army.

Special Call

on low-down terms?

District Secretary Northwestern pushing American Appeal cards. The States, and Lena Morrow Lewis, State | Comrades feel enthused with the work Secretary of California will have occa. that the American Appeal is doing in sion to travel-from the Pacific coast New England. to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, to attend the National Convention. Both are ex- encouraged.

cellent speakers and organization bustlers and are devoted to the American Appeal and the propaganda of our movement.

Here is an opportunity to make use of these comrades for meetings to and from the Convention on a trip involving a total of five thousand miles of railway travel. Locals, Socialist groups and individual Socialists on or near the main railway routes from the bership and also want some first class see the party rebuilt, and that all American Appeal work done—should heartly praise our new paper, the write the National Office very soon. clearly signifying their wishes. "Very soon" certainly does not mean late in : March or the middle of March,

First come first served -- o far as Please write at once.

The terms will be easy, very easy,

neglected. The tide is turning, com- rade Snow on his recent tour. He rerades. This is a good opportunity to ports that more than \$700 has been make something happen in your own pledged toward the organization werk

Can you-will you-take speakers in April as they go east?-In May as they go west-Or both ham or Bernard Shaw to have it ways? Come then, comrades. Shall dressed up into classically literary | these speakers "Make" your town? The succeeding Comrade August Panchar,

> State Secretary Leemans of New Jersey has just sent a report of the activities in the state which is most encouraging. At the recent state committee meeting plenty of evidence was | Cleveland, March 13-14. reported to show that Jersey is riding the waves on the rising tide.

Birch Wilson reports: "The Socialists of Reading, Pa., are coming back with a bang. Last week a letter o. investigation brought almost a hundred members to a party-building meeting Numerous comrades rejoined the party. There was a spiendid paying up of back dues; and the pledges of hearty cooperation in the forward-march enterprise were most significant... By unanimous vote it was decided to hold similar meetings once a month. A full city and county ticket will be placed in the field for the spring primary election with a determination to carry the party to victory in November.

New England

There seems to be a general actvity among the members of the party in New England for Socialist Propa-Would you like to have a meeting | ganda. The report from the different centers indicate that the Comrades In April, Emil Herman, Organization have taken heartily to the idea of

The State Secretary feels greatly

The Home Town Hustlers

Don't be lonely in your own home

If you are the only-and lonelyreader of the American Appeal in your community, you will have had from the Business Manager a specially interesting communication. Please give it prompt and earnest attention -then make something happen in your own home town.

Illinois

Comrade Snow, state secretary of the Socialist Party of Illinois just western coast who want meetings at weeks tour down state. He reports a minimum expense, want something weeks tour down state. He reports effective done for increased local mem. that many comrades are anxious to

American Appeal A state convention will be held early in the spring for the purpose of nominating a full state ticket including two congressman at large and a candidate for United States Senate. advantageous routes can be laid out These will be placed on the ballot by for these two first class comrades, petition and we have until October first in which to fie.

Springfield. Gillespie, the work sincere and the results worth | Galesburg, Canton, Middle Grove. Peoria, Bryant, St. David, Livingston, No such opportunity should be and other towns were visited by Comfor the purpose of party rebuilding :a

> Comrade John G. Willert, of Cleveland, has been elected State Secretary. resigned. Secretary Willert is an oldtimer. He has rolled up his sleeves for the reorganization of the Ohio movement. His first move is a call for a state convention. Finnish Hall,

> The Milwaukee comrades have just had one of the most successful grand masked festivals in the history of the American movement. More than tea thousand people were attracted to the Milwaukee Auditorium Saturday night. They were gleeful from the word go. Such a high old time!

> The whole American movement is sitting up to take notice that Congressman Victor L. Berger is even busier and more effective than ev.. before in the National Legislature, list political enemies frankly acknowledge him to be one of the best information men in the House of Representative When he speaks—and he speaks irquently-sincero respect and courtes of many of the nation's most dist ". guished men in Congress.

> From way down in Texas comes th following from Comrade Taylor : Dallas: "We are making an effort." reorganize the Socialist movement

> The Jugo-Slav comrades organized t new local, February 12, at Suble Wyoming with sixteen members. Ar l take notice: They organized themselves. Why not? Next!

n but twenty-three.

But the crimes that interest me, Judd, are not house-breaking and safe-

cracking, nor even bootlegging; for

these take only a few lives, and de-

stroy only a few characters. What

I am after are those crimes which de-

grade whole populations, beating

down their standards of life, and de-

priving them of hope and self-respect;

those crimes which sap the founds-

tions of free institutions. And those

are the crimes of big business-in

other words, the crimes committed by

bankers and judges and corporation

attorneys. I remind you of the report

of a United States Comptroller of the

Currency, published in 1916-to the

effect that out of 7.613 national banks.

2,743, or 36% were "guilty of usury" -and this "according to sworn re-

ports, made the banks themselves"!

But do you see any procession of na-

tional bankers going to the federal

penitentiaries for robbing the poor?

The Big Law-Breakers

the most flagrant case in our history

by the will of the rich. This was a

straint of trade; it stood in the way

Or take the Sherman Anti-trust law;

The Young Army

By H. W. Waltermire. .. Army of the Old Appeal i not join, you see I wasn't on the earth;

· I am with the new Appeal turn the whole world red. the older ones who taught how to use my head.

y wank those comrades brave who : sie d party planks to lay

platform and the principles

tive the banner red from those e task is nearly done. 14 eve my life to carry on The work they have begun.

which I stand today.

Brain-Drops By GLENGARRY

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Mis Brain Drops, by Glengarry to w is MUCH talking of the INCREASING numbers of war OBJECTORS, And a pleasing HOPE is innocently encouraged THE GOVERNMENT cui (D NOT enforce IL- GUILEFULLY CONSPIRED SLAVERY No ... GRIMACE L. CAREFULLY velled By the CONSCRIPTION ACT Now READY to spring A: FREE-MEN'S throats The MOMENT the MUMMY DROPS his bat.

READY to SHACKLE EVERY PERFECT MAN (: 14 to 45) To LELCHING guns the PRIPPING bayonets.

UNTIL the common people Are SO WIDE AWAKE To the INJUSTICE of war: To the INFAMY of the MURDEROUS passion; the CUNNING insanity of ALL war MAKERS. te ! JOIN TOGETHER in putting THAT CLASS SUT OF every public office. At 1 putting IN THEIR STEAD Tame who ARE BENT Ob LAUNCHING, UST MILISHING, and forever MAINTHENING RIGHTEOUSNESS HARTMENT of GOVERNMENTAL activities-A second entire miposed of WHILL COMMON PEOPLE Whose ONLY interests Are those of THEIR OWN CLASS: UNTIL THE COMMON PEOPLE VEE ENDOWED with that "NEWDED SOLIDARITY. They SHALL BE barnessed THE DUMB BRUTES "o the WAR CHARIOTS 1 : " EXPLOITING CLASS

Sam Saysam Say--The chicken is wonders dead and

Sam Says-Prince Rotten Smaller and you must save is you earn, why that is all you have to do is Save to ! t neb You can't get rich standing ' the street corners—you must work. "at is the reason he works every. in the How can you get rich with.

am Says-You get justice and inthe according to the class or set . . are in A swell society lady fell " ... h a coal hole in the sidewalk; and the city and got \$300 dam-- for hurting her dignity. A poor - ! lady heard of it: she thought The ca the coal hole; they pulled and arrested her for stealing

Hot Stuff unreasonable thing, the

te through your noble arguien's eat," and up you rise to

time Nature is sometimes ill

deay you can't, you are not

and is surer than memory. way be hot, but it cooks no

when opportunity knocks thance her. w not be blind; maybe it de eyes. But it is excus-

· : ask. What do you know? tell you what they think. aid. Use your head. But : thim anywhere.

! would be unbearably dull "" to studid people. . im to enjoy what you will not like what you

ter knows a thing is imit has been done.

are rich because the poor

no such thing as governi · · · pla.

Young People's Department

National Office TOUNG PROPILES SOO, LEAGUE Aarne J. Parker, Nat. Director.

With the Circles

York City.-The Executive Committee of New York City Yipsels announces a special meeting to be held in two weeks for the election of

new officers. A special committee for the Y. P. S. L consisting of party members Comrades Thomas, Lee, Claessens and Shiplacoff met recently to discuss plans of extending educational work amongst the New York Yipsels. Further conference will follow.

Gardner, Mass.-The local circle of the League, proud of the fact that the annual convention of the New England Yipsels is to be held in Gardner this year on April 3rd and 4th, is busy making necessary preparations to insure a success. Combined with the convention is the annual declamation contest which in recent years has become a most popular event. The contest is on Saturday, April 3rd, at the party hall. In addition to the foregoing the circle is arranging other entertaining programs to insure a good time to all delegates and visiting members. The following compose a committee in charge of preparations; Eino Reponen, Elli Reponen, Lawrence Silverberg, Vieno Janhonen and Viola Asunmaa.

Quincy, Mass. - A very noticable increase in membership and activities can be credited to the Quincy circle during the past winter. The membership possesses a new spirit and enthusiasm in all its work. On Washington's birthday the circle arranged a successful dance which brought in funds to further organization and edu-

cational work. Jersey City, N. J .- The Jersey City circle now twelve months old, held its annual meeting. Feb. 19, electing officers for the following term. Plans were made for a special educational

Los Angeles, Calif.-The Debs cirle, with the direction of Comrade Jennie Jacobson, is engaged in an organization campaign, predicting the organization of California as the cond state organization of the League. The circle is progressing with leaps and bounds, eagerly seeking larger tramping grounds.

A Clergyman Explains Socialism By Savele Syrjala.

Dr. S. Parkes Cadman, of the Brooklyn, N. Y., Y. M. C. A., who has achieved great popularity by his Sunday Radio talks, conducts a daily column in the Boston Herald in which he answers every imaginable kind of question put to him by readers.

Recently one reader asked him if he regarded "Socialism as a tyranny" Dr. Cadman replied as follows:

"In its logical forms, yes. It pro-The chicken that picks corn—not and hardened by the routine of state.

A little cruel, is dividualism or self expression. It enthrones the state upon an economic despotism surpassing that of absolute monarchy

"Its results, if uniformly adopted. would be a dead level of mediocrity destructive of civilization's best values."

To a socialist this highly enlighten have them in other men's numerous and absurd definitions of this "tyranny."

There are only two explanations of Dr. Cadman's answer; namely, he is make out of all of us, the finer will be either ignorant of socialism or he has his mahogany, and the greater his deliberately misrepresented socialism In either case, his answer, to an in. of his office help.

telligent person, is not a credit to him. But the great American public has an implicit faith in Dr. Cadman and his answers to the questions put to him, though the questions may be in personal appearance, at personal cost. fields where he is entirely incompetent to answer and his opinions no better than the average man's. The

final truth on the subject. It is this that we young socialists must fight in our work among the youth. The mind of youth has not a ruler, and he slaves to save it. yet become so prejudiced and molded that it cannot be taught to do its own people who don't start come thinking and investigating. When once we are able to get the American youth to do its own thinking, they will look no longer with horror and fear on the socialist movement, but will join it and whole heartedly work

for socialism.

During the past week each circle secretary has received a letter announcing the inauguration of a gigantic circulation campaign for the American Appeal. Within the first two months existence the Appeal has penetrated every corner of the country, reached all socialist homes, entered labor circles and become recognized amongst the various institutions of learning. The Appeal was immediately grathed by all who knew of it. Now we must bring it to the attention of the many others who will find this paper a necessary torch of truth and enlightenment to fight the lies and sophisms sown by the capitalist press. Youth can best be it leading? What of the next genreached by youth. Yipsels! Here is our big task. Send for a bundle, and m Before the government arrange a careful schedule of distrithing for the people, it button. Do it again. Follow up with dready been done in the subscription lists. It's a job that can

b done,-let's do it.

Thoughts

Tim True.

To correct the mistakes of the past progless.

Action, not words, is the test of

To ignore the ballot is to invite the

While labor neglects its press, it must bear oppression.

Those who beg favors cannot com mand rights.

Women's Department Josephine Conger

The Matter of Clothes

Recently we commented in this department on the matter of clothes for our working girls and women. We pointed out that the "million-dollar" look was of prime importance in the business of securing a job, and was not a mere outcropping of expensive tastes on the part of our young girls, who had to find a way to spend their vast American dollars.

In substantiation of this assertion we ran across an article in a popular newsstand magazine on the subject of good looking girls as a business lars a year for having a good deal asset. That is, as an asset in the average business office. It seems, as we have shown, that the girl is to fit in with the better class office furniture, and that the whole ensemble is for the purpose of promoting highpressure sales, of getting high pressure results.

The article in question says: "Once upon a time when a young girl applied for a position the office manager inquired about her experience. This proving satisfactory, he engaged her. There was no thought of how her wispy, mouse-colored hair would reflect against ash paneled walls; nor of how a drab complexion would look against a mahogany setting. How an outsider might be affected by an employee, was a thought that no self-respecting man would dream of entertaining. In the decorative scheme of the office she was about as important as the machine she operated.

"But that is all past and gone. A new era has dawned in the business world. The Simon Legree in the man ager's chair has vanished. In his place is a human being who likes to see around him healthy and happy looking, well dressed, well-trained women. He still wants production. He wants a high degree of efficiency But he demands that these staple requirements be delivered with a uniformly pleasing appearance.

"Looks and personality, under the new dispensation, count easily fifty por cent in landing a job and in advancement . . , the good looking one would triumph if her duties required her to meet clients. The genial, smiling, smartly dressed girl would better serve the interests of his office.

"Main floor jobs, they call these. They go to the girl who puts up an exceeds from the type of mind which cellent appearance, other things being

A little cruel, isn't it? And a little business is business." And so it is. And when we hear the unthinking commenting on "the way the young women of today dress," and making arguments against the extravagance of the working class in general, and of these girls in particular, remember that NECESSITY, not always desire. or the wish to spend and attract ating explanation is nothing new; it is tention, is very largely back of the ex-- hands in your pocekts. You merely another addition to the already pensive wardrobe, the "facial," the manicure, the marcelle, and all the

rest of it. The more the business man can demand on the personal appearance

The whole system, now, as ever, is pressing down, exacting, demanding, of its workers; of those helpless ones who forever give, even to the point of

The writer of this revelation goes on: "After health, smart dress! Dress is not overstressed by would be empublic, however, drinks it all in as the ployers, but the heads of the employment bureaus fully realize its selling quality. And what every woman knows, though the men may never suspect it, is that becoming dress is half-and may be the better halfof beauty.

"Years ago the problem of dress Which is admitting that the girl had right to use her salary as she pleased. If she wanted to help her

family, invest in a home, or whatnot, it was her money, and her business. But today she can't hold a job unless she spends the greater part of her salary on herself. Naturally she LOOKS better. But at what cost! What does she eat?

Where does she sleep? What protection has she against sickness-and the loss of a job? Physicians say that tuberculosis is greatly on the increase among our younger women. Largely owing to the way they dress. And without surplus funds to fight it when it starts.

Don't let outward appearance desive you. Look under the surface. Study causes and effects. "Easy living," fast living, lack of home life; what is back of it all? And where is eration? Ask your neighbors to answer this question. If they can't, answer it for them. Capitalism is a hard task to master. It is time for improvement. For a change in behalf pot dome case. Teapot dome-let's of all of ua!

The Filling Station

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LINCOLN PHIFER

Joe, the Filling Station Serf, has backslid. When his old sidekick, An ton, the delivery "boy," 45 years old, an out and out Red, came for gas, Joe handed him this:

"I am all off this Socialism, you know. It is plain that the mere workers haven't sense enough to handle big business. Socialism wouldn't

work." "is that so?" asked Anton. "Who is managing the Standard Oil companies? I read that John D. hasn't even attended a directors meeting in years, while John D., Jr., does no more than lay out policies. The real business of the concern is done by hired hands—all of it. They seem to make it go pretty well."

"Well, you just said that John D. Jr., lays out the program. How do you suppose the Ford business could

run without either Henry or Edsel?" "Neither of them seems to be doing much except dance and invest their earnings and advise the workers how the country ought to be run. So far as the actual work of making or managing the automobile business is concerned, they are more figureheads. Yet they draw down from the suckers who ride several hundred million dolmore leisure than you or I have."

"But the managing-"Well, let us see what the managing of the big fellows mean. In many industries, they have managed to make the public pay for their full investment by investing in paper on which they have no vote. They manage to unload on the actual managers the burden of making them millions, and also of collecting enough profits to pay heavy interest to the banks. The only managing they do is to plan for digging the public a little more Listen, Joe-

"Like the jackass, I am all cars." "Well, the heads of big business re really making the managing of the business many times as hard for those who do the work of struggling for profits for others, as it would be for the same men to manage the same business under Socialism, where no profits were to be made. Beside----. Joe cut him off. "That is a plenty,"

Making an Issue—Parable Republicans and Democrats met in conference in the capitol at Washing-

ton to make an issue for the coming campaign. "You say you are for the world court," said Hypocrit Republican to his friend, Fraidycat Democrat, "and

I will say I am against it. Then the people will line up behind us and quit looking at our rascality." "But how will we get them to stop looking at our records?" asked

Fraidycat Democrat. --- Just holler," was the reply of Hypocrit Republican. "There isn't anything in the world to do but rave

The Virtuous Cat-Fable

control. It leaves no loopholes for in. cold blooded? But, as they say, the fire in comfortable contentment. ing party, \$14,797,001. "It pays to have a clear conscience." the cat said, "and to be at peace with all the world."

--- There are men like that.

Relea Keller refers to Coolidge as "dear." She probably means costly. He who work for Socialism works

for himself. There are a raft of people in this country who may have to become

army officers in order to escape criticism for their crookedness Old partyites are worrying over how to restore the home they have destroyed. Why not try Socialism,

with its abundance for all? Somebody has been poking into the Republican Idol, Coolidge, and finds

he is wooden.

The Democratic argument seems to be that the country can't afford four more years of Republican robbery and that it is better to substitute a Democratic panic.

After all, the bandit is generally as bright as the average banker and a good deal braver in his methods.

If the young people know enough to keep from being robbed as we have been, all else will be forgiven.

If Lincoln freed four millon black slaves, the supreme court bound four million child slaves by one court de-

Roosevelt was unAmerican, not because be favored the right to recall judicial decisions, but because he did not favor declaring that the supreme court must not nullify an act of con-RI 685.

Republicans say Socialism wouldn't work. They are such experts in grafting that possibly Socialism would not work—under them.

Unexampled prosperity! Breadlines everywhere! Fifty million dollars spent yearly for charity! Thousands out of employment! Extra, extra!

The efficient department of justice says it means to proscrute the Teasee, what is that?

Letters to Judd

By Upton Sinclair

the title of that chapter was "Phila

delphia Corrupt and Contented," and

today you can take out the name

Philadelphia, and insert the name of

The poor have never carried a na-

tional election in this country since

the civil war, and the reason is

simple, they have been too poor. It

costs a million dollars to put a single

piece of literature into the hands of

all the voters in our country; and

when you figure the cost of the speak-

ers and the halls and the advertising

and the bands and the red fire and

the rockets and the flags and the

bunting and the bunk, you have a total

of several times as many millions as

ever got acknowledged in the reports

of campaign expenditures turned in

produce these millions; and even if

get the publicity, because the capital-

of the poor, even as advertisements-

I know, because I have tried it; the

radio will not accept speakers for the

poor-I know, because I have tried

The Second Line

As for the second line of defense.

the breaking up of popular move-

ments and the bedeviling of popular

that also.

according to law. The poor cannot of the nullification of a major statute

they had the money, they could not law forbidding combinations in re-

ist papers will not print the arguments of the profits of big business, and big

any big American city you please.

Letter VIII

My dear Judd: You read about the rich growing richer and the poor poorer, and you wonder why the poor have stood it Why didn't they "do something."

The answer is, they tried to, but the rich wouldn't let them. It is of the nature of wealth to be powerful, and to use its power to protect and perpetuate itself. Jesus said: "Whosoever bath, to him shall be given; and whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he seemeth to have." You have there the whole of political and economic science, and no professor in any capitalist university can say it any better. The history of our country is a record of incessant struggles on the part of the poor, continually repressed and brought to nought by the rich. The most powerful weapon in this conflict has been, of course, the government; the rich have had it, and the poor have been trying to take it away from them, and have failed.

Lines of Defense

In their battle the rich have had four lines of defense. First, the elections: they put up the money, and subsidize a political party, and carry on a campaign of falsehood and abuse, and buy votes and stuff ballot-boxes, and so defeat the poor at the polls. Second, assuming they fail in this, comes the legislative line of defense; they sow discord in the ranks of their opponents, they buy up some of their representatives, they delay action and confuse the public and plant "lokers" in the bills which are passed. And then comes the third line, the courts: the rich have named as judges their own retainers and corporation attorneys, their fellow club-members and table-companions, thoroughly trained in reverance for property; and these judges discover the "jokers" in the laws, and declare them unconstitutional, null and void. Fourth, assuming these three lines fail, the rich I simply dely the laws; resting upon the certainty that their government will

not punish them; and it does not Do these seem to you extreme statethousand times over by the well-established facts of our history. In a previous letter I made the assertion that out of fifteen presidential elections since the civil war, fourteen were carried by the party which had the biggest campaign fund. Here are the figures, direct from headquarters -the "Wall Street Journal." winning party is listed first:

1868, Rep. \$150,000, Dem. \$75,000; 1872, R. \$250,000, D. \$50,000; 1876, R. \$950,000, D. \$900,000; 1880, R. \$1.100, 000, D. \$305 000; 1884, D. \$1,499,900, R. .\$1,300,000;1888, R. \$1,350,000, D \$855,-000: 1892, D. \$2,350,000, R. \$1,550,000; 1896, R. \$16.500,000, D. \$675,000: 1900. R. \$9,500,000, D. \$425,000; 1904, R. \$3,-500,000, D. \$1,250,000; 1908, R. \$1,700,-000, D. \$750,000; 1912, D. \$650,000, R. \$750,000, Prog. \$325,000; 1916, D. \$1.-400.229, R. \$2,012.535; 1920, R. \$3,-986.383, D. \$2,891.252; 1924, R. \$3,359,-A cat, who had played with, worried 478, D. \$845,520, Prog. \$225 935. Total they have vetoed law after law, cul- biller," the Tweed ring, the railroad to death and eaten a mouse, purred by of winning party, \$49,650,369; of los-

Ballot-Box Stuffing

As to ballot-box stuffing, Judd, I am not making any guesses, but telling you what I have seen with my own eyes. In my ardent youth I gave my services as election-watcher for the "reform" ticket in New York city, and came very close to getting my head stove in, for trying to prevent the counting of illegal ballots by Tammany beelers; the thing that saved me was the fact that as the returns came in, the heelers perceived that they had won anybow, and didn't need the exto vote "dead dogs and negro bables"; the spread of the crime wave!

Why do western miners ask Wall i

street to finance their mining? Ask

The politicians have no intention

of giving you relief from your con-

which they will take to mean a license

Socialism doesn't promise to do so

much for you, as it provides a means

by which you will be able to do things

Carrying for Profits

No sensible person objects to the

carrying of goods from places where

they are produced to places where

they are not produced. Indeed, wise

distribution is one of the cardinal

But under the utterly wasteful and

imbecilic system of distribution for

profits, fully ten times as much carry-

Meats are shipped from a state that

produces them to other states that

produce them. The same is true of

potatoes and of practically everything

A fine example of useless shipping

is found in England, which country

once produced all the eggs it con

sumed. Last year it imported \$93.

179.680 worth of eggs from Denmark

Ireland, Poland, France, Italy, Egypt,

China, Canada, the United States and

South America. At the same time it

shipped eggs to many of these coun-

ing of goods is done as is needed.

processes of practical socialism.

dition. They merely want your votes.

more gold!

to kick you again.

for yourselves.

that is consumed.

tries.

legislation, the proof is the story of every "reform" movement that has taken office anywhere in the United States. Never once since the civil war have the people succeeded in making effective a major piece of legislation in their own interest; the proof of which extreme statement lies in the statistics of real wages in the United States-the fact that in the richest nation in the world, for the period of its greatest productivity and expansion, the poor have been growing poorer. We have had campaigns of "muckraking." yes; I remember how, many years ago, "Everybody's Magazine" printed a boastful editorial. listing all the crusades they had car ried on for the benefit of the people; and I wrote, challenging them to point out one single practical result which had come of all their efforts, to show ments: Each one can be proved a where they had been able to divert a single dollar from the pockets of the rich into the pockets of the poor; and 'Everybody's" did not take up that challenge, nor even print it. To compieto the story, note that "Everybody's" has long since forgotten that

> tice, and so has every other magazine of big circulation in the United States. The third line of defense, the courts: that is the most shameful story of all, and for it I reserve a separate letter. For the moment let States one line which entitles the courts to throw our or to annul an act of Congress. Such action is pure and | question is to be a "Bolshevik." absolute usurpation, a power which slave out their lives in and coal mines.

it ever had any interest in social jus-

Last Defense Line

And then, the last line of defense: The big bootleggers today are eminent tra ballots! Lincoln Steffens, in his citizens, on terms of equality with book, "The Shame of the Cities," tells | bankers and judges and corporation how in Philadelphia the machine used attorneys; and yet we speculate about penny in your own pocket, one morsel

The imbecility of this useless carry- practically three times as heavy, or ing is expressed in an English pro-Russia. She wants more gold, and verb. "Carrying coals to Newcastle," Wall street will be ruined if there is where coal is mined. Yet it is a settled policy of a crazy system looking rate, and these are the figures gathsolely to profits.

> Capitalism As Slaughter By Alfred Baker Lewis.

ounced for being too extreme.

When we Socialists describe capitalism as slaughter, we are not exaggerating or being too extreme, we are speaking the literal truth. It is slaughter of the innocents. The United States Government, through the Children's Bureau in the Department of Labor has investigated the deaths of children in a number of our large cities and published its findings. It death rate of children and the income of the father. As the income goes up, the death rate comes down so that among the best-paid workers the death rate was 59 per 1,000, while among

of food in your own mouth! 167 per 1,000. As the income went up for the lowest paid group, at each stage there was a fall in the death ered and published not by Socialists but by the United States Government

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Remember these figures when you hear Socialists denounced as extreme Think about these figures when you finds a direct relation between the hear the newspaper lackeys of the owners of industry bewailing high wages. Reflect on these figures, all of you who sympathize with us but have not yet joined the Socialist

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business simply refused to give those profits up. The trust magnates fought the government-for thirty-ene years that fight has been going on, in the courts, at the polls, in the kept press, and secretly by intrigue and bribery. Those public officials who could not be bought have been slandered and driven out of public life-Theodore Roosevelt, for example; and the result is that today the law is an absolute dead letter. The great combinations are being formed, all the way down the line-the power trust, the bread trust, the radio trust, the movie trust; they are establishing monopolies and

holding up prices and watering stocks a thousand or ten thousand percent; and what is the state of public opinion on the subject? One of the most conspicuous of the law-breakers. Secretary Mellon of the Aluminum trust. sits in our cabinet at Washington, and dictates a law cutting his own income taxes in half, and another law keeping his income taxes secret!

Or take what happened in the case of the Standard Oil trust. In 1911 the Supreme Court ordered it to "dissolve." the purpose being to restore competition. The concern made a paper "dissolution," into thirty-two separate companies, but for some reason these little companies remained in complete and brotherly harmony: so much so that in ten years they increased the market value of their stocks thirty-five times, and the dividends paid, including of course the stock dividends, amounted to eighteen times the total capital when the dissolution took place! In other words, what Standard Oil did was to make a joke of the law, obeying it on paper and defying it in reality. Yet, are the me make just one statement: there is securities of this criminal erganizanot in the Constitution of the United | tion any the less valid, any the less sacred under the law? Are its dellars any the less real? To ask such a

Throughout our history, ever since the courts have seized; and they have the civil war, we have had scandals, got away with it for one reason and and government officials have been one only-because it has served the caught selling out the people to big interests of the rich. On that basis business thieves. The "credit mominating in the recent decision which land steals, the Ballinger land steals. sentenced a million little children to the airplane steals, the war-contract frauds, the Sinclair and Doheny oil steals-one could name scores of such Here and there efforts were made to punish the thieves; but in ne case was the stolen money recovered. All those say that when the rich do not like billions of fraudulent dollars exist tothe law, they simply defy it. The day in Wall Street, in the form of proof of that statement is written on perfectly sound and respectable sethe front pages of our newspapers day curities, standing on a par with all by day. The rich are making no pre- other vested property rights. You, tense of obeying the prohibition law; and the rest of our tolling masses. I have had drinks offered to me, in continue to pay dividends and interest defiance of law, in the offices of lead- upon them; as the system stands, and ing senators and government officials. so long as it stands, you must pay tribute to all that mass of stolen wealth, before ever you can have one

itself. (Children's Bureau Publication

"Suffer little children to come unto me" were the words of Jesus; but He did not ask the owners of industry to hurry the process by paying as low wages as they can get the workers to accept, resisting every move for an advance in pay, and taking advantage of every period of hard times to cut Wazes.

the poorest paid, the death rate was | Party.

The Coal Strike---And After

George R. Kirkpatrick The anthracite coal strike settlement may be a "peace without victory." But it is certainly peace without mercy-for the miners.

The New Slavery

Wage slavery-under capitalismis a fact. Wage slavery is not a theory or a phrase but a fact of firstclass importance in American industry. The anthracite coal industry illustrates and demonstrates perfectly this wage-slave status of the wage-

The southern slave-owner said, "You shall and you shall not." Backed by the state and the nation, backed by the law and the lash, the southern master made good on his "shall" and "shall not."

The coal-barons captains of industry buy human brain-and-muscle laborpower just as they buy bracing timbers for the mines-and just as the southern gentlemen bought black people and race-horses.

The New Lash

Backed by the state and the nation, backed by the press and the church, backed by the cossacks and the militia, backed by the regular army and the President-with his cruel and cunning hands-off policy-backed by the law and the lash, the lash of starvation, thus backed and braced, the masters of the anthracite industry have said, "You shall" and "You shall not"; and they have made good with their brutal "shall" and "shall not."

The strike just closed is the latest frequent open general battles between the anthracite masters and miners in the last twenty-five years.

"Shall—Shall Not" Always in all these battles the coal barons have brutally said. "You shall not now have, AND YOU NEVER SHALL HAVE, a wage that will give y a good food and plenty of it, good clothing and plenty of it, good homes with ample room and modern conveniences. Our profits may pile up and do pile up into hundreds of millions and billions-but you shall not have even these physical good things of life, and you certainly shall not have art, science, literature, music, culture for your children. You are foolish, simply foolish, if you even dream of such things for yourselves and for your children; and if you

By Joseph E. Cohen

the beds of anthracke, so they will

also bend their minds over the lessons

of the strike and the problems of

the future. What is in store for them?

of that time?

In the five years of the new con-

As the miners bow their bodies over

whips of starvation till you surrender | again. Shut up, and stand back." on all such demands; and if you | To the American National Legisla THE fate which we, your masters, promptly jailed or shot."

A Splendid Fight

No men in modern times have made a nobler fight for the improvement of their lives and their families lives than the anthracite miners have just made. No wives were ever more nobly loyal to their struggling men than the miners wives have been in this cruel whimpered less than the miners' children in the long drawn anthracite strike just ended.

But wage slavery stands out clear bove all as the real status of the toiler in the deadly mines.

Armed Brutality Speaks

A few hundred coal operators defied 158,000 wage-earners and a total population of a million people directly involved: -- boldly, brazenly they faced the 153,000 politically free but politically confused—and industrially enslaved-men,-boldly faced them and deflantly said:

"You shall submit to arbitration hereafter for five years to come. "You shall not have \$1.00 a day in-

crease in wages for day-men. "You shall submit for five years to come with no chance to arrange a foint strike with the bituminous

miners' union. "You shall not have the regular, usual, effective check off you have demanded.

"You shall not have the 10 per cen increase in tonnage rates demanded." These "shalls" and "shall nots" are the language of masters, the language of despotism.

Stand Back—Shut Up!

Moreover, the anthracite masters with the whips of hunger. Stand back. THAT POWER. The vast riches in black diamonds nation's industry, it is our private INDUSTRIAL POWER. property. Shut up, and stand back!"

will lash you for months with the be a candidate for the Presidency forever.

boldly protest in open outbreak ture, the anthracite masters have said, against the LEVEL OF LIFE AND "Hands off. Shut up and stand back. We are going to sell our coal stocks determine for you, we shall have you and culm banks and keep up the price of our black diamonds. You keep out of this."

> To the all-powerful injunction courts the anthracite masters have said. "Shut up! and stand back, while for five months we lash these miners and their wives and little ones with the whip of hunger. The cossacks and machine guns are ready for our use if the minera break out in open pro test. We, as the masters of the anthra cite industry, have much to gain and system. The wage-slave system looks good to us."

Machine-Guns Ready Bravely, admirably, magnificently the miners struggled and shivered and hungered for five long months but the brave men were up against the "shall" and "shall not" of the present form of industrial despotism which is backed by rifles and machine guns, enabling the masters to wield the lash

of hunger-just as the southern black workers were up against the "shall" and "shall not" of the southern gentlemen reinforced by the "laws of the land" and the rifle and the black snake We are ashamed to admit but we are forced to admit the fact of the wage-slave status of the wage-paid

worker who can be for five long

months mercilessly whipped with the

lash of hunger and, unarmed, compelled to face the tear gas bomb, the machine gun, the armored tank, the high-powered rifle always ready to defend the wage-slave system if the

Appeal to History

show-down comes.

Moreover, the antiractic masters on. At the top would be a power boldly said to 115 million American ONLY WAY MEN HAVE EVER eral authorities after being refused and transport commission attached to people, "Stand back! You will have FOUND TO ESCAPE THE TYRAN- admittance into Canada, and that the people, "Stand cace: 100 will have the policy of the polic we lash these miners into submission HAS BEEN TO DEMOCRATIZE over to Sheriff Elmer Pearson of Hal-

THE ONLY WAY TO ESCAPE THE sued a public statement to the effect stored in these mountains belong to TYRANNICAL USE OF INDUSTRIAL that he notified J. J. Sulivan, warden us. The anthracite industry is not the DESPOTISM IS TO DEMOCRATIZE of the Stillwater penitentiary, that he

A thousand strikes will never settle den Sullivan stated that they did not Boldly the anthracite masters have the coal problem, but industrial want Schan and instructed him to

said to President Coolidge, "Play our democracy won through the ballot and take him over the North Dakota line tion council would be the board of presume to demand such things we game, Chief Servant or you will not the solidarity of labor will settle it

the Miners Look Ahead?

in pardoning or paroling prisoners and dumping them into other states. This has been common practice in Minnesota for some time. In North Dakota the practice of the pardon board is just the opposite. When a man is pastrict understanding that he remain family sickness, and then only tem-

Build it up.

Nor is that most of it. Those de ment everywhere. It hangs heavy over for coal as a levy upon such as re-

What About Labor? pending upon anthracite will be ready the heads of all miners. with a year's storedup supply before the contract expires. Ease in the use of substitutes will also be down to an

ke in the coming sixty

More than that, other and complementary sources for heating, illumisating and generating energy are ready to be tapped. At present only an auxiliary to coal, the development

of water supply is far from bounded. Finally, the day is not distant when the coal barons in the various countries will have arranged a thorough understanding for the pooling of their supplies to the best purpose. This will be especially ready for emergencies

With that as an inkling of what the morrow holds, what are the American miners going to do about it?

The Strike Not Enough The old days are done for. The coal monopoly is beyond reach of the

eral prison for opposition to the World War, and

ernments of the former Allies; therefore

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in control.

So what will labor do about it? As in politics so in industry, the of their country. cure for the shortcomings of democunbelievable. Yet what preparation it the results of every industrial;

was able to make for that strike is but struggie. a brief introduction to the intimate acquaintance with measures of precaumonths. Of that the miners may be

British Labor's Example To be sure the problem differs in for nationalization. England and on the continent. At the the fires may be kept burning. Another | the general consumers.

crisis awaits this spring. Even so, the American mine workers may glance upon the page their English brothers have written into the history of world labor. Faced by a desperate need, the program they have formulated deserves the most

sympathetic attention. (Editor's Note: -The nature of this program is described in detail by Le land Olds on this page.)

Hardly necessary to add, the whole program revolves upon the pivot of legislative halls where they can formunationalization of the coal industry. The miners and labor men of Britain dustry to serve the people.

Clip here. Attach to blank sheets of paper for names and ad dresses. When filled, send immediately to American Appeal.

Citizenship to Eugene V. Debs

WHEREAS, Eugene V. Debs was deprived of his citizenship when he was sentenced to a fed-

WHEREAS, Mr. Debs was sentenced under a special emergency law to fit a special emergency,

WHEREAS, Mr. Debs' motives from his viewpoint were pure and patriotic and in no way culp-

WHEREAS, Mr. Debs is a man of loftiest and purest motive, devoted whole-heartedly to a

WHEREAS, amnesty or parole has been granted by the United States government in all cases

Petition for Restoration of

WHEREAS, Mr. Debs has been released from prison without citizenship, and

and in view of the fact that this law and this emergency no longer exist, and

Me-long work of making this country, as he sees it, greater and better, and

leave the mines is not enough. When | abstract question but an imperative the strike is over the coal combine is necessity. In submitting their program, they are acting as the most practical and level-headed statesmen

However different the situation of racy is more democracy. The coal American miners and the industry barons won through the aid and com- here is now as against that of the will they have in a conflict at the end | fort of their financial reserves. Labor | world, before the five-year truce is up and support of the masses who are quite a serious snarl. The question of

The Nationalization Issue

Even if labor should not be suff-So far as the coal situation goes, the clently aroused to this need, industry roled in North Dakota it is with the problem will be shifted readily into outside of coal may be. With a wrench the world market. The next interna- in the pressure upon public service tional gathering of union miners will commissions away from the present be a highly important one. Coal is corporation benefit and toward the a black cloud over the labor move public service, the increasing charge quire it for the making of gas, steam and electricity is sure to raise the cry

To the extent labor takes the ini bottom of industrial activity alto- thative and is insistent upon its first gether, coal has felt the effect of the interest in industry, will government damper so severely in Britain that ownership be democratic and redound forced oxygen has been resorted to so to the advantage of the miners and

> That means, the plank in the American Federation of Labor platform for the "public ownership of public utilities" must be made to mean the concrete call for the nationalization of

Labor Politics Imperative

politics. Tried and true advocates and states men among the miners will have to leave the pits to take their seats in

late plans for the conduct of the inold ways of fighting. To fold arms and | realize that nationalization is not an | Every coal community must bence

will take part in the government. A socialist vote is a sign of intelligence; an old party vote a sign of subservience.

copy, give it to a friend.—Thank

forward be represented by a union miner in state legislature and con-

Pennsylvania, the home of anthracite, must have senators who are not corporation attorneys but popular spokesmen. Likewise in the soft coal states.

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we can't lose, under the capitalist Minnesota Has Lesson in Dumping Criminals

By A. I. Harris "It's an ill wind bloweth no man

The hysteria that has been aroused in Minnesota against the parole system and the indeterminate sentence law, with its accompanying agitation for restoration of capital punishment as the result of the killing of a police officer and the shooting of two other persons by an insane discharged bandit produced at least one good effect. It made the people acquainted with the immoral practice of officials of the policy of "dumping" criminals

from one state into another. Stanley Sciban is the bandit in question. He spent most of the time of his prison term in an insane asylum and, when pronounced cured, was given a conditional discharge, the condition being that he go to Canada, where he had lived for eight years. The Canadian immigration authorities refused to admit him.

It now develops that Schan was All history demonstrates that THE turned over to the United States fedhad Sciban in custody, and that Warstatement of Sheriff Pearson when asked as to what transpired.

fined to Minnesota, but is quite uni- workers elected by their respective versal in this country. It is one of the organizations. This council would methods employed in "solving" the also include 2 representatives of the criminal problem, a method which is power and transport commission and highly immoral and of course ineffect the secretary of mines, who would tual as it solves nothing.

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Socialists May Enter Finnish Government

By Adolph Salmi.

Most important proposition to be submitted to the Social Democratic Party Convention, to be held soon in Helsingfors, Finland, is the question of participation in the administration. The Social Democratic Party is largest political party in Finland, but since the unfortunate civil war ended. it has declined to take the responsibilities of administration. The examples set by the British Labor Party and Scandinavian Socialists Parties has turned the tide, and it is now expected that the Socialists in Finland

"After carefully reading this

British Labor Presents Real Plan to Solve Coal Problem

By Leland Olds

The coal industry, organized with a single eye to securing an efficient service for the public and a proper standard of life for the mine workers. That is the objective of the Miners' Federation of Great Britain in its proposals to the coal commission for reorganization and development of the coal and power industry.

The proposals were presented after discussion by a joint committee representing the miners, the British Trades Union congress and the labor party. They are therefore backed by the entire British labor movement This concrete plan for unification affords the best possible answer to enemies of nationalization.

The federation assumes that the private ownership of coal by more than 3,000 owners and the operation of 3,000 pits by more than 1,000 separate concerns is not favorable to economical working. It concludes that the first condition of overcoming existing defects is the unification of the ownership of coal, the ownership and operation of collieries and of the distribution and export of coal.

Proposes Government Ownership

"The powers necessary to bring into existence and operate such a system." says the federation, "are two large to he entrusted to any but a public body. We propose, therefore, that the ownership of the minerals and the collieries be acquired by the state." The federation proposes that the .ndustry continue to be run by "those who today as managing directors. managers, clerical and manual workers are concerned with its carrying on." At the top would be a power th board of trade (British departfull time experts on coal, electricity, lock, Minn. Sheriff Pearson has is gas, transport, commercial and labor questions and a chairman. This commission would be the final authority in larger questions of policy.

Form Production Council A national coal and power producand turn him loose. Warden Suill- directors responsible for the actual orvan has refused to comment on the ganization and conduct of the industry. It would consist of an equal number of executive and administrative The practice of course is not con- officials and of miners and by product act as chairman. Below this body Governor A. G. Sorlie of North Da- would be provincial councils and pit

A consumers' council is proposed to

industries, municipal authorities, co-, new capital for development. Say, operative societies and the body ret the federation: "There will be to sponsible for export. This council question of parliament granting set. consumers including prices, transport rates and methods, and distribution. It would meet with the coal and power production council from time to time council will be interested in the eq. for negotiation of prices and wages. Concerning this the federation says:

Councils "With regard to wage questions it

is proposed that applications for modifications in wages should first come before the coal and power production council. This body, however, should not have power to arrive at any de can propose nothing but longer build cision. It should communicate the fact that an application has been received to the consumers council, and s joint session of an equal number of members of each of the 2 councils should be held at which the case should be stated by the representatives of the workers concerned. In the event of a majority of the representatives of the 2 councils in joint session agreeing that a change should be made, they should have power to effect it."

in case of failure to reach a settlement, the federation suggests the two councils, might arrange for a special court to make recommendations. Prices would be mutually worked out on the basis of ascertained costs. Such provisions effectively answer the con- an extremely strong strategic positention that the workers would use nationalization of the basic industries to bleed the nation.

Outline Financing Plans

Descendants of robber barons, who claim a royalty on each ton of coal because they own coal lands granted their remote ancestors by former kings, will be the only claimants left out in the cold by the British Miners Federation plan for nationalizing the industry. The federation proposes compensation for capital actually invested in the machinery of production and distribution as well as for the persons whose employment is temporarily disturbed by more economical distribution.

Compensation for mines taken over, says the federation, must be based on market values determined either by the price of mine shares over a period immediately preceding the appointment of the coal commission or by the average annual profits of the industry. Owners would receive redeemable government stock or fixed annuities for a period of years.

Industry to Pay for Itself

The expense of buying out the mine owners would be charged to the nationalized industry as a part of the "Members of the North Dakota state protect the public. It would consist cost of production. The miners' plan which only actual producers and reprepardon board are very much opposed of representatives of employers and assumes that the industry will pay its sentatives of consumers can be to the practice of Minnesota officials workers in the coal and power-using way, eventually providing its own familiar."

would consider all matters common to sidies, and therefore mismanagement will recoil on the heads of those 12 the industry, who will suffer economically. Moreover, the consumore ciency of the industry and may be trusted to exercise effective presented Fix Rights of Consumer's on the industry to fulfill its response

British labor's proposals include the outline of a thoroughgoing technical transformation of the industry along lines developed by American a perpower engineers, affording a stri ing contrast" to the coal operators who and lower wages. The miners feet :3. tion emphasizes:

Go Into Power and By. **Products**

"We suggest that the coal industry should become an organization for the mining of coal, manufacturing electrical power on a very large scale making both coke and smokeless fuel and producing in addition gas, fuel oils, ammonium compounds, chemical base materials from tars, and other by products."

Returning to the big question of who is to get the savings from such economies, the federation says "There is a fear that in a nationali: ed industry the producers may occupy tion which would enable them to force unreasonable demands. It is clear that the producers in a publicly-owned industry have a strong claim for reasonable treatment, but it is equally clear that the community cannot normally permit conditions of employment which the industry cannot sustain, or which are unfair to consumers. It has never been proposed by the labor movement that the producers in a nationally-owned industry should determine their own remuner

Talk Wages With Consumers

"We have taken the view that the consumers, if they can be adequately organized-in they can in the case of coal and power-might be the body with whom the producers should, in the first place, negotiate on questions which may involve an increased charge upon consumers. This method is the more desirable because elimination of waste, better co-ordination. and the development of new methods and processes will we believe result in large gains, and the proportion in which those gains should be allocated to the producers and consumers can only be decided by considerations with

"Practicing What You Preach" ple, I preach that I want, should have and am entitled to the full product of

of California as an organizer for the that I will cease to be a Socialist."

the little town of Antioch: Labor World subscribers I quite and others do? 'Most assuredly I logically concluded that he was a So-I would.' 'Well, there you are-why cialist, but of this I was very soon idon't you practice what you preach'; disabused. After introducing myself and say, you should have seen the I said "I hope, sir, that you are a expression on his face, the way he RPAL SOCIALIST and prepared to dried up was a caution." get into action for party work." "Why, I am not a Socialist at all."

said he. "In fact I have no use for Socialism, do not subscribe to your ciples of Socialism to you. paper and it does not come here." "Oh, yes, it does, spoke up his clerk; nt comes here all right. I read it every paper, too-contains a great deal of

valuable information." for it-oh, yes! I guess I know how it happened. Old man ---- must have subscribed for it for me. He was a crazy old fool of a Socialist (dead now) and he used to talk to me you could?" by the hour, but he never made any impression on ME. I put it all over him in the last argument we had. He shut up like a clam and never said preach?" any more to me about Socialism after that. No doubt he thought the paper

read the durn thing." "You must have made a very convincing reply to his statements to practice the principles of Socialism lus and urge of poverty' and thus me silence him so completely. What was under Capitalism without running the tice what you preach-you ct do it you said to him, anyway? Perhaps risk of starving to death. For exam- THAT, you know."

could do better than he, but I don't

Socialist party, I met a man who is | "Certainly I can. This is what I the proprietor of a grocery store in asked him: 'Say, if you had \$5,000 italist system. We Socialists wint to

wouldn't you invest it and get all you Since his name was on the list of can as a result just the same as I "How wonderful-now I can under-

stand why he realized how futile it was for him to try to explain the prin-"Why, what d'ye mean?

"Simply this: he saw that you did not have the capacity to comprehend once in a while and it is a good what he was endeavoring to teach you and thought that the paper could, perhaps, present the matter in a clearer "Well, anyhow, I didn't subscribe light, so he spent \$2.00 on it for you -evidently wasted."

"Well, now, look'y here, ain't I right -wouldn't you if you had the chance invest money and get all out of it that 'Certainly.'

"Then what are you driving atwhy don't YOU practice what you

"I can't. Wish I could, but it can't be done under capitalism, that is why you?" I am a Socialist.' "Huh, I don't get you at all."

"Then I will explain: One cannot

my labor, but if I should go to work By Emil Herman

(National Socialist Party Organizer)

On my recent tour through the state

On the following about half of the time of the following about half of the for nothing. I do not like it-it is a matter of compulsion under this cipchange the system from one of the duction for profit to one of profit test for use so that all who work may enjoy the fruits of their labor 22 iiminished by the exploitation of carital to pay rent, interest and indistral profit to capitalists. But, by the way why don't YOU practice what YOU preach, where it is possible to do w:

"Now, what are you driving at" "Just this: you and your kin! are always harping about poverty heing stimulas and an urge to progress. YOU preach that, don't you?"

"Sure, I was raised in poverty and so were many other successful capitalists that I know of." "Do you give your children good shelter?"

"Good, wholesome food?"

"The best of education?"

"Plenty of play time, amusement and recreation?" 'Yes." "In fact, you keep them just as far

away from poverty as possible, that "Say, are you trying to kid me "No, I am only wondering wh you don't give your children the - imu-

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