



In response to questions from correspondents and for the information of other readers who do not know where to look for the label on union-made goods...

In New Zealand the telegraph toll is one cent per word with a minimum fee of 12 cents. It has proven to be too much and the fee will be reduced because it accumulates an unnecessary surplus in the public treasury...

The plague has broken out in Manila and our boys are put to guarding the victims! Great and glorious occupation! By the way, how much have you been benefitted by our "colonial possessions?"

The telegraphers on the Southern Pacific and Alabama Southern railways are out on a strike. These roads are the most tyrannical with both the employees and the public of any crushing corporations in the nation...

ELECTRICITY has just been applied to the making of cigarettes and cut tobacco. Result: 180,000 cigarettes and 5,000 pounds of cut tobacco per minute.

"You must keep the people at work or fighting if you want to keep them in slavery, for leisure gives reflection; reflection gives discontent; discontent gives liberty and liberty ends slavery."

The above is credited to Napoleon. Can you not see that is true, whether he said it or not? Men fighting, acting under orders, their minds concentrated on the other fellows, cannot realize their true relations to their fellows?

Expansion.

Oh, yes! that's what the frog did; but he did something else—he busted. So will Uncle Samuel bust, not because he expanded, but in spite of it.

SAM MUSTAIN.

"Liberty and Individuality."

A friend has asked me if I wouldn't rather take my "chances" under a system where I have "liberty and individuality" than to live under socialism. Friend, my chances are just what I'm fighting for.

Men have liberty and individuality when trying to escape from a burning building. They all rush to the exit, each trying to find their own way to be first.

THE REPORTER.

The APPEAL office is 150 feet deep, and another building will be erected for its store-room next month.

Tolstoy on the Boer War

COUNT TOLSTOY recently wrote a letter to Reynolds' newspaper expressing the following vigorous opinion on the war in South Africa. "I cannot agree with those who attribute the cause of the present war to the behavior of this or that political leader.

"So long as we will profit by privileged wealth, whilst the masses of the people are crushed with labor, there will always be wars for markets, gold mines, etc., which we require in order to maintain our privileged wealth.

"These are the reasons why I cannot agree with you and cannot rebuke the blind tools of ignorance and evil, but see the cause of war in such a region in which I can myself contribute either to the diminution or augmentation of the evil.

LEO TOLSTOY.

A Few Office Secrets.

Seven type writers are used in the office. Thirty-five people on the APPEAL pay roll. The APPEAL contract calls for a car of paper every three weeks for the year.

The postoffice at Girard has moved up a peg, and on July 1 will be in the column of second-class offices, thanks to the great mail of the APPEAL.

APPEAL ARMY HELPERS.

- List of names and locations of helpers for the APPEAL Army, including Wm. Dye, Eldorado, Kan.; H. P. Walfr, Gomo, Colo.; John Seline, Montgomery Station, Pa.; etc.

from other North Dakota comrades make 70 for their neck of the prairie. Fifty-five from Kentucky makes us think that the legislature has adjourned down there.

One comrade subscribed for the APPEAL a year for the fifty ministers in his town. Since then the most prominent preacher there has declared himself a Christian Socialist.

A comrade recently secured the subscriptions of two men living in opposite sides of his city. The next he heard or saw of them was their names in the APPEAL army column.

Alabama and Nebraska came in even with 35 each. Other ties were South Carolina and Utah with 13 and Nevada and Mississippi, two 9's apiece, Minnesota and Texas with 10 each.

Comrade Storz, who runs the best socialist hotel in Kansas City and also runs the best of any socialist candidate in that town, threw down a list of 10; before they were on the army list he swatted us with 20 more.

NEXT WEEK

THE APPEAL WILL GIVE YOU IN FULL Leonard D. Abbott's THE Society of the Future

A splendid thing to hand to any one who can read, but who has not read enough. If you have any neighbors who scoff at social ideals and need awakening, this article is just the thing to hand out to them.

50 Cents per 100—\$5 per 1000 SOCIALISTS AT THE POLLS.

The Kaleidoscope is a new paper at Holden, Mo., supporting the S. D. P. Socialist vote in Chicago was almost doubled at the recent election.

Nephi, Utah, cast 31 socialist votes for congressman at special election April 2. Dr. D. F. Eskew is the S. D. P. nominee for congress in the Fourteenth district of Missouri.

New S. D. P. branches have been organized at Lawson, Col., Aurora, Mo., and Milwaukee (2).

The social democrats polled 59 votes for two councilmen at Jacksonville, Ill., an average of nearly 30 for the first ticket. The Freeman's Labor Journal of Spokane says that when Debs comes to Washington this summer he will draw larger crowds than either Bryan or McKinley can draw in that state.

Thirty days after the social democrats organized at Redlands, Cal., the election occurred. The polled 107 out of 658. The people are ready for a change if you will organize and attract their attention.

To aid the socialist political movement in Kansas G. C. Clemens has started the Western Socialist News. It will be published monthly for the purpose of giving news of the S. D. P. in that state.

A Battle Creek comrade writes that should the social democrats of that city get a proportionately large gain in the next election they will have every vote in the city. They won't get quite that far—but there will be a surprise in Battle Creek when the S. D. P. votes are counted next time.

EDITOR APPEAL TO REASON:—We have organized a branch of the S. D. P. in our town. We claim no honor for this ourselves but lay it at the door of the APPEAL. We hear old time republicans and democrats every day declare that they will vote for Debs and Harriman on election day. J. R. LESTER. Bay View, Wash.

After reading the S. D. P. platform the editor of the Detroit News says: "The social democracy is not a platform but a church. Its ideals will never be realized this side of heaven." Well, the voter has the advantage of being able to choose which way he shall go—before a socialist ticket was named the elevator only went down.

Representative Costello of the New York legislature says he is "sick and tired of listening to the outrageous demands of these wage-earners." He is chairman of the house committee on labor and industries. He and a lot more will be a great deal sicker when the wage-earners get down to demanding in the right shape.

G. C. Clemens of Tepeka is assisting the socialists of Oklahoma in opening a vigorous campaign. He has the following dates for addresses on "Socialism and the Trusts": Newkirk, Thursday, April 26; Perry, 27;

Guthrie, 28; Norman, 30; Oklahoma City, May 1; El Reno, 2; Kingfisher and Enid, 3; Medford, 4.

Comrade E. T. Tucker, chairman and H. E. Farnsworth, secretary of the Socialist party of Oklahoma, have issued the call for the first delegate convention of the party at El Reno May 23, "to ratify the national socialist ticket; to nominate one candidate for delegate to congress; to provide ways and means for the campaign, and to consider other matters of vital importance to the cause of socialism in Oklahoma."

Comrade Lipscomb, who was the first socialist candidate for governor in Kansas, moved to Liberal, Mo., and started to civilize the community. The last election shows his success. The Liberal S. D. P. branch put a ticket in the field. The two old parties had already set out to fight each other tooth and nail, and endeavored to control the S. D. P. convention.

Civic and Social Problems, published at San Francisco, says of the S. D. P. candidates: "Very few men in the United States are better known than Mr. Debs, and among labor organizations of all kinds and the common people generally no man is more fully trusted for sincere devotion to their just interests, nor more fully esteemed and loved than he."

Socialism in the Baking Trade.

THERE are in New York city and surrounding towns about 4,000 bakeries, more or less, supplying its inhabitants with the necessary staff of life. A few employ about ten men, others six, five, four, two or none at all, using their wives and children as their helpmates in their shops.

If there is anything like anarchy, or for that matter, insanity in system, it prevails in the baking trade. How much stupidity, insane waste, and physical ruin there is in the baking trade no one outside of it has an idea of and but few on the inside properly appreciate. If the working people in general are slaves, the bakers are helots and it is not to be wondered at that their physical and mental state disqualifies them from a proper appreciation of their own misery.

How much better would it be for the bakers and for the bread eating public if the municipality of New York would erect, say, ten large municipal bakeries, each of them supplied with steam power and the best machinery, with competent foremen, a municipal chemist to examine all the materials used, and the men employed to work, not to drudge, in shifts of eight hours; how good and wholesome would the bread be, how cheap, how decent could the wages be, and how quick would the bakers cease to be the slaves that they are today!

Can't you see the point? Why, that's rank socialism! Is it? Well, supposing we try socialism in the baking trade! GEORGE G. BLOOM. This issue is a good one to hand out to the folks who do not yet comprehend that war is simply competition on a large scale and that its horrors and suffering are in daily life without the magnifying glass.