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Published Every Saturday FOR THE OWNERSHIP OF THE EARTH AND THE FULFILLMENT THEREOF By ALL the People, and Not by Part of the People.

Gov. LaFollette warns American People of Impending Slavery to Capitalists. Republican Governor Sounds Warning.

At an address at Chautauqua, N. Y., July 18, Gov. LaFollette of Wisconsin, speaking on representative government, among other things said: "The basic principle of this government is the will of the people. Have we today a representative government, where every man has equal voice, equal rights and equal responsibilities, or are we rapidly coming to be dominated by forces making and enacting our laws, which thwart the will of the people?"

In the RUIN of the SMALL CAPITALIST is the CREATION of the LARGE CAPITALIST.



NO RESPECT FOR THE PEOPLE'S RIGHTS. The Police Ordered in Many Cities to Stop the Socialists From Speaking on the Streets--Socialists Keep Right on Speaking.

As the days go by the working class is getting object lesson after object lesson, to the truth of what we have been claiming all along, viz: that we have a capitalist government, administered by representatives of the capitalist class, and directly in the interest of capitalism.

Approaching Panic

The Appeal artist has drawn a very suggestive picture as to how the great fortunes are built. The Rockefeller and Morgan kind of fortunes are built by pulling down others and constructing pyramids of their own.

Revolution in Russia.

Cables from Russia dated August 2 tell that the peasants, driven to desperation by the extortions and oppressions of their masters, have begun using the torch, as the only weapon available, to destroy the property of the landlords.

Etherton Arrested in Minnesota.

Last week the Minnesota state van pulled into Thief River Falls, Minnesota, and proceeded to locate for a street meeting.

WAR IN COLORADO.

There is probably no state where the corporations are more powerful than in Colorado. The masters are in the saddle. Everything the people use, all the places where they can find employment, are in the hands of the corporations.

THE GAME OF SLAVERY

The Xenia, O., Daily Gazette, July 25, has a letter from the auditor of that county who is visiting in Mississippi. He writes that "the farmers down there don't work--Mr. Darkey does the work and the white man (owner of land) gets the money."

Letter to Fitts.

Dear Comrade: Last evening the staff of the paper held an executive session, and after full and complete discussion of the Atlanta situation decided to instruct you to proceed with your speaking on the street.

Local Denver in the Courts

In June Local Denver employed Comrade J. Edward Morgan of Omaha to speak on the streets for a period of thirty days. On night about the close of his engagement he was arrested by the police under an order of the fire and police board, prohibiting all street meetings except those held by the Salvation Army and the Volunteers of America.





Organization and Circulation Department. A. W. RICKER.

Conducted by

On the Skirmish Line.

Notice.

Remittances of every kind should be made payable and directly addressed to the Appeal to Reason...

"The press shall not be mortgaged," says Comrade Bonnie, of Lamanda, Calif., and so it is...

Comrade Lee, of Kentucky, hopes the other 450 will come to the front on the same combination as he has done. So do we...

"I have not spare the money, I must do my part to keep the Appeal out of debt..."

"Place my name on your subscription list where I expect to keep it all the years of my life..."

"I will send you \$1 for press combs... I am a man, 45 years old and have a family with me..."

"I find enclosed \$6.25. If one thousand comrades will do as well as I have today the big press will never be mortgaged..."

"Comrade Grant, of the Hoosier state, has very nearly passed his three score and ten but he still holds his place on the firing line..."

"I mail you \$5, all I can spare now, but I will send more money each pay-day until that press is paid for..."

"Comrade Phillips of Deatur, Alabama, just casually orders twenty cards and a press combination as though he felt like doing less would be wrong..."

"I have read the Appeal for about two months," writes Comrade Ekins of Jupiter, Florida. "I think that it is full of damnable stuff..."

"Comrade Younglove, of South Dakota, has tucked on the armor, and says: 'Don't mortgage the press, comrades...'"

"Comrade M. C. Melville writes us that he is 62 years of age, and cannot hear. He can read, however, and sends us for the press combination..."

"The Appeal has been a mighty factor in bringing Socialist thought up to the present position, and we cannot afford to have it degraded by a mortgage..."

"The money lords had figured it out that the natural course of events would give them control of 90% of the land in five years..."

"In ordering a press combination, Comrade H. J. Robbins says, 'God speed the day when I can vote for Socialism...'"

"Comrade Hardwick, of Katie, I. T., says: 'I like the Appeal because it is an educator and is not afraid to tell the truth...'"

"The press that prints the best paper on the globe shall never be mortgaged..."

"I have not sold all the cards yet, but I am going down in my own pocket, it is getting to be a familiar line in the letters we are receiving..."

"I had rather starve than let the press be mortgaged..."

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The idea has taken like wild fire among the people, who realizing that it enables them to buy everything more cheaply and secure splendid returns on their investment, whether small or large, have responded to our liberal proposition promptly and heartily...

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Below we give you a photographic reproduction of original Coupons received, together with the money, by our bank in answer to our first advertisement.

WE SELL AT LOWER PRICES than all others, and issue complete catalogues of Athletic Goods, Agricultural Implements, Baby Carriages, Bicycles, Bicycle Sundries, Boots and Shoes, Cloaks, Suits and Fur, Clocks, Clothing, Ready-to-Wear Clothing, Made-to-Order Crockery and Glassware, Furnishing Goods, Furniture, Groceries, Guns and Sporting Goods, Harness and Saddlery, Hats and Caps, Hosiery, Housefurnishing Goods, Jewelry and Silverware, Lamps, Millinery, Mangles and Rain Coats, Moving Picture Machines, Musical Instruments, Optical Goods, Sewing Machines, Sewing Machines, Shirts, Men's and Boy's, Stoves and Ranges, Tanning Machines, Trunks and Suitcases, Vehicles of Every Description, Underwear, Watches, Etc., etc., Catalogues now in Preparation—Artists' Materials, Bakers' Supplies, Barber's Supplies, Blacksmith Tools, Books, Builders' Hardware, Butchers' Supplies, Carpets and Curtains, Cutlery, Dairy Supplies, Druggery, Dry Goods, Electrical Goods, Fishing Tackle, Furnishings, Hardware, Ladies' Wearing Apparel, Mines and Prospectors' Outfits, Notions, Paints, Plumbers' Supplies, Surgical Instruments, Stationery, Tailors' Trimmings, Toys, Tools of Every Description, Typewriters, Woodware. In fact a Complete Line of General Merchandise. Write for any of these FREE Catalogues.

Mr. Horace J. Elliott, Secretary and Trust Officer of the Metropolitan Trust and Savings Bank of Chicago, will certify to the genuineness of above coupons, that they are the exact photographic reproductions of the originals received together with the money, by his bank in answer to our first advertisement.

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A Friendly Discussion.

Dear comrades—I am loth to encroach on your space for what seems a personal matter, but in the present case I feel compelled to do so. You see the fact that I was once a populist to support your position in regard to the relations of populism and Socialism. After mentioning Comrades Mally, Carey, Clavin, Sweetland, Berger and myself as former populists, you say: "We were populists either we did not believe anything about Socialism or could not join the unspeakable S. L. P. When an old populist understands Socialism he at once renounces it, for it is precisely the thing that suits him. The rural movement of the country is clear, and able to spare enough of its intensity to take anything of a reactionary nature that may emanate from the industrial centers." Since my name has been used in this way you should allow me space to say that my experience and observation for the three years I was active in the people's party (1892-1894) has shown me that the influence does not bear out your contention. I then hoped that the populist movement would develop toward Socialism, but I then did not clearly understand Socialism. I found that, on the contrary, it developed reactionary tendencies and was growing bolder, more corrupt and impotent in consequence. I therefore withdrew in the fall of 1894, studied Socialism, and in the fall of 1895 became a populist. At that time I would have ridiculed Socialism, and did, just because I was ignorant of "economic determinism." I know better now and my populist friend is capable of the same development. When I referred to "city associates," I meant that complex joblot of disappointed politicians, little lawyers, small merchants, etc., who being nearer the court house, always in evidence, and better trained in parliamentary procedure than the farmer, led him to his undoing. I did not refer to the working class, for at that time the city wage earner was so hypnotized by the capitalist master, that a dynamite bomb could not have waked him. The entire industrial and political situation has changed from that period, and we must reason and act accordingly. The people's party is practically destroyed, and in the west and south its former members are joining with the Socialists by the thousands. When the Appeal some months ago started its agitation among the farmers, it at once attracted the attention, interest and concern, of a number of factors in the industrial and political situation. It began its campaign by the now famous populist edition, which when announced, caused much concern on the part of our wage working and scientific comrades, who feared that we were going off on a "reform" tangent. When the edition did appear, and it was discovered that we had based our arguments on the class struggle, and had ridiculed the government ownership advocates, together with showing the inevitable landing place of union labor parties, and what would follow the Socialist endorsement of these mushroom growths on the body politic, there was at first a sigh of relief, and then as the comrades realized that a bomb had been exploded in the Greenbaum, Roche camp, and the ambition of Hearst had received a severe jolt a Socialist shout went up from the Atlantic to the Pacific. The fusion populist leaders began to hold troubled councils, and as the exposure of the trick played on the honest rank and file of the old Alliance Farmers by the populist and democratic leaders, the complicity of Bryan in this treason, and the scheming of Hearst and others to repeat the game, we find the fusionists of Nebraska withdrawing from the democrats, their action culminating at last in the Denver conference of the two wings of the defunct populist party. The sudden desire to reorganize the people's party is easily traceable to the efforts of the Appeal and other Socialist papers, and many speakers, to teach the farmers what Socialism is. That we first went with our argument to the populist farmers was due to the fact that in this method we were following the line of least resistance. The populists possessed the Socialist spirit, they were moved by a class interest and a class feeling. What they did lack was the KNOWLEDGE OF THE SOCIALIST PHILOSOPHY. They knew nothing of the writings of Marx or Engels, and nothing of the historic origin of capitalism. They felt their exploitation, but could not trace that exploitation to its legitimate source. The immediate teacher of the populist and the Alliance man, was the old greenbacker whose earlier revolt was against the destruction of the government paper money. The money question was therefore the basis of their revolt. The things which the populist asked for could at best only have relieved him a little, and would not have seriously embarrassed capitalism, but against his demands all the ridicule, all the caricature, all the pressure of capitalism was brought to bear, and yet in the face of such opposition, amounting to social ostracism everywhere, and personal assault, bullets and the firebrand in the south TWO MILLIONS OF THESE STURDY FARMERS THREW OFF THE YOKE OF THE REPUBLICAN AND DEMOCRATIC PARTIES AND STUBBORNLY ARRANGED THEMSELVES AGAINST THEIR EXPLOITERS. If they could display such fidelity to each other, such heroic self-sacrifice and personal loss as thousands of us did for so small a thing as anti-capitalism by the populist platform, what may not these old battle-scarred veterans do when they learn the great mysteries of society and political economy which Socialism will reveal to them. If men could heroically suffer, leave their homes as missionaries, and face republican abuse and ridicule in the north and democratic bullets in the south, what will they not do for Socialism, when comprehended, which aims at nothing less than the extermination of the whole vast structure of capitalist exploitation. What a soul inspiring picture will come to the mind of the miserable cotton farmer of the barren southern hills, exploited by every device known to the cunning of man; he who has battled with nature, toiled long hours for a scanty living, and now finds added to his hard lot the destructive boll weevil, who is advancing on our cotton area from Mexico at the rate of 70 miles per year, when his mind grasps something of the Socialist philosophy? How will we ever get the farmers support necessary to the success of the Socialist party if we do not go to him with our teachers and the truth? Would the working class ever throw off the yoke of capitalism by any other means than organization? The precise means necessary to the organization of the exploited wage working class of the city, must be used with the exploited land workers in the country. Our analysis of the agricultural situation has convinced us that the small farmer, and the large and small tenant will make up such a vast percentage of the farming population of the future, that both the large resident farmer on the one hand, and the strictly farm hand on the other need not be considered seriously for they are disappearing factors. If such analysis be correct, then we must handle this situation as it exists. This is the conclusion of Comrade Simons who in his American Farmer has given the Socialist world some nuts to crack. Our own investigations have led to similar conclusions. Comrade Lee writes and thinks with my environment, as all men unconsciously do. He should travel, see the condition of the people, and the practical side of the problem before us. As a populist I saw quite clearly how the capitalist class exploited the producers through the control of the money as an essential means of exchange. Such knowledge never harmed me, and it is a reservoir on which I draw from day to day. What I did not see, was the exploitation of both the wage workers and the farmers by the ownership of the essential means of production and distribution. This was my next step. I then saw that this organized society into classes, the members of which would eventually support each other on the ground of mutual material interest. This is the class struggle. The only question to be settled now is on which side of the class struggle does the farmer belong? Does his interests lie with the capitalist class who are daily exploiting him of his production? Who is so silly to make such a claim? If not, then his material interest is kindred to the wage working class, and he will be a Socialist just as soon as these things are pointed out to him. The thing that keeps the farmer out of the movement is ignorance. Education alone can overcome this condition. The end result on one will convert the other, AND AS BOTH ARE NECESSARY TO SUCCESS, WE MUST NEGLECT NEITHER.