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339 BROADWAY. CIRCULAR No. 199. New York, February, 1904.

To the Editor. Dear Sir--Under separate cover, we beg to hand you our first document for the Presidential campaign of 1904, entitled "Why First Voters Should Be Protectionists." If you should need additional copies for your personal use, please advise us. If you can consistently use the following notice of the document. No. 45, we should be under additional obligations.

Why First Voters Should Be Protectionists. In the title of the first document of the campaign of 1904, issued by the American Protective Tariff League. One copy free to any applicant. Send postal card request. Ask for Document No. 45. Address: W. W. Wakeman, General Secretary, 339 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

ocracy--they don't bother them very much. That narrows the fight between the two great social forces--capitalism and Socialism. It's the last stand of plutocracy--and they are going to put up a good fight. Every resource that can be bought with gold will be at the command of the managers who are engineering the Oregon campaign. Against them will be pitted Oregon's sturdy band of proletarians. And they will not be alone. Here's the hand of the Appeal Army, and here's the word of cheer that goes out to them: "Call on the Agitation League for what you want and it will be sent promptly." They can use a thousand dollars' worth of literature. The members of the Appeal Army and Agitation League are asked to send that amount at once. Following the close of the National Socialist Convention, a good report from Oregon will stimulate every Socialist worker in the United States to redouble his efforts. Hand in a dollar on the League's Oregon fund and then watch the fun.

COMRADES OF THE APPEAL ARMY!

Let the Socialist machinery of distribution again be set in motion. A million copies of THIS ISSUE should be circulated and the last page posted on every blank wall and space in the United States. You are the only ones who CAN and WILL do it. Today the working class is divided. But there is an invisible chord that binds them together. Touch this chord and the hearts of the teeming millions of earth's workers will throbb with a common impulse that will set in motion a cry for justice that shall be heard around the world. When Peabody's thugs thrust their bayonets into Comrade Haywood they touched this chord. "Another million votes for Socialism" is the message written in drops of blood by every bayonet thrust of the capitalistic outlaws. It's the Appeal Army's next move. Make it a million boys. Put a copy in the hands of every union man. Your big press is equal to the task. The plates of this issue will be preserved until May 10th. Hand in your order before that time. Circulate a million copies of this issue--50 cents per hundred copies.

"Chickens come home to roost." The grand-son of ex-Governor Bishop, of Ohio, blew his brains out at the Palace Hotel in Cincinnati the other day because of his poverty and utter inability to support the physical needs of himself and his family. The glorious system his grand-father helped to perpetuate. And thus are the rich caught in their own trap, set for them.

The struggle of labor today is to have a voice. The time is coming when power will be making just as much exacting to leave leisure as it now does to have work. Life was not made to be spent in work, but for mental development. The least work that is necessary is the better. The rich have learned the lesson. The working mules have not yet learned it.

The senate has declared Dietrich of Nebraska not guilty of selling his official position's influence for cash. But the senate accepted Mark Hanna after the republican senate of Ohio that elected him declared him to be a briber and corrupt man, a polluter of the public service, etc. The senate is a rich man's club and composed of the most conscienceless skimmers the nation has produced. It is simply a branch of the government held by plutocracy to protect their loot. Of course they would protect their members.

The pension list of the nation would now give to each man over sixty-two years of age a pension of \$100 a year, whether he was a soldier or not. That would be more equitable than the present method of giving some thousands a year and others a few paltry dollars. The men who stayed at home and produced the supplies for the army, and the women too, were just as necessary as the men in the field. But they divide their votes and get nothing. Under Socialism every person over the age of fifty will get a pension for the rest of their lives that will keep them in every luxury that any citizen can enjoy. But most of them would prefer to be beggars and vote the old party tickets.

First Blood of the Social Revolution

Special Telegram to Appeal to Reason.

Pueblo, Colo., April 21.--When the train arrived in Denver bearing the military escort having in charge President Moyer, of the Western Federation of Miners, whose body had been ordered into the presence of the supreme court of Colorado under a writ of habeas corpus, after a two weeks incarceration in the filthy bull pen of Telluride under the dimmy charge of flag desecration preferred by that prince of cowards, Sherman Bell, it was met at the depot by a number of friends of Moyer and others. Mr. W. D. Haywood, secretary of the Federation of Miners, stepped into the car and shook hands with President Moyer. Immediately Buckley Wells, of Telluride, who sails under the stigma of captain in the miserable conglomeration of thugs and ex-convicts known as the Colorado National Guards, attacked Haywood, who promptly knocked the cowardly blackguard down. This was the signal for the blue coated thugs to proceed to military duty in a body, and they jumped on Haywood and, notwithstanding that he knocked down several of them, the contemptible brutes bayoneted and clubbed the brave fellow into insensibility. The police were overpowered by the display of rifles in the hands of the militia and Haywood is now held prisoner by Bell and his cowardly gang of military cutthroats. The civil authorities of Denver and the entire state are terrorized by Governor Peabody and his armed hirelings. The chief of police in Denver is powerless to enforce the laws and the entire city is overrun by a military despotism which outrivals Russia in cowardly brutality. Peabody and Bell, his man Friday, would prove invaluable officers in Siberia, save that they lack intelligence. They are merely sen-

sual brutes without a remnant of manly decency. Colorado is without law and subject to any silly whim of its chief executive, Governor Jas. Peabody. Even the capitalists who have so long robbed the people, are now all armed and fear for the safety of their property and lives, and well may they be, for the patience of the respectable is becoming exhausted owing to the infamous acts of the so-called law and order people. Neither life nor property is safe in this corporation-ridden state. The center of the "law and order" riots have been Cripple Creek, Victor, Trinidad, Idaho Springs, Telluride and lately Denver. It will be remembered by the readers of the Appeal that the entire militia force of the state, after being armed and equipped by the United States authorities under the provisions of the infamous "Dick" bill, were farmed out by Gov. Peabody to the mine owners of Colorado to shoot submission into the striking miners. This was the understanding and agreement by Peabody in the event of his election and he has delivered the goods. The Citizens' Alliance of the various cities in the state aid and encourage acts of bloodshed and violence while in most instances the police authorities fail to do their duty. It is time that the workers of America understand fully the conspiracy to completely enslave them and harness them to the plow of capitalism. Publish to the world the disgrace of Colorado and its cowardly governor. The charge of desecration of the flag was the printing of a picture on the flag the exact truth as to Colorado conditions. No law was broken and Moyer's arrest was only one of the many despicable acts of that ex-San Juan hero, Sherman Bell.

THE WAR IN COLORADO.

The dispatch from Henry O Morris in this issue tells a tale of capitalist brutality that would not be believed possible of commission, even in this government of loot and corruption. The officers of labor unions are held in filthy tunnels, prisoners without any form of law. For speaking to President Moyer in the presence of the thugs who compose the militia, Secretary Haywood was insulted by the brute of an officer, and was promptly knocked down by Haywood, who was then bayoneted by the hired thugs.

The republicans and democrats can steal from the public, can accept bribes for violating the public rights, can perjure themselves in their crooked work, can bribe juries, can loot banks in which the people have trusted their money, can commit murder and buy their way out of punishment, can commit acts of treason to the people--and they are never punished. No governor calls out the troops to arrest them. They walk the streets with a strut. In all the cases of hoodlums there are none of them in prison. Only the laboring class are punished for demanding the rights guaranteed them under the laws of the land. The laws, as the Appeal has for years pointed out, are for holding the working class while the employing, hoodlum class rob them. The constitution and laws are trampled under foot when they apply to the political machines organized for the controlling of the working class. The constitution does not protect those who are not able to back up their rights with power. This condition the working class have brought on themselves and have only themselves to blame. They have stupidly elected men who believe in the rights of capital and not in the rights of men. They have for generations been the silly dupes of designing and corrupt men who believe in the present capitalist system. No matter whether the men elected have been republicans or democrats, they have served the capitalist masters, they believe in capitalist methods. The present state of affairs will continue to exist and become worse and worse as time goes on if the working class elect the same kind of men. The conditions in Colorado will be the conditions in all parts of the country. This Colorado affair is the beginning of a national condition that will be bewailed by millions living. The disease will not cure itself. The causes that produce it are still at work and will produce effects of which this incident is but a passing skirmish. Everywhere--employers are organizing to crush labor and compel it to submit to their pleasure. They have the courts and the governors which the working class majority have voted to them. The workers are helpless. And the employers do not know any remedy--they are blinded by their present self-interest. The workers have a stormy time ahead. They will yet be forced by bull-pens and prisons to realize the assinnity of voting the old party tickets or even labor tickets. The Socialist ticket stands for the working class against the capitalist class. The men in it are opposed to the capitalists and their methods. The men in it are in favor of making all the lands, all the mines, all the factories and all the "business" of the country public property, governed by the workers in such industries, and then there will be no masters and no slaves. The masters control because they own the productive property of the nation. Through such ownership they control and oppress all the people.

Under Socialism the whole people will control property--a complete reversal of the present anarchistic conditions. This fall the working class will have a LAST opportunity of electing their friends to power. Will they do it, or will they elect another set of Peabodys?

If organized labor does not reject these bayonet thrusts on the body of Haywood by a million votes each, then organized labor deserves to be beaten. Can Gompers and Mitchell and Schaeffer deliver their membership dues more into the hands of the employing class? We shall see.

When the train bearing President Moyer, guarded by a company of militiamen under command of Adjutant General Sherman Bell and Capt. Buckley Wells, of the Smuggler Union Mine, reached Pueblo on its way from Denver to Telluride last Friday, the Troops made a search of the depot and adjacent streets for the purpose of surrounding Henry O. Morris, the Appeal's correspondent, and kidnapping him. The search was directed by Bell and Wells. Soldiers held up innocent bystanders at the point of rifles and demanded of each of the frightened individuals if his name was Morris. They kept up the search, accompanied by loud talk of what they would do to him if caught, for over an hour. Comrade Morris at the time was quietly at work at his office in the Opera House block, a fact the valiant heroes must have known. This last display of bugism was performed in true Sherman Bell style. As a windy coward he certainly takes the cake.

LATER--A dispatch from Denver states that notwithstanding Bell's boast that he would keep Haywood and his threat to shoot anyone who dared undertake to interfere, the secretary was delivered to the civil authorities. Bell and his troop of thugs left Friday night for Telluride. The appearance of Moyer before the supreme court was not in response to the habeas corpus proceedings to deliver him to that body, but was simply a bluff on the part of the military authorities to allay public feeling and let the court down easy. Public sentiment is so strong in favor of the outraged workmen that it was not deemed expedient to openly defy the supreme court. Affairs are approaching a climax in the Inter-Mountain states.

Pueblo, Colo., April 22.--President Moyer was brought before the supreme court in Denver yesterday under the writ of habeas corpus. Justice Campbell was conveniently absent so the other two judges decided not to render any decision until his return. In the meantime, Moyer was remanded back to the Telluride bull pen, there to be further harassed by the brutal citizens of that degenerate town. Such is Colorado justice for the workman. Fellow Socialists, are you not proud of your country? Remember that the supreme court is only a part of the capitalist machine. When Moyer was being removed from the court room his wife, with tears in her eyes, tried to speak to him but was brutally shoved back by the brave Buckley Wells, of Telluride, the captain of the militia. Secretary Haywood is recovering from the brutal attack made on him by the military. The man who first struck Haywood was one Walter Shanley, an ex-convict, and an old partner of Tom Horn, recently hung in Wyoming for the murder, for hire, of a twelve-year-old child. Of such is the Colorado Guard made up in the main. They are merely hired murderers.

DO YOU WANT TO BE RICH?

You would likely wish to be rich, if asked. But if some one were to ask you if you would like to have poor people, people in real need, about you, you would say no. The fact is, the great common "you" of the human family is so ignorant that it does not know that wishing for riches is simply to wish for poverty among one's fellows. Don't believe it? Well, we'll see about that. Now, let's take up the matter seriously for a few moments. To be rich is simply a relative condition. No amount of possession would be riches in the sense you have in mind, if there were only one person on earth. You might thus possess all the earth, everything in it or over it--and you would be a lone, miserable "it," with a struggle to exist, and in danger of being eaten, frozen, or starved all the time. Wouldn't you consider such a condition real "rich"? Why, the veriest beggar's condition today is better--and yet you would be master of the earth! Again, suppose you had a million dollars in gold--and everybody else had as much--how much better than a beggar would you be? You could not hire the other millionaires to work for you, to help you to do something you could not do alone, unless you would agree to help them do something they wanted done and could not do alone. Your million would be a wonderful benefit to you, wouldn't it? It would be the same as if you were all poor with no money. Again, if you had a rich gold mine on some far away island, where ships never passed, left there by a wreck, perhaps, and you would find on exploring the island, like a Robinson Crusoe, that there were a company of castaways living on the same island, who had no gold, do you think your gold would make you rich? Look into the matter. Suppose that you were to say to these men when you had found them: "Fellow beings, I have a rich gold mine near my shelter, which, if you will come up and work, I will give you \$500 worth for each day's work." They would look at you as insane--and they would not miss it much. Of what USE would the stuff be when you got it out? And further, if they were insane enough to worship the yellow deity, they could not do it, for it would take all their time to hunt and fish to keep them alive, and to work for you and dig in your gold would be to commit suicide by starvation. So to have a "gold mine" of riches would do you no good. You would have to work and produce your food and shelter or perish. Really, desperate conditions awaken mankind to the absurdity of worshipping gold. But I haven't proved that wishing for riches was wishing poverty to others, have I? Well, suppose you have gold and others are poor--then they will work for you, bake your bread and make your clothing, or even do the degrading work of a servant for you. But this power comes only when the workers have created a SURPLUS of wealth over what will keep them alive. For if the workers could produce only enough to keep them alive, they could not work for you, even though poor, for they would starve to death if they gave you any part of what they produced. So riches mean not only that you possess much, but that others possess little and are in need of your goods. Great property, unless surrounded by poverty of others, would mean nothing, would have no advantage to you. So that when you wish for riches, you really wish for plenty for yourself and poverty for others so they will have to serve you. And in doing this you are as much a tyrant as the sultan of Turkey or the czar of Russia. Now, are you not?

CLUTCHING FOR THE ALMIGHTY DOLLAR

The above headlines direct attention of the readers of the Spokane, Wash., Press of April 10th to a page of matter of which the above will give you some vague idea. This is happening in every city in the land, and the larger the city the greater the scale on which the traffic is conducted. And the Press supports the system, the very thing that produces these awful effects. Its expose is merely another incident of greed--to sell papers for the grasping of the almighty dollar. They are all engaged in the same insane struggle--from Rockefeller, who directs the government of the United States, to the meanest vender at the alley corner. This is the glorious system that protects the home! This is the system upheld by the leaders in the churches, by the "respectable" business men, and the landlords, all of whom oppose Socialism because it would destroy the home! All these profit by this system. Their salaries and profits come somewhat from these sources indirectly. Every vote for an old party ticket is a vote to support just these crimes, whether they know it or not. Under Socialism there would be no employment agencies, no dependent working girls, no mean wages, and NO PROFITS. What use to cry against crimes and uphold the criminal system that produces them? If you have any brains why not use them? Is this your boasted Christian civilization? Is this the best system your politicians can produce? Is this the goal to which a century of national life has led way. Is there any reason to believe that this will be changed while human nature is the same as it is under the struggle for existence? Don't you know that such things were unheard of fifty years ago and that they are getting worse day by day? Don't you know that your vote has helped to produce this condition? If you don't you are too ignorant of political economy to know what a vote is for. If your vote is something given you to help some friend into the public treasury, where he can eatiate his greed, then better not have any vote. This friend who seeks your vote for office is just exactly the kind of man who seeks to destroy girls--for the cash they can make out of it. The press of the country refuse to tell the people the truth about these things because it would interfere with the prospective profits of their advertisers, and they would lose money--and they are in the newspaper business for the same reason, for the same purpose, that these "human monsters" are in the girl traffic business--for the money they can make out of it. Help us inaugurate Socialism and we will soon arrange conditions so that there will be no profit in wrong doing--and a nation will be put on a wrong doing. Will you help us remove the CAUSE?

SOCIALIST GROWTH PROVES A SURPRISE.

Doctrine Said to be Strong in Oregon, and Especially So in Many Cities and Towns.

Special Dispatch to the Globe-Democrat. Washington, April 16.--"The Growth of Socialism will be the great surprise to both the parties during the coming campaign," said Wilbur Wakeman, head of the American Protective Association, who is here to call upon the president. Mr. Wakeman has made a scientific study of political and social conditions in the country for a number of years. He has some rather startling conclusions, which he has brought to Washington and which he tells the leaders of his party were developed through the work of investigation of the association of which he is the head. The association sought to sound sentiment throughout the country on the question of protection, and because of the agitation of the tariff question, and the popular belief that most of the sentiment in favor of tariff revision is confined to the northwest, it was in that particular part of the country that inquiries were made.

The investigation was conducted through the medium of "first voters' bureaus." The most minute inquiries were made in Oregon. The occasion for this was a most natural one. Oregon holds her election in June and as it will be the first of the state elections, it was the desire of the association to sound sentiment there, so that it could be ascertained whether or not there is to be a great political upheaval. It was also desired to sound sentiment there because of the possible view that would be taken that the Oregon elections would be an index to the results later in other states. THE DISCOVERY THAT MOST SURPRISED THE INVESTIGATORS WAS THAT THE STATE IS HONEYCOMBED WITH SOCIALISM. Turning from that state to a general survey of the country, the growth of the movement is particularly noticeable in all of the larger cities. Recently in Milwaukee the Socialists polled almost as many votes as the republicans, and there were five times as many Socialist votes as there had been in the previous election. In Chicago the growth of Socialism is shown by the recent overwhelming vote in favor of the public ownership of the street railways. One of the leading republican politicians of the state of Illinois, when asked about the claims of the democrats that Illinois would be a doubtful state in the coming general election, said: "THE ONLY THING THAT MAKES IT DOUBTFUL IS THE POSSIBLE ATTITUDE OF THE SOCIALISTS IN CHICAGO. THE DEMOCRATS ARE NOT BOTHERING US AT ALL." He went on to explain that the labor element in the city is showing signs of great dissatisfaction, and without indicating what the occasion for it is. If they centered their dissatisfaction about any one particular condition or issue the old parties would be able to deal with it, just as they are prepared to deal with anything which is tangible.

The study which has been made of the question will be of value to the republican national committee, which will take up the matter of devising ways and means of meeting this growth of sentiment as soon as it is organized after the Chicago convention.

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You can't name a city of any importance where the republicans or democrats, as the case may be, have not been hoodlum, stealing and bribing. Men who believe politics is only for the purpose of furthering private ends cannot be expected to do otherwise. Are you going to vote for such men this fall?

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ARM COLUMN

The subject of our army sketch this week is Comrade W. A. Ellis, of Ashabula, Ohio. Comrade Ellis is one of the old war veterans in the labor exchange movement and also an active worker in the cause of Socialism.

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Total \$4.00

we now have two good locals of the Socialist party as a result. We expect to carry the county this fall. Give the old Appeal a million circulation and the Socialists will be able to carry the whole county in 1908.

So come along dear old eye-opener, and head cracker, and prod the animals some more. They will wake up after awhile, about the time their spinal column and solar plexus begin to unite.

About The Agitation Van.

To the comrade who has sent in the largest number of yearly subs from April 1 to June 1, 1904, the Appeal will give a Van, outfit and team, and pay the winner's railroad fare to Girard.

real well acquainted. The bald-headed sub man is thinking of importing a few more stragglers into Massachusetts.

HELP DELAWARE.

To Members of the Appeal Army: In the course of my travels as National Organizer, I have found comrades who had hundreds of Appeal subscription cards that they had bought in contests or to help the Appeal, but which are being held idle.

NATIONAL COMMITTEEMEN ELECTED.

George E. Bigelow in La.; John W. Brown in Mont.; Jas. F. Carey in Ind.; Geo. H. Goebel in Pa.; Robt. Sattler in Ohio; and M. W. Wilkins in Ida.

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS.

The vote on location of National Headquarters has resulted in the selection of Chicago. The vote stood 5,867; Indianapolis 1,182; Washington, D. C., 506.

ACTIONS OF QUORUM.

No report has been made to the National Committee concerning the actions of the Quorum because of the National Secretary's absence; but in view of the fact that no report will be made next week and probably not the next, I will report that the Quorum has approved the following propositions submitted under dates given:

Will Mr. Morrison Answer?

Because the exposure of the methods employed by the Corporations Auxiliary Co., of Cleveland, Ohio, in its nefarious business of supplying union spies and traitors for employers in

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Startling Fulfillment of Lincoln's Prophecy

By FRED D. WARREN

WHEN Abraham Lincoln, whose heart beat in unison with the pulsing throbs of an oppressed people, looked down the vista of time from his position as president of the United States, his prophetic mind seemed to project itself a half-century forward. He saw the results which would

follow the accumulation of the wealth, which labor produced, in the hands of a few men—designing, cunning, arrogant and cruel.

He shuddered as he contemplated the outcome of unrestrained sway of the captains of industry and he warned the people of America of the approaching danger. Heedless, we plunged onward and down into the abyss. Why? Because it seems only in this way can the people of the Western Hemisphere be brought to realize the danger which lies hidden in the private ownership of the productive property of the country.

The crisis which he saw approaching is here. Were he alive today, he would witness the startling spectacle of the military arm of the government in open and flagrant violation of the civil laws, breathing threats against the courts, which if uttered by an ordinary individual in plain clothes, would result in his incarceration in the dungeon provided for criminals.

Were he alive today, he would witness men, innocent of any crime, driven from their homes, exiled; their families outraged; he would find men locked in foul bull pens; he would find men whose only crime was a desire to see their comrades' condition improved and the laws of the state observed, confined in abandoned tunnels, guarded by militia men; he would find the officials of not only Colorado, Montana and Idaho the subservient tools of the great corporate interests, but he would find the executive departments of the sisterhood of states, ready to prostitute the functions of their office to the will of the Standard Oil Co. and its allied interests.

He saw the time when all these things would be done and he bid the "laboring people beware of surrendering the power which they possess." That power is the **BALLOT**. No other weapon in their hands is so potent and effective.

But if surrendered to the subtle powers that controls the financial and industrial interests of America, it crumbles to dust, and we witness the spectacle of a myriad of men bowing to the will of a handful of puny individuals.

There comes a time—and history proves that this is true—when men are no longer able to stand the tyranny of those who temporarily have power in their hands, when the parting of the way is reached. The Colorado miners are bearing the brunt of the battle. On the manner in which they conduct themselves much depends. So far they have proved true. In the face of the most outrageous tyranny, of petty annoyance; of the desecration of their homes; of

the assault of their wives and daughters; of the confiscation of the product of their hands and brains, have they stood calmly, steadfastly, on their constitutional rights as American citizens. They have appealed to the courts for redress of their wrongs. Convinced of the righteousness of their cause, a duly elected and qualified judge, Stevens, sitting in court in Ouray, decided that they were right—and that the real criminals were **BELL**, the soldier, **WELLS**, the mine superintendent, and **PEABODY**, the governor of the state.

He directly charged them with having inaugurated the reign of terror which has paralyzed the state of Colorado and brought desolation and hardship to its real citizens—the working class.

Our Colorado comrades, strong in the consciousness of their rights, backed by judicial opinion and the laws which the capitalists themselves originated, have moved forward from vantage point to vantage point, until today they have the

satisfaction of seeing the military authorities and the executive department and the Citizens' Alliance outlawed by the machinery of their own government.

Steadfastly refusing to be goaded into acts of reprisal, thus giving the military thugs the opportunity hoped for, they have won the admiration and confidence of the working class of the world—in spite of the misrepresentation the capitalist press and the censorship of the military despotism.

Back of this tremendous conflict stands John D. Rockefeller, the colossus, and his associates. Coolly, calmly, they play their human pawns. With the confidence born of power, they hope to win, and crush the last spark of liberty flickering in the great west. Successful in their raids upon the so-called independent producers and small operators, they seek to bring under complete subjection to their rule the American proletariat. Here they find the game blocked. The working class, with "nothing to lose, but its chains," stands athwart their path. Goaded to a spirit of class consciousness, **THEY PROPOSE TO WIN!**

With Lincoln, they believe: "INASMUCH AS ALL GOOD THINGS HAVE BEEN PRODUCED BY LABOR, IT FOLLOWS THAT ALL SUCH THINGS OF RIGHT BELONG TO THOSE WHOSE LABOR PRODUCED THEM."

No longer content with a small portion of what it creates, they demand **ALL!** The muttering of the social revolution is plainly audible in the west. These men, who refuse to longer labor upon the terms proposed by the mine owners, are fighting the battle which will make Lincoln's historic words the basis of our society.

So long as Labor was content to simply ask for an increase in wages, which by the cunning process of capitalist accumulation, could be easily wiped out, no concerted action was made by the capitalist class. But when the demand was shifted from a part to **ALL**, then the capitalists turned loose their dogs of war, and announced

that the fight was against the principles enunciated by Lincoln, which today are crystalized in the demands of Socialism. We understand the attitude of the capitalist class. It is simply a matter of written history and as it approaches its dissolution, it hastens the end by overt acts of lawlessness.

The red blood of our brave Comrade Haywood, cruelly bayoneted by the hired soldiers of the Colorado Mine owners stains mother earth, but as it flows from the gaping wounds, it will be gathered up and hurled back in an avalanche of class conscious Socialist votes this fall that will sweep Peabodyism and all it stands for off the face the earth. Onto the Co-operative Commonwealth!

Lincoln's Voice Today

Written in 1865



SEE in the near future a crisis approaching that unnerves me, and causes me to tremble for the safety of my country. As a result of war, **corporations have been enthroned, and an era of corruption in high places will follow, and the money power of the country will endeavor to prolong its reign by working upon the prejudices of the people until all the wealth is aggregated in a few hands, and the republic is destroyed.**

I feel at this moment more anxiety for the safety of our country than ever before, even in the midst of war. God grant that my forebodings may be groundless.

"Monarchy itself is sometimes hinted at as a refuge from the power of the people. In my present position I could scarcely be justified were I to omit to raise a warning voice against the approach of returning despotism. It is not needed nor fitting here that a general argument should be made in favor of popular institutions; but there is one point with its connections, not so hackneyed as most others, to which I ask brief attention. It is assumed that labor is available only in connection with capital; that nobody labors unless somebody else owning capital, somehow by the use of it, induces him to labor. Labor is prior to and independent of capital. Capital is only the fruit of labor and could not have existed if labor had not first existed. Labor is the superior of capital and deserves much the higher consideration. **I BID THE LABORING PEOPLE BEWARE OF SURRENDERING THE POWER WHICH THEY POSSESS, and which if surrendered, will surely be used to shut the door of advancement for such as they, and fix new disabilities and burdens upon them until all of liberty shall be lost.**

"In the early days of our race the Almighty said to the first of mankind, 'In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread,' and since then, if we except the light and air of heaven, no good thing has been or can be enjoyed by us without first having cost labor. **And inasmuch as most good things have been produced by labor, it follows that all such things belong of right to those whose labor has produced them.** But it has so happened, in all ages of the world, that some have labored, and others have, without labor, enjoyed a large portion of the fruits. This is wrong and should not continue. To secure to each laborer the whole product of his labor, as nearly as possible, is a worthy object of any government.

"It seems strange that any man should dare to ask a just God's assistance in wringing bread from the sweat of other men's faces.

"This country with its institutions belongs to the people who inhabit it."

