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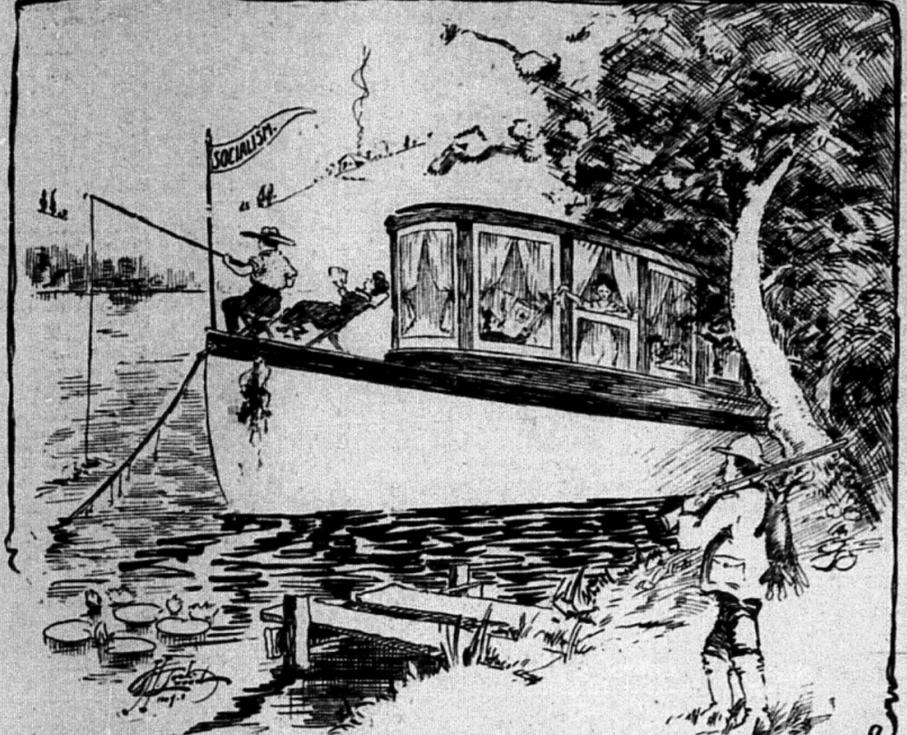
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One comrade expresses a fear that the number of points to be reached by a boat would be too limited. Study a map of the U. S. and you will be surprised at the vast expanse of territory that can be reached with a boat like the Appeal's Flagship of the Socialist Propaganda Navy.

should be considered. The gasoline for your engine will cost you, say 16 cents a gallon; that is, where you buy it five gallons at a time, and you'd want five gallons, anyway. If you were going to make a long trip for the day you'd probably use up two gallons of gasoline, but it is seldom you would make such trips, your jumps naturally would be short ones and when you come to anchor this expense would stop.

a big advantage over the agitator on land. The latter is dependent on the resources of the comrades while the former only depends on his own resources, which are many and varied. To spread the gospel of Socialism, that is the real mission of the boat, but if you can do the maximum amount of good for Socialism and at the same time live an ideal existence, who should complain? This is a tough old world to live in at best, but while shirking no duties I think we are justified in making things as easy as possible for ourselves and our wives and little ones.

CAPITALISM DESPERATE, BUT DOOMED.

The action of the Citizens' Alliance mob in Cripple Creek, Colo., in going into the daily Record office, holding up the proprietors and employees at the point of the musket, marching them out of the building, then taking large hammers and smashing linotypes that cost \$3,500 each, breaking the press and scattering the type, is an evidence of how the capitalists hold private property as sacred!

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THE WAR IN COLORADO

Fostered, Aided and Abetted by the Supreme Court, the Governor and the Military Authorities, a Lawless Mob at Cripple Creek and Victor, Inaugurate a Reign of Terror.

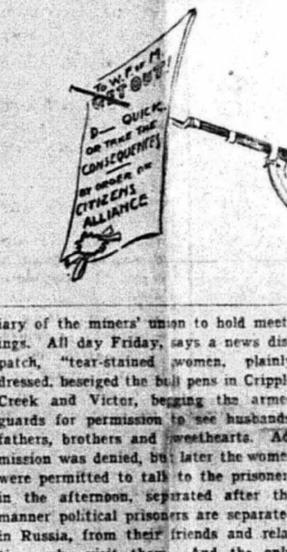
Pueblo, Colo., June 6.—The railroad station at Independence, near Victor and Cripple Creek, was blown up by dynamite this morning at 2 o'clock and twelve strike breakers killed. The dastardly deed was committed by parties unknown, but was undoubtedly done by the detectives who are anxious to hold their jobs. No doubt the crime will be laid at the door of the union miners, but this method is getting stale with the people of Colorado, and public opinion will add this outrage to the already large list of offenses perpetrated by the detectives and thug deputies since the reign of Peabody and Bell. If the men who caused this explosion are ever caught they will prove to be men who never did an honest day's work in their lives.

What General Bell Said. "The corporations used the military for their purposes, and instead of the military being used to protect the people and uphold the law, that force was actually degraded to the uses of local corporations to connive at the breaking of the law. ... It was then that I became convinced the military was to be used, not to enforce the law and protect property, BUT TO ENCOURAGE TROUBLE."—Interview with Gen. Bell, published in the Chicago Tribune, May 23rd.

Jackson and Lincoln tried to do and failed." The import and true significance of the decision is that from now on any man who in any way offends the governor in this state will be thrown into jail or a filthy bull pen and held there at his own sweet will.

STRANDED ON THE DESERT. Special dispatch to Appeal to Reason. Pueblo, Colo., June 12.—When the train bearing the deported miners from Cripple Creek, on the way to the desert, where they were dumped after being robbed of their money and valuables, by the brave officers and men of the Colorado National Guards, reached Lajunta, the pitiable condition of the exiles drew forth groans and execrations from the brave citizens. Where upon the khaki clad heroes leaped from the train and attacked the bystanders on the platform with their revolvers and rifles. The station agent was brutally beaten. One woman was knocked down with a blow from a revolver in the hands of a brave (?) soldier and one little boy brutally kicked. After the miners had been abandoned on the desert, they walked back along the track to Holly, a small town near the Kansas state line. This is a Salvation army colony and from these Christian people, the exiles received a hearty welcome, food and lodging.

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ary of the miners' union to hold meetings. All day Friday, says a news dispatch, "tear-stained women, plainly dressed, besieged the bell pens in Cripple Creek and Victor, begging the armed guards for permission to see husbands, fathers, brothers and sweethearts. Admission was denied, but later the women were permitted to talk to the prisoners in the afternoon, separated after the manner political prisoners are separated in Russia, from their friends and relatives who visit them. And the only crime these men had committed was that of being a member of an organization, formed to protect their interests."



NEWS FROM THE BATTLE GROUND.

Pueblo, Colo., June 6.—At last the force is over and the supreme court of this state, composed of democrats and republicans, has declared the habeas corpus act a dead letter in our bill of rights. President Moyer of the Western Federation of Miners who has been confined by Governor Peabody without any charge of crime, except as a military necessity, must now rot in his dungeon until Peabody sees fit to release him. It is time the American people begin to ponder over the fact that the days of this republic are numbered. I may add that one of the judges, Justice Steele, dissented from the opinion of Justices Gabbert and Campbell, both of whom are ex-corporation lawyers. Jim Peabody is in St. Louis and in the exultation at the moment when the news was gently given to him said: "I am proud that I have been able to do what Jefferson,

Moyer Being Slowly Murdered.

No citizen is safe in Colorado now. It is unquestionably true that Mr. Moyer is being slowly beat to death in the Telluride jail, while the brutal tyrant Peabody is being wine and dined in St. Louis by his masters, the capitalists. Will the American voter ever wake up? It is undoubtedly true that the awful crime committed yesterday in Independence, near Victor, was a trump card, played by the mine owners and railroad detectives, to keep trouble going and enable them to hold their jobs. The union men believe that a notorious character, named Sterling, a railroad detective, and a partner of McKinney, the confessed train wrecker and perjurer, knows all about it. The associated press reporters will tell the world that the strikers did the deed and the republicans will help to spread their side of it, but just the same the crime could not have been done by strikers. It was done by the paid detectives of the Mine Owners, who care nothing for human life. Colorado is full of murderers, tin-horn gamblers out of a job, pimps and thugs, hundreds of whom are employed to break the strike.

Threatened to Hang the Sheriff.

Last night in Cripple Creek, a law and order mob of Mine Owners took the sheriff out of his bed, placed a rope around his neck and a pistol to his head and forced him to resign. The same was done to the chief of police. Then the militia was called out and ordered to shoot every union man they found. A bloody riot was begun by the troops. Two miners were killed and twelve wounded. The union hall was riddled with bullets. The local newspaper office, the Victor Record, was gutted and at present writing, a mob of soldiers are working their will on the innocent people of Victor and Cripple Creek. The governor, who is in St. Louis, is directing the acting governor to turn out the troops and arrest or kill every union man or union sympathizer. Women are not spared by the brutal soldiers and thugs. The Mine Owners have armed themselves to help the soldiers do their bloody work. Colorado is now a hot bed of anarchy, as law and order has been suspended. MORRIS.

Aded Life Gentlemen.

The mayor of Holly, the town marshal and the citizens, especially the ladies, vied with each other to make amends for the despicable conduct of the soldiers. Mayor of Holly, Mr. J. B. Harden, telegraphed your correspondent, referring to the miners: "They treated us like gentlemen; we treated them the same."

Another Capitalist Dynamite Outrage.

Saturday night an infernal electric machine, heavily charged with dynamite, was placed under the residence of W. B. Easterly, a union miner and an officer of the local union, by a detective in the employ of the Citizens' Alliance. Before it had exploded, it was discovered and destroyed by Mr. Easterly. No mention of this has been made in the newspapers. Murder, arson and robbery stalk arm in arm in Colorado. Even the capitalist class are alarmed and well they may be, for the resolve of the miners is "An eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth." The infernal machine was placed under W. B. Easterly's home presumably by Sterling, the detective who is suspected of blowing up the depot at Independence last Monday.

Wife and Child in Bull Pen.

To what depths of depravity the military mob can sink is illustrated by the arrest, yesterday, of the invalid wife of James Printy, a miner of Cripple Creek. (Continued on Last Page.)

How the Captain and Crew Will Be Selected.

The Appeal has purchased a beautiful and serviceable launch, 25 feet long, provided with cabin fitted for the convenient housing of two families. This yacht requires two men to properly handle it. It will be given to the two comrades who make the nearest correct estimate of the number of subscribers the Appeal will have on the 15th of August.

Table with 2 columns: Date and Subscribers. April 23rd 4,703 3,490; April 30-May 7th 6,899 9,159; Total number of subscriptions as shown by statement published in No. 443 was 252,624.

RULES GOVERNING THE CONTEST

- No. 1. To the two comrades who make the closest estimate to the total number of subscribers to the Appeal to Reason on August 15th, 1904, will be given the Socialist Flagship. 2. In case more than two comrades guess the correct number, the two guesses received first will be counted as the winners. 3. No estimates will be allowed on the purchase of postal sub cards. 4. All estimates must accompany the list of subscribers. Under no circumstances will estimates be allowed on lists that have been sent in without estimates. 5. For every club of seven reaching the office during the month of June, THREE estimates will be given; clubs of seven received during the month of July will be entitled to TWO estimates; clubs of seven received during the fifteen days of August will be entitled to but ONE estimate. 6. After an estimate has been sent in and placed in the guess box, which will be securely locked and placed in the vault every night, the figures cannot be changed. If you are not satisfied with your estimate you can make others for another club of seven. 7. Subs sent in on postal sub cards do not entitle the sender to an estimate. 8. Extra sales of single issues are not counted as subscribers. Remember—you are not estimating what the circulation of the Appeal will be on that date—BUT THE NUMBER OF SUBSCRIBERS. This includes the single subscribers and the regular bundle subscribers. Extra sales of single issues not counted. In making up the total list of subscribers as shown in the statement of May 21, no extra papers are counted. Only the actual subscriptions will be counted. Each week the young lady who has charge of the mailing list will furnish a statement of the number put on and the number taken off. She will be required to make affidavit to its correctness. These statements will be filed away in the safe and when the announcement is made, it will be based on these sworn statements. No one in the office will have access to this information but the management, but it will not be published until contest closes. 9. The boat complete, ready for service, will be delivered to the two successful comrades at Racine, Wis., which is but a short distance from Chicago. From Racine the boat can be taken by water to any point in the central states reached by navigable rivers or lakes. 10. Employees of the Appeal and members of their families will not be permitted to enter this contest for the boat.

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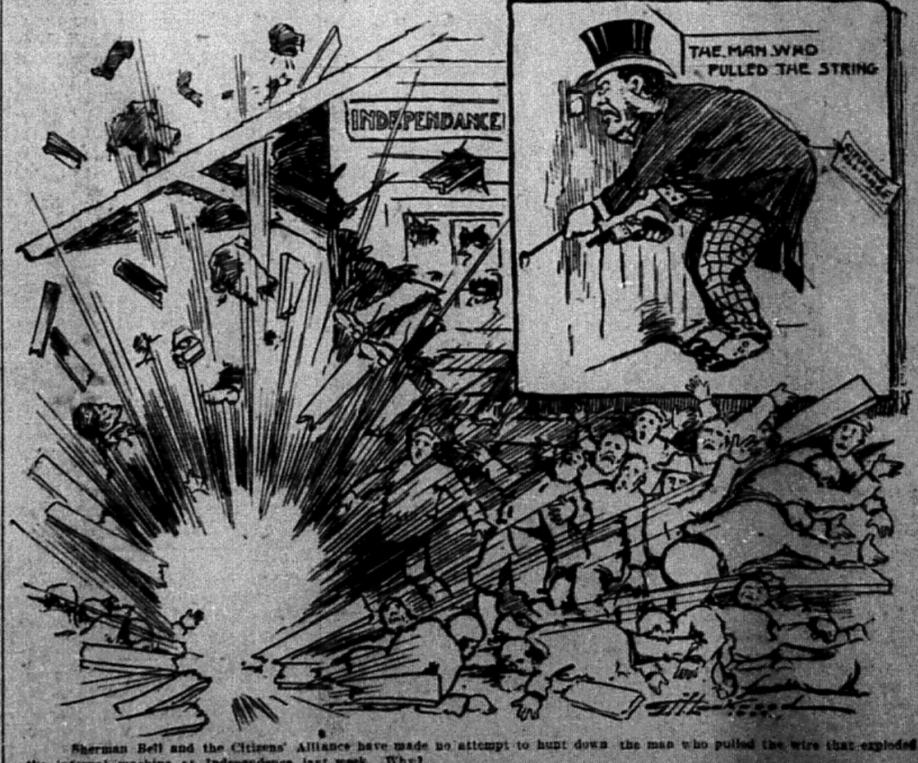
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ROOSEVELT WILL NOT INTERFERE.

President Roosevelt has announced that he will not interfere in the Colorado civil war. He is sorry but he is too busy looking after the persons of two rich Americans in Morocco. He can take no notice of the Colorado outrage—their personal friend and the commanding general of the National Guard, publicly states that the soldiers are being used by the corporations to protect them while they are engaged in lawlessness and to coerce the working class. To such a state has proud America fallen! Such was the condition just prior to the fall of the Roman republic.

SOLDIERS CHEER FOR ROOSEVELT AND PEABODY.

Pueblo, Colo., June 10.—The Citizens' Alliance mobs and soldiers are now running the wives and children of union men over the hills, shooting at them. Seven thousand union men of all trades are being herded by the brutal soldiers for deportation. The soldiers are cheering for Peabody and Roosevelt. LATER—The lodge room of the engineers, looted by Bell and his heroes. The wholesale grocery store belonging to the union men sacked by the Citizens' Alliance and forty thousand dollars' worth of groceries stolen.



Sherman Bell and the Citizens' Alliance have made no attempt to hunt down the man who pulled the wire that exploded the infernal machine at Independence last week. Why?

FOR GOD AND THE CZAR.

Capt. Mikhlin is dying to save France. For catching seals the captain was sentenced to ten years in the Siberian coal mines. He was chained to a cross, who went crazy and died and he dragged the dead body along with him while it rotted. He was never permitted out of the mine. His food was sent down to him. One day he sent the dead body up with his coal. No coal, no food. And this is the best use that man can find for human beings who want to live and eat and be men! Yes, Russia needs saving from the destruction that would come if the Socialists should conquer it! And such a country has treaties made with this country! Surely there can be no place in the universe worse than earth in its treatment of its children. There can be no hell worse than the hell of what is termed modern civilization. Vote the old party tickets and have this condition grow here as it has grown in Russia. Whoop it up for the parties of the trusts and combine. Save this country from the blight of Socialism that would permit men to live useful, happy lives.

Secretary Shaw, the fellow who, as governor of Iowa, pardoned one of the worst criminals, against the protests of Pinkertons and others, is out saying that the cartoonists should be restricted—that the printing of greedy trusts on the necks of the people is apt to make the people believe it after awhile! Yes, these tin kings that are in power, would like to have the same press censorship in this country that enables the czar of Russia to hold his kingdom in bondage. The fact is that cartoonists cannot make a picture that is as horrible as the actualities of the trusts are. The owners meet in secret and plan their campaign of robbery on the public, and they reach up and bribe lawmakers, judges and everybody that stands in their way, and if they find a man whom their bloody money will not buy they put their vile press to slandering him and their hirelings in office to persecuting him. Yes, Shaw, the SERVANT of the people in the cabinet, wants the press censored! Great man to administer a nation of freemen, isn't he? Vote the old tickets and the time will soon come, as it has come to the editors of Manila who, refused to be hushed with money, when every printed thing will have to pass the censors appointed by the agents of the trusts who run the government. Oh, we're going the pace, all right!

Convicted of stealing \$1 and an old hat, Lewis Oliver, at Mason City, Iowa, was on May 19th sentenced to life imprisonment, the judge expressing the opinion that the law was intended to rid society of such men. Oliver was a product of capitalist society, which the judge executes. The judge is also a product of the same society. The judge renders no value to society from which he takes his dollars and his hats, any more than did Oliver. Oliver probably would have worked had he been offered a remunerative employment, while it is many to one that the judge would not. For the life of me I cannot see that the judge is not as much a moral criminal as the victims of the criminal law. Of course, society must protect itself from the victims it makes, and the poor will thus always be convicted while the rich will wallow in unearned wealth.

It has just been discovered that the officials of the Pennsylvania penitentiary have been robbing the prisoners. The thing has been going on for forty years, according to the N. Y. World expose, and was operated under the democratic governor the same as the republicans. It shows that the men who are put over the thieves are even worse than the criminals whom they guard. This is not to be wondered at. The whole machinery of government is rotten from top to bottom. The people in office get rich on small salaries. The people are in the hands of confidence men. This will continue so long as the present private property system lasts. Will you vote for it this fall? It is up to you to enforce it or condemn it by your vote.

The men on Hill's railroad system are worked twenty-four hours at a turn. Complaints of overwork are rife among the employes. And Hill gave one and a half millions to build a great cathedral in St. Paul! Wonder what God can do with a house built with such blood money?

See what the rule of the masters has done for peace and good will in Colorado. They refused to obey the vote of the people or recognize the law compelling an observance of the eight-hour day. Civil war is the result. The property class will obey no law not to their liking.

The futility of unionism with the civil officers in the hands of the capitalists is shown in Colorado. Only by capturing all the powers of government can the workers win. Gompers and Mitchell are against the followers going into politics for themselves. See?

Rockefeller has given a quarter of a million, sketched from the poor of the nation, to a Bible Teachers' School. Every dollar of Standard oil money is colored with blood. No wonder the modern photostatic churches support capitalism.

The Kansas City Star and other papers are making a campaign for "regulation of irresponsible voters," meaning those without property. Since eight southern democratic states have imposed a property qualification, that has eliminated nearly all the working class voters, the plan is to be worked up in the north. I meet many men who think that men without property should not be allowed to vote. Americans, remember Lincoln's warning, printed last week, a part of his message to congress in December, 1861. You vote for your own disfranchisement when you vote the old party tickets.

WHO BUILDS THE TEMPLE?

Jim Hill, of the Great Northern railroad, has just ordered the superintendents of the passenger and freight departments that they must save one and a half million in the operation of their departments this year. Hill has just given that sum to build a Roman Catholic Cathedral at St. Paul, Minn. So you see, if you are not blind, that not Hill, but the overworked employes of the road, are forced to make the contribution for the honor and glory of Hill and the Church. How long will the working class vote for a system that forces them to give up the necessities of life to aid the modern robber barons to build pyramids to their selfish and brutal glory? Is it better to build million dollar churches than to have the working class well housed and well dressed and well fed? Are you workmen so stupid that you will be made chattels for the rich and still vote the same tickets as your masters, so your masters can control your lives? Men of America, wake up. Wake up. Wake up.

The editor of the Free Lance, Marysville, Utah, meditating on the insignificance of the millionaires, wants to know what would become of their vaunted greatness if the eight millions of working people were to quit work for one day and should go to the polls and vote for themselves. That one day would mark an epoch that would cause the world to stop and ponder at the greatness of the laboring class and the insignificance of the capitalist class. Every road, mill, factory, postoffice, telegraph, hotel, restaurant, store—everything would be silent as the tomb. The capitalists would be as helpless as new born babies. Yet, capitalists think they are the whole cheese and think they have the right to rule and direct the activity of these millions that make the nation. Let all the capitalists die or leave the nation and they would never be missed, and the workers would carry along the work and enjoy the products to the fullest extent and would make better laws than the hirelings of the corporations who fill the official positions, for the express purpose of keeping the eight millions of workers in subjection.

The merchant class are very busy, the expenses being paid by the express companies, writing letters to congressmen to vote against the proposed parcel post law. The merchants know this law would give the farmers and working class a great benefit in the markets, and hence they oppose it. But it matters little. The hair might as well go with the dog, to use an old saying. The great capitalists will in turn wipe out the retailers and then they will be ready to be just to their fellows. Their day is not of long duration. The great accumulation of capital, by reason of the profits of the trusts, must be invested in something, and as nearly every avenue of industry is monopolized except the retail business they will be forced to take that over. In the meantime the express companies will control congress and skin the people.

The "business men" of St. Joseph, Mo., at a mass meeting, organized to assist the police in a war against crime. Just as if the "business methods" of today were not the very cause of ALL crime! It is the robbery of business methods that cause the poverty, ignorance and deception of the age, the effects of which we know as crime. The social system is built upon crime. Its very foundation is crime. It is "do the other fellow before he does you." Bull vote the old party tickets, the same as these business men, and have the crime continue.

The Mormons took a flank movement on the senators. They employed some detectives to shadow the good, pious, virtuous senators and as a result the senators flunked and have apparently dropped the Smoot many-wives affair. The lives of the senators and others are rotten, and if punted would shock the nation. They live in glass houses and are afraid to throw any more stones.

The mayor of Baltimore committed suicide the other day because the grafters who wanted to steal made his life miserable. Great system! See how good and glorious is democracy! He voted and upheld the system that made earth worse than the hell the suicides go to. Great is capitalism! Now your neck to the yoke.

From three to ten suicides a day is the record for each of the great cities of the land. Yes, vote to protect the home from the rule of Socialism!

KILLING SOCIALISTS.

The authorities in Warsaw, Russia, caught a student posting up a revolutionary poster. In his pocket was a copy of the "Social Democracy." When he refused to divulge where he got them they put him to the fire test. They applied red hot irons to his face, hands and chest, but he remained firm. Then they began to tear his limbs apart and he gave the location of the office. When they went to this place, five of the officers were shot before they could take the place. They destroyed the office and arrested forty or more people, but the next day thousands of papers were distributed among the people, calling on them to raise in revolution. This is heroism. This is the stuff that patriots are made of. Every Japanese victory fans the flames and makes brighter the hope that the people will rise up and wipe the Russian murderers from their control of the millions groveling in the mire of worse than slavery. The officials want to keep the people from reading anything except the said officials issued it. In that they are like the capitalists of this country, who control almost every avenue of intelligence, and teach the people lies, making them believe their masters are their friends, and that those who try to teach the people their rights are the enemies of the people. Capitalism, the rule of the masses by the classes, is the same everywhere.

The constitution is no safeguard to liberty. Any law is or is not constitutional according to the bias or interest of the judge. That is why the income tax was constitutional under one set of judges and unconstitutional under another set on the same bench. That is why the Supreme Court had additional judges added to it to enable Lincoln to use the greenbacks to carry on the war. Only foolish people believe that a few words written on a sheet of paper will protect them from tyranny—as the working class in Colorado have learned to their sorrow. Every law passed against carrying arms is an "infringement" against the right guaranteed by the Constitution—but what do the judges care for that? They have the power and have, therefore, no one to reverse their decision.

At Cleveland, Ohio, Wm. Talbot, unable to get employment, was so happy over the poverty of his wife and five children that he committed suicide by taking wood alcohol. He was not alone in his happiness, for on the same day, an unknown woman, with her pretty four-year-old girl baby strapped to her, leaped into the river. Both were drowned. And this is the system you uphold with your votes, while the Rockefeller absorb all the national wealth with your sanction! O! you wise guys! If you were not blind and dumb, you would open your eyes and see the horrors you bring on yourselves by your ignorance and stupidity concerning politics. Shame on you. Will you vote again this fall to have such things continue?

When the authorities stopped the bull fight in St. Louis the other day, the great crowd that had paid their money tore down the amphitheatre, burned the grand stand and the promoter and his wife barely escaped with their lives. It shows how thin the veneer of civilization that covers the savage. The authorities are the real criminals, for they permitted the fake to collect thousands of dollars of gate money before the show was stopped, when they knew or should have known whether the affair was legal or not, and should have protected the people. But the officers usually are on the side of the skinner. Great is "law and order." And you support the system!

One thousand square pianos, once the pride of wealthy families, were burned on the beach at Atlantic City, N. J., on the occasion of the recent national meet of the piano makers there. They were out of date and were destroyed to keep them off the market. It is better to burn wealth than permit it to fall into the hands of those who are too poor to have a musical instrument. Great system you vote for.

English working people have fifty million dollars deposited in the government savings banks. They have never lost a cent. In this country the government refuses to care for the money of the people, and they have lost more than a hundred millions by bank failures. Great is the graft that controls the government.

A writer in the N. Y. Times says that the strike should be given bullets when they refuse to work for the wages the employers offer. Edition of May 26th. And the working class vote that kind of men into office and expect to get justice! Surely there could not be more stupidity.

The bank at Silver Lake, Ind., has failed "because of inability to realize on loans." The "country was never in better condition!" Will you vote for this prosperity this fall?

Sixteen messages are now being sent over one wire at the same time. And yet the Western Union charges the same as when one wire was necessary for each message! Great is progress—but what good to the people?

FOR PRESIDENT, EUGENE V. DEBS, Of Indiana. FOR VICE PRESIDENT, BENJAMIN HANFORD, Of New York.

THE PAUPER LABOR OF EUROPE.

America is a great country, no doubt, but not so very great is its intelligence, else the millions would not have things this way: In London a 4-lb loaf of bread costs nine cents—in American cities 20 cents for the same weight. Tea that costs here 60c to \$1 a pound is sold there for 24 cents. Coal oil is selling there for five cents per gallon—and shipped from this country! Fish that would sell in any American city for twenty cents is sold there for four cents; while fruits are cheaper than in America, where they are grown, and clothing at less than American prices. Frank F. Stone, an Englishman, writing in *Wiltshire's Magazine* for May, gives these and many more figures to show that a shilling (24 cents) buys more in London than a dollar in the average American city, and by this, contends that wages in England are as good as in America, for after all, wages are what money will buy. But whether wages are as high there as here, the fact remains that American products are sold at so much less than at home, that Americans are stupid not to see the cheat. Why should Americans pay 25 cents for coal oil and the English only five cents, when the oil is produced here and should, therefore, be sold for less than before the expense of shipping it 3,000 miles away? Wake up, sleeper!

BEST BANKING SYSTEM ON EARTH.

Last year there were NINETY bank failures in the U. S. The liabilities of these banks were \$34,151,677. In the last ten years there have been FOURTEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY bank failures in this country! These banks had liabilities of over \$389,000,000. During the past five months there have been nearly as many failures as during the whole of last year! These figures are gleaned from Bradstreet's, date of February 6. This is the best system that the men you elect to office can provide. Under Socialism there would not have been a single failure, for the whole government would have guaranteed your deposits. But you prefer to be skinned rather than to give up your party prejudice—and you know nothing of politics—never read a work on the subject. You are quite easy.

Comrade R. Aronstein, secretary local Pinon, Colo., suggests that the Socialists use the economic power they have as well as the political, to fight capitalism. He suggests that they patronize such co-operatively produced products as shall have the Socialist design—that is, where the producers are also the owners co-operatively of the plants in which such goods are produced. This is something like what is done in Belgium. The trouble so far is, that co-operative production has not been started. I think that if some genuine co-operative production were started that it would soon have a great success. But we don't want any capitalist co-operation, where one man owns nearly all the stock and uses co-operation as a means of getting patronage and profit for his own benefit. Let some comrades start the production of some useful, needful article of daily consumption and see how quickly it will come to the front.

John Mitchell is writing for the press. In a recent article he says he would not have conditions changed. To quote his exact words regarding the differences between the boss and the men he says: "We would not alter conditions if we could." Think of that for a labor leader! If the men had any judgment they would discharge such a man, who is willing the workers should be hirelings of the masters. No wonder labor gets it in the neck when it permits such men to lead it. Are the miners satisfied with their conditions? Do they believe Mitchell is their friend? Are they blind?

The more goods we ship away and the more gold we ship away, the richer this nation becomes! And that has been going on for many years and the people believe the lies. This nation has sent out more than FIVE BILLIONS in products and gold more than it has got back in the last twenty years. Why are we richer by it?

The president has bought chairs that cost \$400 each, paid for by taxes on people whose whole earthly possessions would not bring \$50 on the auction block. But we are a great people. Vote 'er hard this fall and have the game continue. It's so easy to spend money you don't earn.

If the Russians lose Port Arthur, the dispatches say, there will be a social upheaval in Russia that will throw down the despotism. Let us hope that Port Arthur will fall, then, and fall hard.

Wouldn't it be easier to vote for what you want than to strike for it?

BRYAN AND SOCIALISM.

Mr. Bryan has finally consented to approach Socialism in an editorial in the *Commoner* entitled, "Democracy and Socialism." He has evidently been studying Socialism, but has not yet touched its spirit. Translating the word Socialism into the word co-operation, he says:

"All government is co-operative in the sense that it is an economical method employed by the people to do for themselves by joint action what it would be more expensive for each one to do for himself."

He instances that this is true of the public roads, water systems, postoffice, schools, fire departments, etc. He fails to see, or at least state, that the same rule applies with equal force to the food, clothing, shelter and entertainment of the people. Men cannot each own a farm and each own a mill and each own a cotton mill and each own all the things necessary to produce each of the things they use, any more than they can each own the postal system or the streets or a water plant. There is no place where one can draw the line. It resolves itself into this—that all the people must own collectively all the productive property, for it is all used, directly or indirectly, in the production of the wants of each person. Bryan will have to accept his own logic or renounce it. Public ownership of productive property will give each more than he or she can receive under private ownership of capital.

THE RELIGION OF THE TURK.

The war between Japan and Russia has obscured the horrors that are being committed by Turkey against the Armenians. In the last few weeks, the Turks have laid waste a large territory including FORTY-THREE cities and towns, killing every man, woman and child. The country presents nothing but the charred remains of the buildings and the rotting bodies of the victims. The Turk is wiping out the Christian religion in Armenia—and that is one effect of the religious teachings of the Turks. "Killing each other for the love of God!" How long will the world submit to this condition? And this country makes treaties with this monster! The land and chattels of the victims are given to the murderers. So you see the possession of private wealth is at the bottom of the crime. And you uphold private wealth!

Baer, the coal archangel, has been heard from again. In his testimony before the interstate commerce commission at New York, May 24, he said that "the price of coal would not be reduced so long as the public could be forced to pay it—that the company had the same right to get the highest possible price for its products as every other merchant." And Baer is right, whether you like it or not. That is the law of the land. The Coal Trust has the legal right to charge twenty dollars a ton for coal and people who cannot or will not pay the price may freeze. That is exactly what the private ownership of the mines means. The coal barons have the same right to put the price on coal as you have to put the price on any article that you possess. And this is why the people are fools—that they will permit such a legal condition to exist and then howl because the price of coal is too high. If the people are so stupid that they feel the extortion and refuse to take the mines and operate them for their own benefit, they deserve to be robbed and Baer would be a fool to lower his profits to a people who vote that they like the way things are running. Now, will you be good?

John C. Swan, according to the *Washington Times* of May 16th, advocated putting blinders on all government clerks to keep them from looking about the room where they work. He draws a big salary and comes and goes when and where he pleases. And the working class refuse to vote for Socialism that would give them the right to elect their own superior officers and make the regulations regarding their work! Their political masters consider them just as they do horses and yet these horses vote to be livery animals for the politicians. Fit for self-government? They vote no.

"Finnegans Stories," by E. N. Richardson. Twelve stories about people you know. The characters are those you meet every day. Finnegan is a typical Hearst democrat. The Station Agent is an all round Socialist who is always there with the "goods." The Grocery Clerk is a pure and simple trade unionist. Then there is the Dentist, the Insurance Man, the Preacher, the Bookkeeper, the Brakeman, the Retired Farmer and others. The stories are told in conversational form and in United States language. A book for the rank and file; it makes them think while they smile. 10 cents a copy. A dozen copies for \$1.

You said the Appeal was "off its trolley" when it stated that the country was under a panic. Well, what do you think now? Will you vote for a system that produces a panic every ten years or less? Do you like the country to be writhing in agony about half the time? Vote for that old party friend of yours and have the trouble continue.

The Decatur Buggy Co., of Middletown, O., failed and the loss to creditors will be over \$400,000. Whoop 'em up for prosperity and the fool dinner pail.

The new national platform is leaflet form—four pages—20 cents a hundred.

Notice, workmen, that the mob of capitalists in Cripple Creek, Colo., made their first effort to get possession of the POLITICAL power of the country by capturing the officers and forcing them at the point of the gun to sign their resignations. They know the value of having the officers. Yet every officer in the state was elected by the votes of the working class—and they elected capitalists except in this one county. If the working class had elected the governor and state officers these capitalists would not have dared to commit their crimes. Will workmen vote the old parties into power this fall?

WHAT COURTS ARE.

North Carolina owns three-fourths of the Atlantic & North Carolina railroad. Some capitalists have been trying for years to get it for nothing. It pays a large net revenue into the state treasury and some itching palms want it. The federal judge sitting at Raleigh, against the protest of the State officials and many other stockholders, appointed a receiver for the road. The man appointed is under indictment for felony. He claimed to be a stockholder. The editor of the *Raleigh News and Observer*, Josephus Daniels, criticized the action of the judge, and was arrested for contempt and fined \$2,000, which he refuses to pay. He says that he will rot in prison first. The state protested against the receivership, which was merely a subterfuge to get possession of public property, and the U. S. Supreme court reversed the judge, and turned the property back to the state. Other editors re-printed the objectionable editorial and made even more sarcastic remarks. Friends offered the fined editor money and other help, but he refused to permit them to pay the fine. The south has often suppressed free speech and free press, and now it is coming home from the same sources. There is no safe road except justice. Tyranny is rampant and will devour the people unless they stop in their mad career of greed.

NOT AFRAID.

The capitalists have organized to crush the unions. That just before an election. It was never undertaken to strike labor before any previous election. The labor unions have two million votes. They could control every member of congress from every large and many small cities. The capitalists are not afraid. They have the labor leaders plugged. They know the labor vote will be delivered either to the republican or democratic tickets. If they did not feel secure in this the action to disrupt the unions would have been deferred until after election. They would prefer to have unions multiply a hundred fold than to have the Socialists receive the votes of the laboring class. Hence they have been busy with labor leaders who are to keep the laborers out of the Socialist party and keep them in the old parties. Where are you at?

New Haven, Conn., which is governed by a gang of grafters similar to all other cities (and recent exposes show what that is) has come into prominence lately by arresting Socialist speakers when they tried to exercise their constitutional right of speaking on the public streets. Comrade Fieldman was arrested, gave bail and went right back and had a greater crowd; he was arrested again and the great crowd that followed him to the jail made things look equally for a time, but he furnished bail and went back and made a great speech. The incident so aroused the people that Rev. A. F. Irvine mounted the platform and referring to the great stone at Lexington on which are inscribed the words of the patriots, "If war must begin, let it begin here," added, "If war is to begin, in the name of God, let it begin here. We have no channel left for use except the public streets and the green, and by the eternal we'll hold them at all hazards." A rousing meeting was held and the movement well advertised by the tyrannical action of the thieves who run the city. All such incidents help to attract public attention to our movement and do immense good, for, as soon as the people get to looking into Socialism they are with us. The vote in New Haven will be greatly increased this fall.

The government is spending hundreds of thousands to release an alleged American who has been held for ransom in Morocco. He has money. There are scores of Americans in Mexican prisons who have committed no crime. They are railroad men whose trains have accidentally killed a Mexican. But they are only working people and the government has no time to waste on them. Great is graft and cash.

The papers are filled with dispatches announcing this and that corporation as shutting out their employes who are members of the unions. And Gompers and Mitchell want you to vote the same old tickets. Remember that Mitchell is proud he is a "friend of the president."

Seventy-five thousand men have been laid off the railroads in the last two months, according to the daily press. How about the fool dinner pail under the grand old republican machine?

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

"Will human nature change under Socialism?" asks an anti-Socialist. That depends upon what you mean by "human nature." If you mean that people will not want to eat, or wear clothes, or live in good houses, or have good entertainment or instruction, then we will say that human nature will NOT be changed. It is to supply these things in abundance that Socialism desires. But if you mean that men will think differently than they do about many things, then Socialism will change human nature; for one thing is certain, that the minds of men will be developed and will have understanding under the environments of Socialism that they do not have today. Just as the change effected by the establishing of public schools changed the conception of men, because it broadened their visions, just so will the new environments of Socialism broaden them still more and mentally make people different. The progress of the world is mental, not physical.

"Will a man with six children receive the same income for his day's labor as the single man?"

Yes; but children should also receive an income. It would be unjust to compel a large family to live on the same as a small family. For society to provide an income for each child would be simply an extension of our public school system, and would have the effect of making each adult re-imburse society for its keep when it was young. This would also apply to the aged who would be retired from active industry. The income of the child would come through the parents unless society should assume that the parents were unfit, in which case society would take the children away, JUST AS IT DOES TODAY, in such cases. The provision for the children and the retired would constitute a known per cent of the total labor and would be added to the COST of production and would make the PRICE. This would not be a denial of the right of each to the full product of his or her labor. If each were given the products at the cost, then one would have more than they produced by the amount consumed of labor products during their unproductive years, and this could not be. You cannot finally give to any more than they have produced without giving to others less.

"Will the rate of remuneration (under Socialism) be determined by vote?"

No. The rate of remuneration will be determined by production. The people could not vote themselves wealth that would not be in existence. The products would be divided by the number of hours employed, which would be the TIME cost. Those who worked would have credit that would enable them to buy this product; those who had not worked could not buy it. To illustrate: The cost of some article would be the total hours consumed in producing the crude material, the shaping it into usable condition, the transporting it to point of consumption and the handling of it to the user. Divide these accumulated hours by the number of products and you would have the labor cost of each article. This would be the cost of the article and would determine, so far as that article is concerned, the remuneration for an hour's labor. The same with all other articles.

The Manufacturers' Association that met at Pittsburg, Pa., last month adopted a resolution that congress should abdicate its power to meddle with the tariff and that the president should be allowed to lower or raise the tariff on goods at his pleasure—and the pleasure and profit of the said manufacturers. Might as well import the Russian one-man-power. That is really what the property-holding class want and expect to have in time, but must do it slowly, so as not to scare their dupes whose votes are for a while necessary to carry out their rape of the republic. They are public enemies—that is, they want to make profits off the public and put it in their pockets, and that makes them enemies of the public off whom they scheme to make this booty. Will you vote it this fall again?

The Supreme Court has decided that the Manila editors are not entitled to trial by jury! We are making rapid headway backward. The constitution does not follow the flag like the bayonets. The people labor under the delusion that they have laws to protect them. The laws are solely for the holding of the people while the rich and the grafters skin them.

The slave owners of Colorado are doing to their white slaves just what the black slave masters did to their slaves when they refused to obey. There was once a feeling that white men would never be reduced to the degraded condition of slaves. But that was only a dream.

Will the working class have wit enough to file their reply to the unlawful action of the Colorado masters by going into politics and capturing the power of government so they can make the masters obey the law?

The Citizens' Alliance in Colorado show that they have no respect for private property. They wantonly destroyed the property of the union miners.

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