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A TALK ABOUT THE "STRAY COPY."

There is hardly a day passes but what from one to a dozen letters are received at this office from persons who have had a copy of the Appeal handed to them by some Comrade and they are now interested. They want to know what Socialism has to offer them. They have absorbed some thought in the paper that has moved them to investigate, and when a man wants to honestly investigate the Socialist philosophy you know what that means.

It means another Socialist.

The reason there are not more investigators is because more literature is not being distributed.

How many copies of the Appeal are you circulating every week? You are probably giving out your own copy, but don't you think you owe the Socialist movement a greater effort than that? I was going to say, think this over, it doesn't need any thinking over; it is a plain, self-evident truth that it is your duty to distribute a few extra copies of the Appeal each and every week.

Give the "stray copy" a chance and you will be surprised at the results.

If a record had been kept of only the cases reported to this office I am certain it would show many thousands whose attention was first attracted to Socialism through a "stray copy" of the Appeal.

Now, Comrades, how many of you will line up and place your name on the bundle list at once?

Here are the bundle rates, and I want to say to you that these rates allow no cent profit to this office, except as you profit, as you do, by the distribution of these papers bringing us that much nearer to the Co-Operative Commonwealth:

Bundle of 5 one year to one person—\$1.00.
Bundle of 10 six months to one person—\$1.00.
Bundle of 20 three months to one person—\$1.00.
One dollar turns the trick for one year, six months or three months, according to the size of bundle you want to undertake to circulate.

Gompers' Civic Federation is sending out literature defending the Standard Oil company! Great is Gompers.

Do you know the difference between worth, cost, value and price? Unless you have definite, clear ideas, you never can understand a writer or talker who has, or can you tell whether the fellow using these words knows their real meaning.

It is estimated that by June, 1 a million immigrants will have arrived in this country for the year! This is the method capitalists are taking to have plenty of cheap labor, so they can beat down the wages of their slaves. You don't hear the capitalists howling about protecting American labor in this case, as they do when you mention a tariff, do you? Do you never wonder why? But as you workmen are not very inquisitive, and never sneeze except when the capitalists take snuff, it don't matter.

The republicans now talk of putting a tariff on coffee to help sustain their enormous government expenses. This, of course, will be done to protect our working class from the pauper labor of Brazil! But what's the odds—the foreigner pays the tax, you know! A tax has been put on tea and sugar and on many other things that are consumed by the masses. Little by little tyranny worms itself into the position of master, and the people are lulled to sleep by the siren song of party fealty. Not one out of a dozen old party voters knows why the exclamation point was used after the words "Brazil" and "know" in the above lines. They are so intelligent.

The St. Louis Republic, democratic, in its issue of March 14, editorially endorses Chinese labor to take the place of American labor. This is the way the democratic machine loves the working class. You see the Chinese have no votes, and being raised slaves, never revolt. When will the working class get wise enough to see that they are but the tools, the dupes, the lackheads of the capitalists whom they elect to office? The working class want no Chinese here; the working class are nineteen to one in the majority; the working class elect capitalists to make laws; the working class get it in the neck, just as they should for being such donkeys.

W. E. Curtis, writing in the Chicago Record-Herald of the 20th, speaking of "Ring Rule as Party Leader" in Alabama, says the people's voice is not heeded and that three men control the federal patronage of the state. He makes this remarkable admission: "The republican vote grows smaller under the selfish policy of distributing places." Which is saying, and that by a republican ex-congressman, that the republican vote is made up of men who expect office as a payment for their political support! But then we all know that but how seldom is the admission made by themselves. Are you not proud to belong to such a party?

Papers in San Francisco state that thousands of Chinese there are on the verge of starvation because the fisheries have been able to employ recently arrived Japs cheaper and have passed them by. Getting pretty tough when the capitalists pit a Jap against a Chinaman to get lower wages, eh? And what is an American expected to do? Starve? Yes, and starving seems not to be enough to make them see what chumps they are with their votes. Under Socialism every American would be guaranteed the right of employment at the full social value of their labor, and they would not have to compete with Chinese. But they prefer to starve rather than quit voting the capitalist tickets. Let them starve. They like it. They vote for it. They hate all who will not vote for starvation.

Rev. A. E. George, of Boston, writing in the American of that city, March 11, says that "thousands of people are actually starving in that city." Great is prosperity.

The Lackawanna railroad owns the coal mines in Pennsylvania; it earned 50 per cent on its capital stock, but demands that the coal miners accept a reduction of wages April first. What, what would satisfy a bog?

When the government wants the employees of the Beef Trust on the witness stand they are spirited away. Just let a workman be wanted and see how quickly he is gathered to the fold of Uncle Sam! But the rich are law-breakers, and but for the fact that the working class elect them to office, most of them would be in prison stripes today.

You will notice that the fellows who oppose Socialism dress very fine, have soft, smooth hands, live in good houses—and never do any useful work. Don't you see that they have a private reason for opposing Socialism? They'd have to do useful work for a living. They wouldn't live off the fat of the land and you under Socialism—and they know it! Hence all these tears of agony for fear Socialism will reduce you to barbarism.

The Rockefeller live at North Tarrytown, N. Y., and have always controlled its politics. The people revolted at the rule of godless gold and elected a butcher as mayor. Now watch the Beef Trust put in a shop and run Mr. Butcher out of business and drive him from the city. The idea of the people assuming any authority! The presumptuous nincompoop! Rocky will douse them good for their obstreperousness.

The capitalists in Colorado have shown in unseating Adams, seating Peabody and forcing him to resign so they could put another tool in the chair, that they have no respect for a republican form of government. Good. The working class there have the votes, and I hope they will get punched on the solar plexus hard enough to knock the prejudice out of them. They will get a worse dose than they have before they will realize the game being played on them.

The Socialists are forcing the two old parties to combine in many places. At Coalgate, I. T., they went together to beat the Socialists, and the dispatches tell us that arrangements have been made to fuse on both congressmen in the Milwaukee district next year. When we force them together it will open the eyes of the people to the game that has been played on them for years. Both old parties serve the corporation interests. We've got 'em.

I note from an article in "Everybody's Magazine" that the profits of the Beef Trust refrigerator cars are \$72,000 a day! Do you wonder that the owners and bondholders can afford to hire your sons and daughters for their servants when they get from you the very money that they pay your children or yourself for service? Don't you see that you are paying the money out in extortion that comes back to you in wages, and that they are really doing nothing for what you do for them? Get your eyes open.

Why is it that when the government issues money it issues it to the banks and it is not good until the banks sign it? Wouldn't it be cheaper for the banks to do the whole thing?—C. S. J., Newcastle, Pa.

It is so issued because the banks have been in politics, and they have framed every law that has been passed concerning money and banking since the civil war. Why should they take the trouble and expense of having the bills engraved, printed and keep a record of them when they can have the people do it for them? They get money without cost. They pay the government nothing for the bank bills you handle and pay dearly for. If you could have a law made that the people could have no horses except they came through your hands, wouldn't you like it? Well, that is just the way with the banks about money. The fault lies with the ignorance of the people about the money issue.

How is the Socialist party to get possession of the government with the constitution and the supreme court as now constituted?—F. W. Oliver, Hines City, Pa.

There is nothing in the constitution preventing Socialists from nominating and electing whomsoever they please when they have the majority. When we get that majority, which we will get, and the constitution stands in the way of doing something that the majority desires done, the constitution can be amended, as it has been many times in the past. If the supreme court uses arbitrary power, its members can be increased by enough Socialists to overwhelm the present plutocratic members, just as the republican party did to gain control of that court at the beginning of its rule at the beginning of the war. All we need is a majority of the voters—the rest is easy.

A writer in the New York Times of March 17, editorial page, says that where before he received certain mail matter from England by mail, he now received it at the hands of the American Express company, and though the matter was mailed and has the British postage stamp, that the express company demands additional pay. So corrupt has the postal department become that it turns over to the express companies matter for which it is paid to carry, that the express companies may extort from the unfortunate. Have the express companies the right to intercept mail matter and make the person addressed pay before he can get it? The Times is ultra republican, so you must know things are rotten when it permits such exposures. Government is rotten to the core. There are more criminals doing business for the public than are inside prison walls. Such is the kind of government that "business men" give. See?

WHAT YOU EARN—WHAT YOU GET.

Wm. E. Curtis, writing in the Chicago Record-Herald of the 10th, from Alabama, says: "The census of 1900 shows that there was invested in Alabama in the coal and coke business seventy-three million dollars; that there were 61,000 employees who were paid \$15,380,000 a year for producing \$82,000,000 worth of coal and coke." That sounds very nice and prosperous, doesn't it? But just look at it. It shows that the workers produced \$80 worth of products for \$15! In other words, they produced five times as much as they received! If that isn't prosperity (for the masters) what is! Now, if the wage-workers received the full product of their labor they would have received five times as much as they did, and there would have been prosperity that would be worth talking of. That would have made the slave pens places of liberty. He further says that these figures have been greatly increased during the last four years—which is only another way of saying that more wage earners have been making more millions for the fellows who manipulate labor and sit in the highest seats of the Great Free Republic. Wonder when the working mules will get enough of this kind of prosperity? To have Socialism, which would give to them all they produce, would make savages of them! That is what the masters tell them, and, by the way they vote, it looks like all of them believe the masters, who are making millions out of their hide and fallow. By all means, boys, follow the Mitchells and the Gomperses and vote against Socialism. You would lose your rags and poverty—and that would be awful, so it would!

Under Socialism will every man be entitled to take possession of the land regardless of his present owners? Will there not be a scramble for graft under the government, and will it not drive capital from the country? How will you prevent money from getting back into the hands of the few, as today? Why do Catholics oppose Socialism?—J. H. Lynch, Rock Valley, Ariz.

No, to throw down the rules and make for a general scramble would be worse than it is now. Whatever is done must and will be done in a manner that will not create confusion or conflict of mutual interests. Those using lands will not be molested—those who are not using it, but who hold it to force those who will use it to pay them a part of their crops, will likely feel the hand of justice. In time the lands will fall into the hands of the whole people, because there will be no objection, for those who work the lands will find they can do better by joining the public department of agriculture than they can by working alone, as they now work.

The reason there will be no graft is that each person will receive for his service the social value of his labor, no more, no less. He could not graft any for the reason that there would be no opportunity. Grafting is possible only when there is private capital—never otherwise. The income of each will be a known quantity, and what it is paid for will also be known.

The national products are the things used to sustain government—not money. Suppose that there were no labor products and we had unlimited money, don't you see there could be no payment, for there would be nothing to buy with the money? The same is true the world over. Money is the blinder that enables the few to skin the many. As for driving capital from the country, let them try it. It would be quite laughable to see the fellows carrying their railroads and their factories and their buildings, and last of all the Land over to some other planet, wouldn't it? When we carry this country our Comrades in Europe will be instituting the same conditions over there, and these capitalists will not be well received.

Catholics do not oppose Socialism. The clergy does, because, under Socialism, these fellows would have to make an honest living by doing honest work, creating as much wealth as they consume, be that much or little, while today they have the fat of the land, and live pretty easy lives, while they blind those who keep them up. They oppose Socialism for exactly the same reason that kings and nobles and other capitalists oppose it. It means that they shall get off the backs of the poor and stay off. And they prefer to ride.

You can find these and a hundred more questions answered in the "Question Box," ten cents, at this office.

Is Socialism opposed to all forms of government?—T. C. Mosteller, Ky.

Socialism desires the extension of government to apply to industries as it now applies to politics. Anarchists want no government at all. Between them stand the republicans and democrats, who want government in politics, but not in industry. The old parties go half way toward anarchy. No intelligent person any more accuses Socialists of being anarchists or of a desire to do away with government. A few backwoods ignoramuses who are not abreast of the daily intelligence of the world still think so. We are accused of wanting too much government now. If you want to know what the principal daily papers of the nation think on this matter, send five cents for a copy of "The Trial," a compilation of editorials on this point.

The employing printers of St. Louis, Kansas City, Dallas, Denver, Topeka and other cities meet at Kansas City April 10, to devise means to open their shops to non-union workmen. The Appeal is invited. The Appeal stands with the workers against the masters every time, under all occasions, and with all its power. It wants to see the hours decreased by law, and a minimum wage that will enable any workman to keep his family in all the comforts of life. There are more employees than employers, and the laws should be made in favor of the majority. The Appeal works on the eight-hour day, with only seven on Saturday, and it is satisfied that no longer hours should be permitted in any place of employment. Now, then,

Father Cassilly, of Chicago, in the Tribune, denounces free text-books for schools as "a measure to destroy the self-reliance and manhood of the people." How about the free schools themselves! or about the exemption of church property from taxation? The American people are permitting an insidious foe to undermine the public schools, without which we would soon be in the ignorant, degraded condition of the masses in Italy, Spain and Ireland. But politicians here will do the bidding of any considerable influence that will promise them votes. Isn't it time that the people were looking into some things?

The New York Journal recently asked for some Socialist to tell what Socialism is. It says that "received a generous supply of answers." It accepted six articles from Comrade Victor Berger of Milwaukee, and will also print others. The readers of that paper will now, for the first time, get a view of what Socialism really stands for. Gradually the public interest in Socialism is causing the most prominent publications to give space to its discussion. Comrades should write to all the Hearst papers and explain and expound Socialism. We're a prolific gang, and can always give a reason for the faith in us. That is what the others cannot.

The Scott Valley (Cal.) Advance says that Socialists should be put to death! The galled jade wince. When tyrants are unable to meet the reasoning of the patriots they always reach for a dagger or a gun. Such papers as the Advance are like the fire-eating slavery papers before the war—they helped the abolitionists; and these will help the Socialists. They are too feeble-minded to have any positive power, but are a negative good: they are handy to hold up as a horrible example of the products of the capitalist system. Hurrah for the Advance. It capitulates and wants to murder.

John Hay has written a book called "Castilian Dave," of which the Catholic Fortnightly Review says: "President Roosevelt ought to be made to understand that the Catholics of the United States will not tolerate in the cabinet of the chief magistrate a bigot who delights in wantonly insulting their faith." What do you think of that?

Since the above was written, I notice that Mr. Hay is to be retired from the cabinet of the chief magistrate. The excuse is a matter of health, but then the real reason would not be given in this case, as it might flush the cover. The clergy have evidently made the president understand that they will not tolerate such a man.

An officer of the Standard Oil company publicly announced, at Independence, Kansas, as reported in the Kansas City daily papers, that the Standard would pay no attention to the common carrier law just passed by the state. The company is withdrawing from the state and refuses to buy any crude oil. If the state of Kansas has the right kind of officers it will arrest and send to prison every officer or employee of that company until it complies with the law. The Standard and all its officers are anarchists, public enemies, and should be treated as outlaws, or else everybody else should be given the same right to ignore the laws. The Standard will win out or it will force the state to go into the oil business as a state monopoly. But it won't be difficult for the Standard to "see" enough public officials to have its own way.

When a child I worked around at any odd job and the pennies I got went to keep my mother and myself from hunger. And there were times when it wasn't enough to do that. I was ragged, though my mother had worked her very life out sewing to provide nice clothes for others who never worked at anything useful. I never saw anything wrong with such a condition, and when I grew up and began to master the situation I saw nothing wrong with the condition of my riding other people as I had been ridden. Only when I read what those who had given the conditions serious and thoughtful study had written did anything wrong present itself to me. Thus you see that no amount of oppression teaches the working class anything—only the getting of the mind to think about it and point out the wrongs. If oppression would have taught the lesson of wisdom, then the present would be composed of philosophers. The remedy is to point out wherein the conditions are wrong, and why. Slow process! Yes, but it is the only one that will bring relief. All our beliefs have been thus taught and all the ones that will ever come to the race will be thus implanted in their minds. Quietly put a Socialist pamphlet into the pocket of some of your fellow workers, and when they find it they will wonder where it came from and will read—and then another mind has been taken from the ignorant and added to the knowing.

Modern Ideals.



It is great glory—great honor—to march into the country of the helpless, savage and kill and burn and take territory—for capitalism.

The Ideas of any Age are the Reflex of the then prevailing Economic Condition.—Karl Marx.



But if the workmen build a barricade and fight for their rights—their helplessness, savagery and kill and burn and take territory—for capitalism.

MUNICIPAL POLITICS.

This is the time of year when politicians are plenty and each has a multitude of reasons why Socialists should vote for some old party candidate.

When the little birds begin to twitter in the springtime every ward-wheeler thaws out and begins the old song, with its alluring trills of municipal ownership and what not.

The time-tried Socialist knows these birds and is not to be fooled; but in the rapidly-growing movement there are undoubtedly many who, if not warned, may possibly be inveigled into voting once more for the enemy and into wasting a ballot that might have counted for their own emancipation.

Just before the spring elections of city officials comes the rounding-up time of party managers. Those who have been browsing in other pastures and have picked up a few wholesome thoughts on economics must be chased back into the party pen and rebranded.

Now is the time for Socialists to be alert and watchful. Public ownership schemes spring up like the green grass with projects promising everything to the working-class voter, but which, like the green grass, only make hay for the haymakers.

The Socialist who understands the situation will stick to the left and preach the pure and unadulterated revolutionary doctrine. City ownership of, for instance, the water works, may yield a profit that will reduce the taxes of property owners, but the exploitation of wage-workers will go on just the same.

The inevitable result of the private ownership of public utilities is monopoly. The inevitable result of monopoly is public ownership. But the monopoly that Socialists are after is the ruling class monopoly of political power. Let the capitalists fight their own battles. When the big capitalists pinch the little capitalists the little fellows will howl for relief; but that is the best time of all for the workers to stand pat for the abolition of capitalism in all its forms and have their votes count for Socialism, which alone can give them what is theirs.

Municipal ownership, however Socialistic it may be, is not Socialism. When the city assumes the role of the capitalist in conducting an enterprise, that enterprise retains all the essential qualities of capitalism, and the result is not Socialism, but Municipal Capitalism.

Of course there is nothing in a name to fear, and municipal capitalism is better than private capitalism, if for no other reason than because it marks an advanced stage in the economic development of the municipality; but the change from one form of capitalism to another is of no particular consequence to a Socialist.

In the course of time the Socialist party may win in your city and establish municipal capitalism under Socialistic control; but do not forget that while this may enable the working class to conduct the municipality in its own interest, capitalist constitutional restrictions makes Socialism impossible until you have captured the political power of the nation.

It is well to note the difference between municipal capitalism under capitalist control and municipal capitalism under Socialist control. Your city-owned water works will be run by a capitalist administration to make money to reduce the taxes of property owners. The same water works will be run by a Socialist administration, not for revenue, but to provide the best possible conditions for the workers in the plant and to supply the water at cost.

Even this form of municipal ownership results in greater benefit to property owners than to the working class, for the improved water service enhances the value of realty and rents rise in proportion. Anything that improves property is for the economic benefit of the property owner. Renters have no economic interest in property improvement. Such improvements raise the standard of living and in so doing raise the standard of labor efficiency of those who enjoy them. The process of exploitation goes on unchanged until the ownership of all the means of life become collectively owned and are operated

ALL AS QUICK AS PART.

A reader wants the Appeal to advocate a government employment agency and for the government to furnish work to unemployed at a bare existence wage until they can get work. The reader is informed that it is not to the interest of the capitalists, who run this government, to have this done. If there were not a lot of unemployed men they would be beaten in every strike, for they could get no man to take the places of the workers when they refused to submit to poor pay or bad conditions. It would be as silly to expect the capitalist government to do this as to expect the capitalists to make a law that would compel them to pay a standard wage for a certain fixed number of hours and to limit the price of their goods. If the workers want relief, they can get it through their votes, and they can't get it in any other way. If they think so much of the old parties that they prefer to vote for them and starve, why there is nothing to be done for them. Socialism offers the workers the full product of their labor—something more than two thousand dollars of wealth for a year of eight hour days, and employment for every man and woman who desires employment. If they can't be induced to vote for men who want such a program, it is silly to expect them to vote for a set of men who will give them a labor agency and wages enough to keep them just alive. There are many things that would help the lot of the workers, but they will not vote for the men who want to do these things. All they know is one or the other of the old parties, with their program for the benefit of the capitalists and trusts. So long as the workers vote the same tickets as the trust owners—democratic and republican—they do not deserve aid and will not get any other treatment than that which they have been receiving for the last fifty years. Socialism will solve the problem, and it can be taught just as readily and just as soon as any half-way measure. The great army of unemployed is greater day by day, while the capitalists are howling prosperity, and the pressure is slowly reaching to the small towns. In the stress coming men will have to think and think fast, or die and get off the earth. The workers starve, at least never live decently, and the shirkers live in luxury. Don't blame the rich—it's the votes of the poor that enable the rich to "do" them.

HOW LAW-MAKERS ARE MADE.

The law requires that United States senators shall be elected by the legislatures. In case no person receives a majority of all the votes cast, and the legislature ends, the governor shall appoint the senator until the next session of the legislature. In Missouri the time for the legislature was within a few minutes of expiring and no election had been had. Then one of the lawless members threw an ink well at the clock and smashed it so it could not indicate the time showing the legislature legally ended. This act shows that anarchists control the legislatures—men who have no respect for law or public property, but have an eye single to graft. Warner was not legally elected senator, but then he had the goods, and will probably make as good a capitalist senator as any other one there. But you don't hear a word of criticism about the method of his election—falsifying the time and destroying property.

When you deposit money in banks the mercantile class borrows that money and charges up the interest they pay on the price of goods which the public (including depositors) must pay, and thus you are forced to pay an interest on the money you put in bank. Because you do it indirectly you don't see it, but it is there, just the same. The bankers don't handle your money for nothing. They get an interest, and you pay that interest in the extra price of goods or rents. Only those too stupid fail to see the game when pointed out.

The Buffalo (N. Y.) Herald and the Toledo (O.) Socialist are two new Socialist papers. We are rapidly creating a Socialist press that will knock the spots off the old party boodle servers.

NICHOLAS PETERSEN.

Alderman of the 22nd Ward, Milwaukee, Wis. The present alderman from the 22nd Ward of Milwaukee, Wis., is Comrade Nicholas Petersen, who was elected by the Socialists April 4th, 1904. His faithfulness to the principles of the Socialists, and his earnestness in the promotion of the same, and the respect manifested in the battles of the ward—class placed him high in the estimation of his friends and those who were the most for the place.

Being a printer he trade he easily became familiar with the trade union organizations, with the difficulties that the workmen were forced to face, and with the problems which were to come up before them.

DOES THE SOCIALIST GOVERNMENT PLAN CONFLICT WITH THE DOCTRINE OF THE PRESENT CHRISTIAN RELIGION.—A. D. Giddens, Pasadena, Pa.

Well, I think about it.

If receiving the full social value of one's labor would destroy his faith in Christ?

If being able to live as well as any other citizen would destroy his faith in Christ?

If the feeling of security for himself, his wife and his babies against want would destroy his faith in Christ?

If being able to throw off the leeches who are sucking the majority to poverty and crime would destroy his faith in Christ?

If the replacing of the prisons, saloons and brothels with industrial establishments would destroy his faith in Christ?

I say, if the realization of these things would destroy or conflict with Christianity, then I am very much afraid that Socialism would conflict.

But do you believe getting these good conditions would conflict? It is up to each of us to make our own conclusions.

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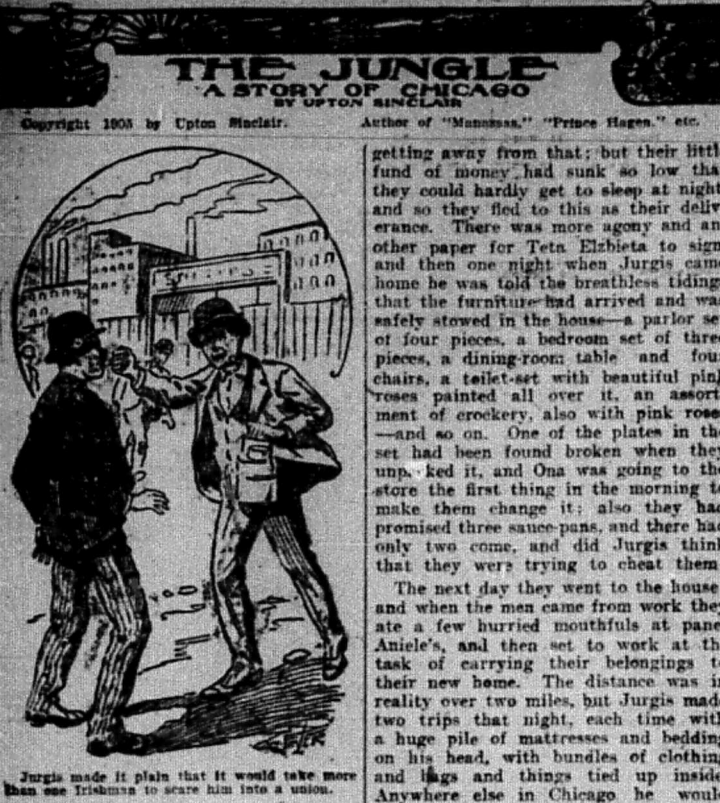
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CHAPTER V.

HEY had bought their home. It was hard for them to realize that the wonderful house was theirs to move into whenever they chose.

They spent all their time thinking about it, and what they were going to put into it. As their week with Pani Aniela was up in three days, they lost no time in getting ready.

It was in truth a never-ending delight, the fixing up of this house. They had money to spend for the pleasure of spending.

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Since he had died they had dropped the custom of giving two pounds short in every forty; but they still did ten thousand things every day that would have landed them in state's prison if they had not been able to buy up the law of the land.

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with it, whom it was killing. But Jurgis had no sympathy with such ideas as this—he could do the work himself, and so could the rest of them, he declared.

Yet there have been known to be philistines and plain men who swore by Malthus in the books, and would, nevertheless, subscribe to a relief fund in time of a famine.

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man who had spoken to him, and promised to bring him a third of all he earned; and that same day was put to work in Anderson's cellars.

Now Antanas Rudkos was the meekest man that God ever put on earth; and so Jurgis found it a striking confirmation of what the men all said, that his father had been at work only two days before he came home as bitter as any of them.

This was the experience of Antanas; and then there came also Jonas and Marija with tales to tell. Marija was working for one of the independent packers, and was quite beside herself and outrageous with triumph over the sums of money she was making as a painter of cans.

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with many times the value of these bonds... These bonds will be ready to register out by April first... It is better to be used in the Socialist movement...

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THE PAVEMENT CLEANER.

I saw a woman digging snow and ice from a public street in Chicago... she lifted her face and a look of untolerable weariness came over it...

raised her eyebrows, "they have some one to help them out..." "I have heard of such things, but do you know of any real cases?" "Oh, my, yes; but they are so common no one pays any attention to them now..."

WORKING GIRLS AND PET DOGS.

It was bargain day, and the great store was crowded from basement to roof with women hopping... a young girl, selling lace, had her skirt torn from the belt by the pressing crowd...

I thought of the department store girls, and of the crushed little soul who had turned on the gas because of her poverty, and because she "was a nice girl, and didn't want to go wrong..."

PEANUT PROFITS.

From the Boston Transcript. Richmond, Va.—A solid trainload of thirty cars of peanuts, the largest single shipment ever made by one firm, has left this city over the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad, bound for points in the west and far northwest...

The weight of the entire shipment was about three-fourths of a million pounds, and the quantity in bushels about 30,000. The value of the shipment at the original price is about \$50,000 or \$60,000, but it will realize more than twice that sum before the nuts reach the consumers...

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The trouble with most anti-Socialists is that they entirely overlook industrial evolution; they imagine that Socialism is a scheme or method that we can adopt or reject, just as we choose; they do not grasp the fact that "it is a condition and not a theory that confronts us..."

It was no trouble at all for President Roosevelt to take a hand in the affair of San Domingo and help its creditors collect their claims, but when the state of Colorado was depositing honest workmen for the crime of producing the evolution of industry, if Mr. Vandenberg had been a Socialist, he would have protected the rights of the working class...

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NOT CHINDERS

By E. N. RICHARDSON. Politeness is always trump. The trusts are the advance agents of Socialism. Why do you vote for bullies and then kick when you get them?

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News from the Party.

THIRD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF KANSAS. Comrades—There will be a conference of the Socialist party of the Third District of Kansas, held at Parsons, on Saturday, April 21st, at 10 o'clock...

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How the Workers are Being Aroused

to a Consciousness of their Helplessness in the Economic Field.—From N. Y. Herald.

Those who followed closely the development and conclusion of the recent strike on the Interborough Rapid Transit company's lines are aware that a new order of things has been established in handling labor difficulties. This system, which has been perfected largely within the last year, is comparatively unknown to the general public. The rank and file of the vast army of organized labor do not yet appreciate how perfectly the system has been organized. An excellent evidence of the fact is the sudden and bewildering defeat that followed the strike of the Interborough's men. It was the new method that defeated them and they did not know how it was done until it was all over and they had an opportunity to examine the moves that had been made.

The old way was to fight it out. Frequently the result was a prolonged and disastrous struggle, with no particular victory on either side. The new method brings a quick and decisive finish.

Since the summer of 1903 extensive organization of employing interests has been going on all over the United States. Only employers themselves know how

A Little Chapter from Life.

"Until death do us part." The words came like a strain of music from afar off. "Until death do us part." They echoed and re-echoed through the limitless depths of his soul, inexorably beautiful, stamping his face with transfiguration. The minister saw the glory of his countenance, the onlookers saw it, and marveled. Many were moved to tears by something, they knew not what. But the man was conscious only of the strain that had swelled until it filled the audience chamber to the exclusion of all other things. "Until death do us part." It floated out of the windows and mingled with the matins of the birds; it spread to the far horizon, and the whole world became instinct with it. "Until death do us part."

It was the consummation of five years of hope and toil and dream. All the bliss that he had contemplated in those five years seemed concentrated in this ecstatic moment. The woman at his side had become a vision indescribably beautiful. Five years ago he had seen her one September morning in school. It was the first time. From that moment he was changed from the careless, mischievous boy, into a person of great hopes. He worked, he planned, he saved. Now he was twenty-three; he had a few hundred dollars in the bank, and he had just heard the words uttered that made them man and wife. His eyes grew moist, the people faded into a vague, indistinct mass, everything lost form and proportion. He felt that he would faint. Then a touch, light but electric, fell upon his arm, and recalled him to his senses. The organ was playing the wedding march. The bride was moving. He moved with her, down the aisle, through the throng of people, out into the morning sun and air, where a carriage waited.

After the short wedding trip they went to live in their own little cottage. At least it would be their own when the final payments were made upon it. He had invested his money in a village store. From the first it was hard to make anything above the actual expenses. These were cut down from time to time, until the pruning knife stuck almost to the quick. The mail order departments of the great city stores hurt local business. The family was increasing more rapidly than profits were. Hope of making final payments upon the little home was finally abandoned. The store was mortgaged, then the cottage was sold to save the payments that had been made upon it. Finally the store went.

It had been ten years, and the young man had become a mature man, with patches of gray hair above his ears. But even now hope was not dead. The country was too slow, that was all. Everything was reaching toward the city. He followed the general flux and found himself with his family in the heart of the great metropolis. The little woman was frightened; the children were awed beyond measure. But they were the first to recover. Long before the mother had learned the thoroughfare to the third block, they had picked up the slang phrases of the school and the street, and could cope with any of the urchins.

For six months the father had worked as "pouer" in an iron foundry. Ten hours a day was the length of time that bent his back and strained his muscles carrying the heavy pots of molten metal from the furnace to the moulds. In cold and warm weather his face had streamed with perspiration from the heat of the white-hot fluid. In summer his body had been stripped to the waist, and even then there were times when the heat was next to unbearable. The foundry reached from one block to another. There was semi-darkness all the time, and dust rising from the dirt as it was beaten into the moulds. He had seen men cruelly burned there, and some had been carried out, fainting from the heat and toil. But he had never complained. It was not meet that the little family at home should know about it. He had made it a habit to assume an air of cheerfulness when he entered the house. They were not even acquainted with the nature of his work.

One day, while carrying a heavy pot at the end of a long bar, he stumbled and fell. He had fainted, and before they could pick him up some of the metal had trickled down upon his shoulder and arm, burning them badly. This necessitated a lay-off.

For six weeks he had been without work. The articles of the house had been sold and pawned. There was nothing else to sell, nothing else worth a price in any form. His family needed bread. At ten o'clock one night he stood in the row of men waiting for a free cup of coffee from a charity coffee wagon. The wagon stood in front of a bakery. There were delicious rolls of bread, and cakes of all descriptions. It was late at night—and his family was starving. An idea came into his mind. It took possession of him; it carried him out of himself. Again his eyes grew dim; surrounding objects became vague and formless; the idea surged through his head, his heart, his soul. All life became instinct with it. Unconsciously he grasped the cup of black coffee that was handed to him, and swallowed it in two gulps. "For you, my darling; for you my babies," he repeated to himself. A fierce joy took possession of him.

He left the coffee line and waited his chance.

"Sixty dollars and costs," said the judge.

A man had been discovered the night before stealing bread from a bakery. "I cannot pay it," the man said. "Then the Bridewell for six months," retorted His Honor.

And the next case was called—Josephine Conger.

What "incentive" have you to work? Two dollars a day? Well, Socialism will give you six dollars or more a day. But perhaps that would not induce you to work! Some people prefer to work for a starvation wage—they would rather starve than work for good wages! If you don't know what this means ask your industrial or political boss.

Modern Classics.

Anything But Results Wanted.

James R. Garfield, commissioner of and for corporations, who is about to investigate Kansas oil matters, states that the investigations will be privately conducted. He does not believe "that any practical results can be secured through public inquiry." Well, who said anything about practical results.

Ghosts and Graft.

Children create ghosts and goblins out of their imagination to make them miserable. When they are older they grow away from this only to make merchandise with their hands that takes the form of capital that holds them in another misery. But they will outgrow this one.

Up to Arkansas.

The fire insurance trust is angry because of recent legislation in Arkansas and threatens to quit business in that state. That's what the oil trust said to Kansas and Kansas went into business on her own hook. What will Arkansas do?

Publicity.

The Standard Oil company is a well-preserved, living example of how publicity "busts up the trust's."

The Evolution of Theft.

A capitalist publication originated the table below and unconsciously emphasized the fact that the less one steals the worse he is.

Stealing a million—Genius.
Stealing \$500,000—Sagacity.
Stealing \$100,000—Shrewdness.
Stealing \$50,000—Misfortune.
Stealing \$25,000—Irrregularity.
Stealing \$10,000—Misappropriation.
Stealing \$5,000—Speculation.
Stealing \$2,500—Embezzlement.
Stealing \$1,250—Swindling.
Stealing \$100—Larceny.
Stealing \$10—Theft.
Stealing a ham—War on society.

Cheer Up, Ye Deserving Poor!

Mrs. Ponsbury Verrich—James, is that boy who brought back Fido down stairs?
James—Yes, me lady.
Mrs. Ponsbury Verrich—Poor Fido! He must be nearly starved. James, take Fido into the dining room at once; have cook broil him a nice canvas-back duck, and by the way give the boy something to eat also. Tell cook to give him some nice cold hash as soon as Fido is taken care of.—Judge.

Good Reading.

It may pay those Kansans to read up on how the Standard Oil company was driven out of Pennsylvania about a quarter of a century ago.—The Washington Post.

Nothing for Something.

The Citizens' Alliance of San Francisco has issued a pamphlet on "How to Get Something for Nothing." It took 24 pages small type to tell the how, but how to get nothing for something is told in these few lines.

First—Be born into a world where property is more sacred than life.

Second—Be born with life and without property.

Third—Put life into your work and your work into the property of a Citizens' Alliance employer.

Result—The employer gets the property you have created, he gets the work you put into the property and gets your life which you put into the work, and which is all you ever had.

Moral—What have you got for your life?

"Tommy," said the teacher, "can you tell me the meaning of 'repentant'?"
"Yes, ma'am," answered Tommy. "It's how a fellow feels when he gets caught at it."—Chicago Daily News.

A Boost for Socialism

Seven hundred dollars has been turned over to the circulation department to be used to increase the circulation of the old Appeal. It will be divided among four Socialist workers. The rewards will be as follows: \$300 to one, \$200 to another and \$100 each to the next two.

The basis of this contest is a "square deal" for every comrade who takes part in it, and that should be every member of the Appeal Army. It doesn't make any difference whether you like contests or don't like them, whether you are able to get ten subs or fifty, if you are a class-conscious Socialist it is your duty to help get those million subscribers. And I feel justified in making the statement that the sooner we get them the sooner we will achieve victory for the Socialist cause.

Here is a friendly contest in which you have an equal opportunity with every other comrade to secure one of the prizes. Read the plan and the rules and see for yourself.

The object of this contest is best told by the table below. These figures tell the story that:

As the circulation of the Appeal grows, so grows Socialism.

Members Appeal Army	1885	1895	1905	1910	1901	1902	1903	1904	
" Soc's Party	500	1,700	4,200	6,000	7,000	12,000	14,000	21,700	
 2,000 6,000 15,750 19,500								
Membership of party estimated except for years 1903-4.									
	1886	1896	1906	1900	1902	1904			
Circulation of Appeal	15,000	35,000	41,000	128,500	167,725	300,000			
Socialist Vote							96,961	225,500	405,290

In 1896 and 1898 the S. L. P. cast a small vote. Circulation for 1901 includes extra copies.

The Plan and Rules.

Seven hundred dollars in cash will be distributed among the comrades who fill out the application blank requesting that their names be entered in the contest.

The money will be divided into four prizes—one \$300, one \$200 and two \$100.

Ten thousand special subscription blanks have been printed to be used in this contest. These blanks are numbered from 1 to 10,000. Each blank has space for the names and addresses of five yearly subscribers.

Contest begins April 15, 1905, and ends when all these ten thousand special blanks have been returned filled with yearly subscriptions at 25c each.

Only subscriptions sent in on these special blanks will be counted.

Blanks will be sent only to those who have asked to be enrolled in the contest.

When all of the ten thousand special blanks have been called for and returned filled, the records will be checked up and the Comrade found to have sent in the largest number of subscribers on these special blanks will be awarded the \$300 in cash; to the Comrade sending in the second largest number of subscribers on these special blanks will be awarded the \$200 in cash; to the two next highest will be awarded one hundred dollars in cash each.

There is very little chance of a tie, but in case one should occur, the money will be divided equally among those tied.

Partially filled blanks will not be counted—each blank must contain the names of five yearly subscribers paid for at 25c each. Renewals count same as new subs.

As they are sent out, each blank will be stamped with the date on which it is sent. Unless returned filled within thirty days of this stamped date, the subs will not be counted on the contest, and duplicate blanks will be issued in their place.

As blanks are sent out they will be charged against the contestant to whom they are sent, and if used by any other contestant than the one to whom they are sent and charged, will be both for the contest.

Duplicates will be issued to replace any blanks not returned within the thirty-day limit.

As other contests are now in progress it will be necessary to rule that subscriptions sent in on any other contest cannot be counted on this one. This, however, does not prevent a Comrade already in some other contest from entering this one, but simply prohibits him from sending in subscriptions and having them counted on both; in other words, subs sent in on this contest must be counted on this contest and no other.

How the Blanks Will Be Mailed.

Contestants will be divided into five groups—1, 2, 3, 4, and 5. Contestants located one day's mail from Girard will be in group No. 1.

Contestants located two days' mail from Girard will be in group No. 2. Contestants located three days' mail from Girard will be in group No. 3. Contestants located four days' mail from Girard will be in group No. 4. Contestants located five days' mail from Girard will be in group No. 5. On April 15th blanks will be mailed as follows:

To contestants in group No. 1, two blanks.
To contestants in group No. 2, four blanks.
To contestants in group No. 3, six blanks.
To contestants in group No. 4, eight blanks.
To contestants in group No. 5, ten blanks.

More blanks—as long as the ten thousand last—will be mailed contestants as fast as they return the others filled. A contestant is entitled to another blank—as long as they last—for every one he returns filled.

This plan of mailing the blanks puts all on an equal footing. The contestant located within one day's mail from Girard is in group No. 1 and entitled to two blanks at a time; if he acts promptly he can secure ten blanks in exactly the same time that the contestant in group No. 5—five days' mail from Girard—must consume in getting back his ten blanks. This arrangement gives every Comrade in the contest, whether he lives in British Columbia or in Kansas, an opportunity to secure his share of the blanks—it enables him to get his share—no more and no less. In no stage of the contest can any contestant get an advantage over any other contestant on account of being located near the base of supplies, and, on the other hand, the contestant located five days' mail from Girard has no advantage over Comrades living nearer Girard by reason of getting ten blanks at a time, because the contestant who gets less than ten blanks at a time has plenty of time to get back and get an equal number of blanks while the group No. 5 contestant is getting back with his ten. Take your pencil and figure it out yourself. You will see that not so much depends on the number of subs you get as upon quick action.

When your application to enter the contest has been received you will be sent a card stating exactly in what group you have been placed. The postmark on your letter or card will be used to determine in what group you should be placed. Be sure and date your application, as sometimes the postmark is dim and difficult to decipher.

Two Cents

For a postage stamp to place on your letter asking to be enrolled as a contestant is all it costs you. It will be the best investment you ever made, whether you capture one of the prizes or not. There is no reason why you shouldn't have one of them, but, anyhow, it is your duty to come in and help boost the list. If you don't care to work for a prize for your self, turn it over to your local or state organization. Anything that helps build up the Socialist movement is good, and I tell you, Comrades, this friendly contest will help do that very thing, and that's why you should get back of it and do what you can. Let's have that application by next mail.

Your Nerves



NUTRITO

The "Most Delicious Ever" of all Cereal Food Drinks.

What is Nutrito?

SCIENTIFIC men say that wheat contains all the different things necessary to build a perfect body. If you will take a kernel of wheat and examine it carefully you will find that the white center is enclosed in brown cells. These cells are the outside, or bran. This bran is full of nutrition and makes gray substance in brain and nerve, part of blood, bone, teeth and muscle.

The white inner part contains the starchy substance which makes bodily warmth and energy. In the days before the modern milling system the grain was ground together, thus giving a product which contained all the elements necessary to build a perfect body.

You see, when a person is fed on starchy food alone it is at the expense of the brain and nerve. The teeth and muscles are continually wearing out, and if they do not have the proper food to sustain them they will become weak. If it is the teeth, they will decay, and the muscles will become soft and flabby.

"Nutrito" is a food drink, made by a new and improved process which blends the various elements of the grain in such a way as to produce the most beneficial results. To the taste it very much resembles the best grade of coffee, while you avoid making into your system the poison which is a part of the coffee berry. A ten days' trial of "Nutrito" will convince you that it is not only "the most delicious ever," but a healthful food drink that will build up the worn-out nerve tissues, giving new life and vigor to the body and a freshness and activity to the brain obtained in no other way.

An Expert Opinion

Showing why "Nutrito" Cereal Coffee Heads the List of Food Drinks.

Mr. C. H. Schell, Ponca, Neb.
Dear Sir:—I have made a careful test of the "Nutrito" that you recently handed me. You probably remember that I had previously told you I had experimented with all the cereal coffees on the market. Well, this coffee beats every other brand of "Nutrito" over all other cereal substitutes is greatly due to the careful method of its manufacture. It is made from a vegetable brewed or baked to a state where it begins to "cool" becomes at once palatable. Vegetable carbon, like animal carbon, is a most objectionable impurity as a medicine in certain cases. Carbo Veg, no matter what vegetable it is from, when taken as a beverage will produce the same effect upon the heart and nervous system that coffee does taken in the same manner. If you will turn into your hand some "NUTRITO" direct from any of the original packages and examine it, you will see at once that it is a carefully prepared cereal that is entirely free from Carbo Veg, meaning burned particles. Therefore that is the cause of its delightful, slightly stimulating, making it in fact a liquid food. DR. J. W. FORTER, Feb. 22, 1906.

What a Few of Our Friends Say

"I have looked for something to take the place of coffee, which I am convinced is not good for me. Have been using Postum for some time, but didn't find it on account of its source. Five of us have tried your 'Nutrito' and all pronounce it superior to Postum. Please send me one more trial order for the small size. Would send for a case of the larger package, but want to send some through the mail to friends."—C. McKelvey, Sierra Blanca, Texas.

"My family has tried Nutrito and find it very satisfactory."—J. J. Scoville, 888 S. Riverside Ave., Chicago, Ill.

"It was just fine."—H. H. Knowles, Sheldon, Iowa.

"We like it equally as well if not better than other cereal coffees."—Dr. C. C. Harlin, Private Saver, Chicago, Ill.

"I received package of Nutrito and find it superior to any other cereal coffee I ever tasted. Enclosed find check for case."—H. B. Meyer, 1004 Sycamore St., Cincinnati, Iowa.

"The sample package is O. K.,"—W. H. Conaughy, 125 South Estella Ave., Wichita, Kan.

"We think it the best 'what is'."—W. K. Brewster, Enterprise, Oregon.

"Liked it much better than coffee. We decided to send and get a case."—H. J. Lawback.

"Nutrito suits me best of all."—O. C. Groves, Ottumwa, Iowa.

"Sample package received. It is O. K. Find enclosed check for case."—M. C. Barnes, Nelson, Neb.

"The sample gave satisfaction."—J. B. Barnett, Globe, Ariz.

"Your trial package gave entire satisfaction. Please send me five cases."—J. M. Smith, Chevalay, Wash. D. C.

"The whole family liked the sample package."—Walter H. Palk.

"First trial superior to any we have ever used."—J. H. Will, Ashland, Or.

"Am delighted with it."—Henry C. Hines, Rock Bay, Iowa.

"Find that it is excellent. Better than I expected."—J. P. Swallow, Burdett, Neb.

"I don't see any reason why I should not like the cereal coffee we ever tasted. Find enclosed check for case."—Ida L. Barnes, Box 52, Sall Lake, Ia.

Send 50 cents for sample packages.

Only by political power can the working class emancipate itself from its subjection to the ruling class.

There are thousands of good workmen in the country today who have deserted the union ranks within the last year because of some real or fancied grievance against their union and because, also, of the growing demand for independent men to step into the shoes of those who desert their posts.

Only a few weeks ago a strike of electrical workers was threatened in Baltimore. The employers did not wait until the men quit, but through their secret agents found that there were many available workmen in New York who were willing to go to work and ask no questions about union regularity. The Baltimore men quit work at nine o'clock in the morning and the New York men were on the ground ready to go to work fifteen minutes later.

Men are what the social system makes them. Change the system. The system can only be changed by political action in the interest of the working class and against the capitalist class.

Under the new system a new calling has been created, which requires men of superior ability and which commands good pay. It is that of local or traveling secret agent.

Not a move is made in any of the unions that the employers do not know about at once. Ever since unions got a foothold in this country employers have had "spotters," but the secret agent is an entirely different sort of man. The old spotter was always sure to be spotted sooner or later, when his usefulness was ended, and frequently he went to the hospital for repairs. The modern secret agent is of necessity a very capable style of person, as important to the employer as his superintendent, and not infrequently as well paid. Usually, too, he is unknown to the superintendent and to every one else connected with the business except the one person to whom he secretly reports when it is necessary.

With political control the workers could punish these alien Hessians, and could even condemn and take the railroad or other industry and operate it for the public at their own terms.

The public has been amazed at the prompt and effective way the Interborough company met the recent strike with apparently only a few hours in which to prepare for it. As a matter of fact, it had been making preparations for more than a year, and its success in defeating the unions is very largely due to the clever work of a secret agent, a very unassuming man, who was a detective in the employ of James Farley a few years ago. Only one official of the Interborough company has ever seen this man to know who he is. That official met

The capitalists control the political machinery, hence have all public officials and laws on their side. They rule by the votes of the laboring class.

Pepper and Jencks told the men the unions had resolved to make many demands upon the company. At first the company had decided to man the subway with men from outside of New York. The "L" men demanded that they should have an option on these places, and to avoid trouble the company gave in.

When slaves can be secured without force, chains and whips are unnecessary.

The strike was ordered on the morning of March 7. In the first week in February the Interborough company had all its arrangements made to meet the situation. The information of its secret agent was accurate in every respect, and that is why the company was not taken off its guard when Jencks and Pepper gave Mr. Hedley a few hours' time in which to decide to refuse or grant the demands of the men—or rather their leaders. The secret agent went out with the strikers and continued his reports. His fellows have not the slightest suspicion of him.

James Farley, who is the best known chief strike breaker in the United States, has a captain in every large city. This captain maintains a regular headquarters and there keeps an accurate record of the number of men in his district that he can supply on a few hours' notice. Farley is in regular communication with all his captains and within a very short time after he is notified that a section of his army is desired in some city, he has the army assembled by telegraphic order and ready to move.

Immediately his men are on the ground, he takes absolute charge of operating the road, because he knows his men and knows how to handle them. To all intents and purposes he is, for the time being, president and general manager of the road, and the company is obliged to pay generously for his services.

an order or offer a suggestion. When the strike is thoroughly broken he sends home such of his men as do not care to remain in their new places and then retires to his own palatial country place near Lake Champlain, and waits for another strike to call him and his army into action.

It is the tendency of the working classes to tolerate bad conditions so long as existence is possible, but when an economic system will no longer enable them to live, they are compelled to combine and change it. A class can be made to think and act on political lines only when forced by economic necessity, but all economic class interests are bound sooner or later to express themselves politically.

Farley himself goes to the front and looks over the ground. He first locates what he terms the "trouble spots," places where his men are most likely to be attacked by strikers, and makes provision to have these places well guarded by the police. Then he familiarizes himself with the operation of the company's lines and waits for the battle to begin.

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During the Interborough strike Farley sat at his desk, with a telephone at his ear, for four days and nights, with only a few hours' sleep, eating his meals where he sat. He simply takes the contract to re-establish the company's service after its regular employees leave, and permits no one but himself to give

A strike is generally supposed to be a fight between the employees and their employers. It may be that in its inception, but it soon resolves itself into a fight between the men with the job and the men without any job. When the strikers understand that the reason there is always an army of men without jobs is because the capitalists own all the jobs, and that they own them because they own the machinery of production, transportation and distribution, and are able to retain that ownership because of the POLITICAL POWER which the workers so feebly place in their hands, then will the workers understand why Socialists maintain that the working class can get nothing of real benefit until it captures the political power.

The men led the strike because they, as the majority, voted the capitalist tickets.

I have never met a person who opposed Socialism. They oppose what they think Socialism is—what some one told them it is.

How many of you have parents who are living in dire poverty? And yet you oppose Socialism that would render poverty impossible.

THE WHY OF IT ALL.

Do you know why the capitalists want the government sustained by a tariff and internal revenue, instead of property tax, such as is used to sustain the state, county and city treasuries? They have often told you that it was to protect the American laborer. But listen. Get your mind hold of this: Each congress spends a billion and a half of dollars now. Have you got that? That represents about one per cent of the actual value of all the property of the nation, or four per cent of its assessed value. If it was collected off property it would mean that Rockefeller's tax would be increased five or six millions—now it costs him only the little revenue on his whiskey or cigars and the few hundred for goods imported. The same of all the rich men and corporations. One hundred thousand men own two-thirds of the national wealth. This hundred thousand men would have to pay two-thirds of the amount to keep up the expenses of the national government. Now they spend only a few thousand dollars. Now can you see why they want the government sustained by a tax on whiskey, tobacco, sugar and imports? These are consumed by the masses and the cost of sustaining the national government is collected in the price of them. This amounts to about \$40 per family in this country, but as you are rich you don't care for such small sums. The rich do

\$100.00 FOR ONE CENT

A postal card will cost you one cent. If you use it to write us for particulars of the "Circulation Contest" you will get us to send you a copy of the new Appeal. You have an idea of the best way to circulate the Appeal. Maybe it is worth \$10 to you. Try and save. Address: **Circulation Department, Appeal to Reason, Girard, Kansas.**

APPLICATION.

CIRCULATION DEPARTMENT

Enroll my name in the \$700 contest

Name _____

Address _____

Our business is to educate. The business of the skimmers is to prevent you from using your brains—so they can do your thinking for you. The more ignorant you are the easier to control you. Do you like to be thus manipulated?

There is such wonderful "individuality" in going about known only by a number tacked on to your hat! How Socialism would destroy that wonderful charm of existence! Wonder how much it would take to buy the average individuality that is held up as such a treasure! What is yours worth? Do you get pay for it by the day, week or month?

Public service is only corrupted by private ownership. If there were no corporations, there would be no corporate lobbies at the law-making centers, and if there were no bribes offered the legislators would give the public the best service of which they were capable. The common people ever bribed or corrupted, though they may be bribed and corrupted by the men who own the capital.

Every magazine and literary weekly is scouring the country to get Socialist novels. There has not been a successful literary work for several years that has not been the work of a Socialist. Rad-

APPLICATION.

Enroll my name in the \$700 contest

Name _____

Address _____

These slick fellows who give fine without useful work are very much concerned about your family under Socialism. What great barrels of tears they shed for fear you will leave your family and cease to love your children under Socialism! Wonder how they know? How much do they protect your family today? How much does your family pay them so they can live elegantly without work? All the matter with them is that they don't want to get off your back. You are down and they are riding. They don't want to walk and won't so long as you are foot enough to carry them. Look at the houses they have built. Wouldn't they be foolish to want such a soft snap stopped! Hence this great interest and barrels of tears.