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A CANADIAN VIEW.

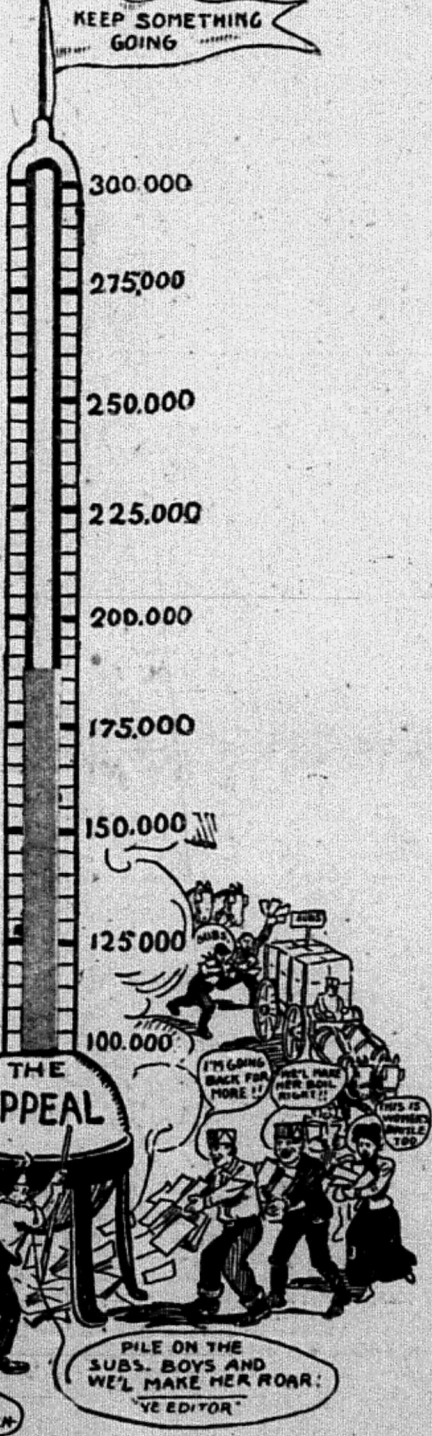
From The Voice, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

"The Appeal to Reason has recently been doing its best to bring before the American people the enormity of the crime that has been committed in the unlawful arrest of Messrs. Moyer and Haywood, the president and secretary of the Western Federation of Miners, and other officials of that organization. It is this that has incurred the enmity of the Mine Owners of Idaho and Colorado, and these include many of the foremost monopolists of the United States. In lieu of any other explanation the plain inference is that it is on the solicitation of these people that our postoffice officials have acted."

The Thermometer Jumps Again.

Number of subscribers last week 179,668. Number new subs for week ending April 21 8,786. Number expiring for week ending April 21 4,907. Gain for the week 3,879. Total number subs for week ending April 21 183,547.

Chief Pusher for the Week ending April 27th: W. S. Preston, De Soto, Mo. The Big 12 for the Week ending April 27th: I. F. Ford, West Perry, N. H.; J. F. Rand, Springfield, Mo.; Y. J. Wallcut, Upper Bingham, Utah; W. H. McFall, West Concord, N. H.; W. J. Rogers, Little Creek, Mich.; I. L. Burgess, Westbrook, Me.; C. W. Blattler, Laramie, Wash.; Martin M. O'Neil, La Junta, Colo.; G. T. Gardner, Grady, Ind.; Frank J. Marshall, Harrisburg, Pa.; Michael Eisenbach, New Albany, Ind.; S. M. Miner, Albion, Mich.



The Appeal is preparing for the fight of its life. The plutocrats fear this paper and the Appeal Army. No organized band of robbers ever faced so powerful a foe. This is not a boast. The result of its work and its gallant little band of assistants is quite apparent—so apparent in fact that it is receiving the solicitous attention of our friends—the enemy. Its every move, its workings, its financial resources, its methods, are carefully watched and noted. A detailed report of the money it receives and papers it sends out is carefully tabulated and forwarded to the Pinkerton agency and from thence handed over to the masters. The Appeal is constantly under the surveillance of the great army of postoffice inspectors, who have orders to report the minutest infraction of the multitudinous rules and regulations which change from week to week. The slightest mistake on the part of an Appeal employe is magnified into a gigantic infraction of the law. Through the offices of the General Paper Company, Chicago, the enemies of the Appeal are furnished with data showing how many pounds of paper are furnished to the little Girard publication, when it is shipped, the price paid, whether the Appeal pays promptly, etc. Fortunately for the Appeal (and I violate no confidence when I tell you this) it has friends in the innermost circles of these modern pirates. The plutocrats can make no move of any importance that does not require the assistance of some working man! Many of these workmen, who are employed as detectives, postoffice inspectors, armed deputies and telegraph operators, have experienced the feeling of class solidarity. While they are forced to give their services to their Masters, their loyalty is given to the Appeal and the cause it represents. It is by these men that I am kept in constant touch with the moves made by those who desire the Appeal suppressed. They dare not openly force the Appeal from the mails. That clumsy attempt was made in 1907, and after a sharp and fierce fight the Washington postoffice department backed off, ignominiously routed. During the past five years the paper has been under constant and steady fire. Every unscrupulous capitalist method known to modern piracy has been used against it. Most of my readers are familiar with the latest, and I regret to admit, most successful attempts, so they need not be reviewed this week. Not only has the circulation of the Appeal suffered, but its financial resources have been seriously jeopardized. In addition to all these difficulties the General Paper Company, of Chicago, which controls every pound of white paper sold west of the Ohio line, forces the Appeal to pay \$5,000 more per year for its paper than would be paid for a similar amount if purchased by a Pittsburg, Ft. Scott, Joplin or Wichita publisher. In other words, the price of white paper to the Appeal has been arbitrarily raised above the figure quoted to other large consumers in this territory. The plan seems to be to force the Appeal to suspend if it can be done without arousing a fierce public resentment. If it can be done by curtailing its income, by shutting off big bunches of subscribers, as was done by the Canadian authorities, that will be the method employed. If it can be accomplished by forcing me to pay exorbitant prices for white paper and other material, then that will be the method employed. It can then be claimed that the Appeal suspended on account of lack of financial support and it can be heralded broadcast through the capitalist press that Socialism is dying out.

Failing in this, a fraud order will be issued by the postoffice department, which will prevent the Appeal from receiving letters sent to it by the Appeal Army, or it may be debarred from the mails on the ground of using obscene language, because no paper can tell the truth (and that is what the Appeal is here for) about the capitalist system without laying itself liable to this charge. These last mentioned methods are all clumsy and crude, and will be used only as a last resort. The Appeal is too firmly established and its business methods too well understood to permit such action without arousing fierce public resentment.

SO THE SCREWS WILL BE PUT ON THE FINANCIAL END AND THE PAPER IS TO BE STRANGLING SLOWLY.

Now, what has been the net result of this attack on the Appeal? The figures at the head of this talk to the Army tell the story to date. The responses have been prompt and generous. 5,110 members of the Appeal Army responded by giving one hour or more of their time during the month just closing. For the four weeks ending April 28th, 22,967 yearly subscriptions were received, an average of not quite five subscribers for each hustler. Suppose all of the Army had responded? It would have meant over 80,000 subscriptions instead of 20,000!

Surely, you who have not joined with your comrades in this crisis are as much interested in the success of the Appeal in this fight as are they. I want you, therefore, to join the "Emergency Squad" and send the Appeal twenty subscriptions during the month of May. This work is not for me—nor for the Appeal—although the capitalist press would have you believe that you are "Working for Wayland." You are working for YOURSELF and your family and at the same time you are putting the Appeal in a position to carry on the fight for the freedom in Idaho until the prison doors open and they go free, acquitted of the crime charged against them!

It is a victory worth working for! It will be a triumph that will ring round the world! It will be the theme for future poets and historians, and YOU should not be counted out!

SUPREME COURT ADVANCES HABEAS CORPUS CASES.

Washington, April 23.—The supreme court today advanced the hearing of the habeas corpus cases of Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone, charged with complicity in the murder of former Governor Steiensenberg of Idaho, naming the first Tuesday in October as the date for their presentation.

Whatever may be thought of it, the APPEAL TO REASON is the only real propaganda organ in this country; and it is not improbable that some day its pages will be scanned with as much interest, if not zest, as once were the flaming anthems that spurred the partless class of French Highlanders in their vengeful march upon the bastille.—W. P. Campbell, custodian Oklahoma Historical Society, in Daily Oklahoman.

WILL JOIN GENERAL STRIKE.

Organized labor is represented by no better element than the pattern makers, and it is significant and encouraging that these should be among the first to respond to the suggestion for a general strike should justice be denied Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone. At a meeting of the Pattern Makers Association, of Milwaukee, held March 6th, stirring protest was made against the Idaho infamy, and among other things was declared: "It is our duty to express our abhorrence of the outrage by a concerted move of the entire working class. Let us act in a manner that will make our economic masters hesitate before they act. Therefore, brothers, consider well the action we suggest, and should the western Federation of Miners ask our assistance, which let us hope, may not be necessary, let us respond to the last man. Therefore, be it Resolved, That we agree voluntarily, on the date set by the Western Federation of Miners, to join in a general cessation of work as a means of showing our abhorrence at the possible execution of the officials of the Western Federation of Miners: And Further, We pledge our best endeavor to enlist the co-operation of the unemployed as well as the organized workers.

Adopted by the Pattern Makers' Association, Milwaukee, March 6, 1906. HENRY WULFERS, President. CHESTER DESING, Secretary.

PENNSYLVANIA VS. RUSSIA.

Martial law has been declared by the mine operators in Windber, Pa. That is just what it amounts to. Martial law prevails, and is being enforced by the "Pennsylvania Cossacks," a body of mounted constabulary in the service of the operators but paid for by the state. These troops, armed with Winchester carbines, Colts revolvers and riot clubs, patrol the streets and have transformed the little mining town into the seeming of a Russian hamlet. Business houses of all kinds have been closed. This condition follows the wanton shooting to death of striking miners by deputy sheriffs. The state police were not sent to suppress the lawless deputies, however. The real purpose for their presence is indicated by the fact that strikers are not permitted to confer in groups without the presence of one of the "Cossacks." Evidently the state of Pennsylvania has gone into the business of strike-breaking. And the public, not the strikers, are being subjected to every form of persecution that can be devised by the combined ingenuity and malignancy of the "Cossacks," the deputies and the "scabs."

OVER IN CANADA.

The Canadian comrades are just beginning to find out that Sir William Mulock, the postmaster general, unceremoniously barred the APPEAL from the Canadian mails—refusing even to permit us to forward the paper in a sealed envelope under first-class postage. Gee! but that APPEAL must be a dangerous sheet! And it is! Ideas—new ideas—are very dangerous to tyranny in all its forms. Dynamite when compared in power to an idea, is but a zephyr compared to a whirlwind. The APPEAL stands convicted of sedition—and it takes its place alongside Garrison's Liberator, Lovejoy's Observer and Horace Greeley's old Tribune. Pretty good company, eh?

But the Canadian comrades are not to be thwarted. The orders for the APPEAL to be delivered by express each week are rolling in, and it would not surprise me if this Canadian list grew to 25,000 copies each week. If you have a friend in Canada write to him. You may even dare send him a copy of the APPEAL in a sealed envelope. Just do it. Sir William to open the private mail of a citizen of this country. I don't believe he will do it.

THWARTED THE PINKERTON.

Some fourteen years ago a man giving the name of Ed. Louhran appeared in Haverhill, Mass. He joined the union of which J. C. Barker was president. He soon became a leader of the hot-heads. After some time trouble came up with some of the shoe factories. Says Mr. Barker: "I did not like Louhran and was watching him. One night I tiptoed into one of our entrances just in time to hear him say to some of his chums, 'I will be one of four to blow up Chick's factory, and I will furnish the start to do it with.' My overhearing him ended that. After a time we got proof that he was a Pinkerton in the pay of the manufacturers. We published the facts in the Haverhill Gazette and he fled the city. Rumor had it that he was McPartland, but if the picture of McPartland in last Sunday's Boston Herald is a good likeness I hardly think he was." Ex-Mayor Chase is a friend of Barker, and will remember Louhran and his career. "If I hadn't overheard," says Barker.—S. E. Aiken, Gramere, N. H.

CALL FROM CALIFORNIA.

The Socialist Voice, Oakland, Calif., has issued a call for funds to assist the San Francisco comrades in getting the work back on its feet. The gallant band of Frisco Socialists are making heroic efforts to get the work on a solid basis once more. Every reader of the Appeal should donate something, no matter how small. Send all donations to the Socialist Voice, Oakland, Calif.

A REMARKABLE REVELATION.

Earthquakes seeming to be in order these days, the Appeal has prepared a special quake of its own, and the great shock will occur next week. It will shake things up in the Cripple Creek district in a way that will make the mine owners think they are in San Francisco. The Appeal's special correspondent, George H. Shoaf, has investigated conditions in this district and found them so amazing as to be almost incredible. A perfect carnival of crime prevails under the ruthless reign of the mine owners and their outlawed satellites. Indiscriminate robbery is not only a daily diversion, but a systematized industry. Organized bandits operate under the protective and direction of local officials. Men are murdered and property is destroyed with absolute impunity. The situation may truly be described as a "reign of terror." The condition is without a parallel. The limit of lawlessness has been reached. Business is paralyzed and the district is rapidly being depopulated. Shoaf has uncovered this saturnalia with a fearless hand, and in the Appeal the full facts will be given to the public for the first time. No other paper has dared to tell the whole truth about Cripple Creek. You will get it ALL in the Appeal next week.

GOODING SHOWS HIS HAND.

Governor Gooding has issued a proclamation calling on the bankers of Idaho to put up \$25,000 to carry on the prosecution of Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone. Shades of American jurisprudence! The governor of a great sovereign state appealing to private institutions for funds to carry on a prosecution against the innocent men! This action becomes the more significant when you remember that the prosecution of Moyer and his associates legally lies with the Canyon county officials, so that the governor has no more authority to take a hand in the proceedings than has the president of the United States the authority to come to Kansas and act as chief executive of the state.

INDIVIDUALISM UNDER SOCIALISM.

A socialist here says Socialism would destroy individualism, and that is "Socialism." It is right.—H. V. Riggs, M. D., Grangeville, Idaho. I met a shoe worker the other day. He had a brass check bearing the number 322. To lose that check would mean that he could draw no pay. The accounts are kept with numbers, not men, and the possessor of that check is entitled to the pay credited to the number. There are millions of such examples of "individualism" in this nation. Yes, I think Socialism will destroy such fetich. Under Socialism men will control and operate the industries in which they work; they will make such rules and regulations as will seem good. They will be men, not numbers. Every man or woman who has any special talent will have the conditions under which it can be developed; no pull will be necessary. Most of the genius of today is smothered and never develops; men are not at anything they can do, not what they have a liking or genius for. Poor boys or girls with a passion and soul for music, art, or any other of the higher vibrations have to do any work they can get to make a living, and their real individuality is suppressed and destroyed. I wonder how much the millions would take for the "individuality" of the numbers by which they are known to the masters?

THWARTED THE PINKERTON.

Thomas W. Lawson, in Everybody's Magazine for May, refuses to give his remedy for the ills that exist, but hints it plainly enough when he shows that the money used by Wall Street gamblers is the same money that the people deposit in the banks and which is loaned by the banks to the gamblers. Lawson says the people are not yet ready for his remedy. Lawson has spent two years trying to awaken the American people to the fact that they are being skinned. Two years! The APPEAL has been fifteen years at the same work, and it has the help of 30,000 other workers who know what the trouble is, and it has just begun to see results. Lawson will find that he will have to accept the Socialist theory and program or he will leave no mark behind. It takes much time and the combined efforts of many thousands to effect an industrial revolution. One man cannot do much. It is not a one-man job. It requires a movement of the majority, and principles, not men, must be kept in the mind all the time.

CONVICTED OF ITS RIGHTNESS.

convicted of its righteousness—he can't get away from it though he might find his immediate interests opposed to his acknowledging it. For the world punishes those who refuse to share its errors with them. Because society refuses to protect its members in the days of their incapacity I recently bought a piece of income property. The transaction, reduced to simple terms, means that I bought the privilege of taxing certain persons who will have to use that particular property. In olden times the kings sold to the highest bidder the right to collect taxes—and that is what is done today under other forms. The idea that one set of people should levy a tax upon another set for a living is absurd, but the people have been reared under such absurd relations and don't see anything wrong with it. If I have been a useful member of society and have created some of the surplus or accumulated values, then society that follows has part of my life and owes it to me in the days of my incapacity, but it repudiates this obligation and leaves each one to spread his nets for those unfortunates who have not been able to squeeze their fellows—hence this purchase of the right to tax others. I have to practice this game in self-defense, but I am voting and working to abolish such absurd rules of society. Were society intelligently organized, I would have to provide society with the means of sustaining me in days of misfortune and old age. Now the most useless member of society often has the most of what society produces. When in Rome we have to do as the Romans do—but we don't have to endorse the Roman system. When we can get a majority aroused there will be no buying of the right to tax unborn generations.

WATCH THE REPUBLICAN AND DEMOCRATIC REPRESENTATIVES.

Watch the republican and democratic representatives and senators in congress who have been shamming opposition to the Standard Oil and Steel trusts. Refuse to take the tariff off steel so that these trusts (owned by the same Rockefeller) can skin the nation on iron and steel. There is a howl to have the tariff taken off steel so that San Francisco can be rebuilt at one-third less cost than with the tariff! Why not let other places also build up a country also tears it down, isn't it? "Rocky" owns congress, and it will do his bidding. He owns every Kansas representative—when it comes to defending his tariff subsidy. The general executive board of the Industrial Workers of the World have issued a call for meetings to be held Sunday, May 6, to protest against the outrages committed by corporations and state authorities against the W. F. of M.

KEEP UP THE AGITATION.

THE glaring searchlight of an unexpected publicity has shined the darkest of conspiracy to their dens in Colorado and Idaho. They seek the coyotes which betrays their dark deeds, and the silence and seclusion compatible with crime. Quiet reigns in the camp of the enemy. McDonald, the mine owner, who prostituted the powers of his office to aid in the abduction of Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone, is discreetly silent. Governor Gooding, of Idaho, has ceased his insolent swagger and his indecent declarations of the guilt of the prisoners. McPartland's brutal braggadocio is heard no more. Judge Smith no longer poses as a modern Jefferson: The flood of lies that flowed from the capitalist press so short a time ago has suddenly been dammed. Even the animal connected with the conspiracy is now wishing at the very bottom of its cunning and fly-blown substitute for a soul that the words "These men shall never leave Idaho alive" had never been uttered. McPartland realizes the mistake he made in prancing out into the lime-light and boasting of his murderous record in connection with the "Molly Maguire" case.

THE PUBLIC MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO FORGET.

There must be no stagnation. For stagnation means—DEATH. The public must not be allowed to forget. That the public may not forget, we ourselves must REMEMBER. It must be admitted that past experience justifies the enemy in their hope for obscurity and forgetfulness. The masses have no memory. The working man is quick to forget his wrongs. But the thought of these brave brothers in prison will not permit the memory of the workers to slumber, and they will not allow others to forget. So let our efforts not be lessened. The campaign should be ceaseless. Teach the tyrants that delay will not serve their deadly purpose, but that every day of postponement will weaken their case and add strength to the cause of justice. Agitation must steadily be increased, that the effect of the exertion already made may be cumulative and result in complete victory for the right. This foul plot is the culminating crime of the centuries, and the trial will prove to be the most momentous in history. Whether its result shall be tragedy or triumph for right and justice depends entirely upon the work done in the interim. Let every friend feel the fullest responsibility that rests upon him. This is an instance where individual effort is of tremendous importance. If every man and woman will do their share the result will be something remarkable. Keep it moving, and increase the speed! Don't forget to whoop! Never underestimate the value of noise in a case like this. Leave stealth and quiet to the Spooks on the other side. You must raise the very devil if you would attract attention. And to keep the public notice focused on the facts of this outrage is the essential thing. See to it that this is done. The Appeal will furnish the ammunition for this fight. It rests with the Appeal Army to see that the shots reach the target. Keep up the firing all along the line, and let the volleys steadily increase in volume and velocity until the clash of the final conflict comes, and then when the smoke of battle has cleared away we can send ringing around the world the message that once echoed from Erie's shore: "We have met the enemy and they are ours."

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