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No man is great enough or rich enough to get this paper on credit or for a longer time than paid for. It is published as an advocate of International Socialism, the movement which favors the ownership of the earth by ALL the people—not by a PART of the people.

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The mercury in the thermometer is climbing right up to the top—the 230,000 mark will be reached by the time the next report is made.

Most of the APPEAL faces and are jumping in and boasting with their old time fire and vigor. But I want to number every friend of the APPEAL in on this deal to put the circulation to the 250,000 mark, from which vantage ground I will be able to unfold some propaganda plans that will make the past achievements appear small by comparison.

The APPEAL has a fight before it, but, fished by our splendid victory in Canada, I am determined to push the contest until every obstacle to its progress is removed. You are asked to get ten subscribers at 25 cents each, and do it before July 1st. If you haven't the time, select the names of ten persons who ought to read the APPEAL and send the \$2.50. You can make no better investment at this time. It'll be bread cast on the waters, that will return sooner than you expect in a sweeping Socialist victory.

Things are coming Socialistward these days. Let's keep 'em on the run! I LIKE criticisms. They tell me where I have made good. Now, if everybody agreed with me there would be no need of the APPEAL TO REASON. It is to reach people who do not agree with us, that the paper was started and is published. If it were to make money, then I should want to go with the stream and scoop in the whole platter. If the people were wise there would be no use trying to teach. When I get a criticism it shows that I have ruffled up some fellow's prejudice and made him think on that point. If I am right, he has some chance of getting the same thought; if I am wrong, he may set me thinking right.

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AND now the capitalist press is saying that the Western Federation of Miners instigated the Cananea riots in Mexico, and advising the Socialist party to repudiate the "nihilism of the Western Federation of Miners."

A SOLLY in the ranks of the ruling class is no indication that a class struggle does not exist. The ruling class may divide into factions and fight over a division of the spoils wrung from the working class, but these factions solidify and become as one the instant the foundation of their existence—the capitalist mode of production—is threatened by the exploited class.

Socialism cannot exist under capitalism, neither can capitalism exist under Socialism.

A GOOD many self-made men look as though it might have been well if they had got the job done by contract.

GOVERNMENT today simply does police duty for the capitalists, the president acting as a sort of chief of police.

ELECTRICITY always follows the line of least resistance; so does everything else. That's why society is headed for Socialism at express-train speed.

UNDER Socialism we will have an industrial government, not a political one; directors of industry, not hirelings of capitalism, to divide up the "graft."

IN my judgment, the empty stomach vote will always outnumber the intelligent vote. The only thing necessary is to see that the intelligent vote is large enough to act as a sort of guide and keep the unthinking mass headed right.

THERE has come a cry for help from the new state, Oklahoma. The Socialists are preparing for an aggressive, vigorous campaign. The APPEAL'S Agitation League, though somewhat exhausted after the strenuous fight of the past few months, will lend its assistance.

I WANT a boy in every village, town and city to sell the APPEAL on the streets. I have a proposal that will make the youngsters some vacation money and boost the paper at the same time. Let me have your name on a postal card at once.

A FRIEND of mine, who is a physician, tells me that the skull of a millionaire and a tramp are so near alike that you can't tell one from the other. Who would ever have thought it? And yet it seems logical—neither do any work, and both live off the labor of their brothers.

MR. ROCKEFELLER'S physician states, in a recent newspaper interview, that his famous patient was "particularly free from worry." Well, one would naturally suppose that a man with a billion dollars would have no particular reason for laying awake nights—he could feel reasonably sure of three meals a day.

YOUR boss does not pay you wages because he likes to have you around for company or because you need the money to provide your wife and children with food, shelter and clothing, but because he makes a profit from the product of your labor. Whenever he cannot make a profit it's up to you to find another boss.

THE APPEAL has a number of women workers on its list and it ought to have more. I would like to have every woman who reads these lines, who is in sympathy with the Socialist movement, drop me a postal card stating that you are willing to help. Do this, my fair comrade, please; it may mean something attractive to you personally.

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A CALL has been issued for a convention of "independent voters" to meet at Topeka on July 4th. Same old crowd, same old game, same old proposition. The fellows go into it in the hope of escaping from the old parties and find themselves hopelessly entangled in the coils of the political octopus before the election takes place.

WHEN the chattel power had the president, the senate, the house and supreme court, it did not feel secure, but had its minions stop the circulation of Horace Greely's and other papers which favored the system of wage labor as against slave labor. The masters today are doing all in their power to stop the circulation of the APPEAL, because it favors co-operative labor as against wage labor.

HAVE we a real redemption dollar today or is it a pretense and a fraud?—D. Y. Plymouth, Ind.

MONEY can only be redeemed in wealth created by labor. To change one dollar for another is not redemption any more than changing one promissory note for another. The government issues money. That is, it is paid to people on the supposition of services performed—or it is stolen. The only way the government could redeem that money would be by giving the holder of it something that the holder wanted—food, clothing, shelter, instruction or entertainment. The government never did this, and doesn't intend to. The trickery around the present redemption is to fool the dupes who are robbed to keep up a government whose sole object and use is to keep the people from coming to their own. Unless the government were to own and operate industries it has nothing to redeem money with.

THE workingman who votes an old party ticket hasn't discovered the connection between his economic interests and his vote. And you can bet his wife hasn't found it out yet, either. When she does there will be a struggle that will break up the homes of this country, or capitalism, one of the two.

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THE quickest way to "start something" is to start it yourself, and the best way to do it is to loan your neighbor a copy of "The Jungle" and then take his subscription for the APPEAL.

Large Fortunes and Wages.

No matter how much you regulate and how well you administer the law, under any circumstances where men must sell themselves for wages you can't keep the employing class from growing rich, enormously so, so far as they are concerned. For example, suppose that Jones buys Smith with wages of within one dollar of Smith's earnings. It were absurd to suppose that Jones will pay Smith a sum equal to the value of his labor; else why employ him at all?

Now, if all the laboring people were paid within one dollar per week of the actual value of their labor, I have no doubt that labor troubles, with all the hell they bring in their wake, would be no more, and the great storm of unrest now shaking the bosom of the world would subside.

Applied to our own enterprises, it looks all right, for we do not all buy labor as cheaply as we can get it, whether it is for work on a farm, in a factory or bank? And do we not all make as much profit out of a transaction as we possibly can? We are compelled to do so, for competition, another feature of our blessed system, would soon put us out of business.

Yet it is under the same system that the much-abused Mr. Rockefeller has made every dollar he owns. His profits are estimated at ten thousand dollars an hour, waking or sleeping, sojourning in France or dodging process-servers in the Pocantico hills. One hundred and sixty-six dollars and sixty cents coming to him every minute!

But in all fairness, is he, by our standards, to be blamed for getting every dollar he can? He may never have actually violated the law, even if he does now own practically every one hundredth dollar in the whole country. Some one, good at figures, has said that if he lives to be a hundred years old, at the present rate of increase, he will own twenty-seven billion dollars.

They are money lenders to the great national powers. Good and bad times are alike to them. War, famine and pestilence but add to their legitimate and honest profits. Aren't your business principles as nearly as you can make them like the Rothschilds? They get as much interest as they can for their money, make as much out of each transaction, and derive as much profit as they can from each investment. Don't we all do the same thing? In fact, don't we congratulate ourselves when we have made a good profit-paying investment?

The Rockefeller, Rothschilds and other fortunes have grown so colossal that they are impossible of disintegration. No spendthrift of the family can waste even a cent of the income on them. War, pestilence and future generations of these families of lords will prove incompetent and profligate, these fortunes must still increase until the world is literally owned by them.

Not being a member of any secret organization, I can only reply on the general aspect of the question. Socialism would free every person from want or the fear of it. That part of organization that is to defend the members from want would fall into disuse. That part of the feature that it used to find a person on whose friendship a traveler might rely would also fall into disuse.

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So say that the incentive to gain makes thieves a plain statement of fact that cannot be denied. Do you imagine any man feels any pleasure in being a thief? Certainly not. There is not a man living but had rather feel himself an honest man, and he remains an honest man until the incentive to be honest is overbalanced by the incentive to be dishonest—both traceable to an economic cause.

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THE COLORADO PLUTES REJOICE!

Special Telegraphic Communication from Geo. H. Shoaf, Staff Correspondent Appeal to Reason.

DENVER, June 23.—Sherman Bell, Sheriff Edward Bell, Governor McDonald, Simon Guggenheim, W. G. Evans and other Peabody advisers held a jubilee meeting last evening in Majestic building, the occasion of the celebration being the alleged many stand of Judge Robert E. Lewis for "law and order" in instructing the jury to find for the defendants in the case of Michael Gibbons, late police magistrate at Victor, Colo., against the military commission appointed by General Sherman Bell during the labor troubles in the Cripple Creek district in 1904.

The court's holdings practically declare the military power to be supreme, taking the place of every other governmental function when an insurrection has been declared to exist, unless it can be shown that the military authority arbitrarily uses its power for oppression, and persons arrested and hauled before him have no recourse to the civil courts.

As a result of the call issued by the Western Federation of Miners, announced in last week's APPEAL, Judge Frank J. Smith is being flooded with letters demanding that the Federation officials be admitted to bail. The following telegram, just received from Comrade Shoaf, shows which way the wind is blowing:

DENVER, Colo., June 23.

Private information from Caldwell, Idaho, states that Judge Frank J. Smith's mail has increased a hundred-fold during the last five days. Union men all over the West are responding to the Western Federation of Miners call and are flooding Judge Smith with letters demanding the release on bail of Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone.

EVERY intelligent man knows that the greatest problem that faces the world today is that of the unemployed. Ask your republican friend if his party has any solution.

The Register, of Eugene, Ore., commenting upon the revolutionary tendency of the times, says there is not the slightest danger of a reign of terror, owing to the sober, good judgment of the great masses of our people. Correct, so far as the "great masses" are concerned, but when their sound, good judgment is expressed in electing a Socialist administration the judgment of capitalism will express itself in a terrific revolt, and the four months between November and March will inaugurate the reign of terror, if there is one.

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How the Giant Worked It.

Once upon a time, in a great forest lived a giant who was the terror of the people for many miles about. He had a tremendous voice that could be heard for leagues, and he called the people to him, for the giant had no legs and could not travel. Every time he called the people they went to him carrying great loads of provisions, and he always beat each one as he laid down his load. This is a very absurd story, you think. And it is. But it is just like the foolish working people today do. Capitalists could not do each one and make him deliver part of his labor product, but the working people carry their products to the capitalists (market) and are always skinned every time they do. They have not enough wit to see that if they would not take their products to capitalists that the capitalists would have to go to work, and the working class could keep all they produce. The people refuse to own the means of production and distribution their labor and genius have created, but have voted these things into the hands of the capitalists, who strike them every time they come near, yet get their luxuries from those whom they openly despise. You can't see it? Neither could the people in Russia. But my! we are wise!

A Tenant Farmer's View.

A tenant farmer came into the office the other day to get some literature for one of his neighbors, who is just getting his eyes open. He said there was a good deal of complaint among his neighbors about the price of stock—that it was below the cost of production. He said he told them the price was high enough—was really just right. That the price of trust-made goods going up was all right, too, for it was just what they needed to make them do a little thinking on their own account. He thought if they would think over the matter a little they would do a little voting for themselves instead of the rich fellows. There is the spirit for you. Here is a poor devil who is willing to suffer and give half of his poor crop to his landlord if it will only awaken his fellows to realize the damnable character of the present industrial system. This tenant is a great reader. Without any "book education" he can wind up the average college student or politician in two minutes.

Critics and Reviewers.

Literary critics and book reviewers charge that the literature of Socialism is dull and somber, utterly lacking in humor, etc.

Well, a Socialist writer is not endeavoring to be artistic, and the materials that come to his hands are not of a kind to conduce to levity and lightness of heart.

I have before me an account of 100,000 children in New York State alone who, without vacation from year's end to year's end, are ground up body and soul in the great factories of that great state.

ABOUT ten thousand capitalists have organized to crush labor. They control thousands of millions of wealth. They can stop the industries and starve labor. But just think what they would meet if labor (FIFTEEN MILLION STRONG) would meet them at the ballot box and elect Socialists to power! Their opposition to labor then would be like a fly's wing against a Kansas cyclone.

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No man will rob himself; that's why there will be no robbers under Socialism.

You are good enough to build homes for the money lords, but not good enough to enter them when completed. And you vote for this!

Why are you workers satisfied to produce all the wealth of the world, and then sit down in poverty and idleness, who do nothing useful enjoy it?

It's all right to talk about the dignity of labor, but don't forget that no amount of dignity will buy shoes and bread for the babies. It's the rights of labor that I am interested in.

Your workers build million-dollar mansions for the drones and live in hovels and pay rent for them. You are certainly easy for the capitalists. Vote the same old way and have it continue!

TALK about good trusts and criminal trusts is all well. All these so-called good or so-called bad trusts are all the same thing—all the profits they get. And isn't that what everybody is after? Because one trust makes more profit than some other trust must it be classed as bad? Just how much profit must a trust make before it ceases to be good?

If you saw a man's house on fire and went in and told him about it, and he made no move to get out, but would complacently remark that he would wait and see if it developed into a big fire or not, you would think he was crazy. But I fail to see that he is any more mentally deranged than the man who admits that Socialism is right, but is waiting for the movement to develop more strength before joining it.

THE drones yell: "Beware of the drones," and point to the poor, who have been skinned of all their wealth. That is to direct the mind of the victim to other things while the drone skins him or her. It reminds me of the farmer who was watching his melon patch with a shotgun to protect it from the boys. One of the boys went behind the house and rang a cow bell in the corn field, and when the farmer went to drive out the cow, the other boys got away with the melons. That is the game the drones are playing on the workers.

THINK of labor going into a capitalist court for justice! Just imagine a patriot appealing to the king's judges for justice! When labor gets the sense of a last year's bird-nest it will elect its own judges to the bench, and when it appeals for justice it will not have to appeal to a court prejudiced against it. Judges are partisans for capitalism. They apply Socialism to the rich and democratic judges to Socialism, judges would be partisans to labor. I suppose that is the reason labor refuses to vote for Socialists—it prefers to vote for its enemies.

It will be remembered by readers of this paper that five years ago Mr. Madden imperiously ordered the APPEAL to take from its mailing list all the names of persons whose subscriptions had been paid for by some friend—under pain of withdrawing our second-class mailing privilege. As I mentioned last week, Madden is now the publisher of a monthly magazine, and he is appealing to his friends to send in the names of ten of their acquaintances with \$10 to pay for the yearly subscriptions. Now, what do you think of that? Discrimination? Well, rather! Nevertheless, the APPEAL is putting on hundreds of names under this plan, as a result of the suggestion last week. Let's see if he kicks NOW!

A COMRADE wants to know what inducement will be offered under Socialism for men to do the disagreeable and dangerous tasks necessary to keep the old machine going. I do not know. But I surmise that when all the people have an opportunity to regulate the industrial affairs of the nation much of the danger which now attends much of the labor performed will be eliminated. Today industry is conducted for the purpose of making a profit for someone. To make a great profit the cheapest, meanest and fastest machines are used. The danger to life or the disagreeableness of the occupation never enters into the calculation of the average master of the machine. I surmise that when you and I have an opportunity to express ourselves, in a way that will count on these things, we will make life more agreeable and less dangerous. In those occupations in which these two drawbacks cannot be entirely overcome we will shorten the hours and lengthen the hours in the pleasant tasks. This latter has been suggested before. When we get to that bridge it is quite likely we will be in a position to get over it safely.

Lend a Hand, Comrades!

Well, comrade, have you written that letter to Judge Frank P. Smith, Caldwell, Idaho, requesting the release on bond of Comrades Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone? If you haven't, then don't delay such action another day.

Pending the decision of the United States supreme court in the habeas corpus case, the trial of these imprisoned comrades must be postponed. This is a matter of many months. Meanwhile, their health is being broken and their lives imperiled by close confinement. An early release is essential to their safety.

This release can be effected if all the comrades will act. There is no weapon more powerful than united protest. Such union, however, can be obtained only by individual initiative. So it depends upon each of us personally to do his share. This is not much—just a few moments spent in writing a letter, and another moment or two in asking your friends to do likewise.

Let these letters come in upon Judge Smith as fast and thick as snowflakes in a western storm. Let them whelm and bury him until he can no longer ignore their import. Then will he act, and our comrades will be given their temporary liberty.

If these men, who are suffering for our sake, remain in prison the fault will be ours.

Arousel
Action!

Individualism Under Socialism.

You are an individualist. You believe in private ownership of the means of production. You feel this is the only way toward progress and happiness. Did you ever stop to analyze this? Let's take a peep into its wonderful mystery. Suppose a dozen or more people are doing business and owning their own plants. These people organize a corporation and put all their plants into it and elect officers to direct the combined business. Where does the individuality come in? Don't they yield up their individual direction to the collective direction? Is that a suppression of individuality? Now, none of the stockholders in the collective property can say that any particular thing of that property is his, but he could claim an interest in all of it—undivided. Now, nearly all the property of the nation today has gone into just such conditions. And such conditions have developed what you are pleased to term the great individuality of the nation. Now, would there be any change in the principle if all the capital were to be made collective property and the stockholders (all the people) were to elect the men who were to direct the forces of production and distribution? I can't see any change at all. Thus Socialism would be simply developing the line of progress we have to its uttermost—the "trustifying" of all capital with the people as equal stockholders, each having an equal vote in the selection of the management, just as the stockholders today elect the management of the great corporations. There would be this difference in results—that all the people would get an equal benefit, while now they are operated for the benefit only of the few stockholders. But perhaps you are one of those who prefer not to lose your individuality by having a voice in the management! You feel your individuality can best find expression by being denied a voice! But there are all kinds of mental machines—minds that permit other minds to operate them. Are you one?

The Reward of Labor.

Should ten men dig and hoist ten tons of coal, each being put by their collective wisdom in the places where they could do the most good, I claim that each worker should have one ton of coal, or its full equivalent. It would be unfair, unjust, that one should take three tons, another two, another one and a half and the others less than a ton. Each worker doing necessary work in the production is entitled to an equal share of the product. Custom class has made the differential sharing of labor products. But when we give more than half of the ten tons to some outsider, called a capitalist, because somewhere the workers are told that there is a piece of paper that says he owns the earth, yet who has never helped to produce a pound of coal, such division is little less than idiotic or insane. But so long as the wool can be pulled over the eyes of the majority, who do the work, that this kind of thing is right, it will continue, for those who benefit by it are not going to instruct their dupes in the fraud by which they get coal without producing coal or anything else. Only by the common ownership of the earth and the fullness thereof can a just division of labor products with labor be made. Do you want your share?

Home Defenders.

The capitalists are warning their victims, who are living much like the animals of the stalls, that Socialism will break up the family. This is to cover up their own actions, which have broken up millions of homes by forcing daughters into brothels, forcing others to go out into domestic service, and sons to leave home and tramp over the land in search of a master who would permit them enough to eat for their services. Oh, the capitalists are such friends of home! It would make a donkey smile—this sweet solicitude of the masters for the moral well-being of their slaves. Pass the smelling salts.

MR. ROCKEFELLER is credited with having at his disposal one billion fifty-cent meals of good grub, which he cannot use. In fact, the sight of a good beefsteak makes him sick at the stomach. All million hungry men and women and children stand on the outside of the iron enclosure and look longingly at the good things which they helped to pile up, but cannot use. Society says it belongs to the great man. Will we get wise enough to understand that the lives of mankind are of more importance than the pride of a billionaire? Sure.

THE CZAR OUTDONE

Fusilade of Bullets Meets the Humble Petition of Mexican Workingmen.

CAPITALISM'S SHAME IN OLD MEXICO.

Cananea Riots Not a Revolution But Simply a Strike of Under-Paid Labor.

BY GEO. H. SHOAF, Staff Correspondent.

"The trouble in Cananea, Sonora, Mexico, was not due to any revolutionary movement, as has been reported, but is directly traceable to the fact that the Mexican miners were paid only half as much as the American miners for doing the same amount of work," said A. J. Ortiz, Mexican consul, who has returned to Denver after a trip to the City of Mexico.

"If Colonel Greene had used a little tact the complications would never have arisen, or would have been smoothed out before they became serious. The Mexicans thought that if they did the work they should be paid for it the same as the American miners. They had no feeling against the American miners; in fact they were glad to see them get the large salary, as it showed the work done was worth more than Col. Greene was paying his Mexican laborers.

"The Western Federation of Miners had nothing to do with the movement. All these explanations given by the mine owners and others are given with a bias and to keep the real facts of the salary matter from becoming too prominent.

"The action of the governor of Sonora in accepting the services of American volunteers has not met with the unqualified approval of the Mexicans. He thought he was acting for the best and accepted the services of the Americans as he would have accepted the service of Mexicans. They were to be strictly under his orders and were to remain in Cananea only as long as he thought their presence necessary. Mexican troops would have been at the scene of trouble earlier only for the fact that the short route was over United States territory. They had to take the longer way around, but arrived in time to quiet the trouble."

The foregoing interview with Consul Ortiz appeared in the Denver Post June 20, and is a very fair statement of explanation of the cause of the recent uprisings in Cananea. There was nothing revolutionary about the movement on the part of the Mexican miners when they decided to ask for an increase in their wages, as has been given out by the capitalist press, nor was this movement instigated by Socialists or the Western Federation of Miners. The Mexican workingmen were simply tired of accepting half the wages given American miners for precisely the same character of work, and struck for an increase. Instead of increased wages, they were handed a murderous volley of hot lead. And the man who ordered the shooting, and who gave it encouragement by himself using his six-shooter freely, was Colonel W. C. Greene, president of the Greene Consolidated Copper Company.

Mine Owner Accuses Socialists.

In a letter to the United States authorities at Washington, filed with the state department, and dated at Cananea, Sonora, Mexico, June 11, Colonel W. C. Greene, president of the copper company, at whose mines in Cananea the rioting occurred early this month, charges that agitators from the Western Federation of Miners had been through the mines inciting the Mexicans, and tells how he was warned of a plot to dynamite the bank and to inaugurate a revolution against President Diaz. He reviews details already published, and says, among other things:

"On the night of May 31 I was informed by a man working in the copper mine that a Mexican working there had told him that trouble was going to start in Cananea on the morning of June 1, at 5 o'clock; that a Socialist club had held three meetings at midnight on May 30, at which a large number of agitators of socialistic tendencies were present; that agitators of the Western Federation had been through the mines inciting the Mexicans, and that they had been furnishing money for the socialistic club at Cananea."

"He also gave us a couple of copies of a revolutionary circular that had been widely distributed, together with a number of other details. While it looked ridiculous to me that a thing of that kind could be done, their program including dynamiting the bank, where it was reported we had \$1,000,000, breaking open the stores and getting firearms and ammunition, and with them starting a revolution against the Diaz government."

"Colonel Greene is simply following the usual tactics of capital," said Acting Secretary James Kirwan, of the Western Federation of Miners, in reviewing the statements given out by the copper company's president. "When Colonel Greene made those statements he knew he was lying. He has his purpose. What it is we can only guess. It is probable that it is for the purpose of jobbing the stock market, or attempting to detract public attention from the condition in which human beings are maintained in his mines to add to the wealth of Eastern stockholders."

No Truth in It.

"There is absolutely not a word of truth in the charges. As soon as it happened I wired to one of our members at Bisbee to make the most careful investigation of all the facts and be prepared for just such a charge as this. It was to be expected at a time when organized capital in the mines is preparing to crush organizations of labor.

"I have here a letter from our brother. This morning there also arrived in Denver two of our members who were at Cananea at the time of the outbreak. From both sources we are assured that not one of our members had anything to do with the matter. It is true that some of our men were

est, vied with the other in extending the glad hand of hospitality to the strangers. It was only when the traveler repaid these acts of generosity with some act of treachery that the Mexican ire was aroused.

"During the last five years, however, much of this attitude toward the Americans has changed. The grinding down of labor by the foreign corporations has embittered the poor classes, and the coarse brutality and wanton behavior of the adventurers from the states have tended to set the faces of all classes against new-comers. Only among the government officials, proper, do the American capitalists find favor. This class, of course, protects the big mine owners and agricultural exploiters in their operations for the reason that, like the senate of the United States, the Mexican officials have been bought off and are practically owned by the Wall Street thieves of New York."

Labor Unions Forbidden by Law.

In addition to the natural disposition of the Mexicans to docility, there is a law in Mexico which makes the organization of labor absolutely prohibitive. A labor organization is looked upon as an attempt at revolution, and a labor agitator is regarded as a traitor and a spy. This law was passed by the government officials at the instigation of American capitalists. At the time of its passage it received universal sanction because the working class did not know the meaning of union labor. It is needless to say that this law is the most strictly enforced one upon the Mexican states. Nearly all the so-called revolutions which have been put down by troops during the last few years have been incipient labor strikes by the poor toilers. It is said that in the gold territory south of the City of Mexico troops are farmed out to the big mine owners for the express purpose of quelling disturbances and keeping the peons in subjection. Occasionally tremendous massacres are pulled off and hundreds of Mexican miners are left to rot in the passes and on the mountain sides.

It will thus be seen that while the Mexican worker is naturally obedient and disposed to rest content with his lot in life, he is not altogether satisfied to live in slavery. With all his powers of endurance, combined with the influence of the Catholic faith, there is a limit beyond which he will not be pushed. That limit has not been reached and again among the mountains and on the plantations of his native land, and every stand he has thus far taken against his masters has been suppressed with sabre and rifle shot in the name of revolution. The recent uprising in Cananea is but a repetition of scores of similar strikes that have been made by the peons elsewhere in Mexico within the last five years.

Peaceful Petitioners Shot Down.

With reference to the Cananea affair, it will be seen that the Mexican miners quit work simultaneously and went in a body to Colonel Greene to demand peace. They were surrounded by his guards, Colonel Greene stood on the gallery of his residence and deliberately fired point-blank into the crowd of petitioners, killing scores and wounding hundreds of others. As it may be wondered that this savage attack infuriated the strikers and caused them to act of violence. With knives and stones the peons stormed the square of the town and tried to invade the premises and capture the person of Colonel Greene. While they outnumbered the enemy a hundred to one, their attacks were repulsed with frightful loss of life. Colonel Greene and his hand had the guns and ammunition and the "revolution" was put down.

This carnage took place about forty-five miles from the Arizona line, in the midst of the great copper belt that runs through the state of Sonora down into Old Mexico. Similar to conditions that prevail in the other Mexican states, American capitalists have secured complete control of this copper district—the principal company being known as the Greene Consolidated Mining Company—and have established "friendly relations" with the Diaz federal government and with the state authorities of Sonora.

Cause of the Strike.

Cananea has a population of 25,000, and since, under a Mexican law, three-fifths of the men employed there must be Mexicans, that nationality predominates. More than 5,000 miners and smeltermen are employed in Cananea. American miners receive an average of \$3.50 in gold, while the Mexicans only get \$3 per day, Mexican money, the equivalent of \$1.50 or less in gold. A law of Sonora requires that before the wages of Mexican workmen may be raised a permit must be obtained from the governor of the state. Some time ago that governor, doubtless because of his "friendly relations" with the American capitalists, deliberately and arbitrarily reduced the wages of the Mexican miners one-fourth.

"In itself was sufficient to provoke the Mexicans from this discontent had been brewing among the peons for months. The great mellon to the thought of being compelled to work harder than the American miners and receive less than half what the Americans received. It may be that this rebellious spirit was fostered by some of the Western Federation men who had drifted down into that section, but it is a cinch that the strike was not caused by any agitation on the part of either Socialists or Federation men. Mere agitation will not precipitate the Mexican laborers to drastic action of any sort. Only conditions more intolerable than death itself will ever awaken that nationality and cause it to strike back at the red-handed pirates who have subjugated the Mexican working class in slavery at the point of the bayonet. That this condition has been reached is evident from the fact that the Mexicans, here and throughout the country, are arising and striking back.

Leaders Jailed and Shot.

After the repulse administered by Greene and his hirelings the Mexican miners returned to work. Troops were hurried to the scene, most of the ring leaders among the petitioners were jailed and shot, and all American miners known to carry union cards were ordered to leave the camp. Today peace prevails throughout La Cananea—peace purchased literally at the price of chains and slavery. The Mexicans are driven to their work by the whip-lash of hunger. The mines are guarded by soldiers and the first malcontent who dares to raise a voice of protest is shot down in

his tracks. And these are the conditions under which most of the gold, silver and copper mines are operated today in Mexico.

What are the Mexican working classes to do? By law they are prevented from organizing themselves into trade unions. They have neither money nor opportunity to purchase arms and ammunition for a really successful rebellion. The government is leagued with the capitalist mine-owners to carry forward the infamous exploitation of the workers—and such a thing as overthrowing the existing regime by means of the ballot is absolutely out of the question.

At their recent convention the Western Federation of Miners passed resolutions of sympathy and encouragement for the unfortunate peons who struck for freedom. It was useless to send men down to Mexico to attempt to organize them. The organizers would be promptly jailed and possibly shot."

Such is the situation with the poor classes of Mexico at the present time. They are virtually slaves to the coldest-hearted band of bloodthirsty buccanniers that ever sank the dagger of assassination into the vitals of unsuspecting innocence. The daughter of a Roman emperor driving her chariot over the prostrate form of her murdered father does not present a picture of fiendish cruelty one-half as terrible to contemplate as the infinite outrages perpetrated upon the poor miners by American capitalists in Mexico. The independence explosion in Cripple Creek, the assassination of ex-Governor Steunenberg of Idaho, the arrest and kidnaping of Meyer, Haywood and Pettibone, and scores of other deeds similar to these—all instigated and committed by wealthy mine-owners in the Rocky Mountains of the West, are crimes of capitalism had enough, but they cannot begin to compare to the infamies enacted daily "across the Rio Grande."

The Interests Dominate Mexico.

"American plutocracy must certainly have full sway in Mexico," is the thought that will perhaps come to the mind of the reader upon a perusal of these lines. Well, it has, and no mistake. Some persons have inferred that the Cananea affair is merely an incident precipitated by capitalists to plunge the United States into a war with Mexico. The result of the war would be the seizure and annexation of that country to the United States. I think this is a mistaken inference. Mexico could not be more thoroughly controlled and dominated by "the interests" than she is today. Were her territory annexed to this country there would come one of two things—either the laws preventing the organization of labor would be repealed, or else an attempt would be made to extend the power of those laws over the entire domain of the two republics. It is not likely that the capitalists will try the latter course in this country for some time to come.

Wall street and Standard Oil are very well satisfied with the Mexican situation as it now exists. They have it well in hand. All that they ask is to be let alone. The Mexican peons are still inclined to attend church and swear by the flag of their government—and both of these institutions are handled direct from the capitalistic citadels in New York and London. Some day the giant of American labor is going to arise and shake himself, and with the shaking will follow a tumbling and crashing of the damnable system responsible for his enslavement. Some day this great sleeping giant is going to stand erect so that his stature, cleaving the sky, will be the only form visible on the planet. Some day the red flag of Socialism is going to float triumphant over every industrial center in this country, from Maine to California. When that day arrives it will be possible to free the working classes of Mexico. Until that time, however, the history of La Cananea.

A CLASS IN ECONOMICS.

"Do wage-workers choose their labor or the hours or conditions of it?" asked the Professor.

"They do not," said Summerland.

"Millions toil to the point of exhaustion at work and under conditions that they have no power to choose, and count themselves lucky if they keep themselves and their families barely above want."

"Why are they compelled to do this?"

"Because they do not own the land and machinery on which and with which they work," replied the boy.

"What does Mr. Dole say about 'Labor, Wealth and Wages'?" asked Professor Wishard.

"He says," said Miss Julia Hellman, daughter of a well-known banker, "that the larger the number of workers the more wealth created and, consequently, the higher the wages."

"Do the facts bear out that conclusion, Miss Hellman?" asked the Professor.

"I hardly think they do, Professor," said the young lady. "The most significant fact of our modern civilization is suffering and want in the midst of plenty. And frequently the greater the total wealth the greater the destitution. Today, in spite of our hundred billions of national wealth, ten millions of people are in want and a vastly greater number live all the time with want as a next door neighbor. The fact is that under present conditions the more we have the less we have, and the less we have the more we have."

"Why is this?" asked the Professor.

"Because," said Miss Hellman, "we produce wealth for private profit instead of for use."

"What is the real law of wages?" asked Wishard.

"It is," said Moses Hamburger, "that all the wealth created above the lowest cost of existence, be it much or little, goes to the private owner (i. e. the owning class) of the land and machinery." W. A. Corey in *Common Sense*.

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Editor Appeal to Reason:

Away back in the 50's I stepped off the steamboat "Violent" at Lawrence, Kan., and while walking up town to the hotel the first thing that attracted my attention were the ruins of several burned buildings, and on inquiry I was informed that one of them was the office of the *Herald of Freedom*, a free state newspaper that had been destroyed by representatives of the slave power, then the controlling element in the old democratic party. At about the same time other free state papers were destroyed, not only in Kansas, but all over the union; and some of the organizers of the republican party were rotting—even in staid old Boston. I am a living witness to what the men who organized the republican party suffered and how their enemies opposed a free press.

On reading your recent issues, my mind was carried back to those exciting times, and my just indignation was aroused at the unwarranted interference with the freedom of the press by the party now in power. Common decency dictates that the plutocratic managers of the republican party should hold Mr. Madden and all other officers in check, at least until all us old fellows have helped rock the cradle of that party have passed from the stage of action. I can account for the present interference with your circulation only on the theory that it is always "the wounded bird that flutters" and that "truth hurts evil-doers." Having had some experience in that line myself, and being a close reader of your paper, I know that you have only followed a well-established newspaper custom of such long standing that the oldest newspaper man knoweth not to the contrary.

During the campaign in Kansas, when the republican party split and G. W. Glick was elected governor, republican newspapers that supported Glick were sent to almost every postoffice in the state for distribution and no one was heard to complain. Many such cases could be cited. During the last presidential campaign many tons of campaign literature were sent out to the voters all over the country in packages absolutely free, under the franking privilege of senators and representatives. It was illegal to thus turn over the franking privilege to the central committee of the republican party, but there was no kick coming from Mr. Madden at that time, because his bread and butter was involved. They made the government pay the campaign expenses and pocketed the widows' and orphans' money stolen by the insurance companies, while the postage on the APPEAL was paid for in hard cash. In view of these facts, all fair-minded men should hold all such officials as Mr. Madden in righteous contempt.

The common people need just such education as the APPEAL is giving.

Ed. Oak.

CHILDREN AND MACHINERY.

The children of the working class have always had to work; but it is since they have been hitched to the machines of capitalist production that their work has become drudgery. Working children have always suffered from the greed of avaricious parents and heartless task-masters, but never before to the extent that they do under the present system. You should read "Socialism and the Child Labor Problem" by John Spargo, and have others read it. The knowledge of how babies' lives are made into profits for the owners of the machines is a powerful incentive to a demand for the Co-operative Commonwealth. Sent post-paid for ten cents; a dozen for a dollar.

The Socialist discussion now being conducted in the columns of the Cincinnati Post brings forth the following letter from a lady of our American nobility:

A WOMAN'S SUGGESTION.

Editor Appeal to Reason:

Just want your attention for a minute (you'd do that, I know, any time for "Lang Syne"), but immediately in connection with this Meyer-Haywood outrage. I want to say I have been working nights on the few men I could find who belong to the national guard. All the APPEALS the comrades gave me, all the other literature I could get, I have used. The situation is urgent. Our men may yet have to fight these state soldiers. These men are as ignorant as babes of economics and the class struggle. With all a woman's horror and dread of bloodshed, I can see how it may be averted. Germany—the German Socialists—have set this example. You can get your Army to work on this idea—set them on to the military. The national guard is largely composed of ignorant boys and young men whose class interest is the same as ours if you can make them see it. A propaganda in their behalf would be charity to them and wisdom for us. Especially in Idaho, now we need their names and addresses. The boys can get them everywhere in their states. I have been getting a few names here and bring them to you. It needs to be universal. Today it is Idaho—tomorrow the trap may fall in any other state where circumstances may precipitate a struggle. I have been warned, by fools, that I may get into trouble "monkeying with the Army." Let's get into trouble, then. Let's all "monkey" with their ignorance and so often misled. To exorcise these men alone is bad policy—we need to convert them—at least one-half of them are our brothers—class brothers. Think over it, Mr. Wayland, I beg. I am sure you can get it done. Fraternally—Eleanor Shell, Skanogan Co., Wash.

Socialism and the Church.

The opposition of the aristocratic clergy to Socialism is natural and to be expected. One would scarcely look for friends in the camp of the enemy—not even among the chaplains of an opposing army. Read "Why the Church Opposes Socialism" and learn why the clerical capitalist makes common cause with the capitalists. Five cents; a dozen for 50 cents; a hundred for \$3.

We are always in these days endeavoring to separate intellect and manual labor; we want one man to be always thinking and another to be always working, and we call one a gentleman and the other an operative; whereas, the workman ought often to be thinking, and the thinker often to be working, and both should be gentlemen in the best sense. As it is, we make both ungentle. The one envying, the other despising, his brother; and the mass of society is made up of morbid thinkers and miserable workers.—John Ruskin.

SOCIALISM ASKS TO BE UNDERSTOOD.

J. A. Wayland, in the New York World.

Socialism is an economic question—one that deals with the production and distribution of the products of labor-wealth. There is no other part or parcel to it but this. Socialists are convinced by observing present and past societies that the individual ownership of the means of production leads to the monopolization of these things by a few, and necessarily to the domination of those who do not own by those who do own. They therefore demand that the whole of society shall own all the lands, machines and means of distribution, that they may not be monopolized and used against the non-owners. This position is often erroneously interpreted to mean that Socialists demand a "divide up," but it is just the reverse of dividing up, for it means a concentration of all capital in the hands of the whole people, held in the same way as the public schools, roads, postal and other public property, but—mark the difference—not administered as they are from above, but by the workers directly connected with them.

Socialism goes upon the theory that society will be best served if it will provide the opportunity for employment of each of its citizens, and not permit the tremendous waste of time and life that is inseparable with the present planless methods of industry, where millions are either idle when they desire employment, or else are working with crude appliances for lack of capital, where that capital is lying idle because there is a lack of harmony between the workers and the owners of the jobs.

Socialism will see that every citizen of adult age or ability has a place to employ his mind and muscle, and if he does not employ them that he will have no part of the products of those who do employ them.

Socialism means that officials will be industrial instead of political—that they must be worth their salaries in producing the material wealth which society must have to exist.

Socialism is the same in every land, just as are mathematics, and it demands in its platforms everywhere "the collective ownership of the means of production and distribution." This sentence is far reaching and will inaugurate a society very different from the one that now obtains in every country on the face of the earth.

It will so relate people that every act of any person will help or injure every citizen in the same way. One will not be able to get a fortune by an act while others will have to give up that fortune. Each will work for society direct, instead of indirectly, as now, and will get their consumables from society instead of from individuals, as now. Society the maker and society the consumer will have no incentive to graft, adulterate or bribe, hence these crimes will not be committed, for there will be no gain by the commission.

That a crisis is approaching serious-minded people all feel. That it will be more momentous than was the chattel slavery question is evidenced by the fact that it is world-wide, while that subject was confined to our own country fifty years ago. If the understanding of the people can be reached, if the evolution be not checked by the rapacity for private gain, then it will come in peace and good will. But it will come, even if all Socialists should oppose its coming.

All Socialists ask is that it be understood.

VICE AIDS RICH WOMEN.

Of the coinage of bawdry and shame is the wealth sustaining many of the social elect. Note the following from Pittsburg, Pa., to the Chicago Record-Herald, May 20th, and then ponder over our blessed system, under which such vicious landlordism is possible:

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Pittsburg is not alone in this all but unbelievable condition, as anyone who takes the trouble may learn. Poverty is one great source of bawdry, as well as of crime. Socialism will abolish poverty and wealth in their relative acceptations, and make the conditions referred to above impossible.

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