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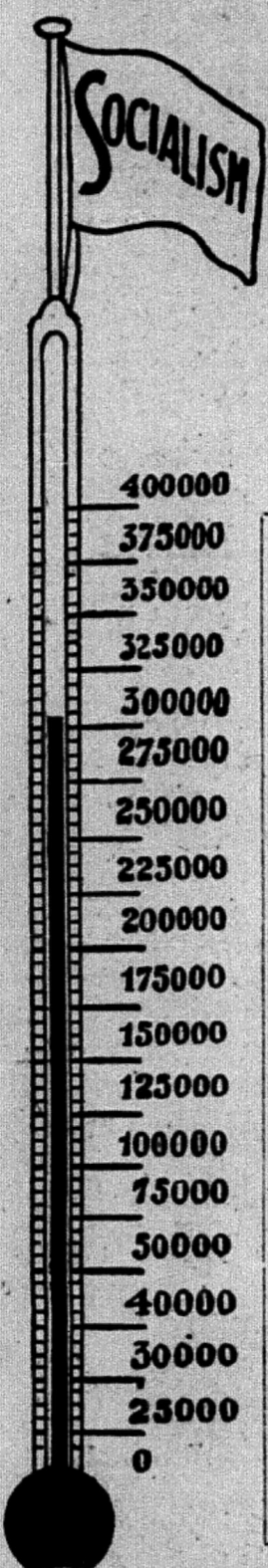
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Ohio	331	314 15,515
Ill.	232	314 15,175
Ind.	413	968 15,290
Wash.	173	243 10,890
Ind.	221	299 10,265
Iowa	193	158 9,262
Mich.	157	227 8,989
Minn.	170	181 8,343
Ark.	117	142 8,596
Col.	506	173 7,970
N. Y.	144	175 7,929
Ore.	101	229 7,177
Can.	246	126 6,598
Mass.	92	92 5,289
Neb.	87	67 5,163
N. Mex.	27	16 4,794
Mont.	128	88 4,680
N. Jer.	58	48 4,314
Wis.	79	87 4,304
W. Vir.	75	124 3,867
Tenn.	37	71 3,997
Kent.	82	104 3,556
La.	38	49 3,291
Fla.	37	117 3,177
Utah	549	53 3,138
Ariz.	19	73 3,132
N. Dak.	44	95 3,121
Nias.	28	24 1,989
N. Car.	26	69 1,945
N. H.	15	23 1,775
Me.	27	16 1,794
Id.	40	32 1,688
Mont.	23	23 1,525
Wyo.	23	41 1,281
Conn.	15	16 1,254
Nev.	14	14 1,250
Vt.	29	16 1,222
Gu.	15	48 1,203
Foreign	4	2 808
S. Car.	124	28 600
R. I.	12	12 625
Vt.	6	9 594
Del.	13	8 590
D.C.	8	9 225
Total	6,584	6,531 301,889

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SHAT the Army has been able to put the circulation of the Appeal past the 300,000 mark and maintain it at that figure during June and July is a feat to be proud of. And this, too, in face of a very large falling off in the Canadian list—due to the high rate of postage now imposed on the Appeal by the Canadian government. This showing, together with the splendid victory at Boise, should put every friend of this paper and the cause it represents, on his mettle. It is sweet to quaff the nectar of victory. But, I tell you, comrades, this is but the first of a series of triumphs for Socialism. The movement in America is now a force that must be reckoned with—Socialism takes its place on the stage in the full glare of the footlights. We no longer ask to be heard—we demand attention!

We have given ourselves and our enemies an example of what we can do. But while we are congratulating ourselves upon our show of strength, we must remember that we are dealing with a powerful adversary with unlimited resources at his command. Our victory has staggered the plutocrats—momentarily disconcerted them, but they are going to die hard.

We have reached a critical point in the career of the Appeal. I am in possession of information to the effect that the Appeal is to be silenced. It is charged by our capitalist friends with being the chief instrument in their defeat. Publicity is something they can't win against. The federal courts have been appealed to. In the event of failure congress will be asked to take a hand in the game. Nevertheless, the Appeal's new building is now nearing completion and I am getting ready to give the militant plutocrats the greatest scrap ever witnessed since this old world began its career of graft.

I never felt so encouraged as I do at this moment—and I believe every Appeal Army worker feels the same way. And while you're in the mood just go out along the highways and nab a few subs.

The story of the millionaire who began his business career selling mouse traps is a charming bit of realistic fiction, but to be complete should include the later chapters wherein he accumulated more rapidly by means of a man trap, commonly known as a mine.

Capitalism is nothing less than a gambling game with the cards stacked against the man who has no resources other than his labor power. The rules of the game are made by the capitalists, but the wealth that flows to the green cloth of commerce and industry is all produced by labor.

When a workman's children become old enough they get out and "rustle for themselves," but the capitalist does not leave him either in youth or old age. The profit-monger gets his tribute from everything the workman uses, from the swaddling clothes of infancy to the spade that digs his grave.

The reason that Socialists say so much about wages and the wage system, is because wage slavery is the typical method by which capitalists fleece the workers. But wages is not the only means by which the owners of property skin the workers. They can and do take the product of a land renter's labor just as readily and just as easily.

These are prosperous times—for the thread trust. Following the advance on the retail price of cotton sewing thread from 5 to 6 cents a spool comes another advance from 6 to 10 cents a spool. If you will weigh the thread on one of these spools you will see how much the advance in the cost of material has to do with it. The increased cost is in the expense of maintaining a horde of profit-mongers in luxury and idleness. You like to pay this tribute to the capitalist class, so don't say anything about the price of thread.

Society is not a mere aggregation of individual units any more than the human body is an aggregation of individual cells. Society is an organism, even as the human body is an organism. To deny the social organ of production, which is the working class, its proper nourishment, is equivalent to denying proper nourishment to the lungs or the heart or the muscles of a human body; and the effect of insufficient nutrition is destructive of the social body to the same extent that the same treatment is destructive of the human body.

The effect of capital is to make a commodity of everything. Honor and virtue, like pig-iron and potatoes, are measured only by the price and estimated only according to their earning capacity. Everything is made for sale and as a result lawmakers sell their laws to the highest bidder on the same basis as shoes might be sold by shoemakers. Money is invested in politics by the wise man of business only for the purpose of drawing the expected dividends. The remedy for this is in a system of industry where things are made for use and not for sale.

A few of the newspapers are very much exercised over the statement of Justice Brewer, of the United States supreme court, to the effect that the railroads are not earning a fair return on their investment. One of them thinks it is an astonishing thing that an official in such a high position should show so grossly marked a bias in a matter on which he must as an official sooner or later pass. But wherein is this astonishing? Is it not rather just what might reasonably be expected from any member of that court who is frank enough to express his real feeling? The care of the supreme court has ever been to protect the interests of the capitalists, and the only thing that body could do to cause real astonishment would be to make some radical statement favorable to the working class.

A metropolitan editor laments the general lack of confidence, to which he attributes the woes of Russia and upon which he predicts dire calamities for this country in the near future. But what is the cause of the growing lack of confidence? Is it not the fact that those in whom confidence has been placed have been unworthy of that confidence? Those who have been confided in to run government and industry have so conducted these things as to enrich themselves at the expense of the many. Is it any wonder that people get tired of a confidence game when they begin to see how they have been gouged and gold-bricked? The only wonder is that they have not lost confidence in the confidence men of politics and commerce long ago. But they feel the effects now more than heretofore and are learning that the capitalist system is nothing but a great confidence scheme for the benefit of the fleecers. The workers are becoming less confident and more wise.

A press dispatch from Chicago announced that war has been declared on the catalogue houses of that city by the 500,000 retail merchants of the west. The Home Trade League has been organized to operate systematically against the big Chicago mail order houses that are driving the small country merchants out of business. If the country retailers want to see the finish of the fight let them look at the small shoemakers and wagonmakers and plowmakers that once declared war on the factories that finally wiped their little shops out of existence. The teamsters would have about as much show in a war against the railroads as these relics of the past have in the war they have declared. The development of capital means that the one-horse store must follow the one-horse factory to oblivion. The world is too old for one-horse methods. When the little storekeepers are finally knocked out and sent in search of a job they will shake out the delusion of being capitalists and join with the working class in the demand for Socialism.

Capitalist Morality.

Following the announcement of the verdict of "Not guilty" in the Haywood trial the *Tribune*, *Record-Herald*, and other Chicago capitalists' dailies commented editorially in characteristic vein, deprecating the verdict and declaring that it did not change public opinion as to the guilt of the prisoner. Had the verdict been conviction instead of acquittal these same organs would have howled loud and long in wrath and condemnation had Socialists made objection. In that case they would have dwelt with well-feigned solemnity upon our temples of justice and the sanctity of our courts, and woe to the anarchists who dared profane these sacred institutions by questioning their infallibility.

These organs of capitalism and mouthpieces of plutocracy had only words of praise when the supreme court of the United States, legalized kidnaping and when President Roosevelt changed this crime into a virtue by his executive sanction. The kidnapers were capitalists and their mercenaries—and capitalists can do no wrong!

Long live capitalism! It is only when workingmen do things that displease their masters that these organs are aroused. It is then that they are seized with spasms of wrath, fits of rage and tempests of fury. Everything that turns the wheels of capitalism and fortifies and favors capitalist-class rule and working-class slavery has their blessing; everything else their curse. It may reek with corruption and wallow in slime, it is ointment to their nostrils and nectar to their lips if it but serve the interests of the master class. It is by this standard, and this alone, that all men and all things are judged.

Upon the basis of capitalist exploitation rests the standard of its ethics. Everything capitalism requires to perpetuate its power is enmeshed in its religious creed and becomes an article in its code of ethics.

For illustration, the *Tribune*, *Record-Herald* and other Chicago organs of capitalism, in discussing the Haywood verdict, are objecting to it on the ground of Haywood's alleged guilt and the immoral and criminal character of the Western Federation of Miners. These organs of immorality and dishonesty can impose upon the people only because of their dense and pitiable ignorance. The truth is that capitalist morality condones every vice and sanctions every crime which subserves capitalist interests. Let us cite a concrete case: The great Chicago capitalist dailies, including the two above named, have erected their buildings on public school lands belonging to the city, the revenues of which constitute one of the important sources of the school fund. These powerful papers, so prone to preach morality and honesty to the working class, combined and conspired to denounce the city's commissioners and agents, and did denounce them, and by that means secured century leases of these valuable lands for a mere bagatelle, thereby looting the educational fund, robbing the school children and dooming future generations to ignorance, poverty and crime.

There is no theft, no plunder, no robbery, from a pickpocket to a footpad, equal to that. The crime thus committed by these plutocratic organs is as monstrous as it is notorious, but such is their power under capitalist rule that their hundreds of thousands of victims submit as tamely as if each of them had a pistol at his head and a ball and chain at his feet.

These are the papers that would public opinion, educate the people and determine questions of morality and righteousness. Socialists who read understandingly and know from study something of history and of the laws of social development understand that these papers thoroughly and it is not strange that these hypocritical publications do not like Socialists.

The horse-trick dressed up as a gentleman can hardly be expected to like the man whose horse he stole and who apprehends him. According to the capitalist press, labor unions that are really worthy the name (and they are not unless they are antagonistic to wage-slavery and determined to overthrow it) are criminals and murderous organizations and their leaders bloodthirsty demons to be throttled and imprisoned or hanged.

It is just nineteen years since the press of the plutocracy played that satanic game upon the working class of the United States and sent four of its leaders through a prostituted court to bloody graves. They tried it again in this year, 1907, but were foiled and their impotent rage now knows no bounds. Two decades of revolutionary education have done their work and the working class can no longer be stampeded and turned upon its loyal leaders and, like a pack of hyenas, made to devour them. No wonder the organs of capitalist morality now show their teeth and vent their rage and cry for vengeance. But we are not alarmed. We simply proceed with our work of education and organization.

The past had only chains and rods and whips for us; the present has something more and better, but not enough—not nearly enough. The future will be ours. The future, all aglow with promise, holds in her outstretched hands the earth and all its bounties for us all.

The organs of capitalist morality have nothing to say about the buying of the Colorado legislature by the Mine and Smelter Trust and the setting aside of a popular majority of forty-seven thousand votes; nothing to say about the spandrel crime which was the actual cause and beginning of the reign of blood and crime which descended and debauched that state during the past fifteen years. They have nothing but praise for the kidnapers of workingmen, the corrupters of courts, the polluters of politics, the

robbers of children, the stranglers of freedom, the assassins of progress, the arch-enemies of humanity.

Fortunately another press is developing. Out of the night of capitalist despotism the sun of emancipation is rising. The labor and Socialist press is striking root and spreading over the land. The Haywood verdict of "Not guilty" is the first great victory of the labor press and the labor movement under their modern revolutionary inspiration.

The Appeal eagerly welcomes the next issue and the next and all that are yet to be met in the struggle for Emancipation.

Des Moines, Iowa, has adopted the commission or Galveston method of government; to go into effect March 2. Five men directly elected by the people are selected to run the city, and these men may be recalled at any time on petition of the citizens for an election, and the initiative and referendum are also included in the scheme. You see that the old method of government has proven itself impractical and bad, and that it has taken 130 years for the dull public to find it out. They are coming to see it by degrees. This is one indication that the people are coming to a mental condition to change the fundamental basis of society. Socialism is the only practical method of society, and the public will have to adopt it sooner or later to get away from the effects that they are wiggling to escape. At present they see only the public corruption and do not realize that it flows from the private ownership of the industries, but after they start on the change they will discover this, and will then make short work of having a few corporations own the means whereby they must live. Public corruption is but a drop in the bucket of their misery and disgust, but they don't yet see that fact. Private ownership is the cause of public corruption and crime. It always was and always will be. That the people are moving to a change is encouraging. It shows that a change is waking up, and the real remedy will come some time.

At last William Jennings Bryan has broken his fast. The press dispatches report him as saying that he approves the verdict of "Not guilty" returned in the Haywood trial. It is strange that Mr. Bryan, who makes his living by discussing questions of public interest, could not find time enough to say a word in regard to this historic trial until after the acquittal of the chief defendant. Mr. Bryan has always been known as a friend of labor and a champion of the common people and if there is a man in all America who has had all the honors of which labor is capable showered upon him and should have spoken out when all the world was aroused and labor was appealing to the aid of its friends with all its soul, that man was William Jennings Bryan. But he was silent as the sphinx. The kidnaping and deportation of union officials which started the world did not move him to speak. It must have required powerful interests to lock his lips. Labor will not thank him for expressing the tardy opinion that Haywood was wronged and that the verdict acquitting him was just. Labor knew this from the beginning and all the world knows it now. The victory has been achieved and it is the greatest that has ever come to the exploited and downtrodden working class, but its supposed champion, Mr. Bryan, is entitled to no credit for it. Some of his warmest personal friends and staunchest political supporters approached him to speak out, but never once did he part his lips to say a word in rebuke of the criminal trusts that struck down three honest labor leaders, trampled the constitution in the mire, and but for the indignant protest of the working class would have broken their necks on the gallows and committed them to felon's graves. Mr. Bryan wanted to see which way the tide would turn. He is too late. Labor is not apt to forget his recalcitance in its crucial hour.

Press dispatches from the east report that Mr. Loeb, secretary to President Roosevelt, is having a hard time to keep the president quiet during his vacation. It is easily explained. Since the Haywood verdict of "Not guilty" there has been no chirp from Oyster Bay and from all appearances the president is as much as the mollusk that lies in the bosom of the bay. It is respectfully suggested to Secretary Loeb that if there should be any aggravated symptoms of jaundice on the part of the strenuous executive, or other "undesirable" developments, a copy of the "Not Guilty" edition of the APPEAL will serve as a powerful narcotic.

The capitalist party, politicians are already busy setting up the pins for the national campaign next year. A dozen eager candidates are in the field for the republican nomination, but the democratic nomination seems to be begging. The party auctioneers are ready to knock it down at the price of a ham sandwich, but bidders seem to fight shy of it. With these old party hacks the candidate that whole thing is insignificant and contemptible. With the Socialists the exact opposite is true. The people are supreme, the platform is important, while the candidate is given but the ordinary consideration of a trusted representative of his fellow-workers. The old parties defy their candidate and abuse themselves; they are still mental children and must have an idol to worship. The Socialist ideal is to elevate the whole mass to a plane of civic dignity and social justice.

"When thieves fall out, honest men get their dues." Is an old saying that might have been true in older times. When capitalists fall out (and one of them gets knocked out), the dues are not returned to the honest men to whom they are due, but are only transferred to the stronger of the two capitalist workmen who have no interest in the issues that arise between their masters.

WITH THUNDEROUS CHEERING

Untold Thousands Greet William D. Haywood's Return to Denver—Parson Governor Displays His Chagrin and Venom by Ordering Lights on the "Welcome" Arch at Station Turned Out.

DENVER, Aug. 5.—One year, five months and eighteen days ago William D. Haywood left Denver in the hands of official kidnappers who were careful that none of his friends should know of his departure. Last night he returned in triumph, free from his home and vindicated by the court that was expected to compass his death, together with destruction of the Western Federation of Miners. Representatives of a hundred unions, and enthusiastic friends that numbered thousands crowded the depot up to the track railing and extended back into the streets that were crowded for blocks and densely lined with humanity as far as the Albany Hotel. A number of friends entered the car and shook hands with Haywood and Attorney Murphy, who was so weak that he had to be taken home in an ambulance.

First Care for Wife.
 Haywood gathered his invalid wife in his arms and carried her from the car through the railing gates preceded by banners and followed by the reception committee that soon swelled to a throng. It is estimated by a local paper that there were at least 7,000 people in the crowd, which varied its typical greeting of "Hello, Bill" with hand clapping and cheering that taxed every lung to its utmost.

Speech at the Albany.
 When the hotel was reached Haywood first carried his wife to the elevator, they returned to the street, where he made a speech to thousands who jammed about the carriage which served as a platform for the speaker under an immense American flag that was spread over the hotel entrance. And Haywood's enthusiastic reception

You live in the world, you clothe and feed the world, but very few get to see the world, and not many get much out of life but routine and toil. What are you going to do about it?

Socialism hates no man, not even the capitalist. It wants to do him good by making it so he may live without debauching and ruining others, and be more certain of having sufficient than he is today.

The meat trust has been duly inspected, and is guaranteed 99 per cent pure by your Uncle Samuel, and yet only a week ago ten people were seriously poisoned from eating some of the guaranteed product near LaCrosse, Wisconsin.

It would be as impossible for the individual to operate the railroads and big factories of the present unless that individual was so wealthy that he would be a menace. For this reason, the return to the small business is impossible. What are you going to do about it?

I was recently talking with a public administrator, who declared that ninety-nine out of every hundred men died intestate, or without any property after their debts were paid. He was in a position to know. It is a great prospect for you and your children. What are you going to do about it?

It looks like Japan will be under the necessity of chewing up and digesting Corea before she can be ready to tackle the United States. Uncle Sam is also having his trouble in "absorbing" the Philippines and Cuba. These little fellows are kicking entirely too much on being devoured. It interferences with business.

I slept and dreamed that life was beauty. I waked and found that life was duty. The first line tells what ought to be and might be. The other tells what it is under the hard hand of the profit-monger. Before the pink down has been brushed from the cheek of childhood it is branded with the cruel marks of Greed and Want.

The fleet that is to be sent to the Pacific ocean cost more than all the colleges and universities in the United States. And then, reflect that this fleet was built expressly to destroy and be destroyed. Even if it meets no such fate, it will be obsolete and valueless within three years. Isn't this a recommendation for our civilization?

Fifty-five men own a third of the land in the state of Durango, Mexico, which covers about a million acres. Merely another evidence that the land is getting into the hands of a few, and that farming, like manufacturing, is to be syndicated. When that is accomplished, the "independent farmer" will be as helpless as the small business man is now.

If you had books and time to read, you could be educated, but the system keeps you bound to the machine, the shop or the kitchen, and holds you up from that development which you know to have been possible to you. It will be even worse with your children, for you can see the avenues closing to them daily. What do you propose to do about it?

The development of the trusts has come within the past fifteen years. If things continue as rapid a pace for fifteen years in the future, five men will own all the machinery of production and distribution, and then if they will not give your children employment, they will have but one alternative left—to go off and die. What are you going to do about it?

was not confined to that received at Denver. Wherever the train made a stop crowds were assembled which mingled demands for a speech with their cheers. At Leadville a crowd of several hundred met the train, and at Pueblo over a thousand crowded about to shake hands and express their feelings. Several thousand were waiting at Colorado Springs and Haywood barely escaped another kidnaping by the crowd of jubilant friends that with reluctance allowed the train to carry him on to Denver.

Did Buchtel Do It?
 Only one disagreeable incident broke in on the festival of good will. The lights on the arch that bears the "Welcome" to all who enter Denver by rail were extinguished shortly after the train rolled into the depot. This was noticed by but a few and was of no significance other than a measure of the smallness of whoever was responsible for it.

One of the reception committee notified that the lights were out, and, calling Haywood's attention to it, said: "The electric welcome sign is out, but I guess you don't need it. There's more light than ever welcome in the faces you see than all the electric machinery in Denver could make." It is rumored in Denver that Governor Buchtel, who is yet absent from the state on his tour of speech-making against the Federation and its leaders, sent a message to Mayor Speer directing that the lights on the welcome arch be turned out on Haywood's arrival. Though Buchtel's smallness of soul and insane hatred of the Western Federation of Miners is well known, it is inconceivable that he would have stooped to such a petty means of showing his spite toward the man who has escaped the efforts of Buchtel and others to cause his death.

"Dividing Up" the \$140,000.

The Idaho state board of examiners has been auditing the bills in connection with the Haywood trial. It is announced that Senator Borah (indicted for land frauds against the government) got a \$50,000 slice of the melen for his services in behalf of the kidnapers, while James H. Hawley, chief counsel for the mine owners, has drawn \$30,941.60 from the state and has bills pending before the board amounting to \$5,648.50 more. It is understood that Mr. Hawley gets only the trifling sum of \$20,000 for his fee and that the rest of the money drawn by him was used in paying witnesses imported by the prosecution.

The Pinkerton detective agency got a slice of \$29,850.71 for manufactured evidence and the criminal ministrations of the Reverend McPartland to the individual known as Harry Orchard, Alfred Horsley, Tom, Dick or Harry Hogan, or whatever his name may be by this time. It is doubtful whether the local banks will risk taking up any more deficiency warrants, and the gang is wondering whether a special session of the legislature would vote a few more thousand dollars of debt on the state for the benefit of Hawley, Borah and the Pinkertons.

Of course, Governor Gooding is ready to call the special session if he can only be sure that the legislators will come across. In the meantime Senator Borah, who is indicted for timber land frauds against the government but remains at large as a worthy and desirable citizen should, has made a secret pilgrimage to Denver in an endeavor to have the mine owning corporations of that state finance the company's case against Pettibone, on whom all the venom of the conspirators is to be concentrated.

But the temper of the Haywood jury indicates that the people of Idaho are liable to take a hand in affairs from now on and at least make it more difficult for Gooding, McPartland & Company to bleed the state while doing the dirty work of the Mine Owners' Association.

McCLURE'S MAGAZINE which championed Harry Orchard during the Haywood trial and gave currency and credit to the maudlin drool of this unspeakable degenerate should not be forgotten by the working class. No magazine of any pretense to decency has ever stooped so low as to traffic in such filth. We are now convinced that what has been charged against McClure's is true and that it will handle anything however vile or malodorous, and take any side of any question purely for the mere there is in it. What makes the offense all the more reprehensible is that McClure's has posed as an organ of purification and reform, a champion of the common people and a harbinger of a new era for humanity. May the gods protect us against such reform as McClure's has been unloading upon the people. That William D. Haywood is not to have a felon is not because McClure's has not done its best to poison the public mind against him by "aching for his degenerate accuser and imposing his perjured testimony upon the public. Henceforth McClure's and Orchard are synonymous terms and labor will see to it that they are kept inseparable. Every worker who is loyal to his class and has been reading McClure's should send it a postal card notifying it of his discontinuance and the reason why.

"Safe and sane" is really dangerously insane. Under present conditions life is one grand, great wrong. A man does not rank high as a house-downer—that is, a capitalist—these days, unless he has been divorced at least once.

"The wages of sin is death." It comes nearly holding good of capitalism.

When you sell your time you sell yourself, for you go with your time.

Charity be blowed! Give the workers the wealth they produce and they will need no charity.

No man knows everything, but every man knows that things cannot continue as they are forever.

There is this difference: Socialism would do you good, and capitalism would "do" you good.

Socialism is the only thing in the world that promises to give woman anything like a fair show.

A prophet may not have honor in his own country, but a profit goes anywhere, providing it is stiff enough.

Compulsory arbitration under capitalism means that the workers must agree to be robbed in profits or be shot.

Travel is a great educator. But how many laborers ever have a chance to travel—except on freight trains, looking for jobs?

If your employer's horse gets sick he doctors it, and gives it rest. If you get sick he turns you off, and you can't rest for worry.

Labor is the only thing that is always sold upon the market without a profit. When labor is sold, the profit must come the other way.

"I care not who may make the laws, so that I may make the profits." This is the creed of capitalism in respect to the law and the profits.

We are told that the peaceable co-operation of men for their common benefit is an impossibility. And we are told that it is impossible because man is kind and naturally selfish. But why should not people who are naturally selfish do the thing that would be to their advantage? It is merely the difference between the ignorant selfishness of the hog and the intelligent selfishness of people who learn that justice to all is the best for each.

Is plunder property? Does a man own that which is stolen from another? Can one own that which he has not earned? How can anyone earn a thing without producing that thing or producing some other thing of equal value? How can a man be a property owner without being a property producer? He can do it, but he can do it only by force; and it is to hold unearned property that armies and navies are needed.

"A man's first duty to the state is to become self-supporting," says the circular of a corporation. If that is true it is the first duty of each to become the owner of his job, for the opportunity to work is the first condition of self-support. And that is what Socialism seeks to give every man and woman.

The New York board of aldermen, on a recent trip to Philadelphia to witness a base ball game, reports the press, took with them fifty cases of champagne, 500 bottles of beer and 1,000 Havana perfectos. Of course, the city paid the bill, as it was public business they were attending to!

There was never a gambling game that was not as honest as the profit system, and never one where those who supplied the funds that kept it going stood so little show as under capitalism. It is impossible for the wage earner to get much ahead of the game, unless he serves as a capper for the operators.

Did you ever study a crowd? Do so, and you will find it a mere chaos of deformity. Bow legs, stooped shoulders, big bellies, hard mouths, wistful eyes, scarred hands—on everyone you will see some wound inflicted by the branding iron of the system whose business it is to grind all grists into profits.

There is no longer any controversy between competition and co-operation. Competition is dead, and the only question that remains is: Shall it be co-operation for the benefit of all or co-operation for the benefit of the few?

Expansion has its disadvantages. If Taft had tried to wade into a lake and save a drowning woman as Fairbanks did, he would have caused a good that might have been fatal to both.

Capitalism.

Newspapers, magazines and periodicals published by capitalists for profit and whose mission it is to support the prevailing capitalist system do not like the terminology of the new economy. They are especially averse to the term "capitalism." They find no such term in their dictionary and quote it sneeringly from the Socialist publications to express their contempt for it.

But in spite of the contempt of the capitalist press for the Socialist terminology it will have to accept it and might as well make up its mind at once to get used to it. Capitalism is the name of the present system, based upon capitalist production, that is to say, the servitude and exploitation of the working class.

Without the exploitation of labor there could be no capitalist and no capitalism. The emancipation of labor means the abolition of both.

In capitalism, properly so called, because the capitalist is the whole thing and the worker a mere mental unworthy of consideration above the plane of his servility, the sources and means of wealth production are privately owned by the capitalist class and operated by the working class, primarily for the profit of the capitalist class; and since the working class is absolutely dependent upon the capitalist class for the means of life, the capitalist class rules society and is supreme, while the working class is in a state of wage-slavery.

This is the reason capitalist society and its institutions, built upon a foundation of wage-slavery, are called capitalism, and no term could better designate that system.

The capitalist class owns and rules, plans and executes, robs and riots in the spoils, and if this is not capitalism we should like to know by what better name it could be called.

The present system is certainly not laborism, for capital is king and labor is its subject. The thirty millions of wage-workers do not even own their jobs; these attach to the machines they work with and the machines are the private property of their masters, the capitalist class.

The owner of the machine is the master of the men who operate it. They work for him, and in return for the privilege have to deliver to him what is produced by their labor above what it requires to keep them in good working order and in condition to reproduce themselves when they are worn out.

To destroy capitalism is the mission of the revolutionary movement. It is organizing its economic and political forces for that end. It is teaching the working class what capitalism is and what it means to them. The capitalist press does not want them to know this and that is why it sneers at the mention of "capitalism."

The capitalist papers do not want the workers to know that capitalism is based upon the robbery of labor, that the products of labor are filched from it in the form of surplus value, by legal means, and that in this system labor, life, is a mere commodity bought and sold in the market places of the world.

Every social system has its own peculiar terminology. There are plenty of words in the lexicon of our day descriptive of the capitalist system and its functions that were wholly unknown before capitalism came into existence. A new social system is evolving from capitalism and a new political economy is evolving with it. This new social system is known as Socialism and its terminology is developing with it.

This new terminology is the most discriminating ever known. It springs from the most searching analysis and the most scientific knowledge of the past and present and of the forces that are making for the future. It does not call the present ruling class by the vague name of "the money power," as the populists did. It is more specific and exact. It calls that class by its true name, the capitalist class, the exploiting and ruling power of society, which constitutes capitalism.

The capitalist class do not relish being thus classified and specified and having their true nature and function revealed to the people. They do not wish to be designated by a name and pointed out as the exploiters of the working class. Indeed, they are using all their educational institutions and their persuasive powers to keep the foolish and ignorant workers believing that there is no ruling class and no subject class, no masters and no slaves, no classes at all, in fact, and that the thing called capitalism is simply a myth born of the diseased brain of a mischievous agitator.

Most workmen are mentally so childish as to believe that capitalists and wage-workers are all the same, that their interests are mutual and that they should all rally around the flag and be happy as free American citizens. Of course this blissful ignorance of the workers suits the capitalists to a nicety and they want it to last through all eternity. With the times it is different. They bear the burdens of society and make all the sacrifices of society and limb and life and they will be compelled at last to know what capitalism means to them and when they have learned this they will combine and overthrow it and make themselves the ruling class, the class embracing all society, the first and only ruling class to have no subjects and no slaves—and that will be the end of capitalism.

The Crime of Working Class Politics. Political activity is patriotic and commendable on the part of the capitalist class. It is treasonable and criminal on the part of the working class. Slaves have no business in politics.

In his address to the jury Attorney Hawley laid much stress upon the political activity of the Western Federation of Miners. In the following words he sounded the key note of the Great Trial.

"It is inevitable, perhaps today is due to the arrogance of its leaders, in seeking to control the politics and society of the communities where it operates."

them will not, in our estimation, exonerate them from the charge of preaching an industrial and social policy that is damaging to the best interests of the wage-workers of the country."

Ah, here we have it! POLITICAL CONTROL! It is for this crime (?) that the officers of the Western Federation are being hounded to their death. The capitalist cares relatively little about an increase in wages or shorter hours. He merely re-adjusts the figures on his cost-of-production ledger and the prices of commodities go up accordingly.

The capitalist loses nothing in this transaction. But if labor "controls politics" it means loss to the capitalist class of government powers; loss of judiciary and loss of police power; and the militia. For labor to aspire to "control politics" is treason of the deepest dye to the capitalist state.

In any and every industrial community in the United States what class is in the majority? The laborers! Under our system of government, the majority is supposed to rule. Is it then a crime for the majority to aspire to control the politics of the society and community in which it operates? If it is a crime, then Haywood is guilty, and so was Lincoln and Washington and Jefferson and Ben Franklin.

I have made the following assertion, and I challenge Borah, or Hawley, or Gooding, or Roosevelt, or any of their supporters to deny it: If the Western Federation of Miners had not gone into politics—if political action had not been part of its plans, Haywood would not now be on trial for his life.

The crimes alleged against Haywood and the Federation have been duplicated in almost every state in the union. Men have been murdered, mines have been blown up, trains have been wrecked and martial law has been declared; yet we heard of no great "conspiracy" to capture the political power. Just keep these thoughts in mind, readers of the APPEAL, and pass them along. They will form no small part of the discussion during the exciting campaign of 1908, which is even now in full swing.

Hats Off to the Army.

The APPEAL has no desire to take to itself any special credit for its part in thwarting the kidnaping conspiracy. Large or small, this part was but its duty, and if it succeeded in doing that it is content. The victory resulting in the acquittal of Haywood and in the certain liberation of Moyer and Pettibone is enough. It is the victory of the cause, and all of us have equal reason to rejoice over it. Neither is the APPEAL disposed to take from any Socialist or labor paper that share of credit due it for its service in the long and trying ordeal just closed. Quite the contrary, the APPEAL is animated by a fraternal spirit toward them all and heartily congratulates its contemporaries upon the great victory in which they bore such a conspicuous and creditable part. Beyond this the APPEAL congratulates every individual Socialist and worker, as well as every sympathizer in this hour of triumph.

As for the APPEAL's service, whatever of credit attaches to it is due to the Appeal Army, the invincible warriors, the battle-scarred lighters who in every state and every county of the Union spread the literature that awakened the people and sounded the alarm bells that aroused the nation. It is this Army that responded to the bugle-blast when Haywood was arrested and that never faltered until he was free. A more interperid body of veterans never fought in any cause, and well may they rejoice that such a victory has been achieved. How gratifying, therefore, in the midst of such rejoicing to hear the words spoken by J. Mahlon Barnes, national secretary of the Socialist party, in testimony of the service of the APPEAL and its Army of revolutionary veterans, words of generous praise and fraternal good cheer which will gladden the hearts of all and which we quote as follows:

"The APPEAL TO REASON is given first place in the work of agitation on the Moyer and Haywood case. It reached practically every postoffice in this country and most of those in Canada. This circulation kept at least one man in each town informed on the plot to hang the miners."

"These men and women, familiar with the situation, were thus educated in hundreds of communities and took the lead in raising money and circulating literature."

"Wherever there was a labor union the agitation was taken up. Thus the attempt of the mine owners to hang Haywood and Moyer and try to wipe out the Western Federation of Miners as they did the unions in Cripple Creek was a boomerang."

Hats off to the Army! We can see the boys and girls all along the line, ready at the word of command for battle array."

The Appeal Army is always on a war footing, has fought many a battle and been defeated often, but never conquered; and not until the capitalist system has been abolished and the human race emancipated will the Appeal Army be mustered out of service and the names of its veterans given to immortality.

The capitalists have conferred a benefit on civilization by the organization of industry, but that is no reason why they should use that organization for the systematic robbery of workers. The next stage in civilization calls for the use of the organization for the benefit of those who produce.

They used to say that every hundred man was lucky. But the proportion is too great for these days? Not one child in ten thousand has a proper chance now. What are you going to do about it?

If the courts keep up the present lick, Socialism may yet be the leading issue in 1908.

There are no more homes. There are only places where one may stay at night.

In order to thoroughly appreciate the outrageous action of President Roosevelt in characterizing Moyer and Haywood and Debs as "undesirable citizens" one should read Carroll D. Wright's report to the president on the Colorado case. Wright's report was a prospectus of \$2.00. The 64-page digest of it is published by the Appeal. Write your name on the coupon, 12 for \$1.00; 100 for \$10.00.

The Trust Triumphant.

With all the hue and cry we hear against the trusts, and with all the smashing and busting of trusts that is popularly supposed to be going on, including the Don Quixotte assaults of His Majesty of Oyster Bay, industry is steadily being trusted and business of every kind is being locked up in greater and greater combinations.

New Jersey is notoriously the state in which trusts and corporations are incorporated. The reason for this is that New Jersey has lent herself to this incorporation by special enactments of her legislature in consideration of certain liberal fees, which constitute a steady and substantial source of revenue.

The following table shows the number of trusts organized in New Jersey since 1901 and the amount of incorporation fees collected during that period:

Table with 4 columns: Year, Number Organized, Incorporation Fees, Total. Data for years 1901-1906.

In these figures it appears that more than 12,000 trusts have been incorporated in New Jersey during the past six years, or at the rate of more than 2,000 a year. According to the same report from which we quote, "more than 30,000 corporations, nearly all of which do an interstate business and are properly classified as trusts, have been chartered" under a statute specially enacted for that purpose in the year 1896 by the legislature of New Jersey.

It is thus observed that merging of competitive establishments into trusts and combinations is going forward with increasing momentum and that all the talk about arresting this development is so much waste of time and energy. The obvious purpose of this "trust busting" boomie is to placate the middle class, the once independent manufacturers and small dealers, who are still quite numerous, and whose vote is a determining factor in capitalist campaigns. The political party that assures this sinking class that it can be saved from absorption and assimilation by the giant trusts is certain to get its political support, and this is of sufficient importance to warrant the assurance that is so freely given by the "trust-busting" politicians, in and out of office, that the concentration of capital which has resulted in the formation of trusts shall be arrested, that the trusts themselves shall be annihilated, or at least so curbed and "regulated" by the government as to reduce them to harmless competitors, and all this that "free competition," such as prevailed three years ago, while industry was in its primitive state and in its earlier stages, may be revived and the middle class, the bourgeoisie, saved from extinction.

How utterly preposterous and absurd this proposition is, is apparent at a glance. The crafty politicians who make it know that it cannot possibly be carried out; the foolish middle class who give it their support do so because they do not know better. Indeed, they are as ignorant of economics and of the laws of industrial development as sheep are of Greek art. Outside of buying a thing as cheaply as they can and selling it as dearly as possible and falsely certifying to its superior quality they know so little, as a rule, as to estimate the pity of men of thought. They know nothing of literature, of art or science; they are ignorant of history, of poetry and music. They know just enough to drive a sharp bargain and flatter themselves on their "business ability," wear good clothes, smoke fine cigars, ride in an automobile and "lord it" over their supposedly inferior fellow-men.

The mental poverty and moral barrenness of this bourgeoisie is beyond description, and to save this class, as a class, were it possible, would be a calamity to mankind.

It is the mission of the trusts, economically speaking, to grind this class to atoms; to force it from the field of action as unfit to survive and thus turn the middle class in due course of time, when another industrial crisis or two shall have done their work, from staunch supporters of capitalism into advocates of revolution and supporters of Socialism.

The triumph of the trust, based upon the principle of co-operation and the elimination of competition, though not yet complete, is above all question. It means the organization of industry in harmonious co-operation upon a continental scale; it means the elimination of profit and of waste; it means a new economic foundation for a new social order that will be infinitely better than the human race has yet known.

This great change is now in progress; capitalist society is in travail and Socialism is evolving as certainly and steadily as the planets are pursuing their courses.

The trust triumphant will pass from private to public ownership, from personal to collective control, from individual to social use. It will augment production, facilitate distribution and exchange and reduce the world's useful work to a minimum basis, while totally eliminating the vast volume of useless work which now weighs so heavily upon society and keeps multiplied thousands of its victims in poverty and ignorance, in misery and crime.

The Socialist has the only correct view of the evolution of the trust; he smiles with patient faith in the final awakening of the people when the politician hurls them into the belief that the trust is to have its fangs extracted and that a statutory limitation is to be placed upon its further development. He knows that it were as rational to attempt by the same means to prevent water from running down hill or grass from growing.

The Socialist knows that the trust is paving the way toward the Socialist commonwealth and that its coming is as certain as the sunrise.

Railroad Slaughter.

The railroads of the United States, privately owned and operated for private profit, are the most destructive of human life of any railroads on the face of the globe. Herr Guillery, of the archive bureau of the railway administration of Prussia, has just completed a table of statistics of those killed and injured by railroads in various countries. The report states that "both absolutely and relatively the railroads in the United States are the most deadly. The United States has more mileage than all Europe but even taking that into consideration

the United States holds pre-eminence in proportional figures. Out of every thousand employees the ratio of the number injured each year is as follows:

"United States, 42.5; Switzerland, 25.3; England, 11.8; Belgium, 11; Germany, 2.4."

"Out of every ten thousand employees the relative figures of killed are: "United States, 26.1; England, 12.3; Switzerland, 8.2; Russia, 7.8; British India, 0.7; Belgium, 4.1."

Herr Guillery finds that in a single year—the fiscal year of 1902—376,500 persons were injured in the United States, of whom 60,000 were employees, and 9,900 were killed, of whom 3,600 were employees.

"In the matter of travelers injured France holds the lowest record of the world. United States shows proportionately 40 times as many injured as Russia, 22 times as many as Italy, 20 times as many as England, 8 times as many as Belgium, 4 times as many as Switzerland and twice as many as Germany."

Here we have some of the fine results of private ownership in cold print. The figures presented in the above report are not only food for meditation but are well calculated to send a thrill of horror through the nation.

In Europe, where the railroads are publicly owned, human life has first consideration and the death and injury rate is lowest.

In the United States, where the railroads are privately owned, profit is of first importance and life of least consequence, and that is why over 30,000 people are maimed and almost 10,000 killed on the railroads of this country every month. These figures are positively startling and horrifying, but, of course, the impracticability (?) of public ownership as taught by the press that is owned and controlled by the railroads makes this slaughter of human beings inevitable and perpetual.

The American people are too stupid to run their railroads in their own interest, as do the nations of Europe. They are just stupid enough to run them in the interest of a few lords and magnates who know no more about railroading than Harry Orchard does about the truth.

Socialists propose that this vast railroad system in the United States should be owned and operated by the people, that the employees shall receive the full equivalent of the value of their services; that the people shall freely use these roads and that they shall be developed to their highest efficiency and safeguarded with the best appliances that mechanical ingenuity can provide; that profit shall be wholly eliminated and that the life, comfort and well-being of the people shall be the first and final consideration.

It would be an easy matter to establish a railroad commission consisting of experts to organize and supervise the transportation department of the people. Life would be saved, the service improved, rates lowered, and, not of least importance, the chief corrupter of the body politic, the principal debaucher of courts, legislatures, congress and the electorate in general, would be destroyed forever.

No wonder the railroads hate Socialism. They may fool and do fool republicans and democrats, but they can not fool the Socialists.

No living man can make an argument worthy the name in favor of the private ownership of railroads. The special pleaders who make the attempt are in the service of the railroads, and wherever it succeeds it is because of the stupidity of the people, and not infrequently because of their pride in their stupidity.

The railroad system constitutes the veins and arteries of commerce; it is a vast social utility without which modern life would be impossible; it has been socially constructed and developed, is socially operated and used and must be socially owned.

Join the Socialist movement, ye of little faith, and we will show you how to get the railroads and run them in the interest of the people!

Be not deceived by the political chatter about government regulation. You can't regulate a thing you don't own; at least not so well as if you owned it. There is nothing in "government regulation" except bait for gudgeons. As a matter of fact, it is the railroads that regulate the government instead of the government regulating the railroads. The railroad and other trusts and corporations are the government. Government is simply their convenience and to talk about the government regulating these trusts means the government regulating the distribution of the means of production and distribution of our economic, political and social life, like proposing to the tail that it shall wag the dog.

Get wise! The people can have the railroads when they want them. You can add one to the number that want them.

If it is a man's duty to submit, perhaps the capitalists had better do their duty and submit to the demands of the workers.

It is a great virtue to be humble, no doubt. The rich, then, had better give up their style and pageantry and mingle with their betters, the toilers.

Rockefeller would make a great capitalist editor. Just see how many words he used without saying anything.

The rich man is the poor man's brother. But he treats the laborer like he was a dog.

The capitalists are great "workers."

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APPEAL TO REASON, Girard, Kan.

Lament of the Kidnapers.

The Chicago Tribune of July 29th has two pages that are in peculiar contradiction to each other. The title page and the editorial page seem to be on the outs. On the first McCutcheon, the famous cartoonist, has a picture in which the placard "W. D. Haywood, Undesirable Citizen" appears upon the wall. A man standing before the picture in the attitude of expressing the verdict of the American people tosses Orchard's testimony into the waste basket with his left hand and, elevating his right with a pencil in it, he proceeds to strike out the first two letters in the word "Undesirable," making the legend read, to accord with the verdict recently rendered, "W. D. Haywood, Desirable Citizen."

The cartoon is one of McCutcheon's happiest and most striking conceptions. It ought to embellish the title page of a Socialist instead of a capitalist paper. In the latter, especially the Tribune, it is painfully out of place.

In strange contrast with McCutcheon's cartoon is the editorial in the same issue of the Tribune, entitled, "Haywood Acquitted," a characteristic capitalist which reflects accurately the capitalist press in reference to the late trial.

The Tribune, with the rest of the kidnaping organs of the plutocracy, is chagrined, disappointed, flabbergasted. Its prey escaped and its will is half pathetic and more than half contemptible.

The following are specimen paragraphs from the editorial: "The verdict of the jury sets Haywood free, but public opinion has not cleared him."

"Public opinion is not bound by the Idaho statute. Among those who are not ardent sympathizers with Haywood and his Federation the belief of the greater number is that Orchard's repentance, or conversion, is genuine, and his story— which there was considerable outside evidence to corroborate—substantially true."

"Haywood has been acquitted and it is a reasonable presumption that Moyer and Pettibone will be also. But they will remain in popular estimation 'undesirable citizens' and the Western Federation of Miners, of which they were the ruling spirits, an undesirable organization. The trial has given the general public full information as to its criminal methods in Colorado and elsewhere. It has been exposed as a murderous organization, and though the crimes it has committed may go unpunished, from that exposure it cannot recover."

The Tribune is doubtless quite right in speaking for that small section of "public opinion" which embraces the Mine Owners' association, the Smelter Trust, Simon Guggenheim, "Jim" McPartland, Harry Peach Orchard, "Bob" Meldrum, "Bat" Masterson, "Bull" Andrews, "Boss" Platt, "Rambunctious" Dewey and their patron saint, "Teddy" Roosevelt and their official mouthpiece, the Chicago Tribune. All of these and the grafting "interests" they represent and express will undoubtedly continue to regard Haywood as an undesirable citizen and the Western Federation as a murderous conspiracy, but an overwhelming majority of the American people, who are not exploiters and kidnapers, or "deas upon their backs," have pronounced Haywood a desirable citizen and the Western Federation the leading and most progressive labor union in the world, the union most feared by robbers and most loved by honest men.

That is why the Western Federation has been steadily increasing its membership through all the fierce fire that has been concentrated upon it during the past eighteen months and why its membership is larger today than ever before and why that membership of revolutionary warriors will be doubled during the next twelve months, notwithstanding the Tribune's impotent wail that "it cannot recover."

As a prophet of the industrial revolution the Tribune would better resign and give its attention exclusively to the subject of great capitalist papers like the Tribune doing the people of Chicago out of the rents on their public school lands, robbing the school children and dooming future generations to ignorance, poverty and crime.

The Tribune confidently expected to announce with joy the approaching event of Haywood's hanging. Its beautiful Christian spirit has been rudely jarred. The hanging is not to be and the Tribune weeps great gods and is inconsolable. Archbishop Ireland, its spiritual adviser, should roll his eyes heavenward and invoke divine pity for the weeping Tribune.

McCutcheon may prepare another cartoon depicting the Tribune as a kidnaper with his horns gone, his caudal appendage missing, and his tail feathers plucked, hanging on the neck of his pious protegee and sobbing: "Harry, thou hast been did, but heaven will reward thee."

Politicians, whose names history has forgotten, preached compromise and regulation to the colonists before the days of the Declaration of Independence. But old King George, who ruled by divine right, and superior might, refused to be "regulated," and the paper titles to his American possessions were shot to pieces.

How like a hog the laborer is: Both are valueless except for purposes of profit. Both are fed merely to put them in condition, and both are slaughtered and devoured. The great difference between the two lies in the fact that the hog is slain quickly and works none, and the hog is not devoured until after he is dead.

Don't be a slave to capital—a dollar will save you the profits on your purchases. Read ad. of A. B. Conklin Company on page 5.

When the panic comes, from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath—that is, his job.

The laborer may be a loser when he loses the church, but the church loses more when it loses the laborer.

By their clothes ye shall know them. Do men gather profits from a plug hat, or labor from swallow-tails?

Laugh and the theater trust will get you. Weeping is still private property.

I WANT TO HEAR

By return mail from every reader of this paper who is going to stand by the Appeal during the next twelve months and help make the 1908 campaign a record-breaker for Socialism, as an evidence of faith just enclose four subs and four two-bit pieces.

I had now more than ever convinced that by offering the Washers at \$2.50 I am making nearly half of the amount of the work for Consumers of Washers. There was never any doubt in my mind of how well this washer would do its work, but I hardly expected such days of being me from one to a dozen of the strongest letters of commendation.

It is a pleasure to what part of the country you live. I have very little to add, but I am glad to hear that you are so satisfied with the washer. I found out differently. We can surely say enough for it now. I found out differently. We can surely say enough for it now. I found out differently. We can surely say enough for it now.

MAYOR TUNNINGTON, Box 378, Fremont, Ohio.

A man with an empty belly can't sing psalms.

None but the rich reap any benefit from war.

The capitalist game has been exposed. It had as well skidoo.

The poor man is never able to take a vacation until he loses his job.

Capitalism will do anything for you except to get off your shoulders.

Do you belong to good society? In other words, do you pay your way?

The sweet-scented idlers are stinkers. It takes sweat to admit a man to good society.

Capitalism is a human method. Humanity can change any of its usages or methods.

The man with a jolly can hold you up a great deal more successfully than the man with the six-shooter.

The man who dolls his hat may be polite, but it is the man who dolls his coat who amounts to something.

Many a good-meaning man does a great deal of harm. Many a kind heart goes with a heavy and clumsy hand.

In these days all work is intellectual. Scheming, apart from manual effort, is the lowest possible form of mentalism.

Some day the workers are going to own all they make. Then the masters of every kind will have to hustle. That's all.

You cannot live under the system without taking or giving profits. The only way to escape from it is to abolish the system.

The best way to fight the saloon is to kill the profit system. There would be no saloons if there was no money in the business.

Business could make no profits from the manufacturing side if it had no employees. It can't, in other words, attend to its own business.

War would cause many deaths, make widows and orphans, and destroy much property. But it would help business. Speaks well for business, doesn't it?

The way to secure food that you may know is pure is to destroy the profit system. There would be no adulteration of food if there was no money in it.

The president wants rifle shooting taught in the public schools. There would be a great howl if the same proposition was made relative to labor unions.

Why should the boy who has nursed as a baby, that you have cared for through years, go out to kill a stranger or be killed by a stranger, in another man's war?

The world is yours. You have been persuaded it is not, merely because your masters have kept it out of your hands and told you that possession is nine points of law.

Morality is less than Christianity—it is only common sense. But a profit, which is something over and above the real value of a thing, is neither moral, sensible nor Christian.

It is very trying on the rich to be the superintendents of the world, and it is entirely unnecessary. Some day the poor will turn them off, and then they can find rest from their worry in honest toil.

No one individual is responsible for this system, and no one should be blamed because he does not change it. But every individual is in part to blame for it, and if he does nothing to overthrow it becomes guilty with its guilt.

Whenever a great number of people strongly desire anything they are going to get it in spite of ears or bosses. The intense longing of the many for relief from present oppressive conditions is sure to bear fruit ere long.

Silverbeets was fortunate. In these days of the lumber trust, and secretly of timber it takes a rich suit to say to his sweetheart: "I'll build you a big tepee." The home is being so crowded out by capitalism that there seems to be a probability that the cave man will come again.



On a Texas ranch there is being used a plow which clears a strip of ground seven feet wide with every "round." What is the small farmer going to do when he has to compete in the market against stuff raised through cultivation with such machinery as this? The individual cannot afford such machinery of production, neither can he compete in production against its product. Syndicate farming will follow, and will prove as profitable and feasible as syndicated factories.

You are the master of your fate. You can vote.

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THE PARTY

Local Reno celebrated the arrival of Comrade Haywood by a mon- open air meeting. A full brass band employed and four comrades deliv- address.

General Notes. Comrade E. E. Carr, Chicago, was anted a credential to the International press at Stuttgart by vote of the Executive Committee.

Additional applications for the Winter course have been received from New York City, Cleveland, O., St. Paul, Minn., Toledo, Ohio and St. Louis, Mo.

The Socialist Plate Matter Service has been established. A contract for one year was signed with the American Plate Matter Service, July 26th.

Madrid, Spain, Socialists have bought themselves for 300,000 pesetas, (\$12,000), the palace of the Duke of Alba, for the purpose of a People's House. The plan is to provide a home for the General Federation of Trade Unions (Union General de Trabajadores) and affiliated trade unions, for the Socialists, and the Madrid Co-operative Society.

The representatives of five Viticultural Associations in five departments of Southern France have decided to set up the wine growers' struggle. They will continue the strike, will refuse to pay taxes or to take part in the departmental elections.

Pittsburg is awfully with disipation itburg is enjoying itself in a feverish, reckless, devil-take-all-and-welcome-ahion. Our thoroughfares, our summer resorts, our cafe chantants, and places of entertainment, are all packed overflowing, ablaze with lights, humming and seething with a motley throng of pleasure seekers.

At a special election held in the Colne division of the West Riding of Yorkshire, England, Victor Grayson was elected to parliament by a majority of one hundred and fifty-three. This is the second parliamentary election held in England during July and both resulted in Socialist victories.

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There is no cause now. Everything allowed, anything so long only as leave alone the government. We're an old saying, which suits the situation down to the ground: "No matter how much you cry, it won't help you. Everybody is tired out. Everybody wants to shake off the anguish and path and gall that have been wearing on souls to shreds every day for three years. And one wants to taste the stale, forgotten tonic of one's own individual, egoistic life, and one is surprised to find a poignant rebirth in the ideal of a new and every-day life. People are! Let 'em! And rob and murder! And fight and rot in prison! Let 'em! And get hanged? What matter? Day is mine and tomorrow is mine!

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FRAUD IN CARRYING MAILS.

Some years ago the Appeal declared that one of the great causes of the postal deficiency was that the railroads were paid too much for carrying the mails, and that there was much crooked work in the matter.

A general order has been issued by the postoffice department which will result in reducing the compensation enjoyed by the railroads for carrying the mails by at least \$1,000,000 annually.

Department officials admit that this is true, but insist that more space is being paid for by the department than is actually needed in the transportation of the mails, but it is not stated whether this condition is the result of poor judgment or otherwise.

Two Pictures From Life. Stole From Economic Necessity. "Yes, I stole. And why? You ask. I did it for the sake of my old mother. She is 64 years old, rheumatic, unable to do anything—why should I not steal for her? If social conditions in the United States were different I would not be forced into such paths."

Grasping the iron bars of a cell at the Hudson avenue police station with thin, nervous fingers, Mrs. Nellie Hantz looked into a dimly lit corridor yesterday afternoon and so declared herself. "I am 38 years old," continued Mrs. Hantz, "and I have never been arrested before, nor have I ever stolen anything before. I only began to steal about a fortnight ago. I was not thinking of myself in the least—I only thought of my old mother."

Statistics on the Class War. Washington.—The United States Bureau of Labor is preparing to send out a general circulation and information brochure on strikes and lockouts in the United States from 1881 to 1905, which contains some remarkable statements, chief among them being the assertions that more strikes succeed than fail, and that the strikes of organized labor have been the most successful.

Society's Latest Caper. Pittsburg.—Pittsburg's whooping cough epidemic has been pressed into service as a hot weather social feature. Yesterday afternoon Mrs. W. H. Parker of Grandview ave., Duquesne heights, gave a lawn fete, restricting her guest list to whooping cough patients.

DESTROYS THE HOMES. Under the direction of President Roosevelt an investigation is being made as to the number and causes of divorces. The result, so far, has been to show a terrifying increase in divorce the past few years. It is claimed the president is greatly perturbed as to the cause of such a condition.

American Dependence. It has been asserted that the Philippines at the Cornell summer school declare their countrymen are quite miserable under the protection of the stars and stripes, look back longingly to the days of Spanish rule and would welcome a Japanese invasion that might free them from "American tyranny."

STARTLING EVIDENCE. Eugene V. Debs has compiled a 64-page pamphlet from the records of the American Railway Union, which shows that the union was organized by the American Railway Union, which was organized by the American Railway Union.

THE AGITATION LEAGUE. Balance on hand last report \$1,227.00 Collected since last report 286.29 Total \$1,513.29

A LITTLE PROBLEM. He was merely a social derelict, an atom in the jettison of a great city for whose disposal society had made no provision. He was cadaverous, ill-clad, unkempt, penniless, though he still cherished within his bosom a remnant of the pride of former, and better days.

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Comrade A. Thompson, Klamath Falls, Ore., writes to inform the whereabouts of his share. About the year 1882 or 1883 and he has been hand moved from Klamath Falls, Ore., to Grand Junction, Colo., and is now in the hands of the bundle brigades.

No one can blame the small dealers for organizing to fight the department stores, for the farmers for organizing to control prices, and thus save themselves. It is a fight for life. But they will lose.

After all, republicans intend to fight Socialists by calling them names and persecuting them. One would suppose, on first thought, that they had better sense; but, then, they are republicans, and they will spread the fire of "socialism" in trying to stamp it out, and by shouting "anarchism" will end Socialism about like republicanism was once crushed by yelling "black abolitionist" at republicans.

It is estimated that there are 2,000,000 children in the United States who are virtually slaves. There are some six million women who are wage slaves, or slaves of the system that robs profits off their lives or time, and fifteen million men. Black slavery was a little thing compared to the slavery of capital.

While the trusts are controlling the labor market today, the toilers would not benefit by having the small operators beat the trust and control in its stead. In either case they would be controlled and exploited. What they want is freedom, not a new master.

Korea's independence may now take its place along with the independence of the farmer away back with the has-beens. When the farmer finds the trusts are really the reapers of his fields, he may go to raising hell.

There is a place called Hell in Norway. And we had always supposed it was in Colorado. The President has set apart coal lands yet in the hands of the whole people as exempt from private entry. If it is right for the people to own any of the mines—indeed, if they do own any of them—they own them all. The principle is already recognized by this three public needs will finally be taken over by the public.

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An Opportunity For You

TURN BACK IN OYOR OWN POCKET'S M' OF THE PROFITS NOW GOING TO PARASITES. Do you know the profits on the purchases of the Socialists alone in this country amount to millions of dollars every year? And that this vast amount goes in the main to strengthen our opponents? Do you know we can easily turn these profits to ourselves?

OUR PROGRAMME. The small order and department store business is successful because it affords a means of supplying commodities to an unlimited market from one center at the lowest possible price. This makes it succeed over competition.

ADVANTAGES TO SOCIALISTS. All stockholders in this cooperative concern save for themselves a large percentage of the cost of doing business which could be used to benefit the community.

THE MANAGEMENT. A. B. Conklin is not a stranger to Socialists. He has been successfully conducting a mail order business for some years and is a well known individual in the Socialist ranks.

WHY WE DO IT. We are Socialists. You can look up our record in this respect. We believe in an industrial democracy. But apart from this, we know the value of force. We know the value of the survival of the fittest in the economic as well as in the biological world.

Act Now! The iron is hot, the time to strike is now, nothing is to be gained by waiting for some one else to make a move. You are the greatest means of establishing the world now by sending a dollar to us to be added to your own support.

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