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What Roosevelt Said:

Nov. 16th., letter to Cortelyou: "What is most needed just at present is that our citizens should realize how fundamentally sound business conditions in this country are, and how absurd it is to permit themselves to get into a panic and create a stringency by hoarding their savings instead of trusting them to perfectly sound banks. *The banks and trust companies are solvent.*"

Dec. 3rd, message to congress: "In no nation are the fundamental business conditions sounder than in ours at this very moment; and it is foolish, when such is the case, for people to hoard money instead of keeping it in sound banks."

What the P. O. Department Did:

Postoffice, Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 27.
Postmaster: I am directed by the Department, under date of 20th inst., to notify postmasters to remit in cash by registered mail and only cash or government paper is receivable for money orders issued or stamps sold and that we must return all non-negotiable paper with request for cash. Therefore this office will return your deposits unless remitted in cash or government paper until further notice.
Respectfully,
J. H. Harris, Postmaster.

On the reverse side of this original order, sent to the Appeal from a Missouri town, was the following comment, signed "A Republican Postmaster": "Postmasters who have remitted for money orders and stamps paid by draft have received notice to discontinue sending bank drafts, and that only cash and government paper will be accepted by the department. When the department loses cash sent in the banks as this notice proves beyond a doubt, what then would be your diagnosis of the case from a Socialist standpoint?"

What Happened in the West:

December 5th: The National Bank of Commerce, Kansas City, closed its doors today. It was a national story for the U. S. government and was the largest bank in the west for three weeks ago it was a "Gibraltar of Finance." Its resources were \$3,000,000. It did fifty per cent of the clearing house business for Kansas City. It was the city reserve for half the banks in Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas and western Missouri. Three weeks ago, when it showed signs of weakness, its gilt-edged securities were taken over by the other Kansas City banks and with this money a new lease of life was given it. The big financiers who were on the inside got out this money. The small depositors were limited to \$100. The bank closes with little cash and securities that other banks refused to advance cash on. The usual statements that depositors will be paid in full and that the bank will resume are given out. *This is one of the banks Roosevelt had in mind when he made the statement on Nov. 16th and Dec. 3rd, "that the banks are solvent," reprinted on this page.*

PPRONE upon the earth, condemned as inadequate, unreliable, shattered beyond redemption, lies all that remains of the Best Financial System that competitive society has been able to produce. . . . At the very height of the busiest and most prosperous times this nation has ever seen—at the very time its services are most critically needed—the financial machinery, through its own inherent weakness and incapacity, breaks down, utterly collapses, closing mills, factories and mines, and stopping the wheels of industry from sea to sea, while the banks of the nation are compelled to openly acknowledge that they cannot return to their depositors the money that has been entrusted to their custody. The ages have produced no more pathetic economic spectacle than that now presented to the country. . . . In the past it has been the privilege of few (and these few the despised agitators) to see the trend and understand the portent of social crises, but in the present one the spectacular features of the breakdown of the old system are heightened by the fact that thousands of the Common People knew it was coming, predicted it for years, and poured out their time and money unstintedly to prepare their fellows for the inevitable. . . . *The hour predicted by Socialists for over a decade past is TODAY HERE.* . . . And by reason of having put in these many years past in the work of educating the masses, the great citizenship of the strongest and richest nation of ancient or modern times is slowly but surely turning its enormous bulk into the paths pointed out by these same Socialists as the only road to salvation. The militant plutocracy—excitedly wrangling among themselves as to the causes—engaged in violent criminations, attacks, and counter-attacks as to "who is to blame", sees with eyes ablaze with terror, the power slipping from its palsied grasp. . . . Do what it may, say what it will, **IT CANNOT REFUTE THE SOCIALIST FORECAST THAT THE PRESENT CONDITIONS WOULD COME TO PASS.** . . . The scientific Socialist analysis of the present capitalist system having thus verified itself, the public is leaning toward and embracing its philosophy and for the first time in the history of the movement we find ourselves with an audience unable and in fact disinclined to talk back. . . . *The present opportunity for Socialism did not grow of itself. IT IS THE RESULT OF CEASELESS WORK AND AGITATION ON THE PART OF THOUSANDS OF MEN AND WOMEN*, many of whom are now sleeping their last sleep in the Silent Cities of the Dead, but who did their work so effectively as to leave an immortal heritage to the present generation. The opportunity cost millions in actual money, it cost immeasurably more in suffering, persecution and in labor and time freely given. . . . The sum total finds the Socialists ready and fully equipped to grapple with the enemy and make the most of their dearly bought Fighting Chance. . . . As you read these lines, hundreds of thousands of others are also reading them. This result has been brought about by the unremitting labor of those who believe in Socialism. As you now read, men and women are taking subscriptions for this paper throughout the length and breadth of the land at the rate of 1,000 per day, and as each subscription means 52 copies, this Army is distributing each day an average of 52,000 papers aside from the extra copies, which amount to almost as many more. . . . *The time is here for every Socialist to WORK.* The goods have been delivered; no longer is there any doubt or question as to what the competitive system is, what its logical fruits are and must be. . . . Others now comprehend what you have known for years. We can spare no worker now; the educational field must be thoroughly covered and the Appeal confidently expects to hear from YOU by return mail with an order for the *Panic Edition*, which will put in readable shape the very thoughts that have been seething in your brain and which you have longed to communicate to those you meet day by day. . . . Let your order for the "Panic Edition" be sufficient to cover your voting precinct, your ward, your town or county. Organize the local comrades into a Flying Squadron and work as you have never worked before to the good end that this undesirable system of labor exploitation and panics, ruin and suicide may be brought to a speedy end, and in its place reared the Co-operative Commonwealth. Listen: *Socialism is as practical today as it will be one thousand years from now.* The only—THE ONLY—obstacle in the way is the ignorance of the men and women with whom you daily associate. This ignorance, in your locality, you—and YOU ALONE—must dispel. No one else can do your work—it depends on YOU. . . . And the material in the PANIC EDITION will help you. Every line will be filled with information and bristle with arguments—the best the Appeal has at its command. . . . The order blank in the lower right hand corner invites you to cut it out and return it at once. . . . I'm listening!

"THE FLYING SQUADRON."

In hundreds of places throughout the country, the local comrades are organizing "Flying Squadrons" for the purpose of placing a copy of the "Panic Edition" in the hands of every working man in their community.
In Kansas City, Mo., 50,000 copies of the "Panic Edition" will be systematically distributed. We will take advantage of the closing of one of the system's "biggest and safest" banking institutions. We didn't rock the boat, nor are we responsible for the prevalent rotten condition. But it is a powerful object lesson, and at every point in the United States where a bank is closed, a mill or factory shut down, or wages reduced, the Socialists should get busy. The capitalist structure is tottering to its fall. Crashing and tumbling about the ears of its supporters, it furnishes a lesson such as we have never had before.
While our opponents are cowed and excited, let us make recruits for the giant battle of ballots next year. Follow the example set by Kansas City, and cover your town with the cause and evidence of capitalism's failure.
The body of Rankin, the missing cashier of the defunct Lawton, Okla., bank was found in a stream near there the other day. He had looted the bank and committed suicide. He was a Sunday school superintendent, too! He was one of those pure, honest souls that oppose Socialism because "it is opposed to religion." don't you know. And because "it would destroy the incentive to progress!" This panic has uncovered a large number of these hypocrites who pose as defenders of religion, while they have been robbing their friends and upholders and living lives of horrible immorality. The loudest-mouthed opponents of Socialism are those whose lives are corrupt. Will you workers never get onto the game?
The country banks have learned a lesson from the panic. They will hereafter keep as few dollars in city banks as possible. If they do this for a year or two there will be less speculating in the big cities, for it is mostly done with money that belongs to country banks.

These times are starting millions toward Socialism.
Socialism would be many decades further off if the capitalists would or could provide employment at living wages for all the workers.
The "Panic Edition" of the Appeal will do more to wake up that neighbor of yours to the real condition of affairs than any sheet ever issued. See that each one gets a copy.
The industrial depression that is sweeping over Europe the same as in this country is giving the Socialist propaganda a tremendous impetus. The German empire is in the throes of a panic and the 3,257,000 Socialists there are making the most of it.
Instead of howling about the bad use of injunctions by federal and other judges, why don't the unions enter politics and elect work people to judge-ships and apply the injunctions to the capitalists? A Socialist judge would always grant to labor what it is entitled to, and then the injunction would help, not hinder, labor. Quit howling and go to voting right.
Socialism cannot be practiced under capitalism, because the majority refuse to permit it. Socialism is not possible until the nation owns and operates the industries—anything less than that is not Socialism. When you hear some fellow howl about Socialists not practicing what they preach you can set him down as ignorant of what Socialism is. He may be honest and sincere, but he labors under a delusion.
Taft is having a fine old time traveling about the world at public expense, hob-nobbing with kings, emperors and czars. He is taking notes of how to establish conditions here so that we may have the glitter and glory of royalty, which our wealthy people so much admire, and to whom they marry their daughters. And the American people have come to believe that this is necessary to our public welfare! Who pays your bills when you travel? You pay Taft's, but does he pay yours? Really, aren't you very, very easy!

The issuance of clearing-house currency to pass as money is as much a violation of the laws as stealing horses. But the government officials refuse to enforce the law. Here, as in Russia, it is against the law to murder or assault citizens, but when the czar's supporters massacre thousands of the judges and officials refuse to molest them. That is just what Teddy R. directs his officials to do—not to arrest the bankers who violate the law. The law must only be enforced against the working class to keep them in subjection to the master class. Get onto the game.
What do you think of a government that permits its bonds to sell below par when it has nine hundred millions of idle cash in its treasury? When it loans two hundred and fifty millions to banks without interest? That is what this government does. I know, for I have just had to sell some government bonds, and the best offer I could get at Kansas City was 97 cents on the dollar for 3 per cent bonds. These bonds were selling a short time ago at 5 per cent premium. Great financiers at the head of this nation!
If Socialism made great progress during the last few years, which capitalists told us were times of great prosperity, what can we do when the capitalist machine has broken down? Now is the time to get your neighbor to read some booklet on Socialism. We have millions of pamphlets that are convincing, and they will read now. Get busy and make good your claim of being a Socialist.
It matters not whether you get ten cents or ten dollars a day—it is how much of goods you can get for your day's toil. Does your day's labor now buy you as much as it did ten years ago? That is the question.
The democratic papers are supporting the financial jobbery at Washington. That shows how sham have been the financial battles between the two old libertines of politics.
The panic has made your neighbor interested in public affairs. Now loan him some pamphlet on Socialism and he will read it.

Wonder if these clearing house checks are "good in Europe?"
Let's see. Didn't some people say that a gold standard would make every dollar as good as every other? What about the premium on currency?
The mine owners scowl at "hung" juries. What they figured on, enthused over and paid for was hung agitators. But alas! McParland missed fire.
The capitalists don't care for the workers' interest. Why should the workers vote for the capitalists' interest? Capitalists always work against the workers' interest—the workers always vote for the capitalists' interest. Under Socialism the workers would receive in wages every dollar that is now drawn by capitalists in the shape of interest, rent or profits. Capitalists would have to produce or they would have no part of the product. Can't you get onto a problem so simple as that?
The banks of Pueblo, Colo., have refused to rent safety boxes in their vaults to people unless the renter agrees not to keep his money in it! But Rockefeller keeps his in safety boxes and on not deposit, so it's said. After while the banks will be telling the people what they shall wear, what they shall eat and where they shall live. Poor old Pueblo! When sixteen years ago I stood on your streets and told you of the coming panic of 1893 you said I was crazy and hoisted me; when later I told you that another would hit you harder and that the few would own all your property, you wouldn't believe. You are getting just what you vote for and deserve. May the Thrashers and Guggenheims use you for footpads. When I was a business man in Pueblo most of the merchants owned their own buildings. Now there is hardly a merchant in the city who owns the building he does business in. Capitalism is fast doing its necessary work of reducing the "little rich" to skilled perfs.
THE PANIC EDITION.
"The Panic Edition" will be dated December 28th. Prices start December 19th. Rates are as follows: 1,000 copies . . . \$25.00
2,500 copies . . . \$50.00
5,000 copies . . . \$100.00

Although the apple crop this year has not been one-tenth enough to supply our own people, 200,000 barrels have been exported to satisfy the luxurious palates of the European nobility. This great republic, the royalty-hating republic, permits its own people to go without, but the royal parasites of Europe must eat the finest apples we can raise! Wonder what our revolutionary fathers would think of their degenerate progeny if they could witness such funkycrims! Starve you great "free" Americans, but feed the nobility of Europe.
In times of panic and depression the foreign workman can return to his home—more than 500,000 have done this year—but the American has no place to go. He must stay here and suffer lower wages, lack of employment and higher-priced living. Great is the American voting king! He is afraid of Socialism that would increase his income three to one and employment every day he desired it. That would destroy his "incentive" to progress and live, don't you know.
The traction companies of the four largest cities have made a profit in the past of more than a billion of dollars—and yet they are bankrupt! The fellows who have been controlling these properties have grown dangerously rich. But then, of course, they are honest men! They are the eminently respectable! They are the desirable citizens! And the bands play, "God Save the Emperor!"
According to government reports, the farmers of this country produced 7,412 millions of dollars' worth of crops this year. The capitalists produced a panic so they could get them cheap. And the farmers are the backbone of the old parties that keep the capitalists in the saddle riding them. The capitalists must smile.
The price of cattle and hogs has been reduced by the packers nearly one-half but the retail price of meat remains at the same old price. But then the farmers believe in private ownership and operation of the packing industry, so I suppose they are pleased at the arrangement.

Forward, boys, ever forward!
The banking shake-up has uncovered a whole flood of forgery and fraud on the inside of banks that might have gone for years undiscovered. The suicides and arrests number hundreds in banking circles. But then it is the best banking system on earth, you know!
Two million dollars of government deposits were loaned by Morgan's National Bank of Commerce of New York to the Arnold Print Works of Boston. This concern has gone into the hands of a receiver. Cortelyou will be tearing his hair next year when he calls on the banks for that \$200,000,000 which he so patriotically deposited with them.
How would you like to have the government issue you bonds for \$1,000,000 and then give you back the million you paid for them in cash and still pay you an interest on the bonds? That is what the government is doing for the banks. But it would never do for the government to not issue bonds but just issue the money and use it itself for creating public utilities! That would out every law regarding money or it is not passed. And you poor simpletons don't know how your government is used against you. Are you fit for self-government?

Forty-eight years ago, December 24, old John Brown was hanged for trying to free the black slaves. He was an evangel of liberty and one of the greatest heroes of history. The Appeal proposes that December 24, 1909, the Fiftieth Anniversary of his Martyrdom, be celebrated by Socialists throughout the length and breadth of the land and that the day be made the occasion of a Proletarian Liberty Demonstration that will arouse the wage slaves and shake the foundations of capitalism all around the world.
It is as much a violation of law to issue those clearing-house checks as to counterfeit money. But are the bankers arrested? Not to my boy. The bankers are capitalists and the capitalists are the government and can do as they please. They are criminals, but what of that when the officers refuse to arrest them? They know how to control politics, which controls the courts and officials. You workers don't know how to use your votes, that's all.
Any workman who will employ his otherwise idle minutes in study of social philosophy will become a power in these United States in the next few years. Brains are more powerful than muscles.
Socialism is not a political opinion, but an industrial conviction.

PANICS—Cause and Cure.

The *Panic Edition* of the Appeal—No. 630, dated Dec. 28th—press starts Dec. 10th—will cover every phase of the present panic—including its cause—from the beginning to the present. It is, tersely told and so plainly that any one may understand. Using the example which the extra has furnished us, the portion and final end will be shown. This edition will mark an epoch in our educational work. Use the ask below in ordering extra copies, and make your order large enough to cover your entire town, ward or voting precinct.
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- 1,000,000 small business men; 100,000 lawyers in small towns; 20,000 newspaper editors; 30,000 officers of local unions.

This is a Big Job--but Socialism is a Big Movement, backed by a Big Army of men and women. Capitalism has given us a Big Opportunity to make a Big Strike for Socialism. Are you Big Enough to grasp its significance? If so send a Big Contribution to the Agitation League Fund, which has undertaken to send a copy of the Big "Panic Edition" to the 1,150,000 names in the above lists. Others will help--will you?

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Lists donors like J. A. Kirby, F. J. Miller, etc., with their respective contributions.

Collier's Challenged.

Some weeks ago, Norman Hapgood, editor of Collier's, wrote Upton Sinclair, among other things, "Moreover I happen to know that the copy (Darrow's Speech) for the Appeal was sent to Darrow for his editing." This has been the burden of a series of editorials appearing in Collier's for several weeks, and which statement both Darrow and the Appeal have emphatically denied, we denouncing it as unqualifiedly false.

How is it that Collier's is always anxious to swallow the monstrous Orchard, black tarantula of the night, and the "best detective" who admitted on the stand in the Adams case that he was a self-subsiding perjurer, who, under the alias of Jim McKenna, took the solemn oath of a labor union with the prearranged treachery of violating it, and with the spital of an asp in his black heart. What, with its suave hypocrisy is not Collier's doing a similar stunt? The answer to which Hapgood refers is too long for repetition here. We suggest that our readers procure a copy of Collier's Weekly of November 30th, and compare it with Darrow's speech, both in their entirety. But Hapgood's particular row now is over the following language of Darrow's:

consistent success upon which they are to be congratulated.

Darrow's words evidence the highest magnanimity; we know of no nobler thing than to defend the weak and oppressed. But this is not the point at issue. The editor of Collier's made a specific charge in the words above quoted, and here repeated: "I happen to know that the copy (Darrow's Speech) for the Appeal was sent to Darrow for his editing." The editor of Collier's utters a bald unqualified falsehood. He knows nothing of the kind, for nothing of the kind occurred.

Roosevelt's Message.

Extended review of President Roosevelt's message to the Sixtieth congress is not needed in a Socialist publication. The message, as a capitalist class state paper, speaks sufficiently for itself. The bulk of it could easily have been anticipated. It is simply a rehash of the speeches he has been making ever since he has been president--a repetition so often made that it has become not only stale, but tedious and disgusting.

"If there be any purpose any more fixed than another in the mind of the president and those with whom he is accustomed to consult, it is that that dangerous element of abolitionism, under whatever guise or form it may present itself, shall be crushed out so far as this administration is concerned."

THOMAS M'GRADY.

BY EUGENE V. DEBS. It is a strange and pathetic coincidence that almost at the very moment I completed the introduction to the brochure of Thomas McGrady on "The Catholic Church and Socialism," now in press, the sad news came that he had passed away, and the painful duty now devolves upon me to write the word final at the close of his work and add a few words of obituary eulogy.

hood by Father McGrady created a great sensation. The dignitaries of the church affected pious rejoicing. The recreant priest had long been a thorn in their complacent flesh. It was well that the holy church was purged of his pernicious influence.

ment is no longer a mere fanatical sect. It has outgrown that period in spite of its sentinels and doorkeepers. Between watchful devotion, which guards against impostors and chronic money-laundering, which places a premium upon dirt and stupidity, and imposes a penalty upon brains and self-respect, there is a difference wide as the sea.

THE PETTIBONE TRIAL.

The following dispatch was received at the very hour of going to press: Boise, Idaho, December 6th.--Appeal to Reason, Girard, Kan.--Jury empaneled at 4 o'clock p. m. State begins introductory evidence Monday. We believe we have twelve fair men.--Charles H. Moyer.

The progress of this trial will be followed with eager interest. There is not the least doubt that Pettibone is innocent of the crime charged against him, and if the jury is fair, as Moyer believes it to be, the verdict will be acquittal, and Pettibone will be set free. It is high time, for it is near two years now since his kidnaping by the Mine Owners' association.

The War in the West.

The Goldfield miners refused to accept checks on a bank that refused to pay cash, and quit. The president, like the czar of Russia, has hurried troops to Nevada at the request of the mine owners. Yet, the same dispatches admit there has been no trouble or violence.

TO DISMISS CHARGES.

A special dispatch to the Denver Republican says: "The prosecuting attorney of Shoshone county, Idaho, said today that the charge against Adams of murdering Fred Tyler will be dismissed at the next session of the district court."

Establishing a Bank.

To establish a national bank requires nothing but gall and special privilege. Fifty men who will borrow \$1,000 each and buy \$50,000 in government bonds can start a bank.

How to Study Socialism, How to Lecture on Socialism, and How to Sell Socialist Literature, by Arthur M. Lewis, now ready. Order January Studies in Socialism. 200 copies for \$1.00.

ROOSEVELT REFUSES TO TRUST BANKS.

The United States postoffice department has instructed all postmasters to make money order and stamp remittances in cash by registered mail--refusing to accept bank checks, and bank drafts. Yet Mr. Roosevelt says the banks are solvent. Then why does his postoffice department refuse to patronize the banks as formerly? This question and a large number of others will be answered in the Panic Edition--and I'm depending on you to help me express this rotten deal. See notice in lower right hand corner. First page.

A HUNDRED IS GOOD.

Please enter my name for one hundred (100) copies of "The Scarlet Shadow," by Walter Hurt--James F. Cox, Cherry, Ariz.

It's your move, Collier's!