







CHANGING THE FIGURES.

Table with columns for 1907 and 1908, showing subscription figures for various months and a total.

ON WITH THE FIGHT.

The following report for the week ending February 29th shows a slight loss, but this is unimportant when you consider that the Army is just getting down to real work...

Table titled 'Circulation of Appeal to Reason by States' listing circulation numbers for various states like Ohio, California, Pennsylvania, etc.

Seventy Millions Sold. James T. Lloyd, congressman from Missouri, made a fiery speech in the house of representatives a few days ago, charging the railroads with having robbed the government of seventy million dollars...

The Iron Heel. A picture, as only Jack can paint it, of the victory of the American Oligarchy, the reign of "The Iron Heel," the ballot taken away, and the debasement of the American workingman...

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Reaping Their Own Harvest.

Rev. Father O'Ryan, of Denver, in his sermon at the funeral of the priest who was assassinated in that city, declared that this crime was the result of the teachings of Socialism and the circulation of the Appeal to Reason.

When the shocking immorality of the late millionaire Snell came to light a few days ago, involving among many others, a prominent minister and his wife and daughter, it did not occur to any bishop or editor to charge the licentiousness of these perverts to the churches to which they belonged.

The efforts of Father O'Ryan and of the daily press to discredit Socialism by bringing such false and reckless charges against it will fail. The people are beginning to understand that it is the capitalist profit system which enriches the few and pauperizes the masses...

Little by little we are beginning to understand the new rules and regulations put into effect by the Canadian postoffice department last year. Following the announcement that daily papers printed in this country would be carried as second-class mail in Canada...

Again we rise to ask, when will Harry Orchard be tried? DO IT THIS MINUTE. A one-dollar bill enclosed in a letter, stamped with a two-cent stamp, sent at our risk, will put you on the bundle list for 5 copies each and every week for one year...

ROOSEVELT AS A REFORMER

IN the current Saturday Evening Post Senator Albert J. Beveridge of Indiana has an article on "The President and Big Business," in which he shows, after tracing the growth of industry and calling attention to the vast and increasing scale upon which business is now conducted...

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What War Will Do.

Two friends were recently discussing the question of what would probably be the effect upon the country if we suddenly plunged into a foreign war, and they both agreed that its first effect would be to unite all sections, all classes, all people and all parties in a common purpose to defend the country against its foreign enemy and to support the government in every possible way in order to carry on a successful war.

It is a favorite trick with the ruling class to involve the nation in a foreign war when the people become discontented and rebellious against unjust conditions. Shakespeare tells of the advice given by one of his retainers to Henry VI. to declare a foreign war in order to divert attention from the rottenness of his court.

But even a foreign war will not deceive the hungry multitude today. They know too much. They have learned by bitter experience that they are used only as targets for bullets of rapacity and as wages that scarcely keep body and soul together.

Will men ever get on voting to be hired and to get only \$2 for producing \$20 worth of goods? How can they save anything and keep a family? Do you wonder that corporations amass millions under such industrial conditions?

Leslie M. Shaw, late secretary of the United States treasury department, nominates J. Pierpont Morgan for president of the United States. Mr. Morgan's qualifications are sufficient, in the judgment of Shaw, to entitle him to rule in name as he rules this nation in fact.

The Tobacco Trust has produced a state of anarchy in one-third of Kentucky. The government wants to spend a hundred thousand dollars to suppress anarchy instead of suppressing the private ownership of the tobacco trust, which is the cause of the whole trouble.

There is now absolutely nothing to excuse the further postponement of the Orchard trial. Governor Gooding asserted positively that no immunity had been promised; that as soon as the trials of the Federation leaders were ended, Orchard would be tried, and that he was fully prepared for his fate.

Dollars Do Not Count

in this fight as much as subscribers to the Appeal. If you want to help the Appeal at this time, you can do it in no more effective way than by going out today and securing a list of new readers. Remember, it is the clubs of two and three and even the stray single subs, that make this paper the great battering ram it is.

Prophecy Fulfilled.

Your advice to me, fifteen years ago, to let it alone, when I bought property from you, was good. There has never been a time since then when I could have sold at any price. D. R. Green, of the Pueblo National Bank.

THE COMING OF MILITARISM. State after state is swinging into line, accepting the provisions of the Dick military bill. Illinois has already regularized its militia forces so that if there should be a strike in Milwaukee, Chicago trade unionists could be compelled to act as hired murderers to suppress the efforts at industrial botchery of their Milwaukee brethren.

THE METROPOLIS. By Upton Sinclair, a novel of scathing and terrible power characterizing New York as remarkably as "The Jungle" characterized Chicago. It tells you how they spend it. This edition is furnished to Socialists at the Special Price of \$1.20, postpaid. Address orders, enclosing price, to the Appeal to Reason, Girard, Kansas.



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Welcome to "Commonwealth."

"Commonwealth" is the name of a bright new Socialist paper started at Denver, Colo. Its first number, under date of February 29th, is before us. It is clear and vigorous; sound and straight. J. W. Martin is managing editor, and Harry Calkins business manager.

The frequency with which Taft and Roosevelt refer to the necessity of remedying the existing abuses in order to prevent the triumph of Socialism is encouraging to the thousands of men and women who have made many sacrifices of time and money that the principles of this movement be spread broadcast.

It will be pleasing news to the trade unionists who are smarting under the recent anti-labor decisions to know that Magistrate Hill was given a favorable decision by the supreme court in a suit brought to dissolve the relationship existing between the Burlington railroad and the Great Northern. The great anti-trust campaign inaugurated by the present administration seems to be working in great shape, but up to date no plutocratic trust has been busted, or in any way interfered with, while the labor union has been declared a trust in restraint of trade and has been outlawed, blacklisted and its funds confiscated.

"A fine Kettle of Fish," as Stuyvesant observed, after the decision. "This will do to serve as the first course at Mrs. Fish's next monkey party."

Cut out, paste to a sheet of ruled paper and secure as many signatures as you can.

To Congressman from District, State of

We the undersigned citizens of protest against the enactment of the Penrose amendment, known as Senate Bill 1518, which gives the Postmaster General of the United States the power to suppress any publication which falls under the displeasure of the administration. As voters we urge you to use your influence against the Penrose bill and vote against it should it be presented to the House of Representatives

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