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"Were the alternative presented to me I would deliberately prefer the life of the savage to that of those people of Christian London."—Thomas H. Huxley.

"In a Receptive Mood."

In the grand jury investigation of the Metropolitan Street railway scandal in New York City, Thomas F. Ryan, the great New York capitalist and eminent captain of industry, has testified several times as to the contribution by said company of enormous amounts to the campaign fund of a capitalist party. The testimony of Mr. Ryan, although somewhat conflicting, is conclusive upon one point, and that is that in carrying on its gigantic swindles the Metropolitan kept in close touch with the political powers and contributed freely to the lubrication of their machinery. At first the amount admitted by Mr. Ryan as having been contributed to the campaign fund of 1900 was said to be \$500,000, but now the statement is made that the amount was a million dollars.

Whatever the precise amount may have been it was freely paid over by the captains of industry to their subordinate officers, the members of politics, and by them used to secure control of the machinery of government in the interest of the industrial captains, the private owners of the means of production. All such are good investments, from the capitalist point of view, and pay large dividends. It is worth something to Ryan and his pals to control the municipal, state and national governments, and they can well afford to drop a million in the slot for that purpose.

Mr. Ryan would not willingly have disclosed the facts about this tremendous political contribution to the corruption fund of a capitalist party, and thus have added fresh lustre to his fame as a patriot, but sooner or later all such corruption is bound to ooze out. Cover it up as they may, it yet remains festering in its dark recesses and but waiting to burst forth and smirch its sponsors, stripping them of their masks of morality and exposing them in all their native depravity.

Thomas F. Ryan does not blush as he recites the story of the looting of the treasury of the Metropolitan to denounce the politics and corruptly control the government of city, state and nation. Having been caught in a position whence escape was impossible he had to tell the truth, or at least as much of the truth as the facts already known made it impossible for him to deny, and then with perfect nonchalance he added this observation:

"I have always found political parties in a receptive mood. We were always informed when an election was coming on." There is a whole volume in this brief statement. There is more than a volume—there is a library. It tells the whole story of capitalist control of government and of capitalist corruption of politics.

"I have always found political parties in a receptive mood." It was in this mood that President Roosevelt contributed his famous "My Dear Harriman" letter to political literature.

And all of them the "honorable men." Before election the capitalist parties are in a receptive mood for the campaign funds and after election the corporations are in a receptive mood for legislation and court decisions, and neither of them is ever disappointed.

Capitalists buy legislation as they do other things that enter into their line of business. That is how they rule, and when they cease to rule by corruption they will cease to rule at all.

We must compliment our capitalist friends in this campaign year upon furnishing us with such a choice stock of political slogans:

"My Dear Harriman: You and I are practical men." "God knows!" "The club is mightier than the constitution."

And last, but not least: "I have always found political parties in a receptive mood. We were always informed when an election was coming on."

The Wall Street Journal thinks that Mr. Morgan is entitled to credit for aiding the treasury in protecting the country from the worst effects of the panic. Morgan is surely a great hero. Without risking a dollar of his own money he was able to pose as the savior of the country, receiving from twenty to one hundred per cent interest on the more than two hundred millions of government money, and on the side gobbling up his most important competitor, the Tennessee Coal and Iron company, which became involved in sore financial straits during the stringency. The Journal thinks that Harriman is entitled to credit for saving the Erie railroad and thus preventing railroad receiverships from becoming the fashion and retarding the recovery from business depression. Harriman is likewise a philanthropist. Out of the goodness of his heart he galloped to the rescue of the Erie and attached twenty-one thousand miles of railroad to his immense holdings. Thus another link in his "from-ocean-to-ocean-railroad-system" has been forged and his hold on the transportation department of the country made more secure.

Are you still of the opinion that the old parties will give you better government than they have been furnishing? Has not forty years of boodle been enough to teach you anything?

If you want to get a good view of rich society, you should read Upton Sinclair's "Metropolis." You will then have some idea of what you are up against. It is literally and appallingly true.

Did you notice how promptly congress passed laws to prevent (?) another panic and to tone down the present one? Do you catch on? Not a law has been enacted nor will be. Panics are very profitable to some interests.

The injunction of the Buck stove company against labor's unfair list has been made permanent, but I have not read that the Standard Oil fine of \$29,000,000 has been paid. It depends on who is at the business end of the court. See?

Two hundred thousand steerage passengers left the United States since the first of the year, against eighty thousand emigrants who have landed here. During the same months last year the figures were reversed. It is said that rats desert a sinking ship. Likewise the lowest class of labor is the first to leave a country in which it is unable to find employment. No longer can the republican orator point with pride to the fact that the borders of Europe can find a safe refuge in America, "where there is labor for all."

The Appeal applauds Mr. Harriman. That very undesirable citizen has beaten Mr. Roosevelt to a standstill. In spite of the efforts of the administration to turn the Harriman properties over to its own favored friends, Harriman still smilingly maintains his position at the head of the railroad transportation systems of this nation. He is still the same practical man he was several years ago, when he was invited to the White house to confer with Mr. Roosevelt as to what the president should say in his messages to congress.

Will organized workers, who are instructed from talking to their own comrades about not buying an unfair article, vote the same old tickets that have put them into this pickle? Will they forever permit alleged leaders to keep them in the old parties, where they can be skinned to a frazzle? Will they lick the hands that strike them? Will they still vote for their capitalist masters for office? Do they prefer to have the courts and officials against them rather than with them? Will they never learn that their votes cast for Socialists will give them the power to control?

Has not forty years of republican rule in the north and democratic rule in the south been ample evidence that from neither of these parties can any other than present conditions be expected? If they knew what to do and wanted to do it, would they not have done it long ago? And if they don't know, or knowing, will not do, why do you wish to continue them in power? The masses of both old parties desire just government, a government that will protect them from the rapacity of trusts and grafters. Then why will they longer support the old parties? Think it over for another forty years while Greed further entrenches itself against popular rights. Isn't it time to wake up?

Did you ever see an intelligent man who read only papers? Not one. Such a man cannot talk a minute upon a question of importance. His mind is filled with the chronicles of crime and corruption, and that is all he knows. Books make the full man. Papers never did. How many books have you read in the last ten years? Nine men out of ten have not read one book upon any scientific subject. All the world's progress might as well be for all they know of it. The old party politicians and pulpsters do not want you to read and think and use your own mind; they would not get such fine living for misleading you. Read one book by some scientific mind and you will be surprised. Do you know anything about the law of evolution? Did you ever read a book on political economy? Do you know what inductive reasoning is? What do you know?

To Workmen!

A word with you! Are you going to vote the republican or democratic ticket this year? Are you, honestly? Yes? Then I simply want to tell you that you ought to be ashamed of yourself. If there were any good excuse for your ignorance I would weep for you, but there is not. Continued ignorance in the face of the experience you have had during the past six months is not only unpardonable folly, but it is a crime.

Under the present administration of capitalism over four million workmen are idle, many of them tortured by hunger pangs. And you are going to vote for a continuation of this, and for a repetition of the panic which comes every few years, and for the perpetuation of wage-slavery? And you claim to be sane! Well, then, I must almost conclude that you are not fit for the franchise and that all the use the ballot is to you is to turn it upon yourself and rivet upon you more securely the fetters of slavery.

Have you not been "injected" enough by the courts? Not yet had your wages cut low enough? Not yet seen enough of your leaders arrested and jailed? Enough of your fellow-workers kidnaped, bullied and deported? If you have not yet had enough of these things, then vote the same old ticket until you do have enough, and I will venture the prediction that you will be finally satisfied.

THE CASE OF WARREN AND THE APPEAL

BY EUGENE V. DEBS.

TO OUR COMRADES AND FRIENDS: On the second day following this issue of the Appeal, May 4, Fred D. Warren, its managing editor, will be arraigned in the federal court at Fort Scott, Kansas. The charge against him is so well known to our readers that it need not now be repeated. It is sufficient to say that there is no lawful warrant for this proceeding and that the charge is a mere subterfuge to load the Appeal down with court costs and suppress its publication. Warren should never have been arrested, for he violated no law of the government and no regulation of the postoffice department. But this does not alter the case. He may be acquitted, and he may be fined five thousand dollars and costs, and, in addition, he may have his hair shaved off like a felon, be put in stripes, and sentenced to five years' hard labor in a federal prison.

If the case results in acquittal it will be because the prosecution dare not venture a conviction. If the trial is carried out to its close in the same spirit in which it had its beginning and with the same flagrant disregard of law and justice, reason and sense, there will be a conviction. It is purely a matter of capitalistic expediency as to whether he shall be convicted or set free.

Now the fact is that it is the Socialist press that is on trial and not Fred Warren, except insofar as he personifies that press. This, then, is the fight of the Socialist and labor press of the United States, and should be so understood and so fought out.

If any other Socialist or labor editor, no matter who, were in the dock instead of the editor of the Appeal to Reason, Fred Warren would be the first to go to his rescue and staunchly support him with all his ability and power. I say this because I know the man.

And while upon this point I am going to say something of a personal nature which I may not have a chance to say again in these columns. It so happens that for the moment I am in editorial charge and that neither Wayland nor Warren will see what is here written until it is in print. I do not think either of them would consent to what I am about to say, and yet I feel that in justice to them and to the Appeal it should be said.

Fred D. Warren is, in my opinion, the shrewdest and most capable and resourceful editorial manager in the United States. I say this without the least disparagement of other Socialist editors whose ability and worth I would be the last to underestimate. Warren's instinct in the matter of the editorial policy and business management of a newspaper amounts to genius. I have often marveled at it. His intuition is keen, his judgment almost unerring. Although still quite young, he has already a record of achievement without an equal. Such a man, no matter how modest and unobtrusive he may be, cannot remain unknown.

It is proper I should here say that neither Wayland nor Warren permits the use of his photograph or the publication in the Appeal of any of the hundreds of flattering personal compliments which come to them from all sources every day in the week. These two men come as near sinking themselves in their work and eliminating their personality wherever it may even hint at self-seeking as any two men in the movement.

But in spite of this personal reserve Warren is known to successful newspaper managers throughout the country, and he is particularly well known among the business and circulation managers of the large capitalist daily newspapers. The lynx-eyed capitalists, who are ever on the alert for men who can do things, are not apt to long overlook a man of such exceptional capacity. Suffice it to say that if Warren were so inclined he could within a week be the manager of one of the largest daily papers in the country and at a salary he himself might name. But Warren is a Socialist from his crown to his foot-soles and no position or salary within the gift of the capitalist class could for a moment tempt him to desert his post.

It is precisely this that constitutes the element of danger in his present trial. It is known that no financial or other inducement can command his service outside the Socialist movement. Otherwise, he would long since have had his headquarters in New York instead of Girard.

And now, since he cannot be turned from his purpose to serve the Socialist movement to the full extent of his ability, he becomes the most dangerous editor in the country—dangerous of course to capitalism, which at present stands for the country. That is the capitalist view of him, and from that view he is to be judged in the pending trial.

It is not generally known that numberless snares have been laid to trap the Appeal in some violation of the postal law and regulations, but Warren has been aware of them all and has been too adroit for the most crafty detectives and the most skilled inspectors. Not in a single instance has he been caught napping. He was simply too shrewd and outwitted those who were pitted against him with the determination of finding some excuse for excluding the Appeal from the mails.

So well has Warren organized against any possible surprise that he is as well informed of what goes on within the postal department, so far as it touches the Appeal, as are the authorities themselves. It was only after all these countless petty schemes had failed that recourse was had to a direct charge and to an indictment in the courts. Warren, it was alleged, was responsible for the Appeal having mailed the offer of a reward for the return of a fugitive from justice, charged with the murder of an eminent citizen of his state. Matter precisely the same in character is mailed daily all over the country, but never before had it occurred to the most freakish imagination to treat the offer of a reward for the apprehension of a criminal as a felony punishable by imprisonment.

This in brief is the charge Fred D. Warren will face at Fort Scott on May 4th in a federal court. The charge in itself is ridiculous, absurd, and the wonder is that even a capitalist court would give it a moment's consideration. But when all the facts are known the in-

dictment is easily understood and the prosecution readily accounted for.

Fred Warren is a thorn in the capitalist flesh, a fly in the capitalist ointment, and must be removed. He cannot be satisfied into respectability and so he must be railroaded into prison. If he will not become an eminently desirable citizen he must don the garb of a convict. In any event, if he will not serve the capitalists, he shall not serve the Socialists; and if he will not support capitalism he shall not attack and destroy it.

This is Warren's position in the legal farce now upon the stage. Can any Socialist or labor editor, or any Socialist or unionist, or any workman, or any sympathizer with a workman, deny his support or even remain indifferent?

The whole press of the working class is on trial in the person of Fred Warren. He has been singled out for attack and his defense is the defense of the Socialist and labor press of the United States. If he wins, it is the victory of our press; if he loses, it is its defeat. In a word, the liberty of the press is the issue, and upon that issue no Socialist, no friend of labor, and no lover of justice can remain neutral. If this trial does not attract the attention and arouse the interest of the whole working class, and of the people as a whole, who have not yet surrendered to Morgan and the trusts, it is because they are asleep or dead.

In every fight where others have been attacked Fred Warren has been at the front. He has never shirked and he never will. He would not know how. With him it comes as an overwhelming sense of duty to rally to the support of any comrade who is attacked while doing battle for the labor movement. And so it should be with us all. But few have thus far had to be defended by their comrades. The number, however, will rapidly increase as the struggle progresses and Socialism becomes an active menace to capitalist misrule. We need now to understand that when one is attacked, no matter who it may happen to be, it is the duty of all to go to his rescue. Let us all unite in the support of Warren. We dare not do otherwise. It may be our turn next.

Now to the point: This trial has already cost the Appeal over five thousand dollars. Every dollar of this has come from J. A. Wayland's pocket. He has engaged the best of lawyers, and paid them their fees and other costs of the trial without complaint. The trial has, designedly as I believe, been pending all of a year and has not yet had its actual beginning. But during all this time the expenses of litigation have been accruing, and even should there be a verdict of acquittal it is not probable that the expense of the case will fall a cent short of ten thousand dollars. It so happens that Wayland has the money with which to meet these expenses, but is it right that he should bear them alone? Thus far he has put down every dollar in cold cash, nor has he permitted anyone to contribute to the extent of a cent. A few have voluntarily offered to subscribe liberal amounts to the Warren Defense Fund and several thousands have expressed their willingness to pay in smaller amounts, but these have all been refused. Not a penny has so far been accepted as a direct contribution and none will be while Wayland has a dollar with which to meet the expense himself. I cannot refrain from making mention here of the many "widows' mites" which have been tendered. Some of them are most touching and are in themselves sufficient evidence that Warren has been fighting in a righteous, holy cause. The mere offers from the almost penniless wage-slaves and sweat-shop victims and the spirit which prompts them are alone enough to fully compensate those who are attacked because of their loyalty to the working class.

Now, then, can the friends of the Appeal serve it in this crisis? Yes; in just one way that will be acceptable to its publishers, and acceptable to them only because in serving it in that way it will be at the same time serving the movement. Let every one who feels that this struggle is his struggle buy as many subscription cards as he can afford and put them in circulation. Everyone who has a dollar to spare can either have his own name put on the list for a five years' subscription for himself or buy four cards, each of which is good for a year's subscription to the Appeal. This puts the annual subscription at the low rate of twenty-five cents, and if all those who have already volunteered aid, and all others who feel that they should and can afford to do so, will now come to the front the circulation of the Appeal can be raised fifty thousand during the next thirty days. It is true enough that the circulation is already large, but it must be remembered that at such a low rate it is published at an extremely narrow margin and that with the increased price of paper charged by the trust but for an increasing circulation it could not be published at all.

The Appeal does not desire anyone to send in a subscriber or make a remittance of a penny who cannot afford it. The Appeal only asks that all those who are in sympathy with it in its fight for a free press and who can afford it shall contribute the small amount necessary to enable it to meet its expenses and at the same time put it in the hands of an increasing number of people.

J. A. Wayland is more than willing to meet all the expenses the trial may impose, and all he asks is that to the extent that he is so mulcted the people shall subscribe for the Appeal and spread it among the millions who sit in darkness.

If the trial costs Wayland ten thousand dollars then let ten thousand dollars' worth of new subscriptions, forty thousand, be added to the roll. That should be the way of repelling this judicial attack upon the financial resources of the paper it is aiming to suppress.

If you readers of the Appeal do not believe it to be worthy of this effort on your part, of course you are not expected to make it. If the Appeal is worthy, it is your duty to make it.

There are surely ten thousand of the Appeal's readers who can contribute one dollar for four annual subscription cards during the next thirty days. There are many others who can by a little effort secure one or more subscribers. If all will do what they can, and do it without unnecessary delay, the Warren trial will perforce react upon those responsible for it, and they will hesitate long in the future before making another attack upon the liberty of the press in the United States.

This is the time for every unemployed man to learn why he has no job.

Socialism is destructive of inhuman society, and constructive of humane society.

Socialism would, no doubt, destroy, inventiveness—to steal and wax fat on the labor of others.

Socialism is the arch-enemy of religion—such as has gone into politics to defend capitalism, and such as has declared itself the arch-enemy of Socialism and the working class.

Yes, the wicked Socialists want to destroy morals—the kind of morals so brazenly practiced by the Schwabs, Coreys, Hartjes and Thaws. We prefer common decency to morals of that kind.

It's too bad about how the Socialists want to "divide up." They even want to divide the work with the coupon-clippers and profit-pumpers, and compel the idle capitalist to produce the equivalent of what he consumes.

Socialism ignores the chief aim of life as exemplified by labor-skimmers and profit-grabbers—a la capitalism. We hope to aim higher than the mere accumulation of yellow dirt and the sweating of profits out of women and children.

We must admit that some Socialists are opposed to marriage—to the openly polygamous marriages said to be practiced by a certain religious sect, and to the secret polygamous cohabitation of numerous wealthy and desirable citizens.

"Law grinds the poor, and rich men trample the law," said Goldsmith. But he should have added that the reason why laws grind the poor is because they are made by the rich and therefore for the rich. When the poor learn enough to make their own laws they will not remain poor.

The wise workman does not expect Socialism to be his "friend." He has had too many friends in the past, who have robbed him in such a friendly way as to escape detection. He has learned by experience to use Socialism as a means of befriending himself so that he will neither need friends nor suffer by having them.

Socialism is the death-knell of that kind of liberty which gives capitalists the freedom to acquire ownership of the earth and deny its use to others save on their own terms, and which gives workmen the freedom to work for what they can get when they can get a job, and starve when they can't.

The first mill erected by Cartwright equipped with his weaving loom, was burned by incendiaries in 1791. The path of progress has always been obstructed by the ignorant and conservative classes who are satisfied with the world as they found it. "What was good enough for grandfather, is good enough for us."

"Socialists find no satisfactory standard for equal distribution," says a smart antagonist. Well, what if they don't? Who said that they were looking for such a thing or that they would use it if they found it? What Socialists are looking for is an equal opportunity for each to apply his labor to the means of production, and for each to obtain for his own use the full value of what he may produce.

Disclosures at Washington show that more than a million was granted by the submarine bond contracts, but as this method of grafting is not enough, congress has voted several more millions to the ship-subsidy schemes. This private ownership of industries is such a good thing—for the grafters. It would be just too awfully awful for anything to have the government build its own boats in its own ship yards, instead of paying two or three prices in profits to political grafters.

Socialism is unjust to the owners of private property who have got their property by robbery. To be just to them they should be expropriated and left with no means of getting a living, as they leave the means of their means. But we will be unjust to their victims more than just. When the property stolen by them is restored to society, we are willing for them to use it as a means of production on the same terms as the rightful owners and long-outraged producers of it.

"Predatory Wealth."

All the bluster of Roosevelt, Bryan, Taft and other capitalist candidates for the presidency about "predatory wealth" is simply twaddle, and disgusting to men of ordinary intelligence.

Where have and do the enormous campaign funds of these gentlemen come from? Not from the farmer, the mechanic, laborer, or even the small merchant, for they are beyond their means. These campaign funds, amounting to hundreds of thousands of dollars, come from capital-blow millionaires, the beneficiaries of special privileges, stolen franchises and other "legal" means of exploitation and robbery.

This blatant cry of the capitalist candidates against "predatory wealth" is a miserable imitation of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde and its sole object is to fool the foolish, and blind indeed are those who can be misled by such coarse and cheap deceptions. We do not hesitate to say that no man can secure the nomination for president, on the republican or democratic ticket, saying nothing of election, without the support of "predatory wealth."

Whenever a national vote-chaser makes his fierce onslaught on "predatory wealth" you can gamble a bean that he stowed carefully among the recesses of his long coat sleeve, may be found the ambidextrous joker.

A National Convention of the Chicago Party will meet at Chicago, Ill., Oct. 10, to elect a platform and nominate candidates for President and Vice President of the United States.

Workingmen and Whisky.

Workingmen as a rule drink too much whisky. This is the blunt statement of a lamentable fact. We make full allowance for industrial conditions which impel men to drink to excess, but after all is said the fact still remains that intoxicating liquor is a strong factor in keeping the working class in the chains of wage-slavery.

We are not discussing this issue as a conventional temperance advocate nor from motives of maudlin sentimentalism. In looking over the field and taking an inventory of the obstacles workingmen have to overcome before they can achieve their freedom we find that whisky plays a considerable part, and by whisky we mean all those alcoholic drinks which befuddle the brain, dissipate what little substance remains to the worker, undermine his health, and all too often drag him down to disgrace and a premature grave.

What workingmen need to do, among other things necessary to their emancipation, is to drink less whisky and read more good literature. Whisky not only has a tendency to muddle their brains and weaken their minds, but to make them satisfied with their wretched lot. When a workingman has taken a drink or two of the poison that paints landscapes in the brain, for a brief moment all the skies are bright and the labor question is settled.

Only too often workingmen meet in saloons, some of them drink, and then discuss the labor question and transact their union affairs. It is hardly necessary to observe that business so transacted does not pan out to the interest of the wage slaves.

Great Britain was for years and is today interested, for obvious reasons, in keeping the Chinese people a nation of sullen opium-eaters. For the same reason capitalism is interested in keeping wage-workers sullen with cheap whisky. At or near every coal mine, and most other industrial plants are to be found the open grog shops. The capitalist owners could wipe these out if they were so inclined, for they are the masters of the law; and as they rule in other things, so would they rule in this; but they are not so inclined.

We are not advocating a temperance crusade, but we are calling the attention of the working class to one of the evils which keep it in subjection, one of the factors in its ignorance and in its slavery. Workingmen, to deal intelligently with the great issues which confront them, and which will soon test them to the core, should have clear heads, steady nerves, and should be clean and wholesome in their habits. If they are going to develop the manhood which makes for freedom and a higher civilization they cannot too soon put the ban on an influence which seizes thousands of their number and drags them down to ruin while thousands of others are reconciled to their wretched lot instead of being up in intelligent revolt against a system which degrades them and their families to the level of the cheapest merchandise.

Enocka Springs, Ark., is a city of 5,000 population, nestled among the foothills of the Ozarks. It is famous for its springs of pure water. Strange as it may seem, the water which gushes from the rocks is free to all comers.

The only requirement is that you must exert the necessary labor of walking to the spring and lifting the cap filled to the brim with Nature's greatest gift to humanity. Not very long ago an enterprising individual undertook to secure control of these springs of water, but republicans, democrats and Socialists alike prevented the consummation of the deal. If the springs had been fenced up and a meter attached and a private corporation permitted to collect a tribute for water consumed, it is quite likely that the little town would have gone to smash. It was to the economic interest of the democrat and republican business men to continue the "collective ownership" of the spring, and they objected strenuously to the individualism which prevails so generally in the ownership of Nature's resources. Some day the American nation will become as wise as the people of Enocka Springs, and demand that Nature's gift shall be free to all.

Frank Wilson, of New York, stole to pay the doctor's bill for his wife, sick with cancer, and was sent up for a year. When judges get fortunes for deciding cases in favor of corporations they are sent to congress. I am not blaming, I am explaining. Both these incidents are natural to the present conditions of society. The fault lies not with individual men, but with the conditions under which they are placed. If society were rightly organized such things would never occur. Medical attention should be provided for all by society; corporations should be owned and controlled by society, and no one would have any incentive to corruption. You who vote for the competitive system are the real cause of these crimes, whether you know it or not. If an ounce of prevention be better than a pound of cure, why do you not apply the ounce and escape the pound of crime? If you know, why don't you get your neighbor to know?

How much longer will labor unions permit their alleged leaders to deliver them to their capitalist masters by lying to them about the interests of capitalists and workers being identical? How much longer will they vote the same ticket as their masters? Why will they vote for their masters' henchmen to control the bench, the sheriff, possess the army and navy, when they wouldn't trust them to be officers of their union?







CONVENTION SPECIALS.

This will be the greatest number ever issued from the Appeal. It will be brimful of brilliant matter. We want you to help us paper the continent with it.

KING PROFIT.

Who is the grasping greedy knave That drives the toper to his grave, And leads King Alcohol a slave? King Profit.

Who labors from our taste to screen The naked truth of things unseen— From horse to oleomargarine? King Profit.

The infant piglet, calf or lamb (With labels) to hide the sham— Who told us it was potted ham? King Profit.

Who steals the rations of the brave? Who sends a navy over the wave? For gilded graft a road to glory? King Profit.

Who guards our Congress day by day, And lobbies lest the members stray To paths where honest duties lay? King Profit.

Who has the troops at his command To banter labor, sword and brand? With bull-pen, sword and brand? King Profit.

Who starves our children in the mine Beyond the reach of God's sunshine, That he might feed at Mammoth Mine? King Profit.

Who spins with cold, unfeeling eye His aged workman's pleading cry? And turns him in the street to die? King Profit.

Whose hide will wither on the fence When Socialists drive him hence With all his folly and pretense? King Profit.

The Approaching Fight.

There is no denying the fact that we must look forward to a gigantic controversy between labor and capital.

Mr. Taft looks into the future and sees the coming conflict. While hoping and trusting it may be settled peacefully, he and his friend, Roosevelt, are bending their energies toward building up a gigantic army and navy with which to fight for the capitalists.

We are now in the midst of one of these periodical breakdowns and the controversy between labor and capital is rapidly reaching an acute stage.

When the final test comes between the working class and the capitalist class on the issue of wage-slavery Davis will line up with Aldrich, and other trust senators—if he is still in the ring.

Even as Thou Art!

Socialists are just the same kind of human beings that you are. They want good, unadulterated food as you do.

Protest Meeting.

The members of Local No. 15 of the Socialist party at Evansville, Ind., have taken active measures to support the editor of the Appeal in his forthcoming trial.

FOR THE CAMPAIGN.

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WE HAVE RECEIVED THE INITIAL NUMBER OF THE TRUTH, A SEMI-MONTHLY SOCIALIST PAPER JUST STARTED AT WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.

This number is filled with clear-cut matter and presents a neat and attractive appearance. The Socialists down that way are of the right stamp, and we shall miss our guess if they do not make The Truth count in the struggle for emancipation.

When J. W. Spense, of Pfafftown, N. C., passed away the Socialist movement lost one of its most devoted and valiant supporters.

Press dispatches from St. Petersburg state that, on the recommendation of the French minister of safety, Esperanto has been adopted as the language of the international police, and will be used as a means of hunting down political as well as criminal offenders.

Typical Demagoguery.

Very soon after he took his seat in the United States senate, Jeff Davis, of Arkansas, emitted a savage roar, which was heard for many miles.

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Now must the Army veterans gird on their armor, for the day of battle draweth near. Just six months more remain before election day. Each of these must be made to count; not one allowed to go by unimproved.

The circulation of the Appeal is as ammunition to the gun. It was never so necessary as now that the Appeal should be well stocked with the munitions of battle, the sinews of war. It was never so necessary that this paper should reach the people, the common people. If ever it had a burning message for them it has that message now; and it should be delivered before they cast their votes in November.

In six brief months the people will again decide whether or not they will have four years more of capitalist misrule; the working class will decide whether or not it wants four more years of injunctions, wage-reductions, enforced idleness, poverty, sweat-shops, strikes, boycotts, lockouts, deportations, bull-pens and other fruits of wage-slavery.

To the extent that the people are in darkness, to the extent that they can be fooled by the professional politicians, they will vote the same old tickets and perpetuate the same old conditions. Only one thing can save them, and that is intelligence, light. They will vote for capitalism only because they do not know what it is and what it means to them, and for the identical reason they will vote against Socialism unless their eyes can be opened in time. This makes the educational work of our movement supremely important.

Never before was this so important as now. The Socialist party is now in position to put its ticket in the field in every state in the union; it is in position to carry on a national campaign with tenfold the means and energy of four years ago.

Besides this, the industrial breakdown has come in a campaign year, which would have been avoided by the captains of industry and their political managers had this been possible.

Why should we tolerate an industrial system in which the wheels are arbitrarily stopped, production paralyzed and millions of workmen flung into idleness, and made to suffer beyond words to express? Why?

There is not a capitalist politician who dares to answer or attempt to answer. The only answer is that it is tolerated because this system enriches the few who own the machinery and produce nothing, while it robs and impoverishes the masses who produce everything and have nothing.

Every voter who is made to see capitalism as it is and Socialism as it is a mail in the coffin of wage-slavery. The Appeal's special business is to cure the mentally blind and to make them see. All over the country there are thousands upon thousands who today thankfully bear testimony to this fact.

I have never issued a command to the Army which has not met with immediate response. I am now going to issue another in the name of Socialism. I want every member of the Army to roll up his sleeves and keep them up during the next six months, and as an evidence that he is as unflinching today as he has been in the past I want him to renew his efforts to keep the circulation ball rolling and increasing until it reaches a hundred where it now reaches one and arouses all the nation to action.

How many of you will add your names to the "ROLL OF IMMEDIATE RESPONSE" by sending in at least one subscription during the next ten days? I have my pencil and tab in hand and will personally note the names as they roll in.

Table with columns for State, Off., and Total. Lists subscription statistics for various states including Oklahoma, California, Texas, etc.

Summary table showing Total subscriptions (11084), Expansions for week ending April 18th (8644), and Loss for week (2440).

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"I have always found political parties in a receptive mood. We were always informed when an election was coming on."—Thomas F. Ryan.

THE RISING TIDE.

THE moving finger is still writing upon the wall, and the kings heed not its warning.

In every country of the world men holding one faith are serving it unselfishly with diligence and cunning. And here, where their work is most pregnant and threatening, we ignore it most confidently, and never try to understand it in the least.

The fathers of our country wrote the constitution, and saw that it was good, and we have archived it somewhere in a safe at Washington and gone on our way as though the Art of Self Government was an INHERITED INSTINCT with the native born and a thing that the immigrant caught by some mystery of infection. There is one republican in a hundred who can tell you what republicanism means and stands for as a form of government.

Since the glamor of Mr. Bryan enveloped the democratic party not even the Peerless One himself has been able to expound its philosophy.

The incitation to "strike it for granted" is supreme. And the crime of optimism is blinding us to the development of a greater "race problem" than ever the south grappled with. But there is one other party that is silently garnering the fruits of our indifference, and one day we will wake up to find that Socialism in America has burgeoned from an aspiration to a reality.

Alfred O. Crozier, of Wilmington Delaware, told the committee on banking and currency of the House of Representatives that "the Aldrich bill is a gambling game from start to finish, brought here by gamblers and promoted by gamblers for gambling purposes."

M. Thiers, prime minister of France in 1830, who occupied a commanding position not only as a statesman, but as a philosopher and scientist, announced dogmatically that the "steam railroad engine would not work."

When you hear a man talking about Socialists wanting to divide up, you can set him down as a fool or a knave. We have a dividing-up system now, and the few get nearly all. Capitalists believe in the dividing-up system. A few have gotten millions, while the majority haven't enough to live on.

Five men and a woman committed suicide in Chicago one day last week. Either the six suicides were unfit to live in Chicago or Chicago is an unfit place in which to live. Which do you think?

Consider the Socialist and his way of peace.

As a result of a factional fight among the republicans a Socialist alderman and a Socialist police magistrate were elected at Harvey, Ill.

No public official would ever be bribed if some one did not want to make a profit. Profit is only possible in the private ownership of industries. The remedy is to do away with such private ownership. There is no other way under the sun to get away from the pollution of private and public life.

It is quite amusing to watch the antics of republican congressmen in dodging the issue presented by the Hepburn bill to amend the Sherman anti-trust law. The Hepburn bill provides that capital may organize a trust where such trust is "not an unreasonable restraint of trade."

Did you ever read any history? If not, you are not very intelligent, and should acquaint yourself with something about the doings of the human family in the past. If you will read history you will find that the masses of the people always whooped it up for the Kings, emperors, tyrants and other oppressors, and opposed and crucified every person who tried to teach and elevate them, and release them from their bondage.

Origin of Free Schools.

I met a republican politician who holds a federal job, the other day, and he became very much excited while trying to explain to me the folly of Socialism. He was quite sure that the republican party had its origin in the Garden of Eden and that it had directed the destinies of nations from that time to the present.

Of course I smiled, and quietly proceeded to inform the gentleman that the public school system, of which he is now so proud, was established as a direct result of the efforts of a little group of workmen in Philadelphia, New York and Boston.

Acting under orders, the police broke up the meeting, arrested the speaker and dragged him to jail. In New York, the Daily Evening Post called on the "bankers, the preachers, the merchants and other respectable elements of society" to organize for the purpose of putting down "this pernicious agitation which threatened to undermine the very foundations of existing society."

Fighting Socialism.

From the college professor down to the two-by-four politician, it is now quite the thing to take a shot at Socialism. "Another blow to Socialism" is the way the Philadelphia Record puts it. The Record thinks the recent supreme court decision decreeing that private property must be protected at all hazards, even at the expense of society itself, "is a hard nut for the Socialist to crack."

The Record editor overlooks a very important incident in the judicial history of America. The supreme court once decreed that property rights in the bodies of human beings was a sacred institution. But the supreme court today does not hold that one man, under any circumstances, can acquire a property right in the body of another. Why this change?

The supreme court during the past three months has handed down decisions which aim to do for the present order of society what the Dred Scott decision aimed to do for the slave aristocracy in ante-bellum times. But these decisions, instead of calling a halt, only intensify and accelerate the movement for the overthrow of the system of private property in those great engines of production and distribution which the nation's workers need to preserve life and bring to them and their families happiness and plenty.

O. no, Mr. Record, the supreme court will in no wise hinder the progress of Socialism. The courts presided over by judges appointed by kings in the past were unable to stem the tide of political democracy, and the courts today, presided over by judges controlled by the captains of industry, will likewise be unable to stem the tide which is sweeping us on to industrial democracy.

FOR COMMON FAIRNESS

Fred D. Warren, editor of the Appeal to Reason, has been put on trial by the United States authorities on the flimsy charge of "sending incendiary matter through the mails."

Against Union Labor.

Most union men are easily deceived as to their friends and their enemies. How often do they point to this and that paper, and argue that it is "friendly" to labor because it carries the union label and has agreed to pay the union scale.

Will some capitalist paper please answer? Or some foolish or corrupt labor leader who talks about the Brotherhood of capital and labor?

Roosevelt "Regulation."

Don't overlook the tangible results of "regulation" by the present administration when you discuss political issues with your republican friends.

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The gods laughed the other day when Borah spoke against the groomed and petted Orchard. More baldheaded for the great American peanut gallery.

The prosecution in the Haywood case protested overmuch, we think, that Orchard had not been promised immunity. The point is begged now, for whether promised immunity or not, the fact is he is receiving it.

The United States Steel corporation owns outright and operates more than 12 per cent of the total railroad mileage in this country. This does not take into account the vast railroad systems controlled by Mr. Morgan and his associates of the Steel corporation.

James Hargreaves invented the spinning jenny in 1767. The neighbors, all good, conservative, religious people, broke into his house one night and demolished his machine. They justified their action on the ground that the general use of the spinning jenny would undermine society as then constituted and they were opposed to any new-fangled institutions.

The exports of steel rails for the month of February were 27,000 tons, which dropped down in March to 5,000 tons. The expected increase in exports failed to materialize, and as a result there is a further curtailment in production. There are fewer furnaces in the iron district in operation today than there were at the beginning of this year.

The misery which great private wealth inflicts upon its owners can be read in the history of the "rich" of every country. The divorce cases show the unclean spirit that dominates the wealthy and the police reports show the destruction of the lives of the poor, O, the misery of it all!

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A Bit of History.

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CHALLENGE.

The poverty-stricken millions Who challenge our wine and bread, And impeach us all as traitors, Both the living and the dead.

And there in the camp of famine, In wind, and cold, and rain, Christ, the great Lord of the army, Lies dead upon the plain.—Longfellow.

Your Photograph.

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