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No man is great enough or rich enough to get this paper on credit or for a longer time than paid for.

CATHOLICS TO RAISE FUND

Of \$125,000 to Wage War on Socialism... The first day's business session of the National German Catholic Society today was given over to a discussion of the advisability of a general attack upon all forms of modernism which is in opposition to the stricter teachings of the church.

For eight years the Appeal has been fighting with its back to the wall and its face to the enemy.

When Mr. Madden, third assistant postmaster general, opened his great campaign against this paper, he was backed by the powerful federal government and the catholic church.

Then came the presecution in the federal courts, inaugurated, so we are informed by the Kansas City Journal, by Mr. Roosevelt's jesuit attorney general—Bonaparte.

And we have not forgotten that the murderous kidnaping conspiracy was conceived and executed by another jesuit—Jas. McPartland, the sleuth.

Knowing as we have known for years who have been the instigators of the fight against a free press in this country; having suffered the annoyance and expense of court and departmental litigation; having seen our comrades thrown into dungeons and treated like felons—I say, knowing during all this time the agency through which capitalism is working, we have held our peace remarkably well, if I am any judge of the virtue of forbearance.

I have tried to persuade myself that I was mistaken and that the catholic church was not involved in this political fight—that it was merely the work of individuals. But now that you have the evidence before you, can there be any doubt as to the source of our difficulties?

The action of the National German catholic society at Cleveland, as indicated above, is but following the action of the Federated catholic society at Boston when it denounced the Appeal and the Appeal editor and announced in grandiloquent language what it was going to do to the "Girard outfit."

This is the way the fight has been waged: 1. Effort to suppress the Appeal through post office department. Failure No. 1.

2. Effort to suppress the Socialist movement by hanging the officers of the great western labor organization which adopted the Socialist slogan—"All wealth is created by labor; all wealth belongs to labor." Failure No. 2.

3. Federal court persecution of the Appeal editor. Case still pending. "Government not ready." It looks like Failure No. 3.

4. The action outlined in the dispatch printed above. Repressive measures having failed, our opponents are now forced onto the platform and into print.

YOU KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS! IT MEANS VICTORY FOR SOCIALISM!

Are you with the Appeal in this final fight? Are you? If so let me know by return mail. I'm making a new list of the Appeal Army workers. It's to be known as the "RED CARD DIVISION."

The names of all our friends who send a club of subscribers, order extra copies or books will be listed on a "Red Card" and the old yellow cards heretofore used destroyed.

Shall I put your name on the "Red Card" list? In England, 1,200,000 people are affected by the closing down of the cotton mills to compel the workers to accept a reduction of wages, when they are already on the verge of starvation.

And the mill owners are lolling in millions of luxuries they have accumulated off the toil of their mill slaves. This is capitalism—this is what the private ownership of the mills means to the workers. Under Socialism the mills would be owned by the whole people and would be operated by those who followed that occupation, and no one but the whole people would have the power to shut them down.

Do you believe that the work people of England, who are the great majority, would close their own mills and starve or freeze for the want of the things they could produce? Are you so blind that so simple a problem as that seems impossible of solution. And what is true in England is true in these United States of Monopoly. Private ownership here can and does close down industries rather than pay the workers what they produce.

It is private ownership that stands between the workers and the things they produce. Will you never get onto the game that impoverishes you and builds up millionaires?

The Hobo.

A hobo convention is being held in New York. The hobo is a peculiar product of capitalism. Forty years ago there were no tramps in America. The first tramps came after the panic, and they were literally tramps or trampers, walking from place to place, seeking work. But many learned something from their enforced idleness. They found that it was possible to live without work or without much work, and to travel over and see the country without expense.

They became dead beats—capitalist in method to a very limited degree, in that they live off of others, without working themselves; but a million of them are not as severe a drain on the resources of the country as one Rockefeller or Carnegie or Morgan or Ryan. Many of the hoboes are good mechanics, and not all of them are booze fighters. These have economy down to a fine point. In the summer they wander over the country, living lives of ease, going hungry part of the time, and begging hand-outs other times; catching and roasting fish, helping themselves to fruit, and living simply and easily.

In the winter they seek the cities, where they can obtain a bed for a dime and a meal for the same, and so they live on thirty to forty cents a day. Sometimes they work for a few weeks, and in that time make enough to keep them all the year. This is the professional hobo. He is not the bum and beggar of other days with his calabash signs, decorating depots and gate posts, but a man who has learned to beat the system at its own game, by crawling under its feet.

To be sure, his ranks are always being augmented from boys eager for adventure and unable to gratify the wanderlust and meat credit, and by workmen thrown out of employment by the lords of the machine.

On the other hand, the railroads are killing the hoboes at the rate of ten thousand a year, and society is warring on its own product, by running them from towns, jailing them, making peons of them, and generally denouncing these minor vermin while feasting and honoring the big fellows who cost it so much more. The hobo is a strange product of the system. Some day, when the heathenish ways of society are ended, he will disappear, and then he will be studied as a strange type, a victim, whose tragedy will then be written and whose resources and sufferings will be themes of romance and poetry.

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Not one man in ten has ever read a work on political economy, and unless he has, he has no power of perception to vote for his own interest. That is the reason the many are preyed upon by the few. The many have the power, but they do not know how to use it. And so those liars who give their minds to it control and then serve those who will pay them the most for their services. The farmers do not bribe, neither do the workers in the shops and mines. The capitalists, being a small body and having large interests, can use the power of the purse and do use it for their own interests. While farmers plow, the politicians are plunging to control his ballot through his prejudice or lack of special political information. The great cities and all their wealth are the spoils from the stupidity of those who produce wealth.

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To the usual equipment of rotten rails, rotten ties and rotten management, the Denver and Grande railroad has added rotten locomotives since about six months ago when its sharp employees walked out to protest against the company's violation of contract with the machinists. The locomotive blew up near Grand Junction because of a defective firebox, dangerously injuring the engineer and fireman who were blown several hundred feet when the boiler went into the air. Another locomotive, which had been tinkered with by scabs instead of receiving needed repairs, was derailed by a faulty coupling, pinning the engineer under the wheels and killing him by inches on account of the wreck heater being out of repair and being thereby delayed five hours such a could be overhauled. In addition to the slow torture of the engineer two firemen and the fireman were seriously injured. And such is the "ability" with which the publicly used railroads are operated by private profit-making owners.

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Somebody asks the Appeal for a history of Haskell of Oklahoma. He has been in only being written. He went to Oklahoma as a champion of labor, wrote much of the national democratic platform, and was treasurer of the national democratic committee. Hearst charged him with being an agent of Standard Oil, who, in a roundabout way involved Foraker in what looked like a sale of legislation. Foraker was promptly bounced from republican leadership. So much was made of the charge that Haskell resigned from the democratic national treasuryship. He is accused also of being a railroad promoter, an organizer of citizens' alliance to fight labor, a defender, in Oklahoma, against his own attorney general, of the Prairie Oil and Gas company, a branch of the Standard, and of jumping board bills both in Ohio and Oklahoma. In return, he accuses Roosevelt of securing the charter of the Prairie Oil and Gas company, and Hearst of being badly mixed up with the trusts. It is a case of mud throwing that has involved prominent men of the community of interest between politicians of the old parties and the criminal rich.

Why Not? If guarantee of bank deposits, why not guarantee of wages and rent and of every other kind of contract? "dead end" of every description? Many persons never can get enough money together to put in bank. Are not they a part of the people as well as those more fortunate?—Portland Oregonian.

Yes, why not? There is far greater need of guaranteeing employment, wages, shelter and the prices of articles than bank deposits. The Oregonian talks as if such things were not ever dreamed of. But the are. That is just what Socialism proposes to guarantee—that every working worker shall be guaranteed a place to work, shall be guaranteed the value of what his work produces, shall be guaranteed the ability to have a good home in which to raise his family, and that the prices of articles produced shall be guaranteed to be only just what the workers get for producing them. Under such a condition, the talk of bank guaranties would be absurd, for who would want it? But the majority do want it, and would welcome a guaranty of employment and wages and the benefits that would flow from them. Yes, let's vote in Socialism so all these things may be guaranteed to the workers.

The Whirlwind Campaign. Bryan says Roosevelt lies. Roosevelt says Bryan lies. Haskell says Hearst lies. Hearst says Haskell is a disreputable character. Foraker has been retired from service to Standard Oil. Russell says Bryan knew of Haskell's rottenness long ago. Gompers declares that someone who tried to bribe him failed. Republicans declare the democratic party is in cahoots with Archbold. Bryan is sure the republican party is supported by the steel trust. Meanwhile, no one presents a remedy for rotten capitalism but the Socialist, who would remedy it by removing it.

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HOW LONG?

Taft, in his Boston Speech, December 30th, 1907, Said: "If the abuses of monopoly and discrimination cannot be restrained, if the concentration of power made possible by such abuses continues and increases and it is made manifest that under the system of individualism and private property the tyranny and oppression of an oligarchy of wealth cannot be avoided, then SOCIALISM WILL TRIUMPH AND THE INSTITUTION OF PRIVATE PROPERTY WILL PERISH."

(Twelve years have the republicans been in absolute power, and the "oligarchy of wealth" has grown an hundredfold. At the present rate of "curbing the trusts" how long will it take the republican party to "burst the trusts"?—Ed. Appeal.)

Kern, the democratic vice-presidential candidate, lost his pocket book in a crowd, and it was discovered that he had a railroad pass. He explained this by saying that he was the attorney for the Big Four railroad. There you have it—a corporation attorney for vice-president. And yet you are clamoring for relief from corporations! Will you never get wise to the game?

The Socialist party is organized on the basis of democracy—each member having a vote on all matters pertaining to policies and party government. We are thus practicing democracy. It may be cumbersome and even expensive—but count the cost to the American race of permitting others to run your party and your government, and you will discover that democracy is cheap no matter what you pay.

If I were to lie to you and fool you time after time, would you still believe in me and support me? Of course you would not, unless you were not capable of thinking. Then why do you support the old parties that have lied to you and fooled you year after year, giving you panics and corruption until nothing else appears in the daily press? How much more punishment do you want to convince you that anything good cannot come from such a source?

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Are You Reasonable.

You learned the multiplication table by keeping your mind on it, didn't you? Did you ever learn anything any other way? Time is an essential means in getting knowledge of anything, because the mind must have time to absorb or get at the thing. That is the reason that you learn a trade or business only by experience, by the time you expend trying to master it. The less intense or exclusive thought given to it, the longer it takes.

Yet I hear many condemn Socialism or other isms who never gave a moment of earnest thought trying to comprehend what they condemn. Some people honestly believe they know what Socialism is because they have read that it means dividing up property, that it kills industry and progress, takes from the industries and gives to the lazy, destroys the home, and many other things. Yet they have never read a book explaining what it is by one who has given it study—by one who believes in it. It matters not how many books they read against it, if they will but read something that gives the other side of the question.

You believe things about Socialism, taught you by the capitalist papers, politicians and preachers, that are just as far from the truth as anything concerning which you have been informed by its enemies. Even in this country you know that the Tories—supporters of King George—denounced the revolutionary fathers as being murderers, anarchists, and incendiaries. But were they? The million voters in this country who will vote the Socialist ticket this fall at one time did not believe in Socialism, and had a very poor opinion, if they had any opinion, of it, until they investigated and gave their minds the opportunity to understand what it really is. Then they changed their minds about it.

And you will do the same if you are not too cowardly to permit the witnesses for the other side of the case to appear before your court of reason. If you work at anything useful for a living it is to your interest to have Socialism prevail, and you will be convinced of that if you will study and learn what Socialism would do, and how it proposes to do it. Are you reasonable, or lacking in ability to reason?

In Democratic Alabama. Owing to the presence of soldiery and the aid to the mine owners offered and given by the governor, the miners of democratic Alabama have lost their strike. There are no jobs for them out of the mines, and winter is coming on, so the poor fellows are compelled to go to the houses and beg for work on any terms they can make. Some of them after working for months for the companies, find themselves actually in debt to the masters, for rent or at the company stores. Many are refused work, especially such as were prominent in the strike. These are compelled to leave home and tramp over the country seeking work where there is no work, while their families become paupers and they are crowded into the ranks of the submerged, as hoboes, where they may be warped upon as though they were wild beasts. It is a tragedy too terrible to be written. But it is being lived, and it cries to the people for the overthrow of the system that produced it.

Joe and Sam. Gompers, the democratic labor politician is reported to be "after Uncle Joe." It is to laugh. The only effect will be to make Uncle Joe's election unanimous. Gompers is making of himself a general laughing stock. Posing as a mighty labor leader, he is doing the stunt of a capitalist ward politician. Fortunately he is at the end of his string and will cut but little figure in the future.

As a matter of fact there is no difference between Uncle Joe and Granuy Gompers. They both stand for exactly the same system. They are both capitalist politicians. They are simply playing lumpy-dumpy with the working class for the benefit of the capitalist class.

Uncle Joe and Granuy Gompers are of a stripe, and the class conscious workers are onto them both and will soon retire them to private life. They are dancing around in the political prize ring like a pair of worn out pigs, striking wildly and all the while winking the other eye.

Get onto Uncle Joe and Grandama Sam! Both are the chums of August Belmont, Andrew Carnegie and Arch-Bishop Ireland. Both are for capitalism and both for wage slavery. Both are politicians whose business it is to steer the working cattle into the political slaughter-house of capitalism on election day.

No wonder the "Red Special" stagers Grandama Sam, and when he charges that it is financed by the capitalists that he is thinking of himself. No man can rise above his own level.

A knave cannot conceive of a man with an honest motive.

The eye of the "Red Special" is upon Grandama Sammy and in his efforts to escape, like creatures of the dark, when planks are lifted, he is making a more and more ridiculous exhibition of himself until even Belmont, Carnegie and Ireland, his masters and trainers, are disgusted with him, and Socialists are holding their sides with laughter.

Exit Uncle Joe and Grandama Sam!

Half of the things that the democrats and republicans say of each other are true of them; they certainly do not deserve any evidence whatever. That they are corrupt, there is no doubt, for their confessions are enough to damn them. Why longer be unceasing?

One Socialist vote will count more than ten thousand kicks after election.

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Do Something for Yourself.

Capitalists admit that all the crimes which the Socialists charge against the present system are present. They admit it in every paper by printing detailed reports of the crimes. You read about the grafting, the drunkenness, the prostitution, the murders, the suicides and the whole list of crimes. They constitute the news of the day. But what they do not admit is that the system is in any wise responsible for these horrible things that happen.

While they deplore the conditions they have no remedy for them and deny there being any remedy. But there is a remedy and most of the high-muck-amucks know there is, but they do not want it applied for they are benefited by conditions that are, and prefer the able to continue rather than give up their advantages under the system. We appeal to the majority who get no wealth but much illth from the system. The republican and democratic masses are ground down just as hard as the Socialists—and some worse. For the Socialists, being better thinkers, can get along, on an average, better than those who do no thinking for themselves. Socialism will do away with crime because it will place men and women under such a relation to each other and to wealth, that they could not derive any benefits from crime.

This world can be made a paradise to live in if you will but study what conditions would make a paradise and then work to establish such conditions. A heaven on earth only awaits your asking for it in the right way, by the right means. Are you not tired enough of the present hell into which most people are plunged? Friction and inharmony are everywhere. Why not provide for yourselves a system of justice and harmony?

Selling Babies. Press dispatches state that the citizens of Salida, a Colorado mountain town, were much exercised over the public sale of eight children advertised to take place under the direction of the Salvation Army at that place September 22. The citizens of Salida are to be congratulated on the possession of enough feeling to resent such a transaction even as are the many citizens of the several states to be congratulated on the feeling against child slavery in the mills.

It marks an awakening from the paralytic and apathetic indifference with which such occurrences have too long been ignored. But what are these babies' friends going to do for the babies? What are they going to do for the babies that may never be heard from again, be left as helpless and homeless as they?

It is a problem that calls for the exercise of intelligence as well as of feeling. It is likely that these babies were to be sold in order that by such sale they might find homes. In many other towns and cities of the manufacturing districts children are selling themselves a day at a time to get the means of living. Some are sold into the bondage of wage slavery by their parents, because such a sale is the only means of avoiding hunger. What are the people who feel for these little ones going to do to relieve them and to avoid the possibility of other children, possibly their own, finding the same fate through poverty which causes it all?

Support the good people of Salida prevent the sale of these eight little waifs, and assure that they be better provided than with homes. Try to yet remain the industrial system which made these babies paupers and will reduce others to the same unfortunate condition. There yet remain two million children wage earners which should be in school or out in the fresh air instead of in the mills or down in the dark mines.

It is to be hoped that since uneducated citizens have begun to feel for these innocents they may soon begin to use their intelligence to abolish conditions which breed poverty for the many and make merchandise out of human bodies.

To make it illegal for children to work in the mines and mills does not solve the problem. They must be fed and clothing and shelter, and only if means of getting these things are other way must be provided. The abolition of child labor does not feed or care for the children so separated from the opportunity to get homes and the means of subsistence.

The least reflection shows that the salvation of these little ones as a class lies in the abolition of their parents' poverty. It is true that a few of them may find happy homes in families of the wealthy and thus escape misery under present conditions, but what of the many? What of the millions born through no fault of their own to impoverished parents? What are the people exercised over the proposed sale of babies going to do to avoid the repetition of such pathetic incidents?

No question is ever settled until it is settled right, and the only way to avoid the filth that are inseparable from poverty is to abolish poverty. That is the mission of the Socialist movement, and its success will be nearer when those who are exercised over the unfortunate condition of homeless and helpless children put their feeling into deeds and join in the one effort that would not only prevent the sale of babies for a day or for youth, but which would prevent the sale of women, the making human flesh a commodity, and the sale of men for wages.

Coward of Missouri puts Roosevelt squarely among the liars in his Annapolis snub. Roosevelt might keep up his reputation as a hoodlum by asserting that the Missouri congressmen is a Coward.

It looks now as though Mr. Bryan were trying for the booby prize.

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DON'T WANT BRYAN

Baltimore Vest Makers Reject Gompers' Plan for Campaign Funds and Tell Why They are for Socialism.

LOCAL 117, Vest Makers' Union of the United Garment Workers of America, received the usual document from the headquarters of the American Federation of Labor...

Dear Sir, and Bros.—Your communication concerning the appeal for campaign funds has been received, its contents noted and carefully considered.

In reply, I desire to state that I am instructed by this local, No. 117, to inform you that they are not favorable to the course your honorable body is pursuing...

Your honorable president, Bro. Samuel Gompers, has lobbied the congressional halls and legislative assemblies, for more than twenty years, with what result? What has this begging policy been productive of?

The spirits of our slain co-workers still cry aloud to us from the tomb. The bayonets of a democratic national guard are no less effective than those of a republican militia...

Will Support Their Own Kind. We are not ashamed to follow in the wake of our English brother unionists who found the only method of obtaining labor legislation was to send workmen to represent them and their interests...

Repudiate All Capitalist Parties. Whereas, To counteract the effects of the supreme and state court decisions it is necessary for the working class to sever their allegiance and support from all capitalist parties...

LAFARGUE'S BOOKS. All Sweden is aroused over the results of the partial election just held for the lower house of parliament in which the Socialists have elected five new members...

Each volume sold separately in cloth at 50 cents, postpaid. We have also just published a five cent booklet by Lafargue entitled Economic Evolution, which we regard as the most attractive and forcible propaganda booklet yet published.

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party, whose platform and principles whose international organization, established press and scientific literature are devoted to the interest of the working class...

European Notes.

BY NICHOLAS KLEIN. Norway has a law forbidding anyone to cut down a tree unless he plants three saplings in its place.

At the national convention of Swiss trades unions held at Zurich, it was noted that the membership rose from 62,387 in 1906 to 71,404 in 1907.

The cholera is killing off nearly 200 people a day in Russia and it is now going in the direction of the "Little Father," the czar, having been attacked as well as some other royals.

From a Baptist Missionary. Editor, Appeal.—I have received a copy of the Appeal to Reason, No. 667, sent to me evidently by you.

When I saw your paper a few days ago I felt in one way or another that you are God's battle ax to cleave this dragon in twain.

Capitalism, with its unembodied and its poverty, is a proven failure. As "individualism" in connection with industry has made such a mess of it, there is nothing left for you but to take hold and run things yourself.

At a by-election at Newcastle, England, for parliament last month, the Socialist candidate received 2,971 votes, where never before a Socialist vote had been cast.

Capitalism is a menace to graft and robbery, to murder by war and starvation, to that which is horrible and unwholesome. To all other things it is a hope and a boon.

Capitalism is a cannibal, living from the bodies of helpless men, women and children who give their lives to feed it.

NO. 667—MORE COMMENTS.

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"There is a whole lot of discussion about 667 and 668. I offered anybody a 100-dollar gold piece if he is able to counterpoint the Appeal to Reason."

"I have been requested to thank you in behalf of the Buckeye Liberal society for your article, courteous and well written."

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NATIONAL SOCIALIST TICKET.

For President EUGENE V. DEBS For Vice President BEN HANFORD

down here have been "sent" to him for some time. Congratulations, you Fourth district underdogs.

The Socialists of Michigan held their state convention at Grand Rapids, September 20, with all parts of the state.

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The agitation league has during the past few weeks mailed to selected addresses one hundred thousand copies.

Bundle Brigade. The fellows who are having the fun during this campaign are the comrades who always have few extra copies of the Appeal to distribute each week.

"MY MAN; MY POLICIE". Tampa (Florida) Tribune. President Roosevelt, feeling the necessity of coming to the rescue of his floundering proxy, has written a letter to one Comrade Debs.

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A Tribute to Mother Jones. A dainty musical composition for two mandolins or violins. Complete as 100 cents.

ARMY NOTES.

The Big Ten. Joe J. Monaghan, Nenah, Wis. 25 John H. Barlow, Mt. Hope, W. Va. 25

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HOW IT GROWS!
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That circulation report makes the plume look red sick. And the boosters of the Appeal jubilant. The office gang is feeling pretty well, thank you.

When you consider the demands made on this movement from every source: the great campaign which the national office is conducting; the energetic campaign being waged in every state; and on top of all this the local campaigns which are being pushed in every county and city in the nation; then add to this our daily, weekly and monthly periodicals and the millions of pamphlets you begin to get some faint idea of the whirlwind campaign which the Socialists are carrying on in this year of Teddy 1908.

And while the old party fellows are tearing the characters of their opponents to pieces, the Socialists are telling the masses some great economic truths. Out of all this uproar, the man who works with hands and brain, producing things to eat and wear, is evolving a new philosophy. And the nub of that philosophy is that when a man digs a ton of coal it belongs to him; when he sows and harvests a bushel of wheat or corn it belongs to him—and to him alone. He has decided that he will no longer "divide up" with the parasites who ride his back.

And this is why the politicians—lacking an issue—are resorting to mud slinging. They hope in the excitement to sweep into office and thus perpetuate their graft. But the following figures will show that more and more people are reading Socialist literature—which means that more and more people are accepting this new philosophy. Are you helping?

Table with 4 columns: State, Off., On., Total. Lists circulation figures for various states including California, Ohio, Texas, etc.

Table with 2 columns: Total, Sub. Lists total circulation figures for week ending Sept. 28 and for week ending Sept. 15.

United States Treasury Report.

Table with 2 columns: Receipts (fiscal year to Sep. 30), Expenditures (fiscal year to Sep. 30). Lists financial figures.

The deficit in the U. S. treasury continues to grow up in spite of the best efforts of the Roosevelt administration to prevent it. The politicians are kicking up a big wind storm to prevent you from seeing and recognizing the actual condition of affairs. What is happening to the United States treasury is happening to business generally throughout the country except the big corporations, which are in a position to take advantage of the depressed business situation to gobble up their few competitors at prices which net them immense profit. So nicely regulated is production that, large or small, the trusts are able to extract their pound of flesh in the shape of profits. Don't overlook this treasury statement and pass it along to your republican friends, especially the editors and politicians. Write the editor of the postal card and ask him about it. Ask the campaign orator when he visits your town the cause of the deficit. Remember for the year ending June 30, 1908, the treasury deficit was \$64,000,000. For the three months of the current fiscal year the figures are shown above. At the present rate this year will show a treasury deficit of \$120,000,000. This looks like democratic times under the Cleveland regime.

The Akron, O., Central Labor union is asking for assistance to defeat the Citizen's Alliance which has undertaken to crush the trade union movement in that city. The Appeal is asked to assist in this fight. The paper would gladly do anything within its power to assist the labor unions of Akron, O., but we must frankly say that we are unable to do more than make this announcement. Contributions may be sent to J. T. Boyle, Box 252, Akron, O.

When! Doesn't capital's campaign stink?

No. 667.

If you did not save your copy of 667 you should send to this office for another one. No. 667 should be preserved for future reference. It won't hurt you to read it at least once a week. Note carefully the moves on the political chess board as they are cautiously disclosed. You will begin to grasp the significance of the publication by the Appeal of what is without doubt the most remarkable political document ever printed since the foundation of the republic.

The register on the big press shows that more than one million copies of No. 667 have been mailed from this office. Still there are a few people in whose hands No. 667 has not yet been placed. Will you not help me reach them by ordering 100 copies and distribute them? or you may send the names to this office and the papers will be mailed direct to the parties. The rate is one half cent each.

No Difference.

It is quite amusing to read Mr. Taft's ponderous utterances claiming that Mr. Bryan is standing on a "socialistic platform," and then on the following day to read Mr. Bryan's report to the effect that it is Taft who is advocating socialistic measures.

It all comes about because of the desire on the part of Bryan to secure to the small banks the meager savings of those who have been fortunate enough to accumulate a rainy day fund and the anxiety of Mr. Taft to secure for the big city banks these same savings through postal banks. Mr. Taft explains that the money deposited by the people in government banks will be re-deposited with the big national banks. Mr. Bryan does not explain that the money deposited in the small banks will find its way to the New York institutions controlled by the big financiers.

Nor do either of these gentlemen who are so solicitous of your welfare explain to you that your pennies and dimes when accumulated in large quantities in New York are used to further the exploit the thrifty and frugal.

You will remember during the Lawson exposures, that gentleman explained how the financiers used the deposits of the banks they controlled to buy up railroads, on which stocks and bonds were issued which in turn were deposited with the bank and more of the money of the little depositor used to buy up more railroads and more industries. This process continues as long as you are patriotic and deposit your money with the banks.

It is only when you become frightened and withdraw from circulation your savings which you have accumulated as a result of your self-denial that there is any interference with the process of exploitation. And to prevent a "recurrence of the late panic" Bryan wants the state and the nation to guarantee your deposits in the banks and Taft wants the United States government to establish postal savings institutions.

The Appeal has no objection whatever to a bank deposit guarantee law and it has always been in favor of postal savings banks. Not that either one of these measures would give the least relief to the situation, but for the reason it will bring your funds out of hiding which money will find its way into the coffers of the financial giants and enable them to still further concentrate the wealth of the nation into fewer hands. You may think this a funny position for a Socialist to take, but it is a perfectly consistent one. We are not trying to patch up the sores of capitalism with sticking plaster, but rather we want to use a poultice that will bring the boil to a head and enable society to rid itself for all time to come of the poison of capitalism.

"A Mere Technicality."

For the benefit of the Appeal's new readers we will explain that editor Warren was arrested a year ago last May on the charge of having mailed at Girard postoffice "scurrilous, defamatory and threatening literature." The indictment returned at Fort Scott was based on the mailing of an envelope containing the Appeal's circulars offering a reward for the capture of Ex-Governor Taylor on the outside of which envelope was printed the following words: "\$1,000 reward will be paid to any person who kidnaps Governor Taylor and returns him to the Kentucky authorities." The supreme court had just declared that it was not a violation of the constitutional rights of a citizen to kidnap him and take him against his will from one state to another, that decision being rendered in the now celebrated Moyer-Haywood-Pettibone case. The Appeal wanted to put up to the supreme court a case of kidnaping where the victim was a capitalist and a republican. Ex-Governor Taylor happened to be the most convenient person handy and as he was wanted by the Kentucky authorities for alleged complicity in the assassination of Goebel, the Appeal's offer was made as above stated. Although comrade Warren, accompanied by his attorneys, has been in attendance at court at Fort Scott at three successive terms the government has asked each time for a continuance. Last May when the case was docketed for trial the Appeal editor was on hand with his attorneys, Clarence Darrow of Chicago, Gen. Boyle of Kansas City, and L. H. Phillips of Girard. The case was continued until "after the election." Court convenes next month and we will be on hand ready for trial. The Appeal editor has violated none of the postal laws so far as can be determined and it is the general opinion of those who have followed the case that it is merely one of persecution. The effort seems to be to load the Appeal down with court costs and attorney's fees and thus cripple it in its work.

When you consider that for ten years the Appeal has been under a constant surveillance of detectives and inspectors employed by the United States government it is rather remarkable that this is the only case brought against the paper. "It is to be regretted," said the Kansas City Journal, "that the case against the Appeal was based on a mere technicality." Now this discloses the animous of the prosecution.

The dinner pall may be out of commission, but the oil can seems to be in operation under republican rule. Can't get a job, eh? Why, if we had Socialism you would own your own job and could work whenever you pleased.

RED SPECIAL GOES EAST.

Speech to Young Americans at Trenton, Ohio, That Was Not on the Program, but Enjoyed by All.

Special Telegram to Appeal to Reason. Rochester, N. Y., Oct. 2.—The eastern trip of the "Red Special" has begun in dead earnest. As if to mark the change, the weather man has dumped us precipitately from the broiling heat of mid-summer to the freezing cold of mid-winter. This has had its effect upon some of the meetings as it is entirely too cold for outdoor assemblies and this doubtless keeps many people away. But still the crowds are large and the enthusiasm remarkable.

At Dunkirk, where the trust locomotive works are located, a large number of employes took advantage of the noon meeting and heard and applauded the speakers. When Roosevelt was at Dunkirk he was invited to the locomotive works, which were shut down so that the thousands of wage slaves could be impressed with the beauties of capitalism by one of its big chiefs. One enthusiastic worker who had voted the republican ticket all his life, announced yesterday that he had had enough and was now a Socialist, and was cheered by the crowd. A remarkable feature of all the meetings is the loud demonstration that is made when Roosevelt is stripped naked and shown up as a cheap politician, hypocrite and corruptionist.

When the Alton deal is laid bare Roosevelt's connection with it established and the Appeal's five thousand dollar offer is added, there is the finest kind of cheering and evidence that the people are at last awakening to the fact that instead of a bold and brave man being in the white house, the executive chair is being held down by the lowest type of a demagogue and rat-hole politician.

The New York meeting will shake up Gotham like an earthquake. Fifty thousand people are expected at the east side demonstration.—Theodore Debs.

When the triumphant tour of the Red Special ended with its return to Chicago it was found to have traveled 9,000 miles, to have made 199 stops, and its speakers to have addressed, in the aggregate, 275,000 people. With this record to its credit and with thousands of people in the west agitated if not enthusiastic over the series of remarkably successful meetings, the Socialist special, tarried in Chicago but a few hours, and moved on toward the Atlantic coast.

Reports from those aboard are to the effect that not only were the closing days of the western trip marked with splendid meetings, a fitting climax to the first half of the journey, but that Debs is again in fine form and well prepared for the hard work ahead.

Large and enthusiastic meetings were held at South Bend, Kokomo, Indianapolis and other points in Indiana; at Detroit, Albion, Jackson and several stops not scheduled in southern Michigan; and at many Ohio cities including Fostoria, Cleveland and Toledo.

School Children Came Through a Rain. The Toledo Times tells a story so characteristic of Debs that we strain the crowded columns of the Appeal this week to give it to our readers. When the train reached the town of Trenton on its way to Toledo it was found that the school children had planned to visit the train in a body, but its arrival ahead of time threatened to interfere with their plans.

But when Debs heard of it he declared that the train should wait until school was out. Although it was raining when school was dismissed the youngsters were soon seen running toward the train, the girls as fresh as daisies in a shower and the boys barefooted so a reporter said and continued as follows: "At one end of the coach is the Red Special, and in amongst them are crowded the school children, their curls wet with the rain, and their cheeks aglow with running, their eyes full of wonder. Gene mounts a seat, and crowd behind him are the members of his crew, Socialists who are traveling for the day, railroad officials, and even our dusky brothers who do us the service of waiting upon us at the table. All are craning forward, eager to catch every word that falls from Gene's lips, for all of us feel something somehow. In soft tones and simple words, Gene talked to those dear little ones. I can't convey to you the warmth of these words, but I'm glad to say I can give you the words, because I took them all down. Bending over the children and with a voice husky, a little through his own emotion, Gene said: "Clover."

"I wish to say to you boys and girls that I regard your coming here to visit this train and to see us as one of the most beautiful compliments paid us on the entire trip. You have all heard of James Whitcomb Riley the children's poet. I happen to think just now of a beautiful poem he wrote a long time ago, which I think will interest you. I'll read it to you, and if you know that James Whitcomb Riley wrote "Orphan Annie," and "The Goblins Will Get You If You Don't Watch Out." You children who live here in this small place in the country are accustomed to the grass and the clover. You don't know how lucky you are to live in a place like this. If you went to New York you would see children who never have seen any grass. They have never seen a live chicken or anything of that kind. They live in cellars and crowded places. They don't know what clover is.

"After reciting the poem, Eugene Debs went on to say: "Meaning of the Train. "You children are perhaps too little to understand the meaning of this special train. This train represents an effort to make it possible for all children everywhere to have time for play, and time to go to school, and opportunity to grow up, and be useful. You know in this system there are a good many children, the children of the poor who have got to go to the mills and the factories and have to work hard, and don't get any chance to enjoy themselves. They don't get any chance to enjoy life. There are many of these poor little children, and they are going to try to bring about a change, so that all little boys and girls may have time to enjoy themselves, so that they may have good health, and so that they may have good health, and go to school, and be well fed and edu-

ated, so that they may get all the benefits possible in order that they may grow up to strong manhood and lovely womanhood. You are just on the edge of these things, and you will understand them by and by. You will remember, one of you perhaps, that you saw the Red Special train that represented the Socialist movement. For when you have grown up you will get the benefits that these men and women connected with this train are working for. On behalf of the Socialist party, I want to thank each of you for having come here, for having given us this little visit, and for having given us a chance to look into your bright faces and shake hands with you. I shall ask the band to give you another piece of music. We wish you well in every way."

"And the band did play with pleasure. Gene shook the children by the hand, not forgetting the dear little bare-legged boy with 'ac ercher. And the folks looked at each other awkwardly and foolishly, because their eyes were wet with tears.

"And that's all. Except that it was a little drama that none of us will ever forget."

Said by Debs.

You can't feed a man out of a job on an anti-injunction plank.

You workers make everything and the capitalists have everything.

You make the fine silks for your masters' wives and are content to see your own dress in linsey-woolsey and callous.

What the workers on the farms and elsewhere want to know is what they are to get out of improved methods of producing wealth.

The capitalists can no longer control industry. They can no longer employ the working class. The system has again broken down.

You argue that you don't want to throw away your vote. That's right. Don't vote for freedom—you might not get it. Vote for slavery—you have a cinch on that.

We have the highest tariff in the history of the country. We have the gold standard. We live under the full dinner pail administration, and never were there so many out of work.

We see thousands idle in the midst of plenty, punished, not because they were lazy, but because they have produced more than they can buy back. This intolerable condition is to end.

A new system, a new era has begun. Socialism comes because nothing else can come. The competitive system has become disastrous; it was useful, for it paved the way to the Socialist commonwealth.

The great army of the unemployed sweeps from the Atlantic to the Pacific, from the lakes to the gulf, and when you turn to the chief exponent of the republican party he complacently refers you to the Almighty, but is perfectly willing to accept your votes by proxy. Whatever may be said of Mr. Taft, there is nothing the matter with his nerve.

There are four million children, in their early, tender years, when they ought to be in the school and play grounds and sunshine, now under the hunger whip, working for a pittance which barely suffices to keep their protesting souls in their little bodies. When their cheeks ought to be blooming with the red roses of health, we see in them the pale lilies of death. This is why there are multiplied thousands of failures in the capitalist system.

The time has come, not for a change of parties, but for a change of systems. When Socialism comes, we shall not live to work, but work to live; we shall create no surplus value, the badge of labor will be the only badge of aristocracy; wage slavery will be abolished, the class struggle will be ended forever. Having solved the problem of the unemployed, the army of camps will be mustered out; prisons and insane asylums will be depopulated; woman shall have every right that man enjoys.

Labor Decisions.

Blacklisting is Legal—No. 3.

New York, Chicago & St. Louis Railroad company vs. Schaeffer, 65 Ohio, 414 (Jan. 21, 1902). Master is under no legal obligation to give to his discharged servant a statement of his service showing whether or not it was satisfactory. Railroad may lawfully refuse to continue in its employ a person who has engaged in a strike affecting its interest.

State of Wisconsin ex rel. Theodore Zillmer vs. Louis J. Sauterberg, 50 L. R. 748 (May 19, 1902). A statute prohibiting blacklisting is unconstitutional. Kentucky Court of Appeals—John Huddle, Appt., vs. Louisville & Nashville Railroad company (105 Kentucky, 162) (63 L. R. A., 1904, page 289). A verdict that the plaintiff has been deprived of railroad employment, and that the wrong has made it impossible for him to ever get such employment, are mere conclusions, and insufficient to state a cause of action without averring that he has sought employment and been refused by reason of that wrong.

Socialist Fables.

The Hunting Ants. A certain Ant was going somewhere. He didn't know just where, but he was on his way, and in a great hurry about it. Besides, he was carrying a big burden, and he didn't know how to get it down. He was standing in the way, clear to the top, and down the other side, but he did it. After awhile he met another Ant, and remarked: "Hot weather, isn't it?" The other Ant put down his load long enough to say: "Hush, the boss is looking, and then grab up the black Ant's burden and went his way. Both Ants kept this up for fourteen hours a day, climbing every ridge that came in their way, pushing back and forth, and nearly exhausting their feet selves. They were making a living, you know. There was no need to do it. There was plenty for them all summer long with our boarding, and they didn't need preparation for the winter that lay beyond the coming of day. But they didn't know any better. It was what their parents had done, and they thought they must do it. 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