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ONE OF THE THIRTY-ONE.

Individualism is monarchical. It limits individuality.

J. A. Wayland, Girard, Kan., Dear Comrade—Your very kind letter of the 25th inst., commemorating the 5th anniversary of the "Tennessee Contest" was received and read with a great deal of pleasure. I also received your delightful gift in honor of the event. Please accept my heartfelt thanks.

I am proud and thankful to be numbered among the faithful "Thirty-One," and glad that I am called for the "Appeal Army," which for health and material circumstances has enabled me to stay in the country and furthermore I am hopeful that the next eight years more will find me still on the firing line.

I am grateful also for the fact that all but about one hundred of the 2080 subscription cards sent me during the last eight years have been disposed of to people who have read the gospel of the New Order. The remaining hundred will be in circulation soon, now. Trusting that the dear old Appeal successfully meets every difficulty and overcomes every obstacle, and with kindest regards to yourself and every Christmas and Happy New Year to the whole family, remain, faithfully yours—C. B. Darrow, Chicago, Ill.

Courade E. H. Willie, of Indianapolis, is the first man to come under the wire with his pledge for 1909. I want 999 more who will agree to do what he pledges himself to do—send the Appeal five subscribers each and every week during the year 1909. The letter from Courade C. R. Darrow (not Attorney Darrow, but in his way just as big a man) will show you the spirit that prompted him, eight years ago, to pledge himself to do what I am asking you to do for one-eighth of the time. Darrow and the Loyal Thirty-One have formed the backbone of the Appeal and during the trying times through which the paper has passed, saved the day many times. It was this persistent and aggressive work—work on which I could depend each week—that enabled the paper to go ahead with its far-reaching plans, knowing that it would be supported.

Today the paper faces the future with its line thrown far and broad—with a campaign mapped out that means the triumph of our cause. Our comrades, if you could but have been here the other evening at the regular meeting of the Appeal staff and listened to Courade Debs' personal report of the great campaign, and then planned with us the work of the paper for the year 1909, I know I would not have to waste space asking you to pledge yourself to this small service of sending five subs each week during the coming year.

The paper needs to know that it can depend on you to that extent. It is absolutely necessary before we can hope to successfully carry out what we have planned to do, to know what we can actually depend on every week. With this much guaranteed, the work of those other volunteers who are so situated that they can not be with us every week will put the Appeal in a position where nothing can shake its plans or weaken its power.

I need make no promise—the record of the paper and its past achievements must answer as to what it can and will do in the future.

This is the final call before the year 1908 passes into history. We have done great things, but there are much greater yet to do. May I count on you as one of the Loyal Thousand for 1909?

To Appeal Readers.

Comrades: After long absence I am again at my desk at the Appeal office to take up the work where I left it off when called away to enter upon the national campaign. The work that you now confront is the Appeal is more important and more urgent than ever before.

The recent Socialist campaign reached the masses and stirred the country and while the vote was not as great as was generally expected it was a SOCIALIST VOTE and under all the circumstances it was abundantly satisfactory. Had Bryan been the candidate four years ago it is doubtful if we had polled 150,000 votes. Upon that basis we have this year increased our vote 200 per cent and besides that it has the merit of not being confined to a few industrial centers but of being spread generally over the entire country.

The Socialist party today stands at the head of the minor parties and its next struggle will be for second place. The democratic party can never again successfully harmonize its conflicting tendencies and unite its discordant elements as it has succeeded in doing under Bryan's leadership.

The third and final attempt to capture the administration with a middle class party has failed and the radical and progressive elements are now moving toward the Socialist party.

From now on, more than ever before, the work of education and organization is of supreme necessity. The people are now not only ready but eager for the Socialist propaganda and the Appeal is preparing for its part of this great work with all the ability, energy and zeal it can command.

The thousands of Appeal workers and readers I met all over the country along the route of the "Red Special" have my hearty thanks for their many kindnesses and evidences of comradeship which I shall ever gratefully remember. I feel quite confident that there will be no lagging on their part during the coming year but that on the contrary there will be renewed activity in the great work of spreading the light and educating the people.

It is within the bounds of prudent estimate to say that, counting the voters who are disfranchised from one cause and another and the women and children, there are today TWO MILLION SOCIALISTS IN THE UNITED STATES. That number can be doubled by the time of the congressional election two years hence and the Appeal, whose circulation should now go up by leaps and bounds, will certainly put forth all its energies to that end.

Comrades, let us all take hold with hands and hearts and without loss of time make the coming year the grandest in the annals of the Social Revolution.

EUGENE V. DEBS.

It is too late to mend capitalism. Uncle Sam simply must have something new.

Capitalism means opportunity for the sharper. Socialism means opportunity for everybody.

When Alexander conquered the world he didn't have such a dead cinch on it as Rockefeller has.

Private ownership has slaughtered the forests and gutted the mines. Nothing but collective ownership can truly conserve the public welfare.

Half the energy of the people of the United States is expended in getting the products away from the producers of them. It is worse than wasted energy, because it is criminal in nature.

If the machine is but a lengthened arm for labor, then the man who owns the machine owns a part of the laborer, and the part of a man cannot be separated from the man himself and leave him whole.

The leading bank of Springfield, Mo., an old institution, with a deposit of a million and a half, has closed its doors. They tell us prosperity has returned. Well, if it has, this is then the best that capitalism can do for the people. Don't you think a change is needed?

It means much when Mr. Bryan warns the republicans that "they have a more formidable opponent than the democratic party to contend with. They have the irresistible forces of society to contend with." It means that he sees the truth that the next economic development must be Socialism.

In its early stages Socialism in America had easy work. It was hindered, laughed at and misrepresented, but it was not fought. But from now on it will have a fight on hand. We might as well prepare for it. All the reactionary forces in the United States will be actively arrayed against it. It means that Socialism must arise from its childhood ways into a full-grown force.

It is not the defeat of Mr. Bryan and democracy that has made them "unavailable" by the powers that be, but their failure to destroy the Socialist party. So long as they succeeded in killing advanced parties, there was a place for them in the plans of capitalism, but now that they have failed to make good, they will simply be laid aside.

Mr. Bryan says: "The democratic party cannot adopt the Socialist program. It cannot accept the remedy which Socialism presents." This is true of Socialism relative to the democratic party. Socialists believe that the capitalist system, upheld by the democratic party, is morally wrong and a system of robbery, therefore they can do nothing but demand its abolition. The democratic party can never do anything without this radical element, and it can never get it. It might as well lie down and quit trying.

The state printer of Kansas has knocked the bottom out of the school book arguments. He reports that he can print as good or better books for one-half what the parents are now paying. And Kansas gets its books for much less than most states now. Whether the legislators will like the "arguments" of the book trust better than they like to serve the people is a matter that is yet to be determined. Wouldn't it be awful to have to accept the hated Socialist position that the state can and would serve the citizens better than any private corporation? Gee! how it must hurt!

The campaign just closed is the first time in the history of America when Socialism really had a battle. It was the first time when Socialism entered into the platforms of both the old parties, and in which both republicans and democrats declared for individualism. In this sense Socialism was between two fires—on the one hand, the individualism of the small kind that produced the pioneer and small dealer; and on the other hand the individualism which produces captains of industry and masters of the world. Both were reactionary, in the sense that both were opposed to the development and enlargement of the democratic or social idea. Both were allied against the idea of democracy in industry. Having to fight both of them, it is no wonder that Socialism, which had enjoyed a childhood free from battles, lost in places. That it did not lose more, making a gain in the aggregate, argues well for it.

The developments in the George Gould divorce suit are not fit to print. And other divorce suits in the ranks of the ultra rich have been similar. Yet these are the people who, at every election, give money to hire men to teach the common folks to beware of Socialism as it would destroy the home! And not only are the ultra rich of this kind, for an associated dispatch from Grand Junction, Colorado, shows what the imitating parasites are doing. Mrs. Budeler, president of the W. C. T. U., in a public lecture there told the people that there existed in their midst "a seething cesspool of immorality and vice, exceeding the worst that the slums of Chicago could show up." She asserted that "a free love society, headed by women of wealth, accredited social leaders, was flourishing right in their midst; that young girls under the age of consent had frequently attended unmentionable orgies," etc. This is the kind of society that votes overwhelmingly for the republican ticket and then makes faces at the Socialists as being free-lovers and home destroyers! It has always been that way. When you see these people prating, you can be reasonably sure that they are throwing sand in your eyes to cover their own feloniousness. Socialism would do away with the parasites and thus do away with the conditions that make for free love.

LET US SAVE RUDOWITZ!

BY EUGENE V. DEBS.

ANOTHER atrocious crime is about to be perpetrated upon a workingman under the forms of law. Christian Rudowitz, an immigrant from one of the Baltic provinces who has sought refuge on these shores is demanded by the Russian czar and is about to be handed over to that bloody butcher. The charge against Rudowitz is that he was implicated in crimes growing out of the revolution in Russia in 1905 and 1906. The crimes he is charged with are of the same kind as those committed in this country in the war of the revolution and which are now recorded in American history as deeds of patriotism and valor of imperishable fame.

The simple truth is that Rudowitz is a Russian revolutionist and that he united with thousands of others in the attempt to throw off the bloody yoke of the czar. He had seen his people treated as beasts, robbed, beaten and exiled; had seen women brutalized and children violated; had suffered long and despaired often under the brutal dominion of the lash. At last he awakened. Dumb submission to such monstrous crimes was a still greater crime. He joined the revolution and this patriotic resolve now constitutes his crime. In the eyes of every honest man it is his glory.

Fifty years ago the Russian government would not have dared to demand the return of this peasant patriot. But it is different in this day of international capitalism, bonds and investments, when the United States can match its plutocracy against the Russian bureaucracy and when the American president-to-be deems it fitting to journey to St. Petersburg to embrace the bloody monster of the Russian throne in royal fellowship.

It has always been the boast of this country that it provided the right of asylum for the oppressed of other lands and every extradition treaty exempts refugees whose offenses are of a political nature. The Russian treaty itself, made in 1893, under which Rudowitz is demanded, makes this perfectly clear in the following provision:

"If it be made to appear that extradition is sought with a view to try or punish the person demanded for an offense of a political character, surrender shall not take place."

There is not the slightest doubt that the offenses charged against both Christian Rudowitz and Jan Pouren grew out of the revolution and are of a purely political nature. Whether they are guilty or innocent is not the question. The only question is if they are political offenders and upon that point there is no room for doubt.

In his stirring appeal to the American colonists in 1776 Thomas Paine said: "This new world hath been the asylum for the persecuted lovers of civil and religious liberty, from every part of Europe. Hither have they fled, not from the tender embraces of the mother, but from the cruelty of the monster."

This describes the case of Christian Rudowitz. He has fled from the "cruelty of the monster" and the patriots of 1776 would have welcomed him with open arms as they did thousands of others who fled in heroic revolt rather than submit in cowardly disgrace.

But Commissioner Mark A. Foote who has been hearing the evidence against Rudowitz has declared that "in this case we must act under the Russian law rather than under the American."

Think of it, ye boasted free men! According to this semi-Russian freak workingmen in the United States are now tried under the Russian law. If this precedent is allowed to stand the last vestige of liberty has vanished in the United States and we are slaves.

Let this startling and infamous dictum of Commissioner Foote ring like alarm bells at night all over the nation:

"In this case we must act under the Russian law rather than under the American."

This reduces us all at one stroke to Russian serfs. Christian Rudowitz is one of us, and as such as any of us entitled to the protection of the American law. He is guilty of no crime except the crime of daring to dream of freedom in the thrice-damned dominion of the Russian czar—the crime of many another great and tender soul who paid the penalty and now sleeps in a martyr's grave.

Christian Rudowitz is a patriot in the truest sense of that term—a peasant, a workingman, with a heart in his breast—and his case appeals to every citizen of the United States who has a spark of humanity in his soul.

Shall this fellow-worker, this comrade of ours, this heroic soul, be handed over to the fiend incarnate whose clutches, dripping with the blood of babes, are even now at his throat? Has it come to this in the land of Patrick Henry and the Star Spangled Banner that the czar of Russia dare to reach over here and snatch from our very midst the victims of his satanic cruelty and bloodthirstiness?

Can this revolting spectacle be contemplated by any American citizen without horror and indignation? Is there any so abject as not to resent it as an assault upon himself and if tolerated as a foul and damning blot upon his manhood?

What shall we do? Rise in indignation and protest all over this nation! The issue is vital and the danger grave. The boasted traditions of American liberty are about to be blotted out and this vaunted asylum for the oppressed destroyed.

This must not, shall not be! The call to the rescue comes to us all and we dare not evade the summons.

Once before the workers of the nation were aroused, thwarted a plutocratic plot and prevented an appalling tragedy. Again the tocsin sounds to action.

No time is to be lost. Christian Rudowitz and Jan Pouren shall not be surrendered to the horrors of Russian exile. The autocratic fiend who has made of Russia a charnal house, whose hands are red as his heart is black, and whose very name breathes of cruelty and crime shall not seize the noble prey his villainous spies have hunted down in the American republic!

Arouse, oh fellow workingmen, in all the states of the union and shake this nation with your mighty protest!

Every workingman and working woman is in duty bound to respond in this crisis. Every citizen who has read of Russian tyranny and to whom cold-blooded murder is abhorrent owes it to himself to raise his voice in protest.

Every labor union and every Socialist local should at once make its influence felt in behalf of these Russian refugees who sought asylum under the American flag and who are now threatened to be dragged back to the hell from which they escaped and tortured to death by devils in human form.

Meetings such as were held to save Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone should again be held and anti-czar conferences organized to carry on the work of rescue until the Russian spies have been driven off, the czar foiled and defied, the innocent captives set free and American manhood and womanhood vindicated.

The Yellow Kid, four years old, now rules China.

If only the sleuths were put on Teddy! There is that Alton steal that could be traced to him.

Judging from the testimony of the trust magnates, big business is very bad for the memory.

Carnegie is sure that "the people are partners in every great fortune." He probably means that they pay the dividends.

One of the plain signs of prosperity is an increase in the price of foodstuffs. It may be prosperity for the manufacturers, but how about the consumers?

James J. Hill has installed a telephone dispatching system at many points on the Great Northern railroad. Cheap girls can thus take the place of skilled operators.

Capitalism, being in itself monarchical in nature, is an enemy of domestic institutions, and naturally tends to the concentration of power, industrial and political, into the hands of the few.

An analysis of the vote indicates that the people, after a few years of hard strain due to a panic, simply played for safety at any price. It was a victory for reaction. Its fruits may be forecast as reactionary legislation.

The president not only has the government with which to prosecute anyone who may criticize him, but he also has the secret service to muck-rake others so that he may shut off criticism. Tyrant Teddy is the name that will stick.

Rev. Joseph Odell, of Scranton, Pa., preached a sermon recently that must have greatly shocked the master members of that community. The pulpit is gradually awakening to the horrors of this alleged civilization. Even the power of money cannot control all the preachers.

It is announced that the powder trust has become international. This ties up the political power to the money power completely, because now, every nation will have to be "good" or it can't buy powder with which to defend itself. The little nations, like the small dealers, are doomed.

The New England Watch Co., Waterbury Conn., on December 5th, discharged three-fourths of their immense army of employees. Business depression given as the cause. The workers are getting what they voted for. "God knows" what Taft will do for these men and their families.

Bryan pleads for the reactionary policy that would, if possible, go back to pioneer days and ways. Roosevelt pleads for the reactionary policy that would take power from the people and concentrate it in the hands of the few. The only progressives at this stage of the game are the Socialists.

Before the election there were so many complaining of the situation that a larger Socialist vote was expected by many both outside and inside of the party. But it has been demonstrated that a more conscious class fight by the million, is not sufficient. In spite of that, they vote for a continuation of the wrongs. They must be awakened to a knowledge of how to remedy the wrong before they will become effective in protest. Class consciousness must stir the worker the same as it does the capitalist before he can muster the courage to throw off his yoke.

The government is suing the sugar trust for \$3,624,121, that being the amount which it alleges the trust swindled it out of by false weights. The trust, Uncle Sam seventeen scales for the weighing of sugar that was imported, and after they were used for six years it was discovered they contained secret springs which falsified the weight. This is a form of theft that even the conservative man will admit is theft, yet it is only a minor thing to that which is taken from the people through the exactions of profits. The profits of the sugar trust added to the profits of wholesalers and retailers of sugar, represent this exaction, and it runs into many millions, on sugar alone, every year.

The dispatches bring the glad tidings that the miners of West Virginia, the worst slave pen in the nation, have just been rewarded for their noble support of the capitalist system. It came in the way of a deep cut in wages. Less bread and clothes and shelter for the slaves of the mines. And yet, the miners believe in the private ownership of the mines and vote against Socialism which would abolish their masters and give them the absolute control of their own lives and labor. Well, it is curious what treatment will keep the men voting the same old tickets. They seem to live to be starved and driven like chattel slaves. The Appeal warned them that after the election they would get a decrease in wages, but they believed not.

The new army bill "could as easily raise 2,000,000 men as to raise 50,000," says a Washington dispatch. Wouldn't the kniser like such a bill! The plutocrats are working the wires so they can hold the country by military force when the people wake up and attempt to vote them out of control. Do you think men who will stuff ballot boxes, tug voters, and vote dead men's names, will hesitate to use the army when they get it to hold the nation regardless of majorities? If you do, you are rather silly. Rich men have always been a menace to the liberties of the nation they lived in. Nations have never been destroyed by their useful men, but by their rich and corrupt elements. How much history have you read? Did you ever read of the rise and fall of the Roman empire? Do you know anything of the history of the past ages and the lesson they teach? Or are you just an animal that lives today and knows nothing except what it has personally experienced? Now have you?

Warning.

There are a number of land colony and other schemes being worked that are written particularly to appeal to Socialists. Some of these are bolstered up by endorsements from Socialists who give force to their statements, sign them themselves as agents of or otherwise connected with the Appeal to Reason. Do not put any confidence in such schemes. Don't pay your money unless you get back a legally secure title to some definite piece of land. Leave these stock-jobbing schemes alone. Put your money in land, as it will be about the safest place you can put it, but get the land secure when you pay your money. The Appeal is not endorsing any colony or other land co-operative scheme.

Torch-Bearers.

The men and women who are today battling bravely against all kinds of opposition to build up the Socialist party and reorganize society upon a basis of economic freedom and social righteousness are the torch-bearers of civilization. They have undertaken what to many seems a vain and fruitless task, but with the faith that is born of suffering and deep conviction they work on, indifferent alike to praise and blame, the divinely commissioned pioneers of progress and the consecrated servants of the human race.

Of course the rich and vulgar who are sufficient unto themselves and whose souls are not attuned to the higher and nobler impulses look with contempt upon these bearers of light and hope among the disinherited and despairing, but this only emphasizes the truth of their mission and the necessity of its fulfillment.

Among these humble workers in the social vineyard there are to be found the very salt of the earth in all that expresses true manhood and noble womanhood. Here there is no desire for vulgar ostentation or self-exploitation. Here and here alone, among those who have borne the burdens and suffered in silence, are to be found the virtues in all their excellence which attest the divine in human nature and shine out in the darkest night as the heralds of the coming day.

The torch-bearers are lighting up the dark places of capitalism and awakening the people from their slumber and in due time the hosts of darkness, however securely entrenched in blood-bought power, will fall before the torch-bearers of civilization.

The Endless Procession.

The weary wanderers vainly looking for employment are counted by thousands and millions in all the civilized lands beneath the sun. Not a nation in which capitalism prevails can give employment to all its workers, and even when times are at their best there remains the army of the unemployed to bear testimony that labor saving machinery privately owned is in effect the denial of the life and liberty vouchsafed to all in our vaunted declaration of independence.

There is nothing more pathetic, indeed, nothing more tragic and heart-breaking than this countless army of workers in a so-called civilized land fighting daily the hopeless battle against misery, starvation and death.

The army of rejected human beings upon whom capitalist society has pronounced the doom of death, a foul stigma upon our boasted greatness and an indelible blot upon our miscalculated civilization. If no other reason could be urged against capitalism this in itself would be sufficient to condemn it as unfit to survive.

The impachment of this system, based upon the private ownership of the means of life, is written in tragic lines in every one of the sad and hopeless faces that move along in the endless procession of its doomed victims.

Such a system cannot last. The very injustice that flows from it and the very misery it inflicts are bound to undermine the foundations and encompass its destruction.

Social ownership of the means of production will put an end to this unconfined idleness and its consequent horrors and make possible a civilization worthy of the name.

Harriman Supreme.

The supreme court of the United States has just decided that Edward H. Harriman and his associates are not required to answer the questions put to them by the interstate commerce commission in reference to certain stock manipulations and other transactions of a more or less shady character. It will be remembered that the interstate commerce commission determined to investigate Harriman and his methods of "reorganizing" railroads and manipulating securities, and that the papers promised some startling disclosures, but it has all come to naught and Harriman remains unscathed and supreme. The pointed questions so carefully prepared by the interstate commerce commission and put to Mr. Harriman with a flourish of the Roosevelt trumpets and which Mr. Harriman simply refused to answer need not be answered. The supreme court has sustained Mr. Harriman and in effect turned down the commission and told it to mind its own business—whatever that may be.

The press dispatches say that "no surprise was expressed by the interstate commerce commission at the decision." Certainly not. Why should there have been any surprise? Boudreau used to say that providence follows the heavy battalions. So with the supreme court. The interests Harriman represents are too powerful to be curbed by court decisions.

As a matter of fact it is peculiarly the function of the capitalist court to protect the strong against the weak, the exploiter against his victims and to keep the latter in subjection. Not until capitalism is abolished and the people own their own railroads and other social utilities will the courts be free to decide questions of law and equity upon their merits.

Question Box

Who Are Producers?

From the standpoint of Socialism as school-teachers, musicians, poets, clerks, etc., producers...

Wants to Do As He Pleases. If a man had ten thousand dollars which he had earned...

That is a question for the people living under Socialism to pass upon. I can see no reason, however, wherein the principle of Socialism would interfere...

The trouble with you is that you have put your whole life into a little patch of ground through which your vitality has leaked to the coffers of the mighty...

Your few acres are so big in your estimation that they obscure the whole universe, and even befog your own mind.

The effect of Socialism would be that the average man would have the privilege and opportunity to do far more as he pleased than in any possible, but it would escape it for a few years...

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EMANCIPATION

Lincoln Debts 1858 1908

BY JACOB HODGE.

SUNDAY afternoon of October 25, 1908, it was my great good fortune to listen to the delivery of one of the few great political speeches...

Debs had advertised to speak in the court house square at 3:30 p. m. The day was cloudy, with a black, strong wind from the northwest...

After a long wait, Debs appeared, followed by a great crowd which completely filled the hall and gallery.

Thus it was that while listening to the speaker, it suddenly flashed upon my thought that the scene now being enacted before me was like unto one I had witnessed before.

A few months over fifty years previous to this occasion, I had sat in the same room (the hall of representatives) and heard Lincoln deliver his great speech...

Thus, too, did Debs appeal; but more earnestly and vehemently—as one might who had experienced in his own person the thralldom of slavery.

The physical appearance of the men is not unlike; except that Debs is not so angular in form and face as was Lincoln; both quite tall; Debs the heavier.

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European Notes

BY NICHOLAS KLEIN.

Comrade Linow member of the "Volksblatt from Anhalt" was in New York in the courts of Michigan, Germany, for publishing an article to which the capitalists objected.

The proposition to have the birthday of Karl Marx set aside as an international day to be celebrated in the world over by the workers...

The Austrian army seems to be honeycombed with Socialism. The troops refuse to die on a strike, and an entire regiment lay down its arms rather than fight against Serbian workers.

Big preparations are being made throughout the world to celebrate the Paris Commune of March 18, 1871.

It is difficult to account for the actions of the Kaiser of Germany since Slinger and the Kaiser have tackled his people.

In Innsbruck, Austria, an election was held for the Reichsrath with the following results: Socialism received 13,411 and 14,822 votes respectively.

The chattel slave had the choice between working for his master and the lash. The wage earner chose between laboring for an employer or starving.

In normal social conditions every man would do the work he loved and love the work he did, so life and happiness would become synonymous.

The community which dares not protect its humblest and most hated member in the free utterance of his opinions...

Public utilities are those whose operation affects the interests of the public, and it is on this account, and on this account alone, that the public are entitled to control them.

We are endeavoring to separate intellect and manual labor; we want one man to be always thinking and another to be always working.

If you should see a flock of pigeons in a field of corn, and if (instead of each picking where and what he liked, taking just as much as he wanted, and no more) you should see ninety-nine of them gathering all and refuse—keeping this heap for one, and the weakest, perhaps weeping, king on all the winter whilst this one was devouring, throwing about and wasting it—and, if a pigeon more hardy or hungry than the rest, tending a grain of the hoard, all the others, instantly flying upon it and tearing it to pieces—

We see that the right of each man to the use of the earth, limited by the like rights of his fellowmen, is immediately deducible from the law of equal freedom.

The Carpenter of Nazareth was one of the poor. He worked for his father by day, and at night went fishing with Peter and John.

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THE POPULAR VOTE FOR PRESIDENT BY STATES

Table with columns: State, Total, Bryan (Dem.), Taft (Rep.), Roosevelt (Pro.), Wilson (Pro.), Gilman (Pro.). Lists 48 states and totals.

THE VOTE BY COUNTIES

Table with columns: County, 1908, 1904, 1901, 1904. Lists counties in Louisiana, Texas, and Montana.

THE TEXAS VOTE

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Books Received

"Christianity and the Social Order," by E. J. Campbell, M. A. G. H. published by The Macmillan Co., New York.

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The Edison Phonograph advertisement featuring large text and images of various Edison phonograph models like the Edison Gem, Standard, and Home Phonographs.

HOW IT GROWS!
Number Subs.
First week in April, 1907 177,198
Second week in Dec., 1907 301,330
Second week in Dec., 1908 310,870

The postal authorities have excluded the Appeal to Reason from circulation in the mails in newspaper envelopes, but the federal authorities have not tried to prevent its circulation in sealed envelopes by the assassin in ambush who hope to direct it from Mr. Bryan.

Well, don't wait any longer—or, bless you, we won't be able to keep the steam up.

Don't hesitate to brand such reports as absolutely false—and just continue your work for the Appeal. A drop of twenty per cent. in the receipts of the paper for 90 days would wipe out the surplus on hand.

Table with columns: State, No. of Subs., Total. Lists states from Texas to Delaware with subscriber counts.

Expiring subs for week ending Dec. 12, 1908 15,617
New subs for week ending Dec. 12, 1908 7,121

Dangerous Doctrine.
The Philadelphia North American recently printed the following as an editorial:

We approve the ultimate aim of all brands of Socialism without fully approving the methods of any one. We respect every real Socialist because he is working for humanity.

The capitalist tries to get out of this world all he can. The worker is expected to get out of the world before he gets his.

Campaign of 1912
Let us start it now, comrades. Let's take advantage of the political fever-heat of the campaign and not let it subside until the iniquitous system of wage slavery is abolished.

\$24.85 worth for \$5.00
Just Order 'THE 1912 COMBINATION.'

Socialism Everywhere.
When ex-Secretary Leslie M. Shaw in his recent address to college students referred to the "alarming growth of Socialism," he but voiced the universal fear and dread of the ruling class of this organized revolutionary movement of the working class which constitutes the only menace to capitalist misrule and the only hope for industrial emancipation.

Socialism is everywhere for the simple reason that it is the outgrowth of capitalism, and there is nothing menacing about its growth except to the economic and political power of the relative few who privately own the means of life and wax fat and sordid upon the poverty and misery of the masses.

But in spite of all this Socialism will continue to grow and to "alarm" the ruling class and in good time it will develop the economic and political power to execute the mandate of history and emancipate the people from bondage.

The International Trust.
In its issue of December 5th, the Appeal said, in speaking of Carnegie's asking for free trade in steel:

But the protectionist has become a reactionary along with the revisionist on democratic grounds. Capitalism is now international, and its demands will hereafter be in accord with the changed conditions.

Warren is said to have offered a reward of \$1,000, and is indicted and kept in suspense for two years because of it. But this man, a postmaster who is supposed to know the postal laws, offers a reward of \$3,000, more than Christmas asked; he braves possible international complications, and tries to get a soldier to leave his post in order to bring about the disturbance in the very country where that soldier is supposed to be working to preserve peace; and the postmaster is not indicted.

The Panama Deal and The Alton Steal

RESIDENT ROOSEVELT makes indignant and sweeping denial of the charge of graft in the forty million dollar Panama deal, but the question remains, Who got the money? Roosevelt does not even pretend to know.

Let congress order a thorough investigation of the whole affair and report the facts and then, and only then, will the American people be satisfied.

But why stop at the Panama deal of \$40,000,000 about which the facts may never be known and ignore the Alton steal of \$82,660,000, about which the absolute facts are known and the responsibility for which can be fixed with the certainty of a mathematical demonstration?

Granting that Theodore Roosevelt is innocent in the Panama deal the fact remains that he is responsible for the Alton steal. Here are the facts in their chronological order:

First—On February 26, 1900 Mr. Roosevelt, then governor, signed the bill which authorized the New York Legislature by Platt and Odell as the agents of Harrison, making the Alton bonds legal investments for savings banks.

Second—On March 10th, less than two weeks later, Governor Roosevelt was the guest of Senator Platt and Chairman Odell of the republican executive committee at the Waldorf-Astoria, New York.

Third—Less than four months later Mr. Roosevelt, with Platt as his chief backer, was nominated or vice-president.

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Here we have a concrete case and a specific charge against Theodore Roosevelt, and the Appeal challenges the members of congress to institute an investigation and vindicate the president of the United States.

The Appeal has a larger circulation and is read by more people than the New York World; it is financially responsible and prepared to meet the issue, but we venture the assertion that Theodore Roosevelt will not dare to prosecute the Appeal for charging him, as it does, with responsibility for the Alton steal.

Washington dispatches state that he has employed the secret service men to shadow the members of congress; and that if they dare to criticize his message he will create the largest sensation that the nation has ever known, for he has the documents and proof of the private lives of the members.

With this power in the hands of a ruler, no man is safe. He can do every step of a man's life and, if to his interest, can manufacture evidence and have a citizen tried by his own judges, over whom he has the same power of bending to his will.

College Socialists.
New York, Dec. 11.—Speaking before a gathering of alumni of Dickinson college last night, Leslie M. Shaw, former secretary of the National Student League, said:

It is with such biting sarcasm in connection with such a charge that the Kansas City Journal, following in the footsteps of the Appeal, now itself assails the president whom it regards as sacred when the Appeal sought years ago to show the people what is now so palpable and what the Journal itself, no longer able to conceal, is now compelled to confess.

Once more is the Appeal vindicated and this time by a great capitalist paper which finds itself under the necessity of trailing in the footsteps of the Appeal and taking the ground the Appeal occupied fifty two years ago.

At the time the Appeal began its fight on Roosevelt and the administration it incurred the ill will of many and was criticized sharply by even some of its most ardent supporters but it was sure of its ground then as it always is, and made its fight regardless of consequences with the result that even capitalist papers are now compelled to fall into line, confirm its position and vindicate its loyalty to truth and to the cause of the people.

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It is announced that J. Pierpont Morgan has just "made" \$300,000, a very simple way, the same being brought out on the witness stand. He bought New York City bonds for \$300,000,000, and then induced the city to redeposit the money in his own bank.

Gentlemen of the American Congress, if you really mean to lay bare gigantic fraud and expose colossal graft turn from the Panama deal to the Alton steal!

The New York World thus characterizes Theodore Roosevelt: No other living man ever so grossly libeled the United States as does this president, who besuicides congress, bulldozes judges, assails integrity of courts, slanders private citizens and who has shown himself the most reckless, unscrupulous demagogue whom the American people ever trusted with great power and authority.

The Appeal said substantially the same thing two years ago and was denounced for its alleged vilification of the chief executive of the nation. Now the leading capitalist papers, senators and representatives confirm what the Appeal then charged and in a year or two they will also confirm its charges against Roosevelt in respect to the Alton steal.

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The Death List.

A death list of more than 20,000 and a number of injured, exceeding two million in the industrial life of the nation the past year should afford an object lesson to the nation.

Thirty thousand killed and two millions wounded! A slaughter greater than the greatest of wars. And why? Because human life is cheaper than safety appliances. Most of these accidents could have been prevented.

The person who wrote the above, judging from the appearance of the "sterling" spelling and punctuation, is a workman. He is honest, I feel sure, and his communication to the Appeal is intended to set the editor right.

What Do You Think of This?
Associated Press. Madison, Wis., Dec. 12.—President Roosevelt's country life commission will transmit the following opinion to the president as representing the situation in Wisconsin:

Do the farmers want good roads? No! They need promotion of theory of the intellectual development! Do the farmers want postal savings banks? No! They need the promotion of theory of intellectual development!

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Reply to a Catholic

Yonkers, N. Y., Dec. 8, 1908.—Editor Appeal to Reason: I have read your issue of Dec. 5th and I am glad to see that you are not afraid to take issue with the Catholic Church.

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