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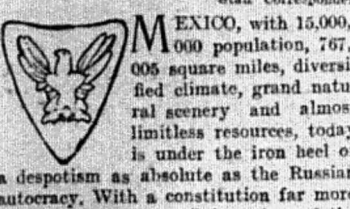
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THE MENACE TO AMERICA

How the Capitalist Dictator Across the Mexican Border Has Crushed Labor to a State of Peonage, and is Now Using It in Behalf of American Capitalism.

(Here is an object lesson, a concrete example of how capitalism and an oligarchy of wealth can and will crush the working class, massacre the people, loot the land, crush liberty and hope, and fill the world with lies to bolster their position. It is not a may-be, but a real fact. Read it, every word. Russia and Turkey, the despots of kingscraft, are no worse than Mexico, the despotism of capitalism. Don't say that, because you are an American, this does not concern you. American capitalism is partner in the infamy; the American government connives at it, and captures the tyrant's slaves; the American press, subsidized by gifts wrung from the blood of the Mexican working class, hides the horror with a covering of lies. Capitalists of Mexico dare not pay a decent wage, because the laws forbid it. Labor dares not strike in Mexico, for the American and Mexican soldiery combine to shoot it down. It dare not even complain, for fear of foul dungeons, lynchings by order of the tyrant dictator, and massacre by bandit police. These conditions come into commercial competition with American labor. It avails us not to win strikes here, to free our Haywoods and Sloyers, if upon labor, crushed under despotic heels, at the behest of American capitalism, can do our work across the border for a pittance, leaving our labor idle, and invade the United States to crush the peons who protest. So long as Mexican labor is enslaved, so long as Uncle Sam enforces the fugitive slave law of a foreign dictator, American labor is in danger. You may lose your job because of it. You may have lost it already. These appalling conditions have been hidden by a crushed and subsidized press, and even in America the dictator has dared to wreck the press that told the truth. It matters not what your politics may be, it is to YOU that I address myself. ALL AMERICAN LABOR is informed of these things. There is no time to lose. As individuals, as nations, act at once. Millions of this paper should be circulated among the working people. The cause of liberty demands that every person do something. After reading this paper pass it to your neighbor. If you can use additional copies they may be had at 50c per 100; \$5 per 1,000.



MEXICO, with 15,000,000 population, 767,000 square miles, diversified climate, grand natural scenery and almost limitless resources, today is under the iron heel of a despotism as absolute as the Russian autocracy. With a constitution far more liberal and democratic than that of the United States, guaranteeing free assembly, free speech, free press, popular elections, compulsory education and freedom of contract between employer and employe, the government is arbitrary to a superlative degree and is administered by a monster whose very name strikes terror to the hearts of his subjects. Since the accession of Diaz to power there has been no liberty in Mexico, no exercise of the voting franchise, no untrammelled discussion of popular questions either by voice or pen, and while there has been a measure of prosperity and improvement, it has been at the expense both of the natural resources of the country and of the people.

Citizens of the United States living near the international boundary line, conversant with the situation, shudder when they look over into the lonely mountains and barren plains of Mexico. On leaving Texas, Arizona or California the visitor to Mexico bids his relatives and friends farewell as if he were about to make a pilgrimage into the unknown. Immediately upon crossing the line the despotic influence of Diaz is felt. Uniformed guards with loaded rifles officiate at the entrance, are constantly present in every part of the country and are much in evidence at the final port of departure. The atmosphere is charged with the military spirit and at all times the visitor is possessed of an undefinable consciousness of the presence of the ubiquitous spy. From the time one leaves the doubtful freedom of Uncle Sam until he again steps beneath the protection of the stars and stripes he wanders through a Mexico in uncertain safety and with a dread feeling that every moment some assassin will spring at him from behind and stab or shoot him in the back.

A Prey to Foreign Adventurers.

From the time of the ruthless slaughter of the Aztecs by Cortez until the invasion of the country by American capitalists Mexico has been the prey of foreign adventurers. Naturally jealous of their rich and beautiful country the Mexican people have resisted every encroachment, and more than once at the point of the bayonet have driven the invader out. "Mexico for the Mexicans" has constituted the national watchword since the organization of the Mexican government, and until Diaz usurped the scepter of authority this sentiment was kept inviolate. Knowing that his self-imposed rule would prove hateful to the people, and determined to preserve his power at any cost, Diaz, astute and unscrupulous, deliberately inaugurated a policy that overthrew the national idea. Valuable concessions of mineral and agricultural lands, manufacturing sites and railroad rights-of-way were granted to European and American capitalists. Simultaneously, it was announced that the raising of wages by any employer, native or foreign, in any part of the country would not be tolerated. To secure these conditions permanently education was restricted to a few national schools in Mexico City and San Luis Potosi and the terms of admission were so fixed that no member of the peon or working class could ever hope to meet them.

The value of Mexican wealth owned by American capitalists alone has been variously estimated from \$500,000,000 to \$1,500,000,000. James Creelman, in Pearson's Magazine, of March, 1908, places American holdings in Mexico at \$800,000,000. Perhaps \$1,000,000,000 would be a fair and adequate estimate.

Those who have benefited by Diaz's generosity naturally laud their benefactor to the skies, and will not hesitate to employ any means, should occasion arise, to perpetuate his reign. While parceling the resources of the nation among enterprising foreigners, the dictator took care that his retainers at home were not neglected. Every militarist and politician who followed him to the conquest of his country was rewarded with plunder literally stolen from the people. These men now con-

vated to the presidency in 1876 and began to make effective against the church and military power, the provisions of the constitution, the clerical party sent delegates to England, France and Spain for assistance.

Foreign Interference Begins.

It was declared that unrest and revolution prevailed in the republic of Mexico, that life and property were not safe and that Juarez had repudiated the national debt. These representations were made to the European countries visited by the conservative delegates at a time when Mexico, peaceful and prosperous, was enjoying a liberty, under law, such as the world never saw before or since. Juarez was rapidly disbanding the army, as provided by the constitution, and was advising the organization of a volunteer national guard. Arrangements were being made for the extension of the public school system of education, and the curtailment of the power of the priesthood. Public improvements, employing Mexican workers at the highest wages rate, were in progress, and, while enormous individual fortunes at the expense of the people were discouraged, legitimate wealth getting by men of honest purpose was encouraged. This condition of things proved intolerable to the clerical-capitalist-military combination, and at their solicitation the tri-partite convention, composed of representatives of England, France and Spain, met in London, England, in October, 1861.

The total actual debt of the Mexican republic at that time was \$50,000,000 but with interest and other claims said to be outstanding, it amounted to about \$100,000,000. Juarez announced that he was perfectly willing to co-operate with any proposition that looked to the payment of the legitimate national debt, but that he would not consent to the despoliation of his countrymen for the benefit of the church or private capitalists. Claims held by private English, Spanish and French capitalists Juarez stated that he was perfectly willing to consider; if they were just, his country, he said, would settle them; if they were not, then they would not be paid.

Fraudulent Claims Enforced.

Spain had a claim against Mexico amounting to several millions, which represented expenses incurred by the Spanish government in its attempt to subjugate the Mexican people. This old war debt had not been contracted by the Mexican government, and Juarez thought his country ought not to be held responsible for its payment. In 1845 Manuel Lizardi had been sent to England by the Mexican government to borrow a sum of money. Lizardi succeeded in negotiating with London bankers a loan of \$500,000, which he put into his own pockets, and, at the same time, in collusion with the bankers, signed a pact by which the Mexican government agreed to pay \$5,000,000 for the loan of the \$500,000. Though the Mexican government never received a penny of the loan, it was represented to the British government as a just and honest debt. During the year 1852 in the streets of Vera Cruz there occurred a street fight between a crowd of irresponsible hoodlums, which resulted in slight damages to the shop of a French bread maker. Several panes of glass were broken and some pies and cakes were scattered about. As a result the bread maker put in a claim against the Mexican government which, with interest, amounted to \$1,500,000. This sum, which figured in the national debt, Juarez decided was unjust, and he so announced. Another claim amounting to \$10,000,000 held against the Mexican government was that which arose from the expenses incident to the establishment of Mission del Santo Rosario, in the Philippines, in 1830. This mission was a Jesuit institution, with which the Mexican government had nothing to do, and when Padre Marin, a Jesuit, presented the claim for the \$10,000,000, Juarez announced plainly that if he could prevent it the claim would not be paid.

Terrorized by Foreign Fleets.

These different claims against the Mexican government, together with the declaration that Mexico was in a state of insurrection, were considered by the tri-partite convention to constitute an excuse sufficient to justify the sending of English, Spanish and French fleets to Vera Cruz. The joy of the clericals, capitalists, and militarists was boundless when the war ships of the invading nations anchored in the harbor of the Mexican seaport. Through Manuel Doblado, representative of the Mexican government who conferred with the high officers of the three fleets, Juarez agreed to pay the debt contracted with the London bankers, and said he would take the other claims under advisement. It was early in the year 1862 that the invading ships reached Vera Cruz. Finding peace prevalent, the country prosperous and the situation grossly misrepresented by Juarez's enemies, General Prim, of the Spanish fleet, with the statement that he did not know he had come to enforce the payment of unjust money to the catholic church, immediately left Vera Cruz with his fleet and sailed back home. The English admiral followed the example of General Prim, leaving only the French fleet.

France Overthrows Republic.

Napoleon III, of France, however, dreamed of empire, and it was at his instigation that the French fleet remained. Several months stay in Mexican waters proved disastrous to the

French sailors and soldiers and they began to sicken and die of fever. Generosity on the part of Juarez permitted the landing of the French and their occupation of the hospitals at Jalapa, near Vera Cruz. This generosity was repaid with treachery by the French, whose general speedily mobilized his forces, proclaimed the republic at an end, announced the dictatorship of Don Juan Almonte, and marched to the battle of Puebla. May 5, now a national Mexican holiday, was fought the battle of Puebla in which the invaders were routed by the Mexicans under General Zaragoza. Nearly a year later, the French, reinforced by clericals, capitalists and militarists, besieged and captured Puebla. In 1863 Archduke Maximilian, of Austria, was crowned emperor, while Juarez and his cabinet were forced to take refuge in towns in northern Mexico.

From 1862 to 1868 the war between Juarez and Maximilian raged, until at last, after fully 1,000,000 Mexican patriots laid down their lives, Maximilian was captured and shot. Juarez re-entered Mexico City amidst the acclaim of the people, and at once set about the work of repairing the wastes of war. The first thing he found necessary to do was the disbandment of the large army, and the reorganization of the industries of the country. It is at this time Porfirio Diaz appears prominently on the scene.

Diaz at the Front.

It cannot be denied that during the six years war Diaz fought the French invaders more or less valiantly. He, however, was at no time chief in command of the patriot forces, as has been represented by his hired newspaper and magazine writers. He occupied subordinate positions and was not especially distinguished until after the close of the war. His prominence came when he opposed the disbandment of the army, in which contention he was upheld by the clericals, capitalists, militarists and the adventurous army elements, whose former occupation consisted of highway robbery, murder and rapine, and who refused to lay down their arms when ordered by Juarez. Purely an adventurer, and being the most notoriously unscrupulous patriot officer possessed of a sword, Diaz soon found himself surrounded by the aspirants clamoring to be retained on the army pay roll. These bandits and murderers did not relish the prospect of being mastered out to find hard work starting them in the face. Boldly, with the assistance of the clericals, capitalists and others who opposed a republican form of government, Diaz and his band started a revolution against Juarez. In the midst of the fighting which followed Juarez died, and was succeeded by Lerdo de Tejada, in 1872. In a short time Tejada abdicated and fled the country, thereby enabling Diaz to seize the reins of government.

In 1876 Diaz held a mock election and had himself elected to the presidency. The polls were manned with his troops and no one was permitted to vote unless the vote was cast for Diaz. Tired of war, their country exhausted by the terrible conflict with the French and facing a national debt now increased to \$300,000,000, the Mexican people virtually were compelled to submit to the imposition of Diaz. From that election to the present day, with the exception of four years—1883-4, when General Manuel Gonzalez, a Diaz tool, was elected, because the constitution, afterward amended, forbade the re-election of a president—Diaz has remained at the head of the government.

The Dictator Extravagantly Lauded.

Hundreds of thousands of words in laudation of Diaz have been written and published throughout Europe and America until large numbers of people have been induced to believe that his iron rule of Mexico is not through choice, but through necessity, and that could he have his way he would let democracy prevail. It is said by these writers that the Mexican people are not fit for self-government, at the same time declaring that Diaz is retained at each recurring election through popular vote, and that were he to resign his office or die revolution would ensue. In Mexico especially every history, magazine and newspaper constantly is made to portray the imaginary virtues of the man, and his military experience is made to extend over a period of fifty-four years. On every occasion his hirelings assert that Diaz is the father of his country, its savior, and that his death will prove its destruction, unless the people accept his successor the dictator's choice. Diaz today is in his seventy-eighth year, and 1910 will either witness his re-election or the election of his successor. Already the newspaper organs of Diaz, and no newspaper is permitted in Mexico unless it is a Diaz organ, are beginning to extol the alleged praiseworthy qualities of Major Porfirio Diaz, Jr., son of the dictator, and editorially demand that in the event the father refuses re-election the son be given the dictatorship.

Brutality Bred in Diaz.

Porfirio Diaz was born in Oaxaca, Mex., seventy-eight years ago of Spanish and Indian parentage. His father was a Spanish horse trainer, noted for his cruelty and bloodthirstiness, and his mother was an humble Mexican Indian woman. Stories of his father's cruelties are whispered here and there, and current in every state of the nation are tales relative to the heritage of cruelty transmitted from father to son and which has become inseparable from the

latter's character. In breaking horses for the trade, it is said, the elder Diaz used a chain whip at the end of which was attached a small spiked steel ball. The horses were beaten into bloody submission with this whip by the horse trainer, whose son, Porfirio, stood by delighted with the process. Every act of cruelty imposed upon dumb animals by the elder Diaz was engrained into the growing boyhood of Porfirio, and in after years was reflected in the dictator's savage treatment of his fellowmen.

When Porfirio was ten years old his fiendish disposition was revealed by an incident which every person in Mexico knows about but which is never seen in print. A younger brother, Felix, aged eight, was stretched out on the floor asleep one warm afternoon, when Porfirio crept up with a flask filled with gun powder. With the stealthiness of a savage the young scoundrel poured his sleeping brother's nostrils full of powder, after which he applied a lighted match. The explosion disfigured the sleeper's countenance and tore his nose to pieces, and to this day the unfortunate victim of Porfirio Diaz's barbarity is known as "Chato" Diaz, meaning thereby, "Pug-Nosed" Diaz.

In school Porfirio went in for militarism. Like the great Napoleon, to whom he is said to bear a striking resemblance by his hired newspaper writers, and with whom he is fond of comparing himself, he organized military companies among his playmates and engaged in sham battles. It is recorded that young Diaz never took prisoners in these engagements except to shoot them forthwith. Here originated the practice which later became the fundamental law of the dictatorship—"Shoot first and investigate afterwards." In his youth Diaz was ever ready to kill, and at fourteen, it is said, he manufactured for himself the rifle with which he committed his first murder.

A Nero and Czar.

The cruel young fighter early enlisted in the army, and, it is said, made a good soldier. That means that he became a professional murderer, and all that the term implies. If ever he possessed a human heart it turned into a piece of steel absolutely devoid of feeling or compassion. His mind acted with the precision of marching soldiery and as remorselessly tore through any subject attacked. His military experience and training gave him a splendid body, and today, though seventy-eight years of age, he is said to enjoy almost perfect health. In all his long, eventful, blood-stained career he has never been known to smile. His features are stern to rigidity, and his terrible eyes and huge, square jaws, with the inherent cruelty of his disposition, combine to make him the ideal capitalist ruler—vigorous, unscrupulous, relentless and aristocratic—ready at a moment's notice to enforce the law of his class against the working class.

Since the reign of Nero no monarch of greater ferocity, perhaps, ever cursed the earth, and aside from the Russian czar, there is but one other similar personality alive, and that is Theodore Roosevelt. But Diaz, however, is far more to be compared to Roosevelt, in his arrogance claiming to be the superior of the ruler of the United States. Before the Meyer-Haywood-Pettibone trial Diaz looked upon Roosevelt as an equal with himself in every element that enters into the composition of uncrowned king. When, however, Roosevelt merely denounced the imprisoned labor leaders as "undesirable citizens," instead of ordering them hanged or shot, the American ruler's stock fell a thousand per cent in the eyes of Diaz. Of course Diaz failed to consider that in the United States, as yet, there are certain forms of law that must be complied with before the blood of labor leaders can be shed to satiate the vengeance of the capitalist class.

The Tyrant's Use of the Press.

For obvious reasons American newspapers and magazines have not told the awful and complete truth regarding Mexico. When a special writer consults Diaz for an interview he is either deceived by the boating and conversation of the man, who never ceases in his self-adulation, or he is introduced to the secretary of the treasury and deliberately bribed with cash outright or given some paltry concession. With all his conscious power and imperial indifference to the rights of the common people, Diaz is astute enough to appreciate the power of the press, and in Mexico City, under his watchful eye, has been established the most far-reaching press bureau since the invention of type. With little in common, as he thinks, with the oppressed peon classes, the newspaper man who journeys into Mexico from the United States at once falls subject to this baleful influence and soon learns to view Mexican life and conditions through glasses colored by Diaz. The dictator controls absolutely every avenue of news-publicity accorded the Mexican people, and, through his press bureau, he censors the news mailed or wired abroad. Quite a number of the most prominent newspaper and magazine owners in the United States and European countries are obligated to Diaz because of concessions in Mexico, and fear of losing these sources of wealth naturally deters them from printing criticisms of their benefactor.

Bought Support of the Army.

After taking possession of the government in 1876 Diaz proceeded to lib-

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erally reward the commanding officer of the bandit army which had elevated him to power. Every officer from colonel to general received a concession of land, a government privilege or bonds. The influential officers of the army were thus rivited to him with hooks stronger than steel. Contrary to the constitution, the army itself was strengthened and enlarged and made the institution of supreme importance in the land. A strong government must have back of it a powerful army, and Diaz saw to it that his fighting machine was able always to meet the necessary requirements. Vast tracts of the best agricultural lands in the republic, which at the time were owned and cultivated in small patches by Mexican farmers, were seized, upon orders from Diaz, the owners driven out, or enslaved, and the lands given to military and political favorites. In this way were established the "haciendas," or vast present estates in Mexico, by means of which the agricultural lords own virtually all of the tillable soil and work it with "peon," or enslaved labor. The story of the dispossession of the Mexican small farmers of their property, and their reduction to "peonage," is a gruesome narrative of revolting detail. It will be wonderful, perhaps, how it was that Diaz was enabled to accomplish these changes. The explanation is easy. True patriots and lovers of their country quit the army at the close of the Maximilian war and returned to their farms and shops, in most instances without guns. Diaz remained to lead the robber and bandit element against Juarez. Unarmed and exhausted, the patriots of Mexico were practically at the mercy of the adventurer and his band of desperados. A great many people at the time believed, and the belief is still current, that Juarez did not die a natural death, but was poisoned at the instigation of Diaz. After taking charge of the government the dictator immediately began to fortify himself by perfecting his military machine and enlisting the active aid of the most powerful politicians through land grants and government concessions. The machine thus built up became all powerful, and, under the guidance of Diaz, has dominated the country ever since.

The Bandit Allies.

An institution, peculiar to the country, which has its counterpart in the Russian caucuses, is the armed band of marauding horsemen known as rurales. There are six thousand of these distributed in the most congested industrial districts and they are always ready for duty. These mounted murderers must be seen to be appreciated. Not all of them are Mexicans—probably a third are imported criminals—and their present chief, General Kosterlitzky, is an Austrian who was forced to leave his country for having committed a murder. The organization of the rurales was really a master-stroke on the part of Diaz. In his army, at the time of his accession to power, were all of the bandits who were uniform. There were, however, several roving gangs, unattached, who persisted in descending from their mountain retreats and committing depredations against wealthy Mexicans and small towns. Diaz conceived the happy plan of making these fellows government scouts, or mounted police, with absolute freedom to pillage at will members of the working class and wealthy enemies of the Diaz government. The only restrictions imposed were that they must stand by the dictator, and be prepared to assist "haciendados" catch, and return runaway "peons." Today the rurales patrol the high roads, like the man hunters in the south before the war of the rebellion, and any Mexican, or for that matter, foreign workman, who is observed walking along unable to give an account of himself immediately is arrested by the rurales and taken to the nearest "jefe politico," or police guardian, by whom he is either sent back to the "haciendado" from whom he escaped or sold into outright slavery. It is needless to say that the slightest resistance by the arrested person is silenced by a rifle ball.

The Dictatorship.

There are twenty-seven states, three territories and a federal district—the latter embracing Mexico City—in Mexico. Most of the states, when Diaz rose to power, had governors who were constitutionally elected by the people. These officials were opposed to a dictatorship. At once Diaz set about econom-

ically reward the commanding officer of the bandit army which had elevated him to power. Every officer from colonel to general received a concession of land, a government privilege or bonds. The influential officers of the army were thus rivited to him with hooks stronger than steel. Contrary to the constitution, the army itself was strengthened and enlarged and made the institution of supreme importance in the land. A strong government must have back of it a powerful army, and Diaz saw to it that his fighting machine was able always to meet the necessary requirements. Vast tracts of the best agricultural lands in the republic, which at the time were owned and cultivated in small patches by Mexican farmers, were seized, upon orders from Diaz, the owners driven out, or enslaved, and the lands given to military and political favorites. In this way were established the "haciendas," or vast present estates in Mexico, by means of which the agricultural lords own virtually all of the tillable soil and work it with "peon," or enslaved labor. The story of the dispossession of the Mexican small farmers of their property, and their reduction to "peonage," is a gruesome narrative of revolting detail. It will be wonderful, perhaps, how it was that Diaz was enabled to accomplish these changes. The explanation is easy. True patriots and lovers of their country quit the army at the close of the Maximilian war and returned to their farms and shops, in most instances without guns. Diaz remained to lead the robber and bandit element against Juarez. Unarmed and exhausted, the patriots of Mexico were practically at the mercy of the adventurer and his band of desperados. A great many people at the time believed, and the belief is still current, that Juarez did not die a natural death, but was poisoned at the instigation of Diaz. After taking charge of the government the dictator immediately began to fortify himself by perfecting his military machine and enlisting the active aid of the most powerful politicians through land grants and government concessions. The machine thus built up became all powerful, and, under the guidance of Diaz, has dominated the country ever since.

Administration of Gonzalez.

If Gonzalez was president, Diaz was the power behind the throne and directed the executive acts of his tool. Gonzalez went into office without a dollar and emerged therefrom with a fortune amounting to \$20,000,000. The reign of Gonzalez was corrupt financially and rotten morally. Deliberate plans were laid by which the people could be robbed for the official beneficiaries. It was as if the Mexican people were lined up on the road-side and their pockets relieved by armed bandits. With Neelzin, a Jew, Gonzalez and his principal confederates conspired to establish a bank in Mexico City called the Franco-Egyptian Bank, by means of which huge sums of money were borrowed from European countries for the ostensible purpose of effecting harbor and other public improvements. The senate and house of representatives were bribed to enact a law authorizing the establishment of the bank, the money was borrowed and privately pocketed by Gonzalez and his co-conspirators, and then the bank failed. Of course the burden of the loans was assumed by the government and added to the national debt. The final act of Gonzalez was to change the constitution lengthening the presidential term of office to six years and to permit the president to succeed himself in office.

Tales of moral rotteness on the part of Gonzalez and his gang are told that smell to heaven. Many of them almost reach the lecherous depths attained by Grover Cleveland and his associates in their mid-winter carnivals in Washington City during the years when the Stuffed Profit was the God of American idolatry. No man who possessed a young and beautiful wife was safe; if he protested against the despoliation of his wife's virtue by any member of the official family immediately he was imprisoned by night and "shot at sunrise." The fathers of lovely daughters (Continued on Second Page.)

Raider Die an Honest Man Chan Give a Wretched Hypocrite.

THE WORDS used as a title to this article express a fine sentiment. The man who uttered them in the Los Angeles jail in answer to a question of the representative of the Appeal was Ricardo Flores Magon, one of the four Mexican revolutionists to be tried soon upon the charge of having violated the neutrality laws of Mexico and the United States.

the prompt action of the Socialists in instituting proceedings these comrades would long since have met their impending fate. In dealing with them American officers of the law have given Diaz and his diabolical machine the benefit of every doubt. The reason for this is simple enough. American capitalists are exploiting Mexican resources and it is only by the grace of Diaz that their concessions can be granted and held, and so Diaz wishes them to do in certain relations and that is why American court officers have been induced to act as slave-catching bloodhounds for Diaz, the bloody monster of Mexico.

Oh! Ye Lovers of Liberty!

ROTHERS AND COMRADES! From the battle of capitalism in Los Angeles comes the cry of our brave brothers, calling on you to stand for freedom, right and justice. I know and feel that the cries will not be in vain. You responded cheerfully to the needs of our comrades of the industrial revolution as they were voiced from Idaho, and I know you will be none the less responsive now, in behalf of our Mexican comrades.

turned to their masters. This was all in the United States of America. Yet the people refused to obey that law and arose in such a mighty protest that within ten years the institution of slavery was swept from the earth. Now we have the dictator of Mexico, and the czar of Russia, tyrants both, both foreigners, trying to enforce a fugitive slave law in the United States of America—a law infinitely more vile than that of the fifties—and the federal government lends its aid to the outrage. It is time that the people arose in all their sovereign power and said their say.

absolutism and to make slaves of the workers who shall be unable to escape their chains. All honor to you, my brave comrades, Magon, Villarreal and Rivera, for the gallant fight you are making for human liberty. In days to come your names will be inscribed on the temple of liberty. When the wolves of capitalism shall have disappeared from the cities of our nation, when men shall be able to walk forth free without Oscar Lawlers and detectives dogging their footsteps, then the three Mexican comrades shall have their names written large as lovers of their race.

THE MENACE TO AMERICA (Continued from First Page.) were similarly treated. It is no wonder that a sign of universal relief went up when the reign of Gonzales drew to an end. There being no other candidate, and none other permitted for the presidency, Diaz again went into office in 1884, since which time he has ruled uninterruptedly.

Business generally is dull and even disappointing for those who have predicted a large volume at the turn of the year.—Wall Street Journal. The late panic seems rather late in leaving. (Advertisement) A PERSONAL TALK TO APPEAL READERS. By E. C. Howe, Advertising Manager of Appeal to Reason.

Gompers and Capitalism

WHICHEVER WAY he turns President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor finds himself face to face with difficulties which are the outgrowth of his own reactionary policy. In the recent campaign he used such influence as he had with his followers in support of the capitalist system and within a few weeks after the election he and his colleagues were sentenced to jail by one of the very capitalist courts to which he had given his support at the polls. His conviction, outrageous though it be, is entirely consistent with his political attitude and the fact is self-evident that he got what he worked and voted for.

Convicts and Farmers.

Governor E. W. Hoch, of Kansas, recently appointed a committee to investigate conditions in the state penitentiary at Lansing. The Topeka State Journal publishes nearly a column of proceedings from which the following is excerpted: "The board at noon without warning, walked into the dining hall and ate at the table with the convicts. They declared the meal as good as that of the average Kansas farmer."

Worst Tyrant of Modern Times.

To reward his friends and ruin his enemies is the one pre-eminent trait in Diaz's character. No man who is suspected of ever having breathed a criticism of the dictator's career can hope for preferment in Mexico. Indeed such a person considers himself fortunate if he is not arrested and jailed, or shot to death on some flimsy pretext. Each individual citizen is subject to the unseen visitation of the ever present spy, is answerable to the "jefe politico" of the district in which he resides and lives in constant fear of being jerked up on some trumped-up charge and separated forever from his family. There has been no such thing as a popular election in Mexico since the beginning of the Diaz Dynasty, free speech is long since dead and free thought is almost stifled since the closing of the public schools. Truly Mexico today presents the ideal location for the investment of foreign capital. Here, as nowhere in all the wide world, the slaves of labor toil for a pittance less than that received by the Chinese coolie, and they do it under the lash of task-masters whose orders to shoot rebellious ones are sanctioned and authorized by the most relentless tyrant of modern times.

Millions of Tons.

The news comes from Pennsylvania that "there looms against the gray sky millions upon millions of tons of anthracite coal piled in the yards of the Philadelphia and Reading-railroad company." And thereby hangs a tale! These mountains of coal have been mined and piled away in anticipation of a possible strike of the anthracite coal diggers. There are 140,000 of these slaves and on March 31st their contract with the coal companies expires and a new scale will have to be made. The miners have already served notice that they will demand more wages while the operators have emphatically announced that no increase will be granted.

Are you tired of slaving for others at starvation wages? Wouldn't you rather own a farm? If you could buy it for 17 cents a day? 300 lucky persons can buy one of these farms. See last week's Appeal. St. Johns Development Co., 901 Merchants Loan & Trust Building, Chicago, Ill.—Advt.

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Appeal to Democrat Editors.

Since the late national election the democratic party has been rapidly disintegrating. Its national leaders can see no hope for it and even the optimistic Henry Watterson can see no future for it except as a party of protest and as a party to watch the republican party. In the latter capacity it will soon go to pieces for there there are no spoils in sight the patriots soon cease doing picket duty.

Now the fact is that the democratic party has been losing ground ever since the war for the simple reason that it is built upon a decaying middle class. It has what it calls a radical wing and a conservative wing. The tendency of the radical wing is toward the Socialist party and the tendency of the conservative wing is toward the republican party.

There is but one issue and that is between Socialism and capitalism and there need be but two parties. Indeed, there is no room for a third and there would not be a third if the capitalists were not interested in keeping two capitalist parties in the field to throw dust in the eyes of the people while one or the other walks off with the spoils.

Now the Appeal believes and in fact knows that there are thousands and thousands of democrats who are on the verge of becoming Socialists and that if we can get our doctrine properly before them we will have them in the Socialist party within the next six months. To accomplish this we have concluded that if the Appeal could be sent for a year to every democratic editor in the country, the smaller ones particularly, we could get thousands of columns of Socialist matter reproduced in their columns and thus multiply ourselves and our ability to reach the people as could be done in no other way.

Many of these democratic editors now see that Socialism is inevitable and that there is no longer any use to waste any time on the democratic party. We have letters from many of them in which they say they are now ready to publish a Socialist page if we will furnish them the matter and to do this the Appeal should reach them every week for a year.

There are many thousands of these democratic papers and to send each of them the Appeal for a year will require a large amount of money. For this purpose we have opened a special fund to be called "The Democratic Editor Fund" and we now call upon all who agree with us that we ought to take immediate advantage of this opening to send at their earliest convenience such a contribution for this fund as their means will allow.

We know of no way in which an equal amount of money will advertise Socialism so widely or have such beneficial results to the Socialist movement. The few we have consulted with agree

Foraker and Roosevelt.

Joseph B. Foraker of Ohio has for some years been one of the republican leaders in the United States senate. He is acknowledged by his colleagues to be a high authority on constitutional law. During the recent campaign Senator Foraker was placed hors de combat by the correspondence made public by Hearst between Foraker and the Standard Oil company.

There is no doubt that the Ohio senator sustained improper relations with the octopus but the same is true of most of his colleagues, who are directly or indirectly interested in and dependent upon the trusts and corporations, without which they would not be eligible to the millionaires' club. In this respect Foraker is neither more nor less guilty than the rest and it is only because of the fact that his relations with the trusts were by chance laid bare that he appears in a more unfavorable light.

Roosevelt himself is just as guilty as Foraker of improper relations with the trusts. He received a \$100,000 from the Standard Oil company for his campaign fund and his campaign manager tried to get another \$100,000 more from the same source and was turned down. He received \$240,000 from his "dear Harri-man" contributed by the trust magnates to put him in the white house. He did not object to this tainted money. He eagerly accepted it all and called for more, and his subsequent denunciation of "rich malefactors" was sheer buncombe and gallery play. During all his almost eight years of administration the "rich malefactors" were in clover up to their jaws and not one of them was ever put into prison for a minute.

The real truth about Roosevelt is gradually coming out. He is a double-faced hypocrite. He is everlastingly preaching political purity and obedience to law while himself violating the constitution and the law whenever it suits his purpose. In his speech in the senate a few days ago Foraker showed that both Roosevelt and Taft, the former as president and the latter as secretary of war, had employed lying soundrels of detectives in the Brownsville case "without authority of law and with public money filched from the public treasury in flat defiance of the constitution and a statute in full force and effect."

We have quoted here the precise language used by Senator Foraker. The law he has reference to was enacted in 1892 after the Homestead strike, where the Pinkerton detectives aroused the indignation of the whole country, and is as follows: "No employe of the Pinkerton agency or similar agency shall be employed in any government service or by any officer of the District of Columbia."

Notwithstanding this statutory prohibition Roosevelt and Taft hired Pinkerton detectives who made lying reports upon the Brownsville affair and for which they took \$15,000 from the public treasury which they had as little legal right to take as if they had burglarized the vault of the treasury department at midnight.

Roosevelt is in his star role surrounded by spies and informers and it is not strange that Foraker in his speech describes Roosevelt's spying as "such a shameful performance that no language can describe it."

THE BUNDLE BRIGADE.

The following comrades have joined the bundle brigade for a year, subscribing for the size bundle set opposite their names:

Table with columns: Name, State, No. Name, State, No. Includes names like J. Anderson, Wyo., 50; S. Robinson, Neb., 125; C. Dewing, Mass., 100; T. Conner, Mass., 50; J. P. Batcher, Pa., 1.00; S. Church, Mass., 1.00; R. Bohrer, Mass., 1.00; J. Thomas, Pa., 1.00; J. Doran, Mich., 1.00; J. Haste, Mich., 1.00; W. Weylan, Mich., 50; Mrs. G. Jackson, Mich., 25; S. R. Brown, Minn., 1.25; G. Summers, Va., 50; Milan, Va., 25; H. Gurley, Miss., 1.00; J. Mason, Va., 1.00; D. Smith, Mo., 50; G. Bartley, Mo., 1.00; W. Tharp, Mo., 1.00; F. Kelly, Mont., 1.00; A. Anderson, Wyo., 50; S. Robinson, Neb., 125.

The interest received by the banks of the United States off the people's money would pay all the expenses of national and local governments. But the people prefer to give these vast sums to the rich bankers and keep on paying taxes to support government. They prefer the bankers to get the interest rather than to get it themselves. They don't believe in "dividing up" but the bankers do. See?

Every combination, every merger, every trust is a denial of the lie that "competition is the life of trade." That sentence is only food for fools. Men wise enough to amass any considerable property are forming trusts because they know that competition is wasteful, disastrous and nerve-destroying. Socialism means co-operation for the good of all and not for a few trust owners.

The American army has again evacuated Cuba. But it is with the understanding that unless Cuba is "good" to the capitalists it will go back to stay. How many are betting that it will not go back?

The esteemed St. Louis Globe-Democrat says: "The country will probably hear very little of Debs and his associates in 1912." Possibly not—from capitalist papers. But it will hear from them all right.

Standard Oil stock is now selling at nearly \$700 for a \$100 share. The government doesn't seem to be crushing this trust very fast.

About the only food that is real plentiful under capitalism is food for reflections.

CIVILIZATION IN PORTLAND.

The editor of the Labor World went to jail disguised as a tramp on Sunday night December 27. Here is a summary of part of his experience: At 2 A. M. a policeman decided I was a bad man and took me to jail. I had but 5 cents, had committed no crime; your policeman told me I was bad, I was locked up and heard an unkind detective denied a towel with which to wipe my face, fed on a breakfast that cost less than 3 cents to produce, saw your day police captain maintain prisoners without causing them the same abuse his prisoners with harsh, profane language without cause. I saw and heard an unkind detective trying to bluff three different prisoners into a trap, or a confession of guilt.

One of the prisoners who was sleeping on the floor was a "brown" man, "brown" had lost a hand in a sawmill at Hood River eight years ago. In this crippled condition he had to be carried to the jail and was in jail charged with crime. The crime of violating an ordinance passed by our city council to protect the interests of those business men who find themselves powerful enough to have a man branded as a criminal who dares to interfere with their business.

Another prisoner was a boy 19 years old; he was broke, wanted a place to sleep, and asked for 10 cents with which to buy a bed and was arrested for so doing. Our reformers close the saloons at 1 A. M. and have provided no other place for our city's drunkards to sleep. The property owners have had laws passed making it a crime to be "out after hours." They have made it a crime to be drunk on our city streets and have provided on top of this their victims into a jail until for a dog, there to sleep on the hard floor.

So is civilized, educated, Christian Portland, Ore., United States of America.

Prosperity in the West.

The Salt Lake Herald of December 27 was a list of 71 industries, great and small, in Salt Lake, practically all the productive enterprises of the city. The number of employees is given as 14,057, about 14 per cent of the population engaged in productive labor. The total value of the products of the city is \$9,614,000, which shows that the average wage is \$681.08 per year. The total value of the products is incomplete in a corresponding line in the wage column that these vacancies represent in wages \$2,600,000, or the following morning, and failing to get the work when he applied for it attempted suicide in despair. He was rescued by a fellow worker who took him to the hospital.

Feeding Them Potatoes—Produce men of Pittsburg have donated a car load of potatoes to the Salvation Army for the purpose of feeding the unemployed. There are 100 men out of employment in St. Paul and 7,000 in Minneapolis. One wonders where the unemployed will go, or how they are to get there.

Free Speech in the Army. A general court martial has been ordered to assemble at Sagua La Grande, Cuba, on the 29th inst. to try a sergeant, Major Francis P. Fremont of the Fifth Infantry, who is accused of making uncomplimentary statements regarding the President of the United States.

WITH THE PARTY.

At Titusville, Pa., Socialists have put up a full municipal ticket. The ticket have put unite with the republicans in hope of defeating the Socialists. On Sunday, the date of the massacre of the thousands of Russian workmen who were seeking merely opportunity, will be celebrated in Cincinnati, January 24, at 8 A. M. by the Socialists of that city. Speaking in English, German and Jewish.

At Prosser, Ore., where the Record does valiant service for the working class, the Socialists elected a full set of city officers. But the republicans are bad losers. They are seeking to secure a new charter for the town in order that the Socialists may be expelled from office. But the Record and the working class can do it again, and the republicans can or later, will have to take their medicine.

Two years ago Miss Dora Sarabranieck was in Russia, and as mistress of her father's house she was a Socialist and was banished. Coming to America she located at Pittsburg and secured work in a shirt factory in Pittsburg. She was made her own living. She was a sweet shop, and she led in a strike. Some of the girls rioted and destroyed a store of the girls. It seems to be an indication of the Socialists and the Socialists and of alliance with Russia for the purpose of repressing liberty.

Tragedy of the Winter. The Crisis System—The press reports that Los Angeles county is sending an average of one person a day to the state insane asylum.

Tragedy of the Job—Samuel Goldstein, after standing in the bread line on the 18th of January in New York, was promised a job the following morning, and failing to get the work when he applied for it attempted suicide in despair. He was rescued by a fellow worker who took him to the hospital.

Capitalist Courts. When Socialism Comes—Prof. Walter Rothenbush, of the theological seminary, Rochester, recently declared himself a Socialist. He said that when Socialism is finally set up it will be a poor machine, but poor as it is, it will be the best the world has ever seen.

Petition on Woman Suffrage. To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States: We, the undersigned citizens of the United States, over 21 years of age, hereby petition your honorable bodies to ratify the proposed amendment to the national constitution which shall enable women to vote.

Progress of the Movement. The Glad Tidings, organ of the Latter Day Saints at Grand Rapids, Mich., has come out square-toed for Socialism.

Censoring the Press. N. L. A. Eastman, editor of the Gospel Worker, who was arraigned before the federal court at St. Louis, on the 17th inst., was indicted on a charge of libel against Warren, the alleged victim being the catholic cleric, which had been criticized by Eastman in a recent issue of the Worker. The prosecution, without Eastman offering any evidence in his own behalf.

How You Can Help the Appeal. Every subscriber we secure at 25 cents means a loss to the Appeal. We must secure a certain amount of advertising to make up this loss. Every reliable advertiser who does not use the Appeal. Every reader of the Appeal patronizes some reliable advertiser who does not use the Appeal. Every reader of the Appeal should write to such advertisers and tell them they ought to use the Appeal; that Appeal subscribers give orders for the Appeal and the trade of all other subscribers they must advertise in the Appeal. Every reader of the Appeal should write to such advertisers and tell them they ought to use the Appeal; that Appeal subscribers give orders for the Appeal and the trade of all other subscribers they must advertise in the Appeal.

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AMERICAN HOME LEAGUE.

Men or parties who will steal your votes, lie to you to get your votes, stuff ballot-boxes to get your votes, write letters to get your votes—hey you! Do this and you will lose your money and your liberties after they get into control. Have you ever read of any such incidents? Do a little thinking.

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GETTING UP STEAM.

Table with 3 columns: No. Yearly, No. Yearly, No. Yearly. Rows include Jan. 1, Jan. 2, Jan. 3, etc.

You will see by this report that the Army is getting in action again and it looks now as though the drag is over and that we are on the up grade in real earnest.

Do Your Part!

Victor Hugo once said that we need not worry about things beyond our power to do nor about things neglected by others for which we are not responsible.

That is what we also say to those faithful comrades who respond to every call and who now and then get discouraged because they feel that while they are doing their duty others are careless and indifferent and doing nothing.

Through all the ages there have been those human nonentities who could not or would not do anything. Perhaps they could not help it. At any rate beyond having served as atoms and molecules in the highway of human progress there is no trace that they ever lived.

But the men and women who do things, often under great difficulties, leave their impress upon their age and their names are to be found in the index of the volumes of human progress.

Those of our readers who have the fibre which keeps them active should not for a moment get discouraged because others fail to do their duty.

Just at present the Appeal is in the midst of a struggle that is taxing all its resources and as in the past it again turns toward those of its supporters who do things and asks them in all candor to do all that in their power lies to widen the hearing of the Appeal among the people.

A mighty issue is now involved and everything depends upon the people being aroused to the gravity of the situation.

The letters which pour in show that the Appeal is appreciated by many of the best men and women in the country and their words of commendation inspire the conviction that the Appeal is on the right track, that it is doing good work and that it is fairly entitled to the unflinching support of all who do things to hasten the coming of the day of justice.

Circulation by States.

Table with 3 columns: State, Circulation, Total. Lists states from Pennsylvania to Delaware.

What Will Pittsburg Do?

Already there are signs of weakening in the Pittsburg graft case. That the city administration is literally rotten to the core there is no doubt.

Reports from Pittsburg intimate that the sources of graft are in such "high

places and that such a number of "eminent" financiers and business men are implicated that powerful interests are at work to suppress the scandal and direct the prosecution into harmless channels.

The sources of all this corruption lie in capitalism and the beneficiaries are capitalists and that is why they are so violently opposed to Socialism which proposes to put an end to private ownership and public graft by the collective ownership of the social utilities.

NE of the strange things

about animals is that you can train them to do tricks wholly different from their natural acts. For instance, you can train a dog to jump through a hoop, and every time the dog sees a hoop it wants to jump through it.

The man who tries to get even never gets ahead. It remained for capitalism to produce the workless worker. Why not enjoin congress from raising the president's salary?

What an Admission!

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The Implement and Vehicle Record

of San Francisco, says that from 20 to 40 per cent of all who engage in the implement and vehicle business either fail, sell or retire every twelve months. But the machinery trust doesn't fail. Could there be stronger confirmation that the small dealer is being crowded out than these facts.

Comrades, when you are obliged

to spend a dollar, spend it with Socialists if you can. Send your printing to the Appeal office. Our motto is "Better Work for Less Money." We will send you samples and prices free. We prepay express charges on all work. Address Printing Department, Appeal to Reason, Girard, Kan.

A Pointer to Congress.

Do you gentlemen who compose the American congress really want to show up Theodore Roosevelt to the American people? The press dispatches say that the president has you bluffed and that you do not dare to make any real attack upon him for the reason that he is loaded to the muzzle with damaging and damning facts relating to both members of the senate and the house of representatives.

Whether this be true or not is not now the question. The question the Appeal puts to you is, do you really want to strip the mask from the hypocrite Roosevelt and show him to the American people as the most blatant demagogue and spectacular fraud that ever defiled the executive seat at Washington?

If you really mean to resent Roosevelt's insults all you have to do is to uncover his connection with notorious Alton steal. The Appeal will undertake to furnish you with the documentary proof that Roosevelt, while governor of New York, signed the special bill which enabled Harriman, at that time his pal, to loot the Chicago and Alton railroad company of over sixty million dollars.

This is a fact and it cannot be successfully denied. If you refuse to press this home to the president and make him responsible before the people for this crime the inference is then clear that what he says of you is true and that you dare not open your batteries on him for fear that he will open his on you and make disclosures that will utterly destroy what little confidence and respect the people still have for congress.

As a closing word, gentlemen, this paper is responsible for the charge herein made and it is the only paper of large circulation which has published it for the reason that corporation influences have been powerful enough to suppress it in both republican and democratic papers. Moreover, if you have the courage and honesty to face the president with this charge of criminal collusion we will guarantee to save you the trouble of resorting to Roosevelt's secret service by ourselves furnishing the proof strong as holy writ of Roosevelt's damning guilt.

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At the Country Store

What's the Matter With the Farm? "I wish Roosevelt's commission would come to me," remarked Pop Weasel, who had been reading up. "I could mighty soon tell them what's the matter with the farm."

"Well, play I'm in the commission," suggested Brother Ben. "Tell me." "It's because the cities are milking us. In the old populist days we used to have a picture of a big cow, which was feeding in the west and being milked in New York. That's the idea exactly. The populists had it right, by gum. You know it, Brother Ben. The east, just a little patch around New York, runs the whole works. Why, they tell us who is to be president, and you don't nominate a man from the west, even you Socialists don't."

Brother Ben smiled. "Suppose I should agree with you, Pop." "By gum, you know it's so. Why, them trust fellers in the east tell us they will pay us for our truck, and then they fix the price of things we buy. They get us coming and going, and they own our land and the mortgages on our land, and the railroads on which we ship things, and play with us just exactly like we was mice and they was cats."

Pop was growing enthusiastic. Brother Ben smiled all the broader as he suggested: "Of course the lonesomeness of the farm and the hard work and all that sort of thing which they talked about—"

Pop interrupted him: "Shucks," he said. "The hard work comes because them fellers gets us. And as for lonesomeness, I would as soon live in the country as not if I could make a goodish living. All them things is poppycock, as I heard the editor say once. We are exploited. I'll go with you that far. Them capitalist fellers has us in their grip, and the big west, like a great hulk of a man before a feller not knee high to him, is led around by the east, and the south is just fairly trampled on, and begs for the little feller to develop her. Lawsa'massa, it makes me fairly bile to think of it."

"And why does the east dominate us?" asked Brother Ben. "It's all on account of land, transportation and money."

"Is it? I thought it was on account of capitalist commercialism. If we had what you call a people's money could they not still exact profits from us, and we would still have to send our goods to the east for a market. We couldn't do this for nothing. If we owned the railroads under state capitalism you would be paying interest enough to swamp you; and as for the land, the farmer who could afford the best machinery and the best appliances would be the one who would make the most. So you see it is a matter of capitalism after all. Capitalism may be entrenched in the east, but it would be just as bad if it were entrenched in the west or the south. It is not the location of the masters that counts, but the fact of mastery; not concentration of capitalism into trusts, but the exploitation that goes with all capitalism."

"But we could stop a hull lot of it." "If you were stronger than the exploiters, you might. But they are now stronger than you are. Fifty years ago farming was the biggest industry in America. Now manufacturing is twice as big as it. The growth of capitalism is what has made the cities and the dominance of the east, and the supplanting of the farmer as a power is what makes him dissatisfied. Fifty years ago less than one in eleven of the people lived in the cities. Now one in every three do so. You can't go back to old conditions, and you cannot dictate to that which has grown to double your strength. The only way is to overthrow it completely and to destroy the system of exploitation. And if there was no exploitation—"

"By gum, there wouldn't be nothing the matter with the farm then."

In 1907 Japan exported \$1,177,683 worth of machinery. Most of it went to China, and consisted of cotton gins and printing presses. Feudalism is passing in the east, and the yellow people are becoming capitalists. They will hereafter compete with America and Europe. Already the United States has lost the bulk of its Philippine trade to Japan, and when these cotton gins get in operation in China we will find the yellow race, cooly labor, competing with the cotton industries of the southern states of America. Then the south will have a double race problem. And the yellow problem is likely to prove harder of solution than the black. The south has entered on a period of capitalism, and she will be done to a frazzle, and very rapidly, too.

Defenders of the system that is, say they are opposed to Socialism because it means confiscation. But they are very busy these days in confiscating the property and business of the saloons, breweries, distilleries and wholesale liquor dealers. State after state is going prohibition and the capital invested in the traffic is rendered wholly worthless and in many instances is taken possession of by the officers and burned. We have had many instances of this in Kansas. This is not defending the liquor traffic—it is only showing you that the interests that cry "confiscation" are themselves engaged in confiscation. And all the profits that flow to capitalists is wealth confiscated from the workers.

Cotton's Weekly, published at Cowansville, Canada, is a valuable addition to the Socialist propaganda of the dominion. It is edited with striking ability and is destined to be a power in politics over there. It is more like the Appeal than any paper that has appeared. Canadian comrades should send for a sample copy.

Judicial Veto Power.

One important case after another is being decided against the people by the United States supreme court. Among the latest is that of the Colorado land cases, putting an end to litigation in regard to land frauds. Only a few days ago it was the Standard Oil company, annulling in effect the much discussed twenty-nine million dollar fine. At nearly the same time Harriman was absolved from answering the questions of the interstate commerce commission in regard to railroad jobberies.

The supreme court is the highest tribunal of the nation and it uses every particle of that power in the interest of the ruling class and to keep the working class in subjection. But the worst of all is that this capitalist supreme tribunal has absolutely usurped the veto power. The laws of congress avail nothing. The representatives of the people are so many dummies drawing big salaries under false pretenses. It is the supreme court which decides what is law and what is not law. All laws are subject to review by this court and may be declared null at its own will and pleasure.

This usurpation of the judicial veto power was never intended by the framers of the constitution and the founders of the public. There is absolutely no constitutional warrant and no authority of law for it. This function has been usurped deliberately, and strangely enough the people have submitted as tamely as so many swine and sheep.

There is no other court on the face of the globe that has the despotic power, the power of judicial absolutism, usurped, stolen and exercised by the supreme court of the United States.

What avails it the working class even if it can secure the passage of an anti-injunction law, or an eight hour law, or any other law favorable to labor so long as a capitalist supreme court has the power to declare it unconstitutional.

If any legislative act of congress could bring relief it would be to strip the supreme court of the veto power, not delegated to it by the constitution, but boldly usurped by it at the behest of the property class to perpetuate its rule of slavery.

The judicial veto of the supreme court is a lawless assumption of unbridled and irresponsible power which should arouse the protest of all the workers and all other fair minded citizens of the United States.

Clippings from local papers show that the "bread line" has arrived in every considerable town in the nation. Think of the citizens of the richest nation on earth standing in line begging for a cent's worth of bread! And the men whom you elect to run the nation tell you this is all right! It should cause the blush of shame to flush every cheek. But instead of that we vote the president \$100,000 a year salary! This must be because the president has been mis-managing affairs, for certainly you cannot claim that reducing thousands to beggary is good management. How long are public affairs to be managed solely in the interest of the rich while the workers are starving and freezing? There is wealth enough for all, and this wealth has been produced by the workers, some of whom are starving. How long, O! Lord, how long?

The rich are envious of the well being of the poor. They desire to hire them for the least wages possible, which means that they want the workers to have little but want most themselves. You often hear thoughtless people saying that Socialism is merely envy of the rich. Just the reverse is true. We do not envy the rich, but we desire to have the workers live as well as they do. If there be any in want, let it be those who will not work.

The propaganda to free the refugees is taking hold of the people and they are beginning to smell something very rotten in a land far from Denmark. Since the Socialist papers have opened their batteries some of the capitalist papers are now beginning to feebly protest. Keep up the fire, boys, all along the line.

It is proposed to put a tax of five cents a pound on coffee, just to protect the coffee drinkers of this country! Of course it is not done to protect the rich from paying an income tax to support the government. Perish the thought! And you poor chumps can't see anything.

Another Judicial Black Eye.

The supreme court of the United States has "handed down" another of its justly celebrated self-acting capitalist decisions. In this instance the decision is not against labor directly but against "the government." Whenever there is an issue between "the government" and the plutocratic trusts and corporations "the government" gets all that is coming to it.

For years "the government" has been prosecuting the notorious land frauds which have been perpetrated in Colorado and other western states, in which Senator Borah achieved unsavory eminence, but escaped the penalty through the friendly offices of Theodore Roosevelt and his accommodating administration. These cases, involving millions of acres of the choicest lands stolen from "the government," were carried to the supreme court and now that plutocratic adjunct has decided against "the government," thrown the cases out of court, and put an end to the litigation.

Thus the millionaire pirates keep possession of their stolen empire and go scot free with a clean bill from the supreme court.

It will now be in order for the anti-Socialists with delicate sensibilities of right and wrong to ask how Socialists will get possession of these lands and other things stolen by the plutocrats when Socialists get into power. This ought to be dead easy and we have sufficient faith in the intelligence of Socialists to believe that it will be when the time comes.

It is of course perfectly natural that these issues in favor of the plutocrats in the capitalist system public officials, including supreme judges, are the tools of the capitalists. Only those who do the bidding of the capitalists can succeed in capitalist politics.

All the members of the supreme court without exception were appointed through plutocratic influences. The great capitalists who furnish the campaign funds and control the votes of the working slaves see that no man reaches the supreme court unless his record attests both his capacity and ambition to serve the ruling class.

Let these decisions come thick and fast and some time the people will tremble from the hypnotic spell cast over them by capitalism and sweep the system from the track of progress.

One-third of the whole population is engaged, not in production, but in preventing production. How many thousands would be farming today if they were permitted the use of land? or would be mining if they were permitted? or would be making things if they were permitted? Can you not see that a system that prevents men and women from doing things that should be done, making things they are in need of, is all wrong? Why should the workers be put to being servants of the few who call rich, the few who won't work, the few who are reveling in luxury they have not helped to produce? If you had any sense you could see things are upside down. The useful people are at the bottom and the useless people are on top. Not only here, but everywhere on earth is this true. Look at Italy, at Spain, at Russia, at China, at Japan, at Mexico—everywhere you see the same condition. Wake up.

Oh, if you were only as persistent in putting Socialist papers into the hands of your neighbors as are the Russian patriots! They do it at the risk of their lives, and the printed sheets cost enormously because they have to be printed in secret or else smuggled into the country, while you can buy them openly at a ridiculously small price and are not endangered by the act. If your neighbor will not read one paper, get another and hand it to him. Isn't industrial liberty worth doing your utmost to achieve?

The divine right of property has ceased to be a fetish, along with the divine right of kings.

A Socialist in Congress.

Suggestions as to What He Might Do. Introduce a bill to abrogate those features of the treaty with Russia and other countries that permit political refugees to be returned.

Introduce a resolution that no court dare pass on a legislative act, but must take it as it is.—Charles Hockenbrouch, Cleveland, Ohio.

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