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Don't get mad. Let the other fellow do that. Talk quietly to your opponent, because if you get excited the force of what you say will be lost. Keep cool. You have the best of your capitalist opponent on every point discussed. No general ever won a battle by getting angry and dashing blindly into the fray. Keep your mind on the alert for the weak spot in your opponent's armor. Then land on him. You have the argument and the Appeal's "Arsenal" will supply you with the facts. Any agitator equipped with this little book, handsomely and substantially bound in fine morocco leather, just the right size to fit snugly into the vest pocket, is equipped to do battle with any aggregation of capitalist politicians, lawyers, preachers, bankers, capitalist-minded workmen that you will run against in a year's time. It is a perfect mine of information, arranged for ready reference, and will supply data on any question in economics which may arise. Remember; this little booklet is not for sale at any price. It's yours for twelve subscribers to the Appeal to Reason or the purchase of twelve postal sub cards. A little work will equip you for the fray.

## PREACHING AND PRACTICE.

Why don't Socialists practice what they preach? They preach that all productive capital should be the property of society—what you understand by public ownership. Now how can they practice that? Can they use the public railroads when the roads are not public? Can they deal with public coal mines, public iron mines, public oil production, public sugar production, public packeries, public manufactures, and so on when there are no such things? For Socialists to give their property away would not make public property. It would still be private property and make no change in social conditions at all. As well ask the Russian social revolutionists why they don't practice their ideal of a republic under the czar. Only foolish people ask such questions. It is asking the impossible. If it were possible to practice Socialism, Socialists would do it, because that is what they are wanting. The rest of the people might go to thunder, if they wanted to, if Socialists could practice what they are teaching. The present system has to give way to the new, just as the control of the American colonies by the king had to give way before the American republic could be established.

So long as there is a child slave in a factory, mine or store; so long as there is a mother forced to toil long hours in a sweat shop; so long as there is a man willing to work who can find nothing to do, there will be need of the Appeal to Reason. The Socialist press is fighting single handed the battles of the working class in the United States. No other voice in all this broad land is raised in defense of the helpless children and women and out-of-work men. For its part, the Appeal wants to serve notice here and now on plutocracy that no threats of prison and criminal libel suits will cause it to abate one jot its agitation. Bring on your plutocratic lawyers, your corporation-bought judges and your juries composed of partisan blind republicans! We appeal to a higher court—the great American public. Temporarily you may win, but the final victory belongs to Socialism!

Last year there was a million dollars secured by the burglars in New York city. Must have been a "prosperous" year for them. But then they are entitled to a large reward because they have the brains, don't you know! That's what the capitalists say about themselves, and if the burglars have the brains and energy to get away with a million a year, why not? The reason, we are told, that a workman is entitled to only two dollars a day is because he can't earn any more—hasn't the brains. Under Socialism there would be no incentive to rob. Every man's income would be a known quantity and there would be no private stores or shops in which to dispose of the loot. But then capitalism is the flower of civilization and burglary is one of its petals. See?

When the possible reward of doing wrong is greater than the possible reward of doing right, the wrong act will flourish. Under Socialism there could come no permanent good for any wrong act, while right acts would be entitled to their public reward. The income of every person would be as public as the income of any government or state and county official, and when one was receiving more than that income they could not hide it and would at once receive the approbrium of all other citizens. There would be no deeds, mortgages, bonds or other methods to hide away their filchings. Men who are afraid or ashamed to have their neighbors know their real condition have something crooked about them. Just men will welcome a just system.

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## EVERY SUCCESS IS BUILT ON THE MISFORTUNE OF THE OTHER FELLOW.

The cheapest and most effective appeal labor can make is to the ballot box.

SOCIALISTS are after the earth and all it contains—for the workers and not the shirkers.

WHEN any government arrests its malcontents, that government is not resting easily or surely.

WHEN the workers become more agitated about owning the job they will be less agitated about losing it.

WHEN the industrial depression becomes deep enough it will serve as a grave in which to bury capitalism.

DON'T send the Appeal clippings which you want returned. They are either used, filed away, or destroyed.

PATTEN has increased the hole in the doughnut so much that that is about all the average wage-worker can see.

EVERY suppression of agitation is like the suppression of dynamite in the earth—it makes it all the more powerful.

THE Standard Oil company really cannot be expected to pay fines, because it needs the money with which to pay dividends.

SUN and rain, wind and heat, all work for the growth of the plant. These furries in social life are all helping toward the revolution.

Socialism is an intellectual movement with a heart, yet sometimes it is recruited from the cellars of the tenements, and empty bellies preach it.

PATRIOTISM is a word used by capitalists for the purpose of inducing the workers to kill each other and so relieve the depression with their carcasses.

THE employer usually prefers to hire the man with a job to the man who has none. From him that hath not is taken even that he hath when he is put in an institution and required to work and give the proceeds all away.

In sending manuscript to the Appeal you should always keep a copy of it. So many are received that we cannot agree to return the manuscript. Save a copy and you will not be in danger of losing your work.

It is now stated that the government of Mexico is going to "socialize" the water power and public utilities of Mexico. But, inasmuch as this is to be done by having the government (Diaz) own 51 per cent of the stock in the concessions, Americans to own the remainder, one can readily see it is merely a plan to "cinch" profit for the masters.

COMRADE F. E. HARWOOD was a mail carrier on Route No. 2, Missoula, Mont., and a faithful servant of the government. Last fall he distributed copies of the Appeal to Reason. Three days later he was discharged from the service. O, yes this is a free country and a man may say what he pleases and circulate such literature as he pleases so long as it does not antagonize the Washington administration. Free press and free speech! What a mockery.

THE Appeal is in possession of private advices to the effect that the Washington government has sent suggestions to all banks that they withdraw as rapidly as possible outstanding loans. Either the government officials anticipate another panic or else they are making arrangements to flood the country with the \$500,000,000 in wild cat currency now stacked up in the government printing office. The plan is to get all the real money in bank vaults and issue this fiat script in its place. The wise man who has a little money will put it in postoffice money orders where it will be as safe as funds can be under this system.

THE tariff tax collected on sugar amounts in one year to \$150,000,000. As the working class consumes nine-tenths of the sugar imported into this country it follows that out of their meagre wages comes this vast sum which goes into the coffers of the government to be, in turn, squandered on battle ships which are obsolete the day after launched. Under public ownership sugar could be produced and delivered to your door for two cents per pound and the labor which does the work will receive better wages than now paid it by the sugar trust. You prefer the old way and condemn the Socialists who are trying to make you realize how you are robbed.

If Senator Platt is to be believed, Roosevelt was not eligible for governor of New York, when he was elected. Roosevelt had made oath that his residence was Washington. The New York state constitution provides that a man must be a resident of that state before he can act as governor. A little thing like that did not prevent Platt and his associates making Roosevelt governor to the end that they might use him in their shady financial operations. And in the face of this record, Roosevelt prates glibly of the "immorality of the Socialists." There are thousands of Socialist office holders in Europe and America but there is no instance on record proving that a Socialist has sworn to a lie for a petty office.

## A WORD FROM DEBS.

Comrade Debs was called to the bedside of a dying sister in Terre Haute two weeks ago. The loved one passed away two days after 'Gene's' arrival. Since that time our loyal comrade has been bowed down with grief and with the duties imposed in laying to rest the remains of one who had for so many years stood by him in his fight against injustice and oppression. On receiving the telegram from 'Washington' printed in last week's Appeal I wired Comrade Debs and below I print his reply:

"My Dear Fred: Your telegram came yesterday. I would have answered sooner but pressing duties prevented. I do not think the suit will be brought against Wayland and myself, but I am half inclined to wish that it might. I do not shrink from it in the least so far as I am concerned. We have written only the truth, or rather, but a small part of the truth, and we have nothing to take back. If the action is brought the only question in my mind is whether I will attempt any legal defense. I am inclined, if arraigned, to plead not guilty and refuse to be represented by legal counsel. That kind of a defense in a capitalist court is a waste of money and a farce. However, we will talk about that when I get back which will be as soon as I can get things in order here. As for having libeled the marshal that is uproariously funny. If he brings that action I will give him his money's worth. I already know a good deal about him and his record and I have it very straight. I will make it my business to get the rest if he opens fire. My only concern in the case is the Appeal. For myself I do not care. I know they can send me to the pen if they want to, but that will matter very little. We are in this fight and it is just beginning and some of us will have to go and it might as well be myself as anybody else. But I am thinking about what effect it will have on the Appeal? I believe it cannot be otherwise than good. The only consideration with the administration and its corporation supporters is the breaking of the Appeal and I'll stake anything I have that they can not do it. If the government brings these suits the Appeal will gain more than it will lose. In any event the Appeal will grow bigger and stronger and this being true we can stand the rest. If they open fire we will have our chance. Wickersham and the higher government officials are too shrewd to bring suit in their own names. They will back it and use Mackey as their goat. Let them come! Without personal boasting if I could meet them on equal ground with 10,000 of the common people as a jury I would clean out the last bunch to the last pin feather in about twenty minutes. I will be with you soon and then we will clean the deck for action. Best love to you all."

## THE "EYE" OF THE APPEAL.

The premature publication of the plans of the government has thrown consternation into the camps of the plutes. The intention of Bone and Mackey to bring criminal libel suits against Debs and Wayland was known to not more than a dozen high government officials ten days ago. The Appeal's Washington correspondent, ever on the alert, secured the information printed last week. On receipt of the telegram from Washington I wired the local editor of the Topeka Capital and asked if Mackey and Bone were in Washington. This put the local newspaper next to the game and the article which we print in another column is the result of the Capital's investigation. Many of our readers will wonder how it is possible for the Appeal to know the secrets of the administration. This is a source of surprise and chagrin to the government itself. The Appeal can say nothing further than that we have many good friends among high government officials, not only in Washington, but elsewhere. We must use discretion in giving out this information so that we will not compromise our informant. The Appeal is in possession of information touching things which the United States government will do that would cause a political revolution were we to spring it at this time. To do so would compromise some of our good friends and ruin them for life. This we can not and will not do. This information is given to us with the sacred understanding that our government friends are to be protected. But it is worth a good deal to us to know what to expect. Just bear in mind that the Appeal has never made a "bad guess" in its history.

This is a gum shoe administration. The trusts are quietly getting there.

THE capitalists' system is pulling itself down by its own concentration.

WHAT fools our revolutionary ancestors were to kick up trouble about six cents import tax on tea; when the foreigners paid it anyhow! Do you see the joke?

It is no crime to kill a governor in Kentucky—if he is an anti-monopoly man. The pardon by Governor Wilson of the assassins, before they were even brought to trial, shows how the republican machine loves law and order! Do you think Socialists would have been pardoned?

The work people should be satisfied with their wage dole, but the capitalists should not be satisfied with their profits. Only the enterprising man is seeking a further expansion of business for the emoluments thereof. Others are old foggies, don't you know. Is it not singular that what is commendable in capitalists should be reprehensible in work people.

If you employed a man to do certain work for you and you did not understand the work and could not tell whether he was doing it right or not, you would certainly not get good service very long. But you think you know what kind of men to put into office that makes the laws governing your life and the distribution of the wealth you make without any knowledge of government yourself! That is why the trusts rule you!

ONE never knows anything about what he never hears of. If you would have others understand Socialism you must arrange that the subject comes under their observation—the oftener the better. If your neighbors read the Appeal they will think about it. Most of them never heard of the subject at all. Socialists hundreds of miles away do not know their names, could not reach them and besides they have neighbors near them. You must do the work that is needed near you. It is your work and nobody but you can do it.

You had to go over your problems in mathematics many times before you got the real understanding of the principles. Do you think you can understand politics by the hit-and-miss manner you used in studying it? You will have to study books and think out the reasons from many view points, otherwise you will be the dupe of designing politicians as your ancestors were. No man is a competent voter who does not understand something of economics. Do you?

Eight years ago, Edwin S. Madden was given the job of "putting the Appeal out of business." After several years of fruitless endeavor Madden was requested to resign. He dropped out of the public service and out of sight, but the Little Old Appeal waves as defiantly and triumphantly as of yore, with its power for good trebled. So long as the Appeal Army stands behind this paper we defy the Roosevelt-Taft administration to hamper it in the least.

WHAT a crazy system. If a drought comes the bulls get rich and the bears and the farmers lose. If it rains and the crops are good, the price falls, the bears win and the bulls lose and the farmers get no more for a big crop than for a short one! That is why the night riders try to keep the acreage restricted. Really, do you not think a system where a small crop is more desired than a big one, is insane? Under the Socialist principle a short crop would be bad for every one and good for no one, while a big crop would be good for every one and no one would be injured by it.

A FEW weeks ago the country was beguiled with the spectacle of senators and congressmen standing pat for free oil because it was thought that in this way the Standard could be injured. Imagine the surprise of these patriotic gentlemen when they discovered that the Standard owned thousands of acres of oil land in Mexico and that with the duty removed it would ship its Mexican produced crude oil across the Mexican border in preference to buying crude oil produced in the United States. Then the sentiment changed and they are talking now of putting a duty on oil which suits the Standard very well as this tariff will also cover the products of petroleum. The game as played by the Standard is "heads, I win; tails, you lose!"

It is said that Patten, the cornerer of wheat, made five million dollars out of his deal. It is more profitable to farm the farmer than to raise wheat. Under Socialism wheat will be raised by the nation, and the people will pay for it just what was paid others for producing it. Speculation in it or any other thing will be impossible. But the farmers, who are millions, vote to have one little group of men make millions off them. The farmers are afraid Socialism would make them divide up! Just as though they were not forced to divide up with the Pattens, the millers' trust, the transportation trusts, the manufacturers' trust and all the other trusts, to say nothing of supporting us fellows in the cities and towns. The farmers are easy.

## WHAT IS YOUR LIFE FOR?

Every effort of your life is to supply yourself and loved ones with a good home, good things to eat, clothes and pleasures, and to lay up enough to live in comfort in your old age or sickness and to give your children a start in life better than you had. Now isn't this for what you work and plan and scheme? And how few of you have ever secured these things? It is for this that you go out and hunt for work, for which you learn a trade or vocation, for which you skimp and save and plan; for which you organize unions, scab, or invest. To aid your efforts many of you have done many little dirty acts that you would be ashamed to have published. So much for so much. Most of you would do any act that did not threaten you with criminal punishment to get on "easy street." So it is not that you are too good. You are opposed to Socialism that would assure you and your children all these good conditions, not because of its being bad, but because you don't know that it would secure you these things you legitimately strive for. If you knew that Socialism would satisfy your longings in the matter of the material things of life you could not be kept from voting it. You are not too good, even if you did have some scruples. The reason that you are not in favor of Socialism is your ignorance of what Socialism is and what it will do for you and your children. That's rather harsh, isn't it? But it is true. Read up and see if it isn't.

## HUMAN NATURE.

You cannot change human nature, eh?  
Then what do you want to destroy the saloon for?  
You cannot change human nature?  
But you continue to pass laws against stealing, against forgery, against murder, against bigamy, against everything you don't like.  
You can't change human nature?  
But you continue to build school houses, employ teachers, appoint truant officers, inspect food products, build churches and employ preachers and exhort the people.  
What do you do it for?  
Do you think laws that would employ people to construct good houses to live in, build modern factories to make things in, buy and operate farms to employ people on, could not be operated just as well as the things you are now doing?  
Because human nature cannot be changed, do you suppose that nobody would be willing to accept good employment at three or four times what they get now? Are they refusing employment now, when they can get it? Are the men you vote into office so corrupt that you fear to trust them? If so, why don't you pass a law making no public or elective offices at all? If public employment is such a bad thing, so repugnant to "human nature," why don't you abolish government and have anarchy at once? Take your brains out and have them examined and find out what's the matter with you.

## WHO IS GUILTY?

Speaking of destroying the family, did you ever hear about Morganatic marriages? Possibly never heard of them? Well, go to your encyclopedia and read up about them and see what people practiced them. You will find the rich and powerful were the ones who practiced this free love-just business, and these very fellows are the ones who are strenuously opposed to Socialism because they assert, it is in favor of free love! Just the thief yelling "stop thief!" to divert attention from his own acts. Our rich men practice free love, many of them in the cities keeping several houses, only they are not given the sanction of the law, as is done in Europe, when the rich desire to enjoy the persons of beauty. The capitalist system and its upholders are the ones who are practicing free love and destroying the family. Few indeed are there of them whose private life would look well in the sunlight. The ten thousand professional prostitutes in the city of Chicago, to say nothing of probably as many more that are not "public," tell the story of the virtue, chastity and love of home by the capitalists. See anything green in your eye?

## LABOR, KEEP OUT OF POLITICS

There is not a law on the statute books of the nation or states under which Labor has been crucified, but what was enacted by republicans and democrats.  
And yet Labor votes the old party tickets!  
There has not been a judge, federal or state, that delivered sentences against labor unions, but who were elected or appointed by republicans and democrats.  
And yet Labor votes the old party tickets!  
There has never been a sheriff's posse or a militia company or federal soldiers sent to aid employers to overawe and intimidate or shoot working people, but were ordered to do so by republican and democratic officials.  
And yet Labor votes the old party tickets!  
But Labor should stay out of politics and keep voting in the future just as it has in the past, in order to not break up the unions! Funny, isn't it?

## MAY BRING TWO LIBEL CASES

Mackey and Bone are in Washington and it is Reported They May Sue Debs

Topeka Capital, May 31.  
Dispatches issuing from Washington indicate that Eugene V. Debs is liable to become defendant in a criminal libel suit brought by the United States government as complainant, as a result of the Socialist leader's attack on United States Marshal W. H. Mackey, Jr. It is probable, too, that if any action is taken, J. A. Wayland, publisher of the Appeal to Reason of Girard, Kan., will become defendant in a civil libel suit as publisher of that paper, in which the attack was made.

Ever since Fred Warren, editor of the Appeal to Reason, was convicted a few weeks ago for violating the postal laws by printing on business envelopes an offer of \$1,000 to the person kidnaping ex-Governor Taylor and delivering him to the authorities in Kentucky the Appeal to Reason has been devoting many columns of space to the trial from a socialistic viewpoint. In one of the many stories printed was one in which United States Marshal Mackey was accused of packing the jury. The supposition is that this attack was made by Debs, who contributes to the Appeal to Reason.

The dispatches coming from Washington do not give any more information than the fact that United States Attorney Bone and Marshal Mackey are in Washington conferring with Attorney General Wickersham. Mackey and Bone went to Washington about the middle of the week on invitation of the attorney general, who has been working closely all the movements in the Girard case.

Warren, the editor, was convicted by a jury, but he is still out of jail pending a decision on a motion for a new trial.

## CONFIRMED BY AN ADMINISTRATIVE ORGAN.

The Topeka Capital, official mouthpiece of the Taft administration in Kansas, in its issue of Monday of last week, printed the above story confirming the special telegram sent to the Appeal from Washington. It would seem that the ponderous machinery controlled by the Washington administration is to be set in motion to crush the Appeal to Reason. This paper, to quote a government official, has "placed itself outside the pale of law, and it is entitled to and will receive no quarter from the attorney general of the United States." I have told you repeatedly in these columns that this is what we should expect and prepare for. For three years I have seen this crisis approaching. Every preparation to strengthen the position of the Appeal has been made and we enter this contest without fear. In the beginning, I want to caution you not to believe the stories that will be printed in the daily press about this paper. While the Appeal is to be attacked in the courts and put to an enormous expense a campaign of billingsgate and misrepresentation will be inaugurated through the columns of the capitalist press. You will remember the stories sent out from Denver just preceding and following the arrest of the officers of the Western Federation of Miners. So cunningly were these stories written that many friends were deceived and discouraged.

While we are fighting the Appeal's battles in capitalist courts before juries composed of partisan republicans you must do your share of the work. I cannot go personally to the thousands of people who would subscribe for this paper if I could talk to them. THIS WORK YOU MUST DO. Let us prepare for the conflict by starting now. This will give us a decided advantage. May I count on you?

CLARENCE S. DARROW, representing the Appeal, went to Washington a year ago and laid before the attorney general thousands of postal cards on which were printed awards for the capture of men accused of crime. The attorney general admitted that these cards were a violation of the statute as interpreted by the department for the purpose of bringing a case against the Appeal. "Then why not prosecute these bankers, private detective agencies, marshals and sheriffs," mildly suggested Darrow. The government attorney shrugged his shoulders and smiled contemptuously. His only answer was to open a drawer in his desk, disclosing more than fifty copies of the Appeal to Reason of different dates with paragraphs marked and underscored with a blue pencil. "We are after the Appeal to Reason," said the government official. The plain inference is that the government, unable after long years of effort to find an instance wherein the Appeal had violated the law, in desperation decided to so twist the federal statutes that a case could be made and an indictment returned. It made no difference to the United States authorities that the court of appeals had rendered a decision stating explicitly that the section under which Warren was indicted was designed by congress

to "protect the party to whom the letter was addressed." As is generally known this statute was enacted by congress to protect the public from the dead beat collection agencies. But a little thing like a court decision, where it interferes with the plan of the plutocrats to put the Appeal out of business, could be conveniently ignored. There will come a time when this high handed and outrageous attempt to throttle a free press will be resented as effectually as it was in 1860.

## ATTORNEY GENERAL WICKERSHAM ON THE JOB.

Copies of the Appeal to Reason containing these attacks reached Attorney General Wickersham at Washington and he summoned Bone and Mackey to discuss the question of bringing criminal libel cases against Debs and Wayland. Bone and Mackey are still in Washington.—From a Topeka telegram printed in Girard Press.

The latest news from Washington indicates that Uncle Sam is not through with his fight against the publishers of the Appeal to Reason. Bone is now in Washington getting suit ready.—Fort Scott Tribune-Monitor, Tuesday, June 1.

From these reports and others which have reached the Appeal during the past two weeks it is now quite certain that the present administration, through its attorney general, has taken up the fight started by Roosevelt to "put the Appeal out of business." Wickersham has been picked out by Taft because of his qualifications for the job. For years he was attorney for the banking house of Morgan & Company and is an active partner in the Lawyers' Security Co., of New York, a concern organized to look after the interests of the big capitalists. The "Directory of Directors of New York," a book containing all the names of New York financiers of prominence gives the following information respecting Mr. Wickersham:

George W. Wickersham, 40 Wall St., New York, director Lawyers' Security Co.; director Mexican International R. R. Co.; director National Railway Co. of Mexico.

Ah! We now begin to see clearly. Wickersham being a large stockholder and a director in the Mexican International R. R. Co., has a personal interest in suppressing the Appeal to Reason. This paper has dared tell the truth about Mr. Wickersham's partner, Porfirio Diaz, of Mexico. For he is known that Diaz, as the dictator of Mexico, owns 47 per cent of the stock of both these Wickersham railroad corporations. Wickersham, therefore, because of these strong financial connections, is vitally interested in maintaining the Diaz dynasty. Any interference with the exploitation of the 14,000,000 people in the southern republic means an interference with the income of Mr. Wickersham. We also understand how it happened that Oscar Lawler, of Los Angeles, prominently identified with the persecution of the Mexican patriots, was given a soft seat in Taft's cabinet.

The Appeal feels that it has won a decided victory in forcing the administration to come out into the open and fight. It is a small matter to the Appeal how many cases we lose in capitalist courts. We understand that we are to receive no consideration at the hands of plutocratic tribunals. We expect none. But we know that this persecution will do more to extend the Socialist propaganda than anything we can do. Conscious of having committed no crime, imbued with the thought that we are fighting the battles of the toiling millions of this nation we are willing to make any sacrifice that will make certain Socialism's victory.

We await calmly and with confidence the next move of the government.

CITIZENS' PROTEST.

Monster Mass Meeting in Tombstone, Ariz., Petitions Taft for Pardon for Mexican Patriots.

Had it not been for the corporational influences in Arizona it is very unlikely that Magon, Villarreal and Rivera would have been convicted of the charge of conspiring to violate the neutrality laws of the United States.

In Tombstone at the beginning of the trial there was some division of public sentiment, though the majority of those who expressed themselves were convinced of the innocence of the prisoners.

Even The Tombstone Prospector, the only daily newspaper in the town, dependent as it is upon the good graces of the mining corporations for existence, saw the drift of public sentiment and governed itself accordingly.

As has been shown in a previous issue of the Appeal to Reason the jury which convicted the Mexican patriots was a corporation jury.

hold a mass meeting of protest against the unrighteous and unjust verdict. With Attorney Cleary, Miss Luella Twining and Senorita Andrea Villarreal Gonzalez as speakers the people of Tombstone assembled the following Friday night in the largest hall and passed resolutions asking that President Taft immediately pardon Magon, Villarreal and Rivera.

HELD FOR EXTRADITION.

If Calixto Guerra is extradited thirty-seven others will be handed to Dictator Diaz to be shot for political offenses. The Rudowitz-Pouren trials to be re-enacted in Texas.

In the town of Eagle Pass, Texas—five hundred yards from the border line between Mexico and the United States—is the Maverick county jail. Inside of its yellow-brick oven-hot walls lies Calixto Guerra, waiting the decision of the district court upon Mexico's demand for his extradition.

But Guerra does not stand alone in jeopardy; if he goes over the line thirty-seven other Mexican patriots, who fought in the Las Vacas uprising of last June will go with him.

Will the Mexican dictator succeed? Is it possible for Diaz to extradite his enemies from American soil where the Czar of Russia recently failed to extradite Rudowitz and Pouren?

Representing the Political Refugee Defense League and accompanied by Guerra's son, Cristobal, I had no difficulty in entering the jail at Eagle Pass.

rushes from point to point through the streets under a deadly fire from the soldiers hidden in the houses. For five hours the fight continued and in spite of the odds, Las Vacas was practically in the hands of the men of the liberal party when the last remaining cartridges were fired leaving the revolutionists helpless and forced to retire.

For taking part in this attempt to overthrow the Mexican dictator Calixto Guerra lies in the Maverick county jail awaiting the decision of District Judge Douglas upon the question of his extradition.

The wealth of the United States, properly adjusted would provide each family with a home that would today be reckoned at about \$4,000 and leave about \$1,000 for the machinery of production, which is the amount necessary under present conditions.

There is only one idea that can replace the erroneous one. All progress of the race can come from just one idea followed out. That one idea is the impulse to investigate.

Now that the sugar they wanted it never so badly? That principle is involved in profit no matter how small the profit is.

THE masses play the game of capitalism without the slightest knowledge of the rules of the game. Thousands of men will be drawn to a common center and build a magnificent city—but they who build never own it.

It is all right for capitalists to offer a reward for the arrest of men who steal from them, but it is a crime for a Socialist to demand the reward for the capture of a capitalist who is under indictment for murder.

CONTROLLED BY AN IDEA.

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FAMILY OF EIGHT AND DOLLAR A DAY.

On a train recently I engaged a working man in conversation. He was a railroad man who had been disabled by accident, and had been given a job as flagman on the Katy system over in a Missouri town, at the magnificent salary of \$30 a month, which included Sundays and all for twelve hours a day.

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The Man Who Bought an Island

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The Secret Agent.

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