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TO THE ARMY.

The few loyal comrades who have stood by the Appeal in "these times that try men's souls" have won my enduring gratitude. Never can I forget them. If the day is saved they will have saved it. The Army is now in the crucible and every member is being tried by the fires which separate the dross from the pure metal.

THE OLD PARTY VOTER.

Did you ever hear an old party voter say that a "stray copy" of this or that paper converted him from the Socialist faith to the principles of either the democratic or republican parties? No, you never did. Democrats and republicans do not print the kind of literature that will make converts. On the other hand, you will find countless thousands who will tell you that it was a "stray copy" of this or that Socialist paper caught their eyes and won them from old party ranks. Here is a lesson every Socialist should heed. No Socialist agitator—and every Socialist should be an agitator—should be without a bundle of "stray copies" of a Socialist paper. They will be as bread cast upon the waters.

BUSTING THE TRUSTS.

During the Roosevelt administration there was no end of fuss and fustian about the prosecution of the beef trust by the federal government. Special attorneys were employed at great expense and the boast was made that the beef trust would soon be laid low by the mighty powers of the federal administration. The end has come at last and it is just as we predicted and just as it must have been. Attorney General Wickersham, the Wall Street lawyer, has put a quietus on the prosecution. Gilson Gardner the Washington correspondent puts it in this way:

"By one stroke of the pen George W. Wickersham, formerly personal attorney for J. P. Morgan and partner of Brother Henry Taft, Wall Street, New York, and now attorney general of the United States, has brought to naught months of patient work in beef trust rebate cases."

Wickersham, the attorney general and trust lawyer, ended the cases in a manner peculiarly refreshing in its frankness and directness. He did not beat around the bush. As a trust lawyer in a trust administration he treated the beef trust as it deserves to be treated in the house of its friends.

Why should the beef trust be persecuted under its own administration? Was not Taft elected by the trusts and is he not their pampered darling for the decisions he has rendered to smoothen their pathway and rid them of opposition?

Wickersham simply wrote a letter to the beef trust firms saying that he knew they intended to do no wrong and that no good could come by prosecuting them in the courts. This is the easiest and most convenient method of ending the beef trust cases. Roosevelt swooped down upon them in one of his justly celebrated San Juan hill charges with plumes flying and trumpets braying, and all the world, applauding, and now the whole fiasco ends by Wickersham apologizing on behalf of the administration and asking the beef trust to excuse the government for what was done before the election to fool the people into voting for four more years of trust administration.

HORRIBLE EXAMPLES.

The Appeal is flooded with examples of injustices inflicted on individuals under this system. Unemployed starving, prisoners abused, poor people unjustly imprisoned, and a thousand other horrors are told. Many of them might be written up and serve as examples illustrating the horrors of the system. But the Appeal simply has not room to report a tenth of them. However, it does print and will print some examples which show how criminal capitalism is. These may not always be the most striking examples. But they will serve to direct public attention to conditions. And then the Appeal, while unable to aid in many cases where it would like to do so, is working for an abrogation of a system whose fruits these are, and in doing that is rendering the best service possible. If terrible stories you send are not written up, do not consider that the Appeal is not touched by them. It wishes it could show up all the rottenness. But it has also to talk of better things.

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Every copy of the Appeal to Reason is paid for before it leaves this office. It has been paid for by your subscription. You need not investigate the doctrine it takes. It will be rendered and the paper will be promptly discontinued when your subscription expires.

This issue is, human right vs. property right.

CAPITALISM morality is properly spelled more-all-ity.

UNDERNEATH his prejudice and ignorance, every man is a Socialist.

SOCIALISM is a system that would increase wealth, but it would see that the people who create it retain it.

The workers of the world have played the jackass so long it is time for them to kick, and kick hard.

CAPITALISTS want you to think—that they are right and that things must always be as they are. But you have another think coming.

No man can do well unless he is well-to-do. The bread and butter problem must be solved before the world can be decent, much less moral.

CAPITALISM makes criminals, and the capitalist state finds its function in jailing and hanging the criminals—anything to get rid of the waste.

The workers ought to have what they made and what they alone can use—that is, all the products of the world and all the machinery in the world.

WHILE the Panama canal is being dug by Uncle Sam, private contractors have their hands in his pockets. It is announced that there will have to be a new bond issue before October.

Of course it is impossible for there to be public initiative, but Uncle Sam is digging the Panama canal after waiting for four centuries for individual capitalists to do more than talk about the matter.

WHAT YOUR VOTE DOES.

"All I ever got out of crooked politics was this suit of stripes."

Tony Cruze, "Convict 7028," said the palm of his hand down along the stripes upon his leg.

The big guys got all the coin there was in it. Me and my friends done the dirty work. All I ever got out of it was a term in the pen.—Kansas City Times, July 13.

Then he told Governor Hadley, of Missouri, how he had slugged a girl stenographer to get her some papers that the "big guys" (corporation men) wanted, and how he had been led into a life of crime by them.

There are phases of this man's experience that should cause republicans and democrats to do some thinking. He was bribed to vote the same ticket that you do.

He was paid for doing what you do for nothing.

He got a few dollars for his vote and you get nothing. He did the dirty work in politics to give the corporations control so they could skin you.

He got the poor pay of prison stripes—you get the poor pay of a wretched living while the Big-Bellies get the palaces and autos and trips to Europe.

Your vote has helped to elect the tickets that enabled the rich rascals to do this, just as the vote and repeating and false registration of this man did.

But for the manipulation of politics and the special laws enacted by the old parties that you put in power, there could be no such thing as millionaires, paupers and crime.

You who vote the old capitalist tickets are the real power that is used by corporations to rob labor and debauch the nation.

The crook knew he was crooked and did the work for pay. You poor fools do the same dirty work he did without pay.

The crook is far the wiser of the two. A foolish man is much cheaper and easier to control than a crook. Look at the miserable hovels most of you live in; look at the shoddy clothes you wear; look at the shack that you pay back part of your wages or crops to live in—then look at the palaces the Big-Bellies live in.

You vote to create the conditions that enable them to dress in silk and fine linen without doing a day's useful work.

You are not vicious like the crook, but you are equally deprived and more dangerous for you willingly work for crooked parties and without pay.

But for your votes the corporations could not elect its puppets.

You never heard of corporations bribing men to falsely register or vote for the Socialist ticket. And you never will. Capitalists bribe men to vote the old party tickets—they have been doing that for years. They use those parties as burglars use their jimmies—and your votes put those parties in power.

Socialism will put these corruptors out of business. Only your votes for the old parties keep them in business.

It would pay you to get the issue of the Times of the date quoted and read what this crook confessed to the governor and see if you didn't help elect the same men he was bribed to repeat for at the election.

Quit being a political chump. It doesn't pay you—but it does pay the corporations that are skinning you. Get just a little bit of sense!

APPEALS TO THE YOUNG.

Socialism is a movement that should appeal to the young man and young woman. Its literature is the choicest, its ideals are the loftiest and the logic of its position can not be refuted. Joining the Socialist movement today is much like undertaking a voyage of discovery and exploration—there is enthusiasm and hope and reward for the pioneer Socialist, and there is a world to conquer. Today the land and machinery of civilization is in the hands of a few commercial pirates. The Socialist is confronted with the proposition of planning a program by which the workers shall take possession of the world and the fullness thereof and use it for the common good. It is the grandest proposition that ever engaged the mind of man or inspired the human heart, and the young man or woman who embraces it and works for it will not have lived in vain.

SOCIALISM IN THE NAVY.

There has been so much spread of Socialism among the marines and sailors of the United States that the secretary of the navy has been conducting a secret investigation to ascertain to what extent the "baneful doctrine" had obtained hold in this department of the government. The secretary has issued no report, but it has been given out that the authorities are surprised and alarmed over the result of the investigation.

The capitalist government should not feel surprised at its discovery. Sailors are after all but wage-slaves. They get small pay for the menial service they render while their alleged superiors draw princely salaries and put on all the airs of a southern plantation owner before the war.

Sailors and soldiers are used by the capitalist government to fight for the ruling class. It is but a miserable wage and scant consideration they get in return for the service they render their masters. Why should they not become Socialists?

Let the good work of the Socialist propaganda in the army and navy be carried forward with increasing vigor and enthusiasm.

TAYLOR'S PERJURY.

The government's star witness against Warren was ex-Governor Taylor, of Kentucky, for nine years under indictment for murder, with a reward upon his head. Just prior to the Warren trial Taylor was pardoned by a republican governor to testify against a Socialist editor before a republican jury.

The leading question asked Mr. Taylor was if he was under indictment at the time Warren offered his reward. This question was asked for the express purpose of having it appear that Taylor was not under indictment at that time, and that Warren's reward reflected gravely upon his good character.

Taylor testified that he was not under indictment at the time of Warren's offer. He lied. He knew he lied. The court knew he lied. He had been under indictment for seven years before Warren's reward was offered and admitted it in letters in his own hand writing, produced in court, which however had no weight with a court loaded for conviction.

Ex-Governor Taylor perjured himself and is liable to a prison sentence. But he will not be prosecuted. He lied to send Warren to jail. This was the price of his pardon.

Better ten thousand times Warren in jail than Taylor at liberty.

These are the corrupt principles and methods of capitalism. Against these Warren stands. Upon that rock he made his light and upon that rock he will renew it when his sentence expires.

PLUTOCRATIC DIPLOMACY.

John Mitchell is the chairman of the Trade Agreement department of the National Civic Federation. When the workers revolt against their capitalist masters, it is Mr. Mitchell's duty to act as go-between, explain the "identity of interests" between the robber and the robbed and elaborate upon the beauties of harmony between the pluckers and the plucked.

For this benevolent service Mr. Mitchell receives the princely salary of five hundred dollars per month; a sum equivalent to a year's pay of a coal digger. Mr. Mitchell's salary is guaranteed by the large exploiters of labor and wreckers of trades unions, among whom are Perry Belmont and J. Pierpont Morgan, the latter now engaged in crushing the last remnant of the Steel and Tin Plate Workers' union.

The capitalists whom Mr. Mitchell serves are always for industrial peace. A strike interferes with their profits and profits are of more consequence to them than the lives and comfort of their employees. And so it is not strange that millionaire capitalists find it profitable to hire a labor leader (?) to placate their rebellious workers with homilies on harmony and contentment.

Mitchell draws his enormous salary from the forces which rob and crush labor. Can he, in his present capacity, faithfully serve his masters with-out apostasy to the working class over whose shoulders he was raised (?) to his present lucrative position?

THEY ARE TICKLED.

Yes, they are tickled almost to death. The plutocrats, I mean, since the federal court landed on the Appeal and jailed its editor. But what they are tickled most about is that the Appeal's soldiers have deserted it and that the bottom has dropped out of its circulation. That causes great rejoicing among the vampires. As one of them says, "We now have the Appeal on the hip. The sentence of Warren has taken the nerve out of its 'Army' and its boasted 'veterans' are deserting it like rats do a sinking ship. The Appeal will soon be ready for the undertaker."

That is how the plutes feel about it. The circulation statement in the last issue showing a loss of 1,000 subscriptions has given them their inspiration. They are getting ready to dance around the grave of the little old Appeal.

I have been asked if I did not make a mistake in publishing that give-away statement in the last issue. No! It is the truth and if it is to the discredit of any one I can not help it. Let the truth be told.

The statement indicates just what the capitalist papers charge and that is that the Army deserted its colors at the first attack of the court. That is the fact, no matter who may have to blush for it. Here are the figures again:

Subscription Record.	
Month	Total Daily Av.
April	44,374 1,479
May (halt by the courts)	22,171 747
June	23,449 782
July 1 to 7	684

Subscribed before me, a notary public in and for Crawford county, Kan., on the 21st day of July, 1909.—Jas. C. Wayland, Notary Public.

GOVERNORS DISAGREE.

Governor Kitchin, of North Carolina, takes issue with Governor Wilson, of Kentucky. It will be remembered that Governor Wilson "pardoned" ex-Governor Taylor, who was under indictment for complicity in murder and who had never been tried, much less convicted of the crime. The same issue came before Governor Kitchin, who was asked to pardon Susan Hoyle, charged with arson, and who, instead of being tried for the crime, was sent to the insane asylum. Now she is pronounced sane, and her friends, thinking she ought not to be tried for a crime committed while insane, petitioned the governor for a pardon. He agrees that the woman should not be punished, but says he has no authority to pardon her until after she has been tried and convicted. This is a rebuke to the governor who did the ridiculous thing of pardoning a man who had not been tried in order that he might be free to help convict a Socialist editor of alleged libel which he state was not a libel.

THE PUBLIC AT WORK.

The existence of society compels social work. We have become too wise to let individuals own our wagon roads and exact toll from all who pass over them. We have ceased to pay subscriptions to individuals who wish to teach school and let all who can not afford to pay remain in ignorance. At one time these enterprises were individual functions. But as society learned from experience, it took to itself the supplying of these needs and it has found that the new social plan works best. Yet we have not learned all our lessons. We still permit individuals to do our manufacturing and distributing and to levy for the service a tribute of profit that is making them rich and the people poor. Some day we shall learn better than this, and, taking these things into our own hands, will save to ourselves all the wealth we have been giving away. It is only a matter of learning more.

TRUE LOVE.

When William Lloyd Garrison was mobbed in Boston in 1835 his wife, then in her twenty-fifth year, and the expectant mother of her first child, writing to her friend, Miss Caroline Weston, said: "I am so glad to hear that he is to me, I had rather see him sacrifice his life in this blessed cause than swerve from a single right principle." This is true love and genuine heroism. With such a wife any man could face a mob and achieve fame. The wife of Wendell Phillips was another such noble heroine. Yet how little the world knows of these and other grand women who are the true source of their husbands' greatness!

LIVE IN THE PAST.

Most of the G. A. R. veterans who draw pensions and denounce Socialists are honest, but their attitude toward Socialism is a mistake. They live principally in the past, and vote the republican ticket because they imagine the republican party stands for the policies and ideals once championed by Lincoln. They do not know that the predatory interests Lincoln feared and condemned have gained control of the republican party and today are using it to fasten upon the working classes of the United States a slavery more dreadful than chattel slavery ever was. If the G. A. R. veterans would or could awaken from their sleep and investigate present conditions they would see that the Socialist movement is seeking to emancipate the modern wage slave and thereby free the country from all forms of exploitation.

DAMNING DISGRACE.

Defenseless women and helpless children suffer most in capitalism. When a man loses his job he can and frequently does leave his family and becomes a tramp or a criminal. Being stronger, and calloused—physically and morally—he can endure the adversities; but how about the ones left behind? Here are the situations well calculated to break the hardest heart, which constitute the damning disgrace of capitalism, and which should cause every man with a conscience to rise instantly in revolutionary protest. How any sane man can daily witness the degradation of the wives and mothers, the assassination of little children in mills and factories, and the prostitution of young women, and continue to vote the republican and democratic tickets—which means the continuance of this hell—is a problem not easily solved. If the men had to suffer as the women and children do perhaps they would consult their interests rather than their prejudices and would work and vote for Socialism.

THE PERSONAL FACTOR.

Always there is a class of people looking for a Moses to lead them out of the wilderness. A capitalist paper, in bemoaning the corruption that is evident in politics, says: "One house of Lincoln or Washington and we should have things as we wish." But would it be so? Does salvation, politically, depend on one man? To some extent it may have been so in the past, yet even then the personal element is exaggerated. Washington without the Continental army and Lincoln without the veterans of '65 would have been helpless. Even with them it was the people who enabled them to do things. How much more would it require the people behind them today, when the spirit of democracy is awakened as never before, to enable them to do a work! And if they could do a work with the people behind them, then others could do the work were the people ready for it. After all, it all hinges on democracy. When the people want industrial democracy and relief from present oppression they will get them and not before.

ABBOTT AND SOCIALISM.

There was a time not so very long ago when Rev. Lyman Abbott preached almost straight Socialist doctrine. While on a lecture tour in the west several years ago he said: "There can never be industrial peace while one set of men own the tools and another set of men use the tools of production; not until one and the same set of men own and control the tools of industry will industrial peace come."

This statement was repeated in various places and widely quoted. Mr. Abbott no longer repeats it. He now talks about "State Socialism," purely as a pretext to load democratic Socialism, the only kind any Socialist advocates, with all kinds of imaginary despotism and individual emasculation. Mr. Abbott knows better.

The change has been in Mr. Abbott and not in Socialism. He sees Socialism no less clearly than he did years ago, but he sees it through deficient eyes.

The truth is that Mr. Abbott has crowned his ministerial career by abdicating his manhood and self-respect. It is a great pity, but it is true. He once fearlessly stood up for the people and spoke the truth as he saw it. He is now the apologist for the capitalist class and it is quite fitting that he should have Theodore Roosevelt yoked up with him in that capacity.

Mr. Abbott will no longer be troubled about making ends meet, but his sun has set. It is really pathetic. But let him go. The people will get along without him and the plutocrats are welcome to him. Once the apostle of truth he is now making scholarly apologies for the existing order and attempting to justify its nameless iniquities.

The Abbott of today and the Abbott of ten years ago are in melancholy contrast.

AGITATION and education spell realization.

CAPITALISM provides a great incentive to commit suicide.

The only class hatred that Socialists teach is hatred of classes.

It is an environment that moulds either an iron casting or a human character.

MONEY makes the mare go—unless more money has been put up on the other one.

CAPITALISM produces only one genius a century to each land, though there are always a host who try to make a noise like a genius.

ALL dead things will stink if kept long enough. The stench that arises from capitalism is proof enough that it ought to be buried.

TAXY's corporation tax proposal of one per cent means this: The corporations are to be permitted to exploit you out of one dollar and the government is to get one cent of the loot. That is real reform.

ROCKEFELLER has increased his endowment of the colleges of the country until his total contribution amounts to \$50,000,000. It is since he has bought these schools that it has been brought out that they are teaching atheism and free love, as told about in the Cosmopolitan for June, July and August. The case against capitalism for destroying the home and making religion a mockery is amply proven.

A CAPITALIST paper, in shooting at what it thought was Socialism, has badly wounded itself. It asks: "Can a paternal government compel able men to work?" It does. Capitalism is paternal, the masters of the machines being absolute in power, and it draws sweat and blood from the workers, all right. Socialism wants to set aside this paternal government and put the whole people in charge of industry, so that men will not be "compelled to work" for others.

TO THE HIGHER COURTS.

The Appeal's attorneys are at work on the brief and argument in the Warren case which will be heard in the circuit court of appeals at St. Paul, next December. We are not deluded by any hope that the higher court will reverse the decision of the district court. As a matter of fact, we confidently believe that this case has already been "tried" in the higher court. Judge Pollock returned a few days before the last hearing in Fort Scott from St. Paul, and the summary manner in which he disposed of our motion for a new trial, taken in connection with other information in our possession, convinces us that this case was carefully considered by the judges who will be called upon to decide the issue. Judge Pollock took his cue from that conference without any doubt.

TRIMMED AT BOTH ENDS.

At the same time that wages are being cut all along the line the Mexican peon laborers are being furnished by the bureau of labor to American capitalists, the price of living is advancing all along the line. Because of the wheat corner bread has either advanced a penny a loaf or the size of the loaf has been cut all over the country. A capitalist gives this comparison of other articles of food between 1908 and 1909:

	1908	1909
Potatoes, per bushel	\$1.15	\$0.85
Cabbage, per crate	2.25	2.00
Carrots, per bushel	1.00	80
Parasite, per bushel	1.25	1.00
Pe plant, per bushel	1.75	1.15
Splanch, per bushel	1.75	2.00
Apples, per barrel	6.00	2.00
Grape fruit, per bushel	3.75	2.25

Now, advance in the price of living is equivalent to a decrease in wages. You are therefore left to figure how much prosperity has come to you under the Taft administration.

"LIKE STOCKS AND BONDS."

There is an organization, composed of some of the wealthiest people in the country, whose avowed object it is to "put labor on the market like stocks and bonds."

There was a time when labor was on the market like stocks and bonds. Following is a quotation issued by D. M. Pulliam & Co., of Richmond, Va., Sept. 15, 1857:

The following is the state of our negro market today: No. 1 men (extra), \$1,450 to \$1,550. No. 1 men (good), \$1,200 to \$1,250. No. 2 men (common), \$1,100 to \$1,150. No. 1 woman (extra), 18 to 22 years old, \$1,200 to \$1,250. No. 2 woman (good), \$1,000 to \$1,050. No. 2 woman (common), \$925 to \$975. No. 1 boy four feet high, \$500 to \$550. No. 1 boy four feet high, \$500 to \$550. Families and groups sell at their usual proportion to above quotations. We would be pleased to see you down soon with a likely lot.

These are pretty stiff prices. Many a No. 1 white man finds it pretty hard to sell himself today for \$1,000, while No. 2 whites are a drug on the market at \$500. No. 1 boys and girls today sell at from \$150 to \$250, and, as far as "families and scrubs" are concerned, they may go hang—there is no demand for them at all. Perhaps when the new syndicate, which means to have labor "quoted like stocks and bonds," gets in its work, it will issue a price list which will enable a working man to know just what he is worth; but even then he will be at this disadvantage over the negro slave—he may not be able to bring his price and get his work, while the negro always had a job.

ROYAL VERMIN.

The late sultan of Turkey had millions deposited in the various banks of other countries, and the new government has been trying to get this looted wealth and return it to the nation from which it was robbed. According to the cable dispatches the banks of England, France and Germany refuse point blank to give up this money, as they say that all the rulers of various countries have great deposits so that in case of a successful revolution they can make their skidoo and still be able to live off their booty. And these rulers pose as patriots! The rich men of this country have large deposits for safety in other countries, and foreign rulers have great millions invested in the industries of this country. Only by the workers of all nations uniting will they be able to kick the fleecers off their backs and keep them off. When the workers of the world rise up there will be no country to which these robbers can go and enjoy the riches they consume. They will have to become useful citizens and earn what they possess. Then they will have to defend their country in order to defend their own honest wealth. In this country, we have a tradition that we would not support royalty—not us. But there is not a great industry in the land whose stock and bonds are not partly owned by the nabobs of European nobility, and they are drawing hundreds of millions a year out of the hide and tallow of the workers of America. No! We would rather die than support royalty, we would! Are you on?

THE JAPANESE SCANDAL.

The world was electrified by the wonderful display of self-sacrifice and patriotism of the Japanese during the recent struggle with Russia. All its citizens, without regard to rank or wealth, vied with each other in giving their lives and their property in defense of their country. But civilization is a poison that works death to patriotism. Private ownership corrupts everything it touches. And now the papers are filled with the same stories that flow from our congress and other legislative bodies. There is a big sugar firm in Japan and it has been bribing members of the Japanese congress and several members have been arrested. It is just like the American sugar trust, which has written our tariff and other laws that touch its interest. Private capital is the same in all lands, regardless of the form of government or the tongue spoken. Had the sugar industry been a public industry there would have been no incentive for the men who did the bribing to corrupt the congressmen. They bribed so they could make more profits off the people. But while this has been proven by the history of the world for all time, the people are so dumb that they cannot be made to see the real cause of all the corruption and crime that fills the world with poison. But for the private ownership of industries there would never have been a case of bribery in this nation—there would have been no incentive to bribe. O, that the people could use the brains that nature gave them!

COMPELLED TO STEAL.

Dora Castell, a reputable young woman was arrested at Macon, Mo., a few days ago for taking some eggs from a car in the railroad yards. Her sister was an invalid and was suffering for the want of food. In explaining the case the young woman said: "My sister was very weak and needed things to eat. I used all the money I had and then went out on the railroad right of way and dug greens and herbs and hunted berries. Finally it got to a place where it was either steal or starve, and I heard that there was a car of eggs on the railroad tracks which I could get at easily, but I did not intend to break a seal. I have always been a good girl and my parents were respectable people. But I could not stand around while my poor sister was needing something to eat."

This girl, in ministering to her sick and starving sister, was an angel. Notwithstanding this she was lodged in jail as a common thief. Had she allowed her sister to die of starvation she would have been a monster. She did what her heart prompted her to do and what any other human being with a heart would have done and yet she was branded with shame and is now identified with the criminal class.

This poor girl was literally compelled to steal, to commit crime. This is the fruit of poverty and poverty is the fruit of capitalism.

Away with capitalism! It has filled the world with shame and horror. Every community numbers its victims by scores, by hundreds, and by thousands.

Socialism will abolish poverty and when this is done the children of men will no longer be driven to crime but obedient to the laws of their nature will take their places among the useful and respected members of society.

NELSON A. MILLS says: "Civilization is now ruled by commerce." Nelson is right, only he might have added that commerce is ruled by a few individuals, and so have brought out the fact of empire a little stronger.

GET TO WORK!

Every friend of the Appeal will now get to work. Not one who is true will be found wanting.

A terrific blow has been dealt this paper by the plutocracy through its corruptly controlled courts. We are now expected to show becoming meekness, to emasculate our propaganda and offend no more.

We absolutely refuse to play such a contemptible part. We propose to stand where we have always stood and to print the truth as we have always printed it—and fling our defiance in the teeth of the enemy.

The trial of Warren was a mockery and a farce. To bow humbly to such a travesty would become a cringing cur, a role so degrading that the Appeal would die a thousand times before it would serve in it.

This is our answer and our attitude. Will the Appeal Army stand by us or desert us?

Just as you choose.

I have made my choice and you can now make yours.

Circulation is what counts at this time. We shall now rise to eminence and power or sink to the bottom in ignominy.

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

Total 6,465 6,863 300,815

A COURSE IN BIOLOGY.

The esteemed Idaho Statesman, the paper which secured the conviction and hanging of Moyer and Haywood (?) in the interest of capitalism a few years ago, has now turned its attention to Socialism, and has destroyed it—just like it destroyed the Western Federation of Miners.

The Statesman is one. It does things so logically and gracefully. With a mere phrase it completely annihilates Socialism. Here is its proposition: "A course in biology or a \$10,000 check is guaranteed to drive Socialism out of anyone's system."

It does not elaborate on the check matter, presumably lest it run foul of Belmont, who has found so many well-to-do people turning to Socialism, but the Statesman elucidates biology to a fare-you-well. Here is the idea:

Every living thing on earth will continue to increase to the limit of its food supply unless kept down by its enemies. Except disease germs, that are slowly conquering man, no natural enemies of man exist. Food and man will multiply indefinitely. By "food" in this sense I mean all the necessities of life, including clothing and shelter.

In other words, the masses of the people have to be kept at the point of starvation in order to keep the home from becoming too popular! They have to be ground down by capitalism or else marriage would become universal! This does not altogether agree with some other objectors to Socialism, but objectors to Socialism do not have to agree. They do not even have to tell the truth.

It is not meant that the Statesman prevaricates. Its attitude relative to Harry Orchard and the Mine Owners' association is guarantee for its virtue. So it must be true that the rich people of the country have immense families and the poor people have very small ones! To be sure, this does not agree with the findings of investigators or even with the race-suicide theory of Theodore Roosevelt, but, as already explained, defenders of capitalism do not have to agree. It is clear that if you can make people poor enough you will cause race suicide, while if you give a man a million he is sure to have 'teen children, part of them, at least, legitimate.

So the Statesman is quite right. It is necessary to keep a majority of the people in poverty, because if they were not poor there would be too many children, and there would not be good enough picking for the fellows who want the earth.

Say, Brother Editor, how do you like licking bootblackening for a living; and how many children have you?

TRUE TO THE CORE.

I am in my seventy-fourth year, have voted the republican ticket fifty years; served my country three years during the rebellion; have never been reprimanded or served in the guard house. Never been in jail, but I am ready now to take Fred Warren's place in the Fort Scott jail. L. W. MILLER, Snyder, Okla.

He is a true Socialist who is doing something for Socialism.

SOME men fail from knowing too little, but more fail from knowing too much, and still more fail from knowing it all.—EX.

It is now announced that butter is to be made of petroleum. Standard Oil seems determined to spread itself everywhere.

ORIGINALLY "knave" meant servant. Even today it is the workers, the really useful and the truly moral, who are punished as criminals.

ADGUST BELMONT has called for fifty thousand dollars to be used in fighting Socialism. That sum will advertise the gospel of emancipation so well that it will be necessary to raise a fund of a million next time in order to make a showing.

OBEEDIENCE TO THE LAW.

The Chicago Inter-Ocean in a recent issue has an editorial from which we quote as follows:

We have all got to live under and in obedience to the law of the land as it is. It is our privilege as citizens to change it if we can. But it is not our privilege to take an attitude of contemptuous mutiny and insurrection against it.

This appears quite plausible, but it will not bear analysis. Some of us have to obey the law of the land, but others do not. The trust magnates who own and control practically all industry and who in consequence are our political rulers do not yield obedience to the law. To them the law is a farce to be treated with contempt when it happens to be in their way. Ordinarily the law is not objectionable to them, for it is framed and enacted in their interest, since they control congress and the state legislatures, but when the law trenches upon their interests the law is overridden as if it did not exist and not one of them has ever been punished.

It is different, however, with the working class, thousands of whom are workless and moneyless, and morally justified in keeping starvation from their wives and children by whatever means. But no allowance is made for them or for the conditions of which they are victims and when they transgress the law punishment is swiftly meted out to them.

It is the capitalist class which rules this nation, including its courts and legislatures; it is the capitalist class which enacts the law and the capitalist class which constrains that law to suit its own interests.

Behold the spectacle in congress today of a single trust senator with his lieutenants writing the tariff schedules into the law in accordance with the dictation of the trusts, and the corporation lawyers in the lower house doing the same in that body. Will any sane person dare claim that the people have anything to do with their supposed representatives will pay the slightest attention to their interests?

But, says the Inter-Ocean, "It is our privilege as citizens to change it (the law) if we can." Ay, there's the rub! "If we can." But we can't, and the Inter-Ocean knows very well we can't, and so feels safe in making this plausible statement. The trusts and combines, the industrial captains who own and control the millions of jobs upon which the masses of workers depend have this power in the present arrangement and the workers have about as much to do with changing the law as have the sheep in the shambles of the beef trust.

But, fortunately, the workers are beginning to realize their economic dependence and the reason for it. Vainly have they petitioned congress for relief and finally they have come to conclude that to depend upon a capitalist congress to enact working class legislation is little less than idiotic and that the only rational course to pursue is to cut loose from the capitalist parties and build up a party of their own to fight their political battles and, ultimately, abolish the capitalist state and make the working class the ruling class and in fact the only class of the nation.

THE EVOLUTIONIST by Arthur Morrow Lewis, 180 Washington street, Chicago, has just been received. It is a bright and spicy monthly publication. It is filled from cover to cover with meaty matter for thinking people. This initial issue contains the opening speech of Lewis in his debate with Bernard which ought to be read by every Socialist and every student of social problems. The Evolutionist has a field of its own and ought to have a wide circulation. Send ten cents for a sample copy. We bespeak for Comrade Lewis and The Evolutionist a large measure of success in the propaganda of Socialism.

Paid For in Advance.

Every copy of the Appeal to Reason is paid for before it leaves this office. If you receive the Appeal your subscription has been paid for by some friend who wishes you to investigate the doctrine it advances. You need not know about taking this paper from the postoffice as no bill will be rendered and the paper will promptly be discontinued when your subscription expires.

UNION SMASHER MORGAN.

Eight years ago, during the settlement of the steel strike, J. Pierpont Morgan turned in anger on Theo. Shaffer, then president of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers, and with fire in his eye, declared he would smash his union to smithereens.

Shaffer knew Morgan and his power. Morgan's tip was sufficient to start Shaffer on a still hunt for cover. Using the prestige of the organization, he got himself a fat political job, joining the small body of labor apostates who trample over the bruised and bleeding bodies of their brothers that they may feast sumptuously at the feet of the masters of the working class.

In 1901 Morgan organized the steel trust. The war with unionism was on. In that time there were 60,000 skilled union and 40,000 skilled non-union men engaged in the steel industry.

Eight years have elapsed. Today there are 8,000 union and 118,000 non-union men in his mills, the former engaged in a life and death struggle.

This is the record of the boss of the Civic Federation that banquets labor leaders who profess to believe that the interests of labor and capital are identical, some of whom are drawing fat salaries, to serve as decoy ducks, from the very men who wrecked and destroyed the steel workers' union.

Get wise to the game, Mr. Worker, and throw a swift harpoon into the next fellow who professes to serve both you and your master.

TRUST AND TIN PLATE.

The fight now on between the American Tin Plate company and the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Plate Workers is to be a finish affair. The trust has not issued an official statement to this effect, but their action in building stockades about the plants at New Castle and Sharon, arranging to run passenger coaches within the enclosures, and the Erie railroad issuing orders that strike pickets who trespass upon the property of the company leading to these plants will be prosecuted, is a more emphatic declaration of war than if the company had said so in so many words.

Not only this, but heretofore the trust required two weeks to make out its pay roll, but three days after the men struck the trust voluntarily paid them off in full, thereby severing their connection with the company.

The trust has been preparing for this fight for years. The contest will not wage about the "open shop," but the extermination of the union itself. The tin plate workers are up against it. It is a fight for life. They understand now that the protection they marched and shouted for so loudly during the political campaigns was for their masters only. As a result of their votes mainly the masters are millionaires; the workers jobless.

Whatever the outcome of this fight victory is still ahead. The tin plate workers must learn that there is nothing in common between them and their masters; that as workers they must rely upon themselves absolutely, unite all along the line in an impregnable phalanx of industrial unionism and Socialism and then they will win the day for once and forever.

INDUSTRIAL UNIONISM.

The battle of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers with the steel trust emphasizes the demand for industrial unionism. This once powerful union has been all but annihilated by the trust.

In 1901 the union struck against the masters of the mills and there were then 60,000 union men as against 40,000 non-union men. In that strike John Pierpont Morgan, head of the trust said to Theodore Shaffer, head of the union:

"I'll smash your union for this. It will take me just four years. At the end of that time you'll not have a union man at work in the mills of my combine."

Morgan has made good. He only missed it in point of time. It took him eight years instead of four. But he made a good job of it, and today there is not a union man making steel in any trust mill in the United States.

Seven years ago there were 60,000 union men against 40,000 non-union men; today there are 8,000 union men against 118,000 non-union men.

The union has been all but wiped out and the remnant is now making its last stand. What the outcome will be hardly admits of doubt. The trust simply operates its non-union plants and allows its union plants to stand idle until union men are starved into submission. It is a great game—for those who believe with Gompers and Mitchell that the pure and simple trade union is the only union and that the interests of capital and labor are identical.

The lesson of this strike is written in letters so vivid that even the blind must see it. The pure and simple union has gone down to defeat. It had not a ghost of a show against the gigantic combine of the masters. Out of the wreck must rise a new unionism, not conservative but radical, not reactionary but revolutionary, a unionism that embraces all the workers and whose organized aim it must be to develop their economic power steadily for the purpose of taking possession of the industries in which they are engaged and operating them as industrial freemen for the good of the whole people.

The workers' opportunity has come for the first time in history. They now have a chance to get rid of all exploitation.

HURRAH FOR BINGHAM!

Local Union No. 93, of the I. W. W., Bingham, Utah, sends an order for One Thousand subscriptions to the Appeal, to run until the Warren case is finally terminated.

The following letter brought joy to the Appeal office and evoked lusty shouts when it was read. It is a good letter to look upon just now. The spirit expressed in it and the loyalty it attests are worth going to jail for a thousand years. The letter is brief and to the point as follows:

BINGHAM, UTAH, July 8, 1909.

Dear Comrades:—On Tuesday night a motion was passed in Local Industrial Union of the I. W. W., No. 93, ordering One Thousand Appeals for this place each week until the Warren case is concluded. If other unions will take the same stand the plutes will soon let up on our press.

Yours for the Big Fight, JAMES A. SMITH.

This is a trump card in our game with the capitalist courts. A few more like this will make the plutes the sickest bunch that ever used the court machinery to choke the life out of a labor paper. Bravo, Local Union No. 93 of the I. W. W. Who's next?

RIISING WRATH.

The Socialists of Grand Saline and Rhodensburg, Texas, has passed a series of resolutions that would have done credit to Patrick Henry. They are written in the spirit of revolt and are affame with indignation. The signatures of 134 stalwart revolutionists are attached to these resolutions. These comrades mean business. They are ready for action. We catch their spirit and class hands with them across the spaces. Their ringing resolutions are full of inspiration. May all revolutionists far and wide follow their example! Now is the time to show the stuff we are made of.

DESOCIALIZING ROADS.

Judge Pontius Filate Pollock has been heard from again. In connection with Judge Campbell, of the federal court, he has handed down a decision whose effect is to take the public (wagon) roads of the United States from the people and give them to individuals.

The decision came in a case that originated in Oklahoma, in which the issue involved was whether pipe lines for gas and oil could be laid along the public roads. The decision was that these things were matters of interstate commerce, and that, therefore, the state could not prohibit their being piped out of the state; and, further, it was held that "the state has not the title in fee to the land in the public highways, and that the fee to the land through which the highways run is in the abutting property owners."

MEN AND DOGS.

Boston, June 21.—Mrs. Bellamy Storer, wife of the former American ambassador to Austria-Hungary, has established a new society, the aim of which is to obtain from steamship and railroad officials permission to allow pet dogs to travel first class with their wealthy mistresses.—Minneapolis Tribune.

This is the way things go. Dogs first-class and American citizens! Looing it over the country hunting jobs. Mrs. Storer is the busy-body who was in collusion with Roosevelt when he made a donkey of himself trying to have the pope appoint Archbishop Ireland a cardinal for his services to the republican party.

Such are the people who are appointed to cut swell figures at foreign courts while the one-gallus fellows pay the expenses. Once upon a time such men as Franklin filled the posts at foreign courts. Franklin's whole wealth would not pay for an evening tea of the snobs who are there now. This is a rich man's country and no poor man is supposed to have any sense. Dogs are better than the common folks. And the many vote to have this state of affairs continue. But Socialism would be bad for the poor, so it would!

HOW YOU ARE SKINNED.

I have before me a detailed statement of the American or Bell telephone system. It has \$180,000,000 issued in stock and \$214,000,000 issued in bonds. Last year it made a profit of \$45,000,000. You gullible public loaned it the money to make forty-five millions off you, but you are not wise enough to have your government build and equip a system for you and let you have it at cost! You are such anarchists that you are afraid of your government—would not trust it with handling your phones! But you will trust these schemers who manipulated the stock and bonds, charge you more than two prices for the service rendered you, and use money to boodle your public officials so they can get still further advantage of you! The Socialist way would be to have the government build the system instead of spending the money on war preparations, and give you the service at the actual cost of operations, without the interference of interest, rent stock-jobbing or meddling in politics or court proceedings. But then we Socialists are nothing but dreamers—while you are such practical fellows!

JOKE ON THE PLUTES.

Walton, Ore.—In the eighth grade school examination here the question was asked: "What magazine or paper is Theodore Roosevelt editor of?" A daughter of one of the leading plutocrats of this end of the county answered that it was the Appeal to Reason. Is it one on the Appeal or on Roosevelt? The young lady who was conducting the examination thought it such a good joke that she called us up by phone at nine o'clock at night to tell us of it.—A. E. Whitaker.

The question was a very improper one for a public school examination. There could have been no purpose in it except to advertise a capitalist paper. That it should have been turned into an advertisement of a Socialist paper instead put the joke on the plutes and the superintendent who thought to use the socialized school to forward capitalism.

AN ORCHARD ECHO.

In a recent decision upholding the verdict for \$10,000 damages awarded W. H. Linforth, of San Francisco, by a district court, the supreme court of California gave the lie point blank to Harry Orchard's confession relative to blowing up the Linforth flats with dynamite. In the trial of the Linforth damage suit, prior to the Orchard confession, it was proved that leaking gas, accidentally fired, caused the explosion which tore away the front portion of the Linforth house. Later, at Boise, Harry Orchard declared he dynamited the house in an effort to assassinate Frederick Bradley, a mine owner of the Cover d'Alenes. Witnesses testified they smelled gas before and after the explosion, and experts swore that dynamite could not have been used. Thus, the self-confessed assassin, Harry Orchard, Idaho's ex-governor, Frank Gooding, and Pinkerton's most famous detective chief, James McPartland, as well as their world renowned sponsor and adviser, Theodore Roosevelt, at one fell swoop, are, by the California courts, shown up in their true colors.

CLASS-CONSCIOUS MASTERS.

"How," for manufacturers, is the title of a little monthly publication in New York, of which a recent issue has come to our table. It is published of course, as its title implies, in the interest of manufacturers. We quote as follows from the opening article:

The manufacturer and employer learned long ago how to organize to break strikes. He can do it almost any time. It takes but a little general ability, so to do it in all cases; but it is a physical proposition in the last analysis. It is a question which party is the stronger and the longer. Strikes have been broken because the workers have had to be broken in order to permit the business to go on, which the business certain proposed to do. That is clear and easy. Much of the strike-breaking has been magnificent; but it has not been war. It is not victory because there is nothing conclusive about it. Same way with the defeat of class labor legislation at Washington and elsewhere. This task also had to be undertaken and disposed of successfully; and it was. So long as labor is not really organized to deliver battle politically at the polls, that is to say, numerically enough to elect its friends and defeat its so-called enemies—this legislation-beating business will go on successfully for an indefinite time.

When workmen organize to protect their class interests, capitalists become furious and their organs denounce them for arraying class against class. Class distinctions are scouted at, class consciousness is ridiculed and the workers are told that there are no classes in this country and that those who are seeking to draw the line between classes and raise the question of class interests are traitors to American institutions.

So say the capitalists, the manufacturers, the bankers, the promoters and all the exploiting class. But as to themselves it is different. In their acts if not in their words they prove the fact of there being two classes as they also prove their own class-consciousness. In the extract above quoted from the organ of the manufacturers it is shown clearly that they are organized to break strikes, to defeat labor legislation and to otherwise oppose the working class in any effort it may put forth to improve its condition.

These manufacturers, keen capitalists that they are, understand perfectly their class interests, in a word are class conscious and the very character of their organization proves it. It consists exclusively of capitalists and is organized to fight the workers.

The workers may well profit by the example of these capitalists and organize as they have done on the basis of mutual interests and stand together in the defense of their common rights and interests.

The one sentence in the extract above quoted from the organ of the manufacturers which should be emphasized and remembered by every workman is the following:

"So long as labor is not really organized to deliver battle politically—at the polls, that is to say, numerically enough to elect its friends and defeat its so-called enemies—this legislation-beating business will go on successfully for an indefinite time."

This is commended especially to trade unionists of the pure and simple order and particularly to Samuel Gompers their president. For years they have been trying to secure certain legislation relating to the eight-hour work day, the injunction, and other matters and they have failed. The thousands of dollars they have spent to maintain legislative lobbies have been squandered in vain. The reason is clearly set forth in the above quoted paragraph.

The workers have to learn that united action on their part alone will bring them relief from oppression and injustice, and ultimate emancipation. And this unity of action on their part must be economic and political, both being necessary to the development of the movement whose historic mission it is to grapple with and overthrow capitalism and set the workers free.

The land of the free now means the land where you are free to starve if you can't get a job.

NEARLY everybody has a friend in need, but it doesn't seem to be much consolation to him.

"As if it harmed me—giving others the same rights and chances as myself"—WALT WHITMAN.

It is said the new tariff will bring to the sugar trust ten million dollars a year and to the steel trust twenty millions. It does seem to be a tariff for revenue, after all.

THERE are two things that constitute independence: To be able to find work when you wish it, and to be able to rest when you desire.

THE West Virginia Socialist convention passed ringing resolutions against the prosecution of Mexican revolutionists and the farcial conviction of Editor Warren.

WHENEVER a man talks about Socialism being paternal and requiring a military bureaucracy to maintain it, you may depend on it that he is an advocate of a greater navy.

CHARLES A. THATCHER, of Toledo, Ohio, had been debarred by the supreme court of the state, because he attacked from the rostrum Judges Morris and Kumler, who are candidates for re-election to the bench. Some more freedom of speech.

The editor of the "Ophthalmologist," of Chicago writes in his June issue as follows: "Some kind friend—or enemy—sends me the 'Appeal to Reason,' published at Girard, Kansas. I am not afraid to take it from the postman, nor am I afraid to read it. It does not appeal to my reason very greatly but it must worry such men as Theodore Roosevelt, or he and his gang would not have tried to suppress it. I am glad I get the information through the Appeal because I would never get it any other way. It has a bigger circulation than the Chicago Tribune, yet the Tribune never quotes it. It quadruples the circulation of the Commoner, Mr. Bryan's mouthpiece, but Mr. Bryan ignores it. Yet over a quarter of a million people read it and someone pays for it every week. Friends and enemies may send me all the literature they like. If I have time I will read it and I ask no questions as to who sent it; if I have no time to read it I have friends, none in penitentiaries or asylums, however, to whom I can send it; or I have a capacious waste basket, made and provided for such provender."

THE WAGE SLAVE.

The following is a copy of an agreement of one Jap who works for the Northern Pacific Railroad Co.: I, S. Matsumiya, now employed by N. P. Co., hereby sell, assign and transfer to the Orendal Trading Co. all money due or to become due me from said railroad company for the year 1909 on account of such employment, and I authorize the Orendal Trading Co. to receive and receipt for such money, so due or to become due me, known as No. 402, ranging No. 7, sec. No. 11.

How much does this lack of being slavery? The trading company mentioned is probably composed of stockholders in the road, and this man is obligated to return to them all that he earns from the railroad company. The company therefore merely boards and keeps him after a fashion, and gets all the rest of his earnings. Yet, as if that was not sufficiently humiliating, it takes from him his name and knows him only as "No. 402." Talk of individuality and opportunity under capitalism!

CAPITALIST MORALITY.

The following paragraphs are taken from an article in the Woman's World, written by Clifford G. Roe, assistant state's attorney for Chicago. I commend this entire article to ex-President Roosevelt and his followers, which exposes the white-slave traffic as it exists in republican and democratic cities throughout the entire land. The picture this republican attorney paints is more realistic and shameful than ever Mrs. Stowe conceived. The slavery of the black man was paradise compared to the condition of the girl slaves in New York, Chicago and other modern Sodom, if we are to believe these government officials. Mr. Roosevelt has never raised his voice against this damnable traffic, and one wonders why. Perhaps a note to the editor of the Outlook, New York, might explain Roosevelt's silence. Here are the paragraphs referred to:

"What mockery it is to have in our harbor in New York the statue of liberty with outstretched arms welcoming the foreign girl to the land of the free! How she must sneer at it and rebuke the country with such an emblematic monument at its very gate when she finds here a slavery whose chains bind the captive more securely than those in the country from which she has come!"

"What a travesty to wrap the flag of America around our girls and extol virtue and purity, freedom and liberty, and then not raise a hand to protect our own girls who are being procured by white slave traders every day!"

"Some ministers have said that the subject is too black to present to their congregations. It is a problem, they said, for the public authorities and slum workers, not a question for the high-minded citizen. It is the hope that the readers of this magazine, who are church members, will suggest that their pastors aid in the struggle against white slavery, and that through them, people everywhere may be awakened to a realization of its importance. No social problem is too unclean for the people to take hold of when the cause undermines the fairest heritage in life, our homes. For, after all, the home is the social unit and the very foundation of all government."

If the capitalists did not work with their brains enough to induce you to work for them with your hands, they would be tramps.

THEY ARE JUBILATING.

Republican and democratic papers are alike jubilant over Warren's conviction. They want the Appeal killed and everybody connected with it jailed.

That is natural enough. They are the organs of capitalism and why should they not jubilate when their most formidable adversary is about to bite the dust?

But how is it with you? Are you going to allow the little old Appeal that has been fighting your battles to be strangled? Are you going to stand by without so much as lifting a finger to save it?

Surely you can not fail to see the significance of this jubilation. The farmers of the west see it as note by the following extract from a ringing editorial in the Farmers' Journal of Ft. Worth, Texas:

"THE WORKINGMAN WHO CAN NOT SEE ANYTHING SIGNIFICANT IN THE FACT THAT DEMOCRATIC PAPERS ARE JUBILATING AS GLEEFULLY OVER WARREN'S CONVICTION AND SENTENCE AS ARE THE REPUBLICANS, MIGHT AS WELL HAVE HIS POLITICAL EYES GOUGED OUT FOR THE GOOD THEY ARE DOING HIM."

If you can not see what the attack on the Appeal means you're blind, and if you do not come to its rescue you are an exploiter, or the tool of one.

By heaven, not all of us are cowards. We will fight while there is a living atom in our bodies.

Where do you stand? Now is the time to show what you're made of. Come to the front now or go to the rear and stay there!

MARCH OF SOCIALISM.

To combat the rapidly-growing Socialist movement the National Civic Federation has addressed a circular letter to prominent men in every city of the United States asking them to contribute to a fund that shall be used to finance a campaign of education against Socialism. The letter acknowledges the power of the Socialist propaganda and states that today in this country two million men, women and children are engaged in it. The masses must be educated, resist Socialism, the letter says, if the United States is to avoid being captured by the Socialists.

This Civic Federation letter is a good thing. All that Socialists desire is that the people take up the study of Socialism. They may at first oppose it, but if they are honest—and the majority of the people are—and continue their investigations, eventually they will land in the Socialist camp.

Socialism is the climax of capitalism. Socialism is inevitable because capitalism is here. Every tendency in capitalism points to Socialism; even this Civic Federation letter is an irrefutable indication of the collapse of capitalism and the rise of Socialism.

Remember how the abolition movement was denounced, and how upholders of the old order tried to negate the efforts of the abolitionists by opposition educational campaigns, and how in spite of opposition the abolition lunacy grew and gathered strength until it wiped chattel slavery forever from the map? It wasn't so much the agitation of the abolitionists as it was economic progress—industrial development—that compelled the passing of chattel slavery.

Remember how the speech of Patrick Henry fired the hearts of the colonists, and how a movement sprang up that demanded and achieved political freedom for the people of the United States? Was it Patrick Henry's speech, and the spoken and written agitation of the revolutionary patriots that resulted in the overthrow of British rule, or was it a desire on the part of the colonists to be released from the necessity of paying economic tribute to the British government that caused the war, and consequent freedom?

History is a record of class struggles, and economic progress. New industrial systems replace old, and, as these in turn, give way to other and better systems the ideals and ethics of the peoples change. Political and industrial systems change, not because individuals here and there agitate for the change, but because the development of society and the growing needs of the people demand and make imperative the change.

It is perfectly evident that capitalism no longer meets the requirements of society. Private ownership is a failure. The millions of idle men, women prostitutes and overworked and stunted children testify to the failure of the plutocrats to provide employment and an adequate existence for the majority of the people. Educating the masses against Socialism can not and will not remove this menacing indictment of capitalism. The education that the Civic Federation contemplates will act as a boom-erang, and, instead of becoming capitalists the masses must and will become Socialists. Socialism will triumph over capitalism because it is logical, needful and inevitable.

If the capitalists did not work with their brains enough to induce you to work for them with your hands, they would be tramps.