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Next Week---Article No. 1 ON THE FEDERAL JUDICIARY.
 Showing from court records how Judge John C. Pollock violated every rule of decency and the ethics of the legal profession by accepting fees from both sides in a suit involving hundreds of thousands of dollars. No Guess—no Surmises—but FACTS.

HERE is in the code of the legal profession one rule from which no member may depart without forfeiting his standing as a lawyer and his reputation as a man. That rule is that a lawyer may not at any time, or under any circumstances, betray the confidence of his client. A lawyer may disregard every other rule of ethics in the profession and of capitalism and still maintain some degree of standing among members of the bar, but the very moment it is known that he has trafficked in the secrets of his client and betrayed him to his adversary, that moment he is sent forth, with the price of his treason in his pocket and with the brand of Cain upon him forever.

To quote Professor Sharsword in his work on Legal Ethics:
 "The criminal and disgraceful offense of taking fees of two adversaries ought, like parricide in the Athenian law, to be passed over in silence in a code of professional ethics."

Professional prostitution reaches its limit in the lawyer who for a consideration delivers the client who trusted him into the hands of his enemies. Such a lawyer is everywhere under the bar, however low the standard of the bar may be, and such a man excites the loathing and execration of all honest fellow men.

A Typical Federal Judge.
 It is such a lawyer and such a man that the Appeal to Reason proposes to place in the public pillory, that he may be seen and known of all men who abhor a public official, clothed with the dignity of a high office, who is so destitute of moral sense that, like Judas of old, he betrays the trusting friend he pretends to serve.

Judge John C. Pollock is the name of the offender guilty of this unspeakable venality. It is with no feeling of malice that we make this charge, but only from a sense of duty to our readers and in defense of our own position in the struggle we have been forced to make, by the court over which Judge Pollock presides, for our preservation.

We do not only charge Pollock with having betrayed his trusting patrons, but we shall prove by court records that he is guilty of that foul infamy. Not only this shall we prove, but a variety of other charges, second only in gravity and in the professional turpitude disclosed, to that of selling out his clients to obtain a higher fee from the other side.

We shall prove, moreover, that Mr. Pollock, as a lawyer, would have been disbarred and driven from the profession in disgrace if it had not been for powerful influences brought to bear in his favor, such influences as depend upon just such a lawyer to escape the penalties of the law.

It is not that he sentenced the editor of the Appeal to pay a fine of \$1500 and to serve six months in jail that the official career of this particular judge was investigated; Pollock's case is typical; and the individual is arraigned merely to illustrate the corrupt character of the system. What is said here in regard to Pollock applies with equal force to every occupant of the federal bench who has been investigated by this paper. Recently Representative A. P. Murphy, of Missouri, preferred charges against Federal Judges John F. Philips and Smith McPherson, of Missouri and Iowa, and demanded a congressional investigation of their official acts. As far as has been ascertained every federal judge in the United States should be included in that investigation, and were it honestly and fearlessly made, and the recommendations of the committee acted upon, there is no doubt that the vacancies following would leave the bench almost devoid of occupants.

An Irresponsible Judiciary.
 Informed persons not party-blind to the situation know that the federal judiciary, more, if possible, than the senate of the United States, is owned by the ruling class, and exists solely to do its bidding. Any law passed by congress antagonistic to the interests of plutocracy is immediately killed by the supreme court as unconstitutional. Any labor strike that threatens to win victory for the working class is put down by means of an injunction. Any measure or movement having for its purpose the betterment of the conditions of the masses at the expense of the interests of the classes invariably finds its death at the hands of a federal judge.

Federal judges are appointed by the president of the United States for life, and can be removed from office only by death, resignation or impeachment. Within their sphere they are absolute, and in recent years they have usurped functions and assumed jurisdiction in cases to which, manifestly, they are not entitled. They are higher than the law-making bodies, for they can declare, interpret or deny the law after they are made. Once the supreme court of the United States speaks, nothing more can be said. There is and can be no appeal

charges were never acted upon by the Washington authorities, and they have disappeared as completely as if the earth had swallowed them up.

Why This Attorney Won't Talk.
 David E. Palmer is now assistant general attorney for the Missouri and Kansas Telephone Company, with headquarters at Kansas City, Mo. He is the personal friend and business associate of C. S. Gieed, president of the Missouri and Kansas Telephone Company, and manager of the Kansas City Journal, the notorious labor-hating, republican, corporation sheet owned by the Santa Fe railroad company. Since Pollock received his appointment at the behest of the Standard Oil and the railroad corporations, Palmer, who in the language of the street, now stands "ace high" with the corporation crowd, is not anxious to "peach" on the judge who once defrauded him of \$100 in a poker game, and, as a result, when the victim of Pollock's former rascality was asked about the matter he replied that he had nothing to say. Palmer did not deny that Pollock took advantage of him to the extent of \$100, but simply said he did not care to get tangled up with a federal court by renewing old charges against Pollock.

This incident simply illustrates the difficulty that has been encountered in getting lawyers who know the facts to tell what they know. Virtually all of them applaud the investigation, declare that Pollock's record is more than sufficient to insure his impeachment, and that the matter of securing this record would be easy, but when they were asked to lend assistance in particular cases in which they were involved, they begged to be excused. The explanation of their attitude is apparent. With these lawyers it is a bread and butter proposition. They know that were they to publicly antagonize Pollock they need never expect justice at his hands in cases which they carried to his court. No lawyer known to be an unfavorable terms with a federal judge can secure profitable cases to be tried in that court. This very fact demonstrates the tyranny of the federal judiciary and confirms the contentions of this article.

One Man of Nerve.
 However, not every one hesitated as did the lawyers. "I regard it our public duty to furnish this young man with all the information he desires and that we can give in regard to Judge Pollock's treatment of this drainage board matter," declared W. H. Daniels, president of the Kaw Valley Drainage board, at a meeting of the board held recently at their headquarters in Kansas City, Kan., when the Appeal's staff correspondent visited him in his office. In compliance with this declaration the members of the board did everything in their power to disclose Pollock's corporation rulings and handling of their case, and the record shows that even Roosevelt, when the matter was called to his attention, was forced to raise his hands and exclaim, "My God, is it possible that we have such a man on the bench?"

The articles of disclosure will appear in successive issues of the Appeal and will embrace Pollock's record from the time when, as a practicing attorney, charges of crookedness and corruption were made against him at Newkirk, Okla., to his latest adventure at double dealing in the Appeal case.

Remember—the Big Fight opens next week!

The Japanese government has given the Japanese capitalists who control the Mukden-Antung railway in Manchuria the same sort of monopoly which the railway syndicates of America have acquired through special legislation and court-made laws. The result is that American capitalists have been cut out of the good things. Taft is working up a sentiment in America that will make it possible later on to use the army and navy to "protect" American interests in the Orient. These American interests mean profits to American capitalists. The working class of this country will have no share in the profits—but it will be called upon to supply the soldiers. And they will do it, too! At \$13 per month!

THE "RIGHT OPPORTUNITY."

He was a common thief, who, if the right opportunity had offered, might have gone to work and reformed.

This sentence is taken from an editorial in the Kansas City Journal. The editor is discussing the case of the "boy bandit" who robbed a bank and shot an officer in an attempt to escape. "If the right opportunity had offered, he might have gone to work." How expressive and significant! If the boy did not have "the right opportunity," who is to blame? The boy? Emphatically, NO! Then somebody must be responsible. The Journal editor? Yes—partly. The Journal, owned by the Santa Fe, is a warm supporter of the system of work which prevails today, which denied this boy the right opportunity. And to that extent the Journal, and all you who read these lines who agree with the political and industrial system it advocates, are responsible for this boy's crime. The boy, the victim, will be punished. The real criminal—YOU—will escape. Why not change YOUR WAY OF THINKING AND VOTING BEFORE you good some other mother's son into becoming a "boy bandit"?

DO THIS! This issue of the Appeal contains a good many paragraphs and articles that will appeal strongly to the men and women who are not quite persuaded. Please mark these paragraphs and articles—particularly the one headed "Come Let Us Reason Together" on the last page—and hand to some neighbor or shopmate. If YOU will do this, we can double the number of readers of this issue. Don't overlook this important work.

You will have to get up these cold mornings and make fires in the furnace or in the old heating stove. Ugh! The back-aches and the coal—to say nothing about the labor! Just think of the 12,000,000 fires—more or less—to be made every morning! And the wasted energy! Take a little village like Girard—eight men, each working six hours per day, could heat and light the whole town from a central heating plant at just one-tenth the cost in labor now required. You put in, Mr. Family Man, about two hours each day with the fires and the coal and kindling. Suppose you could give ten minutes of your labor each day as your contribution to maintain a central heating plant, wouldn't it be an improvement over the present back-killing-energy-wasting method? Say, why don't YOU think?

So you call this court "order" law! This decree handed down by nine men, men whom YOU, the supposed great American sovereign, had no word in elevating to this position of unbridled power! So was the decree in the case of the poor shivering black slave, Dred Scott, heralded as the "law" of the land—"the law that settled for all time to come the question of chattel slavery." But an aroused nation, goaded on the one hand by a sense of justice and on the other by changing economic conditions, wiped it off the books in a deluge of blood. Have a case, you Masters of Men, that you do not force a peace-loving working class into a civil war that will stagger humanity. Another ten years of "court-made laws," heaping burdens on burdens upon their weary backs and this country will resound with tread of the Mob of Millions!

WHAT becomes of all the enormous wealth produced by all the working people of the United States? Do you find it in their possession, or do you find it in the hands of a few whose soft hands never touch the dirty implements of production? Do you not find it in the hands of men and their sons and daughters who never work, who would not work, and who spend their lives in drinking champagne, monkey dinners and sexual debauchery? When the workers vote in Socialism the workers will retain all that their brain and brawn produce, and they can live a full and happy life, without having to keep up the parasites in ostentation and debauchery. The wealth of this nation belongs of right to the workers and not to the idlers and parasites.

Yes, I fully realize that the Appeal is putting its head into the lion's mouth—but we've done that before. We're sort of getting used to the hot breath of hate and opposition. The Appeal believes a nation is only safe so long as honest criticism can be printed. Jeremy Bentham, the great English law critic, said in reply to the question what constitutes a good citizen: "Obey punctually; criticize freely." This the Appeal has done—and will continue to do—even tho' we have to go to jail!

The American courts have set aside every mandate of the voters of the nation at the behest of the Lords of Privilege. All laws enacted by the legislatures and congress in the interest of the American working class have been declared unconstitutional. I defy you to name a single law that interfered with the profits of the masters that has not been vetoed by the courts! How long will the nation tamely submit to this outrageous usurpation?

WHAT a farce! The 3,000,000 people of Missouri, in their capacity as sovereigns, declared that two cents should be the lawful railroad fare. Federal judges, formerly railroad attorneys, issued an injunction against its enforcement. You people of Missouri—are YOU going to submit? The price of your silver to the railroads is the extra one cent per mile you pay the ticket agent when you ride the public highways.

THERE has grown up a sort of superstitious reverence for the federal courts—a heritage handed down to us from our forefathers who bowed their heads to kings and accepted as final and irrevocable the decrees that came from the throne. Be men and assert your manhood before it is too late! Wrest from the irresponsible power the heritage—democracy—handed down to you by the revolutionists of 1776!

One of the big lawyers in Kansas City—one of the top-notchers as it were—sends his check for \$10 and orders 400 copies each week for five weeks, containing the articles on the Federal Judiciary. That order is mighty significant—AND IT MEANS something!

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Be sure to read the first article in the American Magazine for October.

Or what good if the nation becomes rich while the majority must ever remain near the doors of want?

The work-people of Europe are poor and the work people of this nation are poor. The useless element there is rich and the useless element here is rich. What is the difference between a monarchy and a capitalist republic, anyway?

CANTALISM has destroyed liberty. Wage workers are dependents on the job, farmers are dependents on the market, and the capitalists are dependent on the boilers for everything they eat or wear or do. Socialism will set them all at liberty.

"The faults of judicial procedure in the United States generally are many and glaring," says the Saturday Evening Post, Philadelphia. Knowing this, why does not the Post point out these glaring faults? Does it not owe this duty to its more than a million subscribers? If you are a reader of that paper write to the editor and ask him to give concrete examples and suggest that he throw his tremendous influence against this injustice which he admits is so glaring.

A SEVENTH person named Horne was arrested in London in 1775, charged with circulating disloyal literature. The literature in question was a subscription paper, raising money to be paid to the widows and orphans of the men who were killed in the battles of Lexington and Concord. The English judge spoke in the severest terms of the crime Horne had committed and sentenced him to prison and the payment of a heavy fine. The judge's name is forgotten. But Horne still lives in history.

TAFT at Milwaukee said he was in favor of "orderly" labor unions. Yes, and any king would be in favor of "orderly" rebels—rebels who would obey the rules he laid down for them. Of what use would labor unions be if they complied with the conditions agreeable to the master class? There is a struggle between the men who work and the men who own the jobs, and that struggle cannot be orderly in the sense the masters desire. Taft is the chief agent of the trusts in keeping the work people in subjection.

Some idea of the fear that Taft's regime inspires in the trusts can be seen in the effect upon some of them. Steel trust stock has advanced from \$22 a share to \$95. Standard Oil has advanced from \$48 to \$712. Yes, this administration is going to protect the people from the ravages of the trusts. What gillies the people are, after all. They are as easily deceived by their leaders as are seven year old children. This administration is going to give trusts and grafters freer sailing than they ever had. Well, may it go rapidly. Not until the people are stripped and shivering will they lose confidence in the confidence men who are running things.

The feudal lord ruled for centuries by Right of Might. He acted as judge over the serfs and lesser lords of his realm. He was supported by the steel-clad knight. Gun powder was discovered and it raised the peasant to a position of fighting equality with the mailed warrior. Gun powder was a mighty factor in leveling thrones and establishing republics. Republics have become, in turn, despotic by reason of the power wielded by the federal courts in the interest of the Industrial Lords—a tyranny more oppressive and dangerous than that of the kings of old. The question which it seems to me now face is this: Will there be a repetition of the clash of arms, which marked the progress made during the middle ages when the aroused peasant aided and directed by the despised trader class cleared away the rubbish of the feudal system with gun and bayonet, or will the present day peasant heed the Socialist warning and use his ballot before it is too late? What do YOU think about it?

THE COURTS TODAY.

There are lots of people that believe that the law protects the rights of men. Never was a fallacy greater. Take this instance and you will understand. Two men apply to the proper official for a warrant for the arrest and trial of others who have violated their persons or property. The judge issues it to one and refuses to issue it to the other. He does not even have to give a reason why one man is without the protection of law while the other is protected. In one case the applicant was a friend of the judge—in the other he was of a different religious and political faith. All courts are founded upon that privilege. Under such conditions justice is not possible. And this condition prevails all over the land. You will see its operation in the whiskey cases. You will see it in cases of the rich and the poor. You will see it in Russia, where the opponents of the czar are refused all legal protection, while his adherents can commit any crime without fear of punishment. Courts in America are rotten, and laws and decisions are sold to the highest bidder or given to political favorites. And they cannot be better under capitalism.

TO ISSUE AN INJUNCTION AGAINST THE APPEAL

The Fort Scott Tribune-Monitor, in its issue of October 12th, says: "It is rumored in Fort Scott among those in a position to have accurate knowledge of the status of the case that an effort will be made to enjoin the publication of the articles which are now in course of preparation, but from the attitude assumed by Fred Warren concerning them, it is probable that more than words would be required to stop them, as he is quoted as saying: 'I have been advised that the publication of these articles will seriously jeopardize my interests under advisement by the court of appeals in December. Be it as it may, the articles will appear as per schedule, jail or no jail.'

The Appeal will serve notice on the powers that be that if an injunction is issued against this paper it will be ignored! The evidence that has been collected by our staff correspondent, Geo. H. Shoaf, and verified by the Appeal's editor, will appear as announced. The fight may as well be started right now as later.

SEND IT SOARING!

WITH the next issue begins the startling series of articles on the judiciary. I have gone over these carefully, page by page, line by line, and work by word, and I will risk my reputation upon the veracity of the essential charges they contain, sensational as they will certainly be to our readers.

When the materials were being gathered it seemed impossible that a judge, a federal judge, could occupy such a position a single hour with such a record as is here disclosed. Moral turpitude? The term is too mild. Official corruption? That does not begin to express it.

And so to make certain that these awful charges were true and susceptible of proof, the materials were sifted and every particle of a doubtful nature excluded.

The articles, therefore, contain the truth only, as verified by court records, and other documentary testimony.

You shall read these articles for yourselves. I am not going to prejudice you. All I ask is that you shall arrive at a verdict in accordance with the facts.

I have been told that this attack on capitalist officialdom would sink the Appeal. Possibly! It could not sink in a worrier's cause.

Far rather would I see it sink fighting for its rights and the rights of the nation than to see it float in security with its conscience dead and its heart eaten out by craven cowardice.

I am backing the Appeal against the mercenaries who are pitted against it and seeking its destruction to obtain the promised reward from their plutocratic masters.

The Army has never yet deserted in an hour of trial. In every crisis it has won the day and pushed the paper on to greater conquests.

The crisis is again upon us. In a few more weeks the United States court of appeals will decide my case. Going to jail is of itself not so important, BUT THE ISSUE, INVOLVING A FREE PRESS, IS OF MOMENTOUS IMPORTANCE TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE!

Our chief reliance is in publicity. Give us the eyes of the people long enough to see the five issues of the Appeal, beginning October 30th (next week), and I will guarantee the victory.

The capitalist courts have pronounced sentence upon us and now we propose to pronounce sentence upon them.

Please remember that the eyes of the plutocratic world are upon the Appeal Army. YOUR RESPONSE IN THIS CRISIS WILL DETERMINE THE FATE OF THE APPEAL. Orders for a MILLION COPIES of each of the next five issues will serve notice on the judicial tyrants that YOU—the working class—demand a halt! Your paper needs you NOW!

ANOTHER REWARD. **TRAINED ANIMALS.**

TEN DOLLARS reward for finding steady employment for sober, steady man at \$3 a week. Reward, care, press. 6x

In former ages the work people were taught, understood and believed that their place in the world was to produce wealth for their masters' pleasure; that they were of meaner clay than kings; that it was wrong to think ill against their condition in life; that they were fortunate if they did not starve; that their lives were the property of the master.

This advertisement appeared in the Grand Rapids Press (Mich.), Monday, October 11th. It tells its own story. Nine dollars a week! Living? Well, how many of you could live decently on nine dollars per week? Many fathers in the United States—the home of high wages and unparalleled prosperity—support families on \$9 and less per week. But it can not be said they live decently. They merely exist.

Never before in the world's history has such an advertisement appeared. Imagine, if you can, a black slave today the Civil War advertising for a master who would support him in exchange for his labor! But in this year of our Lord, 1909, after fifty years of capitalist prosperity, "sober, steady" men are forced into the position of offering a reward for a job at \$9.00 per week! I'd like to hand that ad to republican campaign orators as a text for a speech. This can not be done—for the very good reason that the campaign orators of the old parties have gone into cold storage and will not be on exhibition until next year. By that time this incident and thousands of others like it will have been lost sight of in the dust kicked up by the old party spell-binders.

But listen.—The man who advertises for a job will not forget! Nor will thousands of others just like him forget! In this way the wave that will eventually engulf capitalism gathers momentum! On with the dance!

The great Swedish strike is still on. Our Swedish comrades are putting up a stubborn, although apparently hopeless struggle. But it is not hopeless. The lessons in solidarity that are being learned will be useful later on.

O, you great big, blubbery Americans; what great things you are! Afraid of Socialism that would enable you to be men!

Your masters have you beautifully trained.

THE FIGHT FOR LIBERTY
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When the Panama canal is completed it will be turned over to the shipping companies who own the ships. Watch the prediction.

The state taxes in Kansas amount to \$18 for each family. What a pudding it is to spend \$7,386,578.04 taxed out of the ignorance of the people!

The state temperance union proposes to take action to prevent the shipping of liquors into prohibition territory. They will have to get different kind of judges on the federal benches if they do—and as federal judges are not elected, I don't see how they are going to do it. Be unconstitutional, don't you know! Yes, you know!

Whom you would not be willing to trust with deciding a dispute between yourself and others, as a man, you will endorse as a judge. Just as, though the appointment made any difference in his character! And you expect good government and a just judiciary!

Texas is a power that is higher than the most supreme of the courts, and that is the voice of the people. There is a principle which lives longer than any judge who has only life tenure of office and that principle is justice.

Justice Amosson talked like Pollock at the opening of the case against the Appeal. Pollock, however, consulted "higher authority," as he himself says, and then the full enormity of Warren's wrongs dawned on him and he changed his mind. It would be interesting to know just what "higher authority" Pollock consulted.

You have noticed how strongly a worried paragraph appeals to you. If some one sends or hands you a paper with an article marked, it's like a direct personal talk from your friend, and out of courtesy you will read it through. Adopt this plan of marking something in the Appeal each week and sending out, handing to some one you think you can interest.

No Moses can save you; Moses of old led the people into the wilderness, not into Canaan. He who will master you will also enslave you. Let the workers rule, really and truly. Socialism has no place for leaders, save for the advice of the genius and the experienced, and even then every man must decide for himself. Socialism is democracy, industrial democracy. This means that you who work shall also lead the world. It is a reversal of the usual order, but it is the only safe way. Follow no one implicitly or blindly, not even the Appeal to Reason, but think for yourself.

HOW THE FARM PAYS.

At the farmers' institute held in Girard recently I talked with the farmer who had the finest display, and he showed he knew his business. He said his farm was worth \$15,000 and he cleared about \$1,500 a year. His own skill labor and training were worth twice that sum at any other business, and besides he had two or three sons and they all contributed to the results. As I view it, he and all his family worked for nothing, just to get the average rate of interest on their investment. Funny some awfully smart people can be satisfied with such conditions. Under Socialism, without the years of saving to acquire the farm, the income of that family would be easily \$7,500 a year, with less work and worry. But some people cannot see how private ownership of the land does them up, even though they have a title lead to a few acres of it!

FARMING PAYS.

If the farmer charged and was paid monthly for his service as superintendent and laborer, and for what his wife and children do, there is not a farm in the country that would pay the wages and an interest on the investment out of the products. But capitalists not only get an interest on their investments, often too per cent, but get large salaries for superintending the business too. The reason the farms don't pay is because the other fellows know how to manipulate the farmer's politics.

If it were not for conditions made possible by political action there is not a speculator, banker, landlord or loafer in the land who would not have to go to work at something useful. Farming would then pay. But how can the farm pay when it must keep up all the non-producing factors of the land? Farms that have a selling value of \$10,000 do not pay for the work done on them. One farmer with such a farm told me recently that he cleared from \$600 to \$1,000 a year for his labor. That is only a fair interest on the value of the farm, according to the capitalist idea of interest. In which case the farmer received nothing for his labor!

ROOSEVELT UNSUCCESSFUL.

The prosecution of the publishers of the Indianapolis News by Roosevelt on a criminal libel charge seems to have struck a snag when Judge Anderson refused to order the editors to go to Washington to be tried by federal office holders and before a jury composed of federal employees. This action is commended by the Kansas City Journal as follows:

A great principle was involved. The decision of Judge Anderson vindicates the defendant and also points out that the press has a public duty to perform, and in political discussions it seems to me that the concepts of libel should be greatly different from the conception that should apply to a case of libel on a person's private character. Roosevelt seems to have been more successful in prosecuting the editor of the Appeal. Both cases were instigated by Roosevelt—both cases based on statements to the effect that Roosevelt and his close political associates had a hand in big stealings. The editor of the Indianapolis News gets off—though the News did not prove the truth of its charges. The Appeal editor goes to jail—although we proved that Roosevelt, by his own admission, was a party to the looting of the Alton railroad! But, then, the Appeal editor is a Socialist and the other editors are capitalist-minded gentlemen who believe in maintaining the system as it is—pitching it up here and there and dividing the loot among a thousand little fellows instead of a dozen big ones.

The murder of Ferrer should serve as a reminder to the civilized world that there are now incarcerated in the Spanish prisons over 10,000 victims of reactionary vengeance. The prisoners comprise boys and girls of three years of age, and even infants of three months. In 1896 the world was shocked to learn of the atrocious tortures and mutilations inflicted upon the prisoners of Montjuich, the prison-fortress of Barcelona. Private letters received in England indicate that the horrors of Montjuich today, where 5,000 prisoners are interred, transcend the horrors of 1896.—New York Call.

There would be no contempt of court if the courts had not made themselves contemptible.

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A Few Observations on Party Affairs

BY FRED B. WARREN.

THE Appeal is not an official organ of the Socialist party. The Socialist party has no official organ. The Appeal counts as just one of the 43,000 members of the Socialist party, in the United States, who direct and manage party affairs.

The Appeal stands primarily for the Socialist movement. This Socialist movement is behind the Socialist party, which is merely the organized expression of Socialism on the political field.

The party organization is to the Socialist movement what the locomotive is to the railroad system. When a railroad discards an old locomotive and installs a new and more modern machine it is making progress. This is what the Socialist movement in America has been doing for years—perfecting its organization by discarding the old worn-out ideas in organization and installing new ones.

There is a constant effort on the part of the conservative (and we have conservative Socialists, strange as it may appear) to let things remain as they are, which means going backward. The progressive push ahead. This causes a conflict. These conflicts disturb the harmony of the existing political organization—but there is no reason why any one should be discouraged because of these periodic upheavals. The party will emerge stronger and better able to cope with the organized parties of capitalism.

The Socialist movement is the reflex of the capitalist system. Without a highly developed capitalist organism there could be no Socialist movement. Please keep this in mind. Do not denounce capitalism and capitalists—explain the former and show how the latter is merely the victim of the system he supports.

We have members in our party who take themselves so seriously that they think the Socialist party will end in disaster unless it follows their lead, follow no leader! The Socialist party needs no leaders. It needs clerks of intelligence to carry out the voice of the collectivity as expressed through the referendum and by means of the initiative. It is claimed that the membership is sometimes wrong and sometimes foolish, but that doesn't prove that the principle of democracy is wrong. The "mob" makes mistakes? The alleged mistakes are only growing pains—lessons that can be learned in no other way. I'd rather be with the mob when it is wrong (if it ever is) than to follow any "leader" the world has ever known. But the mob has never been wrong—mark that!

Most of the misery and all of the great mistakes of the past have been made by following leaders. Never vote for a man who stands for the same office for more than two consecutive terms. I'm in favor of making it a part of the constitution of the party that no comrade can hold an office in the party for more than two terms. It would be wiser to limit the holding of office to one term.

SUPERSTITION.

There was a time when republicans would not have a democratic paper in their house, and vice versa. It is not so now, and most families of intelligence have both kinds. There are many now who will not permit a Socialist paper in their homes—yet I know of no Socialist paper that prints the vile, vulgar and obscene things the old party papers print. There is nothing in a Socialist paper that can offend the most refined persons. Can you say as much for the other papers? But that was not the thought that I wished to express, but it pushed itself in. You would deny that you are superstitious, but when you refuse to read a Socialist paper you fear the effects of little black characters on a sheet of white paper—just as if they could hurt you! Are you afraid to trust yourself? Are you so weak and ignorant that you fear to trust yourself to read anything that is different from what you have been fed from your youth? Do you not fear that you will be deceived? O, I possessed that same mental condition years ago, and that's why I know how you feel. You are afraid to trust your own judgment. But if your judgment is so weak, how do you know that you are not now believing things that are wrong? If we could deceive you, could not others who have access to your ears and eyes deceive you? The sensible way is to listen to all sides and then judge for yourself. When others try to frighten you from reading anything, ask them if they have read it, and if they were injured? If it didn't kill you, maybe it will not kill you. If they did not read it how do they know what it is? There may be some reason why they are afraid to trust you with reading. If I were skinning you I would desire to keep you ignorant of anything that would open your eyes. Maybe somebody is "doing" you. Anyhow, nothing you can read, no matter what, will injure you if you do not want it to injure you. How silly to be afraid of little black marks on a sheet of paper!

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MEANING OF "PROSPERITY."

Official figures sent out from New York show that for the month of August the net earnings of the Union Pacific were 52 per cent of its gross receipts, an increase of fourteen per cent over the figures for August, 1898. Think of this. Only 48 per cent of the gross receipts of the road were used in paying wages, salaries and operating expenses, while the rest of it, more than half, went into the coffers

of the capitalists. Surely you can understand how this is exploitation as truly as the holding up of the nation at the mouth of cannon would be. In view of these conditions, the capitalist press is protesting against the "baiting of the railroads," and capitalist courts are declaring the two-cent fare confiscatory and unconstitutional. A few years ago this same railroad was in the hands of the government, but after tangled transactions had been straightened out, it was restored to individuals so that the exploitation of the working class could continue. Talk about "your" government serving you! It is serving the capitalists by making possible your robbery, by them. The fifty-two per cent which went to the stockholders of this road in August amounted to \$4,182,055. This is the price you paid for having private ownership of this one road. It is figures like these which give ground for the "blow" about returning prosperity. It is prosperity for the big capitalists, right enough, but for you, it is poverty and hunger.

Mexico and Murder

BY MOTHER JONES

RISE to ask the American people, have you read John K. Turner's article in the American Magazine for October on the frightful brutality of the Mexican government towards its people? If not, read it at once. Then ask your Christian ministers why they are silent in the face of this frightful tragedy at our very doors. Why are they silent? Because they worship at the shrine of Mammon.

If the Revolutionary fathers could come back to earth, the first question they would ask would be what has become of the national pride? Did it die with the immortal Lincoln? Look at the frightful pictures in the American Magazine. Imagine these lashes falling on your flesh. See and feel the blood dripping from your body. Go down to Belem prison see the shocking pictures there. Then, men and women, ask yourselves, "Am I my brother's keeper?" Look at their lacerated bodies, their hopeless lives.

They ask you, does God sleep? No, he does not. He will wipe out injustice with suffering, wrong with blood, and sin with death. The disgraceful phase of it all is that we stand and see the public officials whom we pay, become bloodhounds and man-grabbers in the service of bloody Diaz.

It looks as if this government of the people and for the people and by the people, so-called, had become general scavenger for the most ferocious murderer on the face of God's earth. We have in our jails and prisons some of the bravest revolutionists, perhaps the world has known. Leavenworth, Kan., holds three of these brave political refugees. Yuma, Arizona, holds three more. That brave soul who swam the river across the Del Rio last year was arrested, tried in the federal court and turned loose; re-arrested under the emigration laws and turned loose by the bureau in Washington; re-arrested for the benefit of the hungry jackal who is thirsting for human blood and placed in jail in Texas to await trial.

Why all this? Listen: The American capitalists have started a steel trust in Mexico capitalized at fifty million dollars, and a smelter trust at sixty million. Cheap labor of course. Attorney General Wickersham is a large stockholder in the Mexican Central railroad, where Harriman, before he passed to the great beyond, held most of the preferred stock. Hearst owns three million acres of mineral lands adjoining the Standard Oil company. The capitalist pirates have robbed the people of this nation, now they are going into Mexico to carry out the advice of Carnegie, and "hire labor, cheap and make millions."

Rob the Mexicans now and next China. This young legal leech, Oscar Lawler, has men imprisoned for daring to protest against such tyranny and robbery. He held three revolutionists in jail in Los Angeles without trial for twenty months, contrary to law.

Will it be recorded in the days to come that we, the people of a Christian nation, stood for our president, the chief executive, taking the hand of the most brutal specimen of the human race that this age has produced?

How the immortal Lincoln would blush with shame and frown with contempt at the mention of such men as Lawler and Wickersham! Contrast these legal-satrap with John K. Turner, who took his life in his hands to make the world better for mankind to live in. All honor to John K. Turner! The world will call you blessed.

President Taft was placed in power by the Wall street robbers and he can do as his natural instincts would urge him to do. When a man is nominated by the money power of Wall street his independence is gone, his manhood is sacrificed and his love of liberty, if he ever had any must be offered up on the altar of selfish ambition.

I know what Lincoln would say to that crew on Wall street: "The nation first and you last!"

The people who make up this nation will some day wake from their slumber with horror. I hope it will not be too late.

This is how they do it: "This is the first time I have subscribed for the Appeal myself, as my last subscription was given me by a friend and as he gave me my first subscription, I am going to give this club of four to friends of mine in the Socialist movement."—G. T. Wallen, Midland, Mich.

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BY CHARLES LINCOLN PHIFER

For the Insurance Money. YES," said the old insurance agent, "there are many tragedies connected with our work. Men insure their lives only as a means of protection for their loved ones in case of death, so that insurance itself is a sort of a tragic love story, made necessary on account of peculiar social conditions. That is the ordinary aspect of it. But sometimes there are unusual situations which emphasize the tragedy."

"No doubt you could relate many of them," I suggested, to draw him out. "Yes," was the reply, "I could. The latest came under my eyes at the city hospital which I visited yesterday."

"We were in the city of brotherly love, Philadelphia. "I was visiting the place with my wife," the agent continued, "taking the inmates some flowers, when we came to a cot on which lay the body of a man with burned lips and wide-open, staring eyes. 'A suicide,' I said to my wife. "Yes, and an unusually sad case," replied the nurse. "Would you care to read the letters found on his person, which tell about it?" The nurse knew us because of our many visits, and accorded us special privileges. I took the letters and read. The first was addressed to his wife, and said:

"Dear Nell: I cannot collect the money due me, and there is no other way out of it. I take my own life because I think it will be better for you and the children. There is \$100 coming to be from the lodge. First settle with that old landlord and then get me the cheapest funeral possible. I do not want anybody at my funeral but you. Get the cheapest coffin you can and bury me in the cheapest spot you can. Do not want any preaching over me, but Dr. Fulton may make a few remarks telling of how I was raised in my boyhood in Towleville. Good by, dear."

The other letter was addressed to his landlord, and read: "God may forgive; I cannot. I hope He will put His curse on you for the rest of your life. You would have got all your money in a short time, if you had waited. Now you have my life on your hands. I hope you will never be able to sleep again for you know of the condition my wife was in. I may meet you in hell. If I do, I can and will sit out with you there. "Isn't it terrible to enter eternity with that kind of a spirit?" asked the nurse.

"Isn't it brave," I retorted, "to dare to enter eternity, with his belief in hell, for the suicide, in order that by doing so he might save his wife?" "I spoke to my wife, and together we sought the widow, meaning to show our sympathy and lend what aid we could. We found her in an alley room, hardly fit for the housing of swine, nursing a baby not two hours old. A neighbor woman, as poor as she, was ministering to her physical wants as best she could. I thought the woman had heard of the death of her husband and was sobbing in the folded rag that served her for a pillow.

"My God, my God!" she said, "why did not someone save him? Why did not an angel from heaven warn him in time? The officer sent to evict us was touched with our condition, and among his acquaintance raised enough money to pay our rent."

THE CATHOLIC FATHERS. The rich man is a thief.—St. Basil. Opulence is always the product of theft, committed, if not by the actual possessor of wealth, by his ancestors.—St. Jerome. Nature created community; private property is the offspring of usurpation.—St. Ambrose. In strict justice everything should belong to all. Iniquity alone has created private property.—St. Clement. These are the views of the founders of the Roman catholic church. The present officers of the Roman catholic church do not endorse these views. It would be interesting to read the opinion of catholic bishops and catholic editors on why the church no longer endorses these self-evident truths. Suppose you cut out the above and mail to your bishop or editor and ask for an explanation. The Appeal will be glad to print the replies.

At the Country Store

The Drift Back to the Farm. THE papers say," began Pop Wessel as he sat on the dry-goods box in front of the country store, "that city clerks and others are getting little pieces of land, and that the drift to the cities is now being counteracted by a drift back to the farm. What have you Socialists to say about an increase in the number of small farms? Doesn't quite agree with your philosophy, eh?" Pop leaned back and laughed as he eyed Brother Ben.

"It is real pathetic," replied Brother Ben. "Fifty years ago land was so plentiful that we were giving it to railroads by the millions of acres, and now good land is so scarce that there is a panic to get possession of a few acres. Pick up a paper anywhere, and you will see an advertisement of ten-acre farms for sale, with extravagant claims of the money to be made from them. What would your father have thought of a ten-acre farm? Pop? It wouldn't have made him a barn lot."

"But we are learning to farm better than we used to do." "Yes, necessity will compel us to do it. But we can't reach perfection in that line on the small farm." "We can't reach perfection in any other way."

"I understand the theory of the garden farm, which works very well near the city, where the truck farmer can take his wagon and market his own crop. But think how these ten-acre farms will work, away off from

somewhere, where they will be at the mercy of a privately owned railroad to carry their stuff to market. The railroad will be able to absorb all their product, or they will have to let their immense crops, if they do pan out, rot in the beds—beds, not fields. The clerks, who are so scared at the disappearance of land that they are frantically grabbing for a piece, and so increasing the number of farms, are merely tying themselves up where they can be fleeced to a fareyouwell. It is merely an appearance of an increase in the middle class of small capitalists. Pop. In reality it is a preparation for the complete subjugation of that class."

"You are wrong, Brother Ben, in your assumption that a small farm well tilled is not better than a big farm illly tilled."

"But the small farm cannot be well tilled. I know that as a city garden, by means of lavish toil, it is made to yield fine crops, which bring in a good living; but that is not good tillage, for the reason that it is hand labor. Good tillage involves the best of machinery and that means a big farm and syndicate work—either that or socialized farming. It saves fences, it cheapens production, it frees men of hard, killing toil. Ultimately it will so cheapen production that the small farmer cannot compete with it, and then the appearance of the increase of this class will pass away. There can never be decent conditions in farming until those engaged at it own both the markets and the means of getting to market, the railroads."

TREMbles FOR THE APPEAL

A friendly attorney, who is noted for his nerve, writes as follows after reading last week's paper: "I tremble yet when I think of the cartoon. Be careful and if you can't be careful, at least be easy!"

"Be easy!" How can the Appeal be "easy" when on every hand it sees evidence that the dearly bought liberties of the people are slipping away under the insidious attacks of the federal courts?

Tremble? Frankly, I have trembled for months—and I'm not ashamed to confess it! I recall that one of the bravest generals in the Civil war acknowledged that before he entered a battle he was afraid—his knees shook, and his stomach felt like it wanted to turn itself inside out. That's the way I've felt as I debated in my mind whether to give to the public through the Appeal, the evidence that had been carefully collected by the Appeal's staff correspondent of federal court corruption. But the decision has been made! There is no retreat and now that the battle rages (and it has only begun), fears have been discarded, and we are breathing normal again. The question that now confronts the Appeal: Will the readers of the Appeal stand behind it in this Greatest of All Fights for YOUR liberty? Will you? If so, now is the time to stand up and be counted!

The Pompous Judge. Record, Wagner, Okla. United States Judge John Cotteral, of Guthrie, was holding court at Enid some time ago, the thermometer was sizzling around 100 in the shade when a couple of business men and farmers had business in the courthouse and being men of good common sense, of course, were in their shirt sleeves. No sooner had they entered than his exalted majesty spied them. How shocking! Just think of it, citizens of Oklahoma coming into the presence of this mighty judge in their shirt sleeves. But the judge served them right; he called the U. S. marshal and had the vile creatures led from his august presence. He should have given them thirty days in the guard house on half ration. How those two-bit lawyers do puff up when a federal plume happens to fall to them. The writer well remembers a good many years ago when he and this same judge took their meals at the same little hole in the wall. The regular price was 15 cents and while neither of us always had the required sum we believe we could dig up oftener than the judge. And he didn't wear a coat either, and he would chase around the justice shop for three days for a five-dollar William. How times have changed. Now John is a U. S. judge, swells up like a puffed-out put not wearing their coats when the weather man marks her up to 108.

Proud to Support the Appeal. "I wish to add a word of praise to the stand you are taking in connection with the elimination of advertising from the Appeal. If the comrades can only get the right view of the matter they will be proud to support a paper that is willing to pay such a high price in order to uphold its principles and to square precept with practice. May the bottling up process increase and multiply," writes Comrade Wagner, Kankakee, Ill., sending in four new readers.

The public debt October 7, as sent out from Washington, was \$2,648,602,846, an increase for the year of \$2,058,235, in these piping times of peace and prosperity. It will now be time for the gruffers to ring out the old tocsin that "our debts represent our prosperity." The people do like to be damned.

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FOR THE ASKING Well Fed Now. Wherein lies the advantage of increased wages, such as Socialism promises, since the majority are well-fed now?—Kansas. This exhibits ignorance under two heads. Socialism will know nothing of wages, high or low, and a majority are not well fed now because they are robbed of a large portion of their product through the wages system, which Socialism will abolish.

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ANOTHER VICTIM. How Bernard Macfadden Was Sentenced to the Penitentiary for Telling the Truth. A big Warren protest meeting was held at Battle Creek, Mich., recently, where the principal address was made by Upton Sinclair, famous author of "The Jungle." Sinclair distinguished himself in this speech, reviewing the Warren case in clear language and making a strong plea against the use of the courts for the suppression of free speech. In concluding he made the following reference to another case wherein a man was sentenced to the penitentiary for telling the truth:

Incentive of Starvation. If idleness did not mean starvation, would genius labor in the creation of the new and brain strive in the elaboration of material things?—Dr. Hampton, Kansas. Socialism would supply the incentive of starvation for the idler. He hasn't got it now. The rich do no worthy work, and armies of tramps live without working now.

Ownership of Women. When everything else is held in common, can you expect the woman to escape the operation of the system?—A Critic of Socialism. Of course, Socialism does not propose to hold everything in common, but only such property as is socially used. The holding of women in common could only come from an assumption that women are property of men, and the idea that they are to be held in common under Socialism can arise only in the minds of people who recognize women as property now.

Would Behold 'Em. It is told of Alexander the Great that upon the occasion of his first visit to London he observed a large group of men wearing long-tailed coats and high hats standing in front of a large building. "Who are all those men?" asked the world conqueror.

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ARMY NOTES The first time Lee Chapman, Webb City, Mo., tried, he captured four subs. Get started. Begin taking subs and it is hard to tell where you'll end. In five weeks Louis Anderson, Minneapolis, Minn., sent in eighteen new subs. Pretty good record, isn't it?

Jefferson's Opinion. It has long been my opinion, and I have never shrunk from its expression, that the germ of dissolution of our federal government is in the judiciary, an irresponsible body working like gravity by day, and by night, gaining a little today and gaining a little tomorrow, and advancing in noiseless step over the field of jurisdiction until all shall be usurped from the state and the government of all become consolidated in one.

What an Engineer Did. Read the following letter and see what one copy of the Appeal, that an engineer handed on to his fellow workman, did: "Some time last October a brother engineer handed me an issue of the Appeal and since that time I've read the Appeal each week, and now enclose four names of my fellow workmen whom I have converted to Socialism and who are going to vote the Socialist ticket in our coming municipal election."

From Faraway Alaska. We, the members of local Deadwood, just organized, having seen in the Appeal your call to the comrades for pledges of money to fight the case of Warren, and probably of Wayland and Debs, desire to be in the game. We are a long way from Girard and have poor mail service, so instead of pledging some money we are sending it along, as you may need it before there would be time to write us and get a reply. If it is not needed for the Appeal defense fund please notify us and we will instruct you further.

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LEND A HAND.

Well, that's not quite as good a showing as I'd like to see just at this time, but you remember I told you we could expect a slight backward movement this month on account of the double expirations. Twelve months ago 23,818 subs were put on the list. Forty weeks ago 33,967 subs were put on—making a total of 54,985 expirations for this month. If some of our readers can tell us of some automatic plan to keep all these names on the list it will confer a great favor on the Circulation Man!

The C. M. is convinced there is only one way—and that is for all members of the Army to tackle every man and every woman they meet and persuade them to join our great army of readers. That is the way the list was built up to its present magnificent proportions. Hark back to the time—perhaps not so long ago—when some one, against your will, no doubt, persuaded you to subscribe for this paper. You feel kindly toward that person, don't you? Now, stop and consider that the man living next door is today just where you were yesterday or last week or last month or last year. And isn't it your duty to do to him what your friend did to you? Say, isn't it?

Put your shoulder to the wheel TO-DAY—and see what you can do to add a few subs to the list printed below!

Circulation by States. Table with columns for State, OFF, and TOTAL. Lists states from Kansas to District of Columbia with corresponding circulation numbers.

There is a sucker born every second, is an old saying. The record of Wall street for three generations won't teach a fool anything. After leasing the public with raise of prices, United States Steel stocks dropped from 95 to 87 with a thump. There was a panic the other day. The price is made and unmade at pleasure of the big operators. Stocks are printed to sell—not to buy. Leave all stocks and industrial bonds alone. If you have a little saving, invest it in municipal bonds—bonds of some county, city, school district or municipal water or light plant. That is the safest place you can put your savings.

Capitalists are not opposed to public ownership of property—if it is non-productive. They are willing that the public shall own the streets, schools, sewers, police and fire departments, parks, and anything else that does not yield a profit to the public treasury. Capitalists want everything that pays a profit. Socialists insist that the people shall own all productive property.

COMMENTING ON "Barbarous Mexico" by J. K. Turner in the American Magazine, the Minneapolis Tribune makes this remarkable and startling statement: "It is doubtful if conditions are worse there than they are now in parts of the south, and have been recently in parts of the west."

The Panama canal project being a "political question," saved the editors of the Indianapolis News from being taken to Washington to stand trial for libeling Roosevelt. The Alton Steel being a private deal, the Appeal editor must go to jail for referring to Roosevelt's part in the game.

For the Five Big Issues. 40 copies per week, 5 weeks, \$1.00. 100 copies per week, 5 weeks, \$2.50. 200 copies per week, 5 weeks, \$5.00. 400 copies per week, 5 weeks, \$10.00.

FEDERAL ATTORNEY GREGG of Oklahoma has been arrested for violating the state law against printing whiskey advertisements. He asks the federal court, of which he is a part, to declare the law unconstitutional.

And the barber shop! Have you supplied your barber shop with the Appeal? It costs only 25¢ at once. It costs the barber shop with your next club of subscribers. Put him "next" to a good thing!

We are doing our best to keep up with orders for the "Arsenal of Facts." The bindery is behind on the last edition—but we hope to be out of the woods by the last of next week. Remember, this little vest-pocket Gattling gun can be had only for 12 subscriptions, the purchase of 12 sub cards or an order for 12 copies weekly for one year. The cost is \$3. The book—just right for the vest pocket—bound in fine leather—is worth twice that sum exclusive of subscriptions.

WE AWAIT CHANCE'S REPLY.

L. C. Chance, Fort Scott, Kan. My Dear Sir—I herewith enclose discontinuance card sent to this office by the postmaster of Redfield, Kan. Accompanying this card are four affidavits from four subscribers who receive mail at Redfield, to the effect that they DID NOT authorize the postmaster to send a discontinuance notice to the Appeal. This action of the Redfield postmaster is a clear violation of section 3890, R. S., which reads as follows:

Unlawful Detention of Mail Matter by Postmasters.—Any postmaster who shall unlawfully detain in his office any letter or other mail matter, the posting of which is not prohibited by law, with intent to prevent the arrival and delivery of same to the person to whom it is addressed, shall be punishable by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars, and by imprisonment for not more than six months, and he shall be forever thereafter incapable of holding the office of postmaster. Approved June 8, 1872.

The Appeal has suffered in silence this illegal activity of postmasters, which has cost us thousands of subscribers. We have appealed in vain to the department to correct this evil. If the postoffice department and the department of justice are conducted impartially; if a republican postmaster looks no different to the federal officers than a Socialist editor, now is the time to show that impartiality and protect the citizens of Kansas in their right to receive through the mails unhindered the papers they desire to read.

Respectfully yours,

APPEAL TO REASON.

MANY explanations by learned men why ancient empires passed away have been given. But I think Ingersoll was nearer right than any of the others, when he said that the older nations disappeared because their institutions were founded on human slavery. And if that is correct—then surely must the present civilization in America pass away. From 1776 to 1860 chattel slaves supplied most of the wealth of the nation. Since 1860 wage slaves have toiled and sweated to fill the coffers of the rich with uncounted wealth; to build palaces of dazzling splendor; palaces which form no part of the lives of those rightfully entitled to them. The cry of the under-world will be heard some of these days—will be heard when those who utter it come into a consciousness of their strength and their power, and then this civilization will pass away to make a place for the new! Help us carry the intelligence to the brothers who are bound down with centuries of toil—bound with chains of superstitious reverence forged by their masters. In no other way can you be free!

Less than one-half of one per cent of the regular soldiers in the United States army own any property of any kind. The number, exclusive of officers, that own real estate is so small that it can not be represented by percentage. Less than ten percent of the members of state militia own any real estate. Yet all these patriotic soldiers think they are fighting for "their" country. What they will be called upon to fight for is the property of the "master class."

A PRESS dispatch from Washington says vigorous measures will be used to suppress the circulation of Socialist literature among the soldiers and marines. At the same time, this wise newspaper guy quotes a government official as saying that soldiers are not susceptible to Socialist doctrines. Then why go to all the trouble of suppressing our literature? Seems funny, doesn't it? Well here goes for another batch of Socialist literature to the soldier boys.

NINE hundred and thirty-nine (939) in every 1,000 persons in England die without owning any property worth speaking about (Mullhall's Dictionary of Statistics) and 691 out of every 1,000 without furniture, investments or effects worth \$1,000. The disappearance of private property seems to have reached the vanishing point in England. These figures will explain in part the growth of Socialism in Great Britain.

Every Socialist ought to be proud of the New York Sunday Call which made its first appearance October 10th. Sixteen pages and every one alive. If Appeal readers in the east will quit buying old party Sunday papers and buy the Call, that paper will become a power for Socialism. Try it two months. If you are not satisfied then go back to the capitalist swill-barrel!

It developed during the hearing last week at Indianapolis in the Panama libel suits that the canal is too big an enterprise for the government! This is a hint that like the Union Pacific project, it is to be built with the nation's money and then turned over to some benevolent capitalists with a pull!

Four Socialist speakers were arrested in Chicago for speaking on the streets of the Windy City. The police used clubs—which is the usual capitalist argument against Socialism.

GOVERNOR COMER ASSAILS FEDERAL JUDICIARY

Alabama Executive Declares Federal Judge Jones Decided to Enjoin State-Railroad Laws Before He Heard Testimony in Cases.

Special to the Record-Herald. Montgomery, Ala., October 6.—Governor Comer in an interview late tonight attacked the integrity of Judge Thomas G. Jones of the United States court for the middle and northern districts of Alabama, intimating that the judge had made up his mind to enjoin the state rate laws before he heard the testimony, and that the railroads, against which the laws were directed, knew that he was going to do so.

"I have criticized Judge Jones," the governor said. "And have stated that on account of his environment he was not fitted to sit upon the rate cases in Alabama."

The governor then goes on to re-

cite that Judge Jones was an employee from youth of the Louisville and Nashville road, that many of his family are employed in the same way, that he was a virtual protégé of Milton Smith, president of the road, that he continued in the employ of the road until he went on the bench, and that Milton Smith helped to put him on the bench, he had been informed.

"With this environment and his disposition it was impossible for him to give the state a fair, impartial trial," continues the governor. "The sacredness and justice which by common consent is accorded to every court, could not be conceded to his court in the trial of these cases."

The governor also says that the partisanship of the judge to the railroads compelled him to take as conclusive evidence the expert's statements of the railroads, although he should have known such evidence to be questionable from the very nature of the case. He charges "that it was very generally believed that by his invitation he (Jones) had railroad employes come to his chambers, where in the most spectacular manner he assured them of the protection of his court." The governor further asserts that the attorney general refused to appear in the court because the judge, before hearing the side of the state, pointed out his course in a newspaper interview. The citing of Solicitor Steagall for contempt because he talked back to a deputy of the federal court "shocked" the governor. He speaks of the "exaggerated egotism" of the judge, and says that the talk of civil war was only in his "fevered brain."

The governor declared that former President Roosevelt intimated to him that if state officers were fined for contempt of the Jones court they might be pardoned.

UNEXPECTED ASSISTANCE.

While the ink on the first announcement of the Appeal's articles on the federal judiciary is scarcely cold, we are in receipt of hundreds of letters commending the Appeal for its stand. And these letters, too, are coming from most unexpected quarters. Here is a letter from the editor of one of the most influential and widely circulated republican daily newspapers in Kansas:

"We would be pleased to have your advance proofs of your Pollock articles. [Without knowing the character of the articles, we, of course, cannot promise to use them, BUT WE AGREE WITH YOU ON THE PROPOSITION THAT THERE IS ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT IN THE FEDERAL JUDICIARY."

Here is one from a prosperous local weekly, one of the kind whose editor appreciates the importance of this move:

"We are glad to note that you are going to take up this matter, as it has long been our opinion that this branch of our government is infected with a degree of rottenness that would make modern ward politics seem clean in comparison. We will be pleased to receive any advance sheets of the articles as they appear and will give them as much local publicity as lies in the power and convenience of a country weekly newspaper."

Up to this writing twenty-eight Kansas daily and weekly newspapers have asked for advanced proofs of these articles. Advance proofs will be furnished to any paper that cares to join this fight. While the material and data has cost us a good many hundreds of dollars, any newspaper is privileged to print all or any part of the articles, with or without credit. The Appeal is interested in getting these facts before the country. Urge your local editor to lend a hand. It's a duty he owes the community.

THE DEATH OF A PATRIOT.

"Aim straight. Long live the modern schools!" With these words, Francisco Ferrer died—killed by order of the King of Spain. What was Ferrer's crime? He advocated the establishment of a Spanish republic and public schools free from the influence of the officers of the catholic hierarchy.

The tragedy that occurred at Fortress Montjuick, Spain, on Wednesday, October 13th, is the latest of the crimes against progress that have reddened the pages of human history. But Ferrer died gloriously! I can conceive of no greater honor that can come to a man than that thrust upon this revolutionary patriot by order of the Spanish king at the behest of the catholic hierarchy.

Ferrer was charged with inciting riots, which recently shook the Spanish throne and threatened the overthrow of that medieval government. This was merely a pretext. Ferrer's crime was his ambition to see established secular schools in Spain similar to the public schools in America. For this he was shot.

Ferrer stood for those ideals which made the American revolution glorious. It would seem that the American nation would as one voice condemn his death and protest against the sacrifice. But the "nation" will not do it. The protest will come only from the Socialists and those radical thinkers who believe in progress.

But the ideas for which Francisco Ferrer stood will triumph. Today all Europe trembles with the spirit of revolution. The volley that killed this Spanish patriot finds an echo in every European capital—and the ruling class in awed tones, anxiously inquires, "What next?"

In Rome, the historic seat of the papal power, which is responsible for the Montjuick tragedy—monster meetings are being held. Business at a standstill. Workmen have abandoned their employment.

No street cars are being operated and cabs and motors remain at the stations because there is no one to take them out. The whole normal life of the city is interrupted.

And this is more or less true in all Europe. Even America is feeling the thrill!

What a splendid spectacle of solidarity! Ferrer, you have not died in vain! The toiling millions of the world will call your name blessed and enshrine your memory in their hearts along with those other great souls that have in the name of Progress and Revolution died a martyr's death!

Long live the Revolution!

WOW! NEVER TOUCHED US.

Comrades: My subscription expires with number 725 and then discontinues it. I did intend to renew but as you are so prosperous that you can throw away over \$25,000 in legitimate advertising a year, you don't need my half dollar and I will give it to the "Rip Saw." I have your "Army" that you put on the back and give so much silly stuff, too, will get a little sore to look at. I have your "Army" that you put up to them. Only a short time back you were whining and whimpering about lack of means and fear that the "Little Old Appeal" would have to suspend unless the "Army" got a jump and raised the sub list to over 300,000. This they did, only to find you so casually bloated with cash that you had to kick out a roll of \$25,000. What sort of whiskey are you drinking now, anyway? Well, if the "Little Old Appeal" would have to suspend unless the "Army" got a jump and raised the sub list to over 300,000. 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