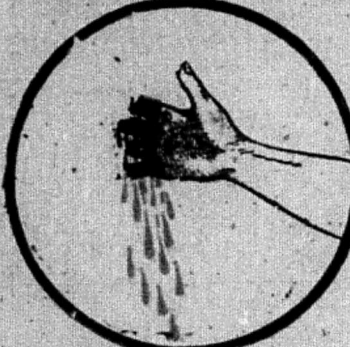


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The Working GIRL and The Capitalist JUDGE

MARY MILLER is a working girl who lives in St. Louis. Her life has not much of sunshine nor of joy. Her lot, in this respect, is like that of unnumbered thousands of other working girls.
Mary was employed by the St. Louis Cordage Co., a wealthy corporation, which numbers among its stockholders some of the most highly respectable and representative men of the Missouri metropolis.
It was Mary's work, among her other duties, to look after a machine into which was fed, shiny, oily sisal, from which rope is made. The lever that stopped and started the machine was dangerously near some whirling cogs, whose iron teeth menaced life and limb every minute of the day.
The Missouri legislature had wisely enacted a law requiring corporations to place guards over flying cogs, to protect girls like Mary Miller from losing a finger or a hand. It is a serious matter when a working girl loses a finger or a hand. These deft fingers are needed in the fierce struggle for bread, and when one has all their fingers and good health to back them, the struggle is unequal and disheartening—but when a twenty-year-old girl is handicapped by the loss of fingers, the struggle becomes more intense and desperate.
Mary instinctively felt the danger. Perhaps she knew the company was violating the law in refusing to guard the cogs, but there was no other alternative. She must use the tools, dangerous as they were, which the wealthy cordage company furnished her or quit her job. One unlucky February 13th, Mary's hand slipped and her fingers were entangled in the swiftly-moving cogs. There was a cry of pain and then a smothered moan and the poor mutilated hand, with its stumps of fingers, was held up to the view of the horror-stricken companions who gathered around in sympathy. Mary was hurried from the building and to her basement home, in the poorer quarters of the city. Here she suffered in silence—the mental anguish exceeding the physical pain. What was she to do when her crippled hand healed? How was she to support those dependent on her; now that she could not operate the machine? It was a dismal outlook for this twenty-year-old heroine. There was a family council and it was decided that the company should pay damages for the mutilated hand. Yes, that was it. Mary would go to the great American courts and there recover money enough to keep the little family until the hand healed and Mary was able to go to work, provided she could find someone willing to hire her in her crippled condition.
A lawyer was consulted and after hearing the details of the case, stated that Mary had a good cause for action, as the law provided she should have been protected and compensation could be secured in any fair court.
After many vexatious delays the case was set for trial and Mary told her story to the twelve jurymen and showed them her poor, mutilated fingers. It was shown at the trial that the Cordage company had violated the Missouri law which provided that all exposed cogs should be properly covered to prevent just such accidents. The jury decided that Mary was entitled to damages and a sum assessed against the wealthy corporation that seemed fabulous in her eyes, but which after all was paltry and insignificant when compared to the loss she had sustained. Mary, in her innocence, supposed that the check which would bring happiness and joy to the little household would be forthcoming. But Mary had another guess coming, and she knows something of the law's delays.
The case was taken to the United States court of appeals by the Cordage company—though just how it got to that august tribunal no one but the attorneys for the corporation know. It was a civil damage suit, instituted in the state courts of Missouri against a Missouri corporation. But it was taken to the federal court, because the federal court is the friend of the corporation and the enemy of Mary Miller and all other working girls. Here is what happened to Mary Miller, a crippled industrial slave, when her case was taken before Judge Sanborn's court: That distinguished jurist, who is being prominently mentioned for a place on the supreme bench, looked over the records in the case and decided that Mary was not entitled to damages from the corporation, because, in the language of the court, "the danger was apparent and she could have quit her job," and thus saved her hand, and perhaps lost her soul. Because there is but one alternative for a working girl who can not find work for her hands: It's the street and the red light district!
It did not matter to Judge Sanborn, sitting secure in his well appointed apartments, that the corporation had violated the Missouri law! It did not count with this federal judicial autocrat, with a lifetime job, that twelve men, after hearing the evidence, had decided that Mary was entitled to damages. Nothing counted with this gentleman of the bench but the fact that a corporation composed of his friends, was being mulcted by a poor working girl and he did not propose to stand for any such foolishness. So his court, or a majority of its members, decided that Mary should get nothing. There was one judge, however, on the bench who did not take this view of the case and in the following emphatic words he rebuked his corporation-collared colleagues: "The majority opinion of this court is that she could have quit her job." Experience shows, however, that when forced to the alternative of losing his job, or working with defective tools most employees will choose the latter. Besides many servants, especially those who are most worthy, will hesitate to make a demand for better and safer implements when they ought to be supplied for fear of falling into disfavor with their employers and being classed as malcontents and grumblers.
The questions involved are important and will affect the rights of very many litigants, and on that account I desire to place on record a plain statement of the reasons why I dissent from doctrines which seem to me to have been formulated with an eye mainly to the protection of employers and with too little regard for the situation and rights of employees.
But this dissenting opinion did not help Mary in her struggle for bread—nor will it help any other unfortunates.
The judge who enunciated the doctrine that a working girl is not entitled to damages for injuries sustained because of the failure of a great corporation to observe the state laws and that she could have quit her job and gone on the street if she did not like the way the cordage company run its machines, is the same judge who will pass on Warren's case at St. Paul next month. You can figure out what chance Warren has for a "square deal."

FROM CHICAGO INTER-OCEAN
ASKS CONGRESS TO PUT GROSSCUP ON TRIAL AS CORRUPT U. S. JUDGE

FROM CHICAGO EXAMINER
SWITCHMEN DEMAND THAT GROSSCUP BE INVESTIGATED
Congressional Inquiry Into Charges Against Judge Asked in Memorial to President

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 20.—Real trouble seems to be waiting for Judge Peter S. Grosscup when he gets back from abroad. The talk of an investigation, impeachment proceedings and all that, which has been going around ever since Representative A. J. Sabath presented his resolution asking for information concerning federal judges, has at last taken concrete shape.
Lodge No. 17 of the Switchmen's Union of Chicago has come forward with a straightaway demand for an investigation of the charges that have been made against Judge Grosscup—that investigation to be followed by impeachment proceedings if the facts disclosed shall warrant such action. That demand is made in a memorial by the union, addressed not only to the senators and representatives of Illinois, but to President Taft as well.
Senator Cullom and the Illinois

FROM CHICAGO TRIBUNE
LABOR UNION ASKS GROSSCUP INQUIRY

Chicago Lodge Demands Congressional Investigation of Judge's Career. BITTER FIGHT BY DEBS
Switchmen Urge Impeachment if Socialist Charges Are Found True.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 20.—[Special]—A demand for an investigation of the official career of Judge Peter S. Grosscup of the federal circuit court was laid before the president, the Illinois senators and members of congress from that state today by Lodge No. 17 of the switchmen's union of Chicago.
The labor organization directs the attention of the president and members of congress to the continual attacks being made on Judge Grosscup by the Socialist organ, the Appeal to Reason, in which Eugene V. Debs long has conducted a fight upon the Chicago jurist. The charges made in this paper should be investigated by congress, urge the switchmen, and if found to be true impeachment proceedings, the switchmen say, should be instituted.
Many Attacks on Judge.
The Socialist paper has published many attacks upon Grosscup, charging him with corruption in office and conduct unbecoming a member of the federal judiciary. In the document which reached Washington today the labor organization declares that "many of these articles are being printed in other papers, with editorial comment to the great injury of Judge Grosscup if untrue."
It is claimed that the publication "specifically has charged Judge Grosscup with having appropriated to his own private and personal use money belonging to the United States court."
The Illinois senators and members of congress would not discuss the petition of the switchmen's union nor indicate what action they would take upon the demand for a congressional investigation of Grosscup's official career.
Charges Are Not New.
The charges made against him are not new, as they have been made before in the Socialist organ. The switchmen's union insists that if they are untrue congress ought to make an investigation that will clear Grosscup and remove any question as to his integrity.
Documentary Evidence.
Federal Judge Grosscup, one of the fathers of the injunction, and a typical champion of the open shop, might as well remain in holy land, where he has gone to be washed of some of his sins, for if he returns he will spend some unpleasant days. Based upon the evidence secured by the Appeal to Reason, the great Socialist weekly at Girard, Kan., Congressman Sabath has introduced a resolution in the house of representatives seeking to inaugurate an inquiry into the doings of Grosscup and men of his kind. The Appeal has produced documentary evidence to prove that Grosscup ruined women, broke up homes, grafted on railways, and did a lot of other little tricks beside hurrying injunctions at men on strike. The Appeal has already driven one judicial crook from the bench and if Grosscup and Pollock follow that paper will have achieved great victories.

Switchmen's Union Resolution Reaches Capital Demanding That Charges Made Against Public and Private Life of Federal Jurist Be Investigated.

DEBS' CHARGES HELD SUFFICIENT

Impeachment Is Ultimate Object of Labor Leaders Who Have Taken Up "Appeal to Reason" Articles—Sabath Waits For More Proof.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 20.—The charges made against United States Circuit Judge Peter S. Grosscup by Switchmen's Union No. 17, of the judge with animation. In every issue of the Chicago papers the Appeal to Reason is credited with the work of unearthing Judge Grosscup's record and publishing it to the world. The wholesale distribution in Chicago of issues of the Appeal to Reason containing the Grosscup disclosures has occasioned much comment. Through the assistance of the agitation fund, kept up by members of the Appeal Army, fifty thousand copies of each Grosscup paper were sent to Chicago and distributed by local comrades.
This work is bearing fruit. Chicago democrats and republicans now are aware of the existence of the Kansas publication and what it advocates, and they are getting interested. To them Grosscup is a discredited judge who ought to be removed from the federal bench. Hundreds of thousands of old partyites in other cities similarly are being shocked into a consciousness of the existence of the Appeal to Reason and its work.
Recent dispatches state that Judge Grosscup is about to return to this country from his Egyptian tour. It is expected that upon his arrival in Chicago he will make known his plans regarding the Appeal to Reason disclosures and the action looking to his investigation contemplated by congress.
Explanation Wanted.
The federal courts in some parts of the country have come in for a good deal of open criticism. Most of it comes from the socialist or labor journals, but the papers of all creeds and parties have not been far behind the more radical wing of the press.
This is especially unfortunate because the courts, and the federal courts in particular, should be models of justice and impartiality and should command the full respect and confidence of the people. The courts, as a rule, are conducted by men of a generally higher type than the average public official; but the presence of men on the bench whose acts provoke suspicion or fall down open condemnation is a standing menace to the integrity and usefulness of the courts and an injustice to the honest men who are worthy of the high title of judge.
Among the many things which the impartial observer finds hard to understand is the indifference, the callousness of some of the men criticized to the criticism that is passed upon them. No matter how much one wants to believe in the purity of the courts, as every good citizen must, faith is sadly jolted when direct and serious charges are repeatedly made against a federal judge and no defence and explanation are forthcoming.
Judge Peter S. Grosscup, a federal circuit court judge of Chicago, has been the target of the hottest fire which The Appeal to Reason, an organ of the Socialist party, could train on him. How far the facts brought out specifically and circumstantially in this paper are correct has not yet been settled, for matters have never come to a showdown between the judge and the paper, but the charges

Your's for the Revolution COURT PROTEST WEEK—MAY 1 TO 8

By telegraph to Appeal to Reason. Cincinnati, Ohio, April 4.—Let every town, village and city from the lakes to the gulf make May 1 to 8, special Warren Protest Week, the one big effort. I, for one, volunteer my services as speaker for May 8, and will pay my expenses anywhere in the Union. Yours for the Revolution, NICHOLAS KLEIN.

May 1st was the original International Labor Day. But the workers were tricked out of it by legislatures which made September 1st the legal Labor Day. The revolutionary character of the celebration was lost, and the dread of strikes and demonstrations averted by locating the day just before winter when labor could not afford to strike.
There is a special reason why the original Labor Day should this year resume its revolutionary character. The courts, as if in mockery, have set the Warren trial at this period as a time when they mean to make a showing of their usurped power; and certain "labor leaders" have made this the occasion for tricking the workers into a fake "labor party" in order to prevent them becoming a class power in the land. MAY 1ST TO MAY 8TH IS THE CRISIS PERIOD OF THIS CENTURY. In the two Saints—the hypocrisy of it!—St. Paul and St. Louis—the masters have set their traps.
It was at St. Louis that the populist party was tricked out of existence. It was at St. Louis that Martin Irons, the martyr of labor, was crushed by the courts. The workers will not be caught twice by the same traps.
You can't attend the Warren trial at St. Paul. You can't go to St. Louis when the labor party trap is sprung. But you can do better. You can assert your class-consciousness in a revolutionary protest that will make the nation reverberate.
Pass word to the Army to make May 1st to May 8th, inclusive, special Protest Days and swell the Appeal's circulation to half a million. Socialists, union and non-union workers, professional and business men, women, and children old enough to think, ought to close ranks to make the week go down in history as the beginning of the end of capitalism's gag on the Socialist press.
Make it a week of protest.
Protest against the baiting of Warren and the Appeal.
Protest against the usurpation and corruption of the federal court.
Protest against the betrayal of labor into parties that lick the masters' hands.
Protest subscriptions to the Appeal will echo through forty consecutive weeks and be remembered for years by apprehensive plutes. They have already seen their choicest idols detroned by the Appeal's agitation backed by the Army. Phillips has resigned. Aldrich has resigned. Hale has resigned. Grosscup fled the country to escape impeachment proceedings—and failed.
During Protest Week the Appeal list should go to half a million. And it WILL if YOU do your duty.
IF YOU do your duty, "YOUR'S FOR THE REVOLUTION" will have a peculiar significance for all time to come.
Protest Week will show the masters that the spirit of John Brown, Abraham Lincoln and Ben Hanford lives in the breasts of the workers.

McPHERSON GETS MAD

The Des Moines Register and Leader recently printed what Debs said in New York relative to the shameful Tampico fishing trip, calling on the accused judges to defend themselves. Judge Smith McPherson wrote the editor as follows:
Kookuk, Iowa.—To the Editor: I have just read your editorial of yesterday with the title of a speech recently made in New York charging United States Judge Phillips, Pollock and myself with making a trip to the republic of Mexico ostensibly for fishing, but which in fact was a debauch attended with an altercation resulting in a shooting scrape.
As you know, this speech was made by an ex-convict by the name of Eugene V. Debs, and is now given circulation by you in the form of an editorial. The story is a lie, and your editorial is a libel.
Yours truly,
SMITH MCPHERSON.
To this the Register and Leader replies: "Judge McPherson's statement will be accepted by everybody as conclusive of the facts." Will it? Why should it be? Why not ask him to prove his statements? Why not let the Appeal prove its charges that Pollock, McPherson and Phillips did make this trip at the expense of railroads while having railway legislation pending in their courts, and that on their return McPherson decided for the railroads, and against the people, the two-cent passenger law in Missouri? Why should the Register and Herald get on its knees and squirm in the dust at the feet of a judge accused of betraying the people? Does it owe allegiance to him or to the people? When he is accused of a crime, why should he not be tried like every other accused man, instead of being acquitted on a mere statement? The craven Des Moines editor does muster up courage enough to say:
This story has been in circulation too long and with too many variations to justify continued silence on the part of the Appeal, and we must therefore demand that you give consent. Now does it believe the public press is doing any public servant an injustice when it calls to his attention just what is being said about him?
That is true enough. But why does not the editor press the matter and insist on an investigation? If McPherson is guilty he ought to be a convict now, not in jail but in the penitentiary. Why does the Herald and Register try to shield him? Why does not McPherson demand a hearing in court?
Fred Warren's Trial.
People's Friend, Rogers, Ark.
Fred Warren, editor of the Appeal to Reason, will again be before the United States courts on May 9th, at St. Paul, Minn. His case will be brought before the United States court of appeals. We believe that the courts of the United States have never stooped to so vile a depth before, as in the prosecution of Warren. There was no law against him, and the whole proceeding was an attempt to bankrupt the Appeal to Reason with costs and lawyers' fees. To this end the trial has been postponed and changed for about two years. The subscription list of the Appeal reached the 400,000 mark two weeks ago and is still rising by a gain of about 600 per day.
Grosscup and Pollock might follow the illustrious lead of Phillips, Aldrich and Hale, and resign, getting out of it in that way.

HORNETS' NEST IN IOWA.

The Des Moines Register and Leader's publication of the Appeal's charge that McPherson had gone on a junket to Mexico at the expense of railroad companies and on his return knocked out the two-cent passenger rate in Missouri is stirring up a hornets' nest in Iowa, where there are more republican papers than in any other state of the union.
The judge denounced the charge as a lie, and the Register and Leader cravenly said that the mere statement of an accused man would be accepted as final. But this has not settled the matter. Other papers are talking, and though they too, insist that whatever a federal judge says, guilty or not guilty, goes with republicans, still it is all stirring up a very rotten and evil smelling thing.
The Gate City, of Keokuk, in a column editorial on the subject says:
This is exactly the kind of reply the accusation merited. Anybody who painted and forcible would not have recognized the calloused hides of his traducers. The comment of the new papers of the state, as far as heard from, irrespective of party, is favorable to the judge and his treatment of the matter.
The Burlington Gazette, a democratic paper, says in commenting on the incident:
Any one who knows Judge McPherson knows that Debs lied, but unfortunately everybody doesn't know him and might be inclined to believe the story. At any rate, the Des Moines paper was in little better news giving prominence to the libel and thereby bringing the name of one of the best men in Iowa into discussion.
The Hawk-Eye of the same city finds it difficult to imagine just what purpose the Des Moines molder of progressive republican thought desired to serve in hashing over the charge of corruption in office and concludes:
As all events that paper has called down upon itself a rebuke from the judge which ought to be a lesson to it in its future attitude toward those public men with whom it does not agree. There is too much reckless liberty taken with the good name of leaders whose honest opinion differs with the vilest class of magazines and newspapers. Great and serious wrong is being done by such unfair methods.
Over the Iowa City Republican slobbered over the ill-smelling mass as follows:
For some reason, we cannot understand why, unless it is because he remains a steadfast republican in a lot of newspapers in Iowa have been either sneering at Judge McPherson or more or less openly attacking him. He has a clear record on the bench and stands very high among the justices who review his cases. There has never been an act that deserved criticism so far as his public career is concerned, right in the face of public clamor is doing wrong.
And so on, ad nauseam. In the meantime, the question remains: Did McPherson go on the junket and on his return decide in favor of the railroads? Mere denial counts no more with him than does a plea of not guilty with a man arraigned in court. The Appeal stands ready to go into court and stand trial where evidence and not mere talk will count.
It has just been discovered that among ten cases of personal injury brought against railroads and decided by the supreme court of Indiana, as recorded in report 170, nine were decided in favor of the railroads. Of the eight cases recorded in report 171 all were decided against the injured workmen. This ought to convince a worker of the class nature of the courts.



Questions About Socialism

Schools Under Socialism. How would children be educated under Socialism? You say they will be educated in socialized schools. Do you mean by that that white children and negro children will have to attend school together?

Money in the Bank. According to official reports the total money in the United States is only three billion four hundred millions, and the total bank deposit in twenty-five thousand banks is fourteen billion. How can this be possible? Is it not a mistake?

Private Enterprise Under Socialism. Does Socialism contemplate permitting private enterprise to compete with the state in any line? Yes, in all lines. Only private enterprise cannot successfully compete with social industry.

A Socialist Government. Is there any government now under control of the Socialist ideal? Was Australia ever so governed? No country is or ever has been governed under Socialism. It is true Australia has some co-operative and socialistic features.

Socialism and the Negro. What benefit would it be to the colored people if Socialism was in operation? I don't think it would be any. A Negro, Richmond, Va.

Confusion of Terms. A reader from Pennsylvania writes to ask you the exact of industrial democracy, saying that if we are democrats, we ought to affiliate with the democratic party.

Evolution and Revolution. Can Socialism be defined as merely evolution applied to property? In the production process being constantly revolutionized, so much so as to make a new remedy necessary for each age?

Telephone Tinkings. When the phone bell rings—look out! It's likely to be an Appeal worker calling you up to get your share of the money that you already read the Appeal.

living people. We no longer use the hand loom, the tallow dip, the flail, or many other things that were in operation half a century ago. Socialism comes as a manifestation of this change, an organization and method made necessary because of the revolution of the past.

Editorials by Appeal Readers. Mammon—The God of Plunder. Our boasted "civilization" is simple commercialism. Commercialism worships at the shrine of Mammon—the God of Plunder. This terrible image of profit destroys the body and soul of a vast number of men and women.

Push Philosophy. There's nothing old beneath the sun; this is as true as the reverse. The flowers each year are fresh as when they first laughed into the start.

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A number of other charges were made in the same speech, all as specific, and all involving public scandal if not crimes under the law. But there was no great excitement in congress when the speech was delivered, nor any flurry among the people when it was read in the public prints. Everyone knows the charges are true and the simple question is, "What of it?"

There is not a school boy that does not know that Taft is a dirty tool of the trusts, that he was elected by them, and that he does their bidding as abjectly as any spaniel ever obeyed his master. His whole cabinet consists of tools of the trusts and his whole administration is made up of petty clerks and pettifoggers in the employ of the trust magnates. It is easy enough to understand where the fifty dollar bills came from that Major B. B. Ryan, paymaster of the army, distributed among certain labor leaders (3) to secure the nomination for Taft. Taft will be known as Taft the Trusty, who served a term at the white house instead of Sing Sing.

**OFFICE HUNGER** is behind every compromise.  
How utterly helpless we would be were it not for our enemies?

**ROOSEVELT** makes the snake all the more dangerous. The thing to do is, kill the snake.  
THE cost of living high among the plutes makes the high cost of living with the people.

THE great question of the times is no longer, Where is a democrat? But is, What is a republican?

THE Hooligans, Apaches and Black Hands are other fruits of the capitalist tree. "A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit."

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**HOW TO GET RICH**  
The last census showed 5,739,657 farms valued at \$20,500,000,000, or, about \$3,600 each, including machinery, and the total products of all the farms was \$7,412,000,000 or about \$1,300 per farm. Now get this clearly in your head—a farmer and his family furnishing \$3,600 capital, received for their year's work and management an average of only \$1,300 each. Great pay, isn't it? And the tenants who gave one-third to one-half the crop for rent, what a magnificent income they did have!

The same census showed that the total amount of capital invested in manufactures in the nation was \$17,686,265,673; the number of wage earners employed in them was 5,470,231; the wages paid was \$2,611,540,522, and the value of the products was \$14,802,147,087. That means that each worker received \$477 a year for producing \$2,706.

As every wage earner in the factories was counted, being men, women and children, so the same should apply to the farm—say an average of three, being man, wife and one child, and you have about the same wages in price of crops for each farm worker that is paid in the manufacturing, and the farmers furnish their own capital!

What becomes of the difference between what is produced and the wages paid? That is the secret of capitalism. That is what goes to enable the big bugs to buy up more industries and farms, and to squander in extravagant living to their heart's content. And you mud sills are too stupid to see the game that is being worked on you. If the rich did not make it off you workers on farms and in manufactures, where the deuce could they get it? Does wealth come out of the air? Is there any wealth aside from what is produced by **MUSCLE AND MIND COMBINED?** With all the brains ever combined in the greatest head on earth, could they think one biscuit into existence without the use of any muscle? They can't think how to get it out of the possession of the jaspers after they have created it, but they cannot think it into existence.

Nor does the robbery of the toilers appear wholly in this tale. The prices of manufactures is the production value in the place of production. It does not include the price before it reaches the final consumers. This would make it nearly double these figures.

Now, under Socialism, the value of the products would go WHOLLY to the men and women whose hands and brains actually produced them. That would give them nearly \$2,000 a year each, and if the retail prices were added it would give them nearer \$3,000 each.

Let it be that you, a human being, in this twentieth century, cannot see into this simple problem that has to do with every working hour of your life? Why do you refuse to understand something that would mean so much for you and your children? Do you feel so dumb that you can't understand it? If so, perhaps somebody is now skinning you because you are dumb. Are you afraid Socialists will skin you and are not afraid that capitalism will do it—when I have shown you from their own statistics that they are doing you to a frazzle? Say, brother, get wise to the game!

THE resignation of Hale and Aldrich does not mean that capitalism has reformed and intends to be decent. It only means that it sees it will have to make a show of decency if it is going to hang on. It will oust the advocates of robbery who have been found out and install others who have not been discovered. But the capitalist system could not live in a week except it robbed the worker of what he produced.

THE pardoning of Colonel Duncan B. Cooper by Malcolm R. Patterson, governor of Tennessee, was an infamous thing, illustrating the corruption of the entire prevailing system. There was no defence of Cooper, who had been sent to the penitentiary for murder. He was simply pardoned because he was a political friend of the governor and was prominent in state affairs. But one cannot turn away from graft and corruption. "Which way I turn is hell, myself am hell," Milton pictures Satan as saying. It's hell, all right, under this system, wherever you turn.

A CORRESPONDENT of the Cincinnati Post reports a belief in many quarters that the United States supreme court is to be packed in the interest of the reactionaries and in order to prevent radicalism from becoming a power. Many of the present judges are almost to the retiring age. It is said to be the policy of the president to replace them with younger men, who will be true to property interests, and who will probably serve for twenty years to come. The Appeal was strictly right in claiming that the usurpations of the courts was the greatest menace to the liberty of the people. It ought not to come in that way, but if need be the people can reverse all the courts in the world, as they have done in the past. Anyway, the systematic robbery of the worker through the profit and wages system, has got to cease.

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**Socialism** is revolutionary, but not in any bloody sense. It makes no plots, it uses no weapons but the ballot, and it works by peaceful means for an era of peace. "Your's for the Revolution" is a brotherly greeting and a word of cheer in the struggle for good and good alone.

TAFT has announced that he will not again be a candidate for president. But that was not news.

SOCIETY has a new game. The delightful darlings who eat what belongs to your children toss up crumbs of eatables and catch the titbits in their mouths as they fall. They had seen the workers catching at crumbs from their tables and considered it such fun they wanted to try it themselves—but not under compulsion.

THE resignation of Hale and Aldrich does not mean that capitalism has reformed and intends to be decent. It only means that it sees it will have to make a show of decency if it is going to hang on. It will oust the advocates of robbery who have been found out and install others who have not been discovered. But the capitalist system could not live in a week except it robbed the worker of what he produced.

THE pardoning of Colonel Duncan B. Cooper by Malcolm R. Patterson, governor of Tennessee, was an infamous thing, illustrating the corruption of the entire prevailing system. There was no defence of Cooper, who had been sent to the penitentiary for murder. He was simply pardoned because he was a political friend of the governor and was prominent in state affairs. But one cannot turn away from graft and corruption. "Which way I turn is hell, myself am hell," Milton pictures Satan as saying. It's hell, all right, under this system, wherever you turn.

A CORRESPONDENT of the Cincinnati Post reports a belief in many quarters that the United States supreme court is to be packed in the interest of the reactionaries and in order to prevent radicalism from becoming a power. Many of the present judges are almost to the retiring age. It is said to be the policy of the president to replace them with younger men, who will be true to property interests, and who will probably serve for twenty years to come. The Appeal was strictly right in claiming that the usurpations of the courts was the greatest menace to the liberty of the people. It ought not to come in that way, but if need be the people can reverse all the courts in the world, as they have done in the past. Anyway, the systematic robbery of the worker through the profit and wages system, has got to cease.

**DON'T BE TOO EAGER!**

SOME of our comrades, with the best possible intentions, are too eager to have the Socialist movement appear respectable in the eyes of its critics and opponents. That is a mistake. It is far better that the Socialist movement should really be respectable and be despised for being so than to merely appear to be respectable for the sake of allaying prejudice or disarming opposition.

THE Socialist movement is a revolutionary movement and its purpose is the overthrow of capitalist misrule and wage slavery and for this no apology is due to any one, nor should any attempt be made to soften the full effect of this robust declaration upon the ears of special privilege and the pampered devotees of the present parasitic order.

If in order to be respectable the Socialist movement emasculates itself that hour the curse is upon it and it withers away and perishes as a thing of contempt.

Let all our efforts be united in keeping the Socialist movement straight and uncompromising and on the main track and then in due course of time it will make itself respectable and its triumph will be a supreme blessing to all mankind.

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**GREAT MEN AND PROGRESS**

Prior to the advent of Socialism, which presented an entirely new philosophy of history, the prevalent belief was that "great men" did about all that was worth doing; that they invented everything and achieved everything and that the world was indebted to them for its progress and advancement. This theory has been exploded by the Socialist philosophy. It is now well understood that "great men" do not create great events or develop great movements, but that they themselves are the products of such events and movements.

Neither George Washington nor Abraham Lincoln, as we know them today, would have been possible but for the events which preceded their coming upon the stage of action and which swept them into the places they were destined to occupy in the culmination of such events.

The pernicious theory that the masses depend upon a few men to think for them and legislate for them has been an unmitigated curse to mankind. As a rule the so-called "great men" of history have been far more active in doing for themselves than for humanity, and every czar and king and potentate, or other titled parasite on earth, is intent upon keeping his subjects in mental childhood by impressing upon them the great need of relying upon certain "great men" to rule their destinies.

It is pitiable to see the masses place their faith absolutely in certain idols who traffic in their childish confidence and are interested only in their own self-aggrandizement. The great majority are still in that pitiable state of mental babyhood. "What shall we do to be saved" is always upon their pallid and cowardly lips.

The republicans look to Taft and the democrats to Bryan. When a national convention meets the "great man" is the whole show. The delegates come next while the millions of the rank and file are but so many sheep who furnish the votes.

The "great man" is of infinitely more importance than the great masses. This is as it now is and has been in the past. But it will not be so in the future for Socialism is opening the eyes of the rank and file to the fact that they are the whole thing, that the "great man" theory is a fraud; that as long as they depend upon him they will be swine for the shambles and that only when they strike upon themselves, throw off their parasitic leaders and act together, develop their economic and political power and use it in their own interest, only then will they rise to the stature of men and women and only then will they burst their fetters and know the joy of freedom.

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**BE OF GOOD CHEER.**

SOCIALISM is gaining in this country at an unheard of speed. Its final triumph depends on the energy you give to the work of propaganda. There are tens of thousands working for it today where a few years ago there were only a few hundred. It increases with geometric ratio. Unless people hear of it they cannot be affected by its influence. A man might produce the most wonderful machine but until people heard about it they could not use it. So with Socialism. They must first hear about it. Even if they hear bad reports about it, it is better that not to hear anything about it, and some one will put them right—then there is another mental force added to its push. So do not get angered when you read violent and abusive statements against it. That helps to direct attention to it. If we could but get everybody talking about it we would soon convert the nation. Every movement was denounced at first because it disturbed somebody's special interest, but past revolutions succeeded just the same. The increased pressure of monopoly makes propaganda very easy these days. There is a much wider sentiment for the principles than the votes indicate. The sentiment has to be made and crystallized before the ballots will fall into the box—but once they begin to show up the increase will be as rapid as desirable. For we must educate a large number of men and women to understand the principles clearly before we could make the government, even if it were turned over to us. We will get the votes all right if we get the sentiment. And we will get many of the things we demand before we get complete control of government. The more than a million votes we will cast at the election next year will make the upper classes sit up and take notice. Then they will do here as they have in Europe—begin to grant little concessions to prevent the growth of the movement—and the more they grant the faster will sentiment for more of the good be created. That is the history all over the world. You can go into hardly any gathering of men but what you will find a discussion of some phase of Socialism. It is becoming the most talked of thing. This means that it is attracting more and more attention—and that is just what we have been twenty years in working for. No people ever received any benefits from privilege except they kicked up a fuss for it. And the people are beginning to kick. There is a wide-spread protest among the voters of the old parties who have nothing to do with Socialism. They are the ones who are nearest us, and whom we can get soonest. So keep up the work. Never is a word or suggestion lost. Cast your work upon the waters and it will come back to you. Be of good cheer, for the thing is working as nicely as we could wish. The more tyranny exhibited toward us—the faster we will grow. Socialism is getting respectable in many places. Oppressors will make it respectable in others. Keep up the work. Go out and convert one neighbor right now.

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**FINING THE TRUST.**

THE other day Judge Lacombe of the United States circuit court in New York ordered the American Sugar Refining company, the sugar trust, to produce its books in court. The sugar trust politely or otherwise told the judge to go to hell. And now what does Judge Lacombe do? Does he insist that his order be obeyed and does he imprison the offenders for contempt? Oh, no, he does neither of these things, but he announces a fine of \$500 for contempt, which is about as if the pin feather of a humbird were placed under the foot of an elephant, and even this contemptible fine will in all probability never be paid.

If a labor union were ordered by a federal judge to produce its records in court and refused to do so, its officials would be promptly jailed. But it is different with the trust. Judge Lacombe and other federal judges were placed where they are by the trusts. The trust is Taft, politically speaking, and one of its chief attorneys in New York is Henry W. Taft, the president's brother. It is a great game.

Sure, Mike, that is what you vote for when you vote the republican democratic ticket. Skin game from start to finish. Get into Socialism and beat it!

**IS THIS FAIRLY STATED?**

YOU don't see how Socialists are going to arrange things! Of course you don't. That is why we desire you to read up on the subject. We don't want to fool you—we want you to know. You don't know how electricity is produced and controlled, either, do you? But if it were necessary you could learn it, couldn't you, like the others have done? But it isn't necessary that each of us learn electricity, farming, mining and each industry, because we do not work at all of them. But we do all vote and when we are ignorant of the machinery we make a muck of it. In a republic each citizen should know something about the various principles of government, because each of us are having to do with it, and if we remain ignorant others will take advantage of us. And that's what's the matter today. If the people understood there would not be the condition of poverty and luxury—with poverty for those who work and produce wealth and riches for those who scheme and produce no wealth. All we ask you to do is to read up on Socialism and then you will be convinced as we have been convinced, how it can be done. That is the only way to get at anything. Isn't that fair?

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