

Editorials by Appeal Readers

The Curse of Bondage.

"We were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight." We have in sacred story the account of one of the most stupendous labor movements known to man.

Let Him Be Battered

BY WILLIAM ENGLISH WALLING

Who sought out this man, William H. Taft, and forced him into the presidency? Who appointed the corporation tool, Elihu Root, to be secretary of state, and still accepts him as one of his chief advisers?

Base-by-Tail.

The followers and advocates of capitalism see how telling the workers in the Army of the Appeal to Reason.

Court Rules Against Franchise.

Do you know the supreme court of Indiana declared that in answer to the contention that women are unrepresented by the ballot the court holds that suffrage does not exist for the benefit of the individual, but for the benefit of the state itself?

Remarks on the Side.

The doctor's mistake is quickly hidden, but the worker is under constant supervision of an expert; he can hide nothing. The lawyer is paid by the client, win or lose, but the worker must win, or lose his job.

Electricity in Third Degree.

Electricity is becoming more and more popular with the administrators of the "third degree." Hugo C. Wein says in the World of Today.

Questions About Socialism

I have an objection to Socialism which I would like to see reported in your columns. It is the fact that Socialists will do anything to get into power.

Initiative, Recall and Referendum.

Will you please explain the initiative, recall and referendum from the Socialist standpoint?

War Under Socialism.

Why do you need to be protected from other nations, if the system is not one of grab and get?

The Socialist Flag.

Under a Socialist administration would the stars and stripes be changed? If so, why?

Physicians Under Socialism.

What would be the status of the medical profession under Socialism?—St. Louis.

Pensions.

Would Socialists take away the pensions of the old soldiers?

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WHAT'S THE USE?

What is the use of working and striving and struggling when others reap what you produce? The more you work, the more genius you bring forth, the richer become those who control the great channels of commerce.

At The Country Store

Paying for the Railroads.

"What gets me about Socialism," remarked Pop Weasel, as he sat in the Country Store, "is the impracticability of it. Suppose we were to buy the railroads, it would bankrupt the nation and then the money would be used to put us under slavery in some other way."

SHERMAN SPOUTS.

Vice President Sherman traveled all the way from Washington to St. Louis a few days ago to deliver a speech before the Citizens' Industrial association. Sherman fitted the occasion perfectly.

THE COMMON HERD

You have heard of the common herd. Men are common only because they permit themselves to be herded. They are herded in parties, they are rounded up for policies, they are persuaded to follow fashions and become like everybody else, they are driven to work and corralled by the plutes, and all they get out of it is mighty poor picking.

FLEAS NECESSARY FOR DOGS?

"It would not do to have everybody producers; we must have consumers," said a wise guy the other day. We were discussing the waste of the competitive system and he honestly thought that no matter what people were put at, so they got wages, they were benefited and helped keep money in circulation!

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And This Includes You

BY GEORGE F. HIENER, State Secretary of Kansas. No one realizing the things of today but should hear a call. "To Action. And this includes you."

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WHY DO YOU NOT REASON

You hear money is scarce—when the monthly treasury report shows that there is an increasingly growing amount absolutely and relatively. They don't know what they are talking about.

POVERTY FOR PROFIT'S SAKE.

The Orange Judd Farmer of Chicago gives the following piece of news: Last week at Greensboro, N. C. seventy-five cotton manufacturers of that state met to discuss the situation of the cotton crop.

WEST VIRGINIA.

This is the one particular state that is being rapidly Russified. It is principally owned by a few plutocrats, among whom are Steve Elkins and his colleagues, Senator Scott, Henry Cassaway Davis, Kilkins' father-in-law, and a few others.

THE ST. LOUIS CONVENTION.

It is announced that a "plan for the political union of the American Federation of Labor and the Farmers' Educational and Co-Operative Union of America, with its three million members, is being worked out at a conference between labor unions and farmers' union members at St. Louis.

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A FORECAST FROM SHADOWS.

If you are between the ages of eighteen and forty-five and able-bodied, you are now a militiaman and can be called out by the president of the nation to fight your own father or brother.

THE CALL FOR IMPEACHMENT.

Washington, April 30.—Subscribers and supporters of the Appeal to Reason, the Socialist paper published weekly at Girard, Kan., are rejoicing at the action taken recently by Representative A. J. Sabath of Illinois, in introducing a resolution in congress asking for an investigation of the methods of handling receiverships in the federal courts.

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BUNDLE BRIGADE.

Every new order for a bundle of Appeals means first, that some Socialist has jumped into the political ring, stripped for action and longing for encounter; second, that during the year an average of five voters are going to open their eyes and join the Socialist movement as a result of his little hustle.

AGITATION LEAGUE.

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FOREIGN NOTES.

Ten thousand radical Jews have been deported from Kiev, Russia, and hundreds of thousands more are to be banished.

THE PARTY.

Socialists in the Third Maine district have nominated John W. Brown for congress.

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Always Butting In.

He was on the stump apoll-busting And a whooping bore for Taft. He was on the stump apoll-busting And a whooping bore for Taft.

How Magazines Help.

Every subscription that leaves your town for a magazine or newspaper does mean one sub of the Appeal list. Your friends would just as soon give their subs to you.

How to Do It.

Take a single subscription, 50 cents per year. In clubs of four or more, 25 cents for forty weeks.

Found a Nest Full.

While gathering eggs, a farmer-comrade found a nest full of eggs. He had a nest full of eggs.

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THE man who only leans toward Socialism is likely to fall instead of standing for Socialism.

QUESTIONS about Socialism are on the increase. It's always open season for the questions for the worker armed with the Appeal's Arsenal of Facts.

THE Arsenal is a 96-page, vest-pocket size, red morocco-bound book that comes free for sending 12 cents.

YOUR Calendar. If you haven't hung up an Appeal calendar in your home, there's one waiting in the office for your order.

BATTLE OF THE INTERESTS. Competition is not destroyed by organization until organization is made to include all.

Under individual competition there may have been knockdowns, but war came only with competition by groups and when the army came the individual was powerless before it.

While capitalism in general maintains its one "interest" of conquest and exploitation, numerous groups, like so many armies, have conflicting "interests" and are at war with another.

On the other hand, the exploited are seeing the need of organization to meet this group competition.

Not is this all the conflict of interests. Socialists recognize the one interest of the day, yet even they are finding in the struggle for existence, a conflict of interests, and this is at the bottom of every faction there is.

It is not that any one is bad within himself. It is not that the capitalist is even knowingly vicious.

But Socialists, understanding the nature of the present conflict, can, and should, be working for the complete organization which they hold as an ideal, sink temporary self-interest in the general interest.

TAFT WOULD CLEAR HIM. It has been told that President Taft had before him for consideration the case of the Appeal against Judge Peter S. Grosscup, as embodied in the Sabbath resolution.

There is in certain public journals what I may call the case of the demagogue's disposition to charge (on the part of federal judges) a bent in favor of corporate wealth and corporate greed and corporate monopoly.

He was speaking before the Traffic club of St. Louis, which manifested its class nature by cheering the defense of a class court.

Classes are bad, but it is evident that this administration means to sustain the masters, if it has to disarm the workers of the right to strike through action of the federal courts and call out all the troops in order to do it.

Judge Peter S. Grosscup is back in the United States. He comes, not with a denial of the charges made by the Appeal, but with a stick of taffy in his hand, which he proffers as a "cheap bribe to Socialists for their silence."

It is clearly an effort to appear as favoring socialistic ideals, and by doing that to induce Socialists to abandon their criticism of his official acts.

What do they need men for? Why not set their capital to work and make money? See the point? Capital never made anything.

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THE Appeal is in receipt of the following, which had been sent, with address blank on the letter, to a manufacturer and by him forwarded to the Appeal:

We enclose a list of employees who went out on a strike here April 11th, because of a strike against an employer.

More subs came in Thursday, May 5, than on any other day in the history of the Appeal. One mail brought in 6,337 subscriptions.

THE Christian Science Monitor, has come out squarely against the competitive system, as wrong. An encouraging sign of advancement of the socializing idea.

FAMILIES of Chicago, in greater numbers than ever, are storing their furniture and going to live in boarding houses or in the country, according to managers of storage and van companies.

THE tramps coming into the city are arrested and forced to work either on the chain gang or on farms.

ON the day that the Warren case is called at St. Paul, Eugene V. Debs is to speak at Texarkana, Tex.

IN the fight of the Roman hierarchy against Socialism Rev. Peter E. Dietz of Oberlin, Ohio, made the most sensible suggestion that has been reported.

ELBERT HUBBARD is out in a tirade against Socialism in general and the Appeal in particular.

PEOPLE who study learn—that is a consolation amid the flood of vituperation that is being spit out by the dragon of capitalism in the hopes of destroying the child of the new order about to be born into the world.

Strange co-incidences are happening these days. Roosevelt recently spoke of favoring "industrial democracy."

Some weeks ago Eugene V. Debs made a speech in the same city of Auburn, N. Y., and at that place and time used identically the same words which Foster repeated later on!

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WHICH SHALL IT BE? Which would you rather have take your property—the corporations or the public? If the corporations take it, which they are rapidly doing, you will have no use or benefit of it.

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Chicago Circulation. With this report 4,884. Eleven weeks ago 2,370. Gain 2,514.

Only 112 subs are now needed to give Chicago an Appeal circulation of 5,000. The Army, in and out of Chicago, buckled into the job of putting on 5,000 and at the present rate will have accomplished the feat by next week.

WHAT Judge Grosscup lost at Monte Carlo, is the headline in the New York Sun, reporting the loss of a "considerable sum" "all he had," at that famous gambling resort.

IN these days of organizing new parties there is another proposed. The president of the Central railroad of Georgia, and a former national committeeman of the rep. party from Georgia, said: "There are 400,000 corporations in the United States."

IN his speech at St. Louis, Secretary of Agriculture Wilson suggested that the farmers would have to economize, and that they could do this by stopping the buying of food in packages.

SAYS Walter L. Sears, superintendent of Boston's free employment bureau: "It cost the commonwealth of Massachusetts in 1906 \$2,000,000 to support its poor and the different charitable organizations, while the following three years we have placed more than 60,000 persons where they can care for themselves at a cost of less than \$95,000."

THOUSANDS of good meaning men support this system, not realizing that they are supporting a class government. Yet, though it be without a realization of situation, there is not an executive in Washington or any of the governor's mansions, not a member of the senate or house, not a judge on the bench, which does not stand for the management of industry by the capitalists, and its subjection to this management of all the workers and farmers and producers of the land.

THE president in his speech at St. Louis spoke of the people when they adopted the constitution seeing the need of "imposing limitations on themselves."

THE United Press has featured the Warren case and also the Appeal's expose of the federal courts.

SOCIALISTS Keep Busy While Judge is Sailing the Nile is a double column headed over a lengthy review of the Grosscup exposure in the Appeal published in the Terre Haute, Ind. Post.

GROSSCUP, in pursuance of the Diaz plan of squaring himself by saying soft things in the papers instead of proving untrue the things said about him, has sent out two new syndicate articles. He also managed to make a speech in Ashland, Ohio, his old home, and got a column written up, trying to leave the impression that Ashland endorsed him. But this does not answer the question as to misuse of office and where he got the money.

GOOD WORK. Kansas goes back this week—40 forty-two other states come up with a bound. I told you to look out for these "offs," they were bound to come. Forty weeks ago Kansas was knocking the top off the thermometer. Those subs must now go off the list and come back as renewals.

IN face of a decrease, this week's showing is better than usual. With nearly 19,000 new subs, the total "ons" average 2,699 a day for the last seven days. But for an avalanche of Kansas "offs," which we expected and were prepared for, "ons" would exceed "offs" by 8,818. In a couple of weeks the Kansas list will right itself and the upward climb begin in earnest.

TAKE a look down the column and see how well most of the states are doing. Note the "off" column; expenditures such as these—exclusive of Kansas—would have swamped the Appeal one year ago. But as I take each state and compare the "offs" with the "ons" I find a healthy balance on the right side of the ledger in forty-two cases out of fifty-two. The increase is general. It's not confined to any particular state nor to any group of states. Appeal workers are digging in at all points of the compass and the Army is proving its worth.

UNLESS a miracle happens Kansas "offs" will continue to send the list back for several weeks. Keep on the firing line, fellows. Every sub counts double at a time like this. Get into the thick and stay with 'em. Before you know it the list will take an upward shoot and you'll have to hustle to keep out of its way.

THE subscription report follows: More Than 20,000. States. Off. On. Total. 1 Kansas 10,827 1,015 60,423

More Than 15,000. 15 California 110,824 18,719 16 Oklahoma 736 810 18,112 17 Missouri 325 730 16,569 18 New York 378 1,284 16,221

More Than 10,000. 10 Illinois 412 888 14,894 11 Indiana 370 818 11,723 12 Michigan 318 627 11,200 13 New Jersey 1,002 3,508 10,723 14 Arkansas 357 527 10,342

More Than 5,000. 15 Iowa 281 654 9,967 16 Oregon 172 347 7,611 17 Pennsylvania 116 206 6,800 18 Nebraska 187 391 6,800 19 Wisconsin 161 465 6,316 20 Colorado 185 308 6,251 21 New Jersey 1,002 3,508 6,251 22 Massachusetts 177 299 5,085

On the Sick List. 23 Delaware 10 21 733 24 Alaska 16 51 710 25 Rhode Island 14 17 393 26 Vermont 14 44 323

Sub-lets. Pennsylvania moves from third to second place. Oklahoma goes from seventh to sixth position. Pennsylvania has more "ons" than any other state.

CONNECTICUT leaves the "more than 1,000" brigade and joins the "more than 2,000" brigade and gets among the "more than 5,000" states.

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