

The Wage Worker and the Law--I.

In this initial article of a very important series in which it is to be shown that the wage worker has no rights under the laws of capitalism...

Nothing will be set down in malice, nor will any attack be made upon individuals. We shall simply present the record which the judges themselves have written, and let it tell its own tale.

We have been taught to regard law as the highest expression of social justice, and notwithstanding the overwhelming mass of evidence to the contrary, there are still many wage workers who cherish the fond delusion that all men are equal before the law--so strong is the power of suggestion, and the force of prejudice instilled into our minds by our rulers!

A halo of sanctity has been thrown around the courts and we have been taught to believe that in selecting judges to apply its laws to concrete cases society always chooses individuals who are so vastly superior to ordinary men that they are influenced only by considerations of the public weal--men who are so exceedingly upright and free from bias in the direction of any special or class interest that they are sure to preserve an even balance of justice between man and man.

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under the circumstances. They are serving their class and performing exactly the functions they were appointed to perform.

As is pointed out by Professor Lester Wood, in many instances of government, an unrepresented class is always deprived of its rights. If history and experience ever taught anything they have taught this principle.

The law of master and servant in this country has scarcely advanced a step in nearly three-fourths of a century. In the majority of cases, the same unjust and inept rule that was laid down by Chief Justice Shaw in the Farwell case, in 1842, still controls the workman whenever he meets with injury in the course of his employment.

Under the conditions of modern industry, it should be apparent that a rule which holds voluntary assumption of risk to be a part of the contract of service is nothing but a mockery of justice. A man sells his labor, his intelligence and skill, and his employer buys his service for a stated wage.

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Law is in no sense made for the protection of workmen. The wage worker as a wage worker, has absolutely no rights in law and no standing in court. The rights of property alone are protected by the law, or considered by the courts, and whatever attention a workman may receive, from courts or judges in a civil action is given him solely on the presumption of sufficient showing, that he has a right of property to be protected.

As individuals the judges are not censurable. Their attitude is entirely consistent with the law of their being, and only what should be expected.

of kidnaping had been raised, he probably would have found out whether it is as lawful to kidnap republicans as it is to kidnap Socialists; and that is worth finding out. If the government did this with some vague idea of suppressing Socialism, it committed a piece of rank folly.

Tennessee, Nashville, Tenn.: The full extent of Warren's offending is not obvious, nor is the incentive for his offense evident. However, when we remember that government officials were charged with kidnaping defendants in a celebrated murder case in Colorado in order to bring them to trial, Warren's reward offer can be understood as a criticism of the government's inconsistency and partiality.

Herald, Los Angeles, Cal.: Warren's charge had the sting of truth in it. We feel inclined to criticize him for a too great vehemence at times in carrying on his propaganda, but in this case it does look absurd to imprison him for "libeling" Taylor, who was not harmed so much as the weight of a toothpick by Warren's envelopes or newspaper.

I wonder if Pollock was ever taught, as I was, that lawyers had always stood for freedom and justice in the history of our race. I was taught that it was an honorable thing to be a lawyer because they had always been the champions of liberty, and the old dean of our college would cite Lincoln as an example and go back further to the tyrannical days of Charles I of England and point out with pride that when the then chief justice, a man of unsullied reputation as a lawyer and a judge, was quite against all precedent, asked by the king to give a judgment in the king's favor, in the famous Hampden case, the judge refused.

Did not Judge Pollock, before he was admitted to the bar, take the name oath that I did? I wonder if he remembers it? "With the help of God, to always champion the cause of the poor and the oppressed, without hope of gain or recompense, and never to reject for any consideration personal to himself the cause of the defenseless or the oppressed?"

The Slaves of Greed. I saw in mill, and mine, and shop, the little slaves of greed: I heard the strife of race with two, all clashing from one codswaddled. And then I bowed my head in shame, and in the congregation cried--"Lo, the slavemasters of a hundred years. Christ still is crucified!"

A Woman to Helen Keller

How Womanhood is Betrayed. I have been feeling just as you do about sending a reformer to jail; but I learned long ago that this government is neither "by the people, nor for the people," nor for the purpose of protecting the weak; nor to promote justice and equity.

Now if a rich man can rob a poor man he may; if the poor man can rob a woman he may; because wealth and votes are what count. The white woman who is respectable every minute of her life, who pays her taxes, who gets her law for protection, may get it if she has a male relative high in office, who chooses to condescend to assist her.

There is no need for me or anyone to discuss the mental or moral condition of the man who could do things this way, nor the mental and moral condition of the parties who would accept such a deed, nor of the man who constructed such a deed: the question uppermost is this: Does the law allow it? Five years passed and no more payments were made.

I am taking care of a helpless husband to whom I have been married forty-three years. I have given birth to his four children and took as good care of them as I could; and now I am insulted when I read: "The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world."

The man who took the deed of the farm that I helped pay for, votes! Votes for those officers who have not lifted a finger to help me get my twenty-five years of earning which he took from me in this way, and what did this white voter say? "I don't know but you will get that farm back. I don't think you will." O beautiful freedom; that our fathers bled and died to obtain!

The Spiritual Aspect.

A sentence in the APPEAL about Irving winning over to Socialism many who have "heretofore been repulsed by what looked like a materialistic exterior," coincided so exactly with my own experience that I have written a few lines embodying the change in my point of view which you may think worth noting.

Money can't buy happiness. No. But can happiness exist where there is the pinch of hunger, the fear of disease which will take away the strength to work and the power to bring relief? Can a man be happy when he sees those dependent on him hungry and ragged, pushed out into the mob to fight and whine and grab at a miserable job which will deprive another hungry stomach of the means to live without committing crime or begging?

What a gigantic cause for enthusiasm, energy, and money! To open up a new heaven and a new earth for millions whose lives are so cramped and narrow that they cannot be said to inhabit the same world as those who can go out and possess all that they are capable by nature of absorbing.

The present development of the Warren case has focussed the attention of all thinking people upon the federal judiciary. What is this set of men that can say what is and what is not in this free country? Where did they get their power? Let us be logical, for a change. If a law comes under the displeasure of these venerable gentlemen, they shake their bald, vulture-like pates and declare it "unconstitutional."

And so they constituted the supreme court and the subordinate tribunals to be established by congress, certain powers which interpreted by Marshall and those who followed him make that court unique in the tribunals of the world. That court was constituted to preserve the rights of the people and the rights of individuals against the people themselves, whenever in the heat of emotion or of temporary aberration they enacted measures that deprived the individual of his just rights under the constitution.

Doing the People at Washington

Washington Correspondent of the APPEAL. Washington, D. C.--The dear people are about to be handed another gold brick. This time by Postmaster-General Hitchcock.

You all have read about the administration's efforts to establish penny postage on first class mail matter. Both Taft and Hitchcock said recently that this reduction would be inaugurated in the near future. Why this unexpected favor? What's back of the scheme?

Postage has become quite an item in the expenditures of big business houses. There are hundreds of concerns in the United States whose postage expense amounts to more than \$100,000 yearly, not to mention the big mail order houses which practically have branches of postoffices in their own buildings.

There are two features in the Carter-Weeks bill which are considered objectionable from Hitchcock's point of view. First is the establishment of the office of director-general of posts, who shall be a politician primarily, and who shall direct the work of running the department until he is removed for cause.

The Carter-Weeks bill also provides for the establishment of a bureau of accounts, Hitchcock is afraid such a bureau might compile figures showing the real leaks in the department. So the Carter-Weeks bill has been sidetracked, and Hitchcock will carry out his program undisturbed.

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A Lawyer on Pollock

Dear Warren, Girard, Kan.: At a time when all lawyers who have read about your conviction and have any shame left, must be ready to quit a profession, once honorable, but now disgraced by men like Pollock, I am glad to see the number of lawyers who, by their letters as published in the Appeal, are ashamed of the depths to which our judges have sunk.

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New, Butte, Mont.: The case of Fred Warren might easily become an affair of historical significance. Less things than this, in the past, have precipitated revolutionary crisis. Should the unionized workmen of this country interpret Warren's imprisonment as a blow at their liberties, a menace to their press and evidence that the courts of the nation are being used to uphold the system that exploits them, it is wholly within the probabilities that two years hence the Socialist vote of the country will sweep the working class into political power and bring about a political housecleaning that will not leave untouched the judicial realm.

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This table shows the number of subscriptions received by APPEAL to Reason for each month from January, 1904, to December, 1910, inclusive. It will be carefully noted that the readers of the paper are generally outside of the 'United States'...

Subscription Report table with columns for Month, 1904, 1905, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1909, 1910. Rows include January through December and a Total row.

REOLUTION IN HONDURAS. Diaz is Beaten.

Evidence That It Is Fostered by American Interests and by Uncle Sam Himself. The papers report a revolution in progress in Honduras on the canal zone, and evidence accumulates that it is a made revolution...

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Democrat, Washington, Iowa: If we were Democrats, we would put the APPEAL all in red from this time on.

The Truth About "Anarchist" Scares. How the newspapers work these up and how they are being exposed by the Chicago Police and the Chicago Press...

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For the Price of the Daily Alone. One year \$3.00, Four months 1.00, Two months .50. Send for a full year (\$3.00) and will give you a complimentary copy of the APPEAL...

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Samuel W. Row was elected alderman in the ward of Belmont, Miss. Edmunds, Washington, has a Socialist mayor, W. H. Cook, a carpenter and engineer...

The Socialist Educational Society, of Dayton, Ohio, has launched the Dayton Socialist, a publication that is filled with good news and is being made very effective in propaganda.

Editors Who Ought to Be in Jail. The process of sending editors to jail is being used by the capitalists...

Jumping on the Editor. Democrat, Washington, Iowa: If we were Democrats, we would put the APPEAL all in red from this time on.

Coming Nation for This Week. Coming Nation, No. 18, the current issue, contains an unusual amount of interesting matter in addition to Charles Edward Ross's regular 'Coming Nation' feature.

In Other Lands. Make complaints and change of address notices on postal cards—please.

A Farmer's Letter. Farmers' Department, APPEAL to Reason, has had many letters to write to the APPEAL and now that you've come back...

Protesting in Colorado. Union labor leaders of Denver are organized on an article for \$5,000 to the union men to march on the state capital...

Broke Up the Meeting. Chasmakers Union No. 10 attempted to hold a meeting in Tampa, Fla. where a strike has been in progress for months.

Coming Nation on Newsstands. The following new newspapers have appeared on the newsstands...

High Society. APPEAL mailing lists will be furnished for organization purposes only when requests come through local or state organizers or secretaries.

How To Be Lonesome. Just get your Appeal subscription and you'll be three long, lonesome weeks without a paper even if you renew the same old pink notification paper is received...

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A SOCIALIST WATCH At an Anti-Trust Price

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Advertisement for 'A SOCIALIST WATCH' and other products, including 'Agents 100% Profit' and 'Try It Free'.

Who May It Be

The greatest souls are usually the least known. The most faithful and conscientious workers are among the obscurest comrades.

THEFT IS HONORED.

The indictment, confession and conviction of some fifteen hundred voters in Adams county, Ohio, for selling their votes show the effect of environment on men's character.

WHO IS DISHONEST?

If the workers were half as dishonest as their masters assert, the masters would soon have to work for a living. If the workers would they could vote all the government into their own hands.

Follow These Articles.

In this issue begins a series of the most illuminating articles ever published in these columns. Every reader who is interested in the struggle of the workers against wage slavery will follow these articles with absorbing interest.

will be slipped through congress authorizing the treasury to discontinue the purchase of gold bullion, on the ground that it already has more on hand than can be conveniently coined.

Appeal's Subscription Lectures

In the effort to propagate Socialism the APPEAL has exercised every known method from urging comrades all along the line to hustling for a single subscription each to pushing and promoting gigantic schemes involving an expenditure of thousands of dollars.

December Report.

Table with 5 columns: Dec. 1, Dec. 2, Dec. 3, Dec. 4, Dec. 5. Lists subscription statistics for each day.

This is a total of 64,855 subs. a daily average of 2,092 for 31 days. Of this amount, 2,733 subs were turned in by the APPEAL Lecture Bureau.

Socialists at Work.

The Milwaukee comrades are facing a deficit in their budget for the coming year of over \$300,000. While in the city treasurer's office one day talking to Comrade Whittall he pointed to a street paving outside.

The Booming of Roosevelt

A few years ago I was "doing time" as a "non-com." in Uncle Sam's service, stationed at Fort Bayard, New Mexico. On calling at the Post library one afternoon I found the librarian unpacking books that had just been received.

WHY NOT CO-OPERATE?

If the garment workers who are out striking and starving would organize a co-operative system, like the Rochdale workers of England did, and select and socialize their abilities, they could control the garment making industry and would not have to work for masters who treat them badly.

COMMENT IN LESLIE'S.

An editorial upon the "Surprising Growth of Socialists' Vote" appears in the current issue of Leslie's Weekly. This editorial, appearing in one of the greatest and most widely circulated weeklies, and in a spirit of perfect fairness, is of special significance and deserves to be reproduced in these columns.

NOT AN OPEN SHOP.

That was a good joke on the Battle Creek champion of the open shop. He had given such great advertisement to the statement that the inalienable rights of man entitled him to the open shop, that it was wrong to close the places of employment against any willing worker.

TITLE DEEDS MEAN SLAVERY.

Would you want to own a piece of land that you did not want to work if no one else would ever work it or have need of it? Of what good could it do you? You want to own land so that some poor devil without land must come to you and give you an income out of his labor for it.

A Parallel Case

The democratic party, long in power, strengthened by the undivided south, practiced during their long lease of power similar corruption to that which now characterizes the republican party. The arrest, conviction and imprisonment of Fred D. Warren, of the APPEAL to Reason, for publishing unpalatable truths, was paralleled in 1856, when the writer was editor and publisher of the Herald of Freedom, located at Lawrence, Kan. He was indicted by a proslavery grand jury, the members of which were mostly from South Carolina.

THE APPEAL AND THE JUDGES

President Taft has not consulted the APPEAL in filling the vacancies on the supreme bench. Consequently he has made no appointment for the benefit of those the APPEAL represents. It is apparent that the APPEAL has no influence with this administration.

AS TO READING.

What are you reading? Some old newspapers that you have read for years and received so much valuable (2) information from? Did you ever hear or read of a well-read man who got his knowledge from newspapers? Newspaper reading is worse than novel reading. It destroys the mind.

THE APPEAL RECEIVES NUMEROUS REQUESTS...

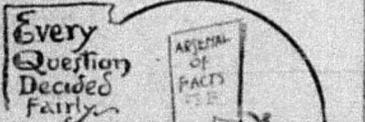
THE APPEAL receives numerous requests for it to take up the cases of workers who have been injured in service and prosecute them in the courts. This cannot be done until the Frank Lane case is disposed of. To divide efforts now might lead to defeat in the Lane case, while if, by concentrating on that victory can be won, it will give a basis for prosecuting other cases to success.

Demonitization of Gold in Progress

The settled plan of the banking trust to demonitize gold proceeds with startling rapidity. The intended substitute for gold—the ridiculous "asset currency"—having been firmly established in our monetary system, the mints are now to be authorized to stop the coinage of gold. The excuse for this last legislation (which has been asked for by the secretary of the treasury and which will undoubtedly be passed at the present short session of congress) is that much of our coined gold is shipped abroad never to return, and that by holding uncoined bullion in the treasury's gold reserve, the expense of coinage will be saved the government.

BANKERS LIVE ON DEBTS.

It is just as if a banker wanted all men to have capital to work with and be out of debt! Under such a condition how would the banker get an income? If no one was in debt there would be no interest, and no interest would mean no profit in the banking business. If we live under a debt creating system, every day there are more debts than there was yesterday and more interest will have to be paid. Under Socialism there would be no debt and therefore no interest. Every citizen would have an equal ownership in the means by which things are produced, and he or she would not have to give up part of their products to some one who owned them.



The new Arsenal will soon be ready and from this time on there'll be no more delays. I've arranged with two binders to do the work in future. All orders have been entered and books will go forward shortly. In the meantime remember that the new Arsenal has been greatly enlarged, 116 pages, and is better and more aggressive than ever. It's loaded with facts that are fair and irrefutable.

Protest From England

The big capitalist dailies are beginning to take note of the Milwaukee administration, with editorials criticizing and misrepresenting the council. It is all a part of a wide propaganda which the corporations know and desire to conduct with the intent of prejudicing the public.

On the Sick List.

Table with 2 columns: State, On Sick List. Lists states and their corresponding number on the sick list.

In the Hospital.

Alaska barely holds its own this report. The patient awaits one good boost from the Army before leaving the hospital. The next time you write the APPEAL, enclose an extra remittance or sub card for Alaskan arms.

"Sub"-Lets.

New Jersey has most "offs." "Foreign" "offs" and "ons" are lowest. California goes from fifth place to fourth. Illinois climbs into the "more than 20,000" class. Massachusetts advances one number, landing at eighteen. Wisconsin steps up the ladder to nineteenth position. Nebraska jumps from twenty-fifth to twenty-third position. Maryland comes down from number thirty-six to fortieth place. One lone worker sending in just one more sub from Maine, Wyoming, Vermont or Alaska would have put an "x" before his state.

The average "ons" per state, 52 states, is 501 subs. Last week the average was 364 and 253 the week before. The average gain per state, 52 states, is 156 subs. Last week the average gain was 136 subs and 50 subs the week before.

Thirty-six states increase with this report; that's 69 per cent. Last week it was 39 per cent and 65 per cent the week before. If there's a local of the Socialist party in your town, I hope it's there. If there's some there write your state secretary and he'll gladly help you form one. You're not doing your full duty unless you're in your class for society taking a sub for the APPEAL or any other Socialist paper.

This paper is sold for you, if you didn't order it, one more else else else for you. You'll get no bill.