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THE Rescue Edition threw consternation into the ranks of the enemy. The court at once decided that McNamara was illegally extradited, which means that Burns was a violator. The discrediting of the prosecution if followed up will result in breaking the plot and saving the McNamaras. GET BUSY!

# SHOAF SLUGGED AND TAKEN TO SEA

Information from Several Sources Makes This Almost a Certainty—Burns, Rattled at the Rescue Edition of Appeal, Makes Dire Threats—The Farce Preceding the Coming Tragedy.

During the more than three weeks the APPEAL has been carefully investigating the Shoaf case, nearly a dozen bodies found in Los Angeles and within a radius of a hundred miles of that city have been carefully examined and shown to not be Shoaf's. It having been sneeringly reported by Burns that the correspondent would probably be found in jail for some minor offense, the Los Angeles jails and their records, and jails in every direction near Los Angeles, were examined and Burns' charge proven to have been a libel. The movements of Shoaf for weeks, as far as it was possible for experienced detectives to trace them, were gone over, without the discovery of any information that has not already been made public. The chief of police of Los Angeles, at the request of Capt. George C. Shoaf, claims to have had his entire force keeping eyes open for the APPEAL's correspondent, but without avail. Theory after theory has been considered; clew after clew has been run to the ground. A man was sent to Mexico to see if he could not be located there. There never has been a closer search for a missing man. The Burns agency, with all its sneers, and with its confessedly great machinery, has been invited to find Shoaf, prove a frame-up, and get the APPEAL's \$500 reward; but there has been no result. Captain Shoaf (and this, you know, refers to the father) says he has absolutely no information with the assurance of truth behind it. His investigation has led him to change his theory in one regard. Finding that the telegrams which had led him to suspect Frank Maebaum of complicity in the disappearance of Shoaf were sent, not by Maebaum, but another party as a decoy, he has revised his belief that his former employe (Maebaum) had betrayed him and his son. Maebaum confirms the report that George H. Shoaf had read to him the story he had prepared for the APPEAL Rescue Edition and that the correspondent did mass together a great many things to show that Rico had blown up the Times building at the instigation of Otis. The APPEAL's charge, made in the Rescue Edition, that this was the case, Captain Shoaf says, did not create, apparently, any surprise in Los Angeles, though there may not be sufficient evidence to warrant arrests. Maebaum said Shoaf has several envelopes well filled which he said contained proofs of the charges he made. Captain Shoaf has returned to his home in San Antonio, from where he will direct his men in Los Angeles.

**why would they not do it in the mainland? Another thing: The information comes to the Appeal in a letter sent to a friend in another town and by him brought to us. It says that telegrams sent by and to prominent Socialists are repeated to Burns, and that letters sent them are opened and their contents forwarded to Burns. The information given to the Appeal was repeated by the three editors in question to two men of prominence, connected with the defense and, as if to prove their suspicions true, the letters have not yet been delivered! In view of the possibility of a concerted fight to be made on Socialists, and of Shoaf having declared, after investigation, that Otis was responsible for the explosion of the Times building, the Appeal has put a night watchman in the office, for the first time in its history.**

**Shoaf on a War Vessel**

Since the above information was received, the APPEAL has received three other letters, each from a different locality and from a responsible party, and each writing without knowledge that any other had written, imparting the same information. The last letter received adds that the vessel on which Shoaf is held is a United States war ship. Following is the letter, omitting name and residence of the sender:

"Shoaf is not dead. He was kidnaped and is out at sea. He is unhurt, but fears for his safety. I learn he was kidnaped after being slugged and taken to the beach, and then rowed out to sea in a small boat. Thence he was taken on a dark ship, something on the order of a cutter, and later TRANSFERRED TO A LARGE BATTLESHIP painted white. I think some of the sailors on board the ship may be depended on to divulge the facts. If it is found out that this trail has been struck it is probable Shoaf will probably be quietly brought to shore and turned loose in Los Angeles. Watch the piers. Perhaps Burns was preparing for such a possibility when he suggested that he would be found in jail somewhere. But be this as it may, they are freezing on to him now, and he is unable to get any word to his friends."

**A Real Fight is On**

It might as well be understood at once that a real fight is on. It is the thing which Shoaf urged so long in his letters and telegrams from Los Angeles, deploring the fact that the workers failed to realize it. The Shoaf case is only an incident in that fight. The McNamara case itself is only an incident. Now, it is an effort to break unionism, not only on the Pacific coast, but also throughout the whole United States. In its rescue edition the APPEAL called attention to the alignment of capitalism and the reason why the fight was necessary at this time. The completion of the Panama canal is about to give great prominence to the Pacific coast and eastern capitalists are fighting and are compelled to fight to secure control of the new situation. As Debs said: "Train your guns on Morgan and Wall street. There is where the black hand of plutocracy holds the key to the prison doors of our condemned comrades." To merely hang the McNamaras or to remove Shoaf would not be a victory for capitalism. It is getting them out of the way only that it may crush the opposition and become master of America with free rein. Since the first of the year, it is officially reported 81,000 men have been "laid off" by the railroads of the country. At the present time there is a probability of strikes that shall involve more than 100,000 workers, forced by the masters. In the south the timber bosses have closed down many mills with the avowed purpose of crushing the timber workers' union, and the railroads are openly aiding them in the nefarious work. A

financial panic may be precipitated any day in an effort to scare the workers to a cessation of agitation. If so much would be done to down unionism, is it reasonable to suppose that a more aggressive Socialism, with its avowed purpose of completely ending capitalism, would escape? This is the possibility of the near future. At a certain period in its development in every country Socialism has suffered persecution. Probably our time has come in America. Shoaf may be only the first fruits of many yet to come. You haven't believed this possible, but it is time you did so. What means the concerted fight made by the postoffice department and the federal judges at this time on the APPEAL? What means the firing of Editor Tuck of the Socialist paper, the Oakland World? What means the effort to railroad to an insane asylum Fred Merrick of Justice, Pittsburg, Pa.? What means the wrecking by a mob of the office of the Proletarian, Garden City, Kan.? What means the long fight waged against the Free Press, New Castle, Pa.? We are up against a fight that is real this time, and it is either meet it like men or lie down and be licked. This is what Debs meant when he called for men that were not afraid to die, if it were necessary to win.

**How to Win**

The APPEAL stood alone in meeting attack with attack. Others have stood ready to defend the McNamaras. Others have reported the progress of the case, many of them better than the APPEAL has done. But Shoaf went out to gather evidence to prove that the explosion in the Times building was at the instigation of Otis himself, and that Burns was accessory to the crime in seeking to shield the real criminal and hang innocent men. This was attack that meant more than all defense. As your part of the work in the rescue it called on you to help carry California for Socialism and aloft the recall, including the recall of judges in California. Otis and Burns recognized that if this was done it would immediately destroy their machine, and for the first time they were alarmed. Their every action has shown it. When Shoaf disappeared, Burns contemptuously suggested that he was in jail charged with some petty offense. APPEAL representatives emptied every jail in the neighborhood and proved Burns a liar. Why did not the "great detective" turn out his men and find Shoaf and so get the APPEAL's reward? If Shoaf is in jail on some petty charge, why is there no record of it? Is that the way petty criminals are treated? In a recent interview Burns seeks to belittle the writer Shoaf by saying he had probably got on one of his "periodical drunks" and was forced to leave town? Shoaf all his life has been a teetotaler, and it is a new thing for men to be compelled to leave Los Angeles for the "crime" of being drunk. When the case of Shoaf's disappearance was presented to the police of Los Angeles, Hosick, the man indicted for the kidnaping of the McNamaras along with Detective Burns, was put on the case, and promptly lushed it up. Afterward, Shoaf's battered hat and the club with which he is supposed to have been slugged disappeared from police headquarters. When a howl was made about it, they, by a strange legdemain, reappeared between two days, from whence no one knows, though the police intimated that Hosick had had them. Is this an honest way to discover crime? Why should Burns and Hosick wish to suppress the matter if they had no concern in it? And Otis—though every other Los Angeles paper had been full of the Shoaf disappearance, the Times, edited by the man tacitly accused of being responsible for the disappearance, has never contained a line about it. One would think Otis would be most concerned in finding Shoaf and proving the intimation of circumstances to be false, but he

has been silent relative to one of the few pieces of news Los Angeles has produced in a year that became of national importance. Why?

**Burns Angered at Appeal**

Burns is rattled, badly rattled. When the Rescue Edition of the Appeal came to his notice, according to an interview in the Portland (Ore.) Telegram, he whom McClure's lauds as the placid detective, became almost a raving maniac. "This is something that needs looking into," snapped the detective, (according to the Telegram) as he read where he and others ought to be hanged instead of the McNamaras. "Of course I intend doing something about it when I begin publishing pieces like this. It is evidently intended to inflame the minds of someone and cause them to kill J. P. Morgan." Indeed! What about Burns' Own Story in McClure's afterward syndicated and run in many newspapers? Was it "evidently intended to inflame the people" to acquiesce in the killing of McNamara and Shoaf? "When men like Debs write such denunciations there is a motive behind it, and the motive appears on the face," said Burns. "It is palpably an effort to cause some irresponsible person to commit bloodshed." How about it when men like Burns dictate such denunciations of the McNamaras? Why is Morgan any better than a worker, except that he pays—Burns—more? Did Debs strike home in mentioning Burns' real employer and accusing the "hired hand"—Black Hand—of doing the job he was employed to do? Burns continues: "I am accused of destroying evidence that would clear the McNamaras, and of sending to prison men who would be able to save the defendants." Why in the world did Burns let slip that expression "sending to prison men who would be able to save the defendants"? The Appeal had no idea what had become of Shoaf, but, while suggesting that possibly Burns knew something of his disappearance, never accused him of "sending Shoaf to prison"? Why did Burns speak of it? Does he know? No wonder he cries, according to the Telegram: "SOMETHING MUST BE DONE TO MAKE THEM STOP." Suppose as part of that something Burns produce Shoaf.

**Burns' Curtain Raiser**

Burns is doing something. He who has been so insulting to labor is beginning to try to mollify its anger. He is putting on a great farce as a curtain raiser for the tragedy that he hopes to pull off in Los Angeles, beginning October 10th. The first act of this farce has already been reviewed by the APPEAL. Earl, publisher of the Tribune, and Otis, publisher of the Times, are the two leading characters, and the farce is intended to show that there is no conspiracy against labor and that the judge is absolutely fair. Earl printed an intercepted wireless showing that the Times, the Herald and the Examiner were working together from one head. Otis did not question the truth of the message, but sued Earl for wire-tapping. The case came before Judge Hanford, the man who is to hear the McNamara case, and Hanford promptly decided against Otis! Think of it—against Otis, the man who was accused of owning the judge! Could anything more clearly prove his impartiality and show his fitness for trying the McNamara case? But this is not all of the farce. Earl at once brought complaint against Otis for printing obscene matter in reporting the salacious murder case of Henry Clay Beattie, and the great man was called on to bring his armored automobile to the court and plead therein like a mere work-

ingman—except that he was not arrested, and the toiler rides in the Black Marie instead of an automobile. Surely this would clinch the matter and show that the courts of Los Angeles were eminently fair and didn't need recalling, and that it was entirely unnecessary to carry California for Socialism!

Unfortunately, however, they showed too much. The suits demonstrated that the Times, the Record and the Examiner were taking dictation from one man, Otis' managing editor; and it was brought out that the bitter rivals, Otis and Earl, are partners in a big enterprise that is to supply Los Angeles with water! The mild tap on the wrist did not hurt either of the contestants, and the fool-workers are supposed to overlook the crudity of the performance. The capitalist moral of the stunt is: Don't carry California for Socialism, don't recall the judges, and always trust your masters to do justice toward you.

**Rescue Edition Appalls Them**

But Burns is not alone in doing something. The capitalists who were concentrating the fight in California have, since the issuance of the APPEAL's Rescue Edition, begun to scatter their fire. They don't fancy the power of recall and a Socialist administration in the state where they pull off their stunts. The United Press sent the APPEAL the following telegram:

Indianapolis, Ind., September 6.—Judge Remester of the circuit court today held that Police Judge Collins had no right to hear extradition cases. This means that John J. McNamara was unlawfully taken to California.

This may mean the return of the McNamaras to Indiana and application for a new extradition, or it may not. It may mean that Burns and Otis, alarmed at the accusations of Shoaf, and the threat of recall of judges and a Socialist administration in California, are ready to creep out of it by returning McNamara to Indiana and trying him there on some charge other than the blowing up of the Times, or it may not. It certainly does mean that the courts have held that McNamara, being unlawfully extradited, was in reality kidnaped, with the connivance of Burns, the detective, and a candidate for the democratic nomination for president. If Burns is found guilty of kidnaping, who can trust him further?

**Up and At Them!**

Labor has been attacked. It is a nation-wide fight. It is a real fight that means death to liberty for all, and actual death to many workers in case we lose. Hitherto you have been apathetic, and it grieved Shoaf. But that is past. You are now aroused. You understand the gravity of the situation. You have seen the thing that frightens the enemy and you have seen them waver before the line of battle laid down by the APPEAL. You are called on to press the advantage you have gained, and to stand to your guns, to speak in a figure, until you win. It is the attack that has appalled them, and they realize now that the killing or kidnaping of workers will not aid their cause. It is the fear of Socialism and the recall that has them rattled. The battle is not won. It is not going to be won without a struggle, because the master class has too much at stake to yield easily. The bullets you need are ballots. The ammunition you must furnish is subscriptions to Socialist papers. Every subscription aids that much financially to the battle and besides adds something to the force that is fighting with you. If ever you rallied to the Socialist press in all your life, now is the time to do it. The APPEAL is not asking all the support. It asks you to do what you can and all you can, for it, and for all papers that join the agitation of "CARRY CALIFORNIA FOR SOCIALISM."

**On a Hot Trail**

The most plausible theory the Appeal has had concerning Shoaf's disappearance comes to it under the signature of three responsible newspaper men of national reputation. They claim to have their information from sources that are well-nigh authentic. They say Shoaf was slugged, loaded in an automobile while unconscious, taken to the Pacific ocean under direct supervision of Otis and Burns, then conveyed south in a private yacht. This yacht turned south and transferred Shoaf, under charge of several detectives, to a boat putting into the Pacific for a long voyage. On this voyage Shoaf was to be subjected to the third degree, in the hope of obtaining information concerning the Appeal and the Socialist movement in general, preparatory to the making of a concerted fight on Socialism in America. The Appeal cannot go into details at present. It is possible this clew, too, may prove futile. But it is keeping with the general fight being made on Socialism and with the methods of the masters. Only this week the press reports that the president of the Socialist party of Cuba, and the chairman of the County Workers trade union have just been kidnaped, rushed on a boat making for Europe and banished by force. If they would do in an island dominated by American capitalists,

## PERSONAL TO DETECTIVE BURNS:

You say "the Appeal must be stopped!" This has been said before, Mr. Burns. It has been said by the postoffice department time after time. And, be it remembered, the United States postoffice department possesses the power to prevent the Appeal from passing through the mails as second-class mail matter. An order excluding it from the mails would end its career forever. But the United States postoffice department HAS NOT DARED TO USE THE POWER IT POSSESSES!

Every subtle means known to this capitalistic bureaucracy has been used to harass the Appeal, but the paper has continued to increase in power and usefulness, until today it has a larger paid-in-advance circulation than any periodical in the world!

After the ignominious failure on the part of the postoffice department, the federal judiciary was dragged into the fight, and for four years that tyrant harassed the Appeal, piling up court costs and lawyers' fees to the tune of \$12,000.00 in an effort to

destroy the paper. The Appeal would be bankrupt today had it continued to fight in the federal courts in the orthodox way. But the Appeal fought with its own weapons—publicity—with such success that President Taft, in sheer self-defense, as the doors of the jail were closing on the Appeal's editor, issued an unsolicited pardon. This extraordinary and unusual act is a convincing testimonial to the power of working class public opinion.

After this experience, Mr. Burns, we are not afraid of your threat to "stop the Appeal."

There are 50,000 reasons why the Appeal will not be stopped, Mr. Burns, and these 50,000 reasons are 50,000 members of the Appeal Army, located in every village and hamlet and city in the United States. In every precinct and ward of every city; in every township in every county in the United States, you will find the Appeal Army worker. These men are moulding public opinion and out of that public opinion they are building a political move-

ment that today is stronger than any political party in the country. So strong is this public opinion that every unfair attack on a free press is met by a closing up of the ranks with a determination to win that knows no defeat.

Your declaration that the Appeal must be stopped will be read by 2,000,000 men and women who love the Appeal for the enemies it has made and the battles it has won. These men and women will, as will every man who believes in a free press, resent what you have said. And they will resent it in a way that will prove effective. They will devote some part of the day on which this copy of the Appeal is received in getting subscribers to the paper that has caused a healthy fear of the working class to enter the craven hearts of your masters—the pirates who rob the American people by means of the United States steel corporation.

Watch the figures in the upper left hand corner of this page, Mr. Burns, for the reply the Appeal Army will make to your boast that the "Appeal must be stopped."—FRÉD D. WARREN.

Appeal's Work at Leavenworth

BY LOUIS SCHNEIDER

The searchlight of the APPEAL's publicity has shined in the prison management at Leavenworth, and resulted in the immediate dismissal of Deputy Warden Frank H. Lomon; also R. W. McClaughey, warden, has been requested to resign the service as soon as "things quiet down a little."

The government has actually learned that every charge published in the columns of the APPEAL TO REASON was true in every particular, substantiated by two special examiners, who were put on the job to investigate these charges.

As the capitalist press stated, "the report of these two special examiners was anything but quieting or favorable to the prison management." Those incompetent parasites who waxed fat on the government payroll, and federal fodder, the white posing and reformer, and the unmarked and shown in their true light and character, as rank hypocrites and petty grafters, who stopped at nothing to gain their point, murder and perjured affidavits not excepted.

It was shown that the management of this million-dollar prison was rotten in extravagance and in wasting much material, and that all buildings erected were only a matter of a few years till they would fall to the ground, thus helping the architects (who are getting their pay on the percentage basis) to get another slice of that rich federal pie. A halt has been called to these extravaganzas and this too, is due to the faithful work of the APPEAL.

The special examiners discovered that prisoners have been abused and mistreated and even tortured to such an extent that many of these unfortunate wretches have lost their reason, and in one specific case, that of a mere boy, Clarence J. Maitland, was so brutally beaten death relieved him of his agony. This crime was shown to have been committed by Frank H. Lomon, deputy warden.

Lomon was fired by telegraphic order from the attorney general, after that official had read the report of his two special examiners, because "Lomon's usefulness as an official of the penitentiary has come to an end."

Lomon was not indicted for the murder of Clarence J. Maitland, although it was a most foul and dastardly murder. Why?

Warden McClaughey has always contended that his prison was a model for the democracy of its ways and management, but the APPEAL has also shown that this was designed to deceive as all of Warden McClaughey's statements usually are. We were repeatedly told by the warden that he treats all the prisoners alike, if they conduct themselves properly. But we have proved his statements false by citing the cases of those prisoners who come with that magic title of "banker," these always receive better food than the poor man. The APPEAL has shown that the banker-class has a separate table so that these highly refined crooks need not come in contact with the poor offender who has stolen a horse or a cow; the banker who has violated his trust by wrecking the institution of which he was an official, caused death, and suicides to follow in his wake, though he has deliberately stolen the widows and orphans mine, is royally treated and naturally receives better food and special

Know Why Socialism is Coming

Many knew—be read it in the progress and development of the human race. Trace this development of civilization through slavery and other institutions to the present day and you will know why socialism is inevitable.

Victor L. Berger says:

"A few socialist preachers are not sufficient to make a socialist socialism. In order to know the meaning of socialism, a socialist should have an idea of evolution, he must know history, he must know something of economic development."

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Tom Hickey in 1860, Hallettsville, Tex.

Bibliography of Shoaf

Geo. H. Shoaf, the fearless staff correspondent of the APPEAL, was born in Lockhart, Caldwell county, Texas, thirty-six years ago. His father and mother were of old Texas stock running back to the days when Texas was an independent republic.

In 1899 Debs made a tour of Texas, speaking for the newly organized Social Democratic party. George Shoaf heard him in San Antonio and at once lined up with the new party and was candidate for Lieutenant governor of Texas on the Socialist ticket in 1900.

The following year he went to Chicago and associated himself with Walter Vroman in a scheme for social betterment but soon learned that the Socialist movement was the only means whereby the toilers could achieve their liberty. He went to work for the Chicago Street Railway company and soon had an organization under way that has lasted down to today and has been of great value to the car men.

His great Mollie Maguire story followed and the good name of these innocent miners was redeemed. His exposure of peonage in the south led to an alleviation of the horrors of those slave pens. His exposure of conditions in Mexico was the first move toward the destruction of Diaz. Then he exposed the miserably Groscup so well that the gentleman fled to Egypt and he, with Pellock, Phillips and some other federal judges were so mercifully shown up that the other ex-federal judges, Taft pardoned Warren in the fear of the

privileges, which are denied the other prisoners.

Herewith follows a facsimile of an order signed and wholly in the handwriting of the warden himself, directing a guard to have Walsh's (that no biggest assignment of all—the McNamara case. It was the most hazardous work he ever tackled. He knew the murderous methods of Otis and his crowd. He went to work on the theory that Otis had hired the building blown up. He dug up evidence to prove; located the man who did the job, wrote the story and then came the kidnaping or murder as the case may be.

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ELABORATE PREPARATIONS

Los Angeles, Calif., Sept. 9.—The forces of the district attorney took possession today of thirty rooms in the hall of records to be used during the trial of the McNamaras next month.—United Press.

The Hog in the Spring

A man one Jay was trying to clear up a muddy spring to get a drink. He raked the leaves and trash out to make it flow freely, but still the muddy water came down. While thus engaged a neighbor came down the stream and asked him what he was doing.

"I am trying to clear the water so I can get a drink." "If you will go up the stream and run that hog out of the spring you will have no trouble in getting a drink," said his neighbor.

There is an organization in our county and state and in many other states known as the Farmers' Co-operative and Educational union; its aim and object is to get better prices for farm products by cutting out the middlemen's profits by holding grain and other large commodities off the market until such a time as they can get the price demanded.

In 1909 all who could held their corn until August and got seventy cents per bushel for it and then the union boomed, and the farmers thought they had the speculators by the neck. Hogs went to nine and ten cents. The farmers were jubilant, but the poor men, day workers who had joined the union, being told that it would be a vast benefit to them, began to get restless about the price of things which they must have and wages stayed at the same old scale as when things were cheap. But the big farmers ignored these poor men and consequently they let their membership die, as those who were intelligent could see that high prices and low wages were a positive injury to them.

In 1910 the farmers held their corn for a better price than sixty cents. They wanted seventy or seventy-five cents, but oh my! The speculator and big milling concerns had got wise to the movement and corn fell to forty cents, and bogs to six cents. "Then what a fall was there, my countrymen."

The union suffered a jolt. One man said such words about it and said that he lost \$400 on his corn by holding it. Hogs had dropped to six cents, but the manufactured article (bacon) was still fifteen to thirty cents.

This shows that the farmers cannot control the price of their products. There is too much friction among themselves and the money sharks are too wise and too powerful to permit it. The hog is still in the spring. The Grangers tried the same thing years ago, but they did not get the hog out of the spring. But these small organizations are mere incidents in the great movement. They are the symbol of unrest. Discontent is the mother of progress.

Wake up, farmers and laborers. Get together in the greatest political movement the world ever saw, and by your consolidated votes run the capitalist's hog out of the spring. Then all we can drink freely from the clear pure waters of an industrial democracy without any aristocratic bugs to wallow in the wealth produced by a toiling nation.

J. M. PALMER, Elizabethtown, N. I.

WORSE THAN WAR

Slaughter of Miners Under Capitalism Exposes the Bloody System.

BY LOUIS SCHNEIDER Washington Correspondent of the APPEAL. Washington, D. C., Sept. 8.—The government bureau of mines has just epitomized in cold figures the grim tragedy of the mine in the last ten years. Here is the terrible story: Thirty thousand miners killed. Seventy-five thousand miners injured, many of them maimed for life. Eleven thousand widows made by the slaughter of the miners. Thirty thousand children left fatherless.

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Did You Know?

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SPORTS UNDER SOCIALISM.

Someone writes the APPEAL wanting to know the status of baseball and other sports under Socialism. In the first place it is generally recognized that the Socialist movement is bigger than the Socialist party. The Socialist party registers a definite vote, but the movement is almost imperceptibly penetrating all lines of thought. In no way is the independence of the individual emphasized more strongly than in the increased interest that is taken in sports. It used to be considered that the working people were entitled only to enough leisure for recuperation of the strength spent in toil. Now, however, they are insisting on enjoying life, at least in a measure, as they go along. The whole tendency toward sports (and there are fans in every walk of life), indicates an independence and a determination to make the most of life, which is the very essence of the Socialist movement. When Socialism comes into full power there will no doubt be a great acceleration of everything that gives amusement and diversion to the people. This will include sports of every kind, although the awakening conscience will in time, even though Socialism should be delayed, doubtless eliminate brutal and objectionable features of all sports. Under Socialism the profit system would doubtless be eliminated from sports as from everything else. Instead of having ball teams owned by individuals and working to make them profits, the teams would be put out by municipalities. They would compete as strongly as they do now. But two changes would probably result. In the first place, because all the people would be able to secure employment and retain their full social product, all would be able to patronize the sports. Secondly because the profits would be eliminated the players would doubtless receive as great salaries as now and at the same time the admission price could be greatly reduced. At the present time it is quite common for the magnate to contract men of unproven ability for years in advance, then, when they demonstrate their powers, to refuse to raise their salaries. In addition, the men are literally sold from one team to another. After they sign the contract they become practically slaves. If the municipalities owned the teams they might compete with each other for the best players by giving them higher salaries, but in all reason the objectionable aspect of slavery would pass away. Socialism is come that men "might have life and that they might have it more abundantly." Heretofore only a few have been able to afford anything more than the bare necessities of life. Under Socialism the luxuries will become possible for all, and the greatest luxury of all, the chance to play and to see things that entertain, will be within the compass of possibility for all men. At one time sports were only for the very rich. It can scarcely be said that this is true now. The time is coming when they will be possible for all people. This is merely another of the good things that Socialism has to offer the world.

A RATTLED "LEADER."

W. G. Lee, president of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, recently attended a meeting of Erie, Pa. Lodge No. 199, B. of R. T., for the purpose of putting on the last act in stamping out the membership of W. G. Jerman, the delegate from the Erie lodge who stood by Comrade A. A. Roe at the Harrisburg convention of the trainmen and demanded that justice be applied in his case. Lee's vision into the future is so narrow that he believes he has retarded the growth of Socialism in the brotherhood and that with one more stroke he will completely stamp it out. This has caused him to issue his ultimatum, to every member of the organization that is a Socialist. All bloated up over his success at Harrisburg, Lee came to the Erie lodge with four of his ward healers to prove to the membership that Jerman was a dangerous man to have in the organization, and, after the five of them battling in debate with Jerman for four hours and thirty minutes, and not making much headway, Lee finally made the following statement, referring to Socialism: "I will stamp out of this organization that canker on society if it costs every dollar that the brotherhood has got." If the membership will permit Lee to carry out this threat it means that every

Socialist in the brotherhood will be thrown out and the question might well be asked that all other members that are not Socialists will have to consult Morrissey and Lee relative to what political party they may affiliate with. Just couple this statement with the one made by Lee at the convention when he said that if he was not re-elected that he would go to the railroad companies and would fight just as hard for them as he had fought for the brotherhood, and that an \$8,000 or \$10,000 position awaited him. This should be conclusive proof as to where Lee stands and whose endorsement for the presidency he really had, also the reason why he is so anxious to stamp out Socialism, "that canker on society," as he calls it. Lee will find that he has butted up against the biggest proposition he ever hit in his life. There are more Socialists in the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen than he dreams of. Perhaps they were not at Harrisburg, but they are on the engines and trains and they read and think and in due time the whole rank and file will get their eyes open.

It has come at last. We knew it would. The Cincinnati Commercial Tribune is emitting a terrific howl concerning the using of the franking privilege because it sees that Henry George, a single taxer, and Victor Berger, a Socialist, have been sending out campaign documents under their frank. So long as the republicans and democrats monopolized the franking privilege, using it for the purpose of shipping pianos and furniture, as well as thousands of campaign documents that nobody cared to read, the Commercial Tribune stewed the situation with equanimity, but now that the workers have begun to use the weapon that was forged for the purpose of killing them it throws conniption fits. The Tribune must compose itself. Franking is only one of the many things that labor is going to capture from the enemy and use for its own advantage. You have been preparing tools to be used against labor long enough, they can now be turned against you.

CONGRESSMAN LINDBURG has introduced a bill in the house of representatives providing for the conservation, development and use of the natural resources of Alaska. Under the provisions of the bill the commission created shall have power to construct and operate mines and mills and all means of transportation by land and water. The members of the commission are to be subject to recall and to employ men at the highest union scale to provide means for Alaskan development. The government is to issue \$50,000,000 in certificates of service which are analogous to labor checks. This is the plan of House Bill 13,865. It will be passed two years from now, providing you elect Socialist representatives to congress. Otherwise it will not.

The supreme court of the appellate division of New York state has rendered an opinion to the effect that labor does not constitute property. The decision, written by Judge McLaughlin, says: "If labor constitutes property then it seems to me to necessarily follow that the rights of labor must also constitute property and whatever deprives a laboring man of his right deprives him of his property." That is good law. The capitalists have assumed the monopoly of employment and it necessarily follows that whenever they fail to employ everybody they are taking from labor a right that belongs to it.

An investigation of the Illinois Industrial School for Girls, a charitable institution, has shown that little toil failing to work with a scrub brush at a rate of speed satisfactory to the matron, were kept in a dark hole below the surface of the earth and fed on bread and water for as high as four days at a time. Under the capitalist system charity organizations have become to a large extent merely a means of graft. While you investigate and expose one of them, others are getting their work well under way and you can never end the horror of it until you end the system.

AND now the charge is made that the forest fires, started up mysteriously in government reserves, are the work of laborers who want to make the job last. This presents an aspect which ought to be thoroughly alarming to the capitalist. Socialists are proceeding along orderly lines but if enough workers are thrown out of employment by this system it will be very easy for them, independent and irresponsible to any party or organization, to make work by destruction of property.

THE press reports that scores of soldiers from the transport Sherman, en route to Manila, recently held high carnival at Iloilo, Philippine Islands, smashing boxes of pine apples and stealing the fruit not only from the cars but also from the canneries. The masters are getting a little better or instead of responsible assistants on hand they will have a mob that will rob them.

"How happy I feel since I became a Socialist," writes a comrade from the field. Who ever heard of anybody being made happy through becoming a republican or a democrat? It is the feeling that you are advancing and that you are standing for something that will make this a good old world to live in, that causes you to experience that happiness and optimism that is found nowhere else but with Socialists.

AND now comes W. T. Gurley, a lawyer of Omaha, who insists that lawyers must "preserve liberty," by defeating the initiative, referendum and recall. The kind of liberty that Gurley wishes to preserve, the liberty to rob, will call for more than lawyers to preserve it. They can only get it in a pickle. The people are determined to have a little liberty all their own, and that is what the matter with Gurley.

THE supreme court of Switzerland, where direct legislation prevails, has ruled against private detectives on the ground that they are immoral. It is very easy to be seen why Taft opposes recalling of judges. He doesn't want the judges to do anything that might be in the interest of morals.

PRESIDENT TAFT wants the federal judges paid more than at present. Well, let the men who always get the decisions pay for what they get.

IF YOU ARE NOT SOCIALIST.

Perhaps you are not a Socialist and don't want to be. That is, of course, as you please. Nobody could make you a Socialist if you do not want the things that Socialists desire. But if you now want those things then you are a Socialist, even if you deny it and vote against it.

Let's see. We believe and want a rule by the majority. Perhaps you don't. Then you could not be a Socialist. But if you do believe in a rule by the majority, how is that majority to be determined unless the people have a vote on the bill that is to become a law?

We Socialists believe in letting the people vote on important laws that are to rule them, if they petition strong enough to show they want to. Perhaps you don't. Some one man writes the bill that is to be made a law. Perhaps you believe that such a man should always be some fellow whom chance or accident has put into the law-making bodies. We believe that men outside such bodies often have as much ability as those who are elected. You may not believe it.

Again, you may believe that a bill that can get the approval, by any sort of log-rolling, of a few men elected should be the law, but we Socialists believe that a bill initiated by any citizen who could get five or ten per cent of the voters to approve of it, would be worth submitting to the people to see if a majority would not like that as a law. You may not be willing to trust the majority to have sense enough. We Socialists believe that a law that had the approval of many thousands of voters, after it was explained to them, would be as good for the people as a law engineered by the corporations and lobbied through the legislature or congress. You may not believe it.

We Socialists believe that it would be better to have all or many of the citizens know what the laws are, by having them submitted and discussed before enactment, than to have them ignorant of the laws. You may not. We Socialists believe that when an official became obnoxious to the voters to such a degree that one-fourth of them would take the time, trouble and expense of circulating petitions, and explaining the specific reasons for their opposition because of some official acts, that that official should be forced to stand for an immediate election and see if a majority of the people did not want him out, and if a majority decided that he should come down that another should be put in his place who would do as the majority wished. You may not believe in that. For if you do not believe in these things then you could not be a Socialist and would not be one, even if you voted the ticket at every election. Where are you?

LANDLORDS KNOW.

When the public (government) builds a federal building and pays the workers of the nation \$500,000 in wages, direct and indirect, the public moves into it and uses it and that is the end of it. But when some capitalist pays them \$500,000 for building a structure, the capitalist at once proceeds to fill it with tenants at \$50,000 or more a year, and the end is never reached. The merchants and business that occupy the capitalist's building at once put the cost of the rent on the goods or other business, and this becomes a charge on the working class who patronize the merchants. So in one instance the workers get pay for their work and have nothing to pay for the use of it afterwards, while in the private instance they pay \$50,000 a year for the use of what they have produced. One-fourth of all the wages paid in this country is returned to private landlords in the shape of rent, when if the buildings were public property there would either be no rent, or it would go into the public treasury which would mean the people's treasury—when they own their own government. Workingmen, however, have never been taught to reason out any proposition, except that which directly pertains to their working vocation. Hence it is easy to make them believe that private ownership of the lands and the houses is a good thing for all. But the workers are mostly without any home ownership, and their landlords don't want them to own homes. If all the workers owned homes how could those who live off rents now live, unless they worked for a living? Simple problems are very hard for children.

FOOLISH "CALL TO ARMS."

A new national federation of retail merchants has issued what it calls "a call to arms." The retail merchants have begun to realize that business is getting out of their hands and they are frantically seeking organization for the purpose of "stopping legislation inimical to retail merchants and to promote legislation for the advancement of the same." There is a tragedy in this, yet it is amusing in a way. They have been oblivious of the fact that thousands who are now wage earners have passed through the same period of exploitation. The old shoemaker has been superseded by the factory, the farmer who put up meat has been succeeded by the packing house. Thousands of industries have been taken from the people and placed in the hands of a few who are reaping the profit which originally went to many. The tendency is not caused by legislation, for it prevails in both protected America and free trade England. It will be as impossible for the retail merchants to save themselves as it was for the shoemaker to maintain himself in the position of a manufacturer.

DETECTIVE BURNS says the "APPEAL must be stopped." Who will stop it? The third assistant postmaster general? He has tried it a score of times and ignominiously failed. The federal judiciary? Judge Pollock tried his hand and came near losing his judicial head, missing a seat with the nine elect who sit in judgment in Washington over the lives and liberties of the American people.

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WAR DEPARTMENT BUSY

It is reported that the Federal War Department is in communication with the governors of several states commending a law recently enacted by the California legislature providing for the organization of military companies of high school boys, who are to be armed with Krag rifles and trained by competent instructors of the regular army.

In the Perspective

BY J. A. WATLAND.

ALWAYS have the work people of the world been down-trodden, oppressed and kept in ignorance; always they have been forced to work for the enrichment of the few masters of the land and the places of employment; always have they built palaces for the masters while forced to live in shacks and hovels; always they have made silks and purple for the masters while they wore shoddy and cheap; always they have made the richest food and the finest wines for the few while they took black bread and drinks of the pook always they have been fools, without any sense of their own rights to live as men should live. Will you remain the dupes of the rich capitalists today as our ancestors were the dupes of feudal lords of the olden times? For what purpose have you learned to read if you do not make it a stepping stone to better things for you and your children?

MASTERS today say to the work people: "I have storehouses of bread and cheap clothes you have made. I will give you so much bread if you will do this service for me." And they know that hunger will drive you to accept. In slavery days the master gave or withheld the bread directly from his slaves as a reward or punishment, and the slaves could see the whole game. But today, because the master does you off in money, you are too dull-witted to see that the game is the same. You are working for the masters' pleasure or profit, just as are the cattle in his fields. O, you stupid! If the gods could but open your vision, that you might see your degradation and impoverishment, that a world full of joy and peace this would be!

UNFORTUNATELY no one but yourself can awaken you. No one can do your work but you. As a child in school, who depended on others to do his problems, would never know his lessons, so you have never learned your political lessons because you have let others do your thinking and have gulped down their whole concoction without even a grimace. If you are not the dupe of others you must study these problems for yourself. It would be just as foolish for you to accept the Socialist party without understanding its fundamentals as it has been for you in accepting the fairy tales the old party heeled have been singing into your ears for generations. You should have enough of knowledge that none of the parties could make a dupe of you. Get wise.

LABOR DAY just passed has a side that you perhaps never thought of. You know that in Europe, May Day is the working people's celebration—when they come out and see each other and get encouragement by the power of their vast numbers. Why do not Americans hold the same day? Because our masters did not desire it. They wanted it, if it had to be, at a different time, so that labor here and labor in Europe would not feel that their interests were the same. Our masters are as cunning as those in Europe. They are both playing the same game for the same purpose on the same class—the working class.

IT is always the other fellow that you think is referred to when these subjects come up. Some of you who read this talk is to the work people of the cities. But have not your ancestors been serfs for thousands of years? Have you never read the history of the past? Where are you but serfs today? Do you put the price on what you raise and sell any more than did the chattel slave on what his work produced? Do not the master class, have their agents put the price on everything you buy? Do not they order all the movements of your life, just as did chattel slave masters, though the routine of it is different? Does not the price they give you and the price they set on what you buy determine accurately what kind of food and clothes and houses and amusements you may have? Does not the census show clearly that year by year they are taking from you the lands your fathers owned and leaving you helpless victims of a vicious tenant system? Have you not read that where, but a generation ago Uncle Sam gave them a farm, today only 14 out of each 100 farmers own the lands they till? That 86 farmers are tenants out of each 100! And in another ten years five or six men or corporations will own the lands that the other 95 are tilling. And this tendency is going on in every state, in every industry, in every social activity. Where will the end be and what horrors will be the payment for the error?

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people, might not be willing to shoot their own comrades and relatives, they are educating the little, thoughtless boys to be soldiers. The capitalist is a wise guy and is taking no chances on losing control of you work people. If you will not submit to soft and lying words you will be shot into a bisming, just as millions of our ancestors were shot into submission. Are you blind to the game?

WHAT is it all about? Just a battle about the division of the products of labor. Those who produce have ever wanted more than they received and the masters wanted more. The master of the shop or factory or mine ever wants to give the real workers less of what they produce than he may have more; the owner of the land and the tenant tills ever wants more of the crop that he may live with greater ease and comfort—which means that the tenant must live on less. And after this part of the quarrel has been settled the retailers of the articles step in and shear the workers of much of what the other masters left them. This is the age-old game. If the workers got the full value of their products how would anybody, not a useful worker, get anything? It is by giving less than the worth of things that the few get rich. In other words, their occupation is to buy dollars for less than their face. They hold up before the worker some desirable thing that cost them fifty cents and sell it to the worker for \$1. The workers know not the cost of things and hence are easily deceived—but still they help, for the masters live by such methods and will not and could not live by giving the real value for a dollar.

TO get out of this predicament, which has been growing and developing for centuries, will not be the easy work that many think, when they first get a glimpse of the real character of it. As fast as the workers have discovered one trap and avoid it, the masters set another, and the paths of the unemployed are full of their pitfalls. The masters cannot afford to lose their slaves, for they would have to work themselves. So long as they can raise false issues and fool you they will do it. That is why the issues of free silver, gold standard, tariff and other things were projected into the thought of the nation. That is why wars have been purposely proposed by rulers to distract the attention of the people from domestic injustice. There will be lots of false issues yet, and they will fool most of you for some time. But as Lincoln said "They cannot fool all of the people all the time." I have some hopes that there will come a day when you will say to the master class: "The plague take all your palaver and deception. I am going to vote for the interest of myself and family," and read up so that you may not be taken in by their schemes.

OVER PRODUCTION.

There is an overproduction of drones in this country. And an overproduction of robbers called "politicians." And an overproduction of robbers called "captains of industry." And an overproduction of robbers called "able financiers." And an overproduction of robbers called "successful men." And an overproduction of robbers called "railway magnates." And an overproduction of robbers called "coal barons." And an overproduction of robbers called "oil kings." And an overproduction of robbers called "interest lords." And an overproduction of robbers called "profit-mongers." And an overproduction of "chumps" who prefer to work for them instead of working for themselves. Oh, yes, we have overproduction in this country, but the product has the mark of the beast of selfishness. How can a man who produces no wealth honestly have anything to exchange with a producer for wealth? Why do wealth producers have to keep up a class of men who produce nothing? Why do producers of wealth have to go to non-producers for the privilege of working? Why do producers have little wealth and non-producers much wealth? Why can non-producers exchange wealth with each other to supply their wants? And why do they have to go to non-producers for that privilege? Why are producers unable to put their price on their labor or products? And how the power to arrange those prices? If you can answer these satisfactorily, so as to uphold the present social system, you are a dandy.

REV. G. C. HAMILTON, who for the past two years has been debating against Socialism in Texas with all comers, has just announced his conversion to Socialism. He says he was honest in his opposition to Socialism, but in order to combat it, he found it necessary to make a study of its principles, and the study convinced him that it presented the only economic salvation of the working class. He will now speak under auspices of the Christian Socialist Fellowship. The change exhibits an honest and manly act on the part of Rev. Hamilton, and illustrates that ignorance is responsible for most opposition to Socialism.

THE government can teach farmers how to farm better—but government doesn't know enough to farm! And government can make paper better and cheaper than the trust and shows the trust how—but government doesn't know enough to make paper for the market! This is the kind of argument you hear when you infer that government ought to do things. But what else could you expect from people who have learned politics in the old parties? Socialists study politics from text books.

A copy of Balfour Ker's great painting, "Driven from Eden," hung on the walls of any Socialist headquarters will keep up a continuous agitation for Socialism. We have had one thousand of these printed on the finest half-tone paper, and while they last (which will not be long) one will be sent in a strong mailing tube to every person who sends a dollar for a subscription to the Coming Nation. It's a beautiful ornament for any home.

Hot Cinders.

Political jobbery is the result of private ownership. Remove the cause and you destroy all political jobbery. Competition is simply a struggle between the weak and the strong. Profit and capitalism were born twins—both have outlived their usefulness. Let the workers own the tools with which they work is the demand of Socialism.

These profits produce an ever increasing idle rich class and an ever increasing idle poor class. Under capitalism the machinery of production can be run only when it produces a profit for its private owners. Political corruption could not exist in a Socialist republic because there would be no incentive for political corruption.

Some day the world will know that man cannot be made good by any kind of punishment. Jails, police courts, and criminal laws breed more crime than they prevent. The same energy, labor and money wasted in building and operating jails, supporting police courts, making and enforcing criminal laws, if used to make a better world to live in would soon rid the world of all crime.

It is a demonstrative fact that under capitalism, the rich are getting richer and the poor are getting poorer. Such a system cannot endure. When a majority of the poor understand why they are poor, capitalism is doomed. It has just come to light a few days ago that there are 16 representatives in congress who carry Trade Union membership cards and who were elected on an old party ticket by the votes of organized labor. Why has this been kept secret? Of course, it would never do for these sixteen union members of congress to do anything for organized labor—they might lose their jobs. E. N. RICHARDSON.

Taft is Surprised

"I have been surprised to note with what fervor the plain people of every nation welcome the proposal of universal arbitration. Of course, in a war it is the common, plain people that have to bear most of the suffering. They have to pay most of the taxes, they have to do most of the fighting, and they obtain the least benefits and the least glory."—William H. Taft, in speech in Maryland.

Socialist News Items.

Is any one in your local constantly supplying Socialist news items to the press? No? Well, if Socialist news items are supplied to the papers, they will often print them. This is a field that should be cultivated assiduously. Comrades should keep the papers supplied with Socialist news items. Whenever a new Socialist society is formed, the papers should be told about it. Whenever a distribution of leaflets takes place, the papers should be told about it. Whenever a resolution is adopted by the party, the papers should be told about it. Whenever a Socialist meeting is about to take place, and also after it has taken place, the papers should be told about it. Whenever an election is to be contested, the papers should be told about it. Whenever the party assists working people on strike, the papers should be told about it. Whenever a new language branch is organized, the papers should be told about it. Is the Socialist movement in your town being ignored by the capitalist press? Has your local ever made a determined attempt to break down its "conspiracy of silence"? Is there really a "conspiracy of silence"? Or is the local itself to blame for the lack of newspaper write-ups? Are the editors aware that there are a sufficient number of Socialists among their readers to warrant more space being devoted to Socialist activities? Does your secretary or organizer send them Socialist news items from time to time? Do you and other party members submit Socialist leaflets to the papers with the request that they be discussed editorially? Do a number of comrades ask them over the telephone to report Socialist meetings? Are copies of all resolutions adopted by the local mailed to them for publication and comment? Has your local ever addressed an official communication to the press saying that there is a rapidly increasing body of citizens who would appreciate matter pertaining to the Socialist movement? Whenever a Socialist delegation is to appear before some legislative body, the papers should be told about it. Every Socialist local should have three or four press agents. W. R. S.

Department of Employees

Arrowrock Dam-Via, Boise, Idaho.—I take the liberty to inquire if you would publish a few facts concerning the U. S. reclamation service treatment of the working man. I will make \$500.000 revolutions a minute. Uses dry battery. The engine can be belted with a string clear across a room and numbers of toys operated in this manner. It is given free to Scouts who order total \$1.25. This is wholly in addition to their regular profit of 100 per cent.

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Now for a Charge

BY H. G. CHASE.

Labor day has gone into history and with it the circulation of two million extra copies of the APPEAL. These papers ought to be heard from. Millions of men and women stood around speakers' stands on labor day and listened to skilled orators indict the capitalist system. The speakers told them that labor never got anything except what it was able to take by force of organized strength. Most of these speakers also told their audiences that the place to strike is at the ballot box. Here in Girard J. I. Sheppard, the brilliant lawyer of Ft. Scott, hero of many a hard fought battle in the courts in behalf of labor, scathingly denounced these same courts and then laid the blame on the working class themselves. He said: "The union man who votes a split ticket is the worse scab in all the world. His union card ought to burn a hole in his pocket when he goes to the ballot box and votes with his masters, and for the old party—tickets made by the very men he is fighting through the union." The crowd yelled itself hoarse in approval. Doubtless some like this occurred all over the country. Labor was in a humor of revolt and where on Labor day. There is no more about that. Now is the time to have a subscription and clinch this humor with an APPEAL subscription that will finish the job and make a class conscious Socialist of the reader. This has begun his great campaign in Indiana, which will mean many subs from that state. The APPEAL ought to be climbing toward the 600,000 mark right now. You have spread the Rescue edition splendidly. Now clinch it with a flood of subscriptions.

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