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**A Seven Years' Record**  
Total number subscribers received  
1905 162,755  
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1908 294,647  
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We, as a matter of course, keep careful watch over the circulation of the APPEAL, but I am continually surprised at the close tab which our political opponents keep on the APPEAL and its growing list of readers. These astute politicians watch it as the weather prophet watches the sky. The APPEAL is a barometer which indicates the approach of storms on the political and industrial field. I am sure you will be interested in the above figures, showing the number of subscribers received by the APPEAL during the past seven years. It is a record of which we are rather proud. It shows that the APPEAL has a larger paid-in-advance circulation than any weekly periodical published in the United States. It has a larger circulation than any political newspaper in the world. It has a circulation equal to the combined circulation of all Socialist publications in the United States. This is said without boasting, but with a certain amount of pride, which I feel certain you will admit is pardonable. You will recall that last week we quoted from a conversation between Congressman Phil Campbell and a certain republican Kansas editor. To refresh your memory I reprint what Mr. Campbell said, which is as follows:

When I secured the pardon for Warren, the APPEAL office contained the maddest set of fellows in Kansas. They were holding mad because up to the time of the pardon money was pouring into the APPEAL office by the barrel. The pardon soon stopped the money and that was what made them hot. By referring to the above table of figures and refreshing your memory and the events that took place during the APPEAL's four years' fight with the courts, you will see how closely Congressman Campbell and his associates kept informed on what was happening in Girard, which accounts for the unexpected climax to the first prosecution of the APPEAL.

It was expected when the APPEAL editor was first indicted in May, 1907, that he would walk up to the judicial throne, plead guilty and take his punishment as most men do who are dragged into the federal courts. Such a policy might have saved us much money and a good deal of anxiety, but it would not have preserved our self-respect—nor our job! It was fight or run up the white flag.

The APPEAL Army stood loyally back of the paper and the list climbed rapidly during the latter half of 1907, after the unjust indictment had been returned. The circulation maintained its own during 1908. In May, 1909, the farcical trial was pulled off, followed by the outrageous sentence of six months in jail and a heavy fine of \$1,500, in July.

Then the APPEAL Army got busy and broke all subscription records by sending in 75,099 subs during the 31 days of July, 1909. As a matter of fact in the two weeks of that hot, dusty July, following the Pollock outrage, our friends gathered up and sent in 54,777 subscriptions! A record, by the way, never equaled by any weekly periodical in the whole history of newspaperdom!

This work was kept up, with but a slight halt now and then, during the balance of the year 1909 and for the whole of 1910, reaching high tide in the latter year during the month of May (the date of the St. Paul hearing) with 71,962 subscriptions, followed by 64,851 in December, the month after the court of appeals had announced its confirmation of Pollock's prison sentence for the APPEAL editor.

During January, 1911, the month the court's mandate was scheduled for service, was a busy time in the APPEAL office, getting ready for the hundreds of thousands of subscriptions that had been pledged by loyal readers of the APPEAL.

Then came the unsolicited, and according to Mr. Campbell, unwelcome pardon! And then things stopped! Well, not so that you could notice it—as you will see from the figures above. I will say frankly, however, that the indications in January, of last year, were that we would have had before the end of 1911 a circulation of over a million copies per week—so we lost what we never had! Taft's pardon did not tool any of the

old Army workers for very long. In March and April, following its issuance, the receipts dropped down below the expenditures—making a record of a loss in April alone of \$5,000. Had this loss continued four months the APPEAL would have been forced to suspend. But the Army rallied, as it always does, and soon things were moving along at a brisk clip—though by no means (as Congressman Campbell rightly guessed) such as would have been the case, had Mr. Taft not stepped in and upset the plans of the APPEAL Army during the six months the APPEAL editor would have been in jail.

As I remarked last week, in view of these figures, no doubt you wonder why Attorney General Wickham would permit his Kansas representative, Mr. Bone, to "pull off" another judicial farce for the sole benefit (?) of the APPEAL.

Listen! According to the present plans of the politicians there is to be no APPEAL! You read in the daily dispatches last week that Success Magazine was forced to suspend because it was unable to meet the expense involved in complying with the new postal regulations—governing the "routing" of all mails in the office of publication? If a big magazine like Success, financially strong, backed by a large advertising patronage, cannot withstand Mr. Hitchcock's onslaught, what must the APPEAL's situation be with its low priced subscriptions? Other papers, mostly those of the poor, with low subscription rates, will follow Success to the P. O. D. graveyard.

But the APPEAL will not be one of them! Nor will the APPEAL raise its subscription rate and thus destroy its usefulness!

The APPEAL will live to triumph over its political enemies!  
Watch and work!

### THE "SAVING" GOSPEL.

The APPEAL stands informed. A man from Los Angeles, who has evidently been taking lessons of "the good government" people, mildly suggests: "You don't seem to know or realize your duty. Why don't you advise your readers how to make the best of conditions by saving of what they earn?"

Strange the APPEAL never thought of that! Strange that among the millions of workers in America no one ever caught the idea sufficiently to lay by of his wages enough to become a millionaire! Suppose the workers starve themselves and their families the coming year and salt everything they get away in buried boots. There are plenty of federal judges who on a salary of \$3,000 a year have managed to "lay by" \$10,000 of it, and the worker ought to do as well. Of course, the worker is at a disadvantage. He might be recalled from his job! But saving is a good idea. Let all wages be saved for a year—and every merchant in America would go broke for lack of business. Next year the workers would be out of jobs, because there would be no one to buy what they produced.

But by saving three or four times what they receive, the workers themselves would be able, in the course of a few generations to buy up all the productive property of the country. Then they could go to collecting profits, interest and rent—and the whole thing would be to do over again!

Saving is a great thing. The capitalists know it—and want the workers to save so that they may cut down wages to coincide with their living expenses. This will give the capitalists more profits, to not save!

**THEY DREAMED.**  
For generations men day-dreamed of the time when the yoke of serfdom would be abolished.  
For generations men day-dreamed when they would not have to work from the earliest streaks of daylight to the last lingering rays of twilight for an animal existence.  
For generations men day-dreamed when they would have a voice in ordering their own lives.  
For generations women dreamed of the time that they would be relieved of the long hours of day and night in household drudgery and weaving.  
For generations there was day-dreaming when goods would be transported by other than human backs and animal burdens.  
It was only a few who dreamed but had they never dreamed the serfdom, the long hours would still exist, and the voting, the factory methods, and the transportation of modern times would not exist.  
For generations men have day-dreamed of the time when a government would be really run in the interest of the whole people; when it would operate factories, shops, mines and farms—when no one would have to save and skimp and deny themselves of all the things that make life worth living, that they might protect their old age and their children against the day of possible want—and these day-dreams are coming true. The next generation will not have to live in the continual fear of want, will not have to beg a fellow being for the privilege of working and living.  
Only day-dreamers have made this world better than they found it. Dreamers are thinkers and thinkers have made every step of progress.

Sympathy with labor that does not propose to make the masters get off its back is merely sniveling hypocrisy. The only effective sympathy is to work for destruction of the profit system.

**LIBERTY** is always democratic; license always aristocratic.  
CAPITAL does not take risks—it takes blood and gold. It is labor that takes the risks.

It is easier during these piping days of peace to harbor a grudge than to cultivate a smile.

CAPITAL is not only timid, it is also a coward, demanding armies and police to protect it everywhere.

We don't want the "reward of labor." We want what is ours, what we made—all of that and not less than that.

When a capitalist is murdered he is slain for the swag. When a worker is killed in industry he is slain for the dividends. What's the difference?

You turn a switch and the room is flooded with light—a dream twenty years ago. Electricity will some day abolish poverty as it has darkness.

STRIKES are not broken by arms but by workers. Elections are not lost through the use of money, but through the non-solidarity of the working class.

Now the masters are proposing to quiet the protests of labor by having the making of railroad rails supervised by the government. Why not have the government make them?

NINE policemen built a two-room cottage for an aged woman, to take the place of the dry goods box in which she had been living, which leads me to think that if the police force of the country was engaged all the time in pounding nails, there would be few heads to pound.

The Washington state law that prevents a railroad from working its trains more than 16 hours at a stretch has been brushed aside by the United States supreme court on the constitutional plea. Thus the United States constitution is seen breaking down the human constitution by imposing no limit on the hours of toil in a day. Judge-made law defies the law of nature and of humanity.

How is this for respect for law? The justices of the supreme court sneaked a joker into a law last week. Nobody in congress seemed to know anything about it, but after the law was passed it was found that it had added two thousand dollars per year to the salaries of each of the justices of the supreme court. Just how this was done is told in full by the Washington correspondent of the Coming Nation this week.

COLLIER'S WEEKLY calls attention to the fact that a bill slipped through the last Minnesota legislature is turning the public lands of that state into the possession of speculators. Unless Socialists arouse to the need of demanding that public land be held forever socialized and used by the whole people, the masters will soon have grabbed all that is left of it.

Eleven states have adopted the initiative and referendum in some form. California, the last state to vote, added the recall, including the judiciary. More than 1,000,000 voters have said at the ballot box that the people should make the laws. The constitutionality of this form of legislation is to be decided shortly by the supreme court. The APPEAL believes that if the one million men who voted for direct legislation in these eleven states, added to those who favor direct legislation in other states where it has not been adopted, will write to the judges of the supreme court it may save the day for direct legislation: It is worth a trial.

**"SOMETHING WILL TURN UP."**  
Most people are hoping that "something will turn up," and times will get better. But what can turn up to have such an effect?

If you can't think out what it will be, can one else? Haven't you been foolish long enough waiting for someone else to think out your salvation? If the Morgans are permitted to own their ever increasing properties, drawing an increasing income, what change could benefit you? Suppose you elect senators by a direct vote; suppose the government gives you a parcels post; suppose the postal banks are made to serve you better; suppose that we cut down the taxes for army and navy; suppose the public officials quit grafting and administer the few public functions honestly; suppose the drink habit of all of these things come to pass, and yet the Morgans owned the industries and railroads and charged you a profit, would you be any better off? Would they not increase their power as they increased their holdings and take from you what was saved on these things? And suppose the government were to regulate and give them only a smaller profit—it would mean that it would take them only a few years longer to own the nation. Ten per cent profits get there sooner, but three per cent gets all you have in time, when it is compounded, as it works in this accumulative system. Only by denying the right of any profit can the problem be solved. Nothing will turn up to help you and stop extortion and bribery by the owners of the great trusts except the taking of their industries by the public and operating them for the benefit of you and I and all other people.

Taking away their private capital means, also, taking away not only their power to bribe your legislators and vitiate your judges, but also takes away the incentive to do so. For it would then not benefit them. Nobody puts money out to bribery except to get some benefit more than it costs. Something is going to turn up, all right, but it will be by your getting wise to the game of modern competition or death of it, and using your brains for your own benefit. The Morgans will look out after their interests, never fear.

### In the Perspective

Cold weather empties the coal bin and fills the jail.

SHADOW and sunshine make up our lives—only most of us get all the shadow and a few only of the sunshine.

The worker does not want "friends." He wants workers that can co-operate with him, not non-workers to lead him.

It is voters that win Socialist victories, and you have plenty of voters to work on right in your community.

The Ohio progressive republicans have adopted the red badge! Stealing Socialism's symbol without annexing our principles!

The best answer to those who tell what evil Socialism would do the masses is to ask them what the present system has done. One is a theory of evil, the other a very palpable fact.

IMPROVEMENTS of machinery and the means of service, under Socialism, will be a benefit to all. At present they are means of taxing the many for the benefit of the few.

WHEN capital and labor work together in harmony it is exactly like when thief and victim work together in harmony. The victim can't help himself or is too dumb to know what he is doing.

The people's lobby will have to get busy if it gets ahead of the lobby of the interests. It is reported that in one day recently twelve petitions were received favoring a parcels post and 146 against it. Yet you think you are making too much noise!

The old gag about competition being the only thing that has lifted people from barbarism is a survival of the barbarism that came of competition, just as the theory that warfare is necessary to Christianity is a survival of paganism rather than a product of Socialism.

AND now they are proposing a labor commission as a means to head off Socialism. They do not know that the more they do for labor the more they awaken the worker to a realization that he is entitled, not to charity, but to all he produces. It is therefore welcomed as an assistant to the Socialist propaganda, the thing it was devised to stop.

"FARMERS are at best only making laborer's wages," says J. B. Davidson of the Iowa state agricultural school. And these owners imagined they were capitalists. A capitalist is one who makes profits or interest of other people, not a man who merely holds title to property that may slip away from him at any time.

You would be surprised at the number of letters of encouragement and cheer that come to the APPEAL from the ranks of "the enemy." This week a man writes from an Illinois town asking for assignment of work he can do for Socialism on the quiet, saying: "I am editor of a republican paper, and we have to do our work underhanded, much as we detest it."

### POLITICAL POWER.

There are those who think lightly of working class political action and others who sneer at it as worse than useless. Nevertheless, it is the political power of the working class, as a class, that the capitalists fear and dread, and where Socialists conquer even local power in a municipality there is at once a change for the better in the situation.

For instance, the street car employees were on strike at Schenectady, N. Y., when the recent election occurred there. They had attempted to organize and were unmercifully fired and their leaders blacklisted. That was the situation when the Socialists elected the mayor and carried the city for the working class.

Within forty-eight hours after the election returns were made the company unconditionally surrendered, reinstating all the employees without prejudice or discrimination, granting them the right to organize, and making other concessions which before they had rejected with contempt.

What was the cause of this turn-about-face? Simply that the working class had put the screws in control of the political machinery of the municipality, and the erstwhile defiant corporation was at once brought to its knees and promptly made peace on satisfactory terms with their former enemies.

We offer this incident in evidence of the fact that there is efficiency in political action and victory in political power.

We are anxious to put the Coming Nation on every news stand in the United States. The trust that controls the distribution of periodicals in this country will not handle the Coming Nation, so we ask you to help us in this way. Send \$1.00 to the Coming Nation, Girard, Kansas, for which we will send you ten copies per week for ten weeks. Place these copies with your news dealer, or divide them among several dealers. The paper will sell itself if it is given an even chance with other publications on the news stands. At the end of the week go to the news stand and collect at the rate of three cents per copy for each copy sold. Take back the unsold copies, if any, and give them away. The returns from the copies sold will pay you for your trouble, a profit besides and at the same time get a Socialist weekly on the news stand. This is important, please do this week.

Two famous strap-potter of China has abdicated, along with Cannon, and it looks like Emperor William and Howard Taft were slated for the next retirement.

Good morning. Have you made a Socialist today?  
THERE will be service under Socialism but no "servants."

REVOLUTIONS never go backward, but they run over a good many fellows who are backward.

DEMOCRATS and republicans are not useless after all. They may be transformed into Socialists.

THE problem of the capitalists seems to be whether to buy the old man a seat in the senate or the daughter an earl.

THE golden rule is all right, but under the rule of gold it measures all for the masters and nothing for the producer.

THE policeman on your beat is a good subject. Send him the APPEAL for forty weeks. You will find it the best paying investment you ever made.

In seeking to beat Socialism too many are emulating the famous character, Steamboat Bill, who tried to beat the Robert E. Lee. You know his fate.

THE Socialist who wishes to do the most for Socialism will join the party and help bear its financial burdens, as well as becoming a counsellor in its propaganda.

AND don't forget the soldier boy. Time hangs pretty heavy on his hands. Send him the APPEAL, if you know the name and address of one of Uncle Sam's boys in blue.

A MAN who offered to sell himself in Tennessee in order to get a job was offered only a nickel for his services. Competition between slaves is so strong that many get no offer at all.

E. G. LEWIS, the head of the National Workers League, who had been persecuted by the government, announced that the league must enter the political arena. Thereupon they indicted Lewis again!

The man who is armed with the APPEAL's "Arsenal of Facts" is equipped to carry the warfare for Socialism directly into the enemies' camp. It comes to you free for twelve subscribers.

THE St. Louis Republic says, "there are two kinds of Socialists." The only two kinds are: First, Socialists; and second, hypocrites, like the Republic, who are trying to defeat Socialism by misrepresenting it and claiming they are it.

No capitalist editor can answer the irrefutable facts contained in the APPEAL's Arsenal for 1912. You will agree with us that it is the greatest book of the year—you wouldn't do without it for several times the price we ask for it in sub cards, which is \$3.00. You sell the cards and the Arsenal is yours free.

REPORTS from Washington indicate that more than 100,000 letters have already reached Washington addressed to the members of the supreme court, urging that body to uphold the constitutionality of the Oregon direct legislation laws. There is no let up—the flood of letters increasing rather than subsiding. If you have not written do so today. It may secure for you the right to make the laws under which you must live.

WHEN capitalist papers speak flatly of a Socialist official and congratulate him upon having violated his pledge to his party, it is well to look a "leette" out. It can scarcely be expected that Socialism will sweep into power without being betrayed some point along the line. We should remember this, and take courage from the fact that Socialism is a mighty movement that cares little what any individual may or may not do. Socialism is of and by and for the working class—and its overwhelming numbers makes defeat impossible.

It never occurred to the old parties that partisan tickets for municipal offices was a bad policy until the Socialists menaced the old parties and threatened to capture political power in a three cornered fight. Because the Socialists refuse to endorse a new city charter for Minneapolis if it abolishes partisan elections, the Journal reads the Socialists a lecture. However it matters little what sort of an arrangement the old parties put over on the Socialists, the Socialists will win in the end—just as they are going to do in Los Angeles.

### MAKING SOCIALISTS.

Comrade O. C. Wilson has been thrown into jail at Muscatine, Iowa. It is just what he deserved. He had helped the striking button workers and if this was not sufficient reason to jail him what further crime must he commit to merit imprisonment?

The authorities at Muscatine are simply making asses of themselves. This is the only possible conclusion unless they are Socialists in disguise. Certain it is that they are driving the nails into their own coffin when they jail such men as O. C. Wilson of the Socialist party and Emmett T. Flood, organizer of the American Federation of Labor.

The strike of the button workers has already revolutionized the politics of Muscatine. Comrade Wilson whom they jailed is a member of the city council, elected by the workers because he proved his loyalty to them during the strike. The authorities evidently want him to be mayor of Muscatine and the Socialists to sweep the city. If that is not their program they are the biggest fools in Iowa.

The brutal bosses have committed every outrage against the button workers, but they are still out and we hope they will remain out until they win. Let them vote as they strike and they will soon have the bosses on their knees.

### RICH AND POOR CRIMINALS.

Nashville, Tenn. Nashville, Dec. 23. Nashville, Dec. 23. Although it is Christmas eve, the city is in a festive mood. The city is in a festive mood. The city is in a festive mood. The city is in a festive mood. The city is in a festive mood.

DO you want any further proof that there is one law for the rich and another for the poor? And is this law not made by the judge? What have the statutes to do with this criminal discrimination? It is not what is on the statute books, nor what the crime committed but solely what the judge wants to do. A rich man has more pull on the judge than a poor man. The punishment is never fitted to the crime. Only when the working class capture the government and put their own partisans in all offices will they get justice for themselves and give justice to the great criminals. Poverty may drive a man to crime, but when rich men commit crime they are far worse for they have not the need. Always and everywhere have the poor been made to suffer for the crimes committed by the rich and powerful.

### FIGHTING MILITARISM.

The citizens of Rockford, Ill. have set an example to the country in serving notice on the state militia that its annual encampment is a contamination and not wanted there. It is true that the encampment has been finally forced upon the people of Rockford but the protest loses none of its force on that account, and at least the militia will not be allowed to use the public park, thanks to the park board, of which two members are Socialists.

Rev. Barney Thompson of the First Congregational church is entitled to full credit for his brave stand against the militia. In a sermon he boldly declared that he would "continue to preach against the militia, which is established for the sole purpose of carrying into effect the injunctions of the courts issued against workmen."

It is becoming more and more apparent to the people that the militia, like the standing army, is simply the tool of capitalism to keep the workers in slavery. Its presence everywhere is a pollution and more and more the people who come to know its real meaning will rise in their wrath against it.

The capitalist excuse for the militia is that it is to put down the "mob," and that is true, the mob being the working class.

Militarism is murder, pure and simple, murder organized and legalized by means of which capitalism is maintained to rob the workers and degrade the people.

William LaMott was arrested by Frank Craft, state fire marshal, in Duell county, South Dakota, on a warrant issued in Moody county and not a K. D. by any justice in Duell county. On this technical error LaMott sued the marshal for wrongful arrest and detention. The federal court at Sioux Falls rendered judgment in his behalf to the amount of \$500. Is kidnapping a crime?

KANSAS, the coming battle ground, is again this week with a large increase in its beyond thinking. A wise man put his house in order for the Great Awakening.

The national office, some two years ago, collected data showing what factors contributed to changing the political beliefs of those constituting the membership of the Socialist party. The published reports show that 60 per cent were changed by periodicals, books, leaflets and study; nineteen per cent by discussion; eight per cent by street meetings and seven per cent by lectures. These figures emphasize the great value of Socialist literature.

## Propaganda Edition Next Week!

People are wanting to know what Socialism is, what it purposes doing, how the party is run, and a thousand other things. We can gain new converts only as we inform them. There never has been anything printed that gives so much information, with such simple and plain arguments, either in paper or pamphlet form, as the Propaganda edition of the APPEAL to REASON, dated January 27, 1912, and numbered 843. The Propaganda edition was prepared especially for service. It answers hundreds of questions that have actually been asked, though not always in the form of answers to questions. It grew through years of experience in the needs of the movement. It was prepared with a view to touching every point that the unformed might wish to consider relative to Socialism, and one by one these points have been taken up, simply and briefly, and checked off, until it is felt nothing ever issued is better calculated to make Socialists than this. It contains the platform of the party; the voting strength of the party in all nations, the number of Socialist officials in every land; the plan of Socialist organization; instruction on how to organize a local; a list of pamphlets and books that give instruction in Socialism.

Among the subjects treated are What Socialists Would Do; How to Acquire the Industries; Socialists and the Land; Money; Religion. There are statistics showing clearly how the poor came to be poor and the rich rich; and literally hundreds of things that inquirers have shown an inclination to know. It contains a brief list of what Socialists have actually done to aid the toilers. It presents argument so simple it cannot be misunderstood, explaining why Socialism is needed and why capitalists are not needed. It is a handbook of information and argument in paper form. There is not a harsh word in it. It is intended for service and will be timely through the entire campaign of 1912. The new platform to be adopted in May will then be substituted for the old one. It is printed as an edition of APPEAL in order that it may be sold cheaper than in any other form. Every Socialist and every Socialist local should keep a bunch on hand for constant distribution.

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### About Socialism

Could I run a grocery store under Socialism? You would be permitted to do so if you wished; that is, there would be no law against it. But the store run by the whole people would sell things at cost, and you might find it hard to meet the competition. If you found customers who would rather pay you a tribute of profits than to save their own money, though, it would be all right.

Would persons of unusual ability be paid, if Socialism prevailed, the same as others? Nobody knows. Socialism is a method whereby the people shall be given power over their own lives, and it will remain for the people to say what shall be done in this matter. However, the difference in the productive power of men is not so great as is made to appear now. There is not a foot difference in the height of people, and there is not enough difference in the earning power of men to make it so that any one could not earn a decent living or so the ablest could of his own efforts become a millionaire.

What would Socialism do relative to foreign immigration? Make it so foreign immigration would injure no one. It is the wages-profit system that makes the foreigner a menace to the native worker. He fears the loss of a job through the advent of a cheaper worker. If Socialism prevailed and each one secured his full social product, foreigners could neither prevent Americans from working or decrease the income of those who do work, since every new worker would require more food and clothes. Therefore "foreigners" would no longer be a menace, and the spirit of brotherhood would have a chance to develop.

Will heads of extremely large families, under Socialism, be given allowance over and above the returns of their own work? This is another matter that will be adjusted by the people according to their will and not according to any man's theory. The present tendency, however, is to let the man of a family in many ways. First, his children are given free schooling, some advocate free text books and free lunches at school; free medical and dental service also are advocated, even now. If the same idea that is beginning to develop prevails, the man of large family will receive sufficient state aid in these matters to enable him to bring up his children in comfort and even luxury.

If I should improve a farm 25 miles from a railroad and in course of time the government should build a railroad near it and a town should spring up, would it enhance the value of my farm? Answer it yourself: Would you be able to raise any more on it than before? The proximity of people would bring you neighbors, markets and comforts, and why should you wish enhanced value of land at their expense? The presence of land held and used by the government in the neighborhood would probably make it so the unemployed could have the use of land cheaper than they could by paying you a high price for "unearned increment," and they would not have to be skinned as now in order to get a chance to live and produce.

### Dollar Diplomacy

DOLLAR DIPLOMACY is the title *Everybody's Magazine* gives to a review of Uncle Sam's operations in China and South America. Morgan is the real secretary of state. He says when war shall be waged and when peace shall be declared. The papers just now are filled with accounts of the uprising in China and of United States war ships hurrying to the Orient to protect American "interests." Here's the inside of the story, according to *Everybody's Magazine*:

The dealings of Dollar Diplomacy with China are quite generally admitted to be directly responsible for the present rebellion in the Celestial kingdom. By practically forcing the prince regent to borrow several million dollars from the Morgan syndicate and to turn over to it the construction of a certain section of railroad with American materials and engineers, President Taft and Mr. Knox seem to have brought to a head the ancient hatred of the Chinese people for their Manchu rulers. The revolution started, it will be remembered, in the town of Cheng-tu, headquarters of the Chinese company which was superseded by the Morgan syndicate.

This story of China includes the practical dismissal, under humiliating conditions of a diplomat who was a personal appointee of President Taft, and the appointment in his stead of a prominent and highly respected attorney, who also happens to be a director of the International Harvester company, one of the great trusts which were organized and financed by the Morgan firm.

Meanwhile the Chinese people built, with Chinese capital and workmen, and under the exclusive direction of Chinese engineers—educated in the United States—a railroad of their own. They overcame great engineering difficulties, and demonstrated that, but for the grafting qualities of their Tartar officials and the tremendous pressure of greedy foreign capitalists, they were quite capable of handling their own transportation problem. Public opinion grew insistent; the government found it necessary, as a matter of self-protection, to buy back the foreign railroad concessions. When it came to the property of the Morgan-Brice property, the Manchurian officials found that the master of Wall street knew how to exact a profit.

Manchu graft and incompetency hindered the building of railroads with local Chinese money and men. Great foreign syndicates demanded the right to develop the empire by

C. M. Flier, tax assessor of Independence county, Ark., sends \$3 for twelve copies and 400 copies of the propaganda edition and says: "Now this is my first (January, 1912) contribution to the *Appeal to Reason*." Let them stop the *Appeal to Reason*. It seems that they have the head of the government back of them, but they sure have a government job on their hands. The *Appeal to Reason* is the only paper in the world that is doing more for the *Appeal to Reason* than the *Appeal to Reason* could possibly do for itself.

taking over these projected lines. The central government, weak and corrupt, yielded, and secretly signed an agreement to borrow some thirty millions of dollars from English, French and German syndicates. The deal was complete when the keen nose of Wall street caught the scent of profits possibly endangered.

Relying on written permission for American bankers to subscribe to future railroad loans, which Minister Conger had secured in 1904, the state department started to force the prince regent and his cabinet to let the Morgan group in on the melon-cutting. For a long time the Manchu peacock feathers resisted. They yielded only when President Taft sent a personal cablegram to the prince regent, which made further delay almost impossible. Finally the amount of the loan was increased and the Wall street party given an equal right with the other foreign bankers to subscribe for the railroad bonds and to furnish men and materials for building an equal section of the line.

By this arrangement Mr. Morgan was given an opportunity to make one profit on handling the Chinese securities and second on the sale of steel rails and other construction materials, the market for which in the United States is controlled by the Morgan steel trust.

### Party Organization

There are many tactical differences among Socialists and there are many other differences among them as to the most effective means of reaching the goal of Socialism, but these are all secondary to the great revolutionary issue itself, of overthrowing capitalism, abolishing wage slavery and establishing a true democracy instead of the false one that now exists in name only. Upon that aim and end they are all agreed and such differences as now divide them are perhaps necessary as the only means of developing a sound and scientific propaganda for the revolutionary movement.

Among the questions which divide Socialists is that of organization, there being a wide diversity of opinion as to the kind of organization that is needed and the means that should be employed to bring it about. One thing is certain and that is that the industrial commonwealth which Socialism proposes to establish is the very perfection of organization, and we can never hope to have that commonwealth without thorough and scientific preparatory organization.

And what is of equal importance is that such organization shall cover both the economic and political fields, and that without both the movement is but half organized and can no more fulfill its mission than a one-legged man could hope to be a prize winner in a foot race.

The Socialist party is but the political expression of the Socialistic revolutionary movement, which must have its complement in economic union of the workers on the industrial field. Liebknecht, the uncompromising revolutionary warrior in the German struggle, declared in emphatic terms that a majority of votes alone would never "revolutionize society and the state"; that even if the Socialists elected a majority of the members of the reichstag the military could "drive them out of the temple" if they did not have the economic power of the united and trained workers behind them to back up their victory at the polls. In this connection Liebknecht said: "Let us participate in the elections as vigorously as ever, but only as a means of propaganda, and let us not fail to emphasize that the ballot box can never be the cradle of the Socialist state."

Liebknecht was sound to the core because he was clear of insight and for the further reason that his sturdy character spruned all compromise. He realized the absolute necessity of both economic and political organization as the only means of emancipation.

The industrial unity of the workers in the true revolutionary sense can be accomplished only when they organize within one industrial union, in control of the workers themselves, and then they will be in position to back up the Socialist party when it wrests the political power from the capitalist class.

Oh, Sugar.  
From Omaha Daily News.

Editor Spreckels of San Francisco gets off this wisdom: "The sham of the demagogue who poses as a reformer and who preaches the gospel of discontent will be discovered in due time, but the effect of his teachings will remain, and a compact, well organized body of Socialists can put a ticket in the field with full assurance that it will have liberal support from voters who are not followers of the red flag."

This seems to be an awful reflection on the older parties, but there's truth in it to the extent that pretty considerable people are voting the Socialist ticket who are not followers of the red flag, or any other yet raised by political parties.

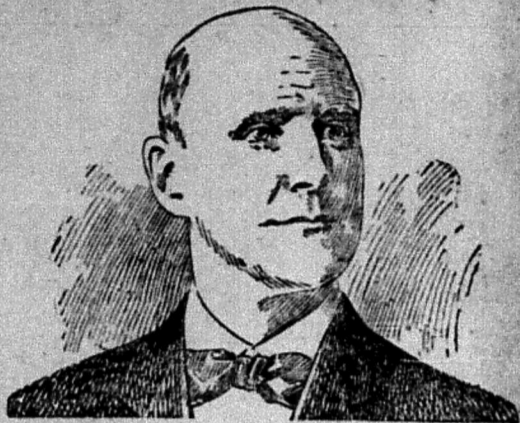
We hate to see a nice fattened franchise-grabber and standpatter like Spreckels down on his knees sobbing because people aren't following mere flags as much as they used to.

The Masters See.  
Poverty is not the fault of providence, which provides in abundance. There are millions of men, women, and children in this, the richest country in the world, who through no fault of their own, go through life sodden in poverty, wretchedness, and despair.

You cannot deal with a problem of this magnitude by mere spasmodic appeals to the charity of the benevolent. That is hopelessly inadequate. You must as well try to run the army and navy by voluntary subscriptions. It is the community alone that can command the resources to drain this morass of wretchedness, so as to convert it into a verdant and fertile plain.

I don't agree with the view that the church is concerned solely with spiritual things. Those who take that view reflect on the career of the Master—Lloyd George, Chancellor of England, on New Year day, 1912.

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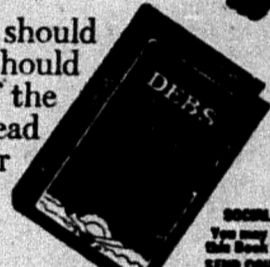


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## Only \$2.50 Yes, only \$2.50 a month for the world's grandest watch!

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## Profit on Shoes

**ASHOE COMPANY** having factories at Columbus, Ohio, and Boston and Brockton, Mass., has opened a store at Hagerstown, Md. According to a news item (accompanied by an ad of goodly proportions) "this is the 1324 store selling this brand of shoes, scattered over twenty states."

Here is what the manufacturer says in his ad about values: "Do you know, sir, that when any article of merchandise rises above a certain standard price, values become fictitious; for instance, the cost of the raw material in a shoe priced at \$3 and one priced at \$6 cannot possibly be more than 40 or 50 cents. Nationwide advertising in magazines, periodicals, etc., costs money and makes the shoe more popular, but adds nothing to its wearing qualities or intrinsic value. Costly furniture, high prices rents and the combined profits paid the traveling salesman, the jobber and at last the retailer, must finally be paid by you who buys the shoes." The manufacturer admits that he makes "one small profit" by selling his shoes at \$6, as he does at \$1.98, \$2.48 and \$2.98.

But he told us only a part of the truth. He failed to tell us that 40 or 50 cents for raw material contains a profit to the farmer or ranchman who raised the animal from whose hide the leather was made, a profit to the dealer who shipped the animal to the stock yards, a profit to a dealer at the stock yards, a profit to the packer, another profit to the railroad for transportation of the hide, and a profit to the tanner; besides the useless expense of advertising salesmen or solicitors and traveling in connection with the raw material. So in the end the 40 or 50 cents is nearly all profit to non-producers; but let us be generous and place the cost of raw material at 25 cents though the actual cost may not

## The Woman Question.

This is the question that is coming to the front because it can no longer remain in the background. It is no longer a mere demand for votes but an uprising on the part of intelligent women in behalf of their sex. They are breaking the fetters of the centuries and are at last coming to their own.

There is no reason why woman should be denied any human right. The very fact that she is a human being is all that is required to establish her right as a citizen and a voter, the equal of man in every respect whatsoever.

It is the glory of the Socialist movement, this despised proletarian uprising, that from its inception it championed the cause of woman, and in every battle it has fought it has stood uncompromisingly for equal rights without regard to sex.

There could be no social revolution without the women of the world denied their rightful place in it, and there never can be a free nation, a real democracy, in which woman is denied any right or privilege enjoyed by man.

We hail woman as our comrade and equal, and we rejoice in the fact that more and more she is realizing that the Socialist movement is her movement and is rallying to its standard in increasing numbers all over the civilized world.

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1. L. B. in Chicago Tribune.  
2. The Man on Horseback.  
3. The Man Flat Buried.  
4. The Accidental President.  
5. The Sage of Oyster Bay.  
6. Teddy.  
7. Harvart's Most Eminent Alumnus.  
8. Representative of Longworth's Father-in-Law.  
9. Jacob Riis' Idol.  
10. The Contributing Editor of Outlook.  
11. The Chief of the Rough Riders.  
12. Chairman Barnes' Nemesis.  
13. Chancellor Day's Chief Boy.  
14. The Father of the Panama Republic.  
15. The Author of "African Game Trails."  
16. The Hero of Portsmouth.  
17. The Man on Elba.



## The Circus Begins

**SLAVERY IN KANSAS.**

KANSAS was once slave territory. There were chattel slaves within the borders of the state that gave a reputation to John Brown of Osawatomie. A Kansas editor was once indicted because he dared print a criticism of chattel slavery. It is all told in a publication by the Kansas State Historical Society, Vol. 7, 1901-1902, page 229, furnished the APPEAL by A. A. Kins, Caddo, Okla. To quote:

"The Missouri compromise of 1820 was intended to exclude slavery forever from all territory north of 36 degrees 30 minutes—the south line of Kansas. It was the result of the first great fight on slavery after the constitutional convention. It was abrogated by the Kansas-Nebraska bill in 1854. . . . In this way, at the middle of the nineteenth century, the country approached what a statesman, wiser than his time, called the 'irrepressible conflict.' Page 230. "Moderation was not thought of. The army, the courts, the peace officers, thought of slavery and nothing else. They were all zealots. Thus entrenched, they urged, with enthusiasm, it was natural that the laws enacted should breathe the spirit of the times. . . . KANSAS WAS FURNISHED WITH A SLAVE CODE WHICH, IN ITS BRUTAL AND SHAMELESS DISREGARD OF THE INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS OF WHITES AND BLACKS, WAS NEVER SURPASSED ON THIS CONTINENT. Chapter 151 of the statutes of 1855 was entitled, 'An act for the protection of slave property.' After many provisions forbidding offenses against such property. Sec. 12 read as follows: "Section 12. If any person, by speaking or writing, shall assert or maintain that persons have not the right to hold slaves in this territory or shall introduce into the territory, north, public or private, or circulate or cause to be introduced into this territory, written, printed, published or circulated in this territory any book, paper, magazine, pamphlet or circular containing any denial of the right of persons to hold slaves in this territory, such persons shall be deemed guilty of felony, and punished by imprisonment at hard labor for a term of not less than two years."

"The infancy of this clause will fully appear when you observe that by its terms a man could be sent to the penitentiary for the offense of crossing the territorial line with a copy of the New York Tribune in his pocket. . . . "Sec. 13 was as bad as the former one. It reads: 'No person who is conscientiously opposed to holding slaves, or who does not admit the right to hold slaves in this territory shall sit as a juror on the trial of any prosecution for any violation of any of the sections of this act.' . . . "The Kansas Tribune, at Lawrence, printed a full page broadside denouncing the law and defying its terms. The editor, John Speer, to whom all honor is due, was indicted by the grand jury under the statute I have quoted, but never tried. . . . "The bill, opposing slavery) 1850 was vetoed by Gov. Medary. It came up on February 21st on a motion to pass it over the governor's veto. It was passed by a vote of 30 to 7. . . . and became a law on February 23, 1860. And so the institution of slavery in Kansas died."

**Gary and Debs.**

Regarding Judge Elbert H. Gary's testimony before the senate interstate commerce committee, Chairman Stanley asks recently:

"Mr. Gary has gone farther in his testimony before the senate interstate commerce committee, Chairman Stanley asks recently. He has invited more than publicity. He asks for government control. . . . "The admission that his corporation is so powerful that it needs not only government inspection, but a supervision that shall extend to the fixing of prices of its finished products, means that the government must fix the prices of all the agencies that are contributory to those finished products. In other words, the government must fix the prices of labor and the cost of transportation, and so ad infinitum."

**Little Briars.**

Physical violence is the height of folly. Education is the thing that is needed. Education is positive. It is headed backward. Violence is negative. It is headed backward. Workingmen who do not know enough to vote right cannot be trusted to shoot right. When the workingmen in general acquire sense enough to vote right, there will be no occasion for them to shoot at all—unless the capitalists should raise an insurrection and try to prevent the elected working class candidates from taking their offices—in which case, having by that time learned how to vote right, the workers will know how to shoot right.

## Some Data for 1911

(Figures compiled by Chicago Tribune.)

U. S. bank clearings	10,000,000,000
Chicago bank clearings	2,222,000,000
Boston bank clearings	8,329,718,000
Phila. bank clearings	7,980,357,000
U. S. stock sales, shares	859,000,000
N. Y. stock sales, shares	129,400,000
New York listings	957,000,000
U. S. bond sales, shares	1,730,000,000
Boston sales, shares	7,927,000
Boston bonds, shares	16,825,000
Phila. bond sales, shares	5,625,000
Phila. bonds, shares	18,400,000
Municipal bond sales	399,000,000
Incorporations, new trusts	1,857,481,000
Massachusetts incorporations	74,000,000
FARE PRODUCTION:	
Corn crop, bushels	2,531,488,000
Wheat crop, bushels	1,545,238,000
World's wheat, bushels	543,003,000
World's wheat, bushels	3,398,200,000
Dairy crop, bushels	2,222,000,000
Dairy value	434,622,000
Value farm products	88,417,000,000
Phila. bonds, shares	18,400,000
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## Always on the Block

Humane is always on the block for sale. Often the industrial system amounts to that. Men sell their lives for \$10, \$12 or \$15 a week—in England for \$4.50 to \$8 or \$10—for they work from dawn to dark, and in the steel mills, according to the government report, many of them include Sunday. All they get out of it is a

## One More Chance

The Coming Nation is going to hand out \$500 in good hard cash on or about the 15th of February. This money will be paid to those who write the best final chapter, to the thrilling and exciting mystery story that has for some weeks been run as a serial in our weekly magazine. We are printing the story entire—save the last chapter—in pamphlet form. A copy will be sent to anyone who sends \$1 for a year's subscription to the Coming Nation. You read the story—and it is worth alone the \$1—write your solution and mail to the Coming Nation. Perhaps you are not interested in mystery stories, but surely some of the young folks of your neighborhood will be. If you want to capture those free dollars—coined at the ratio of sixteen to one—you should forward us your name and subscription without delay. Address Coming Nation, Girard, Kan.

## A Splendid Example

I received a letter from Connecticut the other day which is both interesting and instructive. I make the following quotations:

"Local Norwich has a press committee which has never yet been turned down by the two local papers. I came to Norwich in March, and not a week has since passed but that we have had from one to three communications in the press on current topics from the Socialist standpoint. Every opportunity to pass timely resolutions is taken advantage of, and the Norwich papers print our resolutions in full and sometimes feature them. Last Friday night we held the sixth of a series of propaganda meetings at Jewet City, a small town eight or nine miles from Norwich, and not a word had appeared in the Norwich or Jewet City papers about these meetings. But that was due to our own neglect. I struck town Friday evening, and was one of the speakers, wrote up the meetings for the Jewet City correspondents of the Norwich papers, and the stuff went in as I wanted it. Too much stress cannot be laid upon the importance of newspaper publicity work. One of the most valuable features of Comrade Hunter's campaign for the governorship in Connecticut last year was the typewritten copies of his speech which were furnished newspaper representatives as soon as he arrived in a town. Every speaker should carry a supply of synopses of his talk so that he will not be misquoted and the party disgraced. I have written an article on 'Why Socialists Nominate Town Officials' which I am sure will be published in one of the Norwich papers."

**Moral—Go, comrades, elsewhere, and do likewise.** W. R. S.

## Notes of the Movement

**The Voice of the People.** One of the most radical papers in the Progressive Movement was the Voice of the People, which was published in Chicago. It had a large circulation among radical people and will be a good tool to the hands of the cause.

**The Socialist Local of Salt Lake City.** The Socialist local of Salt Lake City has expelled William Simmons, its former capitalist candidate at a municipal election. Simmons is one eyed. A few days ago he fell, fair, and claims Philadelphia as his home.

**Socialist Milwaukee.** Socialists in Milwaukee have placed a fund of \$5,000 at the disposal of the trustees for the county poor for destitute widows whose children would otherwise be taken from them by the state. That's the way Socialism breaks up the family.

**The Socialist Regime in Milwaukee.** Socialists in Milwaukee give out silver to the poor that they may wash the eyes of new babies and prevent 70 per cent of the cases of blindness. Socialism not only opens the eyes of the blind but preserves the eyesight of infants.

**When Corbin N. Shook.** Recently elected mayor of Lima, Ohio, by Socialists, took a paper appointing him to the office under the Socialist party to honor itself. He refused to recede his action. They threatened to ostracize him unless he resigned. He refused to consider that binding and the old party members of the council left him in the lurch. He is now a Socialist member of the council, voted for resignation. Then Shook was turned from the party. It is right. Socialist officials should represent Socialism, not actual democracy, not to do their own will. Socialist rules require that Socialist officials should not carry a resolution by capitalist officials, and the principle ought to work in Socialist appointments. It all shows that it is desirable that the recall should be enacted into law, as it is difficult to enforce it otherwise.

**Socialists of Two Harbors, Minn.** last March elected four out of seven aldermen, the mayor, assessor and justice of the peace. The Socialist aldermen has had to overcome the determined opposition of the three old party men, and as a two-thirds majority is necessary to carry a resolution, or anything requiring an expenditure of more than \$500 they have been able to cause considerable trouble for the city. The Socialist aldermen has had to overcome the determined opposition of the three old party men, and as a two-thirds majority is necessary to carry a resolution, or anything requiring an expenditure of more than \$500 they have been able to cause considerable trouble for the city.

## Great Government

From Advance, Terre Haute, Ind.

J. A. Wayland, C. L. Phifer and Fred D. Warren, all of the APPEAL to Reason staff, have been indicted by the Federal grand jury at Fort Scott, Kan., for exposing the rottenness of the federal prison at Leavenworth. The government found the condition existing there exactly as represented by the APPEAL and dismissed Deputy Warden Lemon, whose official conduct has been criticized by the APPEAL. Now they turn around and indict the staff of the APPEAL for making the exposure of the graft, immorality and brutality of the prison officials. Great government! Great courts! Great graft!

## Profits Destroying the Rich

Wm. C. Muldoon, physical trainer, says the race in America is degenerating, due to money madness and money hoggingness. He continues:

I treat lots of millionaires, worn out, dispirited, crazy by the struggle for money. They are buried out, body and soul and their children are worse. The younger generation loses its vitality, its ambition, its moral and spiritual qualities. They are no good to themselves and no good to anyone else. And all this is the result of too much money. Money is everywhere. I get patients from all over the country. I get sons of rich men, who come to my place with automobiles, servants and valets. I pack these accessories of the rich and the rich younger stays or not, just as he decides. He may be broken down mentally and physically, but the former is the more important. Nearly all my subjects are neurasthenics, their nerves ragged, their digestion gone and sufferers from insomnia.

## Righteous Love Is Slain

Looking from my window (a "rented" window), I see a magnificent green house. Two tall acres of green grass, and though snow covers all for hundreds of miles, in these two acres garden vegetables and flowers are growing in profusion.

All of the masses of America like these things. Their lives would be infinitely better than they are if they had them. Why don't we have them?

Thousands of workers are today eager to make the glass. An ocean of sand waits to be used. Other thousands of workers are in need of the work of building these things; are on short rations because today they may not build them. Workers are everywhere ready to plant and grow these things.

We cannot have these simply and only because of the idea—profit.

**GEORGE F. HIBNER.**

**Misconceptions.**

It was not long ago that the name of Socialism was anathema in this country; and today men assume to judge it who have not the remotest conception of its character. It was but a few days ago that an ex-president of the United States spoke of Emma Goldman as a follower of Debs! This gentleman wrote a history of Cromwell and he would have been equally excusable if he had declared Cromwell to be a follower of the Roman Catholic church, for if there are two principles between which there is a world-wide gap it is the principles of Socialism or the co-operative commonwealth and scientific anarchy which denies that any government should exist.

**GEORGE FRED WILLIAMS.**  
Boston, Mass.

## Years of Arduous Work

It took years of study to gather the material that is found in Social Forces in American History.

**BY A. M. SIMONS.**

It is a book which shines into the dark of the past, with a bright light. At every page one pauses, wondering, "What does he know this before?" It is a book for every student of social, political and economic history, and for every student of the impact of new knowledge on all men and women who desire to know the full story of their native country. From a two-page review in the Chicago Evening Post.

Mr. Simons writes with a clear, straightforward style, without sectional bias or political partiality. His chapters on the rise of the capitalist interest since the days of the revolution are excellent. It is as if he had the power to quicken dead records. With very few exceptions, his chapters have been made his interpretation vital and as full of life interest as any shrewd and statesmanlike view of what is happening today and tomorrow could be.

A very convincing and attractive work—Boston Herald.

In fact it practically stands alone, and in our judgment, will for a long time be recognized as the best work on the evolution of capitalism in America—James O'Neal in Chicago Daily Socialist.

Mr. Simons possesses the distinction of always being temperate in statement and usually very careful about his facts. He is an antagonist who never loses his self-control and is more dangerous from his knowledge than from his passion.—From a two-page review by Lawrence Carroll in the St. Louis Herald.

The Kansas City Star devoted two editorials to this book, designating it as "the first effective challenge to conventional history."

The book is splendidly printed and bound and sells regular for \$1.00. The Coming Nation has it for sale, but it is being given FREE for four dollars worth of subscriptions. For four dollars you get a copy of "Social Forces in American History" and four attractive cards good for one year each. Or you may purchase the book with the money and give the book for your work. Address: Girard Kansas, THE COMING NATION.



Court Fight on the Appeal

Calendar of the Warren Case. May 7, 1907.—Warren arrested after indictment by federal grand jury on charge of sending incendiary, scurrilous and defamatory mail through the mails. Appeared for trial. Case postponed.

Burns Freed by a Trick

Burns has been cleared of the charge of kidnaping the McNamara. Not found innocent, but cleared by a trick! It came about in this way: The case was taken out of the state court, and transferred to the federal court, on the ground that it involved interstate operations.

Judge a "Jackass and Crook"

The head of this article is a strong characterization. Some would call it coarse, vulgar, indecent, and out of place outside of a low barroom or inside of a reputable paper.

The Legal Department

We have students in all parts of the United States, a few in Canada, and some in the Panama Canal Zone. We give herewith extracts from letters received recently.

DON'T BE FOOLS.

So far from standing for violence, it is time the masters understood that Socialism is the only force that stands between them and destruction.

TAFT AND TEDDY.

There has been a fatal fracture in the relations between the president and the ex-president. Roosevelt no more addresses Taft as "My dear Will," and Taft no longer slaps Roosevelt on the back and calls him "Teddy, my boy."

WHAT IT MEANS.

The decision of Taft's specially picked supreme court awarding half a million dollars to the railroad corporations for burning their own cars in the strike of 1894 has a far reaching effect as a strike-breaker.

A "BLACK YEAR"

Our readers are probably familiar with the name of Madame de Thebes, the noted secess of Paris, who is given credit for having predicted a number of events and casualties, including the assassination of President McKinley.

WHAT ONE MAN SAID.

Here are some paragraphs written by a Manitou Springs, Colo., merchant to the members of the supreme court on the Oregon controversy.

SEVENTY-SEVEN MURDERERS.

At the Christmas dinner in the Cook county jail, Chicago, there sat seventy-seven indicted murderers. It was a spectacle to make men shudder.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Here is a telegram from the Kansas City Star that throws another strange light on the McNamara case.

MANY ARE WRITING.

Many are writing members of the supreme court of the United States, protesting against declaring the initiative, referendum and recall unconstitutional, as is likely to be done in the Oregon case, now before the court.



Would you like a book having the combined knowledge of such men as Congressmen Berger, Debs, Hunter, Russell, Hillquit, Spargo, Simons, and the hundreds of others who are closely identified with the Socialist movement?

LAUNDRY "HELLS"

This is what the laundries in New York City are called where twenty-five thousand laundry workers are on strike, seventy-five per cent of whom are women and girls.

BROWN AND THE McNAMARAS.

The Philadelphia Ledger, in common with a great many other metropolitan papers, wholly misses the point in its discussion of the APPEAL's reasons for reprinting a forgotten account of the John Brown raid.

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Taxing Proletarian Papers

The third assistant postmaster general recommends a flat increase of one cent a pound for all newspapers and periodicals. This recommendation is made with the full approval and endorsement of the express companies.

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11,783 new subscribers were received by the APPEAL for the week ending January 6th. This multiplied by forty gives us a grand total of 472,320 which is a slight gain over our present circulation.

Table with columns for STATE, OFF, and TOTAL. Lists various states and their respective values.

What is the object? Our guess, as given above, is that the increase is proposed for the specific and definite purpose of putting out of business the low-priced proletarian publications.

RULES OF THE GAME.

John J. Mitchell is president of the Illinois Trust company of Chicago, one of the greatest banking institutions in the country. Mr. Mitchell is known as an eminently successful financier and capitalist.

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