

Crime to Burn Coal. Coal, some centuries ago, was not appreciated as it is now. William Pryme, keeper of the records to Charles II, relates that in the reign of Edward I, when brewers, dyers, and other artificers began to use coal instead of wood and charcoal, the inhabitants of London petitioned the king against its use, declaring that it was a public nuisance, corrupting the air with its stink and smoke, to the great detriment of their health. Whereupon the king prohibited its use, and issued a commission of Oyer and Terminer to try all who had offended to punish them by fine for their first offense, and for the second their furnaces and kilns were to be destroyed. The practice was at last made a capital offense, and a man was tried, condemned and hanged for burning coal in London.

The Spirit of the Army. Double our subscription price. We will pay you \$100 per year. This assuring telegram reached Girard late Saturday evening from Cleveland, signed by Charles Kichter. It expresses the spirit of the comrades who are backing this paper in its fight against capitalism. These comrades realize the struggle the APPEAL has had to make ends meet at the low subscription rate of twenty-five cents. Many of them have insisted on raising this to fifty cents and even a dollar.

of putting the APPEAL out of business. To our comrades and friends it is hardly necessary to say that neither of the above views represents the position of the APPEAL and its editors. While it is true that I did not join in the petition for a pardon, it was not because I wanted to go to jail and assume the role of martyr, but because I refused to help pull the republican department of justice (?) out of the hole into which Bone, Pollock and Hook had put it.

ONE HOSS PHILOSOPHY BY J. A. WAYLAND. FOR every dollar of loss paid by the life and fire insurance companies, two dollars are collected from the insured. With the state doing the business the cost need not be more than ten per cent. The people are not instructed in this matter. There are hundreds of companies and many becoming millionaires by the present system of exploiting the insurance business. If there were any profits it would go into the public treasury if the state did its duty in the matter. But what are the people for but to furnish material to make millionaires?

infamy the department of justice is trying to perpetrate. Now is the time when a fight for a free press is important for now is the time when we can be determined to prevent the injury that would result from a precedent being established allowing the suppression of a newspaper because it told the truth about crimes committed in the name of government. If we may no longer even criticize our servants in public office then indeed are our boasted liberties but ashes of a dead past.

Big Business Behind It. It has been charged, and denied, that the Men and Religious Forward Movement is being used in the interest of Big Business. The charge does not mean that the men engaged in the work are conscious of being favored by the masters, but only that the manipulators of men are using them as a tool. The following comes from the APPEAL, though we know nothing of the press services mentioned. The heading is pointed; the body of it is the work of a misanthropist. It is given without comment, though the APPEAL underscores portions.

SENATOR BAILEY, the Texas representative of Standard Oil, recently delivered an address at New Haven on the subject of Socialism. Two years ago this illustrious gentleman from the Lone Star state "moved his hearers by the thrilling picture he presented of the dangerous growth of this menace to the body politic." After two years the senator again appears before his New Haven audience, and points with concern to the fulfillment of his dire prophecy. A Wilmington paper points that Senator Bailey's friends who are fanning the flames of social discontent are piling up enormous fortunes, which produce dire poverty on the other extreme of the social structure. Senator Bailey would crush out Socialism without removing the cause which makes Socialism necessary.

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After more than fifteen years of trial and experiment in Socialist propaganda, we are satisfied that twenty-five cents is the right figure for a proletarian propaganda paper. If the desire were to pile up profits instead of educating the masses it would be different. But the object of this paper is to reach the millions. These cannot afford to pay a high price for a paper. They are cut off from high grade literature as completely as if it did not exist. To give them a paper published in their interest at a price that corresponds to their meager means and make this paper the champion of their struggle against the powers that oppress them is the prime object of this paper and if it fails in that it utterly fails of its mission.

AN APPEAL ARMY STORY. A Brother Ben entered the country store on the Saturday succeeding he was greeted by Pop Weasel, who had collected a number of friends around him under the impression that he had a question that would stump Brother Ben.

JUDICIAL EDITION. April 27th is the date of this edition. "The Federal Judiciary and the Underworld" is the special title under which it will be published. This edition will be the prelude to the opening of the trial of the APPEAL editors in the federal court. It is scarcely necessary to remind our readers that this trial grows out of the fact that the APPEAL uncovered the prison at Leavenworth, Kan., in which inmates were being practiced beyond the power of words to describe.

Will producers get paid for the number of hours worked or for the amount of production? If the latter, what will regulate losses in case of drought, storms, or fire? No one knows just how the return will be regulated, for the reason that they are to be regulated according to the will of the whole people and not according to a scheme of the APPEAL TO REASON. It is possible that both methods may be tried, and the best prevail. In case people were paid for exactly what they produced there would still be means provided for reimbursing those who labored honestly and, because of circumstances they cannot control, produce practically nothing.

Reclaiming the Backslider. One million dollars are to be spent throughout the country within the next eleven months to revive interest in religion among the masses. J. Pierpont Morgan and a number of his friends in the financial district of New York, have subscribed the money. In many ways the campaign to reclaim the backsliders, upon which they have embarked, is the most significant and momentous in the history of protestantism in America. Similar activity is noted among the Roman Catholics.

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Thousands of Socialists buy the APPEAL not so much for themselves as for the purpose of giving it away. At the low price of fifty cents per hundred they can do continuous propaganda work in the way of distributing papers which at such a low rate they can afford to buy out of their slender income.

There is something very pitiful in this question. This man has worked his life long before he got a chance to do anything. Hereafter it will be harder and harder for a poor man to buy him a farm, for the simple reason that he can no longer enter 160 acres and land is becoming higher priced. This means that before a poor man can become a farmer he has to work a better part of his life to buy it. Socialism will make it so that any man, no difference how poor, may enter at once on his life work of farming.

IT IS NOT ADVERTISED. There is a little article that everybody uses, and yet never gets advertised. I look over my daily and weekly press in vain to find where it can be purchased. On this they are as silent as the tomb. In vain I look at the signs on the street, or in the shop windows for it. It is sold in every village and hamlet in the land, and yet no drummer ever carries samples of it and never takes an order for it.

Under Socialism suppose a man desired to run a goat ranch and another a cow ranch, will they have a right to do this? How about setting the number of acres to be used and the price of goats and cattle? There would, in all probability, be no law to prevent you from running a goat or cattle ranch under Socialism. However, you must recognize that you would not want to run these things if you can't make money out of them.

WISDOM FROM THE CLOCK. Tick, tick, tick. The clock on the mantel above me never ceases to remind me that time ceases not, no matter if to humanity affairs go ill or well. And they go ill fast enough. Who would have predicted twenty-five years ago that the nation would be flooded with poverty-stricken people facing a condition far more serious than that which it had just passed through?

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Perhaps half of the APPEAL'S subscription list is made up of names paid for by persons other than the subscribers. As we have few rich people interested in Socialist propaganda the burden of carrying on this educational work devolves upon the poor, and the lower rate of the paper the more copies they can buy and distribute and the sooner will the eyes of the people be opened to the meaning and mission of Socialism.

Here Pop interrupted. "But you are not saying whether the land will be taken from this Idaho friend or not?" "I can say that it would not be taken from him. It is possible he would voluntarily want to surrender part of it, seeing that he could not use it and that it would be expensive for him to retain it all. We don't know how he is situated, but there are thousands who could not possibly cultivate 160 acres themselves, and because there would be no reason for them to secure land and hold it for their children, they would voluntarily surrender it, and it would become available for others. This very thing would open avenues for their children and for the children of others that are entirely closed at present.

ART AND LIFE. Emerson gives us a rather broad definition of art when he says: "The conscious utterance of thought by speech or action, to any end, is art. This includes any expression of thought, whatever its inspiration or aim, is art. In a word, thought is art and the loftier its aim the nobler the art."

How It Was Done. From Cotton's Weekly, Cowansville, P. O. Canada. American courts are corrupt. The judges are bought and sold. When reading of the American corruption, Englishmen are horror-stricken and think their judicial system is fine. The difference is this. The capitalists in America had to steal a country away from a people. They did it through corrupt courts. In England, the country has been stolen away from the people many years ago. All the judges of England now have to do is to say that it shall stay stolen. Simmering the difference down there is a mighty little difference to choose between the two systems.

Patriotism's Reward. "What would you have me do? Go to the wars, would you? Where a man may serve seven years for the loss of a leg, and have not money in the end to buy a wooden one."—Shakespeare. The original story as it appeared in the Kansas City Star stated that the APPEAL would suspend in two years, but after it had passed through the hands of the telegraph editor and the man who writes the headlines the story made the cheerful announcement that the APPEAL was dead. This incident shows how necessary and important it is that the APPEAL be sent to the man who writes the headlines over the dispatches for your favorite daily paper.

Letters from The Devil. By W. S. Morgan. Author of "The American Circus". A book of 40 pages containing letters "in words that burn" addressed to the following: The Farmers, The Church Members, The Editors of Great Dailies, The Lawyers, etc.

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Worse Than Imagined. From West Chester Socialist, Yonkers, N. Y. The APPEAL TO REASON is a powerful Socialist paper that is doing a great deal to let the people know their true situation in this country. It agitates. It exposes political frauds. It faithfully and effectively points out to the people their pitiable industrial condition and the reasons for it. The real condition is much worse than most persons imagine. Abuses exist in both politics and industry that would stagger the ordinary citizen if he fully knew of them.

They Paid the Interest. The sugar trust, desiring to purchase a site for a new plant near Richfield, Utah, had a committee of farmers act as a go-between in selecting and purchasing the necessary ground. The site selected cost more than the trust was willing to pay, so the committee of farmers agreed to pay the difference in order to insure the erection of the factory; borrowing the necessary funds from the sugar interests. When settling the account last fall, the farmers' committee received a joker in the form of six per cent interest on money loaned them by the sugar trust, and used for the purpose of purchasing a factory site for the sugar trust.

Federal Court vs. The Appeal. Too little attention is being paid today by Socialists and other liberty loving people to the fight that is being made on the APPEAL TO REASON, and its editors by the federal department of justice. The APPEAL needs all the friends of a free press to come to its aid and let the public know just what kind of

LET me urge you to return to the APPEAL the unused subscription cards you have in your possession. As a result of the request printed some weeks ago many thousands of the cards held out of use have been returned to the APPEAL filled in with the names of subscribers. We want to list the APPEAL'S next few weeks, and when it reaches that point again it will stick. We have now mature plans which will, with your assistance, quickly run up our list to three-quarters of a million. The gap between that figure and the million mark it will not be difficult to close up.

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