

Still Forging Ahead

The circulation report printed below is the kind of a report that brings joy to the APPEAL Army and unhappiness to the members of the gang that are determined by Hook or crook to strangle the APPEAL to death in the federal court. This report is even better than the one printed last week. With the exception of two of the smaller states, each state shows a splendid gain. This indicates that the APPEAL Army is thoroughly aroused and that every comrade is determined to do his part in the campaign for a Million subscribers. The political influence of a paper like the APPEAL with a Million subscribers is something tremendous. The frenzied attack on the APPEAL by the Washington-Kansas aggregation is a fine testimonial to the effectiveness of the APPEAL as a journal of the social revolution. These attacks, based on flimsy and unjust charges, are bringing to the APPEAL thousands of new friends. On the first of this year we went carefully over the Army register and eliminating those who had fallen by the wayside or who had taken up some other form of Socialist activity. We found we had 50,000 stalwarts whom we could depend on.

Table with columns: State, Total, and other statistics. Includes entries for Pennsylvania, Ohio, Kansas, Texas, etc.

States marked "*" show gain for week.

Mr. Bone's Dual Role

District Attorney Harry J. Bone, the man who will prosecute the cases against the APPEAL editors at Fort Scott on May 7th, is an employee of the Rock Island Railway company. Mr. Bone rides on Rock Island pass No. C-8444, good west of the Missouri river. The letter C before the number is used to indicate that the pass has been issued to an employee of the railroad. By issuing the pass in this manner both Mr. Bone and the railroad company escape the penalty provided by the United States statute for the issuance of free transportation to any person not an employee of the railroad. The law provides that: "No common carrier subject to the provisions of this act shall, after January 1, 1907, directly or indirectly, issue or give any interstate, free ticket, free pass, or free transportation for passenger except to its employees and their families, its officers, agents, surgeons, physicians and attorney at law. Any common carrier violating this provision shall be deemed guilty of misdemeanor, and for each offense, on conviction, shall pay to the United States a penalty of not less than \$100 nor more than \$5,000, and any person other than the persons excepted in this provision, who uses any such interstate free ticket, free pass, or free transportation, shall be subjected to a like penalty."

It will be seen from the above statement that Harry J. Bone is either an employee of the Rock Island R. Co., its paid attorney, and therefore disqualified from holding the position of United States district attorney, or he is a violator of the United States law against the issuance of free transportation.

The Talk Revolution

The president has called together five hundred delegates from chambers of commerce, boards of trade, and other associations of business men from all parts of the United States to form a national organization. It is stated very frankly that the purpose of the organization is to enable business men to get into closer touch with the administration. It is in effect a revolution, the creation of another house of congress, without authority from anyone, which is representative, not of the people, but of chosen by the "interests," the interests of the small capitalists. We have now three houses of congress: The senate, composed exclusively of millionaires, and representatives of the trusts; the representatives of the small capitalists, just created; and the so-called representatives of the people who take advice from the other two houses. They make a great hullabaloo about Socialists changing the government. The fact of the matter is the government has already changed, and the interests are already changed, and the interests are in the interest of the robbing masters.

Capitalism and Crime

NEARLY all the crimes that are committed result directly or indirectly from class rule—from one class keeping another in subjection. A great majority of the inmates of our prisons owe their conviction to offenses against property. The ruling class is the state and the state legalizes the institution of private property, without which class rule could not exist. Under the capitalist system the means of life, essential to all, are the private property of the capitalist class. The working class is a dependent class, a subject class. It is compelled to submit to exploitation and degradation.

The class that owns the property in the class that rules society—the class that writes, enacts, interprets and enforces the law—in its own interests.

The institution of private property, "vested rights," is sacred to this class and to transgress its property laws is an offense against the state which cannot be too promptly or too severely punished.

Among the essential institutions of class rule is the jail, the prison. The capitalist system could far better spare its national congress and its state legislatures than its county jails and its state prisons.

Congress and the legislatures consist mainly of and are controlled wholly by representatives of the capitalist class; the jails and prisons are filled by representatives of the working class.

Private property in the means of life enforces exploitation, idleness, poverty, theft and murder.

Under class rule and private property crime graduates steadily from petty larceny to homicide.

The development of private property is followed by a corresponding increase in crime.

Hard times multiply crimes! When men, eager to work, are literally driven to beg, steal, or starve, they are cravens to beg and fools to starve.

The man who is denied work and would not steal to keep starvation from his child is unfit to have a child. Such a man has the right to help himself in any way he can after society has shut him out of the right to get an honest living.

Private property builds the public prison—and peoples it.

Capitalism and crime go hand in hand.

Capitalists are beginning to ask, "What shall we do to be saved?" The criminals capitalism has created are beginning to threaten its life. The largest penitentiaries are still inadequate. Taxes are increasing, a rallying cry. Every city is infested with pickpockets, thieves, burglars, confidence men—all preying on society. They aim to steal, they are prepared to kill. They have nothing to lose and a job to gain.

The capitalist state refuses them honest employment, but guarantees them a steady job if they will steal or murder.

Most of the efforts to inform criminals and put an end to crime are wasted. Society as now organized is an effectual bar against both.

There is but one way to end crime and that is to abolish class rule and give all men an equal chance to make an honest living. Modern machinery has made this an easy matter. No man need to work more than is good for him—and no normal man will willingly work less.

My heart is with the criminals—all of them. It matters not what they are charged with, they are at least human and no man is more. In a great majority of cases they are the poor, the friendless, and homeless, the victims of circumstances they did not create and could not control. I have been close to them and I know them, and I can advocate that if they lived under an honest system and in a decent society they would be honest and decent men and women instead of pariahs and criminals.

These unfortunate victims of class rule become morally diseased. Their moral perceptions are dulled if not destroyed. They deserve a thousand pities. Society should do most for them because it has done most against them and they have suffered most.

Above all, these unfortunate brothers and sisters of ours—mostly of our own despised lower class—ought to be treated with patience and kindness. That is the very least consideration the society that is responsible for them can show its hapless derelicts and if this be denied them then indeed must the ruling class atone for their downfall with its own callous degeneracy.

Until society is prepared to open its doors to these despised outcasts and give them a chance to live it is wasting its time trying to reform them.

If I could have my way I am sure that most of them would be reclaimed. All they require is humane treatment. The crimes they committed against society are infinitesimal in comparison with the crimes society has committed against them, and the society of the future—when human beings are civilized—will atone in every way in its power for heartlessly inflicting upon so-called criminals the penalties of its own monstrous crimes.

Little Stories from Life

Kansas City Star, April 21. Joseph Karpovich, 26 years of age, Russian, claimed to be the owner of the Armour Packing company's cattle chutes on Second Street near Central avenue, Kansas City, Kan. This morning he jumped to the ground, sixty feet below. Both legs were broken below the knee. He will recover. Karpovich came to Kansas City, Kan., three years ago from Russia expecting to make a fortune and send for his sweetheart. He obtained work in a packing house but his health soon became so weak that he could not do any work. He had been idle all winter on account of his health. Two weeks ago he was able to go to work, but couldn't find anything to do. He left home this morning to look for work. He told several friends that if he couldn't find work he would go to the city hall and ask for a job. He was going to commit suicide. John Lempicki, a friend of Karpovich's, saw him in the city hall and was melancholy all winter and a very seldom spoke to anyone.

Karpovich was taken to St. Margaret's hospital and attended by Dr. H. L. Regier, a police surgeon. Doctor Regier said he would recover.

Denial of the Right to Print

THEOPHORE SCHROEDER, a New York attorney, has written a book that is a departure from conventionalism in its treatment of things and inexpressible as to logic. He shows that the laws being enforced against the liberty of the press on the ground that the words used are improper and unconstitutional on several counts. Among the reasons urged are the following:

1. Because the power of congress to establish a postal service is based upon the grant in the constitution and that contains neither express nor implied right to censor the matter transported. Federal authority over the mails is only such as is incidental and indispensable to their physical manipulation and transportation in the most feasible and advantageous manner; or such as may be directly deduced from the strictly limited powers of general sovereignty that congress possesses. The right to regulate public morals of postal patrons or other people in the several states is no where delegated to congress.

2. Because the free press and free speech clauses of the state and federal constitutions mean just what they say and were so intended by their authors. These clauses do not say "No previous restraint (as distinguished from subsequent punishment) shall be put upon speech or the press" nor "congress (or the legislature) shall make no laws abridging freedom of speech nor of the press, except as to those ideas that it deems contrary to the public welfare."

3. Because the constitutions guarantee "due process of law" and the obscenity statutes furnish no standard or test of what is obscene. No legislature has the power to penalize travel in an automobile at a dangerous speed and leave the trial to a jury to decide in each case what speed is dangerous. A book cannot in itself be obscene, but may provoke obscenity in the mind of the reader, so the obscene effect of the same book will vary with every different reader; it may not arouse any obscenity at all in some minds while it stirs up a great deal in others. The statutes supply no certain information as to what will be the verdict of any particular judge or jury upon the speculative problem of the psychological effect of a given book upon an undescribed, hypothetical reader. Their verdict is not according to the letter of any general law, but varies in each case according to their whim on prejudice and is binding upon no other judge or jury.

4. Because the constitutions guarantee that there shall be no ex post facto laws, yet under the obscenity statutes every conviction is according to an ex post facto law or standard of judgment specially created by that particular judge or jury. Congress has no power to authorize a judge or jury to determine guilt or innocence according to varying personal standards which cannot have been known at the time when the alleged crime was committed and do not become known until the verdict is rendered.

5. Because the statutes violate the seventh amendment of the federal constitution; they do not define the crime, and congress has no power to make a judge of the law especially in cases wherein they were not so authorized under the common law of England.

Speaking of the advancing postal censorship Mr. Schroeder says, page 232: "In several congresses the postal department asked an amendment to the laws such as would give the postmaster power to refuse transmission to foreign countries of any matter which he considered to be obscene. The amendment never was passed. Not ashamed by the refusal of congress to confer the power the authorities proceeded to usurp it under the usual guise of a new 'construction' of existing statutes. This usurped power having been calmly acquiesced in by the public soon received judicial confirmation and gradually has been extended so that it now assumes to override the judicial department by excluding from the mails publications which the courts have decided are mailable and has excluded matter without the warrant of any statute relying upon the absence of a remedy for the affected persons."

The Agitation League. The agitation league is the one best bet for the man who has not the time to devote to active propaganda. You feel that you must do something for the movement but are too busy to see your friends personally. You make a contribution to the league and the league sends you a copy of the literature into the hands of the uncovered in a new territory. The league is a million times better than one new reader in a new territory. What's the use of telling you what will happen? You get it in the election returns.

SLAP BANG VAUDEVILLE.

What fun we Socialists have! The Taft and Roosevelt contest is as amusing to one who understands as was the famous fight of Don Quixote with the windmill. As a case in point, the Cincinnati Times-Star (Brother Charley's paper) in a recent issue showed that Theodore Roosevelt when president of the United States had over his own signature said "Three years ago the interstate commerce commission decided that the harvester company had accepted what amounted substantially to rebates; yet, after making that statement he wrote to Corporation Commissioner Smith 'Please do not file suit until I hear from you.'" The harvester trust never was prosecuted by President Roosevelt, a fact that is made plain by this organ of President Taft. That is part of the joke, the butt of which is on the American people.

The second fact that William Howard Taft, whose brother makes the charge, has been president more than three years, yet he made no attack on the harvester trust until after he became a candidate for re-nomination. That is the second part of the joke, still falling heavily on the people; on the "mob," if you please.

The third part of the joke is in the fact that Taft alleges the reason Roosevelt did not prosecute the harvester people was because he is being harassed by Perkins, of that and the steel trust. And Perkins comes into the open and admits it but declares he is "playing no favorites" and financed Taft also!

So we have a great pretence of fighting the trust on the part of both men, while both were equally derelict in protecting the interest of the people, and both are financed by the combination which both agree has been criminal in nature. And the people howl about the "judicial temperament" and the "progressive" third term, while being plainly told that they have been sold out by both and robbed by the men who are paying the way of both.

No wonder the bard of Avon exclaimed: "What fools these mortals be!"

Why Alike. Why is a shyster lawyer like a base ball player? Because if he doesn't make a hit they put him on the bench.

A man's belief is his, and it is sacred. Being a part of him, born out of what he loved, experienced and feared. We have no right to interfere with it, more than we have to take his life. But, since he still is living, new beliefs and new experiences and new attachments may modify his faith. As to make it a new faith for him, just as we may make new faith for him. That's the process of evolution.

By which the institutions of the world must and will change—not through mechanism, denunciation, or through following the mass of our philosophy about it. Things fuse in heat of love, in the attack they break and batter, but remain apart.

THE DISAPPEARING CHURCH. In Illinois at least 1,700 country churches have been abandoned within the last few years.

In Missouri one thousand have been closed and so many in Iowa. In Kansas there are perhaps one hundred in which services are no longer held, but there are one thousand still in use that should be closed.

The advent of the motor car, the building of better roads, the general prosperity of the rural and city, the abandonment of agriculture as a team of trotters and a carriage in place of the old spring wagon or the carry-all, have brought about this change.

Formerly it was a hard job to drive even a short distance to church, dragged over ruts by a team of plow horses. Today it is no trick at all for the farmer to drive seven miles to town. With a motor car, a few miles is not bad. Religion is free, but it cannot be with the burden of supporting thousands of useless churches with money that could be used to better advantage in centralized organizations.

One educated minister, well trained in his calling, is all the many community can afford for each six hundred to one thousand souls.—Statement of H. J. Waters, president of the Kansas Agricultural College.

It thus appears that the churches are passing through the same stage of concentration that is affecting other pursuits and vocations. With this change the church is also becoming more exclusive. Note that it is the farmer with the motor car and the spanking team that is going to town to church. With him goes the best financial support of the country church. There is left behind, the tenant farmer who can afford no auto nor driving team. Not having sufficient to make the tenant a valuable exploiting element, the church will leave him to his fate, just as for the same reason it long ago abandoned the poor working man in the big cities. As a result of a recent survey by the churches of Chicago it was recommended that no more new churches be built, and that many of those now organized be consolidated. In other words the churches are feeling the effects of capitalism. It is costing larger and larger sums to operate and to preach the gospel of the Nazarene Carpenter. Capitalism is destroying the church.

The Judiciary Edition. From the New York Call. With every paragraph striking like a sledge-hammer on the rotten judiciary of the United States; with biting, cutting, stinging statements of bench administering the laws of the nation, the judiciary number of the APPEAL TO REASON has made its appearance with an edition of over 2,750,000.

The editors of the APPEAL have been working on this number for many months and have produced a paper which points out the subservience of the courts to corporate interests and their utter disregard for the value of human life, the like of which has probably never been seen in the history of American journalism. Never has the judiciary system of the country been assailed as it is in the articles in this paper from the pen of the men at Girard.

The editors of the APPEAL TO REASON are making a grand attempt to break all previous records for the number of copies of an issue of a paper, which record is now held by themselves, and want to issue an edition of five million copies.

Practical Land Programs

AMERICA has a peculiar land problem that is not present in Europe. The Socialists are working it out in their own way. The place to see where they are reaching the demands of the farmers is in the agricultural states. Therefore the following demands from the Texas state platform are especially significant:

That the state purchase all land sold for taxes in this state, the same to become part of the public domain.

That non-resident owners assess their own land the same as the land sold for taxes in this state, the same to become part of the public domain.

That the state own and operate all cotton gins, cotton presses, warehouses, and other utilities in their nature public.

That the state own and operate all terminal elevators, packing houses and cold storage plants at principal distributing points within the state, to be operated by the state, and all persons charged with the management thereof to be elected by direct vote of the people and subject to recall.

All owners of land who are not personal users thereof to fix their own value for the purpose of taxation, with the option of the state to acquire title to same at the valuation fixed.

State ownership and operation of banks to a general banking business and to be depositories of all public funds.

State lands to be leased and not sold, and when rents equal to the market value of the land have been paid by the tenant to be reduced to the amount of taxes paid on similar land by private owners.

State life, fire, hail, pest and animal insurance.

Even Alaska is making demands along socializing lines that are very practical and common sense. The Socialist platform favors:

A railroad built and operated by the government to take the resources of the interior and reduce cost of transportation. The construction of wagon roads by the government.

Socialism is a democratic movement and is becoming less academic and more and more a practical expression of present needs.

Courts Sustain the Appeal

From decision of state supreme court of Illinois in the Com. Ex. (democratic) libel case, all the judges concurring.

"The legal propositions involved—that a newspaper has the right fairly and honestly to comment upon a matter of public interest, and that the official conduct of a public officer is a matter of public interest—are well settled."

"The people are not obliged to speak of the conduct of their officials in whispers, or in bated breath in a free government, but only in a despotism. On the contrary, they have the right to speak out in open discussion and criticism thereof, the only being that they make no false statement. And this is the great safeguard of free government and of pure government. This is fundamental among us."

"It is the duty of a public newspaper to tell the people, its subscribers, its readers, the facts that it may find out about public questions of matter of public interest, and it is its duty and right to draw inference from the facts known—draw them for the people."

In 38 Federal Reporter, page 827, in the case of U. S. vs. Harmon. "The question of obscenity in any particular article must depend largely on the place, manner and object of its publication. It would not be proper to discuss certain matters in a family newspaper which might be discussed with propriety in a medical journal. Again, if the writer was in good faith, attacking some great flagrant wrong, the use of plain language, though offensive to polite taste might be permitted."

"ACCORDING TO THEORY" is the title of a new serial by Albert Edwards, which starts in this week's Coming Nation. Albert Edwards will be remembered as the author of the article "Testing Socialism in Panama," that has attracted such wide-spread attention, and of a great many of the best short stories that have appeared in the popular magazines.

The scene of the story is laid in the Latin quarter of Paris. Its hero is a Socialist, but the story does not preach. A little later hundreds of people will be wanting to begin their subscription with this number so as to get the story. The issue will then probably be exhausted so you had better order now.

A NEW conception of virtue is taking possession of the hearts of men. Now the good man is the one who makes his own way and refuses to either enslave or be enslaved, while the bad man is the fellow who exploits others. Other standards are mush.

To Local Secretaries. If your local will distribute fifty or one hundred copies of the APPEAL each week, we have a plan whereby we can furnish you with the same free of charge. We are sure you will appreciate the advantage of distributing a bundle of APPEALS each week from now until the fall election for each copy ordered. Write us today and ask for the free bundle of APPEALS. Don't let one see one free bundle to you. Address the Editor Department, Coming Nation, Girard, Kan.

FEUDAL DAYS

IN feudal days the poor had to work for the rich and powerful or be killed. Today they, the poor, have to work for the rich or be starved. Where is the ultimate difference? In the feudal days the poor supported the rich in power by physical force. Today the poor support the rich in power by ballots. Where is the ultimate difference? In the feudal days the poor lived in hovels and rags that the rulers might live in palaces and purple. Today the poor do the same thing. Where is the difference? In the feudal days the poor were the servants and menials of the rich. Today the poor are the same servants and menials. Where is the difference? In the feudal days the poor could have deposited their oppressors if they had not been so ignorant, suspicious and disorganized. Today they could deposit their oppressors but for the same reason. Where is the difference? In feudal days anybody willing to work could find a master. Today they cannot. Here is the difference. Don't you believe the masses in the feudal days, by their life and actions, were veritable fools?

Sure Bad. Andy—They say it is a model prison. Sandy—Dear me! Is it as b-d as that?

The Progressive Woman and APPEAL one year, 75 cents.

That is what Lopez de Diego earned over and above all hotel bills, railroad fares and other expenses while traveling in Mexico. Growing of Miss. says: "Made \$16.70 in two hours. Will be a B.A.K. says: 'Made \$25 in 6 hours. It's the people want!'"

One Minute Post Cards. One Minute Profits. Hundreds of letters of \$1.00 to \$10.00. The people want!

"MANDEL" POST CARD MACHINE. A new business with a potential for profit. The people want!

Make \$20 a Day. Selling Novelty Knives. Transparent handled with photo of yourself, wife, mother, etc. The people want!

AGENTS BIG PROFITS. Selling Novelty Knives. Transparent handled with photo of yourself, wife, mother, etc. The people want!

FOR SEWING LEATHER. The Speedy Sticker is the latest and best of anything ever. The people want!

The Solution of the Labor Problem. How the workers may organize and take of the market. The people want!

Fish Will Bite. Best fish bait ever discovered. The people want!

AGENTS 4-4 A WEEK. MENDEL'S. The people want!

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The Work Abroad

The Young Peoples Socialist organization... held a convention on Easter Monday in Stockholm.

The national convention of the Norwegian Socialists was held in April... the report of the executive committee showed that membership had increased from 15,000 in 1907 to 35,000 in 1911.

The suspended appeal... from Webster City, Iowa, Journal... The Little Appeal, a Socialist paper published for ten years past at Girard, Kansas.

Certain Phases... ALLEN HALL, Minneapolis, Minn.—The program of the Little Appeal is disingenuous. It is merely a farce comedy intended to impress the people.

Commenting on the Appeal... Socialist, Zanerille, Ohio: The Little Appeal has again suspended. The Appeal reminds us of Standard Oil, the more you "discontinue" or suspend it, the stronger it gets.

The Big Railroad Bandits... don't lurk in the shadows or wear revolvers. According to Charles Edward Russell, they sit in richly furnished offices and wear carefully laundered linen.

Get This Book Free... by sending \$1.00 for it. You will be supplied with ten copies of the International Socialist Review which you can sell with ease for ten cents each and get your money back.

Charles H. Kerr & Co. 118 W. Wabash St., Chicago... We have a card handy which you can send on a postal card or if sending with another order, on a separate sheet of paper.

When you register a book, it will help it to get a better circulation... If you have the card handy write your complaint on a postal card or if sending with another order, on a separate sheet of paper.

SOCIALISM FORWARD MOVEMENT

W. W. McAllister is doing excellent work speaking in the country districts of south Missouri... Mrs. Mary E. Charette, a prominent Socialist worker of Fort Collins, Colo., suffered a heart disease on the streets of that city.

Others Said It... The Spirit of Capitalism: "Don't give up the ship, sell it!"—Socialist Advocate, Grand City, Minn.

The Progression Woman is the only Socialist woman's paper in America... With the Appeal one year, 75 cents.

The Preachers are Coming... Rev. John A. Hays, pastor of the First Baptist church, Union, Iowa, has declared for Socialism.

The First Enrollment... Harry A. Leed of McCrecheen, Va. is the first name to be received and enrolled on the roster of the Appeal, Million League.

Linspired Outcries... GEORGE D. SAUTER, Clayton, Mo.—A corporation lawyer of St. Louis was recently overheard to say that investments of a million dollars in the coming election.

The Class Struggle... We have a new edition in paper of the "Class Struggle" by Karl Kautsky, the best and most compact statement of the aims and principles of international Socialism.

Rally to the Daily... The Chicago Daily Socialist is the only paper in the city that is in good standing with the unions and that is permitted to circulate in the shops.

When you register a book, it will help it to get a better circulation... If you have the card handy write your complaint on a postal card or if sending with another order, on a separate sheet of paper.

National Socialist Convention

The national convention of the Socialist party will convene at Indianapolis May 12th. A larger attendance of delegates than ever before, all elected by referendum vote, will be in attendance.

Letter from Leona's Mother... Kansas City, Mo., 2201 Michigan Ave.—Please correct the statement in the Appeal of April 27, that Little Leona Fugate's legs were amputated below the knees.

SOCIALISTS ON THE JOB

A Socialist representative, Chas. H. Morrill, introduced a bill into the Massachusetts legislature providing for public dinners for school children.

The woman movement has captured twenty-one seats in the municipal council of the conservative sixteen and the radical eight.

The woman movement has struck Japan... A law has been proposed in parliament permitting the Japanese to take part in the gatherings.

The first issue of the new working class paper, the Daily Herald, is published in London and is financed principally by the labor unions.

The Enterprise of Riverside, Calif., has been conducting a strong campaign against the proposition to amend the constitution of the State of California.

Father Vaughn and Free Love are discussed by Charles Edward Russell in No. 57 of the Coming Nation, published by the Catholic church upon Socialism.

I want you \$1.00 some days ago—I have the record—if you have had to do with it—it will be for you to get that particular \$1.00 right back to me—without any delay.

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Class Struggle

Manitowish, Mich.—We elected Comrade Fred Sherman Alderman, first victory in the city—Geo. A. Wilson.

Scanning the Register... We have been engaged during the past few days in scanning the register of our Army workers.

The Million League has a work before it which is not only a matter of type who never fails and who never fails: a work of far reaching importance to the Socialist movement and to future civilization.

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OHIO

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Taft and Roosevelt Tell the Truth About Each Other

Roosevelt Says of Taft

"Mr. Taft's speeches yesterday contained statements that I must answer. Most of what he said needs no comment from me. When, for instance, he said that I have endeavored to minimize the importance of my Columbus speech, he says what he must know to be untrue."

"When Mr. Taft in any speech speaks of me directly or obliquely as a neurotic, or a demagogue, or in similar terms, I shall say nothing except to point out that if he is obliged to use such language he had better preserve his own self-respect by not protesting that it gives him pain to do so. No man resorts to epithets like these if it really gives him pain to use them."

"For him to try to escape the consequences of his statements by saying that he alluded only to women and children, is trifling with the intelligence of the people. To speak of such action on his part as a 'square deal' is itself the crookedest kind of deal. He is trying to dodge the consequences of his statement by deliberate misrepresentation of that statement."

"There is an element of grim comedy in Mr. Taft weeping over the thought of Pennsylvania being put under the rule of a boss through Mr. Penrose being ousted from control of the party organization."

"Mr. Taft says that in my various campaigns I accepted the assistance of these bosses. So I did when they chose to go my way and to support the cause of the people. The trouble with Mr. Taft is that he gets their assistance at the price of going their way and opposing the cause of the people."

"Mr. Taft said yesterday that never in thought or deed had he been disloyal to his friendship for me. It is hard for me to answer such a statement save by calling it the grossest and most astounding hypocrisy. When Mr. Taft made that statement he had just sent to the United States senate on half an hour's notice obviously in collusion with the Lorimer democratic senator who made the request, papers which were intended to convey the impression that I had improperly favored the Harvester trust by declining to prosecute it in 1907."

"When Mr. Taft, obviously to influence the Massachusetts primary and obviously in collusion with one of Mr. Lorimer's senatorial supporters of the opposite political party, takes the action he did, he has not merely in thought, word and deed been disloyal to every canon of ordinary decency and fair dealings such as should obtain even in dealing with a man's bitterest opponents. Such

ROOSEVELT A MADMAN

"The man is a maniac. . . Let his family and friends take him to an asylum before he does something irreparable and it is too late."

—Henry Watterson in Louisville Courier-Journal, April 27th.

conduct represents the very crookedest kind of a crooked deal."

"This is not an exceptional instance of how he has behaved to me. The same course was followed last summer in connection with the Tennessee Coal and Iron company. The assaults upon me by Mr. Taft's campaign managers, made in Washington under Mr. Taft's very eyes, have been foul to the verge of indecency."

"Incidentally one of the unpardonable sins on the part of any man calling himself a gentleman is to publish confidential correspondence without permission; as to this I care nothing, but I warn Mr. Taft in discussing negotiations with a foreign power, it is well not to publish such expressions as that in his letter about making Canada only an adjunct of the United States."

"So far from opposing Mr. Lorimer, he ended by keeping absolutely quiet about him; and almost every Taft man in the senate became a supporter of Mr. Lorimer."

"If you vote for Mr. Taft, you vote for these men and these interests, and you will range Massachusetts in support of them. If you can save your consciences by calling the men I have above named patriotic leaders instead of bosses, then there is urgent need that Massachusetts should get back again closer to the standard of conscience that she has had in the past."

"Mr. Taft says that his supporters are not bosses, but patriotic leaders. Is Mr. Lorimer a patriotic leader? Is Mr. Patrick Calhoun, the man whom Frank Heney indicted, a patriotic leader? Are Messrs. Guggenheim and Evans of Colorado patriotic leaders? Is Mr. Penrose of Pennsylvania a patriotic leader? Does Mr. Taft mean that Messrs. Gallinger, Aldrich and Cannon are patriotic leaders and not bosses? Does Mr. Taft mean that Mr. Cox of Ohio is a patriotic leader?"

"If Mr. Taft's policy of flabby indecision and of helpless acquiescence in the wrong-doing of the crooked boss and the crooked financier is permitted to continue there will really grow up class hatred in this country. There will grow up a very uncomfortable and very ugly feeling of discontent with political, social and industrial conditions."

"If you vote for Mr. Taft you vote for these men and their like, and the great sinister special interests which stand behind these bosses."

"God Knows" a "Man of Straw"

"I was a man of straw; but I have been a man of straw long enough; every man who has blood in his body and has been misrepresented as I have been is forced to fight."

—President Taft in his speech at Lowell, April 20th.

"As a matter of fact, Mr. Taft was a member of my cabinet when this identical case was fully discussed before the cabinet, and he cordially approved the action taken; and, indeed, as a matter of fact, my memory is that he himself made the motion that there should be no prosecution of the Harvester trust pending the investigation into the trust by the bureau of corporations."

Taft Says of Roosevelt

"Condemn me if you will, but condemn me by other witnesses than Theodore Roosevelt."

"I was a man of straw; but I have been a man of straw long enough; every man who has blood in his body and who has been misrepresented as I have been is forced to fight."

"Mr. Roosevelt says that I did not go back on Lorimer and Lorimer was not successful in carrying Illinois for me. Well, my letter to him about Lorimer was written a year before I knew that the colonel's hat was in the ring at all. Mr. Roosevelt had no right under any circumstances to misrepresent me in that regard."

"One who so lightly regards constitutional principles, and especially the independence of the judiciary, one who is so naturally impatient of legal restraint and of due legal procedure, and who has so misunderstood what liberty regulated by law is, could not safely be intrusted with successive presidential terms."

"Mr. Roosevelt's memory is very much at fault. I am authorized to say by Mr. Root and Secretary Wilson, both of whom were members of the cabinet at that time, that they have no recollection whatever of hearing the prosecution of the Harvester matter discussed in the cabinet, and Mr. Root is very certain that he never saw or heard of Mr. Herbert Knox Smith's letter to Mr. Roosevelt under date of September 21, 1907."

"It is not a pleasant thing to do. In ordinary circumstances it is not dignified for the president of the United States to enter into a personal controversy. But I am forced against the wall with my back to it and I'm bound, if I have any manhood, to fight."

"Are the conditions so peculiar that he is needed to do the 'job,' as he calls it? Then why not a fourth term and a fifth?"

Perkins Says of Both

"When Mr. Taft ran for president in 1908, I supported him in every way that I could. You complain constantly and bitterly because I am now supporting Mr. Roosevelt and am connected with the Harvester company and the steel corporation. Senator Crane of Massachusetts is very actively engaged in furthering Mr. Taft's campaign, and yet no criticism is heard of this, notwithstanding the fact that he is very prominently connected with the American Telephone company, important paper enterprises, etc."

"When the Taft campaign was over the treasurer found that he had some bills he could not pay, amounting to about \$15,000. He told me he was unable to raise this money from anyone. It was evident that the friends and relatives of the newly elected president took no interest in paying left-over bills after Mr. Taft had been elected. I was asked to loan the committee \$15,000, which I did, taking the note of Mr. George R. Sheldon, treasurer, which as yet has not been paid. . . ."

"You have persistently connected my name with the Harvester company in particular in giving out information to the effect that I was contributing money to the Roosevelt cause—and have done this in such a way as to try to convey the impression that it was a very improper and wicked thing to be going on—a thing most abhorrent to you and your associates, and which should be so regarded by every decent American citizen, and that the Roosevelt committee ought to be ashamed to have me or my money connected with its cause. The latest attempts in this direction have been to call attention to the contribution I made to the New York campaign prior to the recent so-called primaries, and also the publication of the Harvester correspondence. . . ."

"Because of the farcical results of the trust-busting program of the Taft administration, Wall street knows that it has nothing to fear from Washington. It is laughing in its sleeve at what has been going on. It is behind Mr. Taft almost to a man, and no one knows this better than you, Senator Crane, and Mr. Taft's other prominent supporters. . . ."

"You and your associates have repeatedly tried to place me, as a citizen, before my fellow-citizens in the light of being actuated only by sordid, improper motives in what I say and do. In every possible way attempts have been made to convince the people that I am against your candidate and for Mr. Roosevelt because of my connection with the steel corporation and the Harvester company."—Letter to Wm. B. McKinley, manager of Taft campaign.

The Appeal's Prophecy Fulfilled

WHEN the Appeal first began its attack on Theodore Roosevelt about six years ago, many of its readers criticised it sharply for its utterances. For years the general public and the press in particular denied that Roosevelt was guilty of participation in the "Alton Steel," until finally the Appeal proved it beyond any question of doubt. The only way the Appeal could win in such a fight, when the object of its attack was at the same time the object of universal idol-worship, was by making its charges direct and bold and emphatic enough to appear as sensational, and which this made the Appeal subject to pretty harsh criticism even among its most ardent supporters, it did not fail in the long run to accomplish its purpose and bring the attention of thousands of thinking people to realize that their idol was simply the commonest kind of clay and that as a matter of cold fact, instead of being a great statesman and patriot, he was but a coarse vulgarian, a spectacular rafter, and an all-round political mountebank.

In this connection we now reproduce from the Appeal an editorial which appeared May 12, 1906, as follows:

"It is time to drop all delicacy of verbiage in dealing with Roosevelt. Primarily a creature of political accident, combined with the lamentable assistance of a lunatic's bullet, he has become the protegee of plutocracy and a convenient marionette in the hands of the money power. The dignity of the office he has so repeatedly disgraced can afford him no protection from the public's scorn. He has nothing in him that suggests the statesman; he is merely a mouthing mountebank on the political stage, one who uses wind as a substitute for wisdom, a bladder of blarney whom the veriest pin-prick of truth would hopelessly puncture. This political accident who is saturated with the madness of militarism, who stands as the incarnation of imperialism, who apes the arrogance of William of Germany—whose mildest recreation is the wholesale slaughter of noble game that puts his own nature to shame—this creature could not reasonably be expected to intercede in behalf of justice for the persecuted victims of capitalist vipers. Roosevelt is the last resort of the desperate outlaws of capitalism. And right loyally does he seek to serve them. Bravely does he enter the breach and strive to turn the rising tide of popular wrath."

It will be seen that the Appeal clearly saw Roosevelt, the actual Roosevelt, six years ago as he now appears in the political prize ring in which he is making a spectacle of disgraceful alike to himself and to the high office he was permitted to fill by an ignorant and misguided people.

What the Appeal Thinks of the Big Republican Split

THE disgraceful political quarrel between President Taft and ex-President Roosevelt over the nomination for president is without a parallel in the history of the United States. Hitherto a certain degree of dignity has attached to the presidential office which has been kept inviolate since the foundation of the government. Only since Theodore Roosevelt became president has this dignity been thrown to the winds and the office once occupied by Lincoln reduced to a level that would disgrace a justice of the peace in a wide-open mining camp.

More than six years ago the Appeal to Reason began to tell the truth about Roosevelt to the American people. Even then it penetrated his mask and saw behind the great popular idol a spectacular harlequin, a political trickster, and a ranting demagogue whose consuming passion it was to disport himself in the limelight and parade himself as the political almighty of the United States.

Thousands of the readers of the Appeal criticised it sharply for attacking Roosevelt, declaring that it must be mistaken and that in any event it was bad policy to open fire on a popular idol such as Roosevelt undoubtedly was at that time. Notwithstanding these criticisms, amounting in many instances to bitter condemnation, the Appeal kept up its fire until now Roosevelt can be seen in his true colors by every one who is not as blind as a bat.

In the march of events a situation has developed in which this little god has been compelled to throw off his mask and appear as he is. If there are still those who worship him it is because of their own blind, wilful, stupid perversity which utterly unfits them for anything except to get down in the dust and crawl at the feet of a stuffed hero, or stupidly follow, like a yellow dog under a garbage cart, wherever his master may lead.

Not only ex-President Roosevelt, but President Taft also has been shown up in the falling out between these two half-crazed office-hunting politicians. An examination of the Appeal files will show that the Appeal has thoroughly known them both, these many years, although it was impossible to make the great American people, except the thinking few, see or believe it.

The charges that Roosevelt and Taft are now firing at each other and which prove them both corrupt and utterly unfit for the presidency, were made by the Appeal repeatedly since these two men have been conspicuous in the political affairs of the nation.

Let it be borne in mind that it is not now the Appeal that accuses Roosevelt and Taft, but that by the irony of fate they are accusing each other and repeating, substantially, the charges the Appeal made against them years ago. What is the essence of these charges? In a few words that both Taft and Roosevelt are the political candidates of big interests, of Wall street, that the campaigns of both have been financed by these pirates, and that they are and have been the creatures of these pirates, that they are both equally guilty, and that no honest man can support either with his vote for the presidency of the United States.

All we ask of our readers is that they shall consider impartially what Mr. Taft has said of Mr. Roosevelt and what Mr. Roosevelt has said of Mr. Taft during the past two weeks.

Now the fact is that both Taft and Roosevelt know each other thoroughly and in their hostility and mad eagerness to defeat each other are telling the absolute truth, one about the other, and it is this that is important to the American people. They can now see what kind of men their political managers have been nominating for them and what kind of heroes they have been worshipping as demi-gods.

But as if it were not enough for Taft and Roosevelt to be unloading the truth

on each other, George W. Perkins, the former partner of John Pierpont Morgan, is reluctantly forced to the front in the fight and is compelled by the force of circumstances to testify that he and those behind him have been financing both Taft and Roosevelt and that there is absolutely no difference between them so far as their backing and their corrupt campaigns for the presidency are concerned.

Read carefully and then think seriously over what Perkins says in the above statement and then remember that Perkins was until recently and is yet, perhaps, the partner of John Pierpont Morgan; that he is one of the leading directors of the steel trust, the harvester trust, and one of the principal figures in Wall street and Wall street politics. In this connection the questions put to Perkins by the New York World which are reproduced below are pointedly pertinent. Here are the World's questions:

"Why should George W. Perkins contribute \$15,000 to help Mr. Roosevelt carry the republican primaries in New York City?"

"Is it because Mr. Perkins is an ardent believer in the initiative and referendum?"

"Is it because his ardent soul is set on the recall of judicial decisions?"

"Is it because his confidence in a 'pure democracy' is such that he is willing to make any financial sacrifice in order that the nation may achieve this goal?"

"Is it because he believes that Theodore Roosevelt is the only statesman who is wise enough and patriotic enough to be president?"

"Or is it because Mr. Perkins finds in Mr. Roosevelt the most serviceable weapon for destroying the Sherman anti-trust law?"

"Mr. Perkins is chairman of the finance committee of the Harvester trust. He is a director of the steel trust. He is a director of the Standard Oil bank. He was formerly a partner of J. P. Morgan & Co. Mr. Perkins helped to collect the life insurance money for the Roosevelt campaign fund in 1904, and he is a very practical man."

"If he gave \$15,000 to the Roosevelt campaign fund in New York, how much has he given to the Roosevelt campaign fund in other states, and why?"

Let it not be forgotten that Roosevelt solemnly declared at the close of his last term that he would not be a candidate for a third term. He has proved himself an unmitigated falsifier and totally destitute of principle or honor.

The trusts have no better friend and the people no more treacherous enemy than Theodore Roosevelt.

As for President Taft, every man with an ounce of brains knows that his campaign was financed, as Perkins himself now admits, by Wall street and big interests, and the fact that he did his best to force the criminal Judge William C. Hook upon the supreme bench and that he named that judicial rapist, Richard E. Sloan, for the federal bench of Arizona at the command of the railroad and other corporations he had so abjectly served, this in itself is sufficient to load the name of Taft with an eternity of infamy.

These are the candidates of the great dominant capitalist party for the presidency of the United States; these are the most eminent statesmen, the greatest patriots, and the most distinguished citizens of the republic under capitalist misrule!

If you who read these lines are still the blind idolaters of these high corrupt-tionists, these low and vulgar politicians, these falsifiers and hypocrites, these tools of the trusts and foes of the people, we leave you to your own self-abasement as a hopeless specimen of the brainless idol-worshiper who is afflicted with the fatal hallucination that he is a man and the free citizen of a free republic.