

THE extremely hot weather has interfered with work in the press room to such an extent that the entire edition of the two first numbers of our special campaign issues have not yet been printed. This has delayed the start of our campaign, but we hope to have everything working in the shape of the end of this week. The copy of the September issue will be ready for the printer on the 14th. The copy of the September issue will be ready for the printer on the 14th. The copy of the September issue will be ready for the printer on the 14th.

Appeal to Reason.

J.A. WAYLAND

FRED D. WARREN

Girard, Kansas, U. S. A., September 14, 1912

It was the failure of Taft to invade and take Mexico at the instance of Morgan, when the way was opened to him so often, that "corked" him and led to the putting forth of Roosevelt, backed by the steel trust. Wilson is not in favor, because he is milkop who couldn't conduct a war. Colonel Roosevelt, the war lord, the killer, is the choice of plutocracy, and if he is elected there will be something doing in which you will have a chance to die for the good of the masters.

THE returns from Vermont election justify what I have said in these columns about the effect of the Roosevelt campaign on the Socialist vote. Two years ago the Socialists cast 1067 votes in Vermont. This year, according to the dispatches, the Socialist vote is 1115. Vermont is not, strictly speaking, a typical state, but it serves as an index of what we may expect, unless every Socialist worthy the name goes to work with the single purpose of showing to the nation who and what this man Roosevelt is and the interests back of him that expect to profit enormously by his election, as they did during his former administrations. Do all you can think to do and then in addition do what the *Appeal* tells you to do. In October, definite date to be announced later, the *Appeal* will issue a real Roosevelt number. We will go into his record carefully from the time he entered public life to the present day. Most of these facts are familiar in a general way to our old readers. But we should remember that we have thousands of new recruits who are not yet thoroughly grounded in the principles of our movement. These are the men and women to whom Roosevelt is making his specious plea when he refers hypocritically to "Brother Debs," the same Debs he branded as an undesirable citizen when he was the chief executive of the nation. There are now 25 million voters, counting the women in the states where they now have a presidential vote, and it is to these people we must go with our message and the facts of Roosevelt's checkered political career. We are going to win—yes—but we want to win now—not some day in the distant future. I know, and so do you, that the Roosevelt wave is but a passing one, but unless we take vigorous action now, this very day, to counteract that wave, it will serve this campaign to do just what the promoters designed it should—put us on the side track. This is what has, to all appearances, happened in Vermont. What they do this year they will be able, with their steel trust millions, to do next year. Now is the time to fight! This is our year! Let us not lose what we have so valiantly fought for and won! Roosevelt has said the old party politicians have lied about him, but he has never said the Socialists have lied about him. He is depending upon the sheer weight of the steel trust millions to smother our propaganda and to make so much noise that the people will forget long enough to give him their votes in November. The *Appeal* has never made a statement about this man that it cannot prove. Furthermore, our offer of five thousand dollars to anyone who will disprove our charge that Roosevelt knowingly used his official position while governor of New York to aid Harriman in stealing sixty-two million dollars will be renewed and published from the house tops throughout the nation. You can make the Bull Moosers answer this charge, and in answering it they will convict their leader of the greatest piece of political highway robbery ever pulled off in this country. This Roosevelt edition to come will be a startling bit of political history to these millions of unsuspecting people who have fallen into the trap laid for them by the steel trust and the harvester trust with the Oyster Bay artful dodger as bait. Let me repeat—this is a real fight, and we must prevent the national calamity foreshadowed in the Vermont election from happening in November. We are standing at Armageddon, but we are not battling for Lord Morgan and Lord McCormick. We are fighting for our children and for our wives and for the freedom of the working class!

A Bonafide Offer

Some of our readers seem to think that our offer of our "zinc mine" to the one who sends in the largest number of subscribers during the month of September is a joke. I want to assure you that this is the most serious offer I have ever made, and it is made for the purpose of increasing our list of subscribers. The wide-spread circulation, through the metropolitan newspapers, of the report that I had become fabulously wealthy as a result of the discovery of lead and zinc on this bit of Missouri land, of which I happen to be the proud possessor, had the effect on our business intended by those responsible for the printing of this story. We propose turning the tables on these fine fellows by making that "zinc mine" do service in increasing our list of subscribers. As told last week, this land is in Stone county, Mo. It is just east of the wonderfully rich mines in the Joplin district. Valuable deposits of lead and zinc have been opened in adjoining county on the east of the county in which this land that we are giving away is located. However, I do not want any reader of this paper to get the impression that I make any claim that this land is as valuable as reported in the metropolitan press. I am giving it to you just as I understand its value; forty acres of south Missouri soil on the high banks of the White river, one hundred feet above overflow, ideally situated for a summer camp or for a permanent home for the man who is willing to do some pioneer work. There is plenty of timber on the land, out of which a bungalow and other necessary buildings may be built. The White river is a beautiful winding stream, and they say it abounds with fish of all kinds.

The rules governing the contest are as follows:

- 1. Tracts Nos. 1 and 2 each consisting of ten acres, as described above, will be given to the two comrades who send in the most subscribers during the month of September as provided in Rule 2.
 - 2. Tract No. 1 will be a free for all and will be given to the comrade who sends in the most subscribers. Tract No. 2 will be given to the reader of this paper who has never sent in any subscription. This restriction on Tract No. 2 is made for the purpose of giving our new friends an equal opportunity with the older members of the APPEAL ARMY. In the event of a tie in either one of these contests, the ten-acre plots will be equally divided between the two contestants who send in the same number of subscribers, a very remote and unlikely occurrence.
 - 3. All subscriptions to be counted on this contest should reach this office between the first and thirtieth days of September. Six p. m. on the date last named will be the closing hour of the contest.
- I have a letter from one of our readers, asking me whether I would advise the winner to organize a mining company to develop this property. In reply I wish to say that I would under no circumstances advise anyone to risk any money on so uncertain a proposition. I have owned this land five years, and I have never considered it of sufficient value to do any development work, and I certainly would advise no one else to do so. My advice to the winners is that they hold the land, and allow someone else to develop its value. That is the capitalistic game, and you take no chances. If there is any mineral of value of this property, it will be de-

veloped within a very short time, judging from the rate of development now going on in that region. Let me suggest that you at once get busy in this contest. You have everything to gain, and nothing whatever to lose.

AND now it is Wilson who says it is his aim to "avert a revolution." They all know the issue and they are all alike.



TREAT a man like a dog and he may develop hydrophobia.

THE worker gets the toil and the shirker the spoil.

It is the Socialist's effort to waken a sleeping sinner that makes you so mad.

SOCIALISM is not state tyranny. It declares that the fullest democracy, even to democracy in industry.

PROGRESSIVENESS is for campaign purposes only. After election all the old parties stand pat with capitalism.

SOCIALISM stands for individual freedom. It can come in no other way than through social emancipation.

THE Roosevelt platform declares for the conservation of human resources. Socialists would conserve humanity.

SOCIALISM will not lift you to freedom by the seat of your trousers; it will awaken you so you can get it for yourself.

THE Bull Moosers are simply in the kindergarten of the Socialist school. If they have any sense at all they will advance beyond it.

SOCIALISM is not in favor of dividing up. It wants to stop the enforced dividing up of the products of the toilers with the spoilers in the form of dividends.

CAPITALISM makes criminals and then punishes them for being criminals. End capitalism and crime would end just as malaria ends when the swamp is drained.

ROOSEVELT might just as well add to his "confession" an admission of trust connections. An honest confession may be good for the soul, but denying the truth is not.

ABILITY truly insures success; but inasmuch as capitalists are looking for employes with ability it is more likely to make a success for the other fellow than for the possessor of the ability.

SOCIALISM is not disloyal. It would save America from the disgrace of landlordism, poverty, prostitution and crime, and would defend it from the privileged who are plundering it.

SOCIALISM is not opposed to private property. Its sole aim is to make it possible for every living person to possess private property, instead of only a few having that privilege, as at present.

SOCIALISM is not un-American. It exists here because the development of capitalism is greater in America than in any portion of the world, necessitating an opposition to the robbery wrought by that system.

SOCIALISM is not opposed to religion. It is not opposed to the home. Those who report otherwise are merely referring to a campaign of lies and slanders in order to uphold a system that has deprived the workers of homes and made religion a mockery.

So You Think

BY J. A. WAYLAND.
SO you think that politics has nothing to do with your wages or chance of getting employment, or your debts or poverty, eh? The banker tells you so. The politician tells you so. The monopolist tells you so. The people who live well and do nothing tell you so. Isn't it funny that all of these people are all of one mind? All these people live off of somebody. Do you know who that somebody is? All these people are very anxious about the elections. Do you ever ask yourself why? If politics has nothing to do with you why are you so interested? Do you think they are fools to spend their time and money on something there is nothing in for them? And if there is something in it for them, who pays that something? Why can't you see a little bit under the surface? Have they trained you like a soldier so you can't think but obey orders? Why are they so anxious that you don't vote with the Socialists? Why all this solicitation? Politics has everything to do with your wages and employment. It can render millions of you idle so you will have to work cheap, or it can have all of you busy getting big wages. They don't want you to find this out. They want you for a voting machine to help them live in luxury and power. And you've been doing it.

WAYS TO KILL SOCIALISM.

It appears that many are anxious to kill Socialism and they are loading up with all sorts of ammunition to do the work. For example, a good Catholic brother suggests that more churches be built. This will only educate the people into wanting greater justice and that, of course, will lead to Socialism.

Giovanni Pileuppi, a banker of New York, wants to stop immigration in order to head off Socialism. He does not realize that a poll of the Socialists of America shows that three-fourths of them are native born.

John H. Grabb (a good name, that), a wealthy Chicagoan, sees in Socialism a menace that "threatens the very foundation of our social fabric." That "foundation of our fabric" is a dandy metaphor. His remedy is to have the rich people welcome the poor into their homes at least once a week! When the poor people see the things they have made enjoyed by others they will be still more insistent on getting their full social product, so they may have a few good things themselves.

Rev. A. Goodbody (and no doubt he is), a local minister of Denver, says: "Socialists are wild, intemperate hawksters." He advocates the seizing and burning of all literature on the subject of Socialism. That is the way the bible was destroyed, a few centuries ago! You remember it, don't you, Brother Goodbody?

A Catholic prelate is going to educate the trade unionists out of Socialism. He doesn't realize that the more trade unionists are educated, the more socialistic they become.

There are three or four men in Oklahoma and Texas and elsewhere who are devoting their time exclusively to denouncing Socialism as favoring free love and irreligion. One of them was turned out of his own church as a disrupter of religion. Another has been shown up as a notorious violator of the seventh commandment.

The Bull Moose party was organized for the purpose of heading off Socialism. Instead of doing that it is aiding the agitation and before it gets through with it it will bring to us at least a million new Socialists.

The enemies of Socialism must really get together. They ought to hold a convention and discuss the really true way to kill Socialism.

As nearly as we can understand the charge, Roosevelt has alienated the affections of the republican party and this angers Taft. It would not be so bad, but he appears to have taken the campaign contributions from the stolen "iron."

Just Supposing

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SUPPOSE the working people had made twice or thrice the food and clothing and houses and machinery in the last few years would they be any better off today? Not a bit of it. They would not have received any more wages. Do railroad men receive any more wages for hauling a train of thirty heavily loaded cars than they do for half the number of empty ones? The trouble with the present deplorable condition of millions starving and freezing is not that the workers have not produced enough, but that they have produced too rapidly for the wages received. The truth is, that the task master, wage-slavers, have taken so nearly all the products of labor just because under the system they can, that what has been paid in wages or for crops will not keep soul and body of the working people together. Had the workers lived like Chinamen, a condition they are nearing, it would be just the same, for then wages would have been reduced to that level. The working people must capture the law making machinery and by the state employ themselves and do away with the speculating class. Then all will be well.

THE HILL BILLIES.

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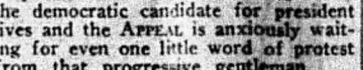
It may not be possible; the way things are at present operated, where one man clears off a little patch for corn here, another patch for potatoes there, and farms in dabs with the hoe, for him to raise products to the value of \$2,000 a year; but that is not the Socialist way. There has been an effort to develop the Ozark region in that way for several generations and without much success. Yet, the Ozarks are tremendously rich in mineral wealth and in water power that could be used in St. Louis, Kansas City, St. Joseph, Springfield and all the cities in the state.

It will take co-operative effort or socialized effort to develop these water powers. Socialized effort will also enable residents in the Ozarks to build roads, even electric lines, clear the hills and make the Ozarks a fruit and grape raising country equal to territory bordering the Rhine and Danube.

The Hill Billy, working with his hoe, is simply a thousand years behind the times. It is true that his income is often not so much as \$200 a year in cash. But it might be \$2,000 a year. Socialism does not necessarily mean that the prices the farmer receives for his products will be reduced. It simply means to cut out the waste and use the best methods. It means to give a market to the Hill Billies of the Ozarks so that they will be enabled to cultivate more extensively and with better machinery than at present. It means to teach real agriculture, not hunting, fishing and "chawin'."

The gang plow and the reaper may not be usable in the Ozarks, they are usable elsewhere. When Socialism becomes operative the land that is easily cultivated and that can be cultivated with the better machinery will be able to produce all the whole people will need. The Ozarks, rich in minerals, having natural phosphate for the growth of grapes and certain vegetables and possessing remarkable water power and beauty of scenery, will be developed along the natural line instead of along lines which are not suited to them as is done under the iniquity of present chaotic conditions.

SOMEONE asks, "Will not the bad women vote if given suffrage?" We hope so. This thing of making any class of people outcasts without any chance of expressing themselves whatever, whether they be bad women or the good women in your own homes, is outrageous. When bad women have a right to vote the good women will so far outnumber them that any viciousness they might express at the ballot box would be entirely overcome by the ballots of the pure.



You oughtn't to kick. These are actually good times—under capitalism. This is the very best the system can do for you, no difference who is elected.

It is easy enough for Roosevelt to defend himself on the charge of being used by the Standard Oil. It would not be so easy for him to prove that he was not while president the subservient tool of the Morgan interests. In the war between Morgan and Rockefeller he always took the side of Morgan. Let him deny, if he will, that he was responsible, contrary to law, for the Tennessee Coal and Iron company steal.

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OUT of each \$100 spent by Uncle Sam in 1910, \$71 were for war purposes and only \$18.85 for forwarding agriculture. Killing the foreigner is so much more important than helping the farmer who feeds us.

THE fring of all the guns one time on one battleship costs \$150,000. This sum would build homes for 150 workers that the system has left homeless. But capitalism continues to shoot American homes into smithereens.

It costs \$55,000 to make a twelve inch gun—when profit is added to the manufacture of it. This money would reclaim 4,500 acres of arid land and enable 500 people to make a living off the reclaimed territory. But it is better to kill than to save!

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Socializing Socialism

THE APPEAL has never joined in the cry against Roosevelt for stealing the Socialist platform. It is quite true that more than twenty-one planks of that platform were transferred to the so-called "progressive" platform, but Socialism wishes to see its principles widely adopted. The fact that other parties are taking up the ideas indicates a spread of the idea among all people. It is, if you please, to put it so, the socializing of Socialism. This does not in the least minimize individual culpability of politicians who merely take advantage of the unrest of the people by using Socialist lights to lure the people into the wilderness while pretending to lead them into the promised land. It merely shows that Socialism had become so great a force that they cannot longer ignore it. It is like the leaven hid in the three measures of meal that is leavening the whole lump.



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The Battle Opens

Those of you who have manifested an interest in the case of John Wittman will be glad to know that our attorney, J. I. Sheppard, expects to open proceedings in the district court within ten days. This case, because of its unique and unusual features, is already attracting nationwide interest, and I believe I am safe in predicting that before it is ended, it will be generally recognized as one of the famous legal battles of this century. John Wittman is the miner who was crippled eight years ago as a result of a mine accident due entirely to the criminal carelessness of the coal mining corporation for which he worked. The statute of limitations was allowed to expire, and the two-year limit in which he could have brought suit for damages was passed before John Wittman learned that he would have no standing in court. In his ignorance of Kansas law, he did not know that the mining corporation and its clever attorney had made him promises of relief during these two years for the very purpose of permitting this time limit to expire. It has now been six years since Wittman could, under the laws of Kansas, take his case into court. During these six years

years of waiting, this crippled miner and his wife and their five children have struggled against poverty and want. The mining corporation has forgotten the existence of this man, but we propose, through our Legal Defense department, to call their attention to the injustice they have meted out to their former employe. Am fully aware of the uncertainty and magnitude of this job we have undertaken. But I am counting upon the APPEAL ARMY to stand behind us in this fight, and I, therefore, have no fear as to the ultimate outcome. The success of our work in the Frank Lane case has encouraged us in this more difficult task. If you have not already sent us your pledge that you will send to our weekly magazine, the *Coming Nation*, one yearly subscription each month for twelve months, the profits from which are to be used to pay the expenses of this case, do not delay in cutting out the blank printed below, and sending to us by return mail. If after this contest is ended you feel dissatisfied in any way with your investment in this work of helping the helpless, let me know, and I shall cheerfully return to you any money you may have sent us on this case.

Cut out this Pledge—sign, and return to Girard, Kans.

HELPING THE HELPLESS

Coming Nation, Girard, Kansas.

Dear Comrades—I herewith hand you my pledge to send to the *Coming Nation* one subscription each month for twelve months with the understanding that the profits from this subscription campaign are to be devoted to the work of securing a hearing for John Wittman, the abandoned miner, whose case was outlawed by trickery and fraud by those responsible for his misfortune. I pledge myself to send to you promptly on the first day of each month one subscription to the *Coming Nation*; failing to get the subscription I pledge myself to buy a subscription card in lieu thereof.

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The Soul of the "One Hoax"

In "Leaves of Life" Comrade Wayland has given to the world the story of his twenty years of agitation for the emancipation of the world from the slavery into which it has been plunged by the Lords of Bribe...

Appeal Poet

Come, Prisoners of Hope. Come, prisoners of hope, see the heart's beating up...

The Man Who Thinks

THE man who thinks is still a rarity. Many a man votes the same old ticket year after year...

Socialist Distribution

From Edward Bellamy's "Looking Backward." "After what I have seen today, I said to myself with you have told me...

Does it indeed seem so to you? responds Dr. Leete. "I assure you that it is nothing of the kind...

Ryan Walker's master cartoon, "Can the Leopard Change His Spots?" is causing more comment in political circles than any picture since the days of Th. Nast...

Stoves on Credit Our \$1 Gift

Our new Stove Book shows 456 Heating Stoves and Ranges—the entire Empire line. Prices run from \$8c up. Stoves for wood, coal, gas or oil.

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Senate Document No. 196—Report from the Immigration Commission on the Importation and Harboring of Women for Immoral Purposes.

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Face About

EVERY vote cast for Socialism in the coming election, will be counted and recounted, and commented upon by every live newspaper and magazine from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

Socialism stands for the liberation of 2,000,000 children from wage slavery and affording them the opportunity of enjoying their childhood and of receiving education and development.

Socialism demands the control of the job by the man that works it, by giving the ownership of the tools to the producers, the ownership of the land and the natural resources thereof to the nation, and the ownership of nothing to the exploiter and idler.

Socialism demands the crippling and butchery of hundreds of thousands of our sons and brothers, trained usually for profit, be stopped for all time.

Socialism demands that each and every human being shall be afforded free and full equality of opportunity to develop his or her highest and best qualities, unhampered and unhampered.

Face about, neighbor, lift your weary eyes toward the horizon of human progress and promise and behold the rising sun of Socialism shed its bright, warm rays upon a busy, industrious, free and happy people.

Revolutionary Song The Toilers' March. Tune—L. M. Marsellina. Up, arouse, workmen! You are sleeping...

Laws and rules, every government favors mammon, the rich man—a few crooked judges and a few crooked lawyers.

Trusts and graft, combinations of stealth, are the outcome of toil—your creation of America's unhonored, unloved, spoiled and greedy, lawless confusion.

THE ENSLAVED SOUTH. The National Rip-Saw is making some fearful exposures of conditions in the southern lumber camps.

Dear Comrade—I am in receipt of your book, "Leaves of Life." To say that I am well pleased doesn't do the case justice.

THE GOLDEN AGE. "Perhaps the world is now again about to enter upon a golden age, God grant it may be so."

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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Is it possible to do away with the profit system and graft so long as money, labor units or any other medium of exchange is negotiable? We think so.

Could a man under Socialism buy a horse for a certain sum and sell it to his neighbor for more than he had paid, thereby accumulating something and continue the process indefinitely?

How does the plank in the Socialist platform calling for "the collective ownership of land wherever practicable, and in cases where such ownership is impracticable, the appropriation by taxation of the annual rental value of all land held for speculation or exploitation apply to the man with anything from one to three hundred acres where he is making his home?

They say Sam Reed is a goin' to speak over to the school house to-night. Sams a candidate, and is accusin' his opponent of some purty hard things.

It sartainly is a sight how times is changed. By gosh, when I was a young man we jest simply voted; yes, voted by principle.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S Socialist League of Chicago, a branch of the international movement, is preparing to build a home.

Socialists of Polk county, Mo., held a three days picnic, August 21st to 23rd. They had good crowds and good speaking and sold much literature.

At Decatur, Ark., a park has been dedicated to the cause of Socialism, and a successful three days' encampment was held there this year.

THE FARM Journal, of Philadelphia, has begun a straw vote for president. In the first issue the vote stood as follows: Debs, 55; Taft, 24; Roosevelt, 40; Chas. I., 40; Wilson, 40.

THE PHILADELPHIA Ledger says that the colored voters of Pennsylvania are turning to the Socialist party almost in masses. It is the only party that offers them anything like justice.

THE Socialist campaign book is just out. It is full of good points relative to the campaign. The platform of all parties are printed for comparison.

THE soldiers' reunion at Borrill, Neb., was to be addressed by the three candidates for governor, but only Fred J. Warren, the Socialist candidate, appeared. The others were probably afraid.

THE Socialist's idea of using vacant lots in towns and cities for gardening purposes, employing the boys and idle men, paying them wages, and selling the product to remunerate the city, is being utilized very extensively in towns and villages in the east.

THE Northern Illinois district fair has set aside September 29th as Socialist day. There will be three speeches, John C. Kennedy, candidate for governor, Joseph McCabe, candidate for congress, Twelfth district, and George North Taylor, candidate for member of state legislature.

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The Democratic Idea

I've been a hard workin' guy all my life; spects to ails be, but by gosh I'm true to principle. Never knew a scrawlin' the good old democratic ticket; no, sir, I don't believe in no nigger equality.

Another good thing the democrats have got about a long time, and that's separate steam kyar to ride in from niggers. By gosh, I don't want to equalize myself with an onery nigger by ridin' in the same steam kyar.

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Socialists of Polk county, Mo., held a three days picnic, August 21st to 23rd. They had good crowds and good speaking and sold much literature.

At Decatur, Ark., a park has been dedicated to the cause of Socialism, and a successful three days' encampment was held there this year.

THE FARM Journal, of Philadelphia, has begun a straw vote for president. In the first issue the vote stood as follows: Debs, 55; Taft, 24; Roosevelt, 40; Chas. I., 40; Wilson, 40.

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ONE HOSS THOUGHT FOOD

WHEN the king appoints the judges the judges decide for the king. When the rich make the president and the president appoints the judges, for whom will the judge decide?

How pleasant it is to be able to make someone do all the servile work of the world while you have nothing to do but hunt for amusement. How sad it is that the working class is so senseless as to stagger along under the load which capitalism has strapped on its back, when Socialism would take the load off and make the capitalist help carry it.

Do you wonder at man failing and losing their property? Why should you? How do you suppose millionaires get the property they possess if somebody does not lose it? Do you suppose that their wealth comes to them out of the clouds? That other men do not lose what they gain? Can a king have power without curtailing the liberty of the people? No; nor can a monopoly gain wealth unless other people create and lose it.

WHAT pleasure a farmer must take toiling all day in the hot sun producing raw material which the capitalist class, through another band of serfs called wage-earners, work into an finished product, and then sell at an enormous profit. For every drop of sweat there is a cool shade, a dinner party, a monkey banquet, a junketing trip through Europe, a titled wedding, or some other demoralizing event for the idle posterity of the capitalist class.

FROM THE FIRES OF HELL.
The genius that is crushed by this system into a shapeless mass of horror is an everlasting shame. They say that there is too much poetry. There is too little. Man naturally speaks in hopeful poetic phrases, but the system has crushed him until he cannot express himself aright. From the mills of Pittsburgh comes the following poem, which is stronger than thousands that have been turned out by men and women of fame. But this is a cry from the depths. "The writer says: 'I work for \$1.75 and I am ill-fitted for the coarse job I hold. I am about to give in and can't express myself as I would wish.' The poem follows:

The furnace blasts and the clanging sound
Of fire and steam and steel,
And the weary man that slings the sled,
Too weary and wasted to feet,
While the pack drives streams with gay
and proud
And snobbish employers—why
Are men strong sinners and crazed with heat
Peened up in the mills to die?
The hammers pete like hell in hell,
And hissing fire glare,
And the ill-shod work-worm slaves toll on,
And the heavy iron that drives care?
While the August sun makes lovers seek
The sweetest girl in the park,
The hammer swings in those sweltering
rooms
Where the red beams sputter and spark.
They bathe bare-limbed on the docks at sea,
And sit starved up in the shade,
But the steel mills' inhuman sweat-soaked
feet
Are the soul-sick slights they've made,
Their sin food drinks and idly stretch,
While the heavy iron that drives care?
While men are driven to death in hell
With the food of a beast in pay.
Then ill-kempt poverty's sudden dress
Come beat with the empty pall
From the Carnegie mills where the blood
Rolls out as a railroad rail.
The dukes and dames and lies of the earth,
Who wouldn't pick up a pin,
Ride away in their beautiful cars made
bright
With the paint and the flowers of sin.
This is the heart cry of a worker, of an "ignorant foreigner," if you choose to put it so. It is the effort of a soul that is crushed by the machinery of the masters. It is genius ground into dollars for the use of the idle rich. The name signed is Clarence Sjoblom.

A FINANCIAL BASIS.
A Philadelphia reader of the **APPEAL** writes: "I have tried to understand Socialism but I can't understand on what financial basis the government could be run under Socialism. How would commerce be carried on with other countries, or what would they pay foreign merchants for goods that were shipped to the United States?"
First of all, Socialism must will socialize the money and banking systems of the country. This will mean that no money of any kind whatsoever can be issued except by the general government. It will mean also that the general government, probably through the postal savings banks, will enjoy a monopoly of banking. All money, therefore, will be deposited in government banks, and up to a safe margin, be available for the conducting of commerce and all sorts of business. So soon as it is spent it will naturally be re-deposited in these banks; the process being repeated indefinitely, just as it is today in the private banks.
The government will buy in the foreign markets such things as the people need, but she will bring it here in her own vessels and sell it at actual cost of purchase and transportation. Tariffs will be unknown. As a result, everything will be sold at a lower price, while the producer will receive more than at present. Take for example, coffee. In Brazil it sells by the bushel at very little more than what sells for in the United States. Here it sells by the pound, averaging, perhaps, twenty cents. The increase is something like twelve-fold over the original cost.
The correspondent is anxious to know what would happen in case of all the capitalists were to withdraw their money from circulation. If they withdrew their money from circulation the government would issue its money, and their money wouldn't be worth a rap, any more than your individual money would be. Moreover, if they attempted such a treasonable thing as that, their properties could be seized under the laws of treason and put into operation at once. The matter of withdrawing money from circulation wouldn't worry the Socialists a minute, although it would be a serious thing for those who believe in capitalism.

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The same article says: "The two creeks are hot beds of Socialism, perhaps 80 per cent of the men being Socialists. The **APPEAL** TO REASON is a popular journal with them, and whenever one gets a copy it is passed around and read until it is worn out. It is said to be difficult to get the paper circulated because it is supposed to be under the ban of the mine owners, and a man who subscribes for it would be driven out of the mine, but it is smuggled in in great numbers and passed from man to man."

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ONE HOSS THOUGHT FOOD

WHEN the king appoints the judges the judges decide for the king. When the rich make the president and the president appoints the judges, for whom will the judge decide?

How pleasant it is to be able to make someone do all the servile work of the world while you have nothing to do but hunt for amusement. How sad it is that the working class is so senseless as to stagger along under the load which capitalism has strapped on its back, when Socialism would take the load off and make the capitalist help carry it.

FROM THE FIRES OF HELL.
The genius that is crushed by this system into a shapeless mass of horror is an everlasting shame. They say that there is too much poetry. There is too little. Man naturally speaks in hopeful poetic phrases, but the system has crushed him until he cannot express himself aright. From the mills of Pittsburgh comes the following poem, which is stronger than thousands that have been turned out by men and women of fame. But this is a cry from the depths. "The writer says: 'I work for \$1.75 and I am ill-fitted for the coarse job I hold. I am about to give in and can't express myself as I would wish.' The poem follows:

The furnace blasts and the clanging sound
Of fire and steam and steel,
And the weary man that slings the sled,
Too weary and wasted to feet,
While the pack drives streams with gay
and proud
And snobbish employers—why
Are men strong sinners and crazed with heat
Peened up in the mills to die?
The hammers pete like hell in hell,
And hissing fire glare,
And the ill-shod work-worm slaves toll on,
And the heavy iron that drives care?
While the August sun makes lovers seek
The sweetest girl in the park,
The hammer swings in those sweltering
rooms
Where the red beams sputter and spark.
They bathe bare-limbed on the docks at sea,
And sit starved up in the shade,
But the steel mills' inhuman sweat-soaked
feet
Are the soul-sick slights they've made,
Their sin food drinks and idly stretch,
While the heavy iron that drives care?
While men are driven to death in hell
With the food of a beast in pay.
Then ill-kempt poverty's sudden dress
Come beat with the empty pall
From the Carnegie mills where the blood
Rolls out as a railroad rail.
The dukes and dames and lies of the earth,
Who wouldn't pick up a pin,
Ride away in their beautiful cars made
bright
With the paint and the flowers of sin.
This is the heart cry of a worker, of an "ignorant foreigner," if you choose to put it so. It is the effort of a soul that is crushed by the machinery of the masters. It is genius ground into dollars for the use of the idle rich. The name signed is Clarence Sjoblom.

A FINANCIAL BASIS.
A Philadelphia reader of the **APPEAL** writes: "I have tried to understand Socialism but I can't understand on what financial basis the government could be run under Socialism. How would commerce be carried on with other countries, or what would they pay foreign merchants for goods that were shipped to the United States?"
First of all, Socialism must will socialize the money and banking systems of the country. This will mean that no money of any kind whatsoever can be issued except by the general government. It will mean also that the general government, probably through the postal savings banks, will enjoy a monopoly of banking. All money, therefore, will be deposited in government banks, and up to a safe margin, be available for the conducting of commerce and all sorts of business. So soon as it is spent it will naturally be re-deposited in these banks; the process being repeated indefinitely, just as it is today in the private banks.
The government will buy in the foreign markets such things as the people need, but she will bring it here in her own vessels and sell it at actual cost of purchase and transportation. Tariffs will be unknown. As a result, everything will be sold at a lower price, while the producer will receive more than at present. Take for example, coffee. In Brazil it sells by the bushel at very little more than what sells for in the United States. Here it sells by the pound, averaging, perhaps, twenty cents. The increase is something like twelve-fold over the original cost.
The correspondent is anxious to know what would happen in case of all the capitalists were to withdraw their money from circulation. If they withdrew their money from circulation the government would issue its money, and their money wouldn't be worth a rap, any more than your individual money would be. Moreover, if they attempted such a treasonable thing as that, their properties could be seized under the laws of treason and put into operation at once. The matter of withdrawing money from circulation wouldn't worry the Socialists a minute, although it would be a serious thing for those who believe in capitalism.

ON THE DEFENSIVE.
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It would be so impractical to make clothing for people to wear instead of for profit.
It would be so impractical to build houses for people to live in instead of an income for some landlord.
It would be so impractical to build railroads for people to ride on and send goods where needed, instead of for speculation.
It would be so impractical to mine coal for people to burn instead of for making coal millionaires.
It would be so impractical to refine oil for use instead of profit for the Standard Oil tyrants.
It would be so impractical to build theaters and opera houses for people to enjoy, instead of for the profit of a few schemers.
It would be so impractical to construct street cars, water works, gas and electric plants for the people to enjoy, instead of for a few to get wealthy on.
So wonderfully, so ridiculously impracticable are any such suggestions that the foolhardy advocates of such wild, visionary, utopian ideas are considered insane, while those who are being robbed by the present practical system are so very, very sane! And man is said to be endowed with reason! He believes the lies told him by those who are robbing him into poverty and ignorance, but has only loathing for those who advocate a system that would yield peace, plenty and pleasure to all. The new system would not benefit any of its advocates an iota more than it would benefit any other man or woman in the land. There are no hard or soft jobs in the new order, but honest work is demanded of everyone if that one cat.

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Socialist Stories

Reform of the Criminals.

MY companion on the observation car leaned back in his willow chair and remarked, addressing no one in particular:
"It was absolutely the most remarkable thing I ever heard of. I have been trying ever since it came to my knowledge to account for it and I am not at all satisfied yet with my deductions. At first I endeavored to make the idea of the gregariousness of things cover the point. It is well known, of course, that men and sheep herd themselves together, that trees grow in bunches and groves, that stars form in constellations, and that events of a certain kind occur in groups. I thought that probably this tendency accounted for the fact of their being made a reform when a few caught the idea of changing their habits of life."
Here I interrupted. "You have forgotten to tell me," I said, "what the event was. If I understood I might be able to suggest a reason for it."
"The event," said he, "was the sudden and widespread reform of the criminal element in the land of Usonia. The same idea seemed to take possession of all the criminals at the same time, and there was a general change of habit which I consider the most remarkable thing in history. After considering the tendency of things to group together, from a drop of water to the constellations in the heavens, I thought next of the psychology of the affair. That suggestion is a power, is now generally acknowledged