

THE cause is worth all you have. Millions have given their lives for less noble purposes. Be men, worthy of being called Americans. Of what use is your life, if it is only to serve the corporation masters?

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Appeal to Reason.

Confiscate the Industries

LET us not beat around the bush about the question that captions this article. Like Hoses, Bigelow let us come out "plump and flat" on the question of confiscation.

We do not speak for the Socialist party. But we do speak for the APPEAL to Reason and for ourselves.

We make no apology for advocating the confiscation of the nation's industries as soon as we have the power to confiscate them.

The rebels of '76 confiscated the colonial possessions and drove out King George and his vassals who held the legal title to them.

The Lincoln administration confiscated the slave property of the southern slave holders and this constitutes its crowning glory.

The railroads of this nation have plundered the people without mercy every since the first of them was chartered. The people have paid for them over and over again and now when the people come to take possession of these railroads, which they built, and which in very truth belong to them, they would be nothing less than idiotic to turn over the public treasury to the private capitalists whose claim to them would not bear for one instant the searchlight of honest inquiry.

So with the telegraph and the telephone. So with the steel mills and the coal mines; so with the oil refineries and the cotton mills.

Has anyone the brazen audacity to claim that we, the working people, who produced all these things and paid for them with our very life blood, have no better title to them than the scheming and intriguing parasites who secured their heinous titles through their own corrupt legislatures, congresses and courts?

Who shall say that the Rockefellers have not been paid a thousand times over in the very blood of the working class for the means of life of the common people which they claim to privately own?

Who shall say that Andrew Carnegie has not been paid a thousand times over for all the useful and productive labor he ever did for the American people?

Who shall say that John Pierpont Morgan, who rakes in twenty million dollars in a night for organizing a criminal trust, pure robbery, every dollar of it, has not been compensated in full for every claim he has on the working class?

Who shall say that George F. Baer, the anthracite coal baron, who has wrung millions from the starved bodies of the coal diggers, has not been paid to the last farthing a hundred times over for what service he has rendered to society?

Who shall say that the cold-blooded pirates that have been looting West Virginia for half a century and are now having the miners shot down like dogs ought to be paid once more for the mines they stole from the people in the first instance and out of which they have piled up millions of dollars which they confiscated from the working class?

If when Socialists come into power any one has any just claim against the workers he may be sure that justice will be done him, but as for the exploiters who have been producing what the workers have been producing all these years, we will have no more scruples in taking from them what they have taken from us than they had in taking it.

Of course we expect to confiscate the nation's industries legally, for as we shall have the power to legalize our acts the same as the capitalists now do, we can quite easily give legal sanction to whatever may be necessary to secure the peace, prosperity and happiness of the people.

Millions of people under capitalism have not enough to eat. Millions of women are half fed and half dressed and millions of children are devoured bodily by the moloch of capitalism. These are infinitely more important to us than the private property of the capitalist class.

Through all the dark centuries of the past since private property first came into existence, humanity has been enslaved, crushed and degraded by it. Socialism means that humanity comes first and that whatever humanity requires must have first consideration.

Our wives and children are infinitely more important than the private property of the confiscating capitalist class. Whatever is necessary to satisfy their wants in full we shall proceed to take, to freely help ourselves, as soon as we have the economical and political power to do it.

We would have no one under any mistaken impression so far as our position on confiscation is concerned. We want the capitalists themselves to know that we are organizing to take from them the right and power they have had since the beginning of capitalism to take from us the proceeds of our toil.

The APPEAL to Reason unfolds the flag of confiscation and appeals to all the flag of the nation, in the mills and mines, on the railroads and the farms, to rally beneath its folds and hasten the day of their deliverance.

Dueberg said that he was going to arrange with Mr. Lovejoy to get Lasater to come to his house and talk about the Appeal to Reason and that he would have a dictagraph placed in Mr. Lovejoy's house and would have reliable witnesses to listen to the conversation. He also stated that in case they couldn't do this, he and Lovejoy were going to get someone who could imitate Lasater's voice and have him talk about the Appeal to Reason so that the witnesses would think it was Lasater. Sworn testimony of L. C. Chance, postoffice inspector.

The government does not advertise the benefits of the postoffice like it does the beauties of the navy. It does not need to. The one serves, the other destroys, and the people can see it without argument.

May 5th Draws Near

The great conspiracy against the APPEAL is attracting nationwide attention. The thousands and thousands of copies of the APPEAL, telling about the prosecution that was circulated before the remarkable Chance affidavit was made, plowed the ground for the reception of the seed long before even the APPEAL knew what was to follow.

The Chance and Lovejoy affidavits, as printed in the APPEAL of April 23rd, fairly took away the breath of those who read them and made a fitting climax to that which had preceded them.

But the fight is not at an end. The enemy is simply enraged, and at the coming trial in Fort Scott, May 5th, the APPEAL will face a desperate prosecution ready to resort to any tactics and with unlimited money behind it.

It is absolutely essential that more and more should know of the conspiracy in order that public sentiment may be raised. Already orders for No. 906, containing the affidavits, are coming in. They should simply flood the APPEAL in the next week or two.

This and the preceding number, 804, which tells the entire story of the prosecution, should be circulated together. It will make the entire plot in all its startling horrors clear to the new reader. If enough are circulated the APPEAL will go free. If not, it will be convicted.

It is possible to extend the circulation of 804 to 2,000,000 and of 906 to 2,000,000 before the trial, but it will take a supreme effort by all the APPEAL readers, working without delay.

Five hundred copies of both will be sent for \$5 or 500 copies of either for \$2. Will you take a part in the fight?

BUSINESS cares absolutely nothing for law, unless it makes the law. It is not as bad to say damn as to do damn, like the capitalist system does.

WHILE this is the golden age of the capitalists, it is the silver wage of the toilers. It would be cheaper to lose in every war than to go to war and make both sides lose.

WORKERS are shuttles in the political machines that weave garments for the rich to wear.

"CULTURE" these days consists of knowing how to make the other fellow make your living.

EDUCATION may breed discontent, but it also teaches how to bring conditions with which it will be contented.

SIXTY years ago Rockefeller was a worker. Then he served. Now he has ceased to work, and is served.

THE fact that there are four and a half million men out of employment is no criterion. Wall street is prosperous and that is sufficient.

THE latest merger is that of the republican and democratic parties, and the principal stockholders hope soon to be able to absorb the progressives.

An old proverb says: "That which is not good for the swarm is not good for the bee." Individualism is a failure because it has impoverished the swarm.

AMERICA is a rich country. Its body politic is infested with 2,000,000 fat parasites.

THEY tell you Socialists see no good in anything, but they err. Socialists see so much good in humanity that they propose an honest system that will bring the good to the fore.

CAPITALISTS are brigands who rob the toilers of what they produce, only they do it according to law in a perfectly safe and sane manner. It beats the old way of risking one's life to accomplish the same result.

If the human body is a commodity to be bought and sold, then there is no reason why the human soul should not be the same. And it is, under the system that buys labor. Socialism alone will free both body and soul.

It is stated that in Milan, Italy, there is a statue of a man minus his skin, with his skin hanging over his shoulder. It is entitled "The Cuttle Bearer." That man is the worker. He skins himself and bears his skin to his master whom he denominates his employer.

The barbarism in Mexico, attended by the rankest hypocrisy, still continues. Governor Gonzales, a Madero follower, was captured and was being taken to Mexico City. He was thrust under a moving train by the soldiers and almost cut in two, then shot dead. The administration, financed from Wall street, is anything but popular rule, and is contrary to the spirit of Americanism.

"No statesman has ever said there should be no government at all. Anarchy is at an extreme, and pantheistic deism, which is the absorption of the people into one man, is the sovereign of the other. All governments contain the two opposite tendencies and were either attraction or repulsion, central power or individuality to disappear, civil order would be crushed or dissolved."—Bancroft, in his "History of the United States."

It is announced that 41,000 acres of government forest reservation in western Kansas is to be opened for settlement. It is another of the outrages that have been perpetrated on the people for half a century. This land belongs to the whole people and should be used for the purpose of breaking the power of unemployment and landlordism. To divert it to private uses either as a gift or for a nominal sum of money is a betrayal of the public trust, tantamount to treason.

Suit to Set at Rest Libels on Wayland

CAPITALISM AND WEDLOCK.

The ruling class through its retainers continues to spread broadcast its shameless misrepresentations of Socialism.

Among these no calumny has ever been more persistently circulated than the one charging Socialism with being an organized assault upon the sanctity of the marriage relation and the family ties. This has usually been buttressed with additional slander that Socialism was grossly immoral and that it would undermine the very foundations of society.

When you encounter the next falsifier of this sort put before him the two following statements made by Dr. C. W. Woodward, health officer of the District of Columbia, to the Senatorial Vice Commission of the state of Illinois, at its recent session at Washington, D. C.

First—Fifty per cent, or one half, of all the men, as shown in the hospital records of patients, received for all causes of disease and ten per cent are afflicted with venereal diseases.

Second—Ten per cent of all the recorded births in the District of Columbia last year were illegitimate, the mothers being between thirteen and twenty years of age in a majority of cases.

That is what now exists under capitalism, a condition not only shocking in the extreme but threatening to consume society in its own moral putridity.

According to this showing half the men are diseased, ten per cent of them with loathsome maladies, and one out of every ten babies born is illegitimate.

Here is capitalism for you, dear reader, with a vengeance.

And yet there are thousands of servile defenders of capitalism who have the unmitigated gall to charge Socialism with having immoral designs upon society. The miserable mercenaries of the master class, who "crook the pregnant hinges of the knees where threat may follow fawnin'" have their factories insulated so that the foul stenches of capitalism beneath their very noses do not offend them.

THEFT OF OUR HERITAGE.

In some respects we are behind our forefathers. As early as 1850 a Free Soil party came into existence to protest against the giving away of the public domain. The platform demands of this party in 1853 was as follows:

"The public lands of the United States belong to the people and should not be sold to individuals, nor granted to corporations, but should be held as a sacred trust for the benefit of the people."

Since those days more than one-third of the territory of the United States has been given away. The servants of the people, elected to conserve their interests, squandered the birthright of the Americans. It is this that has made America, with the choicest territory of any section in the world, land poor within sixty years.

And today we hear of millions of acres of the public domain being sold for almost nothing and enter no protest. It has come to be considered the right thing. Since the beginning of this century there has been enough public lands given away and sold for nominal figures that if operated by the government and put to use would have employed every idle man in the United States and automatically have raised the wages of everybody employed in transportation or manufacturing. Already this year several million acres have been sold for almost nothing. If this policy continues a little longer there will be nothing left of the greatest heritage any people in any age ever possessed. Nothing but slavery will remain for the Americans and it will be their own fault that it is so.

Our time was spent making plans whereby I was to get acquainted with Mr. Lasater and my wife was to get acquainted with Mrs. Lasater and frighten them into making a confession.

Dueberg explained to me all about how to proceed in the matter, how to take advantage of Lasater's sickness and Mrs. Lasater's fear in the matter, and then wanted to know if I could not get Lasater to visit me in my home.—Sworn testimony of A. W. Lovejoy.

HORRORS! The military having charge of the governmental affairs in the Dayton flood zone are confiscating things right and left. There were some of the inhabitants who believed in private property and that the country would go to the bow-wows unless they could do as they please, with what belonged to them, so they put up the price of what necessities they had and that others needed. Even the army officers saw the injustice of it and confiscated all rations they found. But doesn't it occur to you that we are foolish to recognize that right one time and at one place and not at another time and place? Isn't one calamity just as much a calamity to those it affects as another is to those it affects? Isn't the generally paperized condition of the world's workers a more terrible infection to the body politic than the comparatively small world affected by the Omaha tornado or the Dayton flood district? Why not bring about a condition of affairs which would eliminate any need of even a thought of confiscation?

Two Russian refugees, both Socialists, are being held up by America with a possibility of being returned for execution. One, Elias Kagan, is held at Ellis Island, N. Y. The other, Samuel Orlovsky, is detained at San Francisco. The offense of these men was Socialist activity. It remains to be seen whether or not the Wilson administration will grant refuge to political offenders from other countries as contemplated by the constitution.

TRUE HEROISM.

It takes great love to stir the human heart to live beyond the others and apart. A love that is not shallow, is not small, is not for gain or two, but for the good. Love that can wound love for its highest good.

Love that can leave love, though the heart may bleed. Love that can lose love, family and friend. Yet steadfastly live, loving to the end. A love that asks no answer, that can live moved by one burning, deathless purpose to give.

Love, strength and courage; courage, strength and love. The heroes of all times are built thereof. This is indeed heroism! Charlotte Perkins Gilman is one of the poets of the social revolution and in these inspired lines she has idealized the heroic souls who have the strength and courage and love in such superlative degree and in such perfect combination that they give themselves freely with all their hearts to the cause to which they consecrate themselves, and no matter how bitter the trials, how agonizing their privations and sufferings, they keep their heads erect, they do their work and they remain steadfast and true to the end.

There are many thousands of these moral heroes in the ranks of the Socialist movement whose names are unknown, but whose consecrated lives shine forth like stars in the firmament.

THE NEW AMENDMENT.

At last a sufficient number of states have ratified the 17th amendment to the constitution to make the provision for direct election of senators a part of that document.

The history of the fight for direct election of senators makes clear how hard it is under the present constitution for the people to have their way. The agitation began in 1823 and has continued almost without abatement to the present time. The anomaly of it is that the declaration of independence declares that whenever the people wish to express themselves it is their duty to alter or abolish constitutions. It is becoming a well-known fact in history that the constitution was purposely so framed as to give the people but little expression. The president and senate were elected by a popular vote, but by a nonsensical roundabout way. The federal judges were appointed. The only thing the people were permitted to do was to elect the house of representatives and as there was no provision for recall they were entirely out of the hands of the people.

After all this agitation for the direct election of senators, the victory of the people is slight. The senators are not subject to recall and as a consequence may do as they always have done in the past—utterly ignore the interests of the people who elect them. It becomes more and more evident that a complete change of the constitution is necessary to establish a real democracy in America.

This is by no means an overthrow of the government nor even a change in the spirit of Americanism when the constitution was adopted. In fact, it is a return to what spirit. The fight for real democracy was then started for nine months and in the struggle for many months afterward there was an ignoring of the people's interests which it is time was reversed.

I met him at his room and then he proposed that we put a dictagraph in my house and get Lasater and Phifer to come down to the house at different times and enter into conversation in regard to the Appeal and a few matters, and at this time stated that they had no ill will toward Lasater, and no desire to harm him, but that through him they wanted to get Wayland and Warren, and that if Lasater would furnish the evidence to prove that these men had hired him to rob the mails they would let him go clear, otherwise they were going to imprison him.—Sworn testimony of A. W. Lovejoy.

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PEACE of mind comes only to those who are blind to humanity's needs; those who look and see not; those who listen and hear not; and those who touch and feel not.

ANY one capable of seeing, hearing and feeling the unrighteousness of the industrial condition, yet content because he happens to be the more fortunate, must be devoid of all heart, soul and conscience.

BISMARCK said: "Socialists are like dogs; we must give them a bone occasionally to keep them satisfied." Capitalists are like dogs. They want everything in sight—if not to eat, then to wallow in. But the "dogs" of toilers will not let them have it forever.

"When power breaks the compact which secured and limited its rights, then resistance becomes a duty. He that fights to recover freedom exercises a lawful right. Insurrection becomes just. There is no crime like the crime against the freedom of the people."—Samuel Adams.

If you are a conservationist why not go in for all it is worth and conserve human lives and human efforts? Is not the protection of human life far more important than distributing hog cholera serums or sending out a standing army to preserve the forest? Oh, yes, these trees that may catch fire and these hogs that might get sick are personal and private property. Another man's life is not property of mine. All I want is his work. See it?

INTERESTING facts relative to negroes in this country are shown in a publication by Prof. Burghardt Du Bois. There are now 10,250,000 negroes, an increase of 103 per cent. In 1863 90 per cent of the negroes were farm workers. Now 75,000 are farmers, 70,000 carriers, 53,000 railwaymen, 30,000 miners, 30,000 saw-mill workers, 28,000 domestic servants, 21,000 carpenters, 20,000 barbers, 20,000 nurses, 15,000 garment makers, 10,000 engineers and stokers and 2,500 doctors. Equality for negroes is still to be seen only on paper. To call a white man a negro is a punishable offense and the courts have decided that a person with the slightest mixture of negro blood shall be treated as a negro. "Jim Crow" cars are used extensively in the south and theaters, hotels and cemeteries also make a distinction in regard to color.

"The rich die young," if not physically, then mentally.

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BACON was wrong. It is not greatness but poverty that is achieved by some and thrust upon others—upon many others.

Many like to talk about the graft in Socialists' work, but are utterly silent as to the infinitely greater graft in the pay envelope.

The unnecessary loss of one human life is a greater national calamity than all the property destroyed by storm and flood in the past two months.

THERE is no more reason why you should work to put money in the rich man's pocket than that he should put food into the mouths of your children.

The eight-hour law for women is a good thing. It should be extended to include wives, whose wages (allowance) should in most cases be raised at the same time.

The revolution of 1776 was great. The revolution of 1860 was great. But the social revolution that is surely coming will be greater and more glorious than either.

It is a great system that allows the compassionate and big-hearted to become special prey of the over zealous and greedy who are so situated as to extort them.

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A Village Sent to Jail

Newspaper dispatches from Japan recently contained the information that after four years of litigation it had been decided that every member of the two hundred families comprising the village of Shimidzu would have to go to jail for the offense of cutting trees in the imperial forests at Yaguchi. The case was originally tried in a lower court in 1908, and the superior court at Tokio has just affirmed the judgment of the lower court, which was that every inhabitant of the village was guilty and would have to pay a fine. Being unable to do this the superior court has ordered that these people be imprisoned for from six to fourteen months.

This sentence rests upon every man, woman and child in the village, for it was charged that for the last ten years the whole population had been guilty of cutting timber in the imperial forests. This news dispatch naturally raises the question by what right does the imperial family of Japan own these forests? Did they plant them? Or did God plant them especially for the benefit of the favored race? But while we may condemn the action of the Japanese courts in thus sending an entire village to jail, we in this country are not better, for there are hundreds of thousands of acres of land owned by private parties which were stolen from the public domain, and yet any one trespassing on this land would be prosecuted.

How much better are we than Japan? For whom did the Almighty plant the trees and store the hills with metals and minerals? For the few, or for the many? The answer to this shows whether you are a Socialist or not.

DUEBERG says, "THERE IS NOTHING THE GOVERNMENT UNDERTAKES BUT WHAT THEY CAN DO AND THEY HAVE UNDERTAKEN THIS JOB WITH THE DETERMINATION OF MAKING IT COMPLETE AT THIS TIME AND THAT IF LASATER WON'T TALK WE WILL GET SOME ONE TO TALK FOR HIM; it will pay you to be in a position to testify that it was Lasater that did the talking." At this time he stated to me that the government had men who were good mimics and who could very easily get acquainted with Lasater and who would not have to associate with him but a little while to be able to mimic his voice.—Sworn testimony of A. W. Lovejoy.

PETTY MIDDLE PEOPLE. The tremendous concentration of capital and the organization of industrial and mercantile establishments on gigantic scales are creating havoc among small capitalists, and the lower section of the middle class is now in a sad state of disintegration. There are thousands upon thousands of small stockkeepers, traders and petty merchants who are hanging on by their very eyebrows. The parcel post law which has just taken effect and which will increase the facilities of the great mail order houses to control the local markets to the uttermost parts of the country, means another nail in the coffin of the middle class, and especially those who have their little all invested and who even now are but creaking out a miserable existence.

In all the great cities there are rows of small concerns in which there is the little store, the small restaurant, the petty sales counter, with their beggarly array of cheap trinkets and in which the perishing middle class are making their last stand against the system they supported all their lives and which finally chokes off their breath as "capitalists" and flings them down into the working class, stripped and dispossessed, to bear living evidence of the great "incentive" men have to compete against each other in the capitalist system.

In his striking characterization of the poor apothecary and his shop, Shakespeare hit off many a small shopkeeper of today who is about to yield up the ghost in the struggle for existence: I do remember an apothecary, who I do not doubt he dwells—while late I noted In tattered weeds, with overwhelming Colling of similes; meager were his looks, Sharp misery had worn him to the bone; And he had nearly sleep a tortoise hung. In an alms-house, a solitary shank. Of ill-shap'd fishes; and about his shelves A greenish account of empty boxes, Green earthen pots, bladders and mussy seeds, Remnants of packthread and old cakes of roses, Were thinly scatter'd to make up the show. And thus addressed to the apothecary: Famine is in thy cheeks, Need and oppression starveth in thy eye, Outworn and beggary hangs upon thy back, The world is not thy friend, nor the world's law; The world affords no law to make thee rich; Then be not poor, but break it, and take it.

There are countless petty "capitalists" and would-be exploiters of all descriptions who answer to this description of the poor apothecary, and if Socialism does not appeal to them it is because they have become stone blind in a struggle in which they were vanquished and in which their final goal is the potters' wheel.

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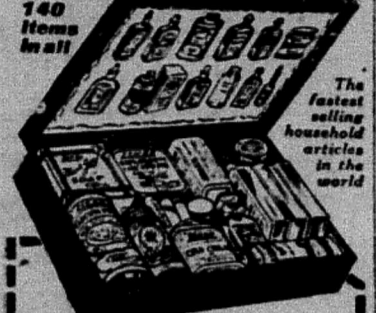
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To Nail Harry Bone

The sub card idea was originated by the APPEAL. Now scores of papers are using similar cards. But there is nothing like the APPEAL sub card. You carry them with you, and when you get a chance to nail a sub, merely sell the card, and it is its own receipt. The purchaser has only to write a name and address

The National Drainage congress, in session at St. Louis, makes demand for a new cabinet officer, a secretary of public works. What in the world are we coming to? That sounds like socialistic ideas had progressed so far that the government was becoming a business organization instead of a mere political club.

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What Endowments Mean

ALMOST every institution, these days, seems to welcome an endowment. The reason is that the precarious gifts of individuals are not nearly so satisfactory as a permanent steady flow of income realizable from endowments. Colleges and religious institutions and philanthropic agencies are continually appealing for permanent funds in the form of endowments.

Now, why is it that endowments seem to have that remarkable property to automatically provide for the ever recurring expenses of even large institutions, provided the endowments are large enough?

There is at present a very large industrial army of human cattle fitted with a very strong and heavy yoke called "The Industrial Yoke." Endowment for an institution means that its cables are tied to this large industrial army, drawn by this large industrial yoke of human cattle.

To make it clear: An owner of a large detachment of these industrial slaves endows a university. How does he do it? He transfers interest-bearing bonds. Then what has he done? Oh, patient human cattle, weary from the plow, they are now attached to some leveling instrument. And this is called philanthropy "loving man." Blessings are invoked upon the man who, in his great kindness detached a battalion of slaves from one implement to attach them to some other, he has donated interest-bearing bonds. The trustees of the institution are congratulated, for now it is, as they say, on a firm basis. No law of gravity ever held a mountain with a firmer grip. Henceforth that institution has its cables firmly tied to the industrial yoke, and human cattle are toiling, and from their strength and flesh, and blood, and sweat, and tears, and groans, is extracted the income of that institution, income, said to be produced by interest-bearing bonds.

Oh, ye Solomons, keep well in mind the bonds. How well these instruments are named. Glorious civilization. Human cattle may now be transferred from one implement to another, and marveled to relate, they never seem to know the difference. This transference is a work of great dignity and is called endowing an institution, putting it upon a firm basis. Oh, ye worthy priests and leaders of your kind, have you never read the prophet's heaven-born injunction, "Break Every Yoke?" Can you not see that the transference of interest-bearing bonds breaks not a single yoke? Can you not see that your endowed institutions become but partakers in a cruel and unrighteous system? Cruel, because their property is dependent on a generous share in the greatest, most gigantic loot; unrighteous, because the looted ones are never consulted. Endowing institutions with interest-bearing bonds! Oh the glorious ideal! Oh the blessed system that has made this possible! Talk of a pious fraud! What can equal this?

The fact is all endowed institutions are slaves. Income from invested funds is finally extracted from the proletariat. The fact that they do it without their knowledge or consent makes the whole transaction not one whit less but rather more of the essence of slavery.

Therefore, let us continue to sing, "My country 'tis of thee, Sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing." But let us never, never, tell the poor slave what true liberty is. It might not be good for them, they know. It is much safer to go on endowing institutions.

Arguments Against Socialism.

From an anti-socialist paper, Austin, Tex. The majority of Socialists are essentially fools. A Socialist label is another name for an Amniasic club. Mexico has proven its inability to govern itself. Too socialistic. There is enough lies in one copy of the APPEAL TO REASON to damn every man to eternal hell. The rebellion in Mexico is a good example of Socialism at work. When the ballot don't seat them at the pie counter, they use bullets.

Socialists Are the Cause.

World Issue, Santa Cruz, Cal. Why this sudden solicitude about atrocities in our penal institutions? They have always been perpetrated with more or less brutality, in spite of two thousand years of the study of the Christ character. Even now the government of this big Christianized nation is persecuting the APPEAL TO REASON for misuse of the mails by publishing proven facts of the horrors of crimes committed against defenseless inmates of the federal prison at Fort Leavenworth, Kan. The Socialists are the cause. For three years and more they have been crying aloud against these and myriads of other like crimes inherent in our dollar diplomacy system. And the Socialists will continue to cry aloud not only against the crimes, but the profit system which breeds them.

The New Day Comes.

The new day comes! Slowly but with footsteps ever accelerating, forward like the slow-coming of the sun, the new day arrives. Earth with breasts well filled; machinery bearing in her hands plenty; labor with its magic touch; the workers, having conquered nature, now turning to govern their lives; all slavery ending; all profit dying; all wars forgotten; plenty waiting—the new day comes! Joy! Joy!

APPEALS TO REASON LECTURE BUREAU

Warren in the East.

To date the only report reaching us of the Warren meetings is one published in the Morning Post, Jamestown, N. Y. It says: "Fred D. Warren, the lightning editor of the APPEAL TO REASON, addressed a large audience at Institute hall on Monday evening, April 14th, with an address on 'The Socialists'."

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Progress of Co-operation.

Mississippi has 27 county agricultural societies, which are being organized. They are paid for what work they do, thus reducing their expenses to about \$3 a month. It is announced that 238 school buildings in the city of New York are being used as social centers. This is another result of the Socialist agitation.

Protests against Appeal Persecution.

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Patching the Leaks

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SYSTEMATIC STEALING.

Theft is the life principle of the capitalist system. Without theft it could not exist an hour. Of course, the theft is legalized as a rule, but this does not alter its nature. The capitalist class exists only because the working class is robbed.

Not only has theft swayed in the legal robbery of the workers, but it has become second nature to those who engage in it and taunts even their personal relations.

Capitalist politicians are proverbially hypocritical, dishonest and crooked. These are the tricks of their trade and if they master the trade it is only by practicing its tricks.

Prior to an election the capitalist politicians pad polling books, vote repeaters and stuff ballot boxes, knowing that they have not neglected their education in theft.

They stole every office from the Socialists they dared to steal and the contemptible methods employed by them, under cloak of the law, to cover their theft, makes it infinitely worse than simple robbery.

But fortunately the people of Crawford county and Kansas and the country in general, were not asleep when these bold and outrageous thefts were committed and the only benefit that will accrue to the capitalist politicians from these political crimes in the long run will be the hastening of the day of their own overthrow.

CLASS AGAINST CLASS.

It is a crime in the eyes of the ruling class to "array class against class." It is no less a crime to stir up class feeling and talk about class-consciousness.

Roosevelt, after he became ex-president and before he became a progressive, used to berate Socialists for "preaching class hatred"; and as to class-consciousness he said that was an absurd phrase Socialists made use of to inflame their followers and that as a matter of fact all talk about class-consciousness in this country was "pure rot."

But Theodore has seen a light and he does not talk that way any more. It is not difficult to understand why the ruling class are exceedingly sensitive on the subject of class-consciousness. They know that they are in an insignificant minority and that if the workers ever awakened to the fact that there is a capitalist class and a working class and that their interests are in conflict and that in consequence there is a class-struggle, it will be good-day with the ruling class.

The charge made against Socialists that they are "preaching class hatred" and "arraying class against class" in this land of the free where all are equal and where classes are unknown, is simply the cry of "stop, thief," raised by the capitalist class that they may escape undetected with the goods.

That there is a capitalist class and a working class is beyond question. That these classes are essentially antagonistic to each other on account of their opposing class interests is too obvious to admit of doubt. These classes are here and the class struggle is a fact, and to charge Socialists with "preaching class hatred" and "arraying class against class" is simply the cry of "stop, thief," raised by the capitalist class that they may escape undetected with the goods.

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"arraying class against class" is the light of this luminous fact is the very height of absurdity.

Socialists simply point out the fact of the existence of these classes and of the inevitable conflict between them, and it is this that constitutes their offense against the ruling class.

The capitalist exploiters deny that there are classes; they deny the class struggle; they deny that there is class rule, and for the same reason they hate Socialism.

The capitalist class want the working class to remain in blissful ignorance of their class exploitation, their class interests, and their class power.

Class-consciousness of the workers is the surmise of emancipation. "Hail the day when the world's workers shall become conscious of their class interests, develop their class power, economic and political, and put an end to the class struggle by abolishing class rule!"

TRUTH IS ETERNAL.

The Carpenter who stirred up the slaves in Palestine by telling them the truth about themselves as well as about their oppressors and was nailed to the cross for his pains, shot a blazing truth across the centuries when he said, "The truth shall make you free."

Sophisticated and cunning as "The great master of Greek tragedy," and who flourished 500 years before the Christian era, wrote that "The truth is always the strongest argument."

Socialism stands against all the assaults that are made upon it simply because it has its foundation in the bed-rock of truth.

The falsehoods and slanders that are aimed at Socialism fall harmless at its feet. Steadily and in spite of all the opposition that can be brought to bear against it, the Socialist movement, expressing in concrete form the incontrovertible truth of industrial and social evolution, marches steadily onward, halting not at sea-coast or mountain-range but overcoming them in its mighty sweep, embracing all the nations of earth and uniting them in the common struggle for the emancipation of the race.

Many look for a better world straight at the ground. When they stand on it before the masters they will see better.

GRAFTERS AND PASSES.

"Revelations of petty grafting by judges, state, county and municipal officials and state legislators in accepting passes over Colorado railroad lines were made today in an interstate commerce commission report. Railway witnesses, when asked why the passes were granted, frankly admitted they were for political services."

This is the opening paragraph of a press dispatch from Washington announcing the discovery by the interstate commerce commission of the fact that judges and other high officials in Colorado were carrying annual passes granted to them by the railroads, and that these passes had been granted for political services.

Is it any wonder that the railroad and mining corporations are supreme in Colorado, and that honest men are bullied when they protest against corruption and misrule in that state?

What will now be done with these judges, legislators and politicians who have been bought up by the railroad companies and the evidence of whose guilt has been found in their breeches' pockets? Every judge found with such a pass in his possession is a mortgaged man of the railroads and should be promptly impeached and every other bribe-taker and miscreant should be driven from public office.

SCRAP-IRON.

On the first of January, 1913, the United States was the owner of thirty-seven battleships, either built or building. The cost of these ships reached the enormous total of over \$200,000,000, and was just so much money wasted, for to all practical purposes it was so much scrap-iron.

Many of the ships in the list of thirty-seven are of no value today as fighting machines, and the others will be obsolete in a very few years.

The cost of these ships would furnish enough money to build 40,000 school houses, at a cost of \$5,000 each, and yet in many parts of this land children are denied an education because of lack of facilities.

What a commentary on a nation which in the day dawn of the twentieth century claims to be following in the footsteps of the prince of peace.

The most unique strike in history is in progress in Belgium. It is a general strike for the purpose of forcing manhood instead of property suffrage. Preparations were carefully made, and women and children were shipped out of the country to be cared for by comrades in other lands during the progress of the strike. France cared for 6,000, Holland for 4,000. Germany for several thousand. Provisions were laid away in cans to support the strikers, and now all business is tied up. It is too early to see the outcome of the strike, but the Socialists took every precaution to insure perfect order. It will show the capitalists as they were never shown before, that the workers are really the nation and doing so will make clear that they must and will rule.

I made the remark "Mr. Dueberg, it might be impossible to convict him of the other men in court." His reply was "We have got that thing all fixed from the president down." I said to him that it might rest somewhat with the jury. He said, "We will fix that before we get through."—Sworn testimony of A. W. Lovejoy.

"How I am again brought to love that class of men which is called the lower class, which ascribed for God is the highest. In them moderation, contentment, straight-forwardness, patience, endurance—all the virtues meet together."—Goethe.

MORTGAGED MENIALS.

Commissioner Harlan of the interstate commerce commission has just concluded an investigation of wholesale bribing of public officials, including judges, in Colorado by the railroads of that state. The report of Commissioner Harlan has created a sensation.

"In one month over a single railroad 7,000 trips were made on passes. Not only shippers who controlled routing of traffic were favored at all times, but even public officials, careless alike of duty, morals and dangers, accepted, even demanded these favors," says the report, and then it continues: "The record shows that judges, state officials, members of the legislature, county and municipal officers, including mayors and aldermen, have very generally made use of passes. Personal requests by judges for passes are disclosed. . . . All classes joined in the orgy of petty graft, at once sacrificing rightful revenues of the carriers, discriminating against all small shippers and demoralizing all public officials, including the legislature and the bench."

We have here a fine picture of political administration under the rotten regime of capitalism. The judges who sit on the bench like the rest of the public officials are the mortgaged menials of the corporation.

It should not be forgotten that it was in Colorado, under the rule of the railroad and mining corporations, where Sherman Bell, the military break and personal pal of Theodore Roosevelt, said of labor leaders who had been illegally bull-penned and had entered habeas corpus proceedings, "To hell with habeas corpus, we'll give 'em post mortems." It was also in Colorado where Lieutenant McClelland, another military scamp of corruption, said, "To hell with the constitution."

And perfectly secure were these uniformed hirelings in trampling under foot the laws which were supposed to protect the common people while on the bench there sat the flabby-cheeked, bleary-eyed menials whose pockets bulged with fragments of paper issued to them by the railroads and doubtless in addition to these perquisites more substantial bribes in the form of stocks and bonds and coin of the realm.

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TREASONABLE CAPITALISM.

Louis Mannel Rojas, a publisher of Mexico, has laid before Secretary Bryan formal complaint that Madero and Saurez were assassinated with the direct cognizance of Ambassador Wilson of America. This is what the APPEAL charged from the first. Wall street had simply become so desperate it was ready for murder in order to carry its ends. It is not the first time it has done something of this kind. It is not all.

In West Virginia it is now engaged in forwarding a civil war against the workers—something that merits hanging. Is there sufficiently a "commoner" to see that the working man is protected or not?

Even the New York World sees it. It declares that "rule by mine owners, importers of cheap laborers, both buyers and devourers of tariff favors, West Virginia does what the United States cannot do. . . . It suspends a civil law in time of peace. It denies trial by jury. It administers a kind of capitalist justice from the drum head. Its excuse is a coal strike."

The president of the United States, as suggested by the World, is absolutely forbidden to suspend the writ of habeas corpus, except in case of invasion or rebellion, but the governor of West Virginia has done that, simply because the mine owners refuse decent wages and safe conditions. Under the federal rule there can be no martial law except in territory where civil authority has ceased, but the civil courts of West Virginia are ignored by the governor, who swore to uphold the law, while martial law is declared merely in the interest of profits.

It is time for congress to take the matter in hand. West Virginia has forfeited her charter as a state; her public officials are traitors deserving the gallows, if any man deserves such punishment; the mine owners who have so debauched the state and its officials are not only conspirators against the lives and liberty of the workers, but they are also traitors to the state of West Virginia and the United States of America. They should be dealt with accordingly.

If the democratic administration at Washington is really a democratic institution is not afraid to do justice, it will look into this matter and see that at least a semblance of justice is done.

PECULIAR SITUATION.

A dispatch from Texas says that upon representations made to congress by Sheriff Sanchez and Marshal Hicks of San Antonio, for military assistance to prevent violation of the neutrality laws along the border, was placed before the war department, with a result that immediate action was taken and a detachment of the soldiery station was ordered to establish a rigid control along the river front from Laredo to some distant point away. The peculiar thing about this is that this Sheriff Sanchez, who has sufficient influence with the administration to summon the war department to his aid, himself during the Reyes rebellion a year ago paid guilty to violation of the United States neutrality laws and was fined \$1,250. Afterward he was freed of the fine. Marshal Hicks, the other man mentioned, was the attorney of General Reyes in all his dealings in America. Reyes, it must be remembered, was an opponent of Madero. Sanchez pleaded guilty to helping procure horses and guns for use against the Madero government, and, now, since the old gang is back, is summoning United States troops around to prevent interference in the government that was instituted by assassination. Sanchez was an alternate delegate to the Baltimore convention!

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Mother Jones Seriously Ill

By Telegraph to Appeal to Reason. Hanford, W. Va., April 11, 1913.—Mother Jones dangerously ill in military bastle caused from eight weeks close confinement.

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Waste of Capitalism

WHILE journeying by river steamer from Stockton, Cal. (one of the principal cities of the San Joaquin and Sacramento valleys), to San Francisco, my attention was called to a few of capitalism's samples of waste.

By the way of explanation it should be stated that these two valleys lie due east of San Francisco bay and are reached by river steamer as well as by rail. The two valleys contain thousands of square miles of very fertile land; the principal crops being grains, fruits, melons, grapes, raisins, nuts, beans, asparagus, celery and potatoes. It is of the two latter products that I wish to write at this time.

The steamer pulled out of the channel (which is a canal of about one mile in length cut in from the San Joaquin river to the city of Stockton, making the city a tide water port, although it is 100 miles inland), about noon and we were soon going down the San Joaquin river. Having traveled about 30 miles we turned up the Tuolumne (a tributary of the San Joaquin) and proceeded up stream for a few miles until we came to a small landing composed of a few piles driven deep in the mud in the bottom of the river a few feet from the bank. A gang plank shoved ashore from the steamer completed the landing.

It was here that we took on board crate upon crate of the finest celery, grown in the peat beds several feet below the level of the river. From here we turned down stream and steamed toward San Francisco, stopping every few miles and loading on celery until we had a ship load.

Of course, the celery had to be shipped to the railroad as some was going east, but it could have reached the railroad in a few minutes by barge. Had not capitalism the hold on the reins. Up to this time I had seen nothing from an economic point of view and there was a reason. I had not yet been converted.

We arrived in San Francisco just before daylight and I was awakened early by the clatter of a hundred hand trucks unloading the thousands of crates of celery. I was soon up and dressed and proceeded to attend to some business up town and as luck would have it was compelled to return to Stockton that same evening, hence took passage on the same steamer on which I had journeyed the night before.

But before going aboard my eyes fell on thousands of sacks of potatoes piled high upon the dock. But they were not remaining there, as they were being loaded on the steamer bound for Stockton. A home of potatoes and of the lap potato king's vast domain) by a hundred slaves working as fast as they could. The writer thinking this a peculiar occurrence proceeded to make inquiry to the cause of such a shipment, knowing that these potatoes must have come from somewhere near Stockton and to his surprise learned that they had been shipped from Stockton three weeks before and had lain upon the docks ever since owing to the fact that the exploiter to whom the shipment had been consigned had failed to get a price suitable to him for his services. Very people of the working class were starting to death within walking distance, and that they were being shipped back to Stockton to soon be returned as a "rotten shipment."

This is capitalism in its mildest form. Think of such a performance, handling these potatoes six times in loading and unloading on the steamer and who pays for it? The working class.

And this is not all. The celery was being loaded back on the same boat (that is a great part of it); where was it going? To Stockton, just a few miles from where it had grown. Had to be shipped to San Francisco to some so-called commission man that it might be jobbed back to the retailer in Stockton. Could not be sold direct to retailer in Stockton by the producer as the San Francisco exploiter had contracted for the whole of the producer's crop. The farmer must submit to the fact of seeing his produce of all kinds rot upon the ground, as the above exploitation applies to every deal the farmers make in selling (rather giving away) his crop.

B. C. FREEMAN, San Francisco, Cal.

Socialism and Christianity

OF all the blind perversities of perverse mortals I know of none so utterly insane, so terribly tragic as the scorn of many church people for Socialism. When a church rights Socialism it is committing suicide.

Why in the name of reason should the church, the supposed bulwark of virtue and justice, be hostile to a movement, a great world movement that stands with a sublime devotion and courage for universal brotherhood, for "peace on earth" for justice, for general freedom, for childhood, for motherhood, for manhood, for an uplifted humanity? Yet when the church scorns Socialism it scorns these very things for these are the real foundation stones of Socialism.

How in the name of humanity can the church stand up and defend the injustice, the slavery, the brutality, the beastly materialism, the immorality, the brazen mammothism of our competitive system? Oh, the blindness of it, the bitterness of it! But unless the church speedily gets its eyes open and becomes fitted with these very ideals of Socialism, it will become more and more decadent and go down into the world's scrap heap, with other set-of-combrances that lost their savor, rejected the light, had "a name to live but were dead."

No great world movement has ever finally won out that was not at heart a moral or religious movement, and the Socialist movement is at heart the mightiest moral movement the world has ever seen. It is a movement for justice and righteousness. That is why it is bound to win. A. D. WELGE, Seattle, Wash.

CANADIAN FARMERS.

At the present time wheat in Canada, Alberta, is worth \$1.04 per bushel in the farmer's wagon on the street, but the farmers only receive for their work from fifty-four to sixty-four cents per bushel when they hand it over to the capitalists. On the average they get exactly fifty-nine per cent of the value of that wheat considering wheat as the first step in the production of flour. Therefore, out of every hundred bushels of wheat that goes through their hands they are allowed to enjoy only fifty-nine and out of this fifty-nine bushels they must pay the interest on the mortgage; so it is safe to say that the farmer is only allowed to use half of what he produces. The rest he hands over to the capitalist class and receives no value for it in return. It is this condition that keeps us hard up. If we received the full product of our labor we would all enjoy life with the same amount of work that today barely affords an existence. The fact that this man of whom I write had to part with half his product made it impossible for him to pay his debts.

However, the capitalists when they have the power do not always content themselves with taking half the product of a man's labor. Please notice this: In the early part of the winter this same man had hauled a wagon load of wheat to the Taylor Milling company at Lethbridge to trade it for flour. His load weighed 4,250 pounds and he wanted 1,400 pounds of flour. When he got the flour he had to pay to the milling company \$1.95 in cash additional.

That 4,250 pounds of wheat will make, according to a bulletin of the U. S. bureau of chemistry, the following quantities of products:

Table with 2 columns: Product and Amount. Includes items like Patent flour at \$3.70 per 100 lbs., Family flour at \$2.50 per 100 lbs., Straight grade at \$3 per 100 lbs., Bran and shorts, etc. at \$1.30 per 100 lbs., Total 4,250 \$139.88.

This mill does not make a first-class patent flour, so we have to make one change in the figures. We must reduce it to the grades and prices that they use in their business:

Table with 2 columns: Product and Amount. Includes items like Family flour at \$2.25 per 98 lbs., Straight grade at \$2 per 98 lbs., Bran, shorts, etc. at \$1.30 per 100 lbs., Total 4,250 \$139.88.

Deduct from this table the 14 sacks of flour at 98 pounds each and add the \$1.95 cash he paid into the mill and we find that the profit made on this transaction was as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Product and Amount. Includes items like 1,058.50 lbs. family flour at \$2.25, 789.25 lbs. straight grade at \$2, 1,024.52 bran and shorts at \$1.30, Cash \$1.95, Profit \$73.57.

Deduct from this 8 cents per bushel actual cost of milling and we find that the net profit was almost exactly \$68 on that single load of wheat. The flour which the man took away with him at the market price was valued at \$45.50. At this rate you can see that the net profit made by the milling company was one and a half times as great as the share the farmer was permitted to take of the product when he paid him more than he borrowed of him instead of taking his home away from him? Does the mortgage man want to live there awful bad?

"No, you can't understand these things. The law gives him the right and the government makes the laws. We have to live under them."

"And you and Mr. Brown and everybody else are the government? Every pa, what makes them do it? Wish I could vote now. Has the Indian man got a mortgage on his farm too?"

"No, son, the government doesn't allow that."

"Say, pa, you government fellows think a lot of the Indian men, don't you? More than you do of yourselves, don't you? What's got into you? Why don't you get some education, pa?"

J. H. LETTS.

Figures with Tongues.

Liberty Bell, Bellefontaine, Ohio. Fifty per cent of the people in the United States are homeless. Thirty per cent of the remainder live in mortgaged homes. Forty per cent of the farms are owned by speculators and landlords. Twenty-five per cent of the children in twenty states are wage earners. Twenty-five per cent of the children enrolled in our public schools are absent from school every day. Ninety-two per cent of the pupils never enter the high schools. Eighty per cent of the students in the high schools never graduate. Twenty-five per cent of the working men are unemployed. Twenty per cent of the working people are women. Sixty per cent of the harlots were wage earners, earning \$1 to \$4 per week. One hundred per cent of the tools of production belongs to the shirkers. One hundred per cent of the muscles used to operate the tools is the property of the workers. Twenty per cent of the products of labor constitutes the wages of the workers. Eighty per cent of the products of labor belongs to the shirkers. Forty per cent of the deaths of the American people, according to high medical authority, are premature, owing to existing conditions. The average wages of the working-man is 23 per cent less than the cost of keeping his family. The shortage is being made up, mostly, by the wages of the women and children. The merchants also make contributions to this fund in the form of unpaid bills.

Where is McManigal?

Ortie McManigal, the Harry (orhard) of the dynamite trials, has disappeared from the Los Angeles jail. All that can be learned relative to him is the joking assurance of attaches of the jail that "he has gone fishing."

The Reason for It.

Frank G. Carpenter, in a syndicate article. The total wealth of Mexico is estimated at a little under \$2,500,000,000, and it is stated that \$1,000,000,000 of this belongs today to Americans and less than \$800,000,000 to Mexicans. The property of the English is put at \$321,000,000, that of the French at \$143,000,000, and that of all the other nations at a little more than \$18,000,000. In the matter of railway stock and bonds America is particularly strong, owning \$640,000,000 to only \$137,000,000 held by Mexicans, while in mines we have actually \$223,000,000 to their paltry \$7,500,000! American oil investments are figured at \$15,000,000. American investments usually are those of companies employing large amounts of landed properties one notices the California Land company, holding 4,500,000 acres in Lower California. To read such a report is to understand the pressure in favor of intervention, annexation, or whatever will give the absentee protection.

Who Is to Blame

ROME was intolerant of the early followers of Jesus, not on religious grounds, but economic. Today they do the same thing differently. The Kawaii colony in California settled on public lands, built a road costing \$250,000 and made good its title before special land commissioners appointed by the government. The capitalist grafters saw the possibilities and saw they must crush it. They saw that the title of the colony was legally good and that it could not be legally destroyed. So what did they do? They had congress declare the land a public park and United States troops drove the colonists at the point of federal bayonets from the land and extinguished their legal rights to the wealth their hands had created. Yet when we suggest that the privately owned railroads of the country, etc., be condemned and the private owners paid their physical valuation, they get up on their hind legs and howl, "confiscation!" If it is, what shall we call the Kawaii colony? Fabian Socialism stands no chance against the law of capitalist-owned state. Political action is blocked by disenfranchising laws, or, as in the Kansas senate, throwing out the legally elected officer. If revolutionary Socialism and direct action are thus forced upon the producers, who is blameable? Sitting upon the safety valve has always produced an explosion.

REV. GEO. D. COLEMAN.

Kearny, N. J.

NEVER TOUCHED ME THIS WEEK

Mr. Bone wins this week. See his smile? Note what he says? And it is all the fault of those Quakers "down east" in Pennsylvania, and the rank tankerous cowpunchers "down south" in Texas.

Just look at the record they have made right in the face of such a grand showing all along the line. Nearly every state has a star in front with the exception of these two.

If they had come in with their usual number of subs this week, the "slam," added to the one we gave the tack last week, would have about put Mr. Bone out of the running.

But as it is he comes up smiling and happy—and the trial at Fort Scott only a few weeks off. Comrades, it is absolutely necessary that you get out and hustle for the "little old APPEAL."

Never before in its history has this been so essential. Never before has the pressure of the plutocrats been brought to bear so forcibly on the APPEAL, and with such effect, as it has at the present time. The false and libelous stories published about the APPEAL and Comrade Wayland are having the desired effect, and it is up to you to do your utmost to counteract this evil influence.

The cases in court—two in the federal court, one against the Kansas City Star, and the one just filed against the Oklahoma paper—will take a great deal of money even though our own legal department is looking after them. This is Friday, the 11th. Fred will be home just a week from today and I hope you will help me show him a better report than the one I am now looking at.

Will you do it?

1 Kansas (Wanna) 1,200 000 22,475
2 Kansas 520 616 33,225
3 Ohio 709 747 21,121
4 Texas 1,055 514 23,811
5 California 324 283 22,867
6 Oklahoma 477 338 22,241
7 Illinois 495 455 17,991
8 Indiana 365 317 17,372
9 Washington 371 287 17,011
10 Missouri 515 353 16,842
11 New York 481 387 16,580
12 Minnesota 222 207 18,010
13 Michigan 335 280 13,874
14 Iowa 369 255 14,426
15 Nebraska 292 275 13,811
16 Oregon 292 226 9,659
17 Colorado 248 228 7,994
18 Nebraska 196 211 7,579
19 New Jersey 292 142 7,284
20 Massachusetts 164 185 6,508
21 North Dakota 164 100 6,353
22 New York 292 142 7,284
23 Idaho 143 124 6,240
24 Wisconsin 187 207 7,702
25 West Virginia 226 257 6,733
26 Kentucky 178 148 6,420
27 South Dakota 190 198 4,949
28 Florida 151 159 4,815
29 Louisiana 51 25 4,140
30 Alabama 90 80 4,145
31 Connecticut 129 124 4,024
32 Kentucky 178 148 6,420
33 New Mexico 191 102 2,929
34 Utah 43 79 2,890
35 Virginia 178 148 6,420
36 Arizona 99 103 2,591
37 Maine 47 55 2,472
38 North Carolina 102 116 2,260
39 New York 292 142 7,284
40 Mississippi 32 35 1,992
41 Maryland 18 61 1,791
42 Nevada 178 148 6,420
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44 Composite 47 55 2,472
45 Rhode Island 27 19 1,368
46 Wyoming 23 24 1,022
47 Oregon 292 226 9,659
48 Alaska 13 18 788
49 S. Carolina 55 34 789
50 Vermont 39 27 789
51 Delaware 2 11 487
52 Louisiana 5 3 159

Totals 12,018 11,907 428,800
States marked * show gain for week.

REMEMBER, Harry Bone will have possession of the hammer on May 1th.

Every legislator or congressman who has betrayed the workers was elected as a "good man."

The Legal Department

We receive hundreds of letters every week from our students commencing APPEAL law course. Below we give extracts from a few of them.
Comrade Joe Holland, of Springfield, Mass., writes: "I am going rather slow with my law course, but am making splendid grades. The university is very considerate and I cannot see how they can do better than they are; they do not rush one. I wish every comrade who has the money and the time would take up the course. I have a great interest. I do not know what they are missing."
Comrade Charles C. Steele, of 1721 Howard avenue, Seattle, Wash., says: "I received my books, and am so well pleased with them that they could not be bought for ten times the price I am paying. Am getting along fine."
Comrade Alex A. Swagg, of Fortine, Mont., says: "About the instruction department and its professors, I want to say that they are princes, the way I have been treated by them; they are prompt and speedy; they are kind and simple in their explanation and I have a great interest in their educational work and their students."
If any of our comrades are thinking of taking up the study of law we will be pleased to mail them particulars upon application. J. I. STIEPFER, General Attorney Legal Dept.,