

BY FRED D. WARREN.

O, JOY! I have just been notified by the Internal Revenue Collector that if I will tell the truth about my income and pay the tax thereon that he will not divulge this information to any unfeeling county or state tax collector. The treasury department likewise guarantees that no information of the incomes of the rich shall be divulged to the public. This is done to prevent the rich from being annoyed by tax collectors. John D. Rockefeller will be known, not by his name, but by a number, so that even the clerks and deputy collectors will not know whose money they are handling when Mr. Rockefeller pays his income tax. This is very kind and considerate of the administration, and all us rich fellows will return thanks for the care and consideration shown the man who is unfortunate enough to be assessed on his yearly income. The action of the federal government in this particular instance is proof positive that a lot of fellows have been dodging the taxes levied against them by state, county and city. By joining hands with him in his attempt to beat the state and throw the burden of its maintenance on those least able to pay, the Wilson administration makes tax-dodging respectable. The small property owner, who can't hide his property, will, as usual, pay the freight. An honest administration would have provided for the publication of the incomes of the rich and thus prevent, in a measure, the successful evasion of a just payment of the small amount demanded by the state for the protection which the man with an income big enough to be taxed now receives. The tax-dodger will disappear with the establishment of Socialism.

ONE of my readers, who, by the way, is not a Socialist, objects to the program outlined in the Socialist platform on the ground that what we propose to do is unconstitutional. My dear sir, what is unconstitutional and what is not constitutional is determined today by the nine men who compose the supreme court. These nine men are just ordinary mortals—not unlike the first nine men you would meet on the street corner of your home town. They eat and sleep and drink much after the manner of an Irish section hand. They are moved by the same influences—self interest and environment. And so if you want the thing done constitutionally, a Socialist president will merely change the complexion of the supreme court by appointing Socialists to the bench. While our present constitution has been somewhat battered by the storm and stress of the struggles of the past one hundred years, yet even it is broad enough to cover every revolutionary measure proposed by the Socialists. In the preamble it is declared that this union was established to "secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity." This wasn't strong enough so the constitution was amended and the 14th article provides that "no state shall deprive any person of life, liberty or property nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the law." Why bless you, man, that is sufficient authority for a Socialist supreme bench to overturn the existing capitalistic government that does deprive men of their liberty, their lives and their property. It gives ample authority to protect the citizens of the nation who are being deprived of equal protection under the law in Calumet and Colorado! It gives authority to do anything to bring happiness to the people of this nation. And that is ALL Socialism proposes to do!

THE Wilson administration has started an investigation looking into the feasibility of establishing a government pipeline to carry fuel oil from Kansas and Oklahoma to the gulf for naval purposes. APPEAL readers will remember that I referred to this matter some weeks ago in these columns in commenting upon the recommendation of Secretary Daniels that the government go into the oil business in order to beat the Standard Oil Co. As an oil well owner of small magnitude I want to emphatically protest against the government doing anything of this sort. It would be much better for the poor and oppressed oil syndicates of this country if the government bought oil at high prices rather than do such an unmanly thing as to drill oil wells on public land and transport it in public pipe lines for the use of the navy. It sets a very bad precedent and may encourage a lot of radicals in their propaganda for similar activity along other lines, such as providing fuel and food and houses without buying these materials from deserving capitalists.

Prosperity On the Way. ANDY CARNEGIE and Jake Schiff announce that we are just on the eve of a revival of business. This will be good news to the footsore and leg weary men who have been tramping from city to city looking for work. The reports of the closing down of great industrial establishments that fill the columns of the daily newspapers give the lie to these optimistic statements. What these announcements mean is this: An effort will be made to hypnotize the public into the belief that everything is well with the world and that there is work for everybody willing to wield pick and shovel. Last week in Portland, Ore., two hundred men were advertised for by the municipality. Job—breaking rocks. Two

hundred hammers had been provided by the city. They were put in the temporary tool house built near the scene of operations. Awaiting the blowing of the whistle on the following morning before time for work, more than a thousand men were on the ground. Others came in squads and companies until, according to the local newspapers, more than five thousand hungry, struggling, eager men were battering at the doors of the little tool house, which in the general fight for the hammers that ensued was completely demolished. The more desperate and strongest of the men succeeded in getting the two hundred hammers. The rest, crest-fallen and angry, went their weary way looking for something else to do. Some of the men were fortunate enough to have had their heads cracked and they were carried away in ambulances to the hospital where for the time at least they will have good warm beds to sleep in and decent food to eat. This is but one incident of a thousand somewhat similar occurrences that took place in this country during the past two weeks.

The APPEAL Army is the great news-gathering agency in the United States. My desk, as I write these lines, is piled high with letters containing clippings from newspapers and other data about the state of employment. I have decided to issue, on March 7th, an edition devoted to this problem of unemployment, that looms up so big on the industrial horizon. I want readers of this paper to send me all the information in their possession about the shutting down of mills, mines and stores. Send all reports printed in the local newspapers, and in addition send such information as you can obtain at first hand. The daily newspapers print comparatively a small portion of the news regarding unemployment. To get this information we must go to the out-of-works themselves. The APPEAL is read in every factory, mill and mine from the Atlantic to the Pacific. I, therefore, ask our readers to send us this information. Make it brief, two lines will suffice. Give number of men laid off, number of men regularly employed before the shut down and name of employing concern. Out of this mass of information we will build an edition of the APPEAL that will set this country by the ears and act as an antidote for the prosperity poison that the capitalist newspapers are getting ready to unload on their readers. Please do not overlook this request. Sit down and send this information without delay. Mark on the outside of your envelope: "News of the Employed."

Copper Mines and Copper Thieves.

THE present owners of the rich copper mines in Calumet stole 68,000 acres of land, richly underlaid with copper. This land was set aside by the nation as mineral land in 1865. By one of those land steals by which the capitalist class has acquired most of the valuable property, this land was taken over and appropriated to the private use of a few individuals who later sold it to the present owners of the great copper mines in that district. This information is based upon the annual report of United States Commissioner Sparks for the year 1886. Sparks recommended suits be instituted for the recovery of these valuable lands. Secretary Lamar, who later became a member of the supreme court, endorsed this recommendation and some move was made in congress to start proceedings to recover the stolen lands, but the resolution was pigeon-holed and there it remains to this day. The reason thereof is not hard to find.

Since the illegal acquiring of this property, the owners have received for themselves \$121,000,000 in profits. This wealth was dug from the ground by the miners who are today on strike in Calumet. The present owners of the mine live in Boston and so far as the record goes they never handled a pick or a shovel or a drill in the production of this fabulous wealth. They did not put the copper in the ground and yet the riches flow into their coffers in a golden stream. The evidence collected by the government proves that these men have stolen property in their possession. Ordinarily when a man is found with stolen property in his possession it is forthwith seized and turned over to its rightful owners. There is no question of compensating the thieves nor is there ever any question about bringing suits to recover the property. The legal proceedings are had to determine what punishment shall be meted out to the thieves.

Under the circumstances, do you think the nation should pay the copper mine

owners for their mines? I do not—I most emphatically do not believe that it is either right or expedient for the nation to go on indefinitely paying for property that has been stolen from the people. If Calumet were located in Mexico and the property of American citizens should be taken in the same manner that these copper mines were stolen, then the United States navy would be on the job without delay, and the work of expropriating the expropriators would be pushed to a finish. And every man in the country would applaud the action.

Practically every dollar's worth of property now in the hands of the 25,000 rich families, that own the machinery of production and distribution, was acquired in exactly the same manner as the copper barons acquired the Calumet mines. Then why should we hesitate, as a nation, to do the one thing necessary to bring peace and harmony and plenty to the workers of the world—take our own property!

You object to this action because you think it would bring on an armed conflict between capital and labor. Great God, man, what do you call the fight now being waged in that district today? Men are being murdered, women are being starved and homes are destroyed in larger numbers, relatively, than occurred during the war of the rebellion. If industrial peace under capitalism brings such destruction to human life as occurs on the industrial field today, then it seems to me that it would be better to end the strife once and for all as it was in 1860-65 than to continue indefinitely this terrible guerrilla warfare, besides which Sherman's march to the sea was but a Sunday school picnic.

Caught in the Act.

THE department of agriculture has been confiscating a lot of property belonging to some of the most respectable citizens of this country. I have a report before me issued by the U. S. department of agriculture, which gives the following facts:

Eight and one-half cases of tomato catsup were seized on December 19th, at Portland, Ore. Adulteration was charged on the ground that the product consisted in whole or in part of a decomposed vegetable substance.

Another shipment of tomato catsup shipped by another firm from Berkeley, Cal., was also seized because an examination indicated that the product consisted of a partially decomposed substance.

Three hundred bags of culled beans were seized at Baltimore on December 29th. Adulteration is charged on the ground that the beans consisted in whole or in part of a decomposed vegetable substance.

Twenty-seven barrels of tomato catsup were seized on December 19th at New Orleans. Adulteration is charged on the ground that the product consisted of partially decomposed vegetable substance.

Ninety-four bags of nutmeg were seized at Philadelphia on December 29th upon the charge that they were adulterated in that they consisted in part of filthy decomposed vegetable matter.

This is but a partial list of the goods confiscated by the government under the law and for the protection of the people. This action on the part of the government is a rank interference with the rights of the business man to make a profit by selling adulterated and poisonous food. What justification is there for this seizure of private property? The government justifies its action on the ground that protection to human life is of more importance than the making of profit. If this reasoning were carried out to its logical conclusion, then the railroads which kill and wound more people in a year than die from adulterated food in the same period of time, should be confiscated, solely in the interest of humanity. The principle in the two cases, it seems to me, is the same. The government confiscates adulterated foods in order to preserve life and give people a chance to live decently. The railroads as they are operated today are a menace to life and happiness and on this ground the nation would be justified in taking them just as it seizes poisonous and adulterated foods. Do you get the point?

Boys and Pigs.

WHICH is the most important, Boys or Pigs? The answer to this question is determined by what business you are in. If you are engaged in the packing industry you will at once say that pigs are much more important than boys. If you own a railroad over which pork is shipped you will say at once that pigs are far more important than boys. The Washington administration, following the doctrines of Wilson's new freedom, has placed its stamp of approval on the doctrine that pigs are of much more importance than boys. I say this in all seriousness, and I base the statement on a special newspaper article prepared by the office of information, U. S. department of agriculture, released for publication on January 26th. This article deals with the subject of how to raise pigs. For the careful consideration of parents and others who are interested in the pig industry, I reprint some of the suggestions made by your government officials on the raising and care of pigs:

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When I was a boy, living in such abject poverty that I did not have clothes to cover my nakedness nor food to satisfy the craving of my stomach, my respectable and well-fed neighbors, including the preacher and the banker, told me how necessary and essential it was for the development of my character that I spend my boyhood days in a grim fight against poverty. I believed it then as a good many boys believe it today, but it is a lie and the statement I have quoted from this government bulletin is proof positive that that kind of a diet won't raise good hogs. And I know from personal experience that it will not raise good boys. For further information on this particular point, inquire of Harry Bone, ex-United States district attorney.

The letter of advice continues: Young pigs must have a dry pen and plenty of sunshine. Begin feeding the pig as soon as he will eat and keep him growing until he is mature. Always keep plenty of clean, fresh water, where the hogs may drink at any time. Lice prevents a hog from doing well. Keep away crows and buzzards. It isn't necessary for me to point out that eighty per cent of the children in Chicago and New York are not treated as well as hogs would be treated if this advice is followed. You know this without my telling you. If I want a horrible example of how children are raised I do not have to go outside the city limits of Girard. Within a radius of twenty-five miles of this thriving little country community there is enough hardship and poverty among children to damn to everlasting hell every plutocrat in the U. S.

I am working for the time when this nation will take as much interest in the care of children as it does in the care of hogs. I haven't any objection to the United States department of agriculture spending its time and the people's money in raising good pork. So long as pork continues to be one of the staple articles of diet, then let us have the best pork that can be raised. If your mind is capable of performing that function which we call thinking, it has already occurred to you that if the nation can with profit to itself employ men to tell us how to raise good hogs then why cannot the nation profitably provide conditions under which we can raise good boys? This naturally suggests the subject of eugenics now occupying the attention of some of the best thinkers in the world. Eugenics is the science of being well born. It is just as essential for the boy to be well born as it is for the hog. But after being well born the boy needs to be well raised, and this is what Socialism proposes to do: Just give the boy and the girl a chance. We want to keep away the crows and the buzzards in human form that prey on human life. Crows and buzzards are parasites and the human variety that inhabit the earth is far more dangerous than those that fly through the air. I can't resist the temptation to repeat in closing my comments on this department of agriculture circular on the raising of good pigs that if the government can do this for hog raisers why in the name of common sense it can't be done for boys and girls?

JOHN KENNETH TURNER will soon begin a series of articles in the APPEAL on Capitalism's Invisible Army. This series will expose to the world the thuggery and brutality of the ruling class in their mad endeavor to crush out the spirit of revolt among the workers. Turner will give some inside facts about the methods of the detective agencies and their hired murderers. It will be a story rich in human interest as well as an eye-opener to one who thinks this is the "land of the free and the home of the brave." Turner's articles should be read by your neighbors and friends. It will help them—it will help the cause.

A STATISTICAL expert says the cause of poverty is that so many people consume without producing. The cause of poverty is that so many people vote without thinking.

WASHINGTON, D. C., society women, and their pet poodles, have formed a class to study ethics. The practice of ethics will be left to the working class, as heretofore.

SOME people's idea of charity is to give a hungry and jobless workman a handout for breakfast and then generously (?) allow him to saw wood the rest of the day to pay for it.

"It will be understood," says the president, "that our object is not to unsettle business or anywhere to seriously break its established courses athrow." But not one word about labor that is ever robbed by business.

Workers, be no more the goat. Paralyze them with your vote.

THE supreme court of California has decided that the government had no right to alienate water fronts—which means that the acquirement of harbors by the railroads is illegal. But ish ka bibble. The railroads will not be required to give up the harbors they seized.

DIAZ was deposed, but Huerta remains. Huerta will some day be overthrown, but unless the system which has given Mexico to the few and left the many landless is overthrown and the big estates are confiscated the tyranny will remain as it was before.

THE burglar uses "soup" and a "jimmy" to rob a bank. The capitalist uses but one tool to rob the workers—the private ownership of the means of life. The capitalist has a lot the best of it. If the burglar gets caught he is sent to prison, while the worst that can happen to the capitalist is to be sent to congress.



WAGES are nailed down, but the price of things has wings.

SINCE the Ford profit sharing has gone into effect many marriage licenses have been issued to his employees. It shows that capitalism, in making it impossible for workers to marry, is destroying the home, and even partial release from its rigors works for marriage. How then about Socialism?

THE statement of the president that "the antagonism between the government and business is over" implies that there had been an antagonism and that he, head of the government, had run up the white flag. There never was a more humiliating spectacle than Woodrow Wilson openly making this declaration in the halls of congress.

THE holdings of European capitalists in America are estimated at six billion dollars. They are now trying to get together in a combination capitalized at ten billions, so as to be able to levy more tribute from Americans. Capitalism can do more in the way of enforcing tribute in a month than an army of a million could do in ten years.

THE worker puts an old party ballot in the ballot box; the ballot puts political power in the hands of the employer; the employer puts his puppet on the bench; the puppet puts an iniquitous injunction in the hands of the sheriff; the sheriff puts a request for militia; the militia puts a bayonet in the worker's stomach. Think before you vote.

ROOSEVELT, threatened with a panic, authorized the Tennessee coal and iron steel contrary to law. Wilson, with railroad shops and mills closing and the capitalist press chronicling an approaching panic, went before congress and openly declared: "No measures of sweeping or novel change are necessary." That was a more abject surrender than Roosevelt made.

THAT it will create a great political machine with unusual opportunities for graft is one of the objections offered against government ownership of the railroads. The looters of the ill-fated Frisco and New Haven systems under private ownership have set a pace for gigantic graft that will be hard to beat even under government ownership and capitalist control of government.

How would you like to pick up your daily paper the morning after election and read this headline: "Socialists Carry West Virginia"? Make you feel pretty good, wouldn't it? And especially if you knew you had a hand in it. I realize that this appears like a dream to many, but let me tell you it is not impossible by a long ways. Stranger things than that have happened even in your day and mine. West Virginia is ripe for Socialism, dead ripe. It's a great opportunity to win a state for Socialism. It's well worth every effort that every APPEAL comrade can make. Do the best you can; if all will do the best they can we'll win hands down. Remember we have the names and for every \$5 you send 20 of these names of West Virginia voters will be put on the list for 40 weeks. If you can't send \$5, send \$1, but send it TODAY.

ANYONE who believes that this country should continue to be an asylum for the political refugees of other lands write a letter to your congressman and senator today protesting against the Burnett-Dillingham bill which aims to exclude from these shores the men and women who fought for better conditions in their native lands.

Some one says, invest it. How would you invest \$105, the savings of each wage worker in two years? Would you buy a house and lot in the city, or a farm? Maybe you would buy shares in some corporation, or put it in a savings bank. If you do, at the end of ten years you will have a little over five hundred dollars; in twenty years a thousand, and in forty years you may have with accumulated interest three thousand dollars, if someone doesn't steal it from you. At that time you will be thrown out of a job because you will be too old to keep up with the pace.

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VICTIMS OF THE GAME. A widow with an income of \$100 annually from bonds purchased with money earned by her hard-working husband, has to work with her needle to support six children. One little son sells papers on the street to help eke out the family income. Is she an exploiter? Does she belong to the aristocracy? Is the boy of the robber class?

This woman has merely tried to enter the capitalist game and very naturally got beaten in it. She is neither an aristocrat nor a capitalist, properly speaking, though she may imagine she is the latter. She has chosen, perhaps from necessity, to become an exploiter, but she gets such meagre returns, either in interest or profit, from her little game, that it does not begin to compare with what is taken from her in the game of grab. While Socialism would end all exploitation, she would profit from it, to the degree that the income from her work would probably be four times what it totals now from interest and all; and besides, under Socialism, she would be given opportunity to raise her children right, from public funds, so that the burden of the toil would to a great extent be lifted from her shoulders while she devoted herself more closely to training her children for their life work.

"DOING THINGS" FOR YOU. Don't gather the idea that Socialism is going to "do" something for you, because it is not. It is merely going to make conditions favorable for you to do things for yourself.

First, it will stop the exploitation of the worker. Then it will make him owner of his own job, and also put him in control of the markets. Finally, it will guarantee that he shall receive the full social value of his toil.

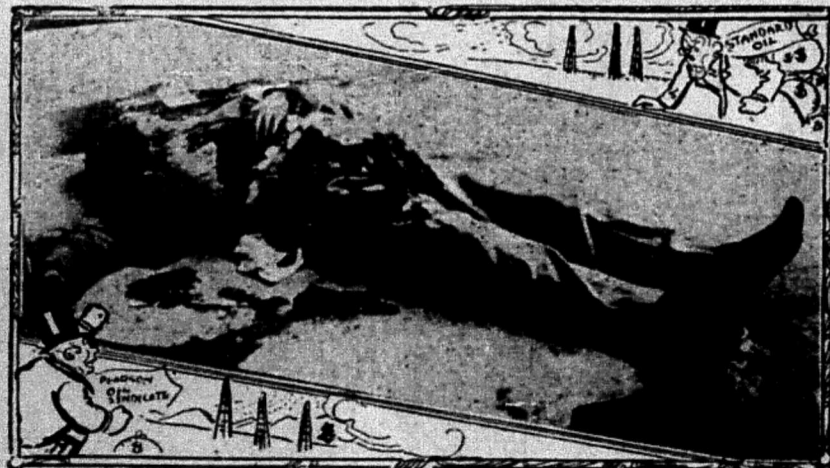
But this in itself means that if he won't toil—if he won't do anything for himself—he will get nothing—that is, unless he is incapacitated for work. When conditions are made just then the rule, "If a man will not work neither shall he eat" may be enforced. If, then, under Socialism, a man's success must depend on his own efforts, we shall have individualism restored. This does not necessarily depend on his own efforts now, therefore, real individualism does not exist now.

And individuality—such a thing is impossible when the many must work or be unemployed at the behest of the few, and when the many must divide up with the few, making the many unable to be themselves and the few worse than their normal selves. Individuality can come only with the coming of Socialism.

SOCIALISM, while antagonizing the capitalist system, with which not only capitalists, but workers as well, are tied up, will in ending capitalism be of inestimable benefit to all, even to those who are now capitalists.

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One of the Many Victims of the Oil War.



This man gave his life that the Rockefeller syndicate might exploit the oil fields of Mexico. He was fighting in the rebel army against Huerta and the Pearson Oil Syndicate of England. His wife and his three children, who love him with the same love that American wives and American children give to husband and father, are waiting for his return—waiting hungry, hopeless and in despair. In the meantime the two giant oil syndicates ruthlessly devastate the beautiful land of Mexico where in place of gardens of roses and fields of waving grain there is death and destruction.



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The National Socialist...  
George Bernard Shaw...  
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**The Copper Miners Strike.**  
From San Francisco Bulletin.  
Modern industrialism seems to be much the same in every part of the world where it has had a fair chance to develop itself. Its characteristic phenomena now show themselves as clearly in a strike in Spain, of which Miss Katherine Coman tells in the *Surrey*, as they do in Houghton county, Michigan. Only the Spanish strike occurred on the scenes where labor had endured for almost uncounted centuries, for the copper mines in the province of Huelva, where miners went out, were mined in the old days by the Phoenicians. But of their labor troubles we have no record, and the probability is that miners who then attempted to stop work on a grievance stopped work summarily and forever.

The province of Huelva is practically owned and dominated by an English mining company, just as mining companies practically own American counties. The whole economic outfit of the province was in the hands of this one company, and the whole province was virtually a little island in the great easy-going territory of Spain. One day eight dock laborers struck. The company refused to grant their modest demands or treat with them in any way, and, like so much gunpowder, the whole working force in the mines went out. Fifteen thousand men were out of work for four months. The strike was finally ended by the intervention of the Spanish government, though not even then, it appears, did the mining company, stubborn to the last, formally "recognize" the demand of its striking employees. But the miners got an eight-and-a-half-hour day, and a minimum wage which represents a slight increase. Also, according to Miss Coman, every miner in the district has become a Socialist, at least to the extent of believing that all mining properties should be taken over by the state.

There must be joy among the ghosts of the dead Phoenician miners, if ever they come back to haunt the slopes where, centuries ago, they toiled and perished.

**Vincent Astor and Socialism.**  
From the Chicago Public.  
Vincent Astor's declination of Upton Sinclair's invitation to become a Socialist is not impressive. Mr. Astor admits that it is not his own thinking which influences him, but that he is led to reject Socialism by observing that certain labor leaders do so. He might with as good reason have accepted it; because other labor leaders do, or because many rich men reject it, or because other rich men are advocates of it. Mr. Astor is making the mistake of permitting others to think for him. Possibly he has more confidence in the ability of other persons to reach correct conclusions than he has in his own. Nevertheless, he is committing the most serious error which any man can commit who wants to be of some use to the world. It is better to think wrong than not to think at all. It is better to arrive at erroneous conclusions through one's own reasoning powers than to absorb correct conclusions by merely accepting without question or investigation the views of others.

**Offers an Explanation.**  
From Kansas City Star.  
Water fresh from the municipal well in Girard has a temperature of 119 degrees. It is suspected that someone threw a copy of the Girard APPEAL to REASON into it.

**Appeal Pleas This Editor.**  
From Red Oak (Okla.) Ironclad.  
The APPEAL TO REASON looks mighty good since it has been using larger type. Every thinking man ought to read the APPEAL.

**The National Socialist.**  
Several times I have told you in these columns that the National Socialist is your paper, that it is an open forum to all comrades to express their views on any legitimate subject whether such views are approved or not.  
If you will look over the February issue, just out, I think you will agree that we have made good on this statement. This issue contains a number of letters from comrades who take issue with me on the question of confiscating the nation's industries. I want every Appeal reader and worker to feel that the National Socialist is his or her paper; I want you to feel that in its columns you are free to criticize any statement made in the Appeal by myself or other members of the editorial staff; I urge every Appeal comrade to use this means we have provided to get in closer touch with one another. If you are using an original method of getting people interested in Socialism, write it out and let others have the benefit of your experience. I am sure the National Socialist can be made a powerful factor in the movement in this way. But I can't make it such; that is your job. The paper is yours; take it and use it. Nobody is barred; but let it be understood that calling hard names and abuses is no argument. And we also ask that you do not get disgruntled because your views are not adopted; remember the space is limited; therefore we take the communications in the order in which they reach us and print as many as we have room for, giving the shortest ones preference.

**BEGINNINGS OF THINGS.**  
Beginning of Party Rule.  
Now that party rule dominates America, it may surprise some to learn that in the beginning party rule was feared and efforts were made to prevent it gaining ascendancy. James Madison wrote in 1787:

The makers of the constitution looked upon political parties as pernicious. They sought to frame a government which would disregard them and base the election of its officers on the basis of reference to factional divisions. Washington and Adams were elected without reference to party, the opposition candidate being accounted vice president because he had received the largest number of votes next to the president. In his farewell address Washington said:

They (parties) serve to organize faction, to give it an artificial and extraordinary force—to put in the place of the delegated will of the nation the will of a party—often but a small, but artful and enterprising minority of the community—and according to the alternate triumphs of different parties, to make the public administration the mirror of the ill concerted and incongruous projects of faction, rather than the consistent and wholesome plans digested by common councils and modified by mutual interests. However combinations or associations of the above description may now and then answer popular ends, they are, in the course of time, and in the end, become potent engines, by which cunning, ambitious and unprincipled men will be enabled to subvert the power of the people and to usurp for themselves the reins of government; destroying afterwards the very engines which have lifted them to unjust dominion.

Yet even before the revolution informal meetings were held to agree on united action, and to arrange for these meetings clubs were organized. The first of these was the Boston Caucus club. After the adoption of the constitution the caucus was introduced into congress and the various state legislatures. That is to say, congressmen and the legislators met and picked out prospective candidates for federal and state offices. Even as late as 1824 there is the secretary's record of a congressional caucus which selected a candidate for vice president. As means of communication improved the people demanded a place in these caucuses, and out of that demand came delegate conventions and finally the well defined party.

**Outrages in Colorado**  
The investigating committee appointed by the State Federation of Labor at the suggestion of Governor Ammons to look into the alleged robbery and outrages charged to have been committed by state troops in the Colorado labor war has brought in its report fully substantiating every charge and calling for the removal of General Chase, Judge Advocate Boughton and Lieut. Lindelft.

The report is so filled with testimony of a terrific nature that a capitalist editor pronounces it "disgusting and nauseating." It tells of actual robbery by state troops, the holding of men as prisoners for months without a charge being lodged against them, the death of one man from exposure while under arrest, the dragging of women through alleys until they fainted, and other like outrages. One man was arrested for refusing to trust a militiaman for a pint of whisky.

When habeas corpus proceedings were brought against a sheriff and jailer to compel the release of union men held without charge, they were released from civil custody in open court and turned over to the military authorities.

The miners, knowing full well the justness of their cause and the tyranny that has been visited upon them, hope much from the congressional investigation which begins shortly.

**"The Key to the Mystery"**  
BY JOHN M. WORK  
Never was book better named. The mystery of course is why the producers of all wealth have nothing; that is, it is still a mystery to a great many people, the people who need this book, the people who want to reach with a truth about things as they are and as they should be, the people we must reach in order to win this nation for Socialism. You know many such and it is your duty to yourself and should be your pleasure to help us reach this mystery. Hand them a copy of this little book and with it the key to industrial freedom. Help line up twenty new voters for Socialism. You can do it with 20 copies of this book. 20 copies will cost you but a dollar.

**Investigation Ordered.**  
The house of representatives has ordered an investigation of the strikes in Colorado and Michigan. The points to be considered in the inquiry are seven in number, as follows:  
Whether the postal services are interfered with.  
Whether the immigration laws are being violated.  
Whether citizens have been arrested and tried contrary to the constitution of the United States.  
Whether conditions have been caused by agreements and combinations, contrary to law, for controlling the production, sale and transportation of coal or copper.  
Whether arms and ammunition have been shipped into the fields for the purpose of excluding the products of the mines from competitive markets in interstate trade.  
Whether espionage exists or has been maintained.  
If any or all of these conditions exist, what causes led up to these conditions.

There is no doubt but that an honest investigation will reveal worse conditions than were uncovered in West Virginia by the investigation there and will substantiate every claim made by the workers, making the news sent out by the capitalist press appear as ridiculous as the old-time laudation of Diaz of Mexico.

**Putting One Over.**  
Jim Hawkins is a traveling salesman. Incidentally he carries a red card and occasionally gets in a few licks for Socialism.

Jim has an original plan of his own for getting people to read Socialist literature. Here is his own story of how he worked it on one of his customers:

I've got one old customer over in Missouri—an old-time store keeper—who thinks he is very much opposed to Socialism. I gathered in our previous conversations on the subject that he didn't know a thing about it, though it was some sort of scheme to murder all the capitalists and divide up their property. The old fellow was one of my best customers and I couldn't afford to lose him and studied for a long time before I worked out a plan to get at him. Well, one trip after he had looked over my samples and I had booked his order, gave him a good cigar and invited him up to my room at the hotel. I told him all my latest stories and got him in good humor and then veered the talk around to Socialism.

"You would be surprised," I told him, "how my new plan is growing; I cover a good deal of territory, as you know, and everybody is talking about it; it seems to be the question of the hour. Same men, like you and me, have got to get busy and fight this thing or they'll be put up to my room at the hotel. I told him all my latest stories and got him in good humor and then veered the talk around to Socialism.

**Who's Who in Socialist America.**  
A most interesting tabulation has been made of the biographies of the comrades whose names appear in "Who's Who in Socialist America," published by the APPEAL. Here it is:

Total names in Who's Who... 472  
Native born... 388  
Foreign born... 184  
Republican, formerly... 194  
Democrat, formerly... 166  
Other parties, formerly... 56  
Converted by Appeal... 282  
Party members... 411  
Public officials... 186  
Public officers... 30

**Don't Be a Rube**  
(During the debates in congress a member occasionally gives utterance to a truth which ought to open the eyes of the workers of the country and bend them solidly together for the exercise of the power that is theirs. On December 12th, Representative Callaway of Texas, in debating a private pension bill, spoke as follows:)

I want to repeat a conversation of an old man who was for the pension bill; a wise old congressman who had been in this house for 17 or 18 years, and a new man who was making a patriotic talk that sounded very much like the speech made by the gentleman from Iowa.

There were just three of us, and I was cussing the Sherwood pension bill. The old congressman said to the new man: "Young man, you are new in congress. You are doing a thing there that you ought not to do; that is, lying to yourself." He said, "I learned long ago that a man cannot afford to do that. It destroys his clearness of thought. It warps his judgment. It will affect you so that you cannot think straight. There is no use in lying to me and Callaway," he says. "You know we are not going to vote in your district and you cannot help this thing by making patriotic appeals to us."

"And," he said, "I want to advise you against lying to yourself. I have done a great deal of lying in my time; I have always done my lying to the other fellow; I have not lied to myself in order to keep my thinking apparatus working right, and I want to advise you not to lie to yourself."

**Too Poor to Buy Votes.**  
"Now," he says, "I am going to vote for the Sherwood bill, just as you are, and for the same reason." And he says, "Another bill is coming in here—the militia pay bill—and when it comes I am going to vote for that, and you will, too. I am going to vote for this Sherwood pension bill, because I am an old man and do not want to quit congress, and those old fellows are pretty well organized in my district, and I do not think I can be elected without their vote, and I do not know how to get it without buying them, and I am a poor man and not able to purchase it with my own money, and this is an opportunity to take money out of the federal treasury and buy it, and I am going to do it. And that is the reason why you are going to vote for it."

"And when the militia pay bill comes up I am going to vote for that, and you are, too, because the militia boys are pretty well organized in our districts and we have got to have them; and when any other organization gets strong enough in my district and I have got to have the votes, and the opportunity comes to take money out of the federal treasury and buy that vote, I am going to do it, and you are going to do the same thing, because you are built that way." I said, how long is this purchasing business going to keep up? He said: "It is going to keep up until Rube wakes up."

"I said, Who is Rube? He said, "He is the fellow back at home that pays the taxes and has not got his hand in the federal treasury." I said, what is the per cent of Rubes compared to the other fellows in this country? He said, "Oh, about 90 per cent Rubes." I said, haven't you got more confidence in the 90 per cent who are Rubes than you have in these interested fellows? He said, "No; these interested fellows know exactly what they want, and they are organized and are ten times as active in politics as Rube is; and when one man is ten times as active in politics as nine others that one man carries the election, and those men that know exactly what they want in this country and who have got their eyes on the indicator and are working at it in politics, have run the government of this country for 50 years, and I have got to obey their mandate till Rube wakes up. I am praying that Rube will wake up, but I am not willing to risk my political life trying to wake him up."

**Long, Long Time Ago.**  
Teacher—Who can name some interesting event in ancient history?  
Willie—I can.  
Teacher—Well, what is it, Willie?  
Willie—The time when Pa had a regular job and Ma gave us beef-steak three times a day.

This drifted in from an Oklahoma comrade: "I see you Socialists want to confiscate everything," sneered my neighbor, who lives in a rented shack and to whom I sometimes hand an Appeal. Before I could reply, his wife butted in. "I wouldn't worry if I were you, Bill," she said. "When they get around to you all they will find it four hungry kids, an unpaid grocery bill and a second-hand chaw of tobacco." I really couldn't see as there was anything I could add and I let it go at that.

**The Knock Out Combination.**  
Try this on the H. Pabbs in your locality:  
10 \$2,000 Per Year and a Six-Hour Day... \$50  
10 The Road to Socialism... \$50  
10 Why the Church Opposes Socialism... \$50  
10 The Ginger Jar... \$50  
Total... \$200  
One dollar takes the bunch.

**...Socialists Turn Tables...**  
From the Washington Star.  
The German capitalist's own artillery has been turned upon him by the Socialists. The money interests have been awakened by the first encounter to the realization that the Socialist resources are a factor in financial affairs. This awakening came recently when, as reported by cable, the "free labor unions," which owe allegiance to the Socialists, decided to withdraw \$5,000,000 in deposits from one of the big banking houses because it had discharged a bank clerk for joining in a movement for higher salaries. The sum was redeposited in banks willing to see that their employees' coalition rights were respected.

The total funds of the unions are estimated at between \$20,000,000 and \$30,000,000. But even this sum is only a minor item in the capital accumulations of the workingmen. Their co-operative stores and buying societies represent a capital of about \$40,000,000. Of the \$1,200,000,000 accumulated in the reserves of the governmental insurance systems about 45 per cent has been contributed by the workers, whose interest in private insurance funds is estimated at well over \$250,000,000. About half of the \$4,500,000,000 deposited in savings banks in Germany belongs to the laboring classes. In all, persons of this class own, it is figured, between a seventh and an eighth of the total wealth of the country.

Two illustrations of the capitalistic aspect of the Socialist unions have lately aroused much comment. These were loans made by Socialist organizations to two municipalities, which were able to place bond issues with the Socialists to much better advantage than with the ordinary banks.

**Calumet Courts Busy**  
Charles H. Moyer, president of the Western Federation of Miners, who was recently indicted for having been shot by agents of the Citizen's Alliance, is applying through his attorneys for a dismissal of the indictment because of its preposterous charges. But the condition of the Michigan courts is such that there is little likelihood of such action being taken. Instead, an epidemic of indictments and arrests appears to have struck the strike region. Not only were the editors of *Tyomies* arrested for daring to print the strikers' side of the controversy, but scores of strikers, including women, have been placed in custody.

In the hearing of some of these cases the utmost effort has been made to break down the testimony of foreigners, but so far without avail.

It is thought that when the investigating committee of the house gets into action part of the arrogance of the master class and of a lawless governor will be temporarily abandoned.

**The Aim of Socialism.**  
W. J. Ghent.  
Socialism seeks the perfecting of the industrial plant that the product may be vastly increased and it further seeks to distribute that product equitably among all the units that have contributed in the work.

Justice of loans to the side where the purse hangs.—Danish Proverb.

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...AS THINGS MAY BE...

I read in the Appeal that under Socialism there would be no landlords, and that everybody would be able to own his own home. Suppose I had a house and a yard, and I would like to divide it, would I? Or say I owned three houses for which I had worked hard while my neighbor drank his money up, I would have to divide these houses, would I?

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and need of others. When they are no longer in need they will be independent of your method to exploit them, and you will then find what three houses are worth to you without two families to pay you a tribute for their use.

Such land as you might be able to cultivate yourself you would be free to use. But you would find it more satisfactory to work in cooperation with others, rather than entirely alone.

Does This Apply to Capitalists?

Thou shalt neither vex a stranger nor oppress him, or ye were strangers in the land of Egypt.—Ex. xxii, 21.

...SIGNIFICANT NEWS...

Toronto, Canada, has established a municipal abattoir, which in plain United States means a slaughter house.

The name of the public ownership party in Minnesota will be changed again to Socialist party of Minnesota.

Women of Newton, Mass., have carried to success a campaign for the establishment of a municipal cold storage plant.

The miners of Scotland recently held a convention at which they voted in favor of the national ownership of mines.

The Socialist party of Washington is working up an initiative for a referendum on the eight-hour day to be submitted to the people.

Eight years of state ownership of the railways of Italy have resulted in an increase of business of 61 per cent and a marked raise in the salaries of the employees.

Due to agitation against insanitary conditions in New York, such reforms have already taken place as to have reduced the infant death rate more than 1,000 during 1913.

Springfield, Mass., will hereafter provide free noonday meals for her school children. The law permitting this was pushed through the legislature by a Socialist member, Charles H. Morrill.

The next Socialist candidates for president and vice president will be selected by referendum vote of the party rather than in a convention. This was recently decided on by a referendum vote of the party.

After a quarter of a century spent in building forts on the western coast, it is now about completed, and it is discovered that they lack about 12,000 men of having enough to properly handle the guns.

The United Mine Workers at their convention in Indianapolis, adopted resolutions favoring collective ownership of all public utilities including coal mines, old age and mothers' pensions, liability and compensation laws.

Thirteen counties in Wisconsin have accepted the mother's pension act passed by the legislature empowering counties to provide pensions for indigent mothers. There are already several hundred women pensioners in the state.

The moving pictures taken at Calumet, Mich., at the time of the Christmas massacre will be shown in Denver soon. O. N. Hilton, attorney for the Western Federation of Miners, and his associates are in Michigan to see that the pictures are shown.

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The Irish American bank, Augusta, Ga., in which the friends of the Socialist party were deposited recently failed; there is some chance, however, of recovering the greater part of this. Many Socialists lost their little all, among them, the state secretary. Great is the yearning for private banking!

Local Augusta, Ga., has started the New Year right by signing a pledge to send the Appeal five subs per week. It would be a great thing for the movement in Georgia if all the locals in the state would follow Local Augusta's example.

The comrades of Moon township, Beaver county, Pennsylvania, have certainly discovered a new method of propaganda. The Socialists are buying up the school board of that district and on January 7th they had Comrade W. F. Barnard deliver lectures to the pupils in the four rooms of one of their school buildings and they purchased four copies of the Appeal for each of the four rooms.

The Socialist school board of Moon township employs twelve teachers of this kind. We have two graded schools, one of four rooms, which will be increased to five next year, and one of three rooms and five country schools. The term this year is seven months, but we suppose judges, 47 district judges, 21 state senators, 89 state representatives, one U. S. senator, 11 U. S. congressmen and most of their county officers. So that the comrades will be better acquainted with the election laws of their state. I kindly ask each local to appoint a committee to look up the election laws and report to the local. The election laws can be had by writing to the secretary of state, William S. Allen, Des Moines, and asking for them. Every local and member at large should do this at once for the coming year. Socialists administration of Hamilton, Ohio, carried out their campaign promise to reduce the police force of the city. The old party councilman, who has been a member for thirty-three years, was the only one who voted against its adoption.

The argument on the demurrer to the second indictment of Max Eastman and Art Young, of the Masses, the Socialist monthly magazine, on a charge of libeling Frank B. Noyes, president of the Associated Press, was postponed to February 26th.

Formal complaint has been made against Bousch White, with criminal libel because certain characters who lived in Middleburg, a small town in the Catskills, had been caricatured in a book, "The Mixing," which White has just written and which is published by Doubleday, Page & Co.

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"You enforce my law!"

Little Stories of Real People

BY G. POE MONTFORT.

BIG JOHN'S MARY was born to be a mother of men. Men of her own type. Calm, serene with muscles and frame made to bear the world's burden, with minds so filled with a placid patience that both she and they surveyed the world with its trials and turmoil, from a height of contentment. No high strung neurotics would they be. But Mary was denied her divine privilege of safely giving birth to her man child.

Mary had all the world contains, the love of her husband, Lithuanian John, and the knowledge that she was to have and hold her child and his. True, this John of hers worked hard and long for his meager pay as coal miner. But she had him and the two-room shack that served as home for John and Mary was a place of infinite beauty to this woman of the people.

It was now fourteen months since John had married her after her landing in New York City and from there had been sent by an employment agency to a far away coal camp in southern Colorado. That John and Mary spoke not a word of English and that John had toiled all his life upon a farm in his own country seemed to have peculiarly fitted John to become a coal miner in the mind of the agent. And a coal miner we find him in southern Colorado.

It seemed very strange to Mary to see her John disappear in the dark hole in the mountain he had tilled was the mouth of the mine. And the strangeness grew to terror when she stood with more of her countrywomen at this same dark hole, to frantically scan the faces of the blackened bodies brought from this inferno after an explosion.

It was at such scenes that Mary grew to know the "company doctor," for no other doctor was allowed upon company ground or in the camp.

Mary's dread of the mine grew with days, a dread of a thing that proved an insatiable monster to snatch loved ones from one's grasp.

Then came a day when the old idea of fear and terror was crowded out to allow the newer and more entrancing one the knowledge that she was to become a mother. Then came a visit to the company doctor who gave the expectant mother a few simple directions and precautions, telling her he would attend her at the birth.

Days followed of planning and dreaming for Big Mary and Lithuanian John. John worked like the giant that he was—putting in such telling effort as to call forth from the Welsh boss, that "John was a good worker."

One clear, crystal Colorado day Mary knew that her hour of agony had come. Tender hands and loving words from a few motherly women helped to bear the agony while John was sent in great haste for the doctor.

But the company doctor, that Imperial Potentate of mediocre knowledge that organized greed forces upon the coal miner at a tax of \$1 per month whether willing or not by the victim, the coal miner, the company doctor was not to be found. Nor was he to be found that day nor the next. He was dead to duty and an agonized woman, drunk in a resort of ill-fame.

No other doctor, in the nearby towns would attend, for fear of the mighty arm of the Colorado Fuel & Iron Co. The excuse given was professional etiquette and the victim was Big Mary.

Mary died at 10 p. m. that night unattended except for a few women and Lithuanian John.

Landlords Have No Claim.

The ordinary progress of society which increases in wealth is at all times tending to augment the income of landlords, to give them both a greater amount and a greater proportion of the wealth of the community, independently of any trouble or outlay incurred by themselves. They grow richer, as it were, in their sleep, without working, risking or economizing. What claim have they on the general principle of social justice to this accession of riches?

In the March issue of Pearson's Magazine Allan L. Benson will have another great story in which he will show, in his usual spicy and convincing style, how it costs every American family 50 cents a day for which they get nothing in return. For \$1.50, the price of Pearson's alone for a year, we will send you the magazine one year and include 25 copies of any of our five-cent propaganda pamphlets.

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THE "BIG TEN." A list of those sending the largest clubs of 40-week subs for the week:  
O. A. Denham, Texas... 26  
A. W. Waggoner, Montana... 24  
W. S. Tucker, Kansas... 24  
Dora Bennett, Ohio... 16  
Cooper Creel, Indiana... 16  
George Holland, Minnesota... 16  
J. L. Desmond, Texas... 14  
John Torgler, Kansas... 14  
Roy H. Lenthart, Missouri... 14  
Achille Mesdag, Montana... 13

THE "BIG FOUR." A list of those sending the largest clubs of four-year subs for the week:  
John S. Thompson, Missouri... 5  
W. A. Smith, Arkansas... 4  
W. C. Little, Texas... 4  
Aug. Schulz, Jr., Minnesota... 2

My coat is off. Must commend the Appeal on its improved appearance. The large type is fine.—E. W. Lloyd, Pa.

Keep your eye on Oklahoma. As one comrade puts it: "There is going to be a warm time in Oklahoma this coming election."

This is the second trip for this dollar. I want to see how many times I can return to the Girard.—F. G. Van Gosen, West Virginia.

I would rather have my Appeal and two meals a day than without the paper and have three meals a day.—D. G. Scott, Pennsylvania.

I've only read two or three issues of your paper, but I'm well satisfied with it.—Valfred Frans, Michigan. He subscribes for four years.

She—Have you family tree? He—Not any more—from what we have been able to learn it has been several thousand years since any of our family lived in trees.

Please send sub cards, they are selling fast and we are taking in new members to our local every time we meet.—H. E. Van Valkenburg, Ill.

"It's not difficult to get subscriptions. It just requires the asking. There isn't one in twenty that will refuse." So writes Comrade John Rushton of Florida.

A few weeks ago I sold a dozen sub cards. Since then I have seen some of the buyers and they all express satisfaction. They say: "I like the way he goes after them."—Fred Biskes, Ill.

A Newton, Kan., comrade writes: "I note the press reports regarding the hot water in the Girard wells. I trust that from Girard will continue a stream of truth that will ever make it hot for capitalism."

One of my customers who is a reader of your paper gave me the Appeal which I found to be almost a dictionary on Socialism. Just the kind of paper we need to wake up the workingman.—H. Halverson, Minnesota.

"Comrade Warren—I congratulate you on the position you take on confiscation. Things As I See Them" is just what we need as I do, but you can tell it and I can't.—W. A. Mann, Florida.

There is only one world—as far as we know; there is only one life—as far as we have found out. Let us make it as good a world to live in as we can and as long as we live as we can. What do you say, fellows?

Confiscation sounds good to me. If there is a word that sounds more like taking something back that has been stolen, you might use it. Tell them in plain English just what we mean to do and then do it.—W. R. Cox, Texas.

Am sending another list of ten subs urgent all to the following another comrade and another, not only for 52 weeks, but for as long as I live, or any rate, as long as the Appeal stands for confiscation.—J. Ladaux, New York.

My uncle sends father the Appeal, but sometimes I am the only one that reads it. I can't say as I'm making a Socialist of my father, but it is out of me, and I shall try and get some subs. I am 13 years old.—George Miller, Fla.

Allow me to congratulate you on the vast improvement I notice of late in the dear old Appeal. Keep the type large. The last few copies were certainly printing of you date cut down on "Things As I See Them."—J. P. Kinmel, Illinois.

The Jewish branch of Local Buffalo, N. Y., has organized a Socialist Sunday school. M. Imerstein, secretary of the school committee, advises over fifty were enrolled at the opening session. They are ordered 25 copies of the "Socialist Primer for Children" for a start.

"A Socialist is an optimist. He wouldn't be a Socialist if he wasn't." I got a copy of Benson's "Truth About Socialism" a short time ago and it is doing the best work of anything I have handed out to my neighbors, although I consider Wayland's Undelivered Address a masterpiece of unvarnished facts.—Thos. E. Grainger, Melfort, Sask.

I am going to try the plan of keeping a dollar working for Socialism. I shall try to keep it on the road most of the time. I think this is a good plan for everyone who can spare a dollar. If a dollar will break us, we might as well break anyhow.—T. R. Edmond, Missouri.

everything that has been stolen.—Thos. J. Thompson, Illinois. I want to congratulate the little old Appeal on a noticeable change towards optimism in its tone recently. Your new way of pointing out the world has a message that Socialism is making from time to time is a lot more effective in inspiring the worker to greater things than the old doleful dirge.—C. D. Hemming, California.

Never repudiate a debt you owe yourself. I congratulate you on the great improvement in the Appeal during the past few months, especially the straight talk on the front page; if there was a time to trim and dodge it has certainly past and if the party is to come into its own we must deal squarely with the people, both inside and outside of the party. You are on the right road.—Franklin Pimbley, Florida.

There are now in the hands of Appeal workers about a hundred thousand subscription cards. We must get these cards into action as soon as possible. Each one of these sub cards has a mission and that mission is not fulfilled until it gets back to Girard filled out with the name and address of a new subscriber. Let us have a little extra effort all along the line this week and see how many of these idle sub cards can be put to work.

I read with much interest what you wrote in last issue of Appeal on confiscation. I have not the least doubt but philosophy is found from start to finish. All intelligent Socialists know that confiscation is no new thing. Nothing is common. The working people are so used to it they do not take any notice of it, as the fruits of their daily toil is confiscated in one way and then another. I am glad you have come out plain.—C. G. Tettler, Kentucky.

Poverty is a social disease. Socialism is the remedy. Join the chain gang and help ally it. Comrade W. A. Smith of Arkansas sends in a few subs including his own and writes: "You don't know how I have missed the little old Appeal. I have been as busy as man of my age—"

Some months ago I found a copy of the Appeal in the waste basket in the postoffice. I read it out of curiosity and was amazed at the serious things it said about the good folks that had been employing me and my class. Again this morning I noticed a copy of the Appeal on the floor of the postoffice, and though it was covered with mud where it had been trampled upon, I picked it up and read every word from start to finish. I notice it sets forth an accusation against everybody in general except me and my class. So far so good, but where is the joke?—Joe Boise, Idaho.

The Chain Gang. Writes a comrade: "Several times you have mentioned the 'chain gang' and urged us to join, what do you mean by 'chain gang'?"

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One Hundred Thousand Editors.

There will be one hundred thousand editors for the APPEAL'S great unemployed special edition dated March 7th. These editors compose the APPEAL Army and they are at work today gathering material from every nook and corner of this great land about unemployment. This edition will contain the stories directly from the men themselves who are tramping wearily from town to town in search of work. The APPEAL will print facts that no newspaper in the United States with a general circulation dares to print. It will be a big job, sorting, classifying and putting this data into printable shape but it will be a work of love and joy on our part because I believe if we can get these facts before the American people in all their grim and ghastly reality, it will force municipal officials and state governments to immediately take steps to relieve the stress and strain of the times.

The APPEAL Army has accomplished many wonderful things in the past, such as the firing of a few federal judges, the cleaning out of penitentiaries and the setting at liberty of individuals innocent of crime. NOW LET US DO SOMETHING BIG AND VITAL AND CONSTRUCTIVE.

Let us force capitalism to disgorge some of its ill-gotten gains and give work to those who need it.

So anxious am I to do this that I shall reduce the price of this edition to less than the cost of white paper and postage. The rate will be fifty cents per hundred copies; \$5.00 per one thousand copies. But if you will send me an order by return mail for one thousand copies at \$5.00 I will send you FREE, \$2.00 worth of subscription cards to the APPEAL. This reduces the rate to 30 cents per hundred. You get the papers for general propaganda work, and you have the subscription cards to supply those who want the paper regularly and you get nearly one-half your money back. This is the best I can do, and on this edition I want you to do your best. It means—if we accomplish our purpose, and the APPEAL has never yet failed—food and clothes for the hungry. That is something worth working for!

THE "BOOSTER" BUNCOMBE.

The "booster" idea is an effort to induce the people to enthuse over the schemes for exploitation that are devised by the small fry fleecers in the hope that by feeding on the minnows they may become big fish. And all who will not enthuse over the proposition, which always means robbery for the toiler, are denounced as kickers and back numbers.

A year ago the APPEAL warned against the big advertisements being sent east of opportunities on the Pacific coast. Within the past two months, when nearly half a million workers who had gone west in hopes of finding employment, were wandering homeless and penniless from place to place, even the papers that had done the boosting were compelled to warn the workers not to go to California. They had merely overdone the swindle in order to beat down wages by having an oversupply of workers.

Now news comes from North Dakota that thousands of farmers are deserting their mortgaged property in order to escape the twelve percent that the sharks have imposed on them. It is estimated every family in the state is mortgaged an average of \$3,000 each. Booster clubs are being organized everywhere to induce new people to come and assume the yoke. Again the master class in grasping for more is losing the meat it had.

All business is a game. If you bite you are stuck. You may survive. But it would be well to consider ending the system that exists only and solely thru robbery and exploitation.

SURE, THE PEOPLE CAN DO IT.

"If a rich man can run a farm and make it pay," says young Vincent Astor, "a poor man should be able to do the same thing." In other words, if a rich man can own a section of land and farm it with all the latest improved machinery, why shouldn't a poor man do the same thing?

Right you are, Vincent. For once you are agreed with the Socialists, but let us put it this way: If the rich can own and operate the industries of the nation and make them pay—the rich—why cannot all the people own and operate them and make them pay—all the people?

Four Years For One Dollar.

For a dollar we insure you four years against any expirations. You know that you don't want to miss a single copy of the little old Appeal and you know that you are liable to miss one or more by subscribing for only 40 weeks at a time and then forgetting to renew on time. Why not cut out all this bother and worry when it only costs you a dollar to do so. Freedom from the worry is worth a dollar alone. By subscribing for four years you help your self and help us. You save the Appeal money in handling your name on the mailing list. You give us that much more capital with which to fight the common enemy—capitalism. We want to see the name of every Appeal comrade on this four-year list. Don't wait for your present subscription to expire, but let us extend it NOW.

STUDY Socialism for your own sake.

It's a rare voter who knows his own party.

THE workers are held down because they are held up.

WHERESOEVER the profit is, there will the plutes be gathered together.

THE equality that amounts to anything is equality of work and product.

WE see improvement all along the line.—Champ Clark. Breadline?

CONSIDER the old party orator; though his tongue be as silver, his head is as solid ivory.

If thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink; but withhold thine hand that thou vote for him not.

AN agricultural magazine says the American farmer is losing confidence in the hog raising business. Meaning capitalism?

THERE is more poverty in New York City than any other spot in America. There are also more millionaires—nearly 1,200 of them.

JOHN D. gave 711 children each a penny the other day—almost a penny for every little one starved by him in his Colorado coal fields.

A NEW YORK doctor says "Food chews go to heaven." If it were only rag chews, now, we'd know where some capitalist politicians were headed for.



AT forty the worker is supposed to have given all he has to the master and is let out to starve. At forty the taker of the toll is just beginning his work of expropriation or confiscation of the products of the toiler.

"RAILROAD MEN OPTIMISTIC," says a headline in a daily paper. Possibly the railroad men have got a tip or something equally as valuable from Washington, D. C.

THE Bible says: "Let no man seek his own, but his neighbor's good." Capitalism's translation of this is: "Let no man seek his own, but his neighbor's goods."

PRESIDENT MOYER'S would-be assassins are now trying to get him on a charge of "conspiracy," evidently on the theory that the packed jury is mightier than the loaded gun.

NEW YORK bankers have notified Washington that they have interests in Mexico that are being jeopardized by the war. Let them go down and lick Mexico and collect their debts.

CHAIRMAN JOHNSON of the house district committee, who punched the face of a witness and called for a gun to kill him with, objects to Socialism on the ground that it "preaches violence."

A DOG in Boston has been left a \$1,500 a year interest in a textile mill. To get the \$1,500, men will have to starve and children will be killed, but our glorious free government will protect Fido's vested interests.

THE state authorities of Oklahoma have undertaken to regulate the retail price of kerosene, according to a news dispatch. This will reduce the cost of living almost as much as the reduction of the tariff on toothpicks.

THE younger Morgan has restored to England some of Queen Victoria's jewels which were "found" in his possession after the death of his eminent father. Now let him restore to the people of America the railroads and other things "found" in his possession and all will be forgiven.

AT Seattle when the unemployment problem became intense it was proposed to enlarge the jail. The president of the hobo organization came forward with a proposition that a building be turned over to them, and that they govern themselves. It was done, and it has been discovered that the hundreds of men sleeping on the bare floors were perfectly orderly. It is just as vicious and unjust to assume that the out of works are lawless and should be locked up as to declare, for example, that all the members of some church or lodge are lawless and require imprisonment and restraint. That kind of treatment was once accorded them, but it is no more. What is needed is not repression, but opportunity for expression.

APPEAL'S ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

No Interference With Beliefs. When Socialism comes into power will it alter the many different forms of religious belief, and will it make it compulsory for all to follow the same form of worship?

Socialism is an industrial and political movement, seeking only to stop the robbery of the worker and give him opportunity and power over his own life. The world has outgrown the idea of forcing all to some particular religious or anti-religious belief, and none recognize this fact more clearly than do Socialists. It may be said once for all that Socialism will not seek to interfere with personal beliefs, because Socialists themselves differ on many things and want the right to differ.

Taxing Church Property. Under Socialism would church property be taxed?

No one can tell. Socialism is a philosophy—not a lot of laws that have been agreed upon in advance. It is impossible to tell whether church property will be taxed if the present system continues. If the people decide that it will or will not be, that is what will prevail.

The Kind of Money. Under Socialism what kind of money will we have, and what will be its use?

No one knows whether we will have gold, silver or paper money, measured in dollars and cents, or labor checks measured by time put in. These things will be for the people to say. Money under Socialism will be for the purpose of facilitating the exchange of goods belonging to the whole people to the individual and family for private use. It will therefore of necessity be a public function. It will be, in few words, merely a method of bookkeeping. And whatever in the experience and wisdom of the people proves to be the most acceptable will determine the particular medium used and the unite of value employed.

ANSWERS TO PRESS CRITICISMS.

Motive of Socialists. Some men are Socialists because they are disgruntled; some because of natural or inborn agitators, live off of the labor of others; some that they may be boosted into office; some because they are misled by the agitators.

Practically every Socialist is a Socialist because he has discovered that the worker is robbed and that there is a way to stop the robbery. It is reasonable to assume that Socialists are sincere and that the evils of capitalism are great creators of Socialists.

Slicing the Wages. Why should not wages be sliced, if only to open the eyes of employees of the railroads to the inevitable results of the slicing that our commissions are doing with rates?

The "wages of investment" should be sliced to the limit till there is nothing left. Then the earnings of the workers might be greatly raised and the public get its service at one-half present rates. The biggest exploiters of the roads are the private owners and their illegitimate children, stocks and bonds.

THE FARMER LOSES AGAIN.

A British syndicate has come into possession of eighty million acres of land in South Africa. Richard Walsh, of Texas, has been sent there to manage a little tract of ten million acres for the syndicate. The syndicate will raise cattle and sell them to American and other packers, for less than American farmers can afford to raise them, and then the beef trust will hold up the people for all the market will bear. Many million head are being grazed there now. The farmer at one time imagined he was independent. He saw the packing business taken from him, and now it would appear the stock raising business is to be taken. He will then be confined to raising food for the use of man alone. As a result, a few million acres of land, intensively farmed under expert direction, can raise enough of the needed supply to market it below his price and then more of his independence will go, and the farm land will become so cheap that the syndicates can buy it up and have full control of everything. The point is this: The social machinery now in operation is such as to ultimately give the full ownership and control of the world into the hands of a few, rendering government futile and obsolete, unless the workers of the world unite to wrest the political and industrial machinery from private control and save at once themselves and political government from destruction.

Have You the 1914 Arsenal?

The 1914 edition of the Appeal's Arsenal of Facts is ready. Revised and up to date with about forty pages of new matter. It contains three photographic reproductions of United States census reports on manufacturers. Talk about prima facie evidence—these reproductions are taken directly from official government reports. And these figures tell the entire story—how labor produces all wealth and gets practically nothing in return. There is nothing else like the 1914 Arsenal. It's brim full of facts that the profit system defenders can't dodge. This is the little book of which J. A. Wayland said: "I never found anything so useful and handy as the 'Arsenal.'" It is printed on thin, tough paper. Bound by hand in full morocco. Flexible covers. Fully indexed. Fits the vest pocket. While you can't buy one of these great little books you can get one free if you really want one. Just send \$3 for one dozen Appeal subscription cards and the book is yours. With everybody discussing Socialism, as they are today, you can easily sell the cards and get your money back. Get an Arsenal!

SINCLAIR ANSWERS ASTOR.

It will be remembered that when Upton Sinclair published in the APPEAL an "Open Letter to Vincent Astor," that young millionaire replied in a letter that was printed broadcast. Mr. Astor argued that Socialism was not impending, because the officials of the American Federation of Labor were not in favor of it. Comrade Sinclair has issued another open letter to Mr. Astor, which will be printed in full in the newstand edition of the APPEAL of next week. Sinclair answers Astor in part as follows:

It is true that the American Federation of Labor is not at the present time in sympathy with Socialism; but let me point out that there is a very strong Socialist minority in it, and that this minority is constantly increasing in strength. I have not the figures by me, but believe that the vote in favor of Socialism at the last convention was close to one-third; and a vote in favor of the essential elements of Socialism has been carried by the miners' organization, the most powerful single body in the federation. I would remind you that in last convention was close to one-third, and not entirely trustworthy as a guide to the feelings of the rank and file. Workingmen, when they become "leaders," cease to live the lives of workingmen, and become upper class persons; that, which they wear evening clothes, attend banquets, and have their speeches reported in the papers; and these things tend to make the capitalist system seem more tolerable to them.

Let me remind you also that the American Federation of Labor represents but a small minority of labor; some two million organized workers, mostly skilled. There are some fifteen million working men in this country, besides farm workers and the women and children who are engaged in gainful occupations.

After disposing of this main argument advanced by Mr. Astor, Comrade Sinclair comes to the real contention, that is, whether the capitalist system is right and efficient. He says in part:

You do not say anything about my contention as to the fundamental moral wrong involved in the private ownership of the natural resources of wealth, the land, the mines, the oil wells, that, which were created by nature and which are necessary to the existence of every human being. I assert that the class in the community which by the ownership of these things is enabled to place a tax upon industry, and so to live without working, is a parasitic class, and whether deliberately or innocently, an immoral class, and you do not tell me whether you consider this to be true. You will perceive that even though statisticians were able to prove that the condition of the working class is improving, this would not be an answer to my argument. My purpose is to ask you why this private ownership of the means of life should not be abolished deliberately and intelligently, with a clear understanding that it is an evil thing.

It remains to be seen whether Mr. Astor will pursue the discussion of the question. After having admitted that it is a pressing theme and that he was sufficiently interested in it to reply to an open letter printed in Socialist papers, it is difficult to see how he can avoid making reply to the questions so plainly put to him by Comrade Sinclair.

USE THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

P. P. Claxton, commissioner of the United States bureau of education, comes out clearly for use of the school plant the year around, declaring the use of it only nine months in the year is "preposterous." During the summer months he would teach vocational work. The idea is good. The pupils should be taught vocations, and paid for their work. Under right management they would bring in enough to pay all expenses. And this would solve the great problem of what to do with the millions of boys and girls who can find nothing to do during the summer months.

And the schools should be open evenings also, as social centers, where educational lectures and even lessons for adults are given. Let us use the public school plant and we can soon enlarge it to where it will be of tremendous service to the whole people.

The half million mark will be passed next week. The Appeal is climbing upward. The report will be printed next week.

A WORKINGMAN can do as he is told or he is told that he is canned.

SOCIALISM has hope for the world. Capitalism has only ruin for it.

CAPITALISM is a great producer of uncertainty. No one feels safe under it.

UNEMPLOYMENT is a crime of capitalism for which the workers are punished.

WORKINGMEN are supposed to be brothers. However, darn few mules recognize their own relations.

It can hardly be said that talk is cheap when every session of congress costs the country a billion dollars.

UNDER capitalism no one is safe. A million dollars is not protection. Under Socialism life will be safeguarded.

THERE is no evil that Socialism will give the world. It will rather end the evils of which the world now complains.

CAPITALISM has so far destroyed the home that a majority of the people in America are living in rented houses.

VINCENT ASTOR'S reply to Sinclair shows that he is an apt pupil of the miseducators employed by the pirates to defend their cause.

THERE is nothing of good that Socialism will take from you; and you ought to be deprived of weapons of war and the tools of the thief.



The press reports that recently the dealers had a large shipment of turkeys dumped into the lake in order to keep the price up. At the same time there were 1,000,000 men on charity in the city. Profits are always inhuman.

"THE antagonism between the government and business is over," says the president. You can see who surrendered by who is in the saddle.

CONGRESSMAN JAMES A. MOON of Tennessee wants to smash the civil service law. In the words of the old song: "Good night, Mr. Moon."

THE president wishes to kill monopoly, he says. Then why does he declare for a monopoly of manufacture and exchange by private interests?

THE pessimist is one who is satisfied with evils that now exist. The optimist is one who sees a better world and works for it. The Socialist is an optimist.

"BACK to the farm" cry the economists. Back to competition, urges the president. It is always back, always saying to labor, Go back and sit down.

SOCIALISM, while a working class movement, will end classes by making all workers. Capitalism, living by exploitation, creates classes and intensifies class antagonisms.

MODERN business does not wish to kill the working goose that lays the golden egg. All it asks is the egg and the feathers. The goose may have enough food to enable it to produce.

IN 1840, according to Prof. Parsons, there was only one millionaire to two million people, today there is one to each 15,000. In 1840 there was practically no poverty, every one was able to secure at least the necessities of life. Poverty has increased as wealth has increased. The more millionaires the more poverty. That is the way capitalism works.

A CIRCULAR letter signed by George Dewey, and bearing the heading: "Office of Admiral of the Navy, Washington," with the same on the envelope in which it is enclosed, is being sent out by *Colliers*, advertising some books. What right has an admiral of the navy to use a government position for private purposes?

IN 1911 little Leona Fugate was run over by a street car in Kansas City and lost both her limbs. A federal judge, hearing the case on appeal, denied her any damages whatever. The APPEAL told the story at the time of the dismissal of the suit, and since then enough have bought her pictures to enable the crippled child to live in moderate comfort. Now comes a letter from her mother saying that the little one has passed from the world so cruel and yet kind to her, and requesting that no more money be sent for pictures. This act shows honor beyond that manifested by the company which, after ruining the child's life, escaped responsibility through a biased judge.

The Circulation Figures Will Appear Next Week

HUNDREDS of you have written asking about the circulation. You remember it was 550,000 actual subscriptions, the largest list of bona fide, paid-in-advance subscribers to any political newspaper published in all the wide world. Two years ago, following the national campaign, the tide set in against us and in a year's time the list had slumped to fewer than 400,000. These were dark days for those of us here in Girard, I can assure you. I quit printing the report because I felt ashamed of the showing, and I knew you would feel the same. I resolved not to again print these figures until the list was back to the old mark. During the past four months the list has been steadily climbing upward and the figures show for the week just ending 488,000.

A climbing circulation to the APPEAL, with the record printed each week will do more to encourage our comrades and stimulate them to activity than most anything I know of. You know how you feel yourself when you see your paper forging to the front. It acts that way on every Socialist and of course has the opposite effect on our enemies.

Next week the circulation report will pass the half million mark. Make it more—send a club of four.

"The Story of the Appeal."

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THE army of the unemployed of San Francisco is circulating petitions calling on congress to at once "establish throughout the nation producing, manufacturing, distributing and any other plants necessary for the purpose of furnishing to the people the necessities of life, namely, food, clothing, shelter, transportation, amusement, etc., at actual labor cost of production and distribution." The unemployed seem to have the Socialist idea, and they do not ask purchase of the present plants, but the elimination of them by making them of no value.

No man should be forced to ask for justice—it should be his without the asking.

The Grand Jury Reports.

Lately at Calumet, Mich., Charles Moyer, president of the Western Federation of Miners, was assaulted, beaten and shot in the back, copper mine workers. He and the auditor of the miners' union were placed on a train, under guard and compelled to leave the state. A storm of protest swept over the country, and the authorities were compelled to call a grand jury to investigate this cowardly and brutal attack. The grand jury reported last week and were discharged. They found no indictment, although a thousand men and women could have been summoned before them, who could have told the name of every man engaged in the assault.

This is the latest of the legal farces enacted against the workers. The same thing practically takes place in every part of the United States whenever the laborers ask for a little more of that which they produce. The masters use the police, the marshals, the sheriffs and the hired assassins, and when they kill or seriously injure working men, capitalist lawyers cause the courts and grand juries to give them immunity from their crimes. These things will continue until the working class has control of the law-making bodies and of the courts themselves. We cannot have the courts and the people who make laws from our own ranks, until we educate them in the law. The Appeal Law Class was devised for the purpose of educating the workers in the law. There is still an opportunity of enrolling in this class, and learning the law without leaving your employment for a single day. Write us and we will send you literature describing our plan of operation. Address all communications to LEGAL DEPT., APPEAL TO REASON, Fort Scott, Kan.

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