

Human Cash Registers

The average non-Socialist is simply a human cash register who thinks only in dollars and cents. If you want him to accept Socialism...

USE OF OUR SAVINGS.

Talk about private saving. It is a strange fact that the savings of the people have become the basis of the bond issues that now afflict them...

The people have deposited their money in the private banks, without security, and for the most part without interest...

Had the money been deposited with the government, in government banks, it might have been used in buying these same industries for you...

But the government, authorized to issue money and assuming the power to punish counterfeiters, has pursued the policy of depositing its money in private banks...

If the system that admits of all this is not criminal, it at least is insane. You will have to pay for encouraging the sillies in yourself...

PAYING THE DEBT.

We have been in an argument with republicans and democrats about civil war debt. They claim it is paid off. We say it is not.

The World Almanac for 1913, page 165, quoting from official figures, gives the public debt in 1866 at the close of the civil war, at \$2,773,236,173.

It is true that part of the civil war debt has been paid; but no sooner was it paid than some means was devised for forcing an increase in the debt.

It may be taken as an axiomatic truth that it is never intended that the nation shall get out of debt, and that no nation on earth is getting one inch out from under its bonded obligations.

MORE BONDS COMING.

And now the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton railroad has gone into the hands of a receiver. The Baltimore and Ohio has been hit by its action and may follow suit.

Don't get discouraged because you fail to interest your man the first two or three times. Try him again by handing him a copy of this paper.

EVERY bond issued is a mortgage on the workers.

THE Rothschilds taught the world how to run into debt. Socialists will teach the world how to get out of debt.

THE first Rothschild was a rag picker. Today we are all rag pickers, made so by the Rothschilds, the Rockefellers and the few they represent.

SAVE your pennies and invest them in bonds and in the course of a few million years you'll be able to live without working more than half the time.

THE bond is a thing by which the private capitalist who really invests money in an enterprise may be tied up under tribute to the man who has invested in the ownership of the nation's money.

WHEN the workers thoroughly realize how they have been mortgaged like a lot of cattle you can well save your prayers for the bondholders, the workers won't need them.

The workers are filled with patriots' ardor. While their wages grow less and their work grows harder.

THE revenues of Cuba are today being collected by Uncle Sam, with his battleships, so that fraudulent bonds issued to New York capitalists may pay their interest.

THE American navy was landed at Vera Cruz without orders from Wilson. Then the customs house was seized so that the interest on bonds owned in New York might be paid through Uncle Sam.

THE word "bond" means a cord used for rendering another helpless. The word "mortgage" means a cord bound around the heart.

You haven't any property. The trusts have laid claim to that which you called yours, and, without legal process, are through interest on fictitious stocks and bonds, actually collecting the revenue from it.

WHEN the purchase of the French rights in Panama was under consideration, a man named Cromwell, distantly related to both Roosevelt and Taft, bought up the French interests for a song, then sold them to Uncle Sam for \$40,000,000.

If you were given a monopoly of money you could reorganize the big institutions, selling stock to pay for them, and investing the money deposited with you in bonds, and within ten years you could own all the earning power of all the people of the United States.

Said a hero with mouth very spacious "As a bluffer I'm most efficacious. The voters are green, I'll run in '16 And fool them again, by gracious."

If it were not for private control of money there could not be the private control of industry that pertains today. If it were not for private control of money, it would have been impossible to float eleven billion dollars of railroad bonds when there are only three billion dollars of money in existence in the United States.

THE bond is a burden laid upon industry. The issues made under Morgan's direction have well nigh wrecked the industries already. When the wreckage occurs, only one thing remains—to reorganize, with more bonds.

It was not Morgan but Fisk who discovered the bond system of running industry. Fisk and Gould leased the Missouri Pacific in the seventies, purposely let the road deteriorate, then threw it into the hands of a receiver, and bought it in cheaply, issuing against it bonds enough to pay for the road and at the same time enough stock to more than clear themselves.

How Wall Street Captured White House

IT is not a pleasant thing to declare that the president of the United States has surrendered to big business, but we have his own words for it.

The business of the country has been chiefly promoted in recent years by enterprises organized on a great scale. The vast majority of the men connected with what we have come to call big business are honest, incorruptible and patriotic.

This statement was made just after John Pierpont Morgan had openly visited President Wilson. Just about the same time the interstate commerce commission, part of the Wilson administration, after an exhaustive investigation of the New Haven railroad, long manipulated by the house of Morgan, had brought in an official report, revealing, to quote from a dispatch in the Chicago Tribune, "a tale of financial buccaneering, compared with which the exploits of Captain Kidd were puny and childish."

To make it clearer that the guilty parties will not be punished under the Wilson administration, Attorney General McReynolds is quoted in a capitalist paper as saying: "There is no law under which the department can prosecute the New Haven directors for improvident or dishonest use of the stockholders' money."

But lack of prosecution of the big looters of America is not the only thing conceded by the Wilson administration. A Washington dispatch says of the President's reception to representatives of big business: "The reception of the delegation from the Chicago association of commerce by the president was in marked contrast to that of the Illinois Manufacturers' Association a few weeks ago."

The president must also be judged by the voice of events. Not only has the supreme court awarded to the very interests that helped to float the bond swindle years ago, oil lands that were claimed by the government to the value of almost a billion dollars, but the administration has come to the protection of the bond holders in San Domingo with war ships, it is seizing the revenues of Cuba in order to turn them over to the same gang of bond holders that looted the New Haven, and it is collecting Mexico's customs at Vera Cruz, with request from Morgan that New York bond holders be given their interest out of them.

One can't be too hard on Wilson. It means a great deal to put an end to a business depression that, in spite of his "psychological" talk, was beginning to worry him, and to feel that unemployment and stagnation are to be lessened. There were only two ways in which this could have been accomplished.

Now, that the president has yielded to the pressure, one of two things will happen: If he, following his natural inclination, should wobble and wish to dig the masters a bit, then the masters will retaliate by smashing him good and hard. If, on the other hand, his surrender should be complete, the railroads will be reorganized, which will mean the robbery of the small stockholders out of millions of dollars they invested, and the issuance of more bonds, that will mean further looting of billions.

What is a national debt? A national debt is a mortgage upon the people of the country that assumes it. The workers of a country first produce the wealth, which they give over into the hands of a few non-producers; these non-producers then loan it to your government, which they control by your votes, and then you produce more wealth to pay the interest on the loan.

THE national debts of the world total about sixty billion. It may not occur to you that this concerns you. But, my good friend, it does concern you, as well as every other human being upon the face of the earth.

THE very latest report is that there are eleven billion dollars in railroad bonds issued against, not the railroads themselves, but against the patronage the people may give the roads. This is all velvet. The inflated stocks, which is supposed to show the ownership, amounts to eight billions.

BONDING the unborn, either with public or trust debt, is fraudulent. All such debts should be repudiated.

A SO-CALLED "stable government" is evidently designed for working mules. The asses are tied to the manger with bonds.

THE ancients enslaved other peoples but not their own. The rulers enslaved the foreigner, but the rich were not permitted to issue bonds upon their own people.

WHAT does it avail to call property yours, if a few bankers are able to issue obligations against it that will take from you all that you produce on or from it? That is what the ten billion dollars of trust bonds mean.

THE idea of borrowing money on the future earnings of the workers was devised for the purpose of enabling the masters to prosecute war at the expense of the unborn. It is responsible for all the armament of today.

Henry Dubb has lost his grub And can't make out who took it. To tell the truth, at the voting booth, Is where the boob forsook it.

WALTER SCOTT tells of a serf that had an iron collar around his neck, inscribed "Gerth, born thrall of" so and so. The trusts have fastened around the necks of every "free" American an iron collar, labeled "born thrall of the steel and transportation trusts."

A PAPER that involves two parties is illegal if it is issued without the knowledge and consent of both. The trust bonds, which placed the people of America in debt beyond their power to pay out, were issued without consent of the people.

IF the banking system were in the hands of Uncle Sam, as a monopoly, when the bonding system has wrecked the railroads he could take the deposits of individuals, up to a safe banking margin, and run the roads with that until the receipts would do the work, and speedily undo what land grants and private control of banking have done to the people.

AFTER the people had become used to the infamy of bonding the future for public wars, Morgan set about bonding the earning power of the future in the interest of private profits, for the few. The whole plan was fraudulent and criminal. Every trust bond is evidence of criminal conspiracy and should be all the evidence needed to imprison the holder of the bond.

TRUST bonds would never be paid if the interest could be kept up. It is only when the people are unable to pay the heavy tribute laid upon them that the industries are thrown into the hands of receivers and reorganization takes place. Then it is the stocks that are cancelled. The bonds remain in force, and new bonds are issued to enable the institutions to do business.

With republicans out and democrats in The worker has nothing to lose but his skin. With conditions reversed (and it's often been tried). The worker is scheduled to lose his hide. Then give the Socialist party an inning And banish forever the art of skinning.

THE total money in circulation is about three and a half billion dollars, though nearly two billion of this is actually held out of circulation. The two billion dollars or less that is actually in circulation has been loaned out no less than nine times, and you are bonded—either by public or trust bonds—to pay interest on it all. Yet you wonder why you are poor.

CARNEGIE saw early the power of the new bond-age which Morgan had devised, and turned his ownership of steel property into bonds. The income from those bonds has been sufficient to enable him to give away millions in an effort to blind the people to the infamy of the transaction and at the same time have the bonds in his hands and around the necks of every worker in America.

WHEN the bond system has wrecked an industry it is thrown into the hands of a receiver. This means that it voluntarily goes into the hands of the federal government. The government has a right at that time to keep it and administer it. This means that the smashing of the railroads that the Morgan bonding system is bringing has made it possible for the government to acquire the roads at once, without bonds and without water.

Total number of subs July 11.....\$51,545 New subs ending July 18... 9,871 Expiring subs same week.....11,747 Net loss for week.....1,875 Total number of subscriptions for week ending July 18.....

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A NOTHER drop in the circulation is recorded this week. We could explain this drop in a dozen different ways, but that won't win away the fact that the Appeal is running behind its expenses. Socialists ought not to explain and excuse. Summer as well as winter, hard times as well as good times, the Socialist message must be proclaimed.

LIFT THE MORTGAGE. One hundred families with Rockefeller at the head own and control America. One hundred families hold a mortgage on a hundred million people.

You are mortgaged. Rockefeller and his class own you body and soul. Your wife is mortgaged. Your children are mortgaged. Unborn millions are mortgaged. From the cradle to the grave or the junk heap you and yours must slave to pay the interest on this mortgage.

You can never pay the mortgage, those who hold it will not let you pay it. As your productive capacity increases right willingly will they let you increase the debt but never will they willingly let you pay it.

They are liberal (?), all they want is the interest, but that they demand forever and ever.

Are you men? Is your blood red or yellow? Are you forever going to remain willing slaves? Are you never going to make an effort to lift this mortgage on your life and the lives of your children and your children's children?

The mortgage never can be paid. But you are not helpless. There is a way out. There is a way to lift the mortgage. That way is Socialism.

What is Socialism? Socialism is the collective ownership of the machinery of government. There is but one party in all the world that stands for this and that is the Socialist party. Join it. Join the party of your class. Work and vote with your own class. In no other way can you lift the mortgage.

One hundred families hold a mortgage on the other twenty million families of this country. They hold it because they also own and control the machinery of government.

Seize the machinery of government and you can lift the mortgage. There is no other way. You cannot do this alone but you can do it when a majority know the truth. They will soon know the truth if you circulate the APPEAL. See that every workman in your community reads this paper.

SUPPOSE you should go to your banker and represent that you had a farm worth \$200 and would like to borrow \$20,000 on it, what do you suppose he would say to you? That is precisely what the hundred men who control the property of the nation did, in effect. They had property to the value of \$200,000,000 and got cash against it to the amount of \$20,000,000,000. It is this kind of financing that has made you helpless.

THEY who think they can control bond issues through the mere color of the money or through it being made of some particular paper, are reminded that the new bank currency, the bank notes, soon to be issued, will be paper and they will be literally greenbacks. It is not the color of the money or what it is made of that counts, but the fact that it is issued exclusively by the government.

What's the Use? In practically every state in the union this is campaign year for state and county offices. In every state and in every county where there is a campaign, attorneys general and prosecuting attorneys are to be elected. In some of the states and in most of the counties there are no working class lawyers to be nominated on the working class ticket for the office of prosecuting or attorney general.

The People's College is furnishing a three-year correspondence law course, together with a course in the correct use of the English language, and a course in public speaking. There are thousands of men and women who want to do something to help in the fight to free the workers. These folks should make experts of themselves in the law and in the effective use of language. They should not drift along aimlessly and hope for something to turn up. This is a day of progress. There never was a time when men and women who are prepared for service could find so much to do for the general welfare. We are organizing a new law class. The cost for a splendid legal and oratorical training will be made very low to those who enroll now. Write us at once for particulars. THE PEOPLE'S COLLEGE, Fort Scott, Kan.

Even the Cigar Butt Crop Has Been Hit by the Hard Times. Apparently Henry Dubb Doesn't Enjoy Wilson's "Psychological" Smokes.

By Ryan Walker

