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IF MEXICO REVOLTS, WHY----

HOW THEY STOLE MEXICO.

The Mexican revolution has brought to the front a brilliant and patriotic array of young Mexican writers who are doing a great service to the common people of both countries by exposing the true reasons back of this hue and cry for intervention.

One of the writers is Francisco Bulnes, who has recently issued a powerful book, "The Whole Truth About Mexico." Basing his statements on official documents and records on file in Mexico City, he shows how the lands and natural resources of Mexico were stolen from the people by the Diaz-Limantour-Huerta Cientifico crowd and handed over to outside capitalists (mostly Americans) and how this in turn caused the revolution and the consequent howl for intervention.

The Rebel has long desired to show from the official record just to what extent the Plunderbund of America has been allied with the unspeakable Diaz gang in stealing the lands of Mexico, so with great satisfaction we reprint the following indictments against them that appear in Mr. Bulnes book:

First:—Selling half of Lower California for a mere pittance to Mr. Louis Huller, of German extraction and a naturalized American citizen, who passed it on to an American colonizing enterprise.

Second:—The Government gave its consent to changes in the Mining Code, for no other reason than that of enriching the grantees of unclaimed lands in the state of Coahuila, who had acquired the Sabina lands for a insignificant sum with a view of selling them to the American multi-millionaire, Huntington.

Third:—Selling for next to nothing, 3,000,000 hectares (7,400,000 acres) of excellent lands in the State of Chihuahua to two favorites of the Mexican Government, that they might resell to Mr. Hearst, the millionaire newspaper publisher, who constantly conspired against the integrity of Mexican territory so as to bring about armed intervention.

Fourth:—Granting concessions to foreign companies to exploit the oil ands, among which companies the American predominated; granting them also exemption from export duties on the crude or refined product.

Fifth:— The most scandalous of all the oil concessions was that granted by the dictatorship to Lord Cowdray (consequently in favor of English capital). Lord Cowdray was intimately associated with ex-President Taft's Administration, as his brother, Henry W. Taft, and George W. Wickersham, Attorney General in the Taft Cabinet, were directors in the Pearson company organized and presided over by Lord Cowdray.

Sixth: — Permitting the Guggenheims to monopolize almost completely the important metallurgic industry. The Guggenheims controlled the smelting plants of Monterey, San Luis Potosi, Aguascalientes, and Velardena in Durango, and were getting a foothold in Pachuca and Real del Monte.

Seventh:— Granting to Colonel Greene, an American citizen, enormous concessions in the copper lands of the State of Sonora, upon which he established the famous Cananea Plant, where the four thousand employees were treated like slaves, and with such inhumanity that there was an uprising among them, with the result that armed men from the United States passed into Mexican territory to protect American oppressors.

Eighth: — Permitting the United States Ambassador, Mr. Thompson, to enter the business field in Mexico, something that would not have been tolerated in any other country, and granting him personal concessions by means of which he organized The United States Banking Company and the Pan-American Railroad.

Ninth:— The arrangement by the noted Cientifico lawyer, Sr. Joaquin Casasus, of the scandalous concessions in the rubber lands in Durango granted to the American multi-millionaires, John Rockefeller and Nelson Aldrich.

Tenth: — The verbal arrangement between Senor Limantour, the leader of the Cientificos, and Mr. Mallet-Prevost, lawyer of the Tlahualilo Company, of an agreement which ruined the river-bank-dwellers, both great and small, of the Nazas River in the cotton region of the "Laguna," who were for the most part Mexicans; and moreover, the grant of several millions indemnity to the Tlahualilo Company for (fake) damages.

Eleventh:—Selling for a most nominal sum, 50,000,000 hectares (124,000,000 acres) of marvellously fertile lands to twenty-eight favorites, who sold them at very low prices to the foreign companies, mostly Americans, as it was the latter's ambition to buy up the country by bits and finally realize the boasted "pacific conquest."

Twelfth: — Having despoiled the Yaquis, brave and indomitable as the Araucanians, of their magnificent lands to hand them over to thieving bureaucrats, who wanted them merely to sell to American investors.

Thirteenth: — Despoiling various towns in the State of Mexico of their magnificent wooded hills in order to favor an American and Senor Jose Sanchez Romos, a Spaniard, proprietors of the paper factories of San Rafeal and Anexas.

Fourteenth: — Permitting the banking house of Scherer-Limantour, in combination with American railroad magnates, to buy secretly and at a low figure the stocks of the Mexican Central, the National, the International, the Pan-American, and other railroads to sell them later at a great advance to the Mexican government.

Fifteenth:—The complete prostitution of the judicial system, which dictated that in case a foreigner was in litigation with a Mexican the case had to be decided in favor of the foreigner, whether he were right or wrong, without making the Mexican pay the costs; but if the foreigner were an American, his Mexican opponent was obliged to pay the costs of the suit.

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The foregoing brings this thought to the thinking man: "If it be true that like causes will produce like effects, then it is also true that the same causes that brought about a revolution in Mexico must operate to bring about a revolution in the United States that will make the Mexican troubles look like an old maid's tea party in comparison."

For every gigantic steal of the Mexican people's land and resources we can cite an equally vicious steal on this side of the line, and then not the half would be told, the only difference being that most of the thieves reside in this country.

What is there worse in Mexico than the 36,000,000 acre grant of the people's lands to a few railways or the other stupendous land thefts in Texas, legal and illegal?

Or the alternate sections granted to the Union Pacific along its entire right-of-way on both sides; and like gigantic land steals throughout the nation?

Or the grabbing of water power and irrigation sites by the Electric Trust with the infamous Shields bill to give it such sites as it has overlooked?

Or handing over to the Guggeheims the marvelously rich mining regions of Alaska and building a railway for them so that they can more easily dispose of their loot?

Or permitting Weyerhauser et al to steal millions upon millions of the glorious timber lands of the Northwest or allowing the Long-Bell-Kirby lumber trust to rob the school children of East Texas and Louisiana of ten millions or more of some of the choicest long-straw and yellow pine lands in the world?

Or allowing the oil trust to grab all the oil lands, the coal trust all the coal lands, the various mining trusts all the mining lands, and finally the other trusts to grab all the remaining means that all the people depend upon for life and comfort?

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In short if the ex-peon of Mexico had cause to grab his gun and go to it, what about the condition of the present peon of America?

The Rebel should opine that the Mexican people, called "greasers" by their mental and moral inferiors, have thus far shown more manhood, more red blood, more love for their families than have the 75,000,000 peons on this side of the line. Over there they had no other recourse except to shoot it out, while over here, as yet, we can organize economically in One Big Union and politically in the only working class party and settle this thing without recourse to arms.

However, if you don't wake up, the time will come when the right to express yourselves peacefully will be taken from you and then the bark of the automatic and the 30.30 will be heard in the land.

If it comes to that the blood shall be upon your heads and not upon the heads of we Socialists. We are merely trying to show you the Easiest Way Out before it is everlastingly too late.

ON WITH THE DRIVE.

The Rebel has had it from inside sources far the past six months that the Wilson administration, backed by progressive Republicans, will do its level best to play the game Bismarck played in Germany when the ruling classes began to regard the Socialist party as a menace.

Bismarck's game was to grant remedial legislation far in advance of anything that has been tried in this country. Under Bismarck's guidance the German parliament began as early as 1887 to grant public old age, sick, unemployed and death insurance, wiped out slums, destroyed poorhouses, established the eight-hour day, abolished illiteracy, erased child slavery, established government owned railways, telephones, telegraphs, markets, abolished homelessness until 86 per cent of the Germans now own their own homes, etc.—all to the end that the slaves be kept well-fed and contented.

In short Bismarck frankly avowed that the purpose of these reforms was to "raise a bulwark against the rising tide of Socialism"—to take the "wind out of the sails of the Socialists."

However, the German Socialists did not stop their agitation in the fool belief that the capitalist government would now cut its own throat by handing the workers freedom on a gold platter. Instead they communed among one another thusly: "Bismarck gave us Socialistic measures because our vote increased last election. So let us increase our agitation, education and organization still more and thus force him to hand us more than ever."

The result was that the Socialist vote in Germany continued to climb and the remedial measures continued to come across. Only the world war, played as a trump card by the kingly and capitalistic rulers of Europe to stop the rising tide of working class revolt kept the Socialists from capturing Germany within the next few years.

So the experience of our German comrades gives us two lessons that we may profit by. One, of course is, not to be fooled into cutting our brother worker's throat by the lying cry of a "defensive war". But the chief point that the Rebel wishes to drive home here is that the stronger we fight the cohorts of capitalism, the more we preserve the integrity of our party, the more members and votes we add to our organization, the higher the tide of measures for the immediate relief of the worker will run.

As a straw that shows whither the wind is blowing we quote the following from an interview with Senator Morris Sheppard, one of the leading administration senators, published in the Houston Press of November 11. It will be noted that Mr. Sheppard, stirred by the unexampled land agitation carried on by the Socialists of Texas and Oklahoma, goes on record for the first time in his political life in favor of a high tax on land speculators. Of course his reform talk as well as the reform talk of the Wilson administration will remain Talk if we Socialists should now lie down in the midst of the wonderful sentiment for cheap money, cheap land, and cheap necessities we have created. Read Sheppard's statements and read between every line the fear of the Socialist menace that is driving him and the likes of him unwillingly forward:

> What is the one biggest problem that confronts the American people and must be solved by Woodrow Wilson and his Democratic congress in the next four years?
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> This is a big question, but it was answered in Houston Saturday by a man well qualified to answer it. The man is Morris Sheppard, senator from Texas.
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> "The one biggest problem is to bring about the equal distribution of wealth," he said. "This can be done by humanistic legislation, such as extending the postal savings bank unlimitedly to all the people, developing further farm land credits, extending personal credit to the tenant farmers and workers, bringing about better sanitary conditions and DOING SOMETHING TO ENABLE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTRY AND CITIES TO OWN THEIR OWN HOMES."
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> Senator Sheppard was sitting in the office of Sterling Myer, who is entertaining him while he is here. When he got to the home-owning part of the talk, he bore down with emphasis.
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> "The most important thing we must do is to make home-owning possible. It can be done with a graduated land tax, the exemption of small homes from taxation and a tax that will break up the holding of tracts of land for speculative purposes."
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> "We must extend rural credits. We already have the farm land banks, but that extends credit only to land owners. We must work out a system, such as they have in Germany, of personal credits. This means to extend credit to tenants and workers on short-time paper—the three-fourths of the people who have no security."

WILSON ELECTED.

It was the Rebel's guess last week that Wilson would be re-elected, and the expected has happened. No president has been elected in many a day on whose administration so much hope has been based on the part of the common people. Millions believe that he is the modern St. George who will slay the trust dragon.

That hope was aroused by the various near-reform measures enacted and the radical promises made by Wilson, who played every possible card in order to capture the near-Socialist and progressive vote.

As predicted last week, these tactics have served to keep down the Socialist vote. However, the motto of the Socialist movement, "Ours is the future" holds good here as of yore.

Had Wilson been defeated the howl would have gone up. "The Democratic party did not get time to carry out its reforms." Now there is absolutely no reason why it should not do something to release the stranglehold the Black Hand of the interests has on the throats of the people of the nation.

If it does not succeed in doing anything fundamental, as it is certain not to do, then the Socialist party will come into its own like a ton of brick.

Why do great men come from the farms? Because no accountant in the United States can show how a man can work a farm and get rich. The wealthy man lives in the big cities and derides, belittles, curses and robs the farmer.

ON WITH THE REVOLUTION

No sensible revolutionist is long cast down by any apparent halt of the Socialist movement in its march to victory.

Regardless of what the Socialist vote might be today, one thing is certain and that is that the leaven of industrial democracy implanted by the Socialist party is at work in every nook and corner of the nation, in every political, religious and educational organization in America.

It is now inspiring the utterances and acts of every executive and legislator; it is making and unmaking great parties and politicians.

It is working in the subconscious mind of the great common people, shaping their thoughts to a vision of a free earth and a free people.

It is nerving the arm of labor in striking for better conditions.

It is a nightmare by night and a menace by day to the ruling classes of America, ever driving them and their political representatives into further concessions to the masses.

In short the revolution that will usher into being the age-long dream of industrial democracy is now taking place under our very noses. Half-baked Socialists do not realize that this is so; that they retard this revolution when they fold their hands in their laps NOW of all times.

Nothing that is done for Socialism—for industrial democracy—ever goes to waste.

Not a word is uttered nor a leaflet is handed out, nor a cent is contributed, or a member is added, or a local is organized or a vote is cast—in vain.

Nor will you have to wait until you are dead before good effects are visible as a result of your agitation. Your children and children's children will not be the sole beneficiaries. Every little thing and every big thing you do for Socalism comes back to you HERE and NOW in the shape of frightening the powers-that-be into handing you such measures of temporary relief as cheaper money, shorter hours, better marketing systems, and like reforms—not to speak of the revolution that it will hasten to its climax.

In short, as the tide of socialistic agitation rises the more willing will the master class be to do anything and everything for the workers—except the last thing we shall make them do and that is to **get off their backs.**

So, what spineless, brainless cattle are they who will now lie down in the belief that we have done all that it is possible or necessary to do in order to arouse the workers or to scare the rulers.

NOW IS THE TIME OF ALL TIMES TO EMPHASIZE THE SOCIALIST POSITION, TO AGITATE, EDUCATE AND ORGANIZE AGAINST THE DAYS THAT ARE COMING WHEN THE MASSES MUST TURN TO US FOR A WAY OUT OF THE CAPITALISTIC WILDERNESS.

Adam owned the earth and the fullness thereof, without a dollar in his pocket. Was it because he had no pocket, or voted for Wilson or Hughes? Write in to The Rebel and find out.

Christians should be seen and not heard, particularly on the land question as recounted by Jehova, Blackstone, Kent, unless they wish to ignore their title deeds which read: "Their heirs and assigns forever."

There are too many people sitting around singing and debating with Socialist speakers and crying: 'Make me a worker for Jesus," when they ought to be shoveling the snow off their own front porch if they live near Amarillo.

We are all going to have a grand jollification when we bury the capitalist system. It is up to YOU to say when.

It is glorious to get old and be glad of it because you are young.

Election News.

Texas.

As the official returns in the various counties are just now being canvassed and the newspapers are usually chary about telling of the Socialist vote, the official returns are not available. However there seems to be no doubt that there is a good gain on the whole.

Unofficial reports are available from a few counties, as follows:

Harris, 429; in 1914, 173.
Fisher, 230; in 1914, 194.
Jones, 300; in 1914, 179.
Eastland, about 500; in 1914, 202.
McLennan, about 150; in 1914, 102.
Falls, about 450; in 1914, 346.
Victoria, 30; in 1914, 52.

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Martin county.—Socialist vote of two boxes was 4 votes in 1914. In 1916, 22 votes. "Onward!" so writes J. D. Peters, Chm.

Ernest Vogt, the live wire at Electra, Wichita Co., reports 42 votes there this time, against 22 votes the previous election.

J. H. Hendricks, Sec. Lufkin local: Official returns for Angelina county gives Wilson 1350, Hughes 99, Benson 346. Debs vote in 1912, 284. Donk primary trap caught a lot of near Socialists otherwise vote would have been larger.

J. J. McCulloch, Forest, Tex.: "Wells and Forest boxes cast 60 votes, a gain of 8."

A. W. Davis and W. S. Armstrong, Sabine, Tex., report: "Six straight votes at this box, the first Socialist ballots ever cast here."

Erath county casts 400 votes for Benson this time, a gain of 50 votes over 1914.

Killeen and Brookhaven, two Bell county boxes cast 19, a gain of seven votes.

J. A. Wood, Glenrose, reports big gains in Somervell county and says: "We elected one commissioner and justice of the peace that I know of."

Minneapolis.

Thomas Van Lear, a Socialist and a union machinist, was elected Mayor of Minneapolis by a majority of 5000 to 6000 votes.

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Terre Haute.

Eugene V. Debs came within 1500 votes of being elected to Congress from the 5th district of Indiana.

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Estimated Socialist vote in the U. S. is now 1,200,000.

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About 35 members were elected to the State Legislatures in the different states.

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Vermont for the first time has elected a Socialist member of the Legislature, James Lawson.

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Mayor London was re-elected to Congress from New York.

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Socialists of New York will ask a recount for Morris Hillquitt for Congress.

Oklahoma.

The official returns from 50 out of 78 counties show a vote for Benson of 35,000. The remaining counties will bring the total vote between 55,000 and 57,000, indicating a gain of 3000 or 4000 votes. The fair election amendment seems to be beaten by a close vote. As was the case all over the country the near-Socialist tactics of Wilson captured quite a number of "half-breed" Socialists that acted on the theory of "anything to beat Hughes and Roosevelt." Besides the high wheat and cotton prices made many poor fools believe that "Wilson did it." However the day of reckoning is coming that will once again show the futility of following "reformers."

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Wisconsin.

Victor Berger was defeated for congress by 3000 votes, but increased his vote of 1914 by 2000.

Winfield Gaylord also increased his vote, and was defeated by only 462 votes.

FORD BUSTING STEEL TRUST.

In order to still further cheapen his cars to the public Henry Ford recently announced that he would go into the iron and steel business for himself, and thus declare his independence of the steel trust.

Accordingly at the end of the last fiscal year he declared that no special dividends would be declared in future by his company and that surplus earnings would be used to extend the business. Along this line Ford has of late been engaged in negotiations to invest several millions dollars in iron ore mines in northern Michigan and Minnesota (these being among the few rich mines not controlled by the steel trust) as well as to build ships transporting ore to smelters and to erect steel manufacturing plants.

Inspired, no doubt, by the steel trust, some minority stockholders (Dodge Bros.) have now filed suit against Ford for the purpose of preventing him from making these investments, the funds for which they allege should rightly go into dividends.

It remains to be be seen if Ford or the steel trust wins, remembering that the courts usually side with the crowd that has the largest pile. Should Ford win, there is no telling as to how far he will "butt into" every great industry even remotely related to his present venture in each of which he would no doubt establish his profit-sharing plans as to both patrons and employes.

The next thing we should hear is that he is to try conclusions with Holy John in the oil business for if there is anything the "Pin Henry" business is more dependant upon than the price og gasoline we do not know of it.

Ford with his new idea of a benevolent feudalism is a growing figure in American industrial life and that he will be a great factor therein goes without saying.

The Rebel gathers that the trust black-flaggers are getting ready to trim him good and plenty, and thus, as in the case of Lawson, create another hefty grave digger for the capitalist class of America.

WE TOLD YOU SO.

A rural credit meeting is being held in Houston by Son-in-law McAdoo, U. S. Treasurer. The first result is that it was found that not even a Texas home owner can get rural credit money (at 6 per cent or more), and that we shall have to wait until the Texas homestead laws are amended accordingly. Even then the 2,000,000 tenants and mortgaged farmers would still be left out in the cold.

But the most important fact brought out in the testimony was that IF the rural credit plan was made workable in Texas it would boost Land Values still higher.

The saddest words of tongue or pen are these: "I told you so."

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Harmonize the interests of capital and labor! You might as well harmonize the interests of a bunch of cats and dogs. The only way to stop the struggle is to establish the industrial democracy where only one of these two classes remains. "Which one of the two?" is a question even as ultra-bonehead will not ask. Everybody knows that the workers can get along without capitalists but that the capitalists can not exist without the workers.

Wilson Wisdom

A press dispatch from Washington says:

"Washington, New York, 14.—President Wilson tonight blamed middlemen for the high cost of foodstuffs in a speech welcoming to Washington the convention of the National Grange, the first formal speech he has delivered since the election. Urging that farmers increase their out put, the president said:

"We ought to raise such big crops that circumstances like the present can never recur—when men can make as if the supply was so short that the middlemen could charge for it what he pleased. It will not do to be niggardly with the rest of the world in respect to its food supply."

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So this is the remedy the Wilson administration has for the high cost of living: "Raise bigger crops." Of course these fathpads of the nonproducing class do not know or care about the effects of the "big crops" on those who raise them.

For example in 1914 there was a 17,000,000 bale crop of cotton in the South and the Wilson administration stood idly by while the cotton gamblers went through the pockets of the cotton farmers to the tune of a billion dollars.

This showed conclusively that the "middle man" is on the job whether the crop is small or large.

Another thing this showed that Wilson overlooked when he worked off the foregoing gob of near-wisdom was this:

For the 17,000,000 bale crop the cotton farmers got LESS than they did for the short 11,500,000 crop in 1916.

For the 550,000,000 bushel wheat crop in 1916 the wheat farmers got a total sum that was MORE than the sum given to the same wheat farmers for the 700,000,000 bushel crop they produced in a previous year.

And finally in Kansas and the middle west so much corn was produced in the nineties that the price went to nothing and corn was used for fuel.

In other words our worthy president has this to learn, that under capitalism indolence is rewarded and industry is punished. Also he has yet to learn that so long as private individuals own the warehouses, elevators, banks, railways, terminals, steamships, markets, the middlemen gamblers—will rob the producer.

THE WACO CONVENTION.

Something like 150 delegates attended what was generally admitted to have been the greatest state convention of the Socialist party of Texas. It was held at the city hall in Waco, beginning at 10 a. m., November 10 and finally adjourned Saturday, November 11, 5 p. m."

The full proceedings will be published in these columns next week. Suffice to say it was a great get-together rally, where all swore fealty to the cause and were pledged to start the campaign of 1918 the moment they came back home. The Socialist party of Texas is very much alive, thank you, and so we all are wearing the smile that you couldn't rub off with an emery wheel.

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It isn't enough to be right on the question of whether you observe the conventional rules of society. The big question is, are you a real dyed-in-the-wool democrat? One that stands up in the day and the dark and declares that the land shall not be sold forever and that use and occupancy shall be the title thereto. If the Mexican peons can do it, a Texan should do it or jump into the Gulf.

BEFORE AND AFTER.

The Houston Press, including all the other Scripps-McRae string of radical-independent newspapers, got behind the Wilson administration and returned it to power. They justified their support by the claim that Wilson stood for the masses and Hughes for the classes, that Wilson was responsible for the present and future "prosperity."

That was before the election.

Now that the election is over the same newspapers emit the following sad — but true — wail that goes to expose the government by guesswork that we have and the way in which the prosperity bubble has been punctured:

"America's lack of industrial preparedness is appallingly shown by the events of the last few weeks.

"With famine prices for foodstuffs facing the necessity of closing schools and public buildings for lack of coal, and with thousands of men unemployed in one part of the country while other parts are crippled for lack of workers, the United States presents a picture of abject helplessness that should awaken every citizen.

"The key to industrial preparedness and control over just such situations as now exist is control of all transportation and terminal facilities.

"At present coal cars are being used to haul munitions and other war goods to seaboard, while the people suffer for lack of coal. With private ownership, railroads send cars where they will earn most. But the interstate commerce commission is impotent to direct the shipments. It can only protest, and so far it has not even done this.

"Millions of bushels of wheat are being held in terminal elevators by speculators to boost the price. No government official has power to make them move.

"This same situation occurs every year in more or less aggravated form. And this artificial shortage fixes the nation's prices for its winter supplies. Whether or not this shortage is intentional, it has the effect of creating an annual monopoly of food and coal in the hands of a few speculators. This monopoly is only temporary, but it is sufficient to enable them to collect tribute of hundreds of millions from the people."

The U. S. Department of Agriculture announces the appearance in the Laguna district of Southern Coahuila, Mexico, of the pink boll worm, within only 200 miles of the Texas border. The pink boll worm, a native of Egypt and India, is the most destructive of all cotton pests—far worse than the boll weevil. The department is seeking to keep the worm out of the United States, but it is doubtful if it can do so. The Southern cotton slave, hoyed up into voting the Donk ticket once more by a temporary spurt in cotton prices, will yet have it hammered into his donk that even with the best prices he fails to get one-third the price for his cotton he ought to get, considerine the risks of nature and the blood-sweating work he and his family does to produce the "greatest money crop" in the world. Let the people own the cotton markets and mills and kill the worst cotton pest of all—the bale worm.

Show me the man that makes a fight for a home; show me the woman who makes a fight for her kin and I will bow my back until it looks like an S hook, but show me the fellow who fights for a boarding house and yells for Hughes and Wilson and I will show you a fracture of my Walk-over shoe, because I have met them.

Farmers Coming to Town.

(By Covington Hall.)

Get the brass bands ready! wind the tomtoms up!
Oil the Banks and Markets! fill the weasel cup!
Set the Preachers squealing! loose the Pollie's punk!
Shoot them full of hotair! load them up on bunc!—
The Farmers!
The Farmers are coming to town!

Lo! the cotton-sheep are heading for the fair!—
Start the lights ablazing round the Courthouse Square!
Grab their horny hookers!—eat them "Nature's pets"—
Then the musty ledgers filled with outlaw debts—
The Farmers!
The Farmers are coming to town!

"Golly! Aint WE pros-pe-rous! Hip! Hooray!
Never been so happy since we was a boy!
EVERYbody's happy, skinners and the skun!
Hurry! hurry! hurry!—shearin' sure is fun!"—
The Farmers!
The Farmers are coming to town!

For the stream of profit flowing from the wars,
Praise the God of Battles, Jawsh, son of Mars!
Veil the face of Plunder—hide the viper's sting—
With a rousing welcome, let the welkin ring!—
The Farmers!
The Farmers are coming to town!

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A coward and a quitter is not wanted in the Socialist party.

A traitor to his class is the workers' worst enemy.

Theirs and Ours

(By Scott Nearing.)

The landlords of New York own New York City. The people of the United States own New York Harbor. The city is THEIRS. The Harbor is OURS. This difference in ownership makes an astounding difference in the way that we handle the two properties.

PRIVATELY OWNED RESOURCES YIELD PROFIT; PUBLICLY OWNED RESOURCES YIELD SERVICE. The landlords of New York get rent for their ownership of New York. The people of the United States get use for their ownership of the harbor. Rent is the return for the private ownership of a natural resource. Use is the return for the public ownership of a natural resource. The relation between a resource held for profit and a resource employed for service is splendidly illustrated by the situation in New York.

The land value of New York City on January 1, 1916, as given by the Commission of Taxes and Assessments, was four billions, six hundred millions of dollars. This value was separate from the buildings and other improvements on the land which amounted to a little less than three billions. A few years ago, New York was bought for a song. Today that same land is worth four and a half billions.

No valuation has ever been put upon New York Harbor. If it were not for the harbor New York could not be the city that it is. The many cities that surround it; the railroads that run into it; the trade that passes through it would go elsewhere. The value of the harbor is immense,—yet we take so little interest in the subject that no effort has ever been made to compute it. WHO ence as a political force for more than 20 years in some countries. For 10 years it has been an important force in nearly every civilized nation. Literally thousands of elections have been held in these various countries. There are hundreds of thousands of capitalists who were interested in these elections.

But there has never been a capitalist contribution to one single Socialist campaign. Here and there small individual capitalists have contributed a few hundred dollars. All these gifts combined would not equal the contributions of single individuals in any one of a half dozen presidential elections in this country.

These capitalists are accustomed to buying things. They may not know much about economics and social relations. But they do know something about investments.

They are unanimous in agreeing that they do not want to invest their money in Socialist propaganda.

A capitalist lives by taking the laborers' product from them. His livelihood, prosperity and very existence depends upon his ability to rob workers of their product.

It is plain that he does not think that the Socialist party will help him in this robbery. It is equally certain that he knows that any other party will be an aid and accomplice in exploiting labor.

These millions are not contributed to get the votes of capitalists. All of these will vote against Socialism anyhow. Where their treasure is their votes will go.

These millions are contributed to get the votes of workingmen and women. These vast sums are paid out to convince laborers that they should be robbed. It takes millions of dollars to choloroform millions of working-class voters.

Where did they get those millions with which they are now trying to fool us? From the same source that they expect to get millions more if we vote the way

ROBERT W. HAIRE.

The Socialists of the Dakotas have issued a memoir of the life of Father Robert W. Haire, pioneer, priest and scholar, who died recently. This booklet, which costs 10 cents a copy, was compiled by E. Francis Atwood, State Secretary of the Socialist party, Sisseton, S. D. Father Haire was a Catholic priest for 43 years and was the first active Socialist in the Dakotas. He had a wide reputation for ministering to the poor and was universally beloved. But he not only sympathized with the poor, he told them why they were poor and how they might put an end to their poverty by uniting in their might against the capitalist system and abolishing that system and establishing in its stead the Socialist co-operative commonwealth. It was largely due to Father Haire's tireless work that Sisseton and several ither Dakota municipalities were carried by the Socialists in recent elections.

It is as yet exceptional that a Catholic priest dares stand out from under dictation of the hierarchy politicians, but The Rebel believes that the time is coming when many honest priests and preachers will be found following the late Father Haire's example.

WOMEN SAVE DONK PARTY.

To the women voters of the western states President Wilson owes his re-election. Of the twelve states where women vote on equal terms with men, eleven of these states returned majorities for the Democratic party. The western women have saved the Democratic party. This fact should appeal to the honor of the "solid south" in a prompt tribute of justice to its womanhood. Two southern conditions stand out glaringly. Either southern Demochatic men are cringingly accepting partisan salvation from western women, or southern men of the Democratic party must honestly extend the ballot to southern women, that these women may return to their western sisters support in the next campaign. There are four years in which to pay this debt and southern men must prove their honor. It is no longer a question of "chivalry." The chivalry was all on the part of the western men who enfranchised the women. Now nothing remains for the southern men but to discharge the great obligation under which the western women voter has placed him. She is his patron, his protector and his party salvation.

YUCATAN AHEAD AGAIN.

Ever stop to think how swiftly states and countries are enfranchising women? Some months ago the Governor General of Yucatan called a Woman's Congress in Merida. Several thousand representative women attended and discussed the important public questions concerning Yucatan. So intelligent and helpful were their deliberatons that Yucatan women have been given the ballot in recognition of the help they can be to the country. Four Canadian provinces and twelve of the United States have included women as voters.

The least wage of the married workers in Henry Ford's factory is now $6 per six-hour day. One result of the unusually good wages that prevail in Ford's plant is that land values and rents all around it have doubled and trebled in the last few years. Nay, nay, Pauline, you can't get away from the landhog, nor the profit porker or the interest monger. We must abolish all three.

this money is expended in advising us to vote.

It's perfectly simple. Almost as simple as the fellow who is fooled.

RAILWAY STRIKE.

What the Rebel predicted last September is about to happen. Scarcely is the election over when louder than ever are heard the mutterings of the railway workers. After a meeting of brotherhood representatives and railway managers in New York this week one of the leaders, W. G. Lee, gave it out that a strike of the 400,000 workers would take place if the railways did not recede from their interpretation of the Adamson eight-hour law relating to the mileage question and that he (Lee) had little hope that the railways would do so.

Not only this, but several large railways have already brought suit to test the eight-hour law, and the railway brotherhoods have declared that they would walk out January 1st, without waiting to see what the courts may decide.

As The Rebel forecasted, the nation will most likely be in the throes of the greatest railway strike in its history before the bells ring in the New Year and ring out the old—a strike that will be all the more desperate because it has been artificially "settled" for campaign purposes.

It may come to pass that this time the Wilson administration will face two alternatives: Public ownership of the railways or universal stagnation.

One thing is certain: Wilson in the good old Donk way has not settled this railway problem—he merely postponed its settlement.

HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF.

In 1829 in the city of Philadelphia, the city of brothely love, the home of the liberty bell, some public spirited citizens attempted to organize a meeting to promote the idea of free public school to be supported by general taxation. They were set upon by the police, beaten, thrown into prison, called anarchists and undesirable citizens.

Some property owners said it was confiscation to tax one man's property to educate another man's children. They said that each man should pay for the schooling of his own children or their children should go unschooled, and that it would pauperize parents to educate their children at public expense.

People who opposed this idea of free public schools said, that if parents who were poor were relieved of paying for the schooling of their children, and relieved of this responsibility, these parents would become lazy anr shiftless.

Sounds familiar, does it not?

WOULDN'T THAT BE AWFUL?

(By Covington Hall.)

How would you like to see Rockefeller digging in a trench,
Rigged up in overalls, down in the oil, mud, muck and stench?
Wouldn't that be awful!
How would you like to see Pierp Morgan chopt up by a shell,
Dragging his guts along behind him thru Europe's flaming hell?
Wouldn't that be awful!
How would you like to see Dupont, the Powder King, in that fix,
Dodging nitroglycerine, guncotton and dynamite sticks?
Wouldn't that be awful!
How would you like to see John Henry Kirby hitcht to a saw,
Sweating like the old devil, hounded by "order" and the "law"?
Wouldn't that be awful!
How would you like to see William Randolph Hearst in Mexico,
By Don Pancho Villa's order, hung up by the neck? Oh! Oh!
Wouldn't that be awful!
YES,—LIKE HELL.

It is better to be remembered for our loving deeds than for our bad habits. Cut out the habits.

WHAT ARE THEY PAYING FOR?

The total recorded campaign expenditures of the two old parties this year was about $5,000,000. This does not include the great number of separate local campaign funds, which reach a vast total.

Some of the contributions are certainly made by individuals who believe that these parties have principles that are vital to social welfare. But the big sums are from financiers who know what they are trying to buy.

The control of the machinery of government is a big asset to any set of capitalists. These capitalists need the government in their business. There are slight differences of interest between classes of capitalists. So there is not perfect agreement as to whether Wilson or Hughes is most desirable.

But there is perfect agreement on one point. All big capitalists want the Socialists defeated. This unanimity is perfect. The Socialist movement has been in exist- CARES WHAT NEW YORK HARBOR IS WORTH SO LONG AS EVERY ONE IS FREE TO USE IT?

A private syndicate, owning New York harbor could capitalize it at hundreds of millions or even billions and realize a handsome return on their investment. By taxing the trade that passed through the harbor they could pay dividends on an immense valuation. New York harbor, privately owned, and capitalized at its full earning power, would yield huge profits to its possessors.

The landlords who own New York tax every person and everything that seeks to make use of the land lying around New York Harbor. The permanent dweller, the traveler, the cotton, silk and wheat that pass through the city are all taxed to make up the rental return to the landlord of New York. If this return is only 4 per cent on the assessed value of the land, the people of the United States pay $180,000,000 a year to the owners of New York City BECAUSE THEY OWN IT.

Every increase in trade, industry and population increases the taxing power of the owners of New York City. MORE BUSINESS MEANS HIGHER LAND VALUES AND HIGHER LAND VALUES MEAN MORE RENT. What effect has business development on the harbor? IT INCREASES THE USE of this public property.

New York Harbor has never been capitalized. Even the improvements upon it are paid for out of government receipts. The million dollars spent in blasting the channel is not covered by stocks and bonds that will draw dividends and interest forever more. The improvements on New York Harbor ARE MADE FOR USE, NOT FOR PROFIT.

New York City is owned by landlords who reap a profit of hundreds of millions in return for their bare ownership. New York Harbor is owned by the people of the United States and is open to all for use on equal terms. THEY REAP PROFIT FROM THEIR PROPERTY. WE, FROM OUR PROPERTY, GET SERVICE.

A man named Tom Hickey thinks he will be the next United States Senator without lolokinq at the election returns. Maybe it is because he has some respect for the laws of Texas. When he wakes up and finds that the Democrats have no respect for the aforesaid laws, there is due to be a big bunch of lynching in our part of this blessed universe and those who will be lynched will have title deeds in their pockets, that will be contrard to the Honorable Lev. 25-23.

OUR REBS.

MAY INCREASE PRICE.

The Rebel is the only Socialist newspaper of large circulation that is still standing to its guns, accepting clubs of four subscribers at 25 cents for 40 weeks.

"How are you able to do it now that the price of print paper has more than doubled in the past six months?" is the question often asked.

The answer is that there are few large print-shops under the sun that have learned to produce a paper as cheaply as we do The Rebel. There are no fancy salaries or soft snaps in this office. In short the unselfish teamwork and devetion to duty among our office force is the answer.

However we warn our readers that under the present uncertainty of print paper prices, which may again double, we can not say how much longer we can sell The Rebel at present prices. **By the first of January we MAY be forced to increase the price to one dollar per year.**

In view of this uncertainty The Rebel suggests that all our friends get busy NOW, piling in the subs at the present rates as follows:

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N. J. Green is the first to fire on capitalism this week. He sends a club and orders seven Rebel bombs for future use.

S. B. Ballard started the 1918 campaign next day after the election by rounding up nine sufferers from Donkitis which he placed in the Rebel Hospital for forty weeks treatment.

W. C. Bennett got into harness for the battle of '18 before the smoke of the battle of '16 had cleared away. He sends a club of five.

T. M. Johnson remits $2 for Rebel ammunition and says he's with The Rebel clan until the battle is won.

M. K. Cornelison raided a Donk stronghold on election day and took ten scalps, which he immediately sent to the Rebel office.

H. C. Osborn sends seven and says rush The Rebel medicine along, "we need it badly."

J. A. Freeland rushes in five penitents and orders that they be administered to for 40 weeks.

S. L. Cox joins the Rebel army and sends in five that he thinks will be good soldiers by the time they have another chance to shoot.

W. R. Pierce fires in another club of five. This makes five clubs sent in by him this fall; he says he is going to keep up the fight until the finish.

A. C. Wilemon collected eight sufferers from Donkeitis on election day which he expects to have cured by next election day.

I. L. Melton fires in a club from Louisiana.

D. G. Roley sends a club of seven from the sunny state of Florida where the Socialists are becoming quite numerous.

J. H. Tully, a true and tried Rebel of the Mistletoe state, sends in another club this week.

Effie Robinson in another Oklahoma comrade that is always on the job. She sends a club again this week.

The following are the members of the Dollar Birgade who sent in clubs of four this week: James Champ, J. R. Easley, J, H. Hargis, Jas. Ushford, G. C. Ashrenbeck, H. G. Welch, P. D. Phillips, J. A. Chapman, W. L. Copeland, Jacob Fischer, A. T. Wright, J. F. Page, A. M. Richardson, S. W. Bownton, E. Wyler, R. E. Johnson, A. J. Weems, H. D. House, W. L. Rogers, W. L. Rea, W. L. Wood, A. W. Reed, Mrs. M. H. Smith, B. F. Mize, J. L. Williams, K. Haybord, G. E. Mitchell, S. P. Lindsey, G. B. Compton, R. S. Chapman, A. M. New, W. R. Parrott, R. M. Perdue, G. W. Walston, D. B. Farhus, P. H. James, Ernest Vogt, J. C. Wiggins, Livie Ousley.

The women of Australia voted almost as readily to send their sons and sweethearts to war as did the men. An analysis of incomplete returns of the referendum on conscription shows the percentage of women who voted against conscription is slightly larger than the percentage of men, but the difference is not enough to turn the tide. The Australian farmers, coming to the support of the "red" Socialist faction of the laborites, readily defeated the measure. They voted overwhelmingly against conscription. The vote to date stands: For, 892,000; against, 973,000.

If more wheat and corn has been shipped out of the United States than has been raised in the past year, who is going to be hungry after the New Year bells ring?

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Hit 'Em Now.

The 16th congressional district organization has employed Ben F. Wilson, of Berkely, Cal., to tour the district for at least thirty days. He will begin work about the first of February. That's the idea, comrades. Now is the time to begin hammering the boneheads, for soon the Wilson "prosperity" fake will become apparent to all.

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Call For Nominations.

In view of the fact that in the recent call for nominations only in the case of the state secretary there were the required "five or more nominations," nominations have again been called, for:

One National Committeeman.

One State Woman's Correspondent.

Nominations close December 5, 1916.

CUT THE "WE" STUFF.

Now then, let's quit talking so much about what "we are doing" in Wisconsin, Minnesota, New York or some other outside state.

The record shows "we are doing" as much if not more right here in Texas and the chances for the Socialists capturing this state are as good as any other state in the Union.

Let's talk more about and do more in Texas.

The only way that a man can have a one-in-a-thousand chance to learn the news is to buy an unmuzzled newspaper. If you don't believe that, read The Rebel and find out how we have scooped every Southern daily for five full years, and the sixth is coming along.

I wonder how many old time Democrats realize that Jefferson never gazed on a steam engine, an Atlantic liner, a first class factory and went out in his back yard to secure a goose quill so that he might write the Decelartion of Independence. Did Jefferson live today he would be an Industrial Democrat and demand a new Declaration of Independence that would order the collective ownership of typewriter factories.

What is the reason that the great dailies of the United States, and I am writing on November 15, have not yet published a definite story as to the vote for the Socialist or Prohibition parties and why is it that the Texas and Oklahoma papers have not yet recorded the vote of the Republican or Socialist parties? Possibly it is because there are a billion dollars worth of munitions to be shipped to Europe within the next 90 days and Holy John D. and Mr. Morgan Jr., have not yet decided who is cut in on the pie.

When I see a lot of Jeffersonian Democrats, most of whom can't read their names in box car letters, in a state that for forty years has possessed the largest school fund in the world, I feel like a negro lynching — only it ought to be white. Some of them wear plug hats and are barefooted intellectually.

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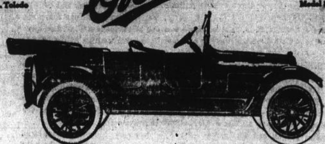

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