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#### THE CHICAGO CAPITALIST CATAS-TROPHE.

thousand people, largely children, in the shows that the agricultural products of burning of the Iroquois theatre, Chica- the state last year amounted to \$250 go, is a direct result of the internal for each man, woman and child in the expitalist system. The theatre was a state! This does not include the prodeath trap, because it would have cost ducts of the immense mines, oil fields, more money to have it safe. Commer- ore fields, salt fields, factories, shops cialism has made the price of land so and other industries! This would safedear that no fitting site could be used. Iv amount to half as much more, or The playhouses of the nation should be about an average of \$1,875 per family! set in a whole block of land, surrounded That, then, would be something like the by beautiful lawns and fountains. The income of each family under Socialism, auditorium should be on ground level, for that average is for each family no and have exits that would open the matter where employed or employed at whole sides except the supporting pil- all. Not one family in ten in the state asters; the galleries should have great receives such an income. Socialism verandas and broad stairs so that they would therefore benefit nine-tenths of could empty their whole audience on the families. Should the affairs of a their level in one minute; the asceta- nation be operated for the benefit of a lyne tanks and other things of that na- majority or a minority? Take your ture should be removed from the build- choice. ing so that an explosion would not injure the audience. Such buildings, owned by the public, would be a great source of pride and pleasure for the people, and would not be death traps. The people who support capitalism are caught in their own traps. But it the Socialist republic. All matters will teaches them little-they are so stupid, be industrial. If a majority should de-

#### SOCIALISM IN CANADIAN ELEC-TION.

At the election in Toronto January 1st. the Socialists put up four candidates for whites have, for it would be to the inthe school board. For any other office the candidates must have \$1,000 of assessed value above all mortgages. That is to keep the offices among the propertied class. There was a sort of cumulative voting, each voter having twelve votes for the twelve school board members, but could place three votes to any candidate. This is the first time a Socialist ticket was ever voted for, and the vote was as follows: J. A. Kelley, printer, 847; F. J. Peel, pattern-maker, that, too, without the races coming in 454; J. E. Stewart, iron moulder, 1,289; social conflict. P. Thompson, journalist, 1,140. The highest vote polled by any successful candidate was 10,590; the lowest, 4,251.

#### NEVER TOUCHED HIM.

That good republican, U. S. Senator letrich, of Nebraska, has escaped his evident deserts by what is politely termed in legal phraseology a "technicality." He was charged with selling ffices for cash. Of course every body knows that government appointments are always made for a consideration, mostly cash, but these are not provable because the briber and the bribed have every reason to deny it, and cash money leaves no record. Dietrich's trial was not on its merits, but the indictment was quashed because some word in it was not "according to Hoyle" me other gambler who had to do with the phrasing of it, I suppose But the enforcement of the law against the criminals in power is never very sucsful. As well attempt to convict a king before a court of his own appointment. Any corrupt republican can always find a "vindication" at the hands of similar republicans.

The recent statement of the N. Y. ife Insurance Co. shows a very remarkble condition of power. Its total res are 350 millions of dollars, nearall of which is in bonds. It could put on the market and withdraw so buy back the securities it had sold for fraction of what it had sold them for. don't say this will be done-I only say it could be done, and is just the game that is being played by the great financiers to the extent of their ability. The surplus of the company last year was millions. Sooner or later the power that is permitted to men will be used for their benefit and against that wel-fare of those who grant the power.

There is many a white family that would exchange their condition for that of the chattel slaves before the war. "Free" men get hungry and have no master interested enough in them to give them their keep in exchange for their labor. The chattel always had. Great to be "free," isn't it?

To vote that corporations may legally own and operate industries, and strike voie that the whole people shall own the property and the whole people to con-trol and operate it. Why strike against that you vote for?

C. A. Selzer, of Carson, S. C., burn his competitor's store "because it was petting all the trade." Yes, this system has lots of "incrative"—for such work. ly, isn't it? Vote against Socialia

lderman, the Socialist received 71

#### THE WEALTH OF KANSAS

The Kansas State Board of Agricul-The killing and injuring of nearly a ture has just issued a report which

## SOME QUESTIONS ANSWERED.

How will Socialism settle race equality, socially and splittically? And establism equality between intellectual and ignorant people? And sustain individual ambition: —Williams.

There will be mighty little politics in cide that the races should not live together, the nation would have to provide cities and factories and farms for the colored people just as good as the terest of the whites that the colored people have the best appliances that they might produce just as much per hour as the whites, otherwise it would decrease the national wealth, which would increase the time price of articles. and injure the whites as well as the colored people. The colored people would thus be as advantageously situated as the whites, which would be all the equality anybody could have, and

The only way to establish equality between the wise and the ignorant is to teach the ignorant. There would be no more occasion for the social intercourse of them then than now.

Individual ambition for what? To skin one's fellows? If that, there would be no incentive. But there would be greater incentive to do good works then. The approbation of the people is the greatest incentive to action. Men will risk their lives for the laudation of the nation. What money could induce men to do and die who have a sense of right or a desire to be known well among men? I once asked a millionaire who said there would be no incentive when all could supply their physical needs with a trifle of labor, which would he rather leave his children as a heritage, the wealth of the Vanderbilts or the adoration we pay to a Christ or a Washington or a Lincoln? Of course he said the latter, which shows that money is not the incentive to great and good acts. The sense of right and the love of approbation has moved men to

#### SELFISHNESS AND INCENTIVE.

Will Socialish decrease crime and self shuess? Will not the people have the The qualities of man will be the same under any conditions. They are inherent. Selfishness is as much a part of man as any other attribute. It is just much money that it would produce a because this is true that Socialism will then, during the scramble for shelter, is a natural attribute for man to hunger and thirst. Now put him in a relation with his surroundings that will prevent him from satisfying these attrib utes and he will commit any crime in the effort to appease his nature. But you put him where he can satisfy these cravings for a little labor and he will not be tempted to steal or rob or kill to satisfy them.

> The development of machinery making the things that mankind desires for its physical well-being will produce the world's needs in less than four hours labor per day. How many crimes for supplying the physical needs think you would be committed if men could satisfy them for little exertion? Socialism does not propose to change human nature—it simply desires to put it in environments more in harmony with that nature. Make it impossible to gain by crime and make it possible to supply all right inclinations, and crime will dis appear. We are what our environments make us. Raise up children amoni thieves and they will be thieves. Raise them up hungry and they will become brutish and will satisfy nature, breaking over all restraints. Raise thems up in an atmosphere of plenty, among peo-ple who kener laber, and they will not be criminal.

When the railroad employes of Ans tralia struck for higher wages the gorernment used the troops and courts
sometimes them. They then went into polities and captured the government a will make laws to suit themselve Wooder if the miners of Colorado a their wives will see the point.

#### Martial Law at Telluride.

al Dispatch to Appeal to Resson.

Telluride, Colo., January 4.—Martial law proclaimed. Thirty-one men shipped out. Strikers peaceable and orderly. A. H. FLOATEN.

#### Wholesale Deportation of Miners.

Telluride, Colo., January 5 .- The miners shipped from here yesterday set free at Ridgeway, 45 miles from here. Several more in jail here, arrested yesterday.

#### ARRESTED FOR LESE MAJESTY.

d Press Dispatch. imple Creek, Colo., Jan. 4.—Thomas Evans and his wife and young daughter, who lived in Ancsonds, have been arrested and placed in the bull pen by the military authorities for jeering at soldiers and non-union miners. DRIVEN OUT OF TELLURIDE.

Telluride, Colo., Jan. 4.-Twenty-six men, arrested here by the military authorities, including former Attorney General Eugene Nengley, counsel for the Telluride Miners' Union; Guy E. Miller, president of the union, and J. C. Williams, vice president of the Western Federation of Miners, were placed on board a north bound train today and taken beyond the boundaries of San Miguel county under military guard. They will not be allowed to return to this district while martial law is in effect.

#### THROWN IN THE BULL PEN BECAUSE HE HIRED UNION MEN.

clated Press Dispatch. Cripple Creek, Colo., Jan. 6.—C. H. Reimer, business associate of James F. Burns, president of the Portland Mining Company, was arrested by a military squad today and lodged in the bull pen. K. C. Sterling, chief detective of the Mine Owners' Association, at whose instigation the arrest was made, said that after being detained for some time, Reimer would be banished from the district Sterling also declared that, if Burns should come here and interfere in behalf of Reimer, he, too, would be placed in the bull pen. Reimer and Burns, it is said, incurred the enmity of the Mine Owners' Association by giving employment to union miners in the Portland mine and by waging a successful campaign for the election of a union man as county asser

The den of thieves at Washington are vieing with these of New Jersey in sneaking a bill through the last congress to "Establish a code of laws for the The people of Oregon now have a repub-District of Columbia," which not half a lican form of government if they have was enacted to charter corporations perpetually at a total fee of organization of not over \$200, to do incompetent or corrupt? The citizens any and all things. This puts New there should at once start a referen-Jersey out of business. One member of dum for exempting from taxation at each of such chartered corporation must he a maident of Washington! There will each family. Let those who have much be no abolishing such a corporation except by abolishing the present govern-ment. They will be greater than a king and will have the regular army to protect their business. Say, we are not traveling down the road to empire, military despotism and infamy, fast, I don't guess. Think of the servents of the people doing these things! But then the hair might as well go with the hide. An ignorant people are soon enslaved-

The Chicago city "authorities" have decided that members of the fire department shall not belong to any labo ganization! And that in the face of the fact that the state has a law, approved June 17, 1903, that makes it "Unlawful for any individual, firm, agent or officer to prevent or try to prevent any emploves from forming, joining or belonging to any lawful organization," on pain of \$100 fine or imprisonment. You see working mules have elected men to office boring class and friends of the capitalist class, and they are anarchists who refuse to recognize or obey the laws. But then firemen are only considered as their own except to "vote 'er straight," and the anarchists in control feel perfectly safe in their illegal despotic or Will the mules never kick!

From private letters I am inform that great gobs of prosperity have struck the working class in Pennsylvania who at the last election voted the old party tickets with such unanimity. Here are a few items of that prosperity that I am pleased to publish, because it shows how easy it is to get what one votes for: Nearly every mine between McKeesport and Fayette City are clo down; the P. & L. E. R. R. has discharge ed 1500 laborers, taken off seven wor and construction trains, set back fifty engineers, discharged fifty firemen, taken off fifteen road crews and rejoice at the results of the election at which their dupes voted them the political power which controls all industry. Whoop up, working class. You must like such

Pedro Alvarado was a Mexican peor or wage slave. He found a mine so rich that he does not know its value. He offered to pay off the Mexican national accept it as the debt is a good thing for those who hold it to steal from the na-tion. What an absurdity that because a man accidentally found some yellow dross in the ground that he should be richer than millions who have worked all their lives! But this is civilization

The supreme court of Oregon has reversed the decision of the lower courts turning out robber corporations. By that declared the Direct Legislation amendment to the constitution void dozen members of congress read, a law wit enough to use it. But note: Do the lower judges know the law? If not, what are they paid for? Are they not least \$2,000 of property to the head of wealth bear the turdens of government that is maintained to protect private

> For his phase of the spells You bet received \$199 a minute tor ertion in a prize fight with Han'on at of Think of a secondy or garised so that a brutal slogger gets \$169 a minute while hopest and ne-es sary labor gets 20 cents an hour! And n and children are election their lives away for 50 cents a day! Did I hear of the alleged religious teachers condemning the system that produces such effects? Well hardly. They mustly uphold the system.

> The railroads dicided \$194,000,000 in loot taken from the industry of the untion last year in the way of dividends. At the average cost of \$21,000 a mile to brild and equip a railroal, this represents 2,000 miles of railroads given to them in excess of the cost of transportation, besides paying an interest on nds that represent more than twice the cost of the railroads of the nation It would reduce the people to savagery to pet from under this extertion,

> At Jresey City, N. J., two men and six girl strikers in the silk industry fined \$720, and an appeal refused, for trying to urge non-unionists from working. The girls' appeal for morey were given the stony stare. So long as working class will follow leaders the believe in strikes to remedy their ills, and refuse to use the ballot, they nust expect just such conditions. Won der how much benefit the sympathy of Gompers will avail these victims?

The cut in wages east, west, north and south indicate a well junderstood program of the capitalist class. In the steel and coal industries in Pennsylva nia a laborer writes me the cuts rur as high as 60 per cent of the former wages and is much more than the daily press has printed. Well, the vote at the last election shows that the laborers like the way things are going and polled the biggest possible vote to have it continue. If they are satisfied surely the capitalists ought to be.

There are cities where the majority offered to pay off the Mexican national are members of organized labor and in the people who peep out of the beaten debt, but the government refused to every contest with their masters the paths make changes and push the world

> to elect men to office who will be against them in every contest for bet-tif conditions of life. They don't know ster at every election

AH THERE! STAY THERE! Comrade T. B. Smith, of Los Angeles, writes the Appeal to warn working peo-

rigors of a northern winter are better took place, making a saving of \$500,000 than walking the streets looking for a month in wages, while producing as work, because there are ten men for each job, notwithstanding the fact that not satisfied with this added profit, but the old party papers are howling pros raised the price of harvesters. Still not perity. And the same warning comes satisfied it now cuts the wages. This from almost every section of the nation Slaves were never such a drug on the to do with the cost of production or market as white workingmen-vet the whether wages are high or low. I am latter have ten times the skill and abil- really glad to see the trust do this Men ity of the black chattel. Even horses and mules can find masters who are will for continual strife deserve to get it ling to pay something for them besides in the neck. When they get tired of their feed and care-but workingmen being turned out in the winter without are not so fortunate. And these men work, or having their-wages cut if they have votes! It doesn't look reasonable are retained, it will perhaps, in a few to assume that men given votes that thousand years, make them think. The control their lives would vote for a set average workingman never uses his of masters rather than liberty for them- brains in the voting booth. selves, does it? But that is just what they do in America. The average man is little above the beasts of the field he does just what he is trained to do. and seldom uses his brain to think what is good or ill for him. He is trained to vote one of the two tickets his masters put up for him, and it pever occurs to him to wonder why his masters are so solicitous for his politial views. He don't think. You can fool him about every other election on the tariff; then drop that and fool him on the money standard; then go back to tariff and then to imperialism. He is so stupid that he never notices whether he is better off under one or the other. He never catches on to the fact that his masters are amassing millions, no matter which party is in power, while be only gets a few hundreds a year, no matter how he works and he is excted to be satisfied with that! He basn't enough brain development to see that the labor of his creates every particle of wen'th in the world while only those who do not labor have that wealth, manage the affairs of the nations and use the governments to keep the working class in submission. In fact, he does not have wit enough to see that he submits. He is a gay bird, is this working

man! How the rich must laugh at e stupidity when they are laying their an can see all these things are true, when they refer to the Russians or the Turks or the Chinese-but he can't see that the same game is being played here on him-and that "statesmanship" is the ability to best fool and skin him. He will read the capitalist press and will go to California and starve just the same. He would not read such a paper as the Appeal, because it will not flatter him like the capitalist papers doabout election time. He does not renember what they say about him when he strikes against his master about the amount of grub he may have. At election times ois masters focus his attention solely on the glory of the na But we Socialists have been just as le is, and we know that he will get his mind open to the real condition as we have. Hence we never get discouraged, never let up, and will win as sure as

Capitalists control the nation and all capitalist class. That is logical and the old parties again. The only way to nothing else could be expected. When get immediate relief is to vote against the working class gets wise enough and elects itself to office the government will make all laws in the interest of the working class. That will be logical also. The working class are the great majority. Do you know any good reason why the laws should not be made in the interest of the majority?

"My wife is frail with four small chiliren around her without a servant or a dollar at hand. I have done." And with these words J. H. Thibadeau, out of work, blew his brains out in a Washing ton City hotel. Yes, this is a glorious system to protect a family. An old man of 62, broken down, left to starve-ye gods! To think that men or women who think they are Christians would up hold such a hellish system! Vote for it, ye slaves of capital; ye wild and woolly

If the Russian despotism could keep all the people from reading or hearing anything except that which they have for generations read and heard, its continued reign would be insured. Only city government is against the unions, ahead. This is just as true in America nals.

Don't you think the men are foolish as in Russia. The majority in Russia New to elect friends of capitalists to break do not see this—and the majority here No, are just like them, only on a little Rome paths make changes and push the world shead. This is just as true in America. er plane. Wake up and let's m

nopolized the more will crime incre Do you vote the same tickets as monopolists?

HOW THE THING WORKS.

#### The harvester trust has given notice of a reduction in wages. It discharged ple to stay away from there; that the 8,500 employes when the consolidation

much machinery as formerly. It was shows that the wages paid has nothing who are so stupid that they will vote

GIRLS SOLD FOR \$10.00. "Women today sell for from \$21 up, and children at varying rates," says & writer in Harper's Magazine. He is writing of Morocco, and grows quite indignant over the deplorable state of affairs. He evidently overlooked the sale of New York girls for \$10, which occurred at that place quite recently. In fact the matter is becoming of such common occurrence that scarcely any attention is paid to it whatever. Girls are cheap in America, Good, honest, respectable young ladies can be secured in New York at the rate of \$2.50 per week.

"Appalling increase in the degenerey of children," is the headline in the Toledo Bee. I wonder why? Why is there more degeneracy now than years ago! There must be some cause. Things don't happen without a cause. Human nature is just the same today as it was a hundred years ago. The Bee does not try to analyze the matter. It talks about more "Correctional Homes." But that is only taking care of the degenerates as they are made and does not prevent their making. Make conditions so all parents can care for their children in good homes, give them eduention and have conditions so that they will have to work and a place to work when they grow up and there will soon he a stoppage of this degeneracy. But

The Boston Traveler, looking over the field of human activity, says that Crime reigns throughout What is the matter with your capitalistic system that it produces crime instead of peace and good will? Why is crime worse some parts of the year than others? And some years more than others' Don't you know how to manage the system you possess? Do not find the cause and remove it? If all the people possessed all the property collectively, and there was a pla in industry at five times the pi pay for each and all, do you think would increase or decrease the crime? Capitalism as we have it is impracti-

When the working class begins to vote for a party of its own, it will see the capitalists making lots of laws to favor it, hoping to win them back into the old parties. Why should they me different laws when the majority of the votes elect them and thus say they are satisfied with things as they are? politicians are not geese.

The laws uphold the capitalists In putting any price they please on the products made in their industries, and the people are forced to pay or starve. But the laws do not uphold the working class in putting the price on their labor. Nit. The militia is there to fall them if they protest. The rich know the value of controlling elections. Will the working class ever solve the riddle?

A million Socialist yotes in this counry will do the working class more good, will command more respect from their masters than a hundred big strikes. It doesn't cost idleness and starvation to vote like it does to strike.

Wonder how the working class of Coorado like to pay the taxes to support the militia that is used to jail them! Don't go into politics, boys, you might burt yourselves.

Eighteen thousand firms and individnals own all the real New York with its three million people. als own all the real estate in Greater No, we are not traveling the r

It's the vote and not the strike that will free labor from being ruled by the capitalists.

America is becoming a nation of b ants, just like Europe

# Send No Money

MONEY IN GOOD

hair and saves time, trouble and tempero, and whave. Is shaves Sic. 5 shaves Sic. In ordering the same state sex. PURITY D. M. CO. Depw., 62 William St., New York.

A Piece of Land?

med piece that will make a good home? all piece that will support a family? La hi britation, with water, right in perpetuit at the piece of the control of t

Do You Want

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lyn Single Tax League, recently issued papers in the country published its suband practicability. Mr. Swinney says that Socialists

"have failed to correctly diagnose the lions for the masses that now go to cause" of conditions that permit "vast fortunes to be piled up by some at the expense of the many." "Some attribute it to capital," he says, "others to competition, and others again to the wage demonstrated by the growth and devel-system. Consequently they desire to opment of the trust. The secret of the abelish all these things."

In commenting on the first of these ascribed causes, namely, capital, Mr. Swinney says: "Now, capital is that wealth, and it is therefore absurd to imagine how anything that aids or inses production can injure the pro-

Capital a Blessing Under Socialism. Socialists do not attribute social evilto capital. It is true, as Mr. Swinney states, that capital, being wealth used in the production of more wealth, has no element of evil in it. And if controled by society it could be nothing but a blessing. But it is capital in private hands that is the evil. Capital makes the possessor the master and all others his slaves. The man with the capital is king. He controls the means of production. The tools with which men labor are in his hands. Money is in his hands and he can command interest for its use. Houses and industrial plants are controlled by him and these yield him rent. He is master of the land and can extert reat for its use. And these things he has acquired by skill rully apprepriating for his own benefit the wealth produced by the workers. The single tax, Mr. Swinney's solution would take the factor of land from his hands, but it would not touch the others. With inventions it could do nothing. Interest would be left in the hands of the capitalist schemer under the single tax system. Houses, etc., even though they, unlike inventions and interest, are the product of land, would, under the single tax, yield the capitalist a rent which would support him in idleness; for those without capital could not build houses. Nor is it true, as the single taxers assert, that under their system all would have capital enough to build houses; for, despite the great savings in the way of taxes and in having access to the land, the man with the plow could outrival the man with the spade, and the latter would be compelled to work for the former at the former's gain. And thus the capitalist, by the ontrol of inventions, interest and rent could rest in idleness and demand trib ute from his fellow men, who must work for him at a pittance or starve. With a multiplicity of capitalists the result would be the same as with a few. If, on the other hand, capital were controlled by the wealth producers, or society, in accordance with the principles of Socialism, then the producer would reap the profit that the control of capital always insures. Under that condition we would have a healthier, manlier society of workers and thinkers,

Competition Under Socialism.

point of the present social order to which Socialists object, namely, competition. He says:

deployed by Socialists is not real competition to all! It is unequal competition in all! It is unequal competition in the advantage is all on the side of the employers. Trusts and monopolies have succeeded in abolishing competition, and the people are now paying the bills in higher prices."

ganization of society are concerned. The

the market with inferior goods, and, as a matter of self-preservation, would keep wages at the lowest ebb. Advertising, an immense waste, employing for cars to railroad capitalists for hauf-

BY WILLIAM HOFFMAN P. B. Swinney, secretary of the Brook- thousands of agents and salesmen do only w a small pamphlet entitled, "The Weakness increase to draw on the productive labor of Socialism." Several single tax news- of society. All system and organiza papers in the country published its sub-stance. In it the author attempts to equal struggle for the products of the discredit Socialism both in its theory earth would result. Socialism, on the other hand, by reason of therough system and organization, would save milwaste or to aid in the destruction of honest ability. That competition is destructive and not productive is clearly and foreibly

SOCIALISM'S ANSWER TO THE SINGLE TAXER

power of the trust lies, not so much in the special privileges it enjoys (as mainproduct of his labor by destroying the ystem, but utilizing the forces that cre te the trust magnate and capitalist. Income Under Socialism.

millionaire senators and executives) tribution. Wages would not be necesributed according to its value as meas inder Socialism, would be the recom-

Swinney's Mistakea Swinney's next objection shows that office scandals as an example of w estal system that illustrates the Socialder (present) government control," what is the reason for it? Swinney says it is a result of the application of the Social-

ing the mails that amounts to as much in a year as the cars could be bought for, the public ewned and operated its own means of transportation; and if, instead of giving private capitalists the graft of supplying the government with mail bags, straps, order slips, etc., at ridiculously high prices, the department would itself supply these wants, the posterfice would not find itself in debt at the end of the year. The scandals and corruptions of the postoffice department would disappear under Socialism as rapidly as this debt. Under the present system the officials are in the business for profit. Money is their ged. With the abelition of this incentive to corruption the system would disappear. And Socialism, and Socialism only, will abolish this corruption and waste.

A Different Standard. "Another strong objection to Socialsm," says Swinney, "is that each worker is to receive the same compensation for his work. This is manifestly unjust, for it discriminates between the indusrious and the lazy; the good worker and he bad. It will furthermore destroy all ambition and result in each man's loing as little as he can, because he will receive just as much as though he did

Mr. Swinney measures the character of the man under the Socialist state by the criterion of the greedy, selfish product of caiptalism. He does not believe that each worker should receive the same compensation. If Mr. Swinney had two erses and one could run faster than the other, or perhaps haul a heavier load than the other, would he give the weaker one poorer feed or less of it than he would the other? Or if he had two sons and one could do harder work, or do his work more quickly than the other, would he supply him with better food or more luxuries than his brother? If so, would be allow invalids to starve because they were unable to work? "No, certainly not," he would perhaps say, but if a had two servants and one were lazier than the other. I would not award the lazy one as much as the more industrious servant." And he would be right in not doing so. But, except as a vestige of capitalism that would naturally disappear, laziness would not exist under Socialism What is responsible for laziness today! Is it not the system that plicity. places the employer and laborer utterly at variance, and makes the welfare of the one depend on the failure of the other? The success of the capitalist depends on the degree to which he succeeds in robbing his employes or his customers. Does not such a system put a premium on laziness on the part of the laborer? The worker, knowing that his labor goes to enrich his employer, and that it is a question of mere sustenance with him, will logically conclude that the less he renders his master, the nearer the level of justice will his contract be maintained, so long as he can keep up appearances to retain his job. In this policy each worker sympathizes with the other, for none of them (except

ury. Laziness a Product of Capitalism.

the "scab") will betray their fellow

workers for the benefit of the employer-

they know he lives on their toil in lux-

Laziness under such circumstances is stimulated and promoted. But Socialism would revolutionize these conditions. Even believing that some men would be mean enough, knowing that society insures them the full product of their labor to cheat their fellows, laziness would be impossible; for every one of his fellow workers would be the loser by any man's laziness and it would be impossible to cheat his fellow workers as he did his employer. Each minute that one man shirked would be robbed from his felthe drones among the bees. The spirit and letter of Socialism is sounded by the shall not eat." Those, under Socialism, who would refuse to do their best (and that would not be one out of a million)

would be given the wilderness and a spade and left to work out their own salvation-if they would prefer that to becoming a part of organized society.

Gevernment Functions Would Decrease

Another objection to the establishment of Socialism entertained by Mr. Swinney is that:

Such an undertaking would involve a vast increase in the machinery of government, recessitating many thousands of office-holders—generals, colonels, captains, lieutenants of industry—the incentive to corruption would be enormous and everybody weight with to be an office-heider and pandemonium would result.

The result of the establishment of a

Socialist state would be directly the op-

posite to that predicted by Mr. Swinney.

Instead of a vast increase in the machinery of government there would be a vast decrease. The chief end of the machinery of government today is to keep order, suppress crime and to execute laws made for the protection of society. Law today consists for the most part in defining the right in disputes between property holders and other possessors of wealth and in laying down rules of human conduct. The first of these functions would entirely disappear under Socialistic government, and the last would be greatly diminished. The chief incentive to crime and wrong-deing today is money. The illegal conduct of the officials implicated in the postoffice scandals, the bribery of our legislatures, the slaughter of foreign people for markets of trade, as well as a nost of minor erimes among individuals, all have their root in a desire for profit and gain. And the great impetus of wealth-getting in his fellows. The liberty of each individpresent civilization lies in the fear of the future. If this great fear were taken for the nation. And all desire to interfrom the minds of men (as it would be under Socialism) the desire for accumulating wealth would disappear, crime would diminish and nine tenths of the triumph of all the human race. present functions of government would become unnecessary. This is the result that would follow the application of bel Meckel, a 'phone girl at Evansvilla, the principles of Socialism. Like- Ind., driven by want of the meagre pay, wise would the present complex, died sitting at her task. The unnatural condition of society St. Louis Chronicle, plutomatic (admitted as such by single taxers), if sheet, refers to her as a herosupplanted by Socialism, correspondingly ine. I should refer to her as an decrease the functions of government in unhappy, oppressed slave that she was providing for its proper regulation. Great is commerce that is carried on Socialism means organization and sys- by dying girls for corporation profits tem as against complexity and confd. Are you not proud of it? Vote to keep sion; and organization and system are it going. the embodiments of the supremest sim-

The statement that "the incentive to corruption would be enormous and everybody would want to be an office holder" is made by Swinney on the assumption that Socialism means capitalistic graft and money getting. Socialism would award the office holder the same recompense as the humblest laborer in the field, and no more. Everybody would have all he needed. Whence, then, would come this "incentive to corruption?" In Harmony With the Socialist Prin-

Mr. Swinney's final statement that "that government is best that governs least, and each and every person has a natural and inalienable right to live his own life in his own way so long as he does not interfere with the equal right of everyone else to do likewise," a belief which he evidently thinks is at variance with the teachings of Socialism, is, on the contrary, in perfect harmony with Socialism. Government under So cialism would not be what all government in the world has so far been. It would not be the control of one part of humanity by another. It would be merely self-control and education on the part of all the people, who by reason of development could finally dispense with government, or force, in regulating their conduct. The principle that each per-

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as he does not interfere with the san right of anyone else to liberty, is one of the fundamentals of Socialism. 1: is the protection of this one right in every individual of the nation that Socialism would insure to all society by making it impossible for any to encroach on the liberties of the others. And Socialism would not protect these liberties by force. It would create a condition of society in which the liberty gained by ene would not be measured by the slavery of ual would mean so much more liberty fere with the rights of others would thus disappear in the glory of a system that would make the power of every man the

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"Competition is a natural law; it is na-

Socialists do not oppose competition except where matters relating to the orcompetition opposed by Socialists is that which makes individuals work for different ends. Under Socialism all would work for one end-through different channels. Under the present system competition is wa teful, pernicious and suicidal. One man's gain means his fel low's loss. But in the Socialist state competition, which would always remain in its true sense, would be simply the rivalry between individuals to do the most for society and to confer the greatest blessings, in thought and labor, on all humanity. One man's success would not be measured by his fellow's destruction, as is the case under the present

system.

Today Competition is Destructive. It is certainly true that the "compe tition deplored by Socialists is not real competition at all," but would we have real competition under the single tax system? The single tax would stimulate the waste and suicide of false competition. It would preserve the capitalist; and the capitalist must inevitably reap a profit from labor without giving any return. Under the single tax system thousands of small capitalists would by lying and misrepresentation, flood

tained by the single taxers), as in the thorough plan of co-operation and unity on which it is operated. The trust has at its command, by reason of its great saving of unnecessary labor and the econcmy observed in its immense business transactions, the greatest equipment of machinery and intelligent labor that can be commanded, and it is fally to try to compete with it. The trust is insurmountable and it is daily educating the people in Socialism. The tendency of the times is toward co-operation, as is demenstrated by the merging of the great railroad and other business interests of the country. The capitalist real izes the truth of the Socialist doctrine and he is taking advantage of it. "Trusts and monopolies have succeeded in abolishing competition, and the people are now paying the bills in highe prices," says Swinney. True. And the reason the people are paying the bills in higher prices is because the capital ists, who operate the trusts, have learned the principle of co-operation as against competition, and have consequently be ome strong and powerful enough to dicate to those who will not face them on their own ground. The thing to do obriously is not to make more capitalists and to establish competition (the single tax plan), but to take advantage of the educating influences of the private capi talist and the principles of co-operation and to put into the hands of society the raits of capital and co-operation to be conducted for the benefit of the mass of humanity. Give the laborer the full

In speaking of wages, the third facor which, according to Swinney, Social-ate would abolish, he saya:

"If the wages were high, Socialists yould not demand the abellition of the wages ystem." What Socialists really wast to toolish is low wages. Under free competition wages would be high."

But Socialists would abolish wages only in ferm. Under Socialism the government of the socialism of the socialism in the government.

rnment (the people, and not a body of would control all production and dissary because the present system of exchange between individuals would be abolished. Society would supply anything in demand and this would be disared by labor, and not as gold to be exhanged among individuals. The wage, pense paid by society to the laborer in he form of an insured livelihood. "Low wages" would certainly not exist under Socialism, for no capitalists would exit to fix wages in accordance with their own interests. "Free comeptition" would not insure high wages, as Swinney says, for the reason that the profit incentive among capitalists under free competition lows and the shirker under Socialism as possible. The capitalist has the means of production in his hands, and whether competition be free or unequal, keynote: "Those who will not work as long as society permits him to exist,

his word is law

he either desires to work on public prejudice of knews very little about So cialist principles. He cannot understand why Socialists want public control and peration of industries for the benefit of ull the people rather than to allow private capitalists to operate them and exploit the people. He points to the post-Socialism would develop. He says that Socialists "point with pride to the postoffice department as an illustration their theory." In this he is mistaken There is but one principle in the present ist theory. That is the principle of cooperation in performing a social func tion-the distribution of mail. But this principle of co-operation is maintained under a system of capitalism. Mr. Swin ney says, "The postal department can be operated much more economically in private hands than under government control, and which, in 1902, was run at a loss of three million dollars." Even granting that it "can be operated more economically in private hands than un-

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Edited by E. N. Richardson.

Fire. Agitators:—While my name appears at the top of this column as editor, I am fully aware of the fact that the real editors of this department number over 26,000 and are known as the "Appeal Army," I comrade Ricker informs me that the "Army" did number 21,000 but with the merging of the Coming Nation with the Appeal it brings the total up to 26,000. Think of It. Comrades: 26,000 brave hearted men and women working in harmony and with one grand dominant thought—the emancipation of humanity from the hell of capitalism! Inspiring inn't it?

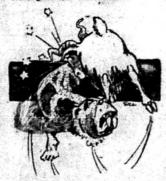
New. Comrades, let us work together, let us make this department an inspiration for everybody to the end that 1,000,000 votes shall be cast for the Socialist party this fall which will assure us the election of a Socialist president in 1808.

Of course I brought Pe'se, the Coming Nation goat, along with me. Pelee and the built dog had a rather lively time the first day, but I'll let our artist teil the story.

I want to earnestly urge all Coming Nation workers to enroll their names in the Appeal Army of workers for the great campaign of 1904.

Co-operate. Concentrate. Conquer.—E. N. R.







They finally conclude that their interests re identical with the rest of the working

JOIN THE BLUE PENCIL BRIGADE. Soddy, Tenn., has a new local with ten ter members. J. M. Billings is re-

Comrade Wm. Martindale, of German va. Pa., drops \$6.50 in the box in pay nt of a bundle of 50.

—Edward Kirby, Hoult, W. Va.;—"I am taking seven Socialist papers and maga-zines but I like the Appeal better than any other Socialist periodical."

-"I have enlisted until the end of the war," says Comrade Gauty, of Kasio, B. C. He orders a bunch of cards.

-Woodbey's book still holds the cente the stage. It's hot stuff to use on the carted. Three copies for 25 cents.

—Comrade W. S. Alley, of Ingalis, Kas costs the list five notches and remarks We will organize a local here soon."

-Mrs. J. M. Fletcher, of Pasadena, Cal., would like to know the address of H. C. Fletcher, formerly of Hagerstown, Md.

-Comrade J. M. Zelle, of Sisson, Cal, hands in four scalps and remarks: 'I am over 70, not very strong but still willing to work."

"-"We are gaining ground up here," is the cheering message that comes from Con-rede W. H. Corey, of Long Pine, Nebr. He sends a club of four,

mds a club of room, are needed here rites. Comrade Albert E. Isaac of New scatur, Ala. He sends \$5 for a hundred uples of Woodbey's book. There is no better propaganda than manualst Manifesto." No skirmisher's Communist Manifesto. No skirmisner southit is complete without a supply. Five cents a copy or \$2.50 per 100.

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-Mrs. Wm. Brisbin, Mooers Forks, N.Y.:
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"Let us steal in peace," say the pro-fessional politicans, "and we will not inter-tere with the divine right of the rich to rob the poor of their surplus value."—Frank livers, Canton, Ohio.

H. Meunier, Riverside, Cal.: "I can't congratuinte the promoters of the of the Appeal and Coming Nation, ntrongly in favor of collectivism as a to the wanteful competition."

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.—"I have been taking the Appeal for about 20 weeks. I am now converted, and wil, do all in my power to help the cause. My aim will not be to get ten aubs, bur all possibly can. Long live the Appeal."—C. J. Schuster, Girard, Pa.

—Comrade O. F. Johnson, of Hauskin. Mont., orders book combination number one and remarks: "The Socialists are going to best republicans and rattlesmakes in these ryvines next election." Teddy says this classification is a bit rough on the rattlers.

—"We have just held our city convention and nominated Comrade A. R. Rodgers, for city assessor, and ward branches are getting into shape to put up candidates for the February election. Hurrah for the battle of 1904" shouts Comrade F. R. East, of Reading, Pa.

—"I hope the dear girls had a pleasant and enjoyable Christmas," writes Comrade Bodenhamer, of McCracken, Mo. He pays for a bunch of scalps, and as the sub clerk credited the amount the bull dog took a playful nip out of the Religious collor's Sunday pants.

—"I am getting old and live in the country and have a good deal to do," says Comrade C. G. Post, of Specerville, O. He tinos time, however, to add five to the list and promises to keep pegging away. It's the fellows that keep pegging away that is bringing Socialism.

—C. E. Lynch, Clifton, Ariz.: "Comrade McKee paid us a visit a short time ago and organized a local of 13 members, some consider this an unfucky number but we are 13 more just the same. We will have many more before the winter is over, thanks to the Appeal."

-"The harvest is here, but the laborers are few to gather it in. The great mass of people are ready to accept Socialism as soon as they can be made to onderstand what it means to them and their children. Yours until the battle is won, A. E. Schoffeld, Kinderlou, Ga.

-Comrade W. S. Stauffer, of Litz, Pa-sends his application for membership in the Appeal Army for 1904. Says he de-layed sending because he wanted a large number on his certificate. Come a runnin-fellows, if you want a large number, the small ones are all gone.

-George W. Cail, Bittern Lake, Alberta, Can.: "The Appeal tells the plain blunt truth in a plain blunt way and that makes the old partylite wriggle like a worm oh a hot brick." Yes, fellows, and we must keep the brick hot. Join the gang for the 1904 campaign and help do it.

Comrade J. H. Trine, of Union City, Ind., says: "I have been reading the Appeal for about nine months, have become au enthusiastic Socialist, am ready to join the army and do work for the co-operative commonwealth. I am 52 years old, but hope to see the day of industrial liberty."

#### JOIN THE BLUE PENCIL BRIGADE.

-Comrade May VanWinkie, of Clarkston, wash, says: "I will send you all the cords and subscribers I can, and will expect no pay for it, only the realization that I am doing my best to spread a good cause. I have met with a great many people who are reading the Appeal, and they all seem to like it."

Comrade Dammrose, of Lookout, Idaho, orders the "Union Girls" combination of soots. He says: "I intend to give sway he books but shall sell the pictures for good price. I want to show it to show be been sell to be been all it they won't say it I'll send them all a dose of Appeal or Research.

-Have you joined the Appeal army for 1904? I cannot believe it possible that there is an active comrade in the movement but wants his name on this list. Why not put it there? The time will come when one of these certificates will be among your most valued treasures. Save regrets in the future and send your application today.

—"I like the Appeal fine. It just strikes me. I hand my copy to a friend every week," says Comrade Ingram, of Jerico, Mo. This is what every comrade should do—pass their papers down, the line until it is worn out. And don't fail to blue pencil interesting paragraphs. A man will always read a marked article—it's human na-

Comrade T. J. Williams, of Utahville.
Pa., says: "The Coming Nation is pretty well circulated in this place, and is doing rood work. We have a local, and the people are getting interested in the cause of Socialism. Ours is the only political party worthy of the support of all who believe in equal rights to all and special privileges to none."

—D. Hosteller, Wellston, Okia.: "I see my time is just out and I can't do without the Appeal. I consider it one of the greatest instructors of the age. I am personally acquainted with Comrade Wayland from boyhood and I have the utmost confidence is him as an honest conscientions man in the work to better the condition of humanity."

Comrade Mrs. Core Hanson, of Conchilla, Cal., writes: "We are starting a local at Thurmai, two niles south of here. Fifteen persons signed application for charter. Thermal is about one hundred feet below the sea level. But we feel quite elevated since we are falling its line with a local." Courage Hanson sends for a good long list of books.

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-Comrade A. W. Moore, of Minden, Ont., orders 85 worth of animulation with which to open up the campaign for 1904. This comrade is a commercial traveler. He writes: "This part of the country is very backward, nearly all farmers who never heard anything about Socializa, They will know something about it before I start on the road in the spring."

—"I have been a resider of your paper, and it has worked great reformation in me, which should have taken place long ago, but I will try and atone for the past by sowing the seeds of Socialism in the future. Your work is great, keep hitting from the shoulder and give the capitalism the everlasting cramps. Yours for the cause of humanity, Henry Davis, Ft. Branch, Ind.

Comrade Wm. H. Keevan, of Sharon Hill, Pa., writes:—"We went a bundle of 500 for four weeks preceding the ejection. Our election meets on the 5th wheat we will nominate a full ticket. That's he way the good news is coming in from all points of the compass in this land of the free to work for our beard. No wonder the plutes are getting frantic and that Hanna is begging someone to hold his coat while he wipes out Socialism.

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#### THE DRUM CONTEST.

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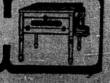


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## THE BLACK HOLE Ernest Unitermann OF CHICAGO

stray spark; a burst of flame, and the new Iroqueis Theatre in Chicago; is transformed from a temple of merriment into a chamber of horrors. The fire demon rages for five minutes, and eleven hundred persons out of eighteen hunest of them women and children, are killed, injured or missing.

The "Black Hole of Calcutta" is eclipsed by the "Black Hole of Chicago." The old year, before passing out, sends a thrill of horror around the globe The new year enters under a cloud of dismal forebodings. Other and greater disasters are certain to follow. The closing years of capitalism are bound to give birth, flash upon flash, to more appalling tragedies than the early thousand links of its evolution vemited forth in slow succession.

The Black Hole of Chicago is only one of the innumerable horrid skeletons that escape periodically from the secret closet of the capitalist Moloch. It is advancement at home, but in foreign certainly the most hideous since the burning of the Ring Theatre in Vienna in markets and international complica-

And now the freuzied throng clamors hoarsely for a few scape-goats. The Shylock of public opinion, better called public ignorance, demands its pound of flesh. By the side of the charred pyramid of the holocaust, blind justice will now erect a few crosses to which it will nail a few luckless individuals. The grass will grow over the memory of this event as over the graves of the victims. And the very place where human beings writhed in unspeakable agony may again ome a temple of gaiety. BUT THE MAIN CRIMINAL WILL ESCAPE.

The main criminal? Yes! The owners of the theatre, whe, for their own private profit exploited the public desire for amusement; the city authorities who, for obvious reasons, closed their eyes against the reckless violations of city erdinances; the architect, who, for private gain, devised the enormous deaththey are but the offspring of the main criminal. The faults of the individuals are but the fruits of a wrong social system. THE MAIN CRIMINAL IS CAPITALISM.

The responsibility for this wanton destruction of human life rests on every mber of the human family who supports the capitalist system, directly or indirectly. But the ruling class, who are the main beneficiaries of this system and the main defendants in the case, will easily escape by the help of the public opinion which they mold to their hearts' desire.

Were it not for this counterfeit public opinion, the Iroquois Theatre would never again open its doors to any merry crowd. It would be draped in perpetual mourning. It would stand silent forever, a giant warning to the coming generztions of the awful sins of a perverted social system. People would speak in mn whispers when passing by it, thinking with bowed heads of the martyred lives and sending a wave of fervent sympathy to the grief-stricken survivors. And over its sealed portals would be written: THE LAST HECATOMB OF CAP-

It is an eruption of capitalism, but alas! not the last. Every circumstance that has come to light reveals but the grinning features of monstrous Greed. Long before the Irequois Theatre opened its doors had competent critics declared it to be unsafe. But the appointed guardians of public safety had been lulled to sleep by the dope of gold.

The theatre was built and operated for profit. Therefore the stage accesries were made of inflammable material instead of metal, as the law provides the drop curtain, fire proof according to law, was made of asbestos. But profit decreed that it should be so flimsy as to be blown to atoms by the first gust of flame; PROFIT IS THE CAUSE THAT IT COULD NOT BE LOWERED WITHOUT DIFFICULTY. The emergency doors of the auditorium and of the stage were locked. It would have impaired profits to hire men to watch the

The law provides that fly lofts, rigging lofts, railings and pulleys must be made of metal.

PROFIT DECIDED THAT THEY SHOULD BE OF WOOD IN THE IRO-QUOIS THEATRE.

Automatic sprinklers over and under the stage, and a flue pipe to prevent a draft from carrying fire into the auditorium, are demanded by the law.

PROFIT KEPT THEM OUT OF THE IROQUOIS THEATRE. The law provides that theatres shall face upon three open

PROFIT ORDERED THAT THE IROQUOIS THEATRE SHOULD FACE UPON ONE OPEN SPACE ONLY. No person shall be allowed in the airles, says the law.

PROFIT DEFIED THE LAW, BUILT MORE SEATS THAN THE BUILD-ING PERMIT ALLOWED AND CROWDED HUNDREDS OF PERSONS INTO THE STANDING ROOM OF THE AISLES. And profit also built the theatre on such a plan that little or no consideration

given to the possibility of quickly dismissing a crowd. PROFIT, PROFIT, and again PROFIT, was the consideration most dear

to the hearts of the builders, of the proprietors, of the building inspectors and the fire department authorities,

And CHEAP, contemptibly cheap, was to them HUMAN LIFE. Every incident connected with this house, even to the ghouls who crowded

into the smoking ruins and into the morgues to cut off the jeweled ears and rs of the victims, bore the degenerate influence of a system that knows but life's purpose: PROFIT. The wonder is that so much generous and heroic work was done, in spite

of the debasing influence of capitalism. I do not speak of those business men who donated vehicles, clothing, medicine and shelter. They will reimburse them selves easily, and their generosity loses much of its lustre when viewed in this light. But the heroic men who risked life and limb to save others; the striking liverymen who sacrificed their chances of victory for the sake of helping the distressed, and the unselfish men and women who labored for hours to re tate those that showed even the faintest sign of life—all these proved that nan nature is inherently good, and will overcome even the sordid influen-

The yellow press has found its sensation and makes hay while the sun Iroquois Theatre before they fairly realized the situation. True, that foes not make the tragedy any less ghastly. But why make so much of these victims? Hundreds of thousands of working men, women and children are year after year slowly tortured to death for profit, and no capitalist paper protests. American ns are driven into bull pens and herded until they die like cattle, and the capitalist press cays it is well.

Skulls and bones are the basis of capitalist society. And the rulers wave the starry banner over this vast cometery and call it "Glorious prosperity!" ad when the Socialists cry out against this desecration of the dead, they are denounced as the "Enemies of society." To be branded as an enemy of such society is a mark of honor.

True to its instincts, the Hearst press is fashioning a political lever for its owner out of this incident. While millions mourn, Hearst is trying to ride to mit of personal triumph on a delusively generated presidential wave "For the general welfare." As if the most democratic of the democratic politicians were not firmly tied to a hybrid monstrosity of capitalism, half Tammany figer, half middle class donkey! As if Hearst did not worship at the shrine of capitalist profit! As if he did not share in the moral responsibility for the fruits of Mammon!

The Socialists alone can lift up hands not steeped in this blood. They have cried out, as does now the Black Hole of Chicago: "CAPITALISM IS

The working class is the jury. At the ballot box they will sentence a execute the greatest criminal in the world's history: KING CAPITAL.

#### "CROPS OF CHILDREN"

gust 3, 1903, in sending a \$300 check rence. to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Signet, of The president is wedded to a fallacy of Gloucester City, N. J., on the birth president so ignorant as not to know of triplets, and his previous letter to that mere numbers is the last thing advocating large families, affords cum- nicipality, or the state, or the nation?

ulative evidence of a coarseness in the president's character which is calculat-President Roosevelt's action, on Au- ed to create general disgust and abhor-

Pittsburg, Pa., on the occasion of the whose prevalence is equalled only by birth of their twentieth child, taken its capacity for evil, namely, that large in connection with his recent Call- families are desirable PER SE-a funfornia reference to "crops of children," demental social fallacy about which his action of March 3, 1903, in con- both education and religion are gratulating Mr. George Cunningham, strangely and culpably silent. Is the birs. Van Vorst, of New York City, that parents should covet, or the mu-

Does he not know that one child born PUBLIC OF PRIVATE CORRUPTION. thoroughly well endowed is enough better for society than ten children born to a life of utter commonness. with the world no better for their having lived? Which, pray, does the president rate higher-Greece, with her mall population and imperishable achievements, or China with her teeming millions? Ay, which will he say is better-the United States, small in population, but great in moral strength, the world power for liberty and self government; or the United States of the twentieth century, with population so grown as to enthrone brute force as the national ideal; to find its highest interest not in social tions; to sacrifice the highest political principles on the altar of a piratical, conscious-soaring, soul-destroying commercialism? But the chief victim of the pres

dent's policy would be the womanhood of America; that policy subjecting one half of the people to the passions the other half; inflicting in ever increasing severity the "august martyrdom of motherhood"; multiplying so ciety's chief evil, the unwelcome child; condemning woman to a life of toil rendered shameful by the unworthinesof those served; abridging for half the people those birthrights of the soul, education and world-knowledge. With President Roosevelt, woman is not so much a human being as an animal; not so much God's great agent for the idealization and spiritualization of life as a factor in the exercise of certain physiological functions common to the brutes. Napoleon I, when asked the chief need of France, is said to have answered: "Mothers"-not mothers in the noble sense in which they may indeed be regarded as the chief desideratum of society, but mothers to the end that he might have more soldiers to sacrifice to his personal aggrandizement. We can well imagine President Roosevelt echoing the brutal reply of the French emperor. If the women of America do not protest against the degradation which the President of the United States would impose upon them, they lack the intelligence and spirit with which they are so generally cred-

Providence has given man a wide and beautiful and fruitful world. But Providence never intended by these blessings to invite its population by a race of animals called, by courtesy, human. This earth was designed, rather, as the home of a race of men and women in the image of their great Creator; a race with whom the physical should ever be subordinated to the spiritual; a race with whom the act of self-perpetuation, so far from being the act of a careless or impulsive moment, should be the most deliberate and spiritual act of the life; a race with whom the birth of an immortal soul should be a matter of the most profound responsibility and significance; a race who should view with alarm any increase in their numbers at the expense of moral or intellectual qualities. When a man is so mcrally deteriorated as to preach the propagation of children as he would the propa gation of cattle, his vulgarity deserves social ostracism; and when that man is President of the United States, he merits the swift and emphatic condemnation of the American people Respectfully,

JOHN SAMPSON.

#### HIRED GIRLS AND SOCIALISM.

"How will we be able to get hired girls under Socialism, as so many mothers have their hands full with the care of small children and have no grown up girls to help them, and those who have will want them to stay at home and help at home at them to stay at home and help at home at they will be able to produce enough a that they can support them (of course only refer to those who actually need one not lary women). Hoping for an answer in the Appeal, I remain yours, F. W. Rad citte, 117 Martin ave., Buffalo, N. Y."

hired girls. They are forced by necessity to send their girls out to slave for those who do no useful work, but have a cinch that forces others to do their work for them. We are not working for a plan that will supply "hired girls" to those who now have them, and who spend their lives in useless folly and fashion, regarding work as a disgrace The development of society is fest producing by machinery the many things that formerly were required to be produced in the home. This will be more and more done, until far the greater part of the household duties will be laid on machines instead of human drudges. There will be little of housework compared with ioday, and that can be done by the wife or daughter as it should. Houses can be constructed that will not require one-tenth of the labor to keep in order as the ones we have now. The needs of the people will produce the appliances for any emergency. The lazy women will have a hard time under Socialism, let me impress you with that. So will lazy men.

One of our capitalistic papers says:
"If the people are stoness with themselves and keep a stiff upper lip and thriftily saw wood all the year, nothing may happen in the field of politics will much hurt them." There may be some consolation in the above statement but it strikes us as being just a little like saying, keep quiet while you are setting your less suited.

of a few officials among thousands. If public officials are more corrupt and dishonest than private employees we had better all be private employees or at least have as few public employees or at least have as few public employees as possible. I deny that corruption is as abundant in public Hrs as it is in private Hrs. You overlook the corruption of ralicand conductors, fraveling men who pad their expense accounts, clerks, cashlers, etc., that convert their employers cash and property to their own use even, barkeepers who are bribed by liquor salesmen to pretend that there is a demand for a certain brind of goods, that his employer will be a sure buyer. I knew of no statistics upon the subject but I am persuaded from my own experience and conservation that dishonesty, bribery, trickery, embergiesent is more abundant in private life

wrong doing, frequently tion, so do private employees, tion, so do private employees. You try to answer the ones who fear the gruppion of more efficiation, by saying on will remove the incentive. Fet you not propose by your platform to share it things in common, you leave the indidual the right to sequire and accumulation.

ste. Now if people are allowed to accumulate.

Now if people are allowed to accumulate there will be a rivalry to excel in it as there is now, for ages at least, and even it by law we were ordered as were the early Christians to have all things in common we would have occasionally an annaniss and Saphira who would hold out some choice possessions. You are doing good but you can do better. I believe, if you will deny that corruption in public life is as great as corruption in private life. Of course if you think it is not true you will make no such claim, at least, I hope not.

of.

If you can refer me to any authority
nat will prove that corruption is more
sundant in public life than in private life
will be obliged to you.

Quincy, Ill. JOSEPH H. HANLY. Socialists do not assert that there is

more corruption in public than private life, nor vice versa. We claim that corruption is rampant in both, and that such corruption is the logical result of the present environment of men. The public corruption is because of the private interests. Take the postal corruption. If all the things furnished the department were made by the public in public plants, who would have bribed public officials to pay big prices? No one. So long as there is an ownership of things that will produce for the possessor an income without work, corruption will continue, whether democrats republicans, Socialists or any other "ists" are in office. But when all production and distribution are in the public hands, governed democratically, then no one can get an advantage, nor put aside anything that will profit him or her, and then there will be no incentive to steal or hide wealth taken from the public. For instance: I am employed in some public industry. I get the average production of wealth per hour for my industry. Everybody else gets the same. Whom would I bribe to get an advantage? The other fellows would have the same interest as myself. If I got more they would get less. If I got an income and did no work every one would know that I was a thief and would treat me as such, as I deserved. If I got away with public property it would have to be the things themselves, that is, the flour or meat or piano. It would not be money with which to buy these or other things as I needed them Money as an order for goods would cease to exist. I could not buy stocks bonds, houses or lands or any other thing to produce a revenue. None of these things would be for sale. Wealth could only be possessed honestly by having a credit on the public books for sc much time as would equal the things possessed. A piano could be had by everyone who wanted one, by giving as much labor as it required to make a piano, and that would be less exertion than stealing one, with the necessary preparation for the theft. There would incentive to steal. All wants could be supplied with a few hours labor daily, with a guarantee against ascident, want or any other of the many things that almost distract the multitude today. A lie could not retain prevate wealth. The income of each would be an open book to all.

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### THE WORKING ANIMAL

A FABLE-BY G. H. LOCKWOOD





The human working animal is indeed a wonderful All other animals, save one, bow to its power; even the king of beasts shrinks in his lair, snarling with

The huge forms of flesh obey its commands and bellow in pain at its chastisement, and all forms of living, moving things, save one, are made to serve its

purpose as it wills.

Where one blade of grass formerly grew the working animal has now caused twenty to take its place. . The prairies are transformed into waving fields of grain and the barren plains are made to blossom with an abundant

The mighty giants of the forest are but tender aplings in its hands, to be fashioned into innumerable rms and shapes useful and beautiful. The mountains of rocks that have withstood the winter's blasts and mer's hoats for countless centuries, are but playings to this human working animal, with which it it carves shapes, marvelous in form and pleasing to the

It delves into the bowels of the earth and brings forth her mineral treasures, with which it fashion mning machines a thousandfold more powerful than

It spans the continent with a network of iron rails upon which the mighty creatures of its handiwork carry the burdens of a nation's needs. With its cunning devices it annihilates space and in the twinkling of an eye it flashes its messages 'round the world.

The huge creatures that inhabit the briny deep are

but tiny minnows beside the gigantic forms of wood and iron on which this human animal rides through the ocean billows as if they were but the ripples of some quiet pool.

The fabrics that it weaves rival the sun's rays in lustre and the spider's web in delicacy.

All this it does and much more; this human working animal. Yet, wonderful as is its power, it is itself a

Upon its bared and calloused back it carries a disk of gold on which, in luxury and idleness, it supports a class of beings like unto itself in everything

but usefulness. The shadow of this huge disk is ever around the working animal, shutting off the sunlight of joy and limiting its vision to things low down.

Patiently, while it has toiled throughout the ages, it has borne its burden, sometimes rebelling at its tasks but never with the idea of shaking the burden from its back

Its strength has gradually grown with the years and its crouching form has lifted higher and yet higher the burden, and with it the darkness of the shadow, until it now walks in a subdued light, seeing everything but the burden on its back.

Some day this working animal will stand by the spring of truth and will therein see reflected the true image of itself and the burden on its back, and the bended form will straighten up and be a man; and those whom it has supported on the disk of gold will find their feet firmly planted on the ground of honest

SOME PEOPLE cannot see a point without running up "against it." Workingmen who role for the capitalist system, represented by both oldare of this kind and as long as they vote their masters into power he capitalistic skin game will go on and the workers will deserve all they get. The capitalists claim that Socialism is "SOMETHING AWFUL." The Socialists claim that it is the only hope of the working thise. Why not INVESTIGATE? The only may to do this

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#### ...DOWN IN DIXIE... By A. W. Ricker,

In the division of labor, under the new organization of the staff the work of the southern states has fallen to me. This is by my own request. Nearly a year ago, I introduced the plan of a missionary campaign in the south, believing then, as events have proven that in the neglect of that sec-tion we were all of us making a serious mistake, in falling to bring the south up to the level of Socialist procress in the nation. As education muse preceed organization, we have more and more shifted our effort toward a spread of the Appeal, and Socialist interesting these who cialist literature, instructing those who were working for the Appeal to confine their efforts to taking subs, selling books, and where occasion offered mak-ing propaganda speeches, leaving to the National Organizers the work of organization. Just a few days ago Comrade Flits was given positive in-structions along this line. Comrade Flits das now been nearly nine months in Georgia. When he entered the state there were less than 300 subscribers on our books, while from our record we sleam the fact that today we have nearly 800. Not many, you may say but when you come to know that the Appeal is now received at more than 200 Georgia postoffices, you will begin to see the realization of our plan. If there has been any policy about

circulation work other than to urge the boys to keep pressing the enemies lines everywhere, it has been to so direct our energy as to create a con-stantly expanding movement. Ten new subscribers from one section is always a source of rejoicing at the of-fice, but ten new subscribers at ten new postoffices is eause for enthusiasm. Every new postoffice invaded means the planting of our flag on another outpost of capitalism. Comrade Fitts has drawn the modest salary of \$1.50 per day and expenses, and he has been the mildest man on expenses we have ever known. He is now at Savannah. Ga., and after distributing 1,000 copies of the Appeal and following out his regular line of work he will go over into the state of Tillman, where democracy reigns without opposition, and where juries clear politicians for shoot-ing editors. We hope to give some interesting reports of his South Carolina trip.

In Alabama we have made wonderful progress. When Healey entered the state last May, we had something like 300 subscribers, and there were we beiteve but three locals of the party. Things began to move from the very first, and when Healey left for home. be curned over to Comrade Freman who followed, a good working organiention and a rapidly growing sub list to the paper. This week when the Alabama list was counted it showed a total of 1.938, with more than 400 postoffices represented, and we under-stand there are over 30 locals organized and in good standing. The Alabama boys say they will land the Appeal 10,000 subs before the year is out, and they are made of the stuff that never failers.

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We intend to push the Dixie educational work with all possible vigor. Our present plan include keeping Fitts busy in the Carolinas and Georgia. We have arranged to contribute \$10 per week to both the Alabama and Fiorida committees, for the purpose of keeping Freeman and Healey busy in their respective states. We are also negotiating for a solicitor and proparandist for Texas. Caring for the sections named will take all the money that the comrades have agreed to supply through the Dixie fund. We are imited by your interest and liberality. More money, more work, and more work, more Socialists. Sometime during the month we will give a time during the month we will give a report of the receipts and disburse-ments on the Dixie fund during 1903.

Now comrades, we do not want to top with missionary work in the states named, but gladly would we cover every district of the south. This work wery district of the south. This work must be done some time, and what we fail to do now we will have to do eventually anyway. The Southern Democracy will n t grow b tter. The southern people will not larn Schalism from the winds, and the con wayes that but arainst thir birders. They must be taught, and there is but me way to do it. Go to them, face the again, stones and even guns of the Democracy with the south way to do it. egs, stones, and even guns of the Democratic czars that rule the south as Fitts has done. The machinery of the Appeal employes for reaching these people is the cheapest that can be used. The south needs propagandists, not The south needs propagandists, not organizers. After our agitators have prepared the soil the National organzers can easily complete the job.

The propaganda section of the Appeal will be so vigorously handled by the energy that made the Coming Nation a power, that there will be no danger of your neglecting your own section, so we shall do as all missionary organizers have done, go for you or money to push our work. When you can spare a few cents or better, a tew dollars, drop it in the Dixie fund, for if we are to have a ballot in every state this fall, we must loose no time.

The first day of the division of the mail into East. West, and South, the latter division bad 22 remittances, with a total of \$24.24. This looks small for all that vast expanse in Dixie land, but we have faith, and you know the much quoted book says, "that faith will quoted book says: "that faith will move mountains." Before the year is out we promise ourselves that Dixie will set a pace that will make the east and the west travel some to follow.

The gall of the book agent is good sized. He never takes no for an answer, but presses on to gain his point. Some of our correspondents write that they can't canvass, they haven't the knack, etc. Well then, we say in reply, cultivate the knack. The Socialist movement is being made by men and women who are as persistent as the book agent, who will take so vetusal, are discouraged by nothing. They know not the word failure Many a time we have stood on a street corner talking into the teeth of the wind with a few sulvering listeners, standing around. These tame street corners would yield a multirade now to cheer our utterances. It shere a man in your precinct who belongs to the working class, still rot

on the Appeal list? Go after him, and keep after him till he surrenders. A dollars worth of Thousand Dollar Bills have been ordered by Comrade Tucker, of Aurora, Ark. He wants them to use in the campaign. We can distribute bills as well as Hanna.

Comrade Harney, of Buicher, Tex., spent his Christmas taking subs for the Appeal, and altogether he rounded up eight. Now, that's what we call doing the right thing. If we just had about 25,000 Harneys scattered over this "land of the free and home of the brave," we would make, that threadbare statement mean somethin.

Wherever you find one of the fire tested Socialists of the old European movement you have a hitching post. Comrade Fitts ran across Comrade Denker a Dane in Valdosta, Ga., and on the basis of this Comrade's knowledge of Socialism, a good local will result.

Comrade Armistead, of Spottsville, Ky., hands us a bunch of eight and says: "This makes 20 names I have sent you within a year." We wrote the comrade that nothing short of 40 uext year would satisfy the new combination in the circulation department.

Comrade Reast, of Whitesboro, says, that he has ben a member of the Appeal army ever since he became a reader of the paper and that he don't want to be missed when the roster for 1904 is made up. He gets in an order for too conder for ten cards. Two thousand miners in the Besse-

mer. Ala., district got a 15% cut in wages as a new year's present. Com-rade Allbright says that he has had all kinds of fun telling them that they got what they voted for. Comrade Jones, of America, signs the army roll for 1994. He says that he is a little late but he wants to be counted in the list of those who will make history in the National Campaign year.

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Comrade Baggs is a new worker at Point Alahache, i.a. He did not know anything about Socialism till a few weeks ago when he picked up an Ap-peal some where and this started him.

Comrade Ford, of Stuttgart, Ark., wanted to renew his own sub, but was ashamed to send in one, so just to save reputation went out and nalled five

Comrade Leanord, Hot Springs, Ark., orders a bundle, with some of his wages earned in the country. He says he is in the fight to the finish.

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could not be furnished at earthing. They add then it is remoted and treatment were the control of the could be control of the could be control of the country of this remarkable man. People asy he peacesses divine power. Many of those who have been sured by his myserious paid. Such a short time. I cannot praise look on this day a god. But Prof. Adkin acre. Which have been control to the country to Prof. Adkin acre. Which have been control about ma. The country to Prof. Adkin acre. The control of the country to Prof. Adkin acre. The control of the country to Prof. Adkin acre. The control of the country to Prof. Adkin acre. I helieve that any man's life can be saved to long as he is not actually dead and the visit argument of the body here not been destroyed, and the look have been destroyed, and the look and the look at the country and from direct the people I have cured. They seek all but dead, doctors and there was no hope, yet in many cases I rid them of actual desses in less than it takes to red by on about 11. There was Mrs. L. A. Phillips, of short look at some of the look and the look at the look and the look and the look at the look and the look at the look and the look and the look and the look and the look at the look and the look and the look and the look and the look at the look and the look and the look and the look and the look at the look and the look and the look and the look and the look at the look and the look

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"Uneasy lies the head that wears a crown." This was ever true of kings. its occurrence. He can state with positive knowledge the exact hour, nay, the but it has a different significance to William of Germany. He is in little danger second, when the sun or moon will enter the shadow. Social from a conspiracy hatched up by some of the German aristocrats to drive him evolution is not lawless, society is not a haphazard affair that

Socialism In Germany.

No, the case is different. What he fears, and the spectre that Marx spent his life in an analysis of history, and he discovnaunts all the aristocracy, is the removal of the crown never and as much concerning man's social and economic evolution the ruling class of the empire can much longer hold out against the Socialists. species.

We are organized thoroughly in every department. We have a magnificent daily and weekly press.

We have a dues-paying membership of nearly 200,000.

We have nearly 100 members of the parliament.

We have invaded the trades unions till those organizations have lined up solidly for political action.

We have permeated the ranks of the army till it can no longer be relied on to support the empire.

We have even invaded the ranks of the upper classes and have our sympathis in the Court. All the official Court secrets are known to our organization through this means.

We have a vote of more than 3,000,000, and many more active Socialists who are not permitted the general use of the ballot through property qualifications. It is only a question of time till the end of capitalism will be reached in the Fatherland.

The great German movement has cast its shadow into the Austrian empire, much of whose population is German speaking. The vote of Austria in 1895 was 90,000, while in 1897 it had risen to 760,000.

division of the land following the great French revolution, and the establishment of the republic made France less despotic than some of her neighbors, but cap-Italism has had free reign, and an unimpeded development in that volatile country for years and the working class has France. been pushed to political action.

Our strength in France is manifested in a good sprinkling of Socialist delegates in the congress and more than a million votes.

Italy 134,000; Belgium 534,000; Denmark 32,000; Spain 28,000; Switzerland 86,000; Servia 50,000. Socialist votes were also cast in Canada, Portugal, Greece.

Japan, Porto Rico, Argentine (23,000 · Socialist votes), and trazil (19,000 Socialist votes). Socialist views and sentiments In Other are very strong in Hungary, Roumania, Servia, Bulgaria Countries. and Poland, and very oppressive measures are used to

Notwithstanding the magnitude of the European movement, it is the opinion of students of Socialism that we will probably win our first complete victory in America. They base this opinion on the fact that capitalism is further on in

its development in the United States than in any other coun-Socialism try in the world. Wilshire has popularized one phase of the Marxian philosophy. Capitalism can produce under the wage In the U. S. system in vast abundance, but markets cannot be found for the product. In the last analysis the worker must be the principal buyer of the product of the mills, factories and mines, and, as he produces for the capitalist

much more than he receives in wages, it follows clearly that he cannot buy goods which his class has created. If the mills run full time there is more wages, but there is also more goods.

In mathematics it would work out as follows: If in a given time the wages of the working class were represented by 2 and the product by 6, then to double the time would mean wages 4 and product 12. The surplus becomes greater as more of the working class are employed. In times of so-called prosperity capitalism is traveling faster toward its doom than in dull times.

If the mills run a less time there is less goods, 'tis true, but also less wages with which to consume the great surplus created during prosperous times, and which is being created in a less degree even in dull times.

We must not overlook the further fact that with every addition of laborsaving machinery, there is also a reduction of the working class permanently employed. This also means a reduction of the purchasing power of the working class-an increase of the surplus product. Machines produce but do not

Turn which way you will there is no escaping the fact that capitalist production and distribution cannot long continue. We are approaching a time when there must come a change in the method of doing the world's work.

The Socialist says that the change will be to Socialism; from individual to collective ownership; from private to public operation.

If the foregoing proposition can be overthrown, then the foundation of the Socialist philosophy can be shaken, but the capitalist economist is yet to be found who can do so.

The astronomer, by having a knowledge of the movements of the heavenly bodies, is able to figure out the coming of an eclipse many years in advance of

How an from the throne and substitute another monarch instead moves forward without purpose or with no definite direction. Eclipse is Foretold. to rest on mortal head again. It is difficult to figure out how as did Galileo in astronomy, Harvey in anatomy or Darwin in the origin of the

> Just because we are not well grounded in our philosophy are we som filled with doubts of the future, and often grow discouraged and indifferent. Socialism is not a fad. It is a system of political and social economy dealing with the problem of producing and distributing the products of human labor.

The Socialist movement is not alone an expression of discontent. It is the organized demand of the working class to have its own.

Two things are chiefly necessary for the development of a Socialist movement. The first is the ripeness of capitalism. Capitalism is getting ripe in the United States. The second thing is the education of the working class to its

What Makes a Socialist Movement.

interests, and its organization into a political party. The first thing economic development-we do not control, but the second-education and organization-we do. The gist of the whole matter is, that in America we have reached a point where the Socialist philosophy so clearly fits economic conditions that our arguments cannot be met by the politicians, and the working

Working Class

Victory

In 1908.

class are easily taught the essentials of our movement.

Capitalism is blind enough in its collective activity, notwithstanding the protests of some of its more conservative leaders, to inaugurate a determined assault on the trades unions everywhere. It is trying to crush them out of existence in the West, and is pushing them to the wall with the power of the The Frenchman has been a revolutionist for more than a century. The court and the military everywhere. Everything works together to make the worker see that he must meet his master at the point where the conflict is equal-the ballot box. The time is indeed ripe in our country for a powerful political organization of the working class, and the decadence and destruction of the middle class is so rapid that recruits will come from that quarter on every

Is it a pipe-dream, then, when we say that it is possible to win a political victory in 1908? The Appeal and the Coming Nation have been severely criticised for their position on this matter. Is there not evidence on every hand that capitalism is moving on every stronghold of the middle class?

Are not the trusts absorbing every factory, mine and railroad? Have they not promised us that soon they will begin an assault on the retail dealers and substitute the department store instead? How long will it take them to complete the job? Certainly not very long.

Economic conditions, then, are ripe.

What is left? Education and organization.

Clearly it is up to us. If we put enough speakers on the soap box, distribute enough literature, take enough subscriptions during the year to poll a million votes this fall, capitalism can prepare to vacate in 1908.

If we don't poll a million votes this year it will be the fault of the Social-The Appeal believes in doing things, not dreaming them all day long.

Our success will be measured by the number of people who believe in doing things.

We wish, comrades, that we could get you to see this as clearly as it appears to us.

What we want is action, action, ACTION.

Lay the foundation for a few subscribers in a precinct, and in two or three years the vote of that place may show a landslide to the Socialist party. Social revolutions come quickly when the time is ripe.

The time is near at hand.

A year ago we started a campaign for a million subscribers, asking that enough of the army pledge themselves to get 260 subscribers each to make the total. More than 3,000 men and women pledged themselves to do this work.

The Campaign for a Million.

We failed to get the million, but the failure was not due to anything fundamentally wrong in the proposition, but to the 'ailure of the pledgers to make good. More than '500 of the 3,000 did send us the 260 names, and some of them have sent pearly double that amount. If 500 men and women with faith large enough and determination sufficient to do this service for the movement could be found, it is not impossible to find enough more to achieve the grand

In the year 1903 our records show that the Appeal and Coming Nation printed and circulated 12,750,000 copies of the two papers. At the same time

more than a million books and pamphiets were sent out from our offices. Statistics also show that the Socialist vote keeps even pace with the circulation of the Appeal.

The inference, then, is plain. Give us a circulation of a million copies weekly

Did failure to get the million circulation last year discourage us? Not a

particle.

We begin the new year with a firm determination to try again.

Last year the genius of the two great papers were in competition against each other. The Coming Nation and the Appeal were competitors in the struggle to found a propaganda paper that would reach to the remotest sections of the land. This year they have joined forces.

There is now the combined machinery of production and the combined machinery of distribution.

Comrades, let us buckle on the armor for the coming conflict. When we think of failure we remember the story of Robert Bruce, of Scotland:

Bruce was the great hero of the Scotch struggle for freedom. England was the heriditary foe of the sturdy Scots. Outnumbered by the English the Scots were yet superior in valor. Scotland was invaded by an English host, and the

army of Bruce crushed and scattered. Our hero retired to a lone but in the mountains to escape capture. Here, overcome by discouragement and worn with battle, he lay down to rest, feeling that his cause was lost and the struggle hopeless. On

Robert Bruce.

awakening from a prolonged slumber his eye caught the movement of a spider which was attempting to swing across a space to build a web. The distance was great but the spider believed he could reach it. Again and again he swung across the space, failure succeeded failure. Bruce's attention was fixed, he forgot his own troubles in his interest and admiration of the spider's persistence. Bruce counted 69 failures, but once more the spider gathered all his strength for the swing, and this time he reached his goal. Bruce had had his lesson. He went forth from the hut, gathered his scattered Scots together and once more marched against the British hosts, and this time to victory.

Another year is before us and we are still after the million, nor will we stop trying. It is the spirit of the Socialist movement.

Comrades, let's brace ourselves for the coming conflict. Because Hanna has millions he thinks he can crush the American Socialist movement. The experience of Bismarck teaches him nothing. Hanna is a political genius, a man of letermination. Congress has bowed at his command, legis-

tures have quailed before him. Democratic politicians are playthings in his hands. He is now about to turn his attention to the Socialists. We are glad to know that he has wisdom enough to see that Socialism menaces American capitalism.

Against Socialism.

The Campaign

It remains for us to show Hanna that he has at lest met a force that will not be stopped by any power he can marshal against us. We want to go into this battle of 1904 knowing who will bear the Socialist

banner. We have always heretofore counted those who send us subscribers, as members of the Appeal Army, but now we want you to say whether or not we may depend upon you in the coming conflict. The certificate which will be issued to you on your signing the muster roll is not all that you will get. After the certificates are issued and we know who will do the fighting, we have something else of vast importance to you. What it is will not be divulged to you in these columns, but it will be given out to you, and you only, under scaled envelope. We have not wanted to hold out this other thing as an inducement, and we merely mention it now in passing. Sign the pledge for the pledge's sake, the other will come after.

There is no time for delay in this matter. If we were to hold this pledge open for six menths we could easily accumulate 10,000 signatures, but we cannot delay. This is the last opportunity that will be given you to enter the list of Appeal volunteers. If you do not enroll, the future will

prove to you that you have lost out on one of the biggest uniertakings in the history of the office. The volunteers of 1904. at Once. will be the heroes of the struggle. We intend that you shall be, and when our plan is well under way you will wish a thousand times that

you could be included. But our word will be kept to the letter. Sign the pledge if you would know the scaled particulars which are to go to the volunteers, with instructions to keep them an absolute secret.

In signing this pledge remit for five cards, or send your order for an equal amount of books. Get ready to take the field at once for the great campaign is near at hand. The pledge must reach us by the morning of January 22, for we go to press on the following day and all the names will be printed.

#### You may enroll my name in the Appeal army of workers for the great campaign of 1904. I nclose with this blank pay for..... It is agreed that you will number my application in the order in which letters are opened at your office, beginning with the mbrning of December 1, 1903, and that "ad will send me a cartificate of membership suitable for framing.

John D. Rockefeller, the Hero of Many Battles, Emerges as Usual,

ested in steel. They are said to be the largest holders. It has always been their contention that Henry C. Frick, their contention that Henry C. Frick, of Pittsburg. is the proper man for president. They proposed Frick. Mr. Carnegie would not listen to this proposition. He wanted Schawh. J. Pierpont Morgan stood behind Carnegie. Rogers advised Rockefeller. When the time was ripe the assault on the securities of the United States Steel Company began.—Collier's Weekly.

#### THE MEN WHO RULE AMERICA.

One-twelith of the estimated wealth of the United States is represented at the meeting of the board of directors of the United States Steel Corporation when they are all present. The Twenty-four directors are:

J. Pierpont Morgan, John D. Rockefeller, H. H. Rogers, Marshall Field, George W. Perkins, E. H. Gary, Nor-

A MODERN INDUSTRIAL SKIRMISH. man B. Ream, W. H. Moore, Charles M. Schawb. Henry C Frick, C. A. Griscom, W. E. Corey, Daniel G. Reid, F. H. Peabody, J. D. Rockefeller, Jr., Charles Steele, Alford Clifford, P. A.

Battles, Emerges as Usual,
Victorious.

"What do you know about the steel business?" said Charles M. Schawb to H. H. Rogers, vice president of the Standard Oil Company, in the offices of the United States Steel Company one day.

"Perhaps I know as much as you do," Mr. Rogers replied.

And then, somewhat later, President A. J. Cassatt, of the Pennsylvania railroad, aprooted the poles and threw down the wires of the Western Union Telegraph Company that stood along the Pennsylvania lines. He destroyed more than \$5,000,000 worth of property in less than a week.

That conversation and Mr. Cassatt's crusade against the Western Union may appear to have no relevance. Combined with two other circumstances, they furnish the key to the great raids on the stocks of the United States Steel Company and the Pennsylvania railroad.

The tremendous "bearing" of the securities of these companies is due to a steady, relentless, uncompromising assault by the financial interests controlled by John D. Dockefeller. Tr., Charles Steele, Alford Clifford, P. A. B. Widener, Robert Bacon, James H. Reid, Nathaniel Thayer, William Ebenborn, James Gayley, E. C. Converse.

They represent as influential directors more than 200 other companies, the railroad mileage of the United States. They are the great miners and carriers of coal. Among these companies are such industrial trusts as the Standard Oil, the Amalgamated copper, the International Mercantile Marine, the United States Reality and Construction and the American Linseed. The leading telegraph system, the traction lines of New York, of Philadelphia, of Pittsburg, of Buffalo, of Chicago and of Milwaukee, and one of the principal express companies are represented in the board. This group includes also directors of these companies is due to the property of the property o securities of these companies to a steady, relentless, uncompromising assault by the financial interests controlled by John D. Dockefeller.

There is no truce. Rockefeller has two objects in view. He desires to put the steel company where he thinks it belongs and to get his man for president, and he intends to help George Gould punish Cassatt.

Gould punish Cassatt.

Including the First National including the first National City and the Bank of Commerce, the three greatest banks in the country. And the head of important chains of financial institutions; for two banks and two trust companies in Chicago; for one bank and one trust companies in Boston, and for one bank and one trust companies. dent, and he intends to help to and two trust companies in Boston, The Rockeffellers are heavily interested in steel. They are said to be the pany in Pittsburg, besides banking largest holders. It has always been institutions in smaller cities. Telephone, electric, real estate, cable and publishing companies are represented there, and our greatest merchant sits at the board table.—Word's Work for November.

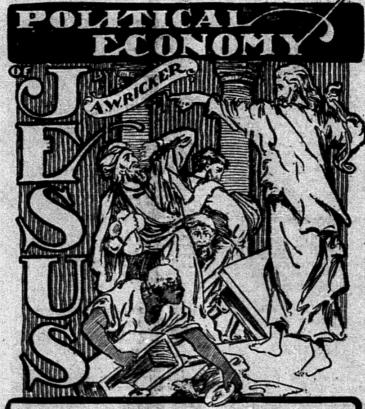
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The dark ages began soon after the clanity became "respectable" and deserted the

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#### JUST PLAIN SWINDLING.

The Chicago Daily News thinks that Mr. Morgan and his co-partners in the game of "high finance" are just plain ordinary swindlers of the get-rich-variety. Here's the editor's comment on the latest phase of the manipulation in steel stock:

The gigantic steel corporation italized for much more than a billion dollars, proposes to save \$20,000,000 by cutting salaries and wages and reduc- railroad twixt the crop and the mar-000,000 by closing plants and by other

"This is another admission that when "This is another admission that when the company was publishing its roseate reports and financial statements some time ago somebody was trying to deceive the investing and speculating public. According to those statements the corporation was able to meet fixed charges and all expenses, including maintenance of plants in full efficiency and then make dividends of 4% on its common and 7% on its preferred stock. common and 7% on its preferred stock and have a big surplus left, "Of late it has not been paying divi-

dends as it did at first, and it proclaims the neccessity for economizing. "It may be said that the earnings are

less because there is less demand for the products, but it will be observed that only \$8:000,000 of the \$28,000,-000 saving is to be made by closing plants and 'general concentration.'
"Of the entire saving nearly \$17.000.

"Of the entire saving nearly \$17.000.000 is to be effected by reducing salaries and wages and not by reducing output. This implies, of course, that the greater part of the shortage is not due to a falling off in demand at

#### SNAP SHOTS AT THE FARMER

Under capitalism, a renter is sure of rents—in his pants.
Under capitalism, which end of the plow is the mule chained to?

Under Capitalism it is not far from the farm tenants' shack to the county poor house.

Don't you think the twine trust should go where the woodvine twineth? Under capitalism, there's many a

et. Who pays the freight?
Corn \$2.00 per barrel.
Whiskey \$100 "do do."
The "do do" is where the capitaliss

enters. can bet your watermellons that capitalism is on the road to its water-

Pops is the popular and proper name for them. They are popping into the Socialist party as rapidly as a popper full of popcorn pops over a

The farmer thinks there is not much steel in his plow points. Compare the price of steel with the price

pare the price of steel with the price of points and you will find the steal.

When you look at your beet patch think of how the capitalists are beating you out of all of the sugar of life. It's worth from two to six cents a pound at the barn—where you sell it.

It's worth from thirty to one hundred cents a pound at the store, where you buy it. I mean tobacco. Say: you farmer with accentuated ears, don't you think its time tobacker?

P. D. COURTENY.

#### A PROGRESSIVE KID.

Interest of the shortage is not due to a falling off in demand at all.

"If it is necessary to cut salaries and wayes there is no escape from the conclusion that the big showings made before the collapse in the stock market were false. The facts now admitted warrant the belief that the former roseate exhibits were made by paying dividents out of the proceeds of stock saies and only to a limited extent out of earnings.

"High finance in this case turns out to be the old and cheap game of get-rich-qilck concerns which have plucked confiding women, teachers and credulous people yenerally—the game which consists in paying the victims big dividends for a short time out of their own money and then making off with the greater part not returned as dividends.

"It is a very cheap game. High finance' is the name of it. 'Plain swindling' is another."

A PROGRESSIVE KID.

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# THOU SHALT NOT KILL

By COUNT LEO TOLSTOI

Count Tolstoi, the Russian writer and humanitarian, has written a pamphlet entitled "Thou Shait Not Kill." It was translated into Cyraan and by order of Emperor William it was selzed and surpressed. At the trial it was decided that all the pamphlets should be destroyed. It is well to remember that Emperor William is highly admired by President Roosevelt and President Ellet, of Harvard, who conferred an appropriaty degree upon the emperor. We renonorary degree upon the emperor. We re-print the pamphlet in full as we consider it a most excellent sermon, worthy the study of all. We would like the privilege to send it to Roosevelt and the rest of the mad imperialists. Brother Tolstoi is calling things by the right names.

"Thou shalt not do murder."-Ex. 11. 13.

"The disciple is not above the master; but every one when he is perfected shall be as his master."-Luke vi.,

"For all they that take up the sword shall perish with the sword."-Matt. xxvi., 52.

"All things therefore whatsoever ye would that men\_ should do unto you, even so do ye unto them." Matt. vii ,

When kings are tried and executed like Charles I, is XVI., Maximilian of Mexico, or killed in a palace aspiracy like Peter III., Paul, and all kinds of Sultans, s and Khans, the event is generally passed over silence. But when one of them is killed without a al, and not by a palace conspiracy, like Henry IV., ander II., Carnot, the empress of Austria, the Shah ersia, and just now King Humbert, then such mursuses great surprise and indignation among kings imperors, and those attached to them, as if these were the great enemies of murder, as if they ver profited by murder, never took part in it, and gave orders to commit it. And yet the kindest of jurdered kings, such as Alexander II., or Hume guilty of the murder of tens of thousands of killed on the battlefield, not to mention those d at home; while hundreds of thousands, even ms of people, have been killed, hanged, beaten to death or shot by the more cruel kings and emperors.

Christ's teaching cancels the law of "an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth," but those non who have kept to that law and still keep to it, act upen it by punishing and carrying on wars; and not only "an eye for an eye," but give orders to kill thousands without any provocation, by declaring war. They have no right to be in dignant when the same law is applied to themselves in so infinitesimal measure that hardly one king or emperor gets killed to a hundred thousand, perhaps a mil-lion ordinary people killed by the order or with the consent of kings and emperors.

Kings and emperors should not be indignant when such murders as that of Alexander II. or Humbert occur, but should, on the contrary, be surprised that such murders are so rare, considering the continual and universal example of committing murders they themselves set the people.

Kings and emperors are surprised and horrified an one of themselves is murdered, and yet the whole of their activity consists in managing murder and preparing for murder. The keeping up, the teaching and exercising of armies with which kings and emperors are always so much occupied, and of which they are the ... ganizers, what is it but preparation for murder!

The masses are so hypnotized that, though they what is continually going on around them, they do not understand what it means. They see the becasing care kings, emperors and presidents bestow on disciplined armies, see the parades, reviews and manocuvers they hold, and of which they boast to one another, and the people eagerly crowd to see how their own brothers,

"Is a horseback rider a parasite, pa?"
"Oh, no! no!—of course not, a horseuck rider doesn't stay on a horseack all the time and the horse doesn't
raish him his living; in fact, the man
raishes the horse's living and takes
re of him."

re of him."
"Ma said bodbugs are parasites, are

"Why yes, of course they are."
"But, pa, they don't stay on people all the time cor I see 'em on the stand ma says they live in the

dressed up in bright-colored, glittering clothes, are turned into machines to the sound of drums and trum: pets, and who, obedient to the shouting of one man, all make the same movements; and they do not understand the meaning of it all.

Yet the meaning of such drilling is very clear and simple. It is preparing for murder. It means the stupefying of men in order to convert them into instruments for murdering.

And it is just kings and emeperors and presidents. who do it, and organize it, and pride themselves on it. And it is these same people whose special employment is murder-organizing, who have made murder their profession, who dress in military uniforms, carry weapons (swords at their sides), who are horror-struck and indiguant when one of themselves is killed.

It is not because such murders as the recent murder of Humbert are exceptionally cruel that they are so terrible. Things done by the order of kings and emperors, not only in the days of old, such as the massacre of St. Bartholomew, persecutions for faith, terrible ways of putting down peasant riots, but also the present executions, the torture of solitary confinements and disciplinary battalions, hanging, decapitation, shooting and slaughter at the wars, are incomparably more cruel than the murders committed by anarchists.

It is not on account of their injustice that these murders are terrible. If Alexander and Humbert did not deserve death, the thousands of Russians who perished at Plevna, and of Italians who perished in Abyssinia, deserved it even less. No, it is not because of their cruelty and injustice that these murders are terrible, but because of the want of reason in those who perpetrate them.

If the regicides commit murder under the influence of their feelings of indignation evoked by witnessing the sufferings of the enslaved people, for which sufferings they hold Alexander II., Carnot or Humbert responsible, or by the personal feelings of desire for revenge, however immoral such person's conduct may be, still it is comprehensible; but how can an organized body of anarchists by whom, as it is now reported, Bresci was sent out, and by whom another emperor was threatened, how can it, quietly considering means of improvement of the condition of the people, find nothing better to do than to murder people, the killing of whom is as useful as cutting off one of the Hydra's heads?

Kings and emperors have long established a system resembling the arrangement of the magazine rifle, i. e., as soon as one bullet flies out another takes its place. "Le roi est mort-vive le roi!" Then what is the use of killing them? It is only from a most superficial point of view that the murder of such persons can seem a means of saving the people from oppression and wars, which destroy their lives.

We need only remember that the same kind of oppression and war went on quite independent of those who stood at the head of the government, whether it was Nicholas or Alexander, Louis or Napoleon, Frederick or William, Palmerstone or Gladstone, McKinley or anyone else, to see that it is not some definite perwho causes the oppression and the wars from which the people suffer.

The misery of the people is not caused by individuals, but by an order of society by which they are bound together in a way that puts them in the power of a few, or more often one man; a man so depraved by his unnatural position of having the fate and lives of millions of people in his possession that he is always in an unhealthy state, and suffering more or less from a mania of self-aggrandizement, which is not noticed in him only because of his exceptional position.

Apart from the fact that such men are surrounded from the cradle to the grave by the most insane luxury and its usual accompaniment of flattery and servility, the whole of their education, all their occupations, are centered on the one object of murder, the study of murder in the past, the best means of murdering in the present, the best way of preparing for murder. From their earliest days they learn the art of murder in all possible forms, always carry about with them instruments of murder, dress in different uniforms, attend parades, manoeuvers and reviews, visit each other, present orders and commands of regiments to each other. And yet not only does nobody tell them the real name of their actions, not only does nobody tell them that preparing for murder is revolting and criminal but they hear nothing except praise and words of admiration from all around them for their actions.

The part of the press which alone reaches them, and which seems to them to be the expression of the feelings of the best of the people or their best representatives, exalts all their words and deeds, however eilly and wicked they may be, in the most servile manner. All who surround them, men and women, whether cleric or laymen, all these people who do not value human dignity, vie with each other in flattering them in the most refined manner, agree with them in everything, and deceive them continually, making it impossible for them to know life as it is. These men might live to be a hundred and never see a real, free man, and never hear the truth.

We are sometimes appalled by the words and deeds of these men, but if we only consider their state we cannot but see that any man would act in the same way in such a position. A reasonable man can do but one thing in such a position, i. e., leave it. Everyone who remains in such a position will act in the same

What must indeed be going on in the head of some William of Germany, a man of limited understanding, little education, and with a great deal of ambition, whose ideals are like those of a German 'yunker," when any silly or horrid thing he may say is always met with an enthusiastic "Hoch!" and commented on as if it were something very important by the press of the whole world? He says that the soldiers should be prepared to kill their own fathers in obedience to his command. They answer "Hurrah!" He says the gospels must be introduced with a fist of iron. "Hurrah!" Ha says that the army must not take any prisoners in China, but kill all, and he is not placed in a lunatic asylum, but they cry "Hurrah!" and set sail for China to execute the orders.

Or Nicholas, who though naturally modest, begins his reign by declaring to venerable old men, in answer to the desire they express of being allowed to discuss their own affairs, that their hope for self-government is a senseless dream, and the organs of the press that reach him, and the people whom he meets, praise him for it. He proposes a childish, silly and untruthful project of universal peace at the same time that he is ordering an increase of the army, and even then there are no limits to the laudations of his wisdom and his virtue. Without any reason, he senselessly and piteously offends the whole of the Finnish nation, and again hears nothing but praise. At last he starts the Chinese slaughter, terrible by its injustice; cruelty, and its contrast with his project of peace; and he gets simultaneously applauded from all sides, both for his own conquests and for his adherence to his father's policy of peace. What must indeed be going on in the heads and hearts of such men? So that it is not Alexanders and Humberts, Wil-

liams, Nicholases and Chamberlains who are the cause

of oppression and war, even though they do organize them, but those who have placed them and support them in a position in which they have power over the life and death of men.

Therefore it is not necessary to kill Alexanders and Nicholases, Williams and Humberts, but only to leave off supporting the social condition of which they are the product. It is the selfishness and stupefied state of the people who sell their freedom and their honor for insignificent material advantages, which supports the present state of society.

Those who stand on the lowest rung of the ladder, partly as a consequence of being stupefied by a patriotic and falsely religiou, education, partly for the sake of personal advantages, give up their freedom and their feeling of human dignity to those who stand higher, and who offer them material advantages. In a like posi" tion are those standing a little higher. They, too, through being stupefied, and especially for material advantages, give up their freedom and sense of human dignity. The same is true of those standing still highers and so it continues up to the highest rungs, up to the person or persons who, standing on the very summit of the social cone, have no one to submit to, nor anywhere to rise to, and have no motive for action except ambition and love of power. These are generally so depraved and stupefied by their insane power over life and death, and by the flattery and servility from those around them, which is connected with such power, that while doing evil they feel convinced they are the benefactors of the human race. It is the people themselves who, by sacrificing their human dignity for material urofits, produce these men, and are afterwards angry with them for their stupid and cruel acts; murdering such people is like spoiling children and then whipping them.

Very little seems needed to stop oppression and useless war, and to prevent anyone from being indignant with those who seem to be the cause of such oppression and war.

Only that things should be called by their right names and seen as they are; that it should be understood that an army is an instrument of murder, that the recruiting and drilling of armies which kings, emperors and presidents carry on with so much self-assurance are preparations for murder.

If only every king, emperor and president would understand that his work of organizing armies is not an honorable and important duty, as his flatterers persuade him it is, but a most abominable business, L e. the preparing for and managing of murder. If only every private individual understood that the payment of taxes which helps to equip soldiers, and above all military service, are not immaterial but highly immoral actions, by winch he not only permits murder, but takes part in it himself-then this power of the kings and emperors which arouses an indignation, and for which they now get killed, would of itself come to an end.

And so the Alexanders, Carnots, Humberts and others must not be killed, but it ought to be proved to them that they are murderers; and above all, they should not be allowed to WA men; their orders to murder should not be ob-

If men do not yet act in this manner, it is only because of the hypnotic influence governments for selfdilicratly exercise on them, Therefore preservation we can contribute towards stopping people killing kings and each other, not by murder, murders only strengthen this hypnotic state, but by awakening men from it.

And it is this that I have tried to do in these re-

# PA TEACHES YOUNG AMERICA

#### CAPITALIST AND A PARASITE

By G. H. LOCKWOOD.

and make a place for him to live when he wasn't on the horses back; and if the horseback rider didn't do anything for the horse at all, then would the horseback rider be a parasite, pa?"

"But,

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"Say, pa, what is a parasite?"
"Well, my boy, a parasite is an animal that lives on the body of some other animal."
"Is a horsely." was a church mem-ber." "And did he treat

"And did he treat
the workingmen
nice, pa?"
"Why, er-er- no,
to tell the truth,
he was the hardest
man I ever worked
for."

"Did you ever work for any other

capitalists?"
"Oh yes, I've worked for capitalists
all my life." ail my life."
"And were all the others good men,

"Weil-er-er-they-they-were most of 'em church membera"
"But pa what I mean is, were they good and kind to the workingmen?"
"Why er-er, come to think about it, I don't remembers any or 'em who eyer hurt themselves in that way-"
"How do they treat their men, fa?"
"Well-er-er- you see, its like this: the capitalist hires the workingmen to work, not to play Sunday school with him, and the more products he can

ell that's all right, a parasite
't have to be actually on the body
person. It is a parasite because
es off of the energy of another
al for whom it does no useful

squeeze out of the workingmen the bet-ter he likes it.".

"Then all the capitalists

"Then all the capitalists want of the workingmen is the products he can squeeze out of them, is it?" "Well-er-er, I guess that's

about it."

"And what does he do for the workingmen, pa?"

"Oh, he-he- why he feeds them and clothes them and bousea them while they on

and make a place for him to live when he wasn't on the horses back; and if the horseback rider didn't do anything for the horse at all, then would the horse at all, then would the horseback rider be a parasite, pa,"

"Well, er-er, why I suppose he would, or practically the same thing,"

"Are capitalists parasites, pa,"

Pa indignantly, "why no! you nimy, what put that fool idea in your head,"

"Well, pa, didn't I hear you tell me that the capitalists who owns the shop where you work is making a fat living off of the workingmen?"

"Well-er-er- so he is, dod gast him! but that—"

"Well-er-er- why he's a-a-well he's a d— labor skinner, that's what he is: but, of course all capitalists, pa?"

"Well-er-er- why he's a-a-well he's a d— labor skinner, that's what he is: but, of course all capitalists are not like him. Most of them are very hongrable men, indeed."

"Say, pa, swy did vot leave your last boss a good man, pa?"

"Well er-er- I thot I could do better for skyself and family."

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"See hers, kid, didn't I tell you the working men to may for the clothes the pool to mark, only a rise; only a last in the same clothes the make the food they eat and the houses they live in, It seems to me they are like the spot to mark, only a last in the same thing. Goly the the s

lot of par—"
"See here, kid, didn't I tell you the capitalists were NOT parasites, but honorable and useful men?"
"West"



make you understand anything and I'm tired of trying. Now you hustle out and take a run around the block and don't open your face again when you come back either—Git!"

Pair boy.

Pa. sollioquizing—"Drat that kid anyway I believe he's been listening to that new fellow talking on the streat corner this week. If those confounded Socialists don't quit their howling they ought to be run in by the police, they'r making a decided nuisance out of themselves."

# THE WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT

By JOSEPHING CONGER

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natural that it should, and yet—WHY
should you be so affected? It is wrong
to despair, to give up, to be discouraged. The minute you do that,
the sober thoughts, the ideals, the
reason you are presenting to others
fly away from you, and you are as
destitute of them as are those who
who are hearing you wrong. That
minute you yourself are hearing wrong.
You don't understand your own hopes,
your own ideals, your own reason.
They present themselves to you, and
you see only blackness and despair.
You see rascality and treachery everywhere, and you say "there is nothing good." You say that, even though
you have been trying to induce others
to see that there is something good,
something worth while in life. You
are hearing yourself wrong. Don't do
it. If the other people will not hear
you right, don't fall in with their
moods. When you de that you weaken your cause. You, too, grow doubtful, become skeptical. It is your business to listen to your own reason
and listen well. It is your business to HEARING YOU WRONG.

Do you talk Socialism to your plants, those you love, those in whom you are interested and do they. "Bu t end of it all that they have heard you wrons? Do you tell them the beauties of the movement? Of the goodness to contains? Do you speak of the joy and the comfort and peace that I can't seem to people will unjte in them? Do you hair all that they have heard you will accrue from its practices if all people will unjte in them? Do you hair all these things wistfully, hopefully, joyfully, tearfully, and when you have done find that they have heard you wrong, that they do not understand, do not believe, do not seem to heard you ween? Do they meet your arguments with skepticism, with sarting to that extent corrections and dejected when they hear you want soit as it has a world but to go away lack and all down? To give up the

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#### APPEAL TO REASON.

Mark my words-the Appeal to Reason blue pencils will be a factor in the approaching campaign that will not add anything to the peace and comfort of that great friend (?) of labor-Mr. Parry.

Do your part, comrades, and the Appeal will do its part. Commencing at once an Appeal blue pencil will be sent to every comrade who adds his or her name to the bundle list for five copies or more for one year, 10 or more copies for six months, or 20 or more copies for three months.

## Join the Blue Pencil Brigade!

man has been accused of looting the postoffice department at Washington. The men officially branded as thieves are all highly respected members of the republican and democratic parties.

Under the guise of disfranchising the negro, the latest move of the manufacturers' Association is to disfranchise many working men, by enacting laws placing a property qualification on voters. It's an old trick, but methinks it has come too late. In their effort to perpetuate themselves the capitalists are preparing the minds of the working class to grasp the significance of the impending social revolution. When they once do that, the rest will be comparatively

An ex-congressman from Missouri, now practicing law at Cripple Creek, defied the state militia, and made an attempt to stand upon his constitutional rights. The militia men, however, soon toric old document has been laid on the

#### WHAT THEY SEEM TO LIKE.

Eighteen thousand railroad men have been laid off by the roads centering in mill operatives in New England have thousand employes in the steel trus# themselves in any emergency if they are given the right to vote directly on the subject. They would do this now, only they are pleased with the results. In this country every man has a right to vote for what he wants. Whoop 'em up for the same old parties this year, boys, and get some more of the same good stuff. Your rotes tell your bosses that your like to be wage slaves, and have your rations of shoddy and grub diminished. And your masters can use this shaving to build up an aristocracy. Vote the old tickets, boys, and vote 'em hard.

"The Colorado strike is over. Wages are lower than they wages her the results. In the failures reported to Bradstreet's in the calendar year 1903, with liabilities of the failures reported to Bradstreet's in the failures reported t have been made to accept a cut in wages.

It's funny how the "personal inde-pendence" of the republican machine is so works the wax of his egotism into pendence" of the republican machine is pendence" of the republican machine is a being whom he esteems to be exinseparably connected with lower wages, isn't it? If wages could be still further reduced wouldn't there be more personal liberty? And if personal liberty? And if personal liberty is such a good thing would not that be fine? The "personal liberty" of the be fine? The "personal liberty" of the rich to rob and imprison and live in

"(Signed)

Strange as it may seem, no working- luxury is the kind that has been "vigorously maintained" at the point of the bayonet in Colorado. But the strike there is not over. That statement is false, and the republican paper, owned by millionaires, knew it was false. Will the working mules never get onto the old party game being played on them?

When we shall have established the industrial republic, and its great blessings become known to the world, would not the
millions of other nations pour into this
country to escape their bard lives until we
would scaree and standing room, and the
languages would create a perfect babel?
Could this country assimilate the millions
who would seek a home here without ininry to the present citizenship?—J. H.
Beaver. Socialism will come slowly-not in a

day or a month or a year, even after Socialists shall have become the majority. To systematize the industries of this great nation will require time. Benefits would come at once, it is true, but not the final great blessings which would have to wait on the re-organization of every idustry. During this time the democratic spirit that would be aroused convinced him that constitutional rights by the example would thrill all Europe in America were only permitted when in and it is as ready for the great change accordance with the views expressed by as we are. If we found that such an the captains of industry. In Colorado influx would seriously hamper the dethe mine owners have decided to sus- velopment, the majority here would pend the constitution and so that his- doubtless restrict immigration and thus compel the masses in Europe to overthrow their monarchies as the only escape from tyranny and they would soon make short work of them. Let any nation once establish the Industrial Re-Chicago. The wages of 100,000 cotton public and the masses in the other nations would soon demand and get the been reduced. One hundred and fifty same conditions at home. The majority can be depended upon to protect themselves in any emergency if they are

"The Colorado strike is over. Wages are wer than they were before, but the great include of personal independence has been lacks the criminal chivalry and physical personal wantained."—Globe Democrat.

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IT IS A CRIME TO THINK.

Turner of England was arrested by the federal authorities in New York and is now at Eilis Island. He is charged with "inhining" thoughts contrary to the existing is has been charged with the violation of no original or civil law. He was allowed on hit work of organizing laboring men in Great Britian and Ireland. France and without molestation. In an open letter dated at Ellis Island, he asset he following

"What is it about America that can cause it to

fear the ideal of one who in Great Britian and Ireland,

France or Belgium, remained unmolested? Is the

new democracy more fearful of opinions than the older

European countries? I hope for the credit of the

United States, honest opinion will not be permanently

barred out by ill-conceived legislation, and lovers of

liberty will not rest till they have again placed Amer-

ica among those liberal countries who do not use polit-

ical discrimination against the stranger at their gates. "Very sincerely yours,

"JOHN TURNER."

Labor is finally commencing to "see things." A few more bull pens and militia bills and Mr. Capitalist will get a jar that will land him in the beginning of a new industrial system.

#### A RESULT OF THE SYSTEM

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 6. Carrying 4-year-old child who had been burned while palying with a gas stove, Al-phonse Torre was ejected from an eight street car because he could not get his blistered fingers into his pocket for the fare.

The Italian explained that he was

hurrying to the Pennsylvania hospital with the suffering infant, and pleaded with the conductor to reach into his pocket for the money, but was hustled to the platform and compelled to quit of the council of Waltershausen; have the car.

the car.

Torre ran with his suffering burden to the station house at Seventh and Carpenter streets, where a patrol wagon was put at his disposal. The burned child, Catherine Maturo, whose home was at Seventh and Catharine streets, died. Torre's hands suffered when he beat out the flames on the girl's clothing.

#### THE POLITICAL GRAFTER

Of the Perry Heath stripe will not relish the contents of No. 426-the great propaganda issue of the Appeal,, dated January 30th. f

#### CATCHING THE LARGER FISH.

The number of failures for the year 1903 are 2% less than for 1902, but the liabilities are 45% greater, so you see that the program of concentration goes merrily on just the same, and the squeezing process is reaching higher up in the business world.

New York, Jan. 5.—There were 9.768 failures reported to Bradstreet's in the

#### THE SMILE THAT WILL COME OFF

Mr. Money Bags will not like No. 426—the great propaganda number of



the Appeal and Coming Nation. He believes in consolidation-but not that kind. He believes in concentrating his forces and dividing those of his opponents. We're onto

his tricks. And the Appeal Army and Coming Nation Skirmishers are going to make good. Get your order in early and let's make the opening gun of the 1904 campaign reverberate 'round the world and bring gladness to the hearts of the toiling millions. 200 copies, \$1.

The Socialist platform—the declaration of the working class program will be printed in No. 426, occupying a full page, to large, clear types want to suggest to the comrades all over the country that they at once arrange to post that page of the Appeal in every conspicuous place in their city. 'At one-half cent per copy you can afford to leave no vacant spot. Think of the consternation of the capitalist host when they wake up and find the Socialist platform staring them in the face at every

#### Foreign Notes

#### GERMANY.

Socialists have elected the mayor of Aue, Baden; a majority of the council of Hagsfeld and the church parish council; four councilmen at Constance

won four new seats in Wald; have won five new seats in Berlin; have won the

ontrol of Penig.

In the Cologne court of trades elections, the candidates of the non-sectarian trade unions with 9,566 votes defeated the Catholic Center Party's so-called Christian trade union ticket, which had 5,112 votes.—Berlin Vorweerts

waerts.
At the Court of trades election in Speyer, the Catholic and Protestant labor unions united on a "Christian ticket" against the non-sectarian trade unions. With energetic agitation, the Christian ticket got 71 votes out of 581.—Berlin Vorwaerts.

#### SWITZERLAND.

SWITZERLAND.

Two German officers' have been sentenced to short terms in prison—one for 1520 and 698 cases of cruelty to comomn soldiers. The Socialists elected six councilmen in Berne, Switzerland. The Socialists have a cooperative bakery which gives them good bread at low prices; part of the profits go to Socialist propaganda.

St. Gallen has provided for life insurance and old age pensions for ALL citizens.

#### ITALY.

"Avanti," the Socialist daily of Avanu, the socialist daily of Rome, has a circulation of 55.000 copies as against 10.000 one year ago.

In Milan the Socialist city council are preparing to municipalize the light plant, which so disgusted the mayor and other profit lovers that they resigned. signed.

#### NORWAY.

The prohibition society of Norway has joined the Socialists. ENGLAND.

London Justice says that the unem-ployed are suffering great privations and the unions and societies are over-burdened by unemployed members, and that there has never been such

idleness for ten years.

The Socialist Sunday school movement in England is taking great strides and recently held a great convention. JAPAN

A second Socialist paper will soon be

#### A WORD TO VAN CONTESTANTS.

A WORD TO VAN CONTESTANTS.

The question has been raised that perhaps the comrade who gets the Van would not care to come to Girard to start out with it but would perfect to have it shipped to his bome town. The proposition is: To his bome town. The proposition is: To the comrade sending the largest number of subs between January I and May1, 1904, the Appeal will give a Van equipped with a good team, grapohone, sleeping and cooking outfit, \$100 worth of literature or cards, and will pay the comrades railroad fare to Girard. Or if you prefer the van and outfit, except team, will be shipped to you by freight, charges prepait, and balance sent in cash.

# A SOCIALIST VACATION.

The Appeal has given away many valuable prizes in the past but nothing that npares with the Van it now proposes to give away to the hustler who sends in the largest number of yearly subs up to May 1, 1904. Expressed in popular phraseology, the comrade who gets this van is going to be "in clover."

Recollect this "Riot Gun" will be turned over to you absolutely complete. It will be fitted out with a graphophone, "records," cooking outfit, upholstered sleeping berths for two, street lamp and gong, and a fine team of horses. You will be given a hundred dollars worth of sub cards and literature, and your fare will be paid to Girard. When you have reached Girard, shaken hands with Comrade Wayland and the rest of the staff, paid your respects to Teddy and the bull dog, all you will have to do is climb up on the van, pick up the ribbons and you are ready to begin your vacation, and proceed to camp on the trail of capitalism. The Appeal drum corps will give you a send off and the girls will give-their union yell. (You understand, none of the girls go with this offer.) The way to do things is to do them.

If you want this van there is but one thing for you to do-get busy.

## ...THE APPEAL...

made showing the receipts and dis-bursements with brief notes of the work mapped out for the "League" during the 1904 compaign. Those who have so generously contributed to the Dixie fund and thus enabled the Ap-Dixie fund and thus enabled the Appeal to carry on its aggressive educational campaign in the sunny south need have no fear that there will be any let up in that work. The work in the south will be pushed harder than ever. There are now 482 members of the Coming Nation Educational League, who pleged themselves to pay ten cents a week for one year for al League, who plegod themselves to pay ten cents a week for one year for the purpose of sending literature to old party voters. Up to date of the Ap-peal and Coming Nation 'merger,' re-ceipts of the Coming Nation League, were \$1,546.19, literature sent out, \$1,548.43.

The League should have at least, 5,000 members pledged to pay ten cents a week for a year. Next week plans will be presented for Co-opera-tive educational work for the 1904 campaign.

#### Wholly Different.

There is only one thing I think that can be said with certanty today about the approaching revolution. It will be wholly different from any of its predecessors. It is one of the greatest mistakes that revolutionists as well as their opponents frequently commit to present the coming revolution according to the model of past ones for there is nothing easier than to prove that such revolutions are no longer possible. -Karl Kautsky.

#### SONS OF THE RICH.

PORTLAND,—Dec. 14.—In the municipal court today Allen Bishop and F. W. Mien, both sons of wealthy San Francisco parents, agreed in lieu of going to prison, to ship as common sailors before the mast for a cruise of two years on the high seas. The young men were arrested two weeks ago in Seattle for stealing a watch from a Portland man and were held on the charge of larceny. Judge Hogue was the magistrate who pronounced the unique sentence this morning.

Did you ever hear of such treatment of poor criminals? Can't you see that the courts look at the financial end of The government has prepared a bill to prohibit public ownership except banking. The private graft is too sweet to lose.

the gun? What are you poor suckers Coming Nation expirations. 500 voting for a system of rule for the rich for? Haven't they stuck you deep Faxres. 2507 for any other private graft is too sweet to lose. 7508 Faxres 7508 F the gun? What are you poor suckers

#### THE CIRCULATION

Co-operate, concentrate and conquer—that's the line along which the Appeal proposes to work. Following out this policy the Coming Nation Educational League and the Appeal's Dixie fund will be consolidated and given the name of Appeal Agitation League. Commencing with the next issue regular weekly reports will be made showing the receipts and disbursements with brief notes of the work mapped out for the "League" during the 1904 compaign. Those who have so generously contributed to the Dixie fund and thus enabled the Appeal's could operate, and another edition of Thompson's Principles and Program of Socialism had to be rushed to the press. Woodbey? Well, an order came in this morning for \$25 worth of this book in one lot. The orders for the Political Economy of Jesus have accumulated till the edition which has accumulated till the edition which has just gone to press will looked faded when the mailing department reaches it. Yes and how that cheap edition of the Communist Manifesto has been drunk up by the orders. Along with these larger pamphlets thousands of leaflets have gone on their silent mis-

sion of education.

But while the book department has worked overtime, the circulation end has had a letup. Just what we warned you about six weeks ago is happening. We are entering on the time when the army rose in its might last year and army rose in its might last year and floodded us with subs. Like the com-ing of the seasons these subs are now ing of the seasons these subs are now expiring, having run their 52 weeks of allotted time. Be sure of one thing, aroused, and who is not yet class conscious will not take the trouble to get. The man whose interest has been a money order and remit for the Appeal. You must go again with your old enthusiasm and get his subscription for another year. Nail him now while the influence of the last copy of the paper is still upon him. Get every new one possible, but above all things GET THE RENEWALS. The circulation man has become the butt of all tion man has become the butt of all the office jokes He has actually, wore all the hair off the top of his head, worrying over these circulation

And shades of Moses. Here's the Coming Nation man in the same fix. There is only one hair restorer that will effect any relief in this quarter, and that is barrels of subs ladled out from the Socialist pot, Don't swear when you look at these figures,—GET BUSY.

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