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Here are the names of Thirty-One comrades, each of whom, eight years ago on this very day (Dec. 5), resolved to secure for the Appeal five subscriptions each and every week.

And for 416 consecutive weeks, without a single failure, these faithful and loyal comrades to a Great Cause, took the time to pick up five subscribers or ordered five sub eards every seven days. That figures up 2,080 subscriptions to each man-a total for this little group of workers of 64,480 subscribers!

But this is not all. More than one-fourth of these 64,000 new readers joined the Grand Army of the Appeal and became Soldiers of the Common Good.

It is not an exaggeration to say that fully one-third of the Appeal's magnificent list today can be traced directly to the efforts of these Persistent Agitators.

As I scanned the above list of thirty-one the thought occurred to me: Suppose 1,000 readers of the Appeal should resolve to send to this paper five yearly subscriptions or order five sub cards each week during 1909!

If Thirty-One can accomplish so great a work-think of what 1,000 could do.

And, remember, it was the Appeal that made a Socialist voter of you. Perhaps you are one of the many whose subscription was taken by one of the comrades whose names appear above and you have him to thank for vanking you out of Eternal Political Darkness into the Bright Noonday of the New Time.

If so, could you return the kindness in a more effective way than to enlist in this crusade for One Year

-52 weeks—and do for others what
he did for you? I do not think you
could. And so I am going to ask
low many of the weeks as the much advertised function where Mitchell and Powtised function where Mitchell and Powtised function where Mitchell and Powtised function where says they "discould." a bottle of wine. It was how many of you who read these downed. lines, fired by the inspiration of the According to the Capital of Oklahoma the ontlay of a dellar in money. The his splendid achievement of the Loyal City, the oil wells of Oklahoma pour discussion that ensues can result only scien week during 1909?

A thousand willing workers! Will

### PLEDGE FOR 1909

J. A. WAYLAND, Girard, Kan. Enlist me in the BIG FIGHT for 1909: I herewith pledge you that I will send live subscribers at 25 cents every week during the year of 1909.

The Appeal sees ahead of it the Big Fight. It is making every preparation it can for the contest that i to be the beginning of the end of Capitalism. We are strengthening our position in every way possible. And to this end we have decided to put the subscription rate to 25 cents for 40 weeks, where four or more subs are sent in at one time. This new rate does not go into effect until January 1st, next. Before that date the club rate of 25 cents per year prevails. Whoop 'em up It's just possible we can boost the list to a point where we can maintain the old rate and thus avoid the necessity of making the advance.

Two Willie Wearies—Bryan and Hearst.

Socialism is a b-a-a-d thing. It is agin hog nature, you know.

Socialism is a menace to society because it would obliterate dambittion.

There is only one thing of which la bor has too much. That is patience Panics are fits that capitalism throws

when its profits are threatened. If the

Secialism would destroy individuality of the devourers and reduce them to the dead level of having to make their

Socialism does not propose to "give" you your full social product, but merely to see that you are enabled to

Insurance is a device to partly com vail under capitalism, but it itself is a fax on production.

The calf of capitalism has been suck ing its mother, labor, too long. It was time it was weaned from the test and made to rustle for itself.

Rockefeller does not believe in spend-ing life in making money. He has found it easier to appropriate the wealth the other fellow makes than it is to make

Socialism is a menace, although it polled less than a million votes. For goodness sake vote for democratic "radicalism." Everybody knows that is not a menace to graft.

Socialism is opposed to monagomous marriage, that is accompanied by numerous affinites, such as are becoming so common and so pleasant to the masters under capitalism.

The trust is capitalism in its final development. It means the death of the small concern. Nothing but the whole people in industrial organization is greater than it or can master it.

We are coming, Father Abraham, six hundred thousand strong. The six hundred thousand Socialists will free the working slave just as the hundred thousand who sang in the sixties freed the chattel slave.

"Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of their party" against Socialism. Socialism would actu-ally put an end to child slavery and the chance to make deals that would not millions, and to land grabbing and stock jobbing.

Thirty-One, will pledge themselves day, and only one tenth of this amount to send the Appeal five subs per a saved. This is an example of the waste of capitalism that ought to in-

A thousand willing workers! Will you enter your name on the Appeal's Roll of Honor by sending the pledge herewith printed? The names will be printed in the first issue of the new year.

Will your name be written there? Will it?.

Rev. Jenkin Lloyd Jones, a Unitarian minister of Chicago, in a recent sermon remarked: "The great industrial system of which we are so proud is founded on the bodies of wage-earners. The products are stained with the blood of children and soiled with the tears of women." If there was more truth of this nature told in the pulpit the workers would not be deserting the churches as they are now doing.

as they are now doing.

"It is said that the Socialist candidate for president, Mr. Debs, got only one vote in his precinct, and that he cast it himself," says one of the southern bourbon sheets evidently sore over the collapse of Bryanism. What is said about the vote in Debs' precinct might be almost anything so long as it is said by papers bitter over the bursting of the Bryan bubble, but the facts concerning the attempt to steal the Socialist vote of a whole precinct, as was done in the precinct mentioned, are by far more creditable to the Socialists than they are to the vote thieves.

### THE VOTE BY STATES.

Reports of the vote continue to come in slowly, but we are able this week to give the approximately correct vote of forty states as shown in the following table. Many of the figures here-tofore given have been revised which makes as increases for the state of the s tofore given have been revised which makes an increase for some states and a decrease for others. It will be noticed that Indiana, which was charged with a slight loss in a former number of the Appeal, has on the official count, really made a gain of 1,463. The estimated vote of Texas was given at 25,000 which seems to be incorrect; and the uncertainty concerning the correct. the uncertainty concerning the correct figures causes us to leave that state out of the table this week. In 1904 Debs received 2,791 votes in Texas, and the probability is that his vote in that state this year will be not less than 8,000 when all the precincts are heard from.

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State 1908	1904	190
Alabama 1,390	853	
Artzona 2.500	1,304	13
Arkansas 6,000	1.816	
California 30,000	29,535	7.55
Colorado 9.000	4,394	65
Connecticut 5,113	4.543	1.02
Delaware 240	146	
Florida 3,747	2,337	60
Georgia 584	197	
Idaho 6,305	4.949	
Illinois 24,609	69,225	9.68
Indiana 13,476	12.013	2 37
Iowa 15,000	14,847	2.77
Kansas 12,420	15,494	1.5
Kentucky 4,060	3.602	GH
Louisiana 2,538	995	
Maine 2,300	2.103	87
Maryland 2,500	2.247	90
Massachusetts 8,500	13.604	9,60
Massachusetts 8,500 Michigan 12,000	8,941	2.83
Miunesota 14,409	11,692	2.00
Mississippi	393	
Missouri	13,009	6.132
Montana 7,700	5,676	70
Nebraska 3.524	7,412	82
Nevada 1,100	925	
New Jersey 10,349	9,587	4.00
New Hampshire 1,28	1.000	79
New Mexico (Cong.) 1,046	211	92
New York 40,000	36.883	12.80
North Carolina 800	124	14
Ohio 33,795	36,200	4.84
Oklahoma 21,750	4,443	78
Oregon 7,430	7,619	1,49
Pennsylvania 33,913	21,963	1,49
Rhode Island 1,295	956	
South Carolina 101	22	
Utah 5.006	5,767	72
Virginta 254	218	PERM
Wisconsin 28,148	25,220	7,06
Total (40 states) 400,807	385,425	

In previous issues of the Appeal omplete vote by counties for Missouri New Hampshire, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin have been printed in the Appea! Next week a complete vote of other states will be printed and as rapidly as the completed returns are received they will be printed in the Appeal. It would be well to preserve these re-

The Appeal would like to have the name of every man who voted the Socialist ticlet at the last election. Will the Appeal Army comrades immediately take up the work of complities a list, so far as they can, of thee who voted the Socialist ticket in their precinct. Write names painly and be sure to give correct postoffice address. It is important that the Appeal have these names as quickly as possible. What's the Use? We sometimes hake sport of the claims of the rich that wealth is not

### Morals of the Mighty.

France is in an uproar because it has transpired that ex-President Faure, who died suddenly nine years ago, expired in the arms of a prostitute with whom he was infatuated, and whom his polit-ical enemies had employed to kill him it marely goes to show the real charac-It merely goes to show the real character of the men who rule the world; and it shows also how their private corrupt character is carefully hid lest the public get onto the game. The fact that he was murdered, and that he died in a house of prostifiction was realisted. house of prostitution, was carefully con-ecaled from the people, and it would never have come to light but for the discovery that the prostitute who got away with him recently put out of exa source of satisfaction, and from the fact that they seek to hard to keep and increase their wealth it would seem that there is some cant in the claim. Yet in a sense it is true—capitalism is not satisfactory to even the beneficiaries of it. Here are some recent testimonies a source of satisfaction, and from the

istence her husband and mother.

Washington City is full of such intrigue—not the murder, but the lecherous associations of the high and mights. And not a word in the papers about it -they dare not tell what they know. they dare not tell what they know. Like the instance in Chicago where the son of the richest man in the city was killed in a house of prostitution while on a drunken spree—it was announced that he was accidentally shot, and the people know no better. If the people know the private lives of the men who rule the great industries and politics rule the great industries and politics they would certainly put them out of business—hence the necessity of the rich owning the great papers and magazines upon which the public rely for infor-mation. The Appeal printed a list of the houses of prostitution between the capitol and the White house, in Washington, and the list was a long Tens of millions are invested in palaces for the sexual indulgencies of our lawmakers, and the handsomest women that can be gathered from the four corners of the earth are there assembled to pander to the men whom you send to Washington to safeguard your liberties and protect your homes from pollu

keep a fortune is scared free diment than to acquire it.—Andrew Cestigle.

Wealth gives power, and that is pleasant to all; yet it also brings responsibility. The rich, under this system, are charged with the full responsibility of keeping the world raming. If they withdraw from the contest, or retire, they are shirking this ressonsibility. If they feel they have emough and would live without making more they become failures, and that forfets their power. It is necessary for them to go on, to meet the demands of the system—to be envied, abused, puzzlet, harassed. They of your trust magnates, do you not see how many whom you send to make laws are debauched? how these courtesans are played to influence men who want to do right to vote for bad measures in the interest of the trusts? Very few Americans know of the sad fate that befell the famous war governor of Indians, Oliver P. Morton, because as senator he is here and now. of your trust magnates, do you not see how many whom you send to make laws are debauched? how these courtesans are the demands of the system—16 be envied, abused, puzzlet, harassed. They degenerate, both physically and morally, until they are unable to do useful work or to understand correct ethics. They are simply set apar in a little world by themselves, a world of little souls who cannot trust each other. And, with it all, they are not sure that, after all, they may not lose their wealth and alle poor. At no point is the present system satisfactory or smobling. refused to bose the knee to Baal and betray his state to the powers of money. If the secret history of Washington City could be printed it would stir this coun-Some features of Speialism would not be so had, if they were cut off and served cold, but the who't thing would destroy the capitalist system of graft, and that is a measure to the grafters. try more than France is now stirred over the discovery that her president was murdered in a house of prostitu

With wine and women in the control

The testimony contains four million The words. If Roosevelt could just work relational that into his hunting stories he would licar The biggest manufacturing concern of Profit Monger & Co., unlimited. speciarity is, poverty, sweat shops, isad health, adulterated foods, brothels, white slaves, drunkenness, debauchery.

Another proof that times are getting better is the fact that Wells, Fargo & Co. have ordered an advance of ninety per cent on express rates in large lots between eastern points and the Paci-fic coast.

The case against the Standard Oil

"Humanity cannot be reduced to the deed level of equality," shrieks a contemporary in a terrific attack on Socialism; but it looks like the tramps and hoboes produced by the capitalist system are pretty well reduced to that

"The original dream of the Socialists The original dream of the Socialists was a noble one; but it was only a dream," warbles the wise writer on a capitalistic organ; which reminds us that the nightmare of capitalism is a credit to the new capitalist nobility; but it is only a nightmare.

Did someone say that the Socialist hankers after wealth he never carned? Strange, isn't it, that the Socialist is the only fellow who has such a hank-erin'? It must be that the intense desire of the capitalists to work and earn is what has made jobs so scarce lately.

In New York now they are having burglar proof weddings." Policemen are stationed at all doors, detectives in guise of guests appear everywhere, and all windows are barred. It is not an effort to protect the bride—capitalism cares nothing for life, but only for

"There is no excuse for a Socialist propaganda in the country," yawps a prosperity howier; and the Socialists agree with him to such an extent that they offer no excuse. The thing which calls for excuse and justification is

"Much of the world's work is dirty and disagneesble; and there are millions of people who are constitutionally opposed to doing any kind of work," says a smart editorial writer in attempting to show the impossibility of the workers, who are the most numerous class in society, declaring such constitutions unconstitutional.

That it was not seed that the possibility of the but luck.

curing a monopoly of a natural resource that made the Standard Oil an immense wealth producer, is shown by Archibold's testimony when he said that at one time he offered to drink all the oil that would be produced in the mid-continent fields. These fields now pro-duce 70,000 harrels a year.

The smart gazabo who said that the Secialists want to occupy some position for which they are not fitted was not so far from the truth. They have been fitted by capitalist conditions to work like beavers and starve like greyhounds so they can develop more speed; and their insistent desire for enough to eat is as inconsistent as it would be to put fattening food into a lean stomach.

The trusts have only begun their proper work of organizing all industries on national and international scales. The next few years will prove this more conclusively than the past; and the remedy lies not in the efforts of the small capitalists to regulate the affairs of the big ones, but in working-c'ass supremacy and collective ownership.

One dream of the reformers likely to be realized in the near future is the ex-

### sey See the Light.

zth of the Appeal's revelations no the coalition of the repuls-city with the Roman hierarchy Safing recognized even among the lats. The Nebraska State Jour-democratic paper printed in Bryin the United States is that composed at I Swn town, remarks in its last is-

The joke of this is that it is an effort to excuse the perfidy of Taft while admitting the fact of the vote. The joke becomes all the more amusing when it is remembered that Bryan made a bid for the catholic vote, visiting the pope when at Rome. The fact that he did this and then failed to land the catholic vote is another proof that Taft's services were so great that the hierarchy missted they should be past for. Bet Bryan was not above doing the same thing had he had the apportunity and ability, as evidenced by his visit to the supreme political head of the world. There are other significant things. Socialist papers are beginning to admit the Appeal's contention, and to understand that the expose had immense political significance. The New York Call of November 27 contains a two solumn article from Joseph E. Cohen defending the Appeal's contention. The joke of this is that it is an effort

article from Joseph E. Cohen defending the Appeal's position. The article says:

From the first the Appeal knew is to see that its exposure deried and confirmed, only a beginning of a

trenty between Japan and the States—in Carnegie asking for fre to meet the needs of the new in tionalism—in warships being so Hayti to safeguard the American

One dream of the reformers likely to be realized in the near future is the establishment of postal savings banks; and this, like all other good things handed down the dear people by the capitalist rulers, will not be done through philanthropic motives out of disinterested love for humanity, but for the financial advantage of the high financiers and the further glory of capitalism.

Free competition is but the beginning of monopoly, and monopoly follows

# Mr. Bryan Awake at Last

N The Commoner of December 4th, Mr. Bryan's leading editorial is headed "The Growth of So-cialism." The editorial is produced below entire. Please read it carefully, as next week the Appeal will reply to Mr. Bryan and show wherein his premises are wrong and his logic woefully out of joint. I am glad Mr. Bryan has given the Appeal this opportunity to talk to his disheartened and disorganized followers and as means of reaching several million of them I am going to urge

to "continue," to "complete" and to pablic to the reforms upon which he, the care which he can afterwards restore his like a man killing another on the theory that he can afterwards restore his like a man killing another on the theory that he can afterwards restore his like a man killing another on the theory that he can afterwards restore his like a man killing another on the theory that he can afterwards restore his like a man killing another on the theory that he can afterwards restore his like a man killing another on the theory that he can afterwards restore his like a man killing another on the theory that he can afterwards restore his like a man killing another on the theory that he can afterwards restore his like a man killing another on the theory that he can afterwards restore his like a man killing another on the theory that he can afterwards restore his like a man killing another on the theory that he can afterwards restore his like a man killing another on the theory that he can afterwards restore his like a man killing another on the theory that he can afterwards restore his like a man killing another on the theory that he can afterwards restore his like a man killing another on the theory that he can afterwards restore his like a man killing another on the theory that he can afterwards restore his like a man killing another on the theory that he can afterwards restore his like a man killing another on the theory that he can afterwards restore his like a man killing another on the theory that he can afterwards restore his like a man million of them I am going to urge the renders of the Appeal to invite as many of their democratic friends as they can entertain to their homes some evening after receipt of next week's Appeal and there read our article in connection with Mr. Bryan's editorial. By this means we should reach several million democrats without the outlay of a dollar in money. The discussion that ensues can result only in good to Socialism and as a result which he would restitute for indiof this wholesale method of propaganda we will enlist thousands of men in the cause of Socialism. Read Mr. Byran's editorial which follows and make preparations to assist the Appeal in this work, as above suggested. Mr. Bryan

that the growth of Socialism has not been as rapid during the last four years as during the four years preceding. Sev-eral causes have been given for this re-tarded growth. First, some democrats who voted the Socialist ticket four years ag , Joted the democratic year. Second, President Roosevelt stimulated the reform element in stimulated the reform element in his party to hope for remedial legislation from the republican party. Mr. Taft's nomination was heralded as a triumph for the progressives and doubtless held within the republican party many who would have deserted it had the reactionary element selected the nomines. Third, the active support given by the labor leaders to the democratic ticket tended to reduce to a minimum the Socialist gains from the ranks of labor. There were other reasons, but these have been mentioned as among the more influential ones.

Now what is to be the future of Socialism? The small vote cast by the independent party ard by the populat party is apit to turn men from both of these parties to the Socialist party. The defeat of the democratic ticket is likely to discourage some of the democratic inhoring men and turn them toward the Socialist party. Some of the democrate, not laboring men, may be weakened in faith and made susceptible to the arguments of Socialists, but much depends upon the character of Mr Taft's administration. The arguments presented in his behalf were inconsistent—in the west he was represented as a reformer ready to put on the president's mantle. The president constantly offered him to the party as the only man

spin of necessity is removed. This is not always true, but it is the rule rather than the exception in the homes where great wealth has had free hand. Aside from those who are drawn to Socialism by sentimental arguments, there are those who have turned to it because personal experience has embittered them against the present system—those who feel that the struggle is hopeless under present conditions. The republican party, by creating abuses, by failing to remedy them, and by defending the principle and practices of private monopoly, has fostered and encouraged facialism—not intentionally, but actually. The democratic party is seeking to remedy the abuses that have given to the Socialist his argument, it is seeking to restore and proceed competition. It believes that competition is necessary to industrial progress, and it is trying to make that competition fair and just. The Socialist leaders have very moperly regarded the democratic party is the greatest obstacle for the

ism, but seeks to strengthen it by free ing it from the odium that the abuse tolerated by the republican leaders have

The democratic party can not adopt the socialistic program; it can not ac-cept the remedy which Socialism pre-sents. The democratic remedy is more nearly in accord with the plan upon which the universe was constructed. The Maker of the world might have sup-plied us with food, clothing and shel-ter without remainer labor, or over ter without requiring labor on our part, but He did not. He gave us the rich resources of nature, and not only comgovernment has sometimes suspended it but it should be the aim of the social man to restore this law and to make it operative. Man can not adjust the rewards of society as impartially or as equitably as they can be adjusted by competition where competition is free. Man has not the intelligence to parcel out the world's work by legislative act or by commission, nor have those in power the disinterestedness necessary to a wise distribution of the work to be done. Where competition is impos-

power the disinterestedness necessary to a wise distribution of the work to be done. Where competition is impossible, a government monopoly is necessary, but where individual competition is possible, competition is better than government ownership.

The republicans may boast of their victory, but they have a more formidable opponent than the democratic party to contend with. They have the irresistible forces of society to combat. If the republican leaders are deaf to the petitions of those who feel aggriered by present injustice, the remonstrance will grow until the threat of punishment will compel the government to give heed. Just as the populist party grew until it compelled consideration of the abuses that led to its organization, so the Socialist purty will grow until it forces those at the head of the government to look into the wrongs that are done and to apply remedies. A democratic victory would have brought the reforms earlier, but even a republican victory can not permanently prevent them. The Socialists, acting with the democratic nicht have hastened these sectors, but the Socialists acting alone will still exert an influence in compelling a more careful consideration of the grant economic question that has exeed to world from the beginning, namely.

### Question Box

The Open Shop.

### The Army and Navy.

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the crime was a political one, and bristian Rudowitz is a political for turred, but the cossacks did not kill to proposed both to our constitution additions.

The surrender of political refusion prosecution had Christian Rudowitz, but he replied, "It is against my conscience to tell." This say from Rudowitz, but he replied, "It is against my conscience to tell." This boy will go back to be committed for contempt or sout back to Russia, but he will die an honorable death. His heroism was in splendid contrast with the men high in the law who are constituting themselves blood-hounds of the law who are constituting themselves blood-hounds of the will any names, which shows

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Big Steal in the Philippines.

HE SALE of the friar lands the Philippines, as engineered Wm. H. Tall, involved a strong of some seven millions of d lars. Tart has been the president-steal, and another steal, involving practically the same

much more complete in detail and possibility than the old. There is evidence that a riot of gruit, for worse than prevailed a few years ago, is about to be inaugurated now. But the line of lost will be a new one.

The insurance companies once offered a vast storehouse of unused funds; but they have been worked. Instead of rifling these depositories of the people's money now, it looks like the big grafters are planning to avail themselves of popular agitation, that postal savings banks may gather together use money of the many little fellows where i. will be available for use in bulk for big operations. This will not be a bad thing within itself, as it will beat all bank guarancee law, but it soill avoid the necessity of big reserves being held, as is now done by the banks, and will make practically all the nation's funds available for use in big enterprises, over and over again.

Then, the asset currency, provided for under the Aldrich bill and just coming into circulation, will make it possible for this big fellows to buy stocks in trusts and issue 90 per cent of their value in asset currency, thus using their noncy and still retaining it, making their obligations assets. There never was such a possibility of wholesale stealing and the concentration of cealth into the hands of the few as is provided under this currency. Watch that. It will soon legin to get in its work.

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Then, there is another possibility, along the same line, yet different, that will help to sweep the country into a whirlpool of corruption. turning everything into the hands of the few. Cannon first called attention to this during the campaign. The Saturday Evening Post of November 21 enlarged on and explained it. Suppose the Appeal permitathis capitalistic sheet to present th

amount, and connected with the Philippine, islands, is already under way.

The new graft has to do with a railty control of the construction of the road by New York parties; these men get the money for the construction of the road by selling bonds; and to be sure that the bonds can be sold, they are guaranteed by the Philippine government. It will be remembered that it was the endorsement of the Alton bonds by the state of New York, as secured through the signature of Theodore Roosevelt, then governor of the empire state, that made possible the famous Alton steal. It does not yet appear that the Philippine steal will be worked in the same way throughout, but it begins the same, and the way for the steal is wide open. But that you may understand the situation more perfectly, the following advertisement, appearing to the class of the case:

Intainst Unconditionally Guaranteed.—By the Philippine Gevernment Under Alton indebtedness of a magnate ACTUAL

Notice what is implied in this commercial, one-name paper. If makes the hindebtedness of a magnate ACTUAL

### Statistical.

Cost of Charity.

There are 2,500 almshouses and more than 80,000 immates in this country, which cost more than 337,000,000 annually to maintain.

State of Employment in United States.
Employed all the time, 50.19 per cent,
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cent.—Pape 42, 18th Annual Labor Report, 1903.

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lo cents per word for each insection. Addresorders for advertising to Howe-Simpson Co., 146 hearborn at., Chicago, III.

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### A Study Course - in Socialism ·

The International Socialist Review starts with its November number a Study Course in Socialism, prepared by Joa. E. Cohen, easy enough for a workingman to enjoy as hegoesalong; thorough enough to give him an insight into capitalist society that will make him doubly effective as a fighter for the Revolution. The Review including the Study Course is a dailar a way.



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### The Curse of Capital

s been the curse said F. C. Hollis,

the sone to become debauches, a died in a place, the location in the papers did not dare to mat because he had unearned to spend and no incentive or do snything useful.

to spend large sums on a beautiful but debased woman, the ex-president of France was lar of dead in her house though he had a happy home and a

Great private wealth debuses not only those from whom it is taken, but debases the possessors. The families of the rich are, as a rule, not such peo-ple as any respectable family would as-sociate with except for their meney.

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We must either fight under the rules or quit the game of life. Such being the case, would it not be better to have the industries owned by all the people so that millions could not flow from the many to a few, usually profligate and degenerate, and ruin them as well as those from whom they are taken? In it better that a few useless people have millions than that all have plenty and yet be under the necessity of doing something for it? Wouldn't the tick be really happier than they now are as shown by their own admissions? And would the masses not be happier of they did not have to furnish the few with all their great incomes that they cannot use and cannot be made happy by possessing?

Wouldn't there be more chastity, more sobriety, more honor and kindness among the children of the rich if they had to do something useful for every dollar that they spend? And wouldn't they be a greater satisfaction to their parents than they are now?

But the rich will not repeal the laws, nor will they permit them to be repealed if they can prevent any more than kings repealed the laws by which they oppressed and exacted tribute from the people. None but a fool would expect it. None who has read history will think it for a moment. And what is the difference to you whether you have to pay tribute to a king and his nobles, or to a trust magnate and his pals? You pay it just the same, don't you! And they get it just the same, don't they?

what you have given to the few amounts to about \$5,000 for each family in the nation today. It is increasing every year because of your ignorance of history and economies. It takes \$1,000 of wealth in machinery to give each worker the best of modern applicances with which to labor. A plant that employs 100 people invests about \$100,000 in buildings and machinery. The wealth of this nation is about \$1,250 to each person. Assuming five to a family, this would give to each worker the USE of the best machinery and conditions of labor science could provide, and still leave \$5,000 to be used in the house and furnishings of each family. Would that not be better than the hovels and make-shift houses the majority now live in, and the extravagance and debauchery of the palaces for the few thousand drones and criminals of society! Under which kind of a condition would you prefer to live! Which would be better for you and your family!

and your family?

Do you think it is your place to look out for the pretection of the rich in their palaces which you have furnished the means to build out of your toil, rather than to look cut for the welfare of your brothers who work beside you in the mines, shops and on the farms? Do the rich consider your welfare, or do they look out for their own interests? Let the rich vote their tickets and you workers vote your tickets, and what would be the result? How many capitalists could be elected if you workers voted only for those who, like yourself, work for a living?

Perhaps you are one who does not believe that work pe ic have sense enough to hold an office—unless they are elected on a capitalist ticket and program. Most of you believe that. But there are work people who are not only qualified, but are even better equipped than those capitalist minded persons who have been elected to office, and whose laws are now in force that enable the few to lay tribute on the many.

You know that there was a time when the despised rebets of the American Revolution were considered the scum of the earth, and not fit for those who supported King George to associate with. But didn't they do better for the work people than had the supporters of the king!

Will you accept this of the abelitionists. Were they not called niger-lovers, black republicans, men who wanted their daughters to marry big buck niggers and by similar epithets? And elect them to office! Never! But didn't they make it bet-ter for the work people of the south than it had been for them?

than it had been for them?

And the despised misunderstood Socialists of today are also representing a higher ideal. They are destined to win, and the future will bear the stamp of their fore-sightedness. And you and your children will reap the benefit of their study and sacrifice to save you from your stupidity and prejudice. Your children will talk of you and your present-day ideas just as we are now talking of the ideas the king's supporters in 1776 and the slave party ideas of 1860. The world moves forward and upward, but it would go much faster and give you and your children happiness much sooner if we could get these ideas into your mind so you would understand them.

There is a new dawn breaking. can be seen in every direction. It seen in the literature of the day; is seen in mechanical improvements; is seen in awakening political idea it is seen in the modern religious ide

Do you think the world is the same it was when you came upon the seem? Do you not know that the future is pregnant with changes even greater than these of the immediate past? And that all human relations are, being carried along on the bosom of this mighty ocean-movement of ideas to some hand that is different from any that the human family has ever yet explaned?

## Significant News

Are not the Standard oil, the steel sugar, and other trust owners rich smough without continuing to pay them hundreds of millions, every year, when they admit that it is not making them thidren the trust owners are for the maintains of the trust owners and the trust owners are for the maintains of the integrity of trust owners are for the maintains of the integrity of the trust owners are to co-operate for the maintains of the integrity of the maintains of the integrity of the maintains of the integrity of the trust free of the maintains of the integrity of the trust free of the maintains of the integrity of the trust free of the maintains of the integrity of the trust free of the maintains of the integrity of the trust free of the maintains of the protect them in laving what they cannot enjoy and that causes them heart-aches and sorrow? Should they not be treated as little children who would play with fire or poison!

Wasn't it had to have kings and nobles over our forefathers, and did they not abolish such conditions. Indid they not abolish used conditions in the conditions that enable the few to exploit, te extort, from able the few to exploit, te extort, from the mother of the protect the first of manimande lav. That was all that held up the kings and nobles. The few for manimande lav. That was all that held up the kings and nobles. The few for manimande lav. That was all that held up the kings and nobles. The few for manimande lav. That was all the few to exploit, te extort, from the mother of the protect the few for manimanders as abolished. And the power of the millionaires and trusts will inde away like the power of the kings when the laws under which they collect their tries being the protect the first the protect the rich will not repeal the laws, more appropriate them to be repealed of they oppressed

Since the fleet has been ordered home, it becomes a matter of speculation as to what will become of the Philippines. They will be retained. They form a base for future action that will be very important. Besides, the machinery in use there is still very crude. When modern machinery has come, involving new markets to strive for, the production of the islands will be five or ten fold what it is now, and it will be possible to exploit from them much more than basin ever secured, and that without seeming to oppress the people more than they are oppressed in America. Capitalists are too shrewd to let go of the Philippines, "their possessions.

One of the strongest evidences that capitalist prosperity may really return comes from the fact that the trusts are reported to be unusually active. The twenty million dollar lumber trust, which is the first general organization of the Weyerhauser interests for the purpose of controlling the timber supply of America, it is announced, has established headquarters in Chicago, and is preparing for an active campaign. More significant than this, perhaps, because the Standard always branches into politics, is the announcement that the Standard Oil company is arranging to gain complete control of Alaska, coupled with a similar plan relative to Mexico. The press says, relative to the latter campaign:

City of Mexico, Mex.—It is declared that during the conting year a fight on a large scale will be wared in the republic of Mexico are suited of the local oil market and of the rich and wast fields which expetits declare will be opened up. These chief contestants in this straigle will be the Standard oil company and S. Pesson & Standard oil company is reported to have recently purchased large tracts of oil land in the state of Tamanlipas.

Socialism is impractical. It offers no

Socialism is impractical. It offers no chance to live without doing something useful.

Lies crushed to earth sometimes rise again, and slap a fellow in the face.

### European Notes

25,000 before the new year.

The Socialist group in the French parliament have ordered Comrade Valitzat to get in these with the laternational office, and get all the facts in the Commodities matter. The attempt to silv up strife between Germany and France over the affair is condemned.

Captain Carlo Buruttint, of the village of Camerane, Italy, has been buried with much pamp and creenoup. He will be remembered as the last of the famous "Red Shirts," who followed Garibuild it so Italian revolution. He was busied in the famous red shirt be were at Ancous.

### NABOBS AND NUMBERS.

## PARTY NOTES.

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### PROGRESS AND POVERTY.

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In the division of the wealth produced

social conditions under which they must work for the enrichment of others and are denied the opportunity to do for themselves.

The land whose farm products alone reaches the value of eight billions a year produces more than enough for all. It is intended that it should sustain all, but as it is in the possession of the few the many who must live off its products are under tribute to those few.

With 10 out of every 100 holding all of the wealth of that 100 and two of the 10 holding nearly all of the property the 10 own it is not surprising that one out of every 20 citizens are now demanding that all property used in the production of wealth shall be held in common. Instead of it being surprising it really shows us what a conservative people we are and with what tenacity we hold to the political doctrine of the assectity of private property.

The uninterrupted flow of the national wealth to the coffers of the few will some day make its redistribution a question of overshadowing importance. There are not a few men who believe that we are even now confronted with that question and must deal with it more radically than we are willing if we would not have the institution of private property wiped out altogether.

A fact that must not be forgotten by those who give thought to the question is that the 80 per cent of propertyless men hold absolute power over all property if they choose to exercise it. They can wipe out all private rights in it if they will.

That they may not be driven to that is it not worth while to give some serious consideration to their welfare and contentment!

If all men had always a chance to

**ARMY NOTES** 

THE BIG TEN.

From the Pittsburg Leader.

In one column of a newspaper we read that the farms of this country produced in the present year wealth to the almost fabulous sum of \$8,000,000,000,000 and a newspaper we of his neighbors and before they go awy they had promised to read the Appeal fabulous sum of \$8,000,000,000,000 and about \$100 for every inhabitant of the land.

We are puffed up with pride in our country by the figures. We have a storehouse of inerhaustible wealth.

But we turn to another column and read that in the richest industrial city of the nation, our own, 4.000 idle men are eagerly seeking employment in the public parks at a wage of \$1.50 a day.

And we are depressed by this revelation of our deplorable poverty.

There is something out of balance. Somebody is getting a too large share of the eight billion dollars the land produced, when in one shall community there should be 4,000 men who with those dependent upon their earnings are evidently in need of the necessities of the sententian to make them ever still here and shie to him and hand from the proposition of the sentential to the proposition of the eight billion dollars the land produced, when in one shall community there should be 4,000 men who with those dependent upon their earnings are evidently in need of the necessities of the sentential for subortions to the four has found for subortions to the four has found for subortions to the four has found for the found for the

WORRY HURTS, WORK DOESN'T.

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All our troubles are about things which never happen. We suffer through fear about tomorrow. When tomorrow comes the thing we worried about does'nt occur. If we work hard and keep busy we don't have time to worry. There is no are real trouble or hard luck in the world, but incurable sickness and death. Everything else in the world can be outlived and overcome.

We can shut our eyes and imagine we see a beautiful rose, or we can imagine we see a beautiful rose, or we

Ness happy and full of peace and contentment.

You can get this book by sending 25 cents in stamps to D. Hunter & Co., Oak Park, Ill. The editor of this paper believes this wonderful book has done more to drive away the blues than anything ever published.

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Eight thousand new yearly subs in one week! And that the second week after election. That means that we are traveling at a gait of more than 400,000 per year. So long as we can do that the Appeal will be able to forge ahead under a full head of steam. And we will need to do that, because the Big Fight is about ready to open—the fight for your liberty, your happiness of your children. Can you afford to lag when there is such need of workers? Are you content to remain idle while so many disgusted and disheartened democrats are waiting to be "shown" why Socialism in the "only way." I hardly think 80.—Therefore go out today and nab a Few Subs.

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### Filling Up the Band.

His name was Berger, but he didn't live in Milwaukee. He lived in a city where Socialists as yet were only sprinkled here and there, about one to every block. But by some chance it happened that the one in his block lived righ, in his room, a red hot little Scotchman, MacDougal by his name. He played the piccolo flute—the shrill one—in a theater orchestra, where Berger played the big bass horn. And somehow or other they became chums. They lived in two tenement rooms. And the Socialist talk of little MacDougal stung Berger night and day.

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"Damn!" he would cry. "How I hate mosquitoes! Vy cant you leave alone!"
MacDougal had red hair.

"Ain't it tough!" Berger would groan. "Ain't it? You Socialist poysshoost vun in a tousand, und I am atuck mit shoost dot vun! He lives right in my ears! Schwarz de saloon keeper, ven he ain't drunk, he says Socialism vill break up de home. Vill it? You bett! I know shoost vot he means!" Here he leaned back, lit his pipe, grew slowly calm. "Tank Gott."

"Come—get into line! You helieve it, don't you? Ain't it real? Ain't it what we want to live for? Come on! Come on! Fill up the band!"

That was at seven o'clock. Four hours later, weary and worn, the pair hours later, weary and worn, the pair

I had fifty-two dollars saved alreatty. I got a doctor. He said I ought to have five hundert. So she died! Dann! How bad I felt!" His gruff voice sank still lower: "I took dot poy und he vos mine. Did I like dot little ritzy! Did ve get to love each odder!—Yes—Vell. But he had dot sickness from his mudder—Vot could I do? Ve caight to have had five hundert." His voice grew suddenly harsh again:

Control Tolk

speaker, that passers by soon stopped, a crowd gathered, listened—till a policeman shoved them on.

Berger listened hard. He knew this chum of his, through and through, knew how real he was. And now Macabough and through, knew how real he was. And now Macabough's voice, his face, his eyes, the ideas he unfolded, in shrewd yarns, in ringing appeals, somehow it all seemed to fit together. One night he never told that yarn about the lungs, brief and plain. And though the Dutchman growled and forbad him ever to tell it again, that too fitted in. And he heard other speeches, saw other faces, eyes, heard stories by the dozen of men and women who were using every cent and hour they could squeeze out of their lives, just to push what they believed in. As he turned all this over and ever in the line work for the capital this over and every cent and hour they could squeeze out of their lives, just to push what they believed in. As he turned all this over and every cent and hour they could squeeze out of their lives, just to push what they believed in. As he turned all this over and every cent and hour they could squeeze out of their lives, just to push what they believed in. As he turned all this over and every cent and hour they could squeeze out of their lives, just to push what they believed in. As he turned all this over and every cent and hour they could squeeze out of their lives, just to push what they believed in. As he turned all this over and every cent and hour they could squeeze out of their lives, just to push who had done the work for the capital content with the Workers out entirely.

Labor Decisions

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Acted Without Authority.

When the land grabbers at Reelfoot lake were mobbed, the governor of Tennessee ordered out the malitia and has succeeded in reducing the simple farmers who resented land-grabbing to a state of abject submission. After it squeeze out of their lives, just to push what they believed in. As he turned all this over and over in his mind, in the theater at night, glancing now at the painted chorus girls and again at the women in the two dollar seats close

"Well!" asked his chum impatiently. "What is it now? Ain't it real!"
"Maybe. Maybe not. But shoost look here. If I vote your ticket, vot do I get for mein vote? Two dollars? Dann it—no! Not vun cent!"
MacDougal sprang from his seat and the words that he uttered are better omitted. It ended in a silence between them that lasted days and days. Only now and then did Berger chuckle softly. But he was so enormous and the chuckle was so small, that it passed completely unnoticed. Little MacDougal was mad.

So two silent weeks dragged by.

gal was mad.

So two silent weeks dragged by.

Again they sat at supper. It was
a sparkling autumn night.

Suddenly from way up the street
came the sound of a parade. Voices
singing the Marseillaise. A band playing. Whata band!

Both shares are

ing Whata band!

It came nearer. Both chums were at the window. Nearer! The voices louder, ever louder, by hundreds altogether shouting the old song. Higher rose the band. Two drums, three fifes, a clarionet, two horns that cracked.

"We have a band, a band at last!"

McDouglebouted His face was red.

### Socialist Fables

The Wasp as a Judge.

Tennessee ordered out the malitia and has succeeded in reducing the simple farmers who resented land-grabbing to a state of abject submission. After it was all over, and after the state militia who had done the work for the capitalist class was put off with cut pay, the courts declared it was "irregular," as appears from the following dispatch:

painted chorus girls and again at the women in the two dollar seats close by, somehow they didn't size up at all — not even the necks with diamonds. They seemed only showy puppets in an endless farce. And the tenement faces and eyes, the ringing words, the sacrifice all made as a matter of course, the never ending struggle to force those big ideas on and up at any cost—this seemed more and more the real part of living. Berger listened hard.

"Gott!" he cried one night at supper. A sudden thought had struck him. A mischievous ghost of a twinkle appeared in the corner of one huge eye. "I knew sometings vos wrong mit your schemes the corner of the solution of the soverence in holding the solution of the solution of the solution of the solution of the solution. The act of the state with power to recel invasion and the solution of the solution of the solution of the solution. The act of the state with power to recel invasion and the solution of the solution of the solution of the solution of the solution is to declare the act of 1803 unconstitutional and the action of the source of the solution of the solution of the solution is to declare the act of 1803 unconstitutional in the corner of one huge eye. "I knew solution of the solut

As to the effect of this decision, it is revealed in the following addition to the above dispatch:

A dispatch from Union City today says that he forty men now at camp are busy erecting sarracks for winter quarters.

To a g-Inch Gun.

This powerful poeu was sent to the New York
World office on a crumpled piece of solled
paper. It was signed "P. F. McCarthy."
and the author's address was given as "Fourth
Bench, City Hall Park."

Whether your shells hits the target or not,
You think of noise and fame and power,
We feed you a hundred bollars a shot,
You think of noise and fame and power,
We feed you a hundred barrels of four
Each time you roar. Your fame is fed
With twenty thousand loaves of bread.

Silence! A million hungry men
Seek bread to fill their mouths again.

### TAPT TO HE RESCUE.

So soon as Rosevelt's letter in defense of the hierochy turning its entire vote to repolicanism came out, Cardinal Gibbons bok occasion to commend it and add: "I knew it was coming out." Imediately after it was announced that it kniser's suppressed interview declare: "Archbishop Ireland is one of theworst enemies America has. He is littally a Jesuit. Watch out for Ireland. He made a willing victim of Taft atknow."—Taft rushed into print in defuse of his ally. He said:

said:

If that he a correspondition of the kulser's words he has been subformed with reference to the part that Arbishop Ireland played in the settlement of the filt-hao friars lands company and as to the rms of last settlement. The records of negation have been published in full in re-orts to egrees and in other circlaid documents, and any one who will read those will obtain for them the full details of the whole transaction.

the whole transaction.

The alliance seem to be not only offensive but also fensive. It will be seen that Taft sugests that people read the records of his eal with Rome. Well, as the original ecuments are out of print, that must lean that you should circulate No. 687 of the Appeal. Taft is it seems

### THE WORKINGAN'S LIBERTIES.

Adapted from the Frech of Paul Lafargue "Fellow worker they tell us since the Revolution ad the Declaration of Independence all men have been free. Are you yourself free!"

"I! I am sure tat I am free!"

"Let us think a little; who grants you the right to lork?"

"The employer.

"Who fixes theday upon which you shall work?"

shall work?"

"The employer."
"Who fixes you wage?" "The employer.

"Who sells the produce of your toil, and pockets the routs?"

and pockets the rofits?"

"The employer."

"Who grants on or refuses you a day of rest?"

"The employer.

"So, then, to ave no right to the produce of your labor, to submit to the will of your employer from morning to night, to be unable to work, that is to say o be unable to eat, yourself, your wie and children, without the permissin of your employer, is what you call being free. What fine liberty the Revolution and the Declaration of Independence have given you! Let us continue. Who has the liberty to enrich himself by making the worker, to enrich himself by making the worker with his wife an children, also toil?"

"The em-loyer,"

"Who has the iberty to impose upon the worker that lind of work that will bring him the legest profits?"

bring him the legest profits?"

"The employer."

"Who has the liberty to show the worker the door when he no longer needs him?"

"The employer."

"Who has the liberty to send the old workers to die of hunger in the gutters, who, in their prime, built up his fortune?"

"The employer."

"The employer."
"Who has the liberty to starve the workers by locking them out when they ask for an increase in then wages?"
"The employer."

"Who has the liberty to use the po-lice, the soldiers, and the judges to subdue the stakers he has driven from

"The employer." "Friend, the Revolution and the Dec laration of Independence have given all the liberties to the employer and slavery to the workman."

### 'At the Country Store.

The Greatness of the Farm.

When Brother Bill entered the Country Store last Saturday Pop Weasel was expatiating to a bunch of farmers of the greatness of the American farm. He had gotten held of some estimates of the value of farm products, and was all swelled up over an picture in the local paper of Uncle Sam shaking hands with the American farmer, who had just the American farmer, who had just emerged from his automobile, and say-ing, "Ain't no hard times here."
"Let every farmer here who owns an automobile hold up his hand," suggested

automobile hold up his hand," suggested Brother Bill.

Not a hand was raised.

"Let every man who is out of debt and has money in the bank hold up his

Not a band was raised.

"Seems like there is something wrong," reflected Brother Ben. "Can anybody tell me what it is!"

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No one offered to explain.
"Dear me, the president ought to appoint a commission to look into this matter," suggested Brother Ben. "It would afford an excellent outing for a crowd of men who farm the farmers, and would be a good follow up for the commission that is now inquiring into why the boys leave the farm."
"I move Uncle Ben be made chairman of the committee," suggested Pop Weasel; and the assembled farmers laughed long and loud.

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"Very well, I will bring in my report at once," returned Brother Ben. "The reason why the farmers are not all rich amid all they raise, is, first, that there are so many of them. Divide all this wealth among all the farmers in the United States, and there is not a very him any for any Compage with it the big sum for any. Compare with it the paratively few who own the machines, and you will see where the average wealth of the manufacturer is many, many fold greater than the average wealth of the farmer. Perhaps this is why boys are leaving the farm. The fact is, farming, the basis of all wealth, has in America, under the profit system, been subordinated to manufacture."

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The declaration created a sensation. Nobody tried to disprove the statement, but Pop asked: "As how?"
"You flatter yourself that agriculture is the principal industry in America, and normally it ought to be. But here are some figures which I glean from volumes 6 and 7 of the compendium of the census for 1900: There were engaged in preparation industries that year census for 1900: There were engine manufacturing industries that 5,308,404 persons, whose product amounted to \$9,817,434,799. At the amounted to \$9,817,434,799. At the same time there were only 1,319,856 farms, whose total product is given at \$2,724,979,517. Double both of these figures, one to make up for farm hands employed, and the other to make up the value of live stock produced on the farm and not listed under the above head, and still you will find that farming has ceased to be the most important industry in America. At one time it was, in 1880 the total manufactured products aggregated only \$2,709,270,806, which is aggregated only \$2.700,270,606. which is only about a fourth of what it was twenty years later. But you can see that, instead of the farmers swinging the 1.24tion now, the manufacturing interests do it. This is the real reason terests do it. This is the real reason why the cities, the manufacturing and shipping centers are growing so enormously, and it is a condition that cannot be changed by mere commission and instruction. It is the economic tendency that causes it, the making of things for profit. There is another fact behind it all. The farmer and his products are

not only comparatively decreasing in importance, but the growth of machinery and manufacturing is putting the farmer more and more under tribute to the manufacturer. He is outgeneraled, and so becomes a dependant on the manufacturer for clothes, shoes and even much of his food, as he was not a few decades ago. In other words, he is tied fast and sure to the machine. There is only one thing that can set him free. "I suppose that is Socialism," suggested Pop Weasel, sarcastically. "Of course. He must become muster of the machine instead of being mastered by it. He must, in common with other workers, own the machine, instead of letting the few owners work him for its products."

### Eternal Hell.

Sixty years ago there was not a tramp in America. Now there are more than of capitalism. It is had enough to be out of work, without a home, condemned to wander through the land, eat where you can, sleep where you can; but that is not the worst that has recently come upon "the submerged tenth." They have been abandoned to their fate, condemned by society to one endless hell, along with the horde of women, our sisters, who may fall victims to capitalist "mornity."

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"worthy;" grant that they are tempters and bums, who will not work when given opportunity, still the fact remains that they are products of the system, degenerated by its immorality. They are the under dogs, because others are trampling on them. They can not get out of it, unless they trample on others. Sometimes they do, in petty thefts and little crimes, but that is only the weight of a fiv's foot compared to the elephant's heel of the rich. They are arrested and sent to prison for their pecadilloes, and no one pleads their cause. They are sent to the rock-pile. They are warned from every town they visit. If women, they are graffed on by officials and run out by the "uncen' gude." Not only are they condemned to endless hell, but they are told that they are not wanted there. So ten thousand of the submerged women commit suicide every year, and twenty thousand of the submerged women commit suicide every year, and twenty thousand of the submerged women commit suicide every year, and twenty thousand of the submerged women commit suicide every year, and twenty thousand of the submerged women commit suicide every year, and twenty thousand of the submerged women commit suicide every year, and twenty thousand of the submerged women commit suicide every year, and twenty thousand of the submerged women commit suicide every year, and twenty thousand of the submerged women commit suicide every year, and twenty thousand of the submerged women commit suicide every year, and twenty thousand of the submerged women commit suicide every year, and twenty thousand of the submerged women commit suicide every year.

We are wont to speak in horror of the pariahs of other lands that have been in history for millenniums, but we are making pariahs in one century of our history more numerous than the sleepy east manufactured them through the ages. We weep over the child wives of India, but we, with our white slaves and child slaves, have outdone the horrors of the Gauges.

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### Legalized Malice

In an article in Appleton's for November, John P. Ryan calls attention to a feature of jurisprudence which makes possible the punishment of men by reason of malice, of prejudice or gossip. He refers to the grand jury system, the refers to the grand jury system, as he expresses it, too often seeks to make statistics rather than to secure justice.

The feature of the system that often becomes subversive of justice is the fact that the trial before the groad jury is secret; that meither the prosecutor who makes the accusation store the jurious themselves are responsible before the law for damages for false indictment; that, therefore, malice, prejudice or gossip may become the basis of action; that often only one side is heard; that, in spite of this fact, the indictment stands as a conviction before a jury and is conception.

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Suppose, for a concrete example, reference is made to the Warren indictment, a case with which Appeal readers are familiar. Warren did not know he was on trial until after he had been indicted. Yet a jury, hearing only one quiltless when the case comes to trial against the prosecutor or the grand jury

In other words, any individual is lia-ble, at any time, to be indicted and damaged by men, on mere rumors, and has no recourse for the injury done to

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# Fourteen and Twelve

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Half a million Socialist voters—only! to them. But it has been a splendid to the United States. Thousand three hundred of them, the national secretary reports. Will the Socialist move ment grow? How can it help growing? We couldn't ston it if we wanted to. Besides, we shall have help. The fool boss will be busy. He may not five a milion Socialist voters—only!