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#### PITIFUL POVERTY.

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The Appeal is receiving hundreds of letters from all parts of the country to the effect that subscribers are le to renew because they lack the mall price of the subscription. tories vary widely as to details, but they are all essentially alike as to cause of the penniless condition of the writers. Times are hard, business is dull, men are being laid off, working time is being cut down, and all the effects of a severe and protracted panic are being felt.

We have here the cause, or one of the causes, of the Appeal's falling circulation during the past few weeks Subscribers lack even the few penes required to renew their subtion. This is poverty indeed. It is going without food, the mental food required to nourish the moral man, even as bread is required to nourish the physical man. "Tis true, 'tis pity;

ed pity 'tis 'tis true." The Appeal keenly feels the imso many of its readers from renewing. It has full sympathy with their sad predicament and its accompanying humiliation and will also miliation and will aid in tiding them over to the extent of its re-

May we not, in the face of these appeal to those who are not pinched by poverty to work just a little harder to keep up the circulation, to get an extra subscriber or to make up for the losses occasioned by the misfortune of their

The ordeal is an extremely trying one and I appeal to you to unite in one great effort, all of you who can, stem the current and force the circulation upward, notwithstanding the poverty of our faithful comrades who have been forced into the ranks of the unemployed and are penniless under the prevailing plutocratic sys-

#### ANNEXING MEXICO.

But few of bur people know that American capitalists are annexing Mex-

It is a startling fact and yet absolutely true. The Appeal has at considerable expense made an investigation into this matter to find that a billion and a half of American capital has been invested in Mexican lands, railroads, mines, elters, cotton mills and numerous other industries.

The largest cotton mill in the world

now located there. In this capitalist conspiracy to annex Mexico to the United States by purchase and ownership, Diaz, the ruler of Mexico, is in collusion with the capitalists of Wall Street, New York. The whole plot has been carefully laid.

Fourteen million peons, working at 25 cents a day, are thus virtually brought into the United States.

Do you American wage-workers un derstand what this means? Possibly not, but you will soon be made to feel it, if you are not already out of a job, r your wages reduced on account of it. The fourteen million Mexican peons are after your jobs and your wages.
Put that down and think over it!

The jailing of the Mexican patriots is a part of this plot. If it succeeds and Magon and his associates are returned to Mexico and shot, it will be owing to your sluggishness and stupidity, and dearly will you pay for it. In the next issue of the Appeal there will be published a list of Amer-

capitalists who have secured who are exploiting that country with on investments. American trade union movement and gradually reducing the American orking class to a state of beastly peon-

In this list the names of the capiican patriots, and why he dare not ited degree. The capitalists will have ish a word in condemnation of to dig down deeper to find the true tage. Mr. Hearst will be shown cause of the lack of demand for steel. up as one of the employers of peon labor and one of the friends and conspirators of Diaz. Other items in this list will make extremely interest-

ing reading for the American people.
It will explain at a glance why the capitalist press is silent; why Diaz is intent upon murdering Magon, why peonage flourishes in Mexico and why peonage flourishes in alexander that country is to be annexed, to all intenets and purposes, to the United

This list is the secret of the power behind the persecution, imprisonment and contemplated murder of the Mexican patriots.

The American workers are pro-

foundly interested in this Mexican sit-nation. The dark shadow of coming events is upon them all.

Keep your eye open for the next issue of the Appeal and when you receive it pass it around among your neighbors and show them this stateling expose in which American capitalists and the bloody despot of Mexico are the central figures—and of which they do not read a word in which they do not read a word in their capitalist papers and magazines.

INACTION is a sort of reaction.

CAPITAL is the canned muscles of other men.

FETTERS of gold are as galling as fet-

Socialism is constructive. Capitalism is destructive.

THERE is always a market under captalism for the sale of principle.

THEY say money talks all languages. Its principal words are work and starve.

A PAUPER is a man who lives off so

ciety. That fits the capitalists to a "t. CAPITALISTS may take things philo ophically, but they take them just the

THE way to solve the problem of the unemployed, Mr. Taft, is to dissolve capitalism.

CAPITALISTS wade over hell on th backs of the workers, in order that they may enter heaven.

CAPITALIST civilization is merely the old robbery and murder of the worker, under new forms.

Your emancipation from want and dependence on others for the job is in your hands. Its shape is the ballot.

Ir you would make money, invent some means of killing people by whole-sale, and "Christendom" will do the

THERE may be room at the top, but men get there these days only trampling on the people who are under

CLASS distinction is a terrible thing It is wrong. But it was brought about by the capitalist, and is a fact, not

CAPITALISM has pretty nearly put ar end to private property. Over half the property of the United States is now corporate property.

CAPITALISM is responsible for an as

tonishing amount of ugliness in the world. When men are freed the world will grow beautiful. "FREE men freely work," says Mrs Browning. She saw the true incentive

that will impel action when the robbery of the worker ceases. THE question, after all, is merely this: Shall we longer permit the work

ers of the world to be robbed for the benefit of the few capitalists? ONE result of internationalism is the great number of jails, newspapers and lawyers in America which are owned

by the Russian czar and Mexican ty

rant.

Construct society on a co-operative basis and there will be no need of the preventative measures that reformer advocate and no need of the palliates of alms and charities.

It is proposed to make a separate state of Greater New York, with the name of Manhattan. There is enough corruption there to meet all the require ments of a state under republican ad ministration, and it may get there.

According to Mrs. Hemans, writing of the early days in America: The sounding sisles of the dim woods rang With the anthem of the free."

The dim aisles of the woods have been destroyed by the desire for profit and the voice of freedom has been silenced by the demands for "returns"

## SWEEPING REDUCTIONS.

The Cambria steel company of Johnstown, Pa., employing eighteen given in detail. It will be made clear in this list why Mr. William Randolph Hearst, the boasted champion of the common people, is silent in this supreme struggle to save the lives of Mexican patriots, and why he dare not list. A minimum and a reduction of the reason given is that there is no demand for steel and the expectation is that by lowering the price the demand will be stimulated. This will prove true in but a limthousand men, announced a reduction cause of the lack of demand for steel.

One industry after another is either reducing wages or cutting down its working forces. The prediction made by Socialists is coming true to the letter. Ever since the panic of October 1907 set in, conditions have beduring all this time been talking about "the late panic," but their deception is exposed in the every day reports in their own columns. The haggard their own columns. The haggard facts of each passing day put the lie

A period of industrial stagnation is upon us. It will run its course. The capitalists can do but little to change conditions. They are face to face with their doom. The millions of unem-ployed look to them in vain. They can no longer employ the working class. Increasing impotency is set-

The capitalists may deny the logic of Socialism but they cannot deny the ogic of facts which now confront and

THESE are diversities of gifts, but the reatest gift is that of the laborer, who ives all the good things he produces the man who merely bosses him.

The Working Class of America:

The Appeal wishes to address you upon a question of vital concern to yourselves. This question is addressed to every man, woman and child who works for wages; it is of especial interest to those who are organized in trade unions and are seeking to better their condition by the power of organized effort.

Dismissing for the time all differences that may divide us, we are all agreed upon wanting to secure the best possible conditions for the working class, the class which performs all useful work, produces all wealth, supports all government, promotes all progress, and conserves all civilization.

The Appeal to Reason is opposed to the prevailing industrial system, but that issue will not be discussed.

here. With the organized workers it believes that every possible effort ought to be made to increase wages shorten hours and improve working conditions in the present system.

This accounts for the Appeal's interest in what are called the Mexican cases. These cases have been given precedence, because they are fundamental and of far reaching importance. Let not race prejudice preent you workers from making the analysis for yourselves. Be not misled by the apathy of the capitalist press. nor swayed by the appeals made in these columns, but examine the question for yourselves.

It will take you but a brief hour to understand that these Mexican cases are your cases and that if you wish to fight intelligently for your own best interests you will join with the Appeal in arousing the toiling millions to the necessity of action.

The Appeal asks you to turn your eyes southward just long enough to look upon the great empire of stretches out from our southern door step. This vast domain is rich with undeveloped resources. It is presided over by a bloody despot. It contains fourteen million peon slaves whose condition is so terrible that language utterly fails to describe it.

Within the last few years the bloated capitalists of the United States have crossed over into Mexico and have taken possession, in connivance with the ruling despot, for the exploitation of that fabulously rich land. Vast concessions have been made them and railroads, iron works, cotton mills and other industries have been put in operation. The industrial development in Mexico is now proceeding swiftly and industries of all kinds are springing up in competition with those in the United States.

We now come to the vital point in this burning question. This industrial development in Mexico is based

THE FOURTEEN MILLION HALF-NAKED, DEGENERATE WRETCHES EMPLOYED AT TWO-BITS A DAY ARE EMPLOYED IN COMPETITION WITH AMERICAN WORKERS AND THIS ACCOUNTS IN LARGE PART FOR THE PRESENT STAGNATION OF INDUSTRY AND THE GREAT ARMY OF UNEMPLOYED IN THE UNITED STATES.

Five out of eight of the steel foundries owned by the steel trust are at this writing paralyzed, dead. Other industries are affected accordingly. Sweeping reductions of wages are being made.

THE COMPETITION OF THE FOURTEEN MILLION PEONS IS TELLING ON AMERICAN INDUSTRY AND ON THE AMERICAN WORKING CLASS.

There is only an imaginary line between the United States and Mexico and this is all there is between the working classes of the two countries. Capitalists are everlastingly looking for cheap labor. Mexico is the eldorado of their dreams. Fourteen million peons are here unorganized, helpless, ready to work on the railroads, in the mills, factories, mines and shops at any wage, so it will keep soul and body together. American capitalists are developing Mexican industry and employing Mexican peons for the sole reason that it is the

cheapest and most profitable labor power. There are no labor unions in Mexico. There are no strikes and no boycots. Diaz, the despot, the tool of the American plutocracy, promptly suppresses all agitation and shoots labor leaders to keep the peons in helpsubjection. That is his part of the contract with the American capitalists.

HE GUARANTEES THEM AN UNFAILING ABUNDANCE OF THE CHEAPEST LABOR ON

They, on the other hand, invest their capital with the result that there is the richest picking for both side

and all based upon the slavery of the working population. Now then, there is a spirit of revolt springing up among the masses against this infernal condition. heroic leaders have arisen and these have under great difficulties organized a general movement to overthrow the dictator and emancipate the workers from peonage. Of course Diaz the dictator promptly used all his crush this movement. Some of the leaders were shot, some thrown into dungeons, while others fled to the United States. These latter have been pursued by the bloodhounds of Diaz and at his instigation have been arrested and failed and are now held for extradition. These labor leaders who are fighting for the peons of Mexico are also fighting for the wage workers of the United States. If they can destroy peonage in Mexico the workers of the United States will no longer be undermined by it as they now are. This is as plain as a pike staff. Only the blind can fail to see it.

Magon, Villarreal, Rivera, Araujo, Sarabia and other Mexican leaders who are now in jails awaiting extradition, or in the penitentiary, are the champions of the working class and every worker in the United States ought to rally to their support.

Workers of the United States, it is this that constitutes what is known as the Mexican cases. If these patriots are returned to Mexico they will be shot as countless others have been before them.

To protest against peonage in Mexico is to die by an assassin.

EVERY AMERICAN PLUTOCRAT WANTS THESE MEXICAN LABOR LEADERS RETURNED TO MEXICO AND SHOT!

Why? Because they are agitating against peon labor and the plutocrat is investing in Mexico for the very reason that he can get peon labor. The agitator who incites the peons to revolt is the enemy of the ocrat, so it is easy enough to understand why the capitalist, papers are either silent or denounce the Mexi can leaders as criminals.

You trade unionists know that your own leaders are denounced as anarchists, incendiaries and dema gogues, especially if they are true to you, in every strike for better conditions. For the same reason the capi talist papers donunce the Mexican patriots who have been loyally fighting the battles of the enslaved workers No better evidence of the true worth of these leaders is required. If they were not the friends of the peon and the foes of peonage the plutocrats would not want them put to death.

In the light of these facts the Mexican cases become supremely important to the wage workers of the United States and they should lose no time in joining the swelling forces of protest. The Mexican cases should be discussed at every meeting of every trade union and of every Socialist local

Protest meetings should be arranged at every point and the agitation increased in every possible way.

A TRUE UNDERSTANDING OF THE MEXICAN CASES BY THE WORKING CLASS WOULD INAUGURATE A REVOLUTION IN THE UNITED STATES. The more than two millions of trade unionists in this country should take up these cases and make them

the rallying cry for such an agitation as has never shaken the American continent. Its vitalizing spirit is the very thing needed by the trade union movement to enable it to cope with the formidable opposition which confronts it and menaces its very life-

The court decisions sentencing President Gompers of the A. F. of L. to jail and the court decision sentencing President Magon, the Mexican leader to jail are essentially the same. They are instigated and backed same plutocratic power. The anathy, indifference and stagnation in organized circles must be broken up. There must be agitation

action, protest all along the line.

For this purpose there can be no more inspiriting issue than that of the Mexican liberators in American jails. Upon that issue the masses of the people can be aroused. It is only necessary to sound the note clearly and have the issue rightly understood by the masses.

Let the two millions of organized workers swing into line from Maine to the golden gate, and from the lakes to the everglades.

Step by step the arrogant and defiant corporations and trusts have advanced and the working class has fallen back; one by one the liberties of the people have been taken from them until they are now compelled to choose between abject surrender and stern resolve to face the issue and fight it out to victory.

Every trade unionist who receives this paper is requested to read this article at the next meeting of hi union, and every Socialist at the next meeting of his local.

THERE HAS NEVER BEEN SO GREAT AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A SWEEPING NATIONAL AGITATION IN THE INTEREST OF THE WORKING CLASS.

AGITATION IN THE INTEREST OF THE WORKING CLASS.

All the conditions now combine in its favor, All the materials are ready at hand and only require the vitalizing touch of agitation. The spread will be spontaneous. Hundreds of thousands will respond.

The plutocracy will halt and hesitate. Labor will take fresh courage. The Mexican patriots will be liberated and the working class, rejoicing in splendid victory, will rise in its new-born dignity and clothed with

#### POOR MAN.

conquering power. MOVE ON TO VICTORY.

Along in 1906 the Anacortez, Wash, Citizen printed an exceptionally bitter attack on the Appeal and Socialism. Comrades row send to the Appeal clip pings from local papers, showing that the writer of this attack has left town, leaving his wife in destitute circum-stances. The Appeal is asked to give im the roast he deserves, but the Appeal does not feel bitter toward him. He is merely an unconscious victim of the system, which has re-He is merely an unconscious duced him to utter poverty and de-stroyed his home. He is to be pitted, with all his faults and mistaken views One of the most cruel things which Socialism will remove from the earth will be prejudice, and the disposition to strike a man when he is down.

THE patient people are awaking as They are used to work and they are adequate to do this greatest work of smashing special privileges and making themselves free.

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\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* TRIAL DATES. George H. Shoat, staff corres-

pondent of the Appeal wires as

ollows:

Ouerra trial at Del Rio, March 25th.
Magon trial at Tombatone, April 26th.
Leaving here for Del Rio.—G. H. Singaf.

The battle is now to begin in arnest. The coming trials will not be star chamber affairs as was that of Araujo. We propose to turn the spot light on each of them and our correspondent will be there. The Guerra trial, like ates, which is set as noted in the above dispatch, at Tombstone, April 26th.

There has been a vast change in these cases during the past thirty days. The Appeal's hun-dreds of thousands of readers

now understand their significance.

The war along the Mexican border involves the working class of the United States as well as the peous of Mexico.

Hurrals for the International
Revolutionary Movement.

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STEEL WORKERS.

We wonder if the post-mortem Carnegie, that the iron industry needs no protective tariff, will knock the cockles from the eyes of the steel workers, who for thirty years have been trotted out for inspection by the republican party, like stock at a mule exchange, as specimens of prosperity under a high protective tariff.

That they have been faithful to their masters and whooped it up for their political party, marching through mud, wind and weather on the slightest provocation, in proof of their loy-alty, is only too true. Socialists told them years ago that they were being duped, used as decoys, and that the tariff had nothing to do with wages, but they would not listen, or else abused the Socialists.

Latin purchase duped in the past.

Possibly they may now see that the tariff enriches only the masters, while the workers get what the masters see fit to dole out to them. Under a high protective tariff the

the trust threw off its mask, opened

its batteries by cutting prices on finished products and started the inde pendents on the road to rum-

Girard, Kansas, U. S. A., March 27, 1909

turers, without consulting the iron and steel workers' union, cut the pay of its employes from 10 to 15 per cent, court of appeals at New Orleans, despite the declaration of President Clarence S. Darrow, the noted Chicago

the dilemma.

The fight is on and the steel work-i rs find themselves trapped between reverse the the upper and nether millstones.

which will entail untold suffering, will the cockles be knocked from the eyes victor Appeal and its army of of the steel worker?

Line up with your class, boys, and fight for economic freedom!

#### A MAN OF DESTINY. Did you ever hear of Hinton Row-

land Helper? He is the man who probably did more to end chattel slavery and bring in capitalism to succeed it than any other person. Before the war he printed a book entiset forth the disadvantage of slave labor in facts and figures, showing how much better wage labor was as a money making proposition. Capitalists of the north distributed 200,000 copies of the book where it would do the most good, and through this work the capitalists came generally to understand why it was better to end chattel slavery. "Uncle Tom's Cabin" developed the sentimental reason enced those who directed affairs. The for the statement that Hinton Rowland Helper, old and forgotten and poor, recently committed sticide in Washington, a broken hearted man. It is one of the tragedies which elty of the capitalist system. It was was his reward? He was forgotten. He was made poor. The south, where he was born and where he lived so long, was subjugated. In his old age, broken and unrewarded, he cut short his few remaining years in order to escape the capitalism for which he had pointed the way.

#### SMALL FRY MERCHANTS.

The small merchant-the retailerdepends upon the wageworker for susenance. He regards the workingman -without whose patronage he him-self would sink into the ranks of the his opinion, the worker should be re stricted in the opportunity to pur-chase the necessaries of life to his igorously protests.

bugbear. The very thought of it advertised by the government, it will throws him into a fit. "Think of the already great deficiency in the postal are a few of the things which outline department," he cries. "It would bankrupt the government." He fails, however, to note that the railways through extortionate charges and other legal methods of robbery are responsible for this deficiency.

That might confer upon the working-man the freedom the merchant now has, viz: to purchase goods wherever he can do best with his money.

sult in a loss of patronage, loss of profits and in the ultimate bankruptcy of the small merchants. The great anxiety of these small tradesmen is not that they themselves will be driven so the wall.

The merchant because of the small tradesmen is not that they themselves will be driven so the wall.

the worker that he spend his money at home, but rigidly reserves for him-self the privilege of patronizing such markets, at home or abroad, as suits himself.

The wail of the small merchant will avail him nothing. His sun has set; his doom is scaled. The day of small business will soon be over. The evolutionary forces are sweeping it into

CAPITALISTS do not "give you employ ment." They only keep you from em-ploying yourself, by monopolizing the tools with which you must work.

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* MEXICO

#### DARROW ON DECK.

Attorney Worsley of Tucson, Ariz, In order to meet this onslaught of has filed the papers and taken all the the trust, the independent manufac- preliminary steps in the matter of the appeal of the Araujo case to the federal court of appeals at New Orleans. Gompers of the A. F. of L., at the lawyer, will be chief counsel and make beginning of the panic, that labor the leading argument. This will be anwould resist all attempts to reduce other celebrated case in which Mr. Darrow will be the central figure. The Ap-On the other hand, the trust em peal ventures the prediction that, historployes are but poorly organized ically, it will prove the most celebrated Through intimidation, the employes, of all. The real import of this internaskilled and unskilled, have been loaded tional case and its far-reaching consewith trust stock. This places them in quences is just beginning to dawn on the the attitude of being both employer American people. Readers of two or and employed. If a strike is called, three weeks ago who criticised the Apdown goes the price of stock. If no peal for taking up these Mexican cases strike is called, down go their wages, are now applauding its course because They are welcome to either horn of they realize that these cases are of the most vital int to the United States, most vital int to the United States. Should the state of the lower court severse the set of the lower court reverse the set of the lower court In the light of such experience, tionist . . . . the convicted revoluprison it will be the most notable ave ever achieved.

work ave ever achieved.

mether the decision is reversed or not the case will be fought to a finish and the issue finally determined upon its merits.

One change has already taken place as a result of the Appeal's espousal of this case and that is the widespread interest in the Mexican cases which has made it impossible to railroad any more of the marked victims of Diaz to the tled "The Impending Crisis," which set forth the disadvantage of slave gone there had he not been convicted before we were awake to the situation. Every case from now on will have the search-light turned upon it and every move will be met by the Liberty and Labor Defense League of the United States.

#### THE MAGAZINES.

Probably nowhere has the Socialist influence been felt more than in the which swayed the masses, but Hel- offices of the popular magazines. All of per's "Impending Crisis" brought out them are seeking Socialist writers for the hard-headed reasons that influ-articles. A strong treatment of social or economic questions is good for 100,-Louis Globe-Democrat is author- 000 extra sales of any magazine. Articles by Chas. Edward Russell, Ray Stannard Baker, F. P. Dunne ("Mr. Dooley"), George Allan England, Jack London, Upton Sinclair, David Grayson, and other Socialists are paid the highillustrate to perfection the brotal cru- est prices of any American writers. city of the capitalist system. It was These men are writing articles that Helper who pointed the way that led to the triumph of capitalism, the capitalism that produced the most stupendous fortunes of all time. But what peared from the daily and weekly papers, because the corporations have and suppress every article that would tend to teach the people the truth about current affairs. The people who want to be informed are now depending more to be informed are now depending more and more on the magazines to find the facts about public conditions. It has come to this: That to make a success of a magazine it is necessary to buy the thoughts of Socialists. There is a public demand for their produ The magazines have discovered this.

#### THE PRICE OF PROSPERITY.

With the baiting of railroads at an end, with the Standard freed from prosecution, with Mexico and Honchase the necessaries of life to his durus before capitalists for exploita-home town. Accordingly when the parcel post is up for discussion he the price it will charge for starting gorously protests.

The parcel post is just now his ugbear. The very thought of it advertised by the government, it will

responsible for this deficiency.

Heretofore the deficiency in the postal department gave the small merchant no concern, but now it excites his greatest solicitude.

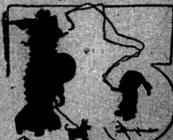
According to his idea there must be according to his idea there must be concerns in the postal service.

The report is curent that the castering iron association has decided on a 10 per cent cut in wages. It is predicted that the blast furnace interests of the country will follow suit.

There has been a radical cut in the steel of iron products by the steel.

price of iron products by the steel trust in its fight on the small dealer and manufacturer. Now the cut has

Extra Copies of This Edition per 100; 200 copies, \$1; 1,000 copies, \$5. Expensive Habits.



Sonny, throw that cigar away! Den't you know it is such habits that make men poor?

in the massive inner walls of the pris-on, made so that their dimensions are

to stand during their period of confine-

the unfortunates use the corners of the

to be cleaned. There are thirty-six o

Women in These Prisons

No consideration is shown to prison

ers of gentle birth or breeding, and

often women are cast into these dens

of infamy and filth along with the most

degraded of their sex, and not infre

quently with men, as a prey to their in

cestuous passion. No protest is allowed

who carry heavy knouts or jack-o-nine

After having spent seventy-two hour

in the dungeons, the prisoners are cal-

loused and ready for almost anything

court yard is scarcely less polluted than the cells, except that it is sometimes

washed by the torrential tropical rains

which flood the prison to a depth of as much as twenty inches. The same con-

ditions of filth exist in the court yard

where the writer has seen excremen

barrels so filled with stench for days at

them, and the odors emitted were so

sickening as to turn the stomach of any

At one time the writer saw twenty

of these filth barrels, each of which

was a little worse than the other, the

excrement oozing off the sides in dirty

streaks which were covered with flies

and vermin of a hundred kinds.

Many pitiable sights were seen in this

lawyers, but who by brutal treatment

had lost their reason and knew nothing

save that they existed because they

were kent from self-destruction, were

to be seen crouched in corners of the

vermin-covered and tattered mass of

humanity, picking eternally at their clothes to catch lice. When successful in

their search they would crack them be

tween their teeth. I learned that these

men's only offense was an aspiration to

be something in a political way as lead-

ers of the anti-Diaz party. One of them

had been confined in the prison so long that he could not remember the date of

his entrance. It was not uncommon to

see these wretches with huge eating

sores on their legs, arms and bodies

their clothes hanging in rags on which the vermin could be observed crawling

prisoners, and these are not eaten ex

cept by those who have not been so for

friends outside to bring them money.

in its odor as are the filth barrels. The

inmates who desire to remove a por

hands and bodies bathe in this filth and

he prison cooks take the water fron

doled out a liberal portion of this mix-

As a consequence of this condition

section of the prison. As regu-

typhus fever is always prevalent in the This is so contagious that

larly as the night comes some unfortu-nate is carried foot foremost to the

pollute the food.

unscoured of vessels, the water

And it is not to be wondered at

and hatching their young.

The Rotten Food.

time that it was impossible to us

They are not disappointed,

sion the rebellious.

laborers and artizans of Mexico from organizing to petition and demand their rights from the paternal dictator; Porficio Diaz, is more powerful than the fear of incarceration by their employwhich is constantly instilled into minds of the middle and lower classes. And well may that be the case, for the prisons of the country are of ing trunk lines as to wage scales and the most uncleanly and unsanitary type, hours of schedule, seniority, etc., they their sanitation being, however, no worse than the methods by which they are governed and the power which is given to those who have charge of advisors to the emloyees of the systems them. Recking with filth, filled with the Grievance committees appear as adjustgerms of disease and corruption left from generations past; unclean with be said that a strike for betterment of anliness which breeds vermin by the millions, rendering them hell-holes of stench, and places as compared with which the sewers of a great city have a sweet smell, they are the of disease which can never be eradi-cated until they are totally destroyed and every stone of their construction laid low, that the sun of Heaven may shine down and cleanse spots which have never before/seen its wholesome

All over Mexico these conditions obtain, but in no place is it worse than in the capital city itself where the benign (?) Diaz is supposed to have his eye on the comings and goings and doings of every subject. What may be said of the prisons of the country in general is equally applicable to the conditions in the Carcel General of Mexico City, or as it is popularly known, "Belein," except that to do its filth full justice statements must be raised to the superlative degree. This hell-hole is the place which is

held over every servant, laborer and em-ployee of Mexico City. The threat that he will be placed within its gloomy and ill be placed within its gloomy and death-breeding walls for the slightest infraction of discipline, holds him to the line of slave-like submission and prevents him from demanding more than the pittance which his niggardly boss alhim. By the unjust law which obtains in Mexico as well as all Spanish-American countries, that a person is deemed guilty of an alleged crime until he is able to prove himself, or is proved, innocent, subordinates of all

## EYE DISEASES FAILING SIGHT CURED.



thousands in Mexico City who are not of the upper classes. It is the bug-a-boo by which naughty children are corrected; it is the rule of fear from landed high. No light is admitted and often proprietor or landlord to any tenant as many as seven persons are placed in who is inclined to be slow in payments; it is the constant menace to the labor-ing man, whether he be native born or deep. There are no closets; only means straint upon the American unions which have business in Mexico that when presidents of such powerful organization as the Order of Railway Conductors, the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers allowed to attend to the wants of na-ture being a filth barrel which is rarely and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Fivemen, come to Mexico City, to treat cell. These cells have never been known with the general managers of the lead them in the prison, and some of them have almost a foot of filth on the stone do not dare to style themselves as representatives of their respective organ izations officially, but appear merely as ment boards and never is it permitted to conditions is in contemplation or that the employes affiliated with the most and if one attempts to escape incarcer ation there are always at hand trusties powerful railroad unions of America are dissatisfied with their conditions to the verge of co-operating and securing tails, with which they flog into submis

egy.

Belem prison is one of the most for bidding structures in America, both from its exterior and interior. It was constructed several centuries ago, and its walls are about six feet in thickness from top to bottom. Surmounting the walls are watch towers and patrol stations, upon which stand the guards, armed with antiquated rifles. Below, where these armed sentries pace the walls day and night are a series of which the ragged unfortunates who are confined, spend their days. The prison is in the rear of the criminal courts building of the federal district and is connected with the prison by winding

The prison is the permanent abode of fully 4,500 men, women and children, more than 75 per cent of whom are confined in a space of about 150 by 200 feet, which is the main court yard for the male, prisoners. As the prospective prisoner enters this court yard after passing through long, dark, winding unlighted and filled with aith and slime, his eye lights upon a mongrel mass of humanity. In a recent issue of the Appeal was an ex cellent article exposing the fearful con-ditions existing in the awful San Juan de Ulua. These to a slightly modified degree exist in Belem, with this exception. The indignities to which pris ners are subjected do not cause death. out they cause a disease which rarely escapes having a fatal result. Probably no human flesh has ever been served up to the inmates of Belem as food in the form of soup, but the food which is provided for this horde of vermin-inleper-like wretches filled with filth and pollution that only illose persons who have no money with which to provide themselves with food ever partake of it.

Interior of the Prison.

But the lack of cleanliness, the utter tunate as to be able to secrete money in the soles of their shoes or have disregard of the laws of sanitation and the general unheard of condition is as nothing compared to the misery and degradation of the beings who inhabit the food is shunned, for it is cooked them. Many of these unfortunates have been held in prison for mouths and even years without knowing why used being that which is taken from they were arrested or ever being given a chance to protest against the depriva tion of their liberty. Those who survived the first few weeks of confine-ment and the attendant miseries of filled with decayed animal and vege-table matter and is almost as sickening sleeping on bare stone floors without covering in a climate where a draft is a synonymous term with a fatal attack of pneumonia and insufficient food. tion of the dirt which cakes upon their From the moment these wretches were taken into the prison they were treated as no prisoners since the fourteenth entury have been abused. The first the water. indignity is that of being placed "in-1 ms co placed in a dungeon, dank, dark and foul smelling, where the filth and stench is so overpowering that it is the constant abode of the most loathsome of insects. Prisoners are generally held in these places seventy-two hours, dur-

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San Antonio, Texas, March 18 .- Ex by his office, Charles C. Cresson, assistant United States district attor-Appeal to Reason correspondent, the he wants to say without the assistance privilege of an interview with Col. or advice of United States officials. It Encarnacion Diaz Guerra, the Mexican patriot in jail here awaiting trial tious and not easily turned. If once h on the charge of violating the neurefusal of Mr. Cresson came after arrangements had been perfected be-tween the writer and United States Secret Service Officer Joseph Priest, whereby the latter, as custodian of the prisoner, had agreed to accompany the Appeal correspondent to county jail to see Guerra.

"Yes, I telephoned to Mr. Priest can not prevent that, but I can pre and until otherwise directed by Mr Boynton, the United States district raid, one of whom, Calixto Guerra, is attorney, who is my superior and who in the Del Rio jail awaiting trial. now is in Waco, Texas, my order regarding press privileges for the Appeal to Reason stands."

"That is a strange order to be is States District Attorney Oscar Lawler, while holding Magon and his asrespect to their relatives, friends and newspaper men, did not dare refuse the Appeal to Reason correspondent an interview with the members of the Mexican revolutionary junta."

"Well, we do things differently in Texas," said Attorney Cresson. However, I want it distinctly understood that I am not holding Guerra incommunicado.' I have issued this order for the special benefit of the Appeal to Reason. No representative of this dirty, lying, passion-provoking to do, if I can help it."

Col. Encarnacion Diaz Guerra, whom the writer wished to interview, charged with violating the neutrality laws of the United States, has been of the land. in the county jail at San Antonio Texas, several months awaiting trial to be tried at Del Rio, Texas., in Federal Judge Maxey's court March 25th Possibly by the time this issue of the Appeal reaches its readers the fate of these two brive revolutionary pairiots will have been decided. torney Cresson declares that the gov ernment has ample evidence whereby oners, and that were he in their places he would plead guilty and thereby ico, where they will be shot at once for participating in the raid on Les

Vacas, Mexico, in June of 1908. There is something unaccountable in Attorney Cresson's "incommunipeal to Reason correspondent's seeing Col. Guerra. Heretofore press repreand prepared in the most foul-smelling sentatives and friends have been allowed the privilege of interviewing the court yard fountains. These, by the prisoner, always, however, in the the way, are two in number, and are about ten feet quare, and filled with presence of United States Secret Ser-Charles C. Cresson is a young man, a vice Officer Joseph Priest, who acts graduate of Princeton University, a greasy, slime-covered water which is

as interpreter, and who asserts that finished lawyer, bright and diplomatic he is the official custodian of Guerra. Following the arrival in San An- sively the great questions involved in onio of the writer arrangements were made with Mr. Priest by which the jo and Guerra. With him these readers of the Appeal were to be men are fanatics and adventurers, their given the benefit of whatever Col. many of them are to be seen standing Guerra had to say. The Appeal read-outrage. He forgets that once Wash knee-deep and half naked splashing in ers were denied this privilege as soon ington and Patrick Henry and Adams as Attorney Cresson heard of the ar-

It was not an uncommon sight to see rangement. You can see Guerra and publish these fountains and dump it into the bean-pots, not taking the trouble to pick out pieces of filth or decayed matwhat he has to say on one condition only," said Attorney Cresson when again asked for the privilege of an interview with Guerra. "Jo" Priest ter, as they mixed the prisoner's food shall be the interpreter, and I shall others interested in the prosecution of with the water in cooking it. When meal time came the wretches were be present; then you must print ex- the revolutionists. ture, at the same time being given a hard, irregularly shaped piece of alleged bread. After the bean-pot had been emptied, the cook house slaves propermission from Mr. Boynton at

eded to jump into the fountains and Waco." swab out the pots, using the same filthy water to cleanse that they had used to The question here arises, why is Attorney Cresson so strict with Guerra at this particular time when he freely admits that nothing can prevent an Appeal interview with the prisoner when Del Rio has ever been the gathering the latter is taken to Del Rio for trial place of political exiles from his na prisoners have been known to contract March 25, seven days from date? At-it by merely passing through the hos-torney Cresson knows that time at this that a delay of a few days will prevent an interview until after Guerra has acprison walls to be deposited uncoffined tually entered upon his trial, and then in a pauper's grave. Many Americans it will be too late for publication. Since have suffered this fate, as they are pe- his incarceration here Guerra has been culiarly susceptible to this awful watched and guarded by the represent at last secured for him a cell in the scourge. Mexican political prisoners atives of the government, and no one county jail at San Antonio. He will are often exposed purposely to it by has been permitted to converse with be tried with Calixto Guerra, another

lic of Mexico, and the even less en-lightened despotisms of Honduras and Nicaragua, and their existence is a standing menace to the industrial wei-fare of all peoples, especially those who live by the sweat of their brows and are striving to protect themselves from the grinding influences and institutions of the paternalism of capital.

The was in the Las Vacas raid, that he rode a white lorse, that he helped form the company of revolutionists that crossed the Rio Grande into Mexico and that he really tried to overthrow the government of Diaz by force of arms, And he will further tell you that he was imposed upon by that little half-witted fanactic, Antonio de P. Aranjo, A. A. Worsley, of Tueson, Ariz.

ing to Magon that the gun-shots of the revolution could be heard along the Rio Grande. Guerra was once as crazy as Araujo and Magon, but he has learned something, and today he will tell you that he wants no more of the revolu-

"But," responded the writer, "let Guerra speak to the people through the Appeal to Reason. Let him say what is said that he is fearless and conscien was a revolutionist, according to his nature and disposition, he must still be a revolutionist. He shall not be advertised as having repudiated his former views until he so announces of his own will and accord."

"Look here," exclaimed Attorney Cresson. "Guerra knows he has violated the neutrality laws of the United States. He further knows that he led an armed band against the Mexican town of Las to call off the interview," said Attorney Cresson in explanation get hold of him his life would not be "Guerra's lawyers can see him; I worth a cent. I am saying nothing decan not prevent that, but I can pre- finite, but you need not be surprised vent any representative of the Appeal to see the United States district attorney use him as a state's witness agains others who took part in the Las Vacas

"Furthermore," continued the assistant attorney, "the laws of the United States in this jurisdiction have got to be We are tired of these lazy, sued at this time," interposed the worthless 'greasers' coming over here writer. "Out in California United and violating our laws by organizing a revolution against the government of Mexico. None of the better and wealthier classes of Mexicans is identified these so-called revolutions; the wealthy Mexicans and the Americans in Mexico are satisfied with the rule of persons are interested in abolishing it From Magon down the revolutionists are going to be sent to federal penitentiaries as soon as they are caught, and they are going to be sent quick-Appeal to Reason or no Appeal to Rea son. If your friends, the Mexicans, want to live here in liberty they can if they will go to work; but the mo sheet shall see Guerra, or any other they try to start something against Diaz prisoner with whom I have anything they will get into trouble with the United States government. I am not prosecuting these alleged revolutionists because Diaz gave me a concession, but because I am sworn to uphold the laws

why the Appeal to Reason is interesting With Calixto Guerra he is scheduled itself in a few lousy Mexican 'greasers' who are plotting the overthrow of President Diaz. Why don't your paper con time itself to Socialist politics, and let these other matters alone? It is a won der to me that the postoffice authorities At- don't stop the paper from circulating through the mails. I have read all kinds of literature and all kinds of papers and periodicals, but I never before saw anything in the line of dope hashed ou to an intelligent people as is handed out

by the Ap---."
. In this strain Attorney Cresson went on for perhaps an hour, during which he side-stepped the issue at hand and steadily adhered to his order relative to an interview with Guerra. A portion of his remarks is given here for the purpose of letting the readers of the Ap peal catch a glimpse of the mental make-up of one of the attorneys for the prosecution, and his attitude toward the cause of the Mexican revolutionists. but he is unable to grasp comprehenthe imprisonment of Magon, Araucause a joke and their movements an were regarded as fanatics and the cause of American liberty was considered a joke. As Attorney Cresson views the Mexican situation so do United States District Attorney Charles A. Boynton Federal Judge T. S. Maxey, Secret Service Officer Joseph Priest, and the

actly what the prisoner says and Col. Encarnacion Diaz Guerra, who nothing else. If you agree to that is to be tried in Del Rio, is about sixty I will let you see the prisoner; if not years old and in his youth was a you will have to wait until you get patriot soldier in Mexico in the days of Benito Jaurez. His reputation in Del Rio where he has resided for more than thirty years is excellent. Fearless as a lion he always has sympathized with the cause of the Mexican revolutionists and his home in Del Rio has ever been the gathering tive land. When the subject of Mexi can independence or the cause of lib writing is precious with the Appeal, and erty of the oppressed peons were broached he opened his heart and purse at once and contributed liber-ally. His patriotism and love of liberty finally drove him from his home separated him from his family, and

are often exposed purposely to it by heing compelled to attend the wants of the sick, and those who are not so accommodating as to die are rendered idicated by the after effects.

This awful institution of barbarism is merely a sample of the most terrible of conditions existing in scores of prisons throughout the so-called republic of Mexico, and the even less entire of Mexico, and the even less entire of Mexico, and the even less entire of the was in the Las Vacas raid, that he helped form



Che Man Who Bought an Island

BY CHARLES LINCOLN PHIFER until my wife came out.
"What good will they do you?" she

Chap. I.—A writer and an artist, man and wife, having come into a large legacy, determine to get away from the city, where they hope to do better work. Hearing of an island of 108,000 acres, lying off the west coast af Mexico, they buy it. It is stocked with 100 horses, 5,000 cattle, 5,000 work ozen, 500 bogs, and is generally a very desirable and complete plantation, worked by a colony of prous.

Chap. II.—The new owners of the island work

plantation, worked by a colony of peous.

Chap. II.—The new owners of the island more on, finding everything ideal and complete. The peons take such interest in some of the crated pictures that "Adam" uncrates the remainder of them and sets them on the veranda where they may be impected, while the two Americans watch them from behind curtains as they look at the pictures. The morning following this there is no one to get breakfast. "Adam" makes investigation and finds every human being gone. The boats, too, are gone. It is presumed something in the pictures had appealed to their superstitions fears. "Adam" and "Eve" are left alone with all the stock and machinery.

Chapter III.—He Works It.

Chapter III .- He Works It.

Aggravated and angry, I began the ask of feeding the stock. were squealing in a way that almost deafened one or I might not have thought of it. It seemed to me I never would get through shoveling out corn for the 500 hogs. By the time I was through I was completely exhausted and was truly thankful that the lot they occupied was supplied with water. In the cows. But it was a hopeless task. There were upwards of 500 of them, and as I milk or to make it into butter or cheese even if we did milk them all. So we turned the calves with the cows, reserving one cow for our use. It was extravagant, but the best that we could

As for the horses, I let down the pars and put them all to pasture. Here here was both food and water. even this took time, and when I was through it was night and I never was so tired in my life. We had been so ing and now we were too exhausted to cook anything. We made our supper of fruits and cold edibles, and were, be-tween wearings and to the cold of the

That night I hardly slept a wink, and my wife, too, was restless. I was planning what to do and reflecting on the strange condition that had given us, instead of leisure, burdens beyond our stead of leisure, burdens beyond our My mild, soothing, guaranteed cure does it strength. At first I was mad at the and FREE SAMPLE proves it. Stops peons, then indignant. I planned how to get even with them. At last I considered how to manage until I could get more laborers, and here I was confronted with a new dilemma. The boats were gone and we were simply fenced in on the island. Then I planned the rest of the night how to escape th prison. But when morning dawned the problem was still unsolved.

While my wife was getting breakfas I gathered the eggs. From the 8,000

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hens I collected several bushel baskets full and felt quite proud of the treasure

sked. "We can't eat a hundredth part of them, and tomorrow there will be a many more.'

into the yard and derived considerable satisfaction from throwing a bushel of eggs, one by one, at the side of the barn. It relieved my feelings. But it did not relieve the situation. (To be continued.)

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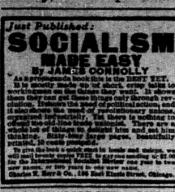
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#### The Capitalist Crows

that Crows were causing his corn to come up before it was due; in other words, they were scratching it up and eating it. The farmer didn't like this, and set his Kid to shoo the Crows away. For a time the Kid shooed industriously, and at every cry he made the Crows

would arise and fly away, but always alight in another part of the field. It annoyed the Kid.

"If shooing will not do," he remarked to that other fellow who was always with him, himself, "I think I will try another plan."

He went to the house and loaded

He went to the house and loaded scattered like workingmen on election day and kicked like workingmen the rest of the year. Armed with this the Kid went to the field, lifted the gun, shut his eyes and whaled away. Several Crows fell. The gun scattered so he had to hit something and there was nothing else to hit.

But an Old Timer lit on a stub in the middle of the field, and flapping his wings, screamed, "You quit that!"
The Kid grinned. He rammed home a wad in the old musket and

asked, "Why should I quit it, sonny?" "Because you are interfering with our business. "Well, you are interfering with our

corn. That means more work for us." "Can't you understand, Kid, that we are only trying to save you work by

gathering the corn for you?"
The Kid was in.pressed. "Honest, is that what you were doing?"

Sure. You don't suppose we would ell you fibs, do you?" And the Crow ooked hurt.

"But you are taking what we pro-"Just a part of it, Kid. We ought

to have that for the service we do "Service?" "Yes; in providing you work."

"I thought you said you saved us "We are labor-saving machines. But we also provide work for you. How could you live if you didn't work?"

"I suppose we couldn't." "Isn't the being who provides work benefactor?

"That is a big word, but I guess he

"Well, let us alone then. You are interfering with our personal rights and are disturbing our business, besides. Put up that musket, Kid, and I will see that you get a fair share of the crop. Be fair about it." And the Kid put up the musket and

went to sleep. But he was a Kid, you

### Little at a Time

BY E. N. RICHARDSON.

By the way, Jim, you remember Old Pete, the colored man, who used o work for me?" asked Finnegan of the Station Agent, as he set out the box of perfectos.

"Yes, sure, but I haven't seen him for a long time now."

'And you are not likely to see him nless you happen to be going to the ame place he has gone.

'Oh, he's gone away, eh?" "Yes, left this evening; that is to say, he's dead. Just as I was getting

ready to come down town after supper Pete's wife came to the door and told me Pete was dying and kept asking for me."

Did you go and see him?" "Yes, I went, and the old fellow seemed to be greatly relieved when AN EM-BAER-ASSING SITUA

saw me coming."
"What in the world did he have to

Well, sir, that's the funny part of it. It seems he has been robbing for the other side. What beats me is that I never missed any coal-why I never even suspected anyone was stealing it. He told me he took only a little at a time, so I suppose that "Well, do you know that just illus

trated a thought I had in my mind this evening?" said the Station Agent. "What is that?"

"Why you never missed the coal because Pete only took a little at a time. It's the same way with the working people of this country—they don't miss their liberty because capitalism has stolen it from them a little at a time. See the point?"

Finnegan just laughed.

#### What Ails Your Man?

Some fellow writing in the Farmers Jou 1, of Abliene, states that he has gotte high as 400 subscriptions in one yes the Appeal to Reason, and that he ha given up all hope of ever owning a home of his ewn. It that fellow would work half as hard to try loow a home as he admits he has to build up the circulation of that dose of discontent and hereder of crime called Appeal to Resson. he would now be atting under his own vine and fig tree. Some people will die of old age before they ever learn any sense.—San Each Star.

We'll go you a ginger cake that you have a subscriber on your list who has never solicited a subscription for any blication; who hates all such par publication: who hates all such papers as the Appeal to Reason and the Farmers Journal; who votes the flemocratic ticket straight from top to bottom; who has lived and dealt honestly and worked hard all his life, and who doesn't own land enough to be buried on if he should die tonight. What's the matter with your man?—Farmers Journal, Abeline, Tex.

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#### LINCOLN'S PLATFORM.

who then ruled for the very reason that Taft is loved by the capitalists who

declared that this republic is an asylum for the oppressed of all the earth. We up the old musket, the musket that quote from this platform as follows: "Resolved, That foreign imigration

which in the past has added so much to the wealth, development of resources, and increase of power to this nation-the asylum of the oppressed of all nations-should be fostered and encouraged by a liberal and just policy." The foregoing is quoted from the re-

ublican platform of 1864, upon which Lincoln stood, when the republican party was still a republican party, and before it became a plutocratic party.

From the platform of the republican party of 1868 we quote the following: "This convention declares itself sympathy with all oppressed people who are struggling for their rights."

These planks no longer have place in the republican platform. Every plank is a plutocratic plank and designed to buttress the interests of the plutocratic class. And yet these plutocratic henchand ward-heelers, reeking with graft and rank with corruption, have the nerve to call themselves Lincoln republicans. They defile with their polluted breath the very name of the great emancipator.

Lincoln, as a matter of fact, had the profoundest sympathy for the working class and declared on more than one occasion that the workers were entitled to the products of their labor, and had he been, born half a century later he would have been a revolutionary Social

#### TAFT AND THE TEST.

In a speech recently made before the Augusta Bar association, Mr. Taft is reported to have used the following

We are uring the during the next decade, or two decades, or three decades to a test of our present institutions and present method of cirlibation, to the question whether the institutions of private properly is one worthy of being preserved, and to the test, as well, whether the courts, and the lawyers belind the courts, shall maintain themselves in the economic and political struggle that we are likely to have with forces opposed to our preadent institutions.

at institutions. The institution of private property. I have ad occasion to say a number of times, and I is not besident to repeat it, next to that I formous liberty, has had more to do with the regress of civilization, with the nplifting of the numan race then any siber institution that the part of the number of the next of the

issue of Socialism is inevitable there is father as I saw him yesterday behind significance in this in its insincerity, the bars in the loathsome jail, elbow The issue is not private property but the robbery of the worker. Private property has been well night set aside by the present system. With the rich private property has been merged into that is for patriots. corporate property, and with the poor private property has been abrogated en-The Socialist is seeking to establish again the institution of private property, while the republican party is seeking to establish corporate property in order that the masses of the people, the workers, may be deprived of private property. And the contest is com-Taft says so, and in this he is

# TION.

The Teddy Bear is superceded by Billy Possum and Billikin, but Baer, the Reading man who has been intrusted Iron is known as the barometer in my coal bin for the last two years by Deity with the destiny of labor in the world of industry; an index of the anthracite region, still lives. He rehad a consultation with a committee from "his men" relative to a slight raise in wages, and maintained his dignity as a representative of Deity by promptly refusing to make any con-cession. Then he declared he was for the open shop and would be for the open shop as long as he lived. The Rochester, New York, Herald tells the

Delegate Matti quickly rose and said he would like to ask a question.
"You say you are for an epen shop," he exclaimed. "Do you not keep a closed shop by fixing a price for coal that we must all new ""."

by fixing a price for coal that we must all pay?"

Mr. Baer expressed resentment at the interraption, but Mr. Matti was not to be abut off.

"I have read in the papers," he said, "that yes operators have stored 12,000,000 tons of cost and do not care what the miners could do and was interrupted by President Truesdale of the Lackawanna and others only with the effect of slimulating his rheterical outburst.

Finally, President Baer slammed a book upon the table and cried: "If you do not stop I will throw you out of the room."

Delegate Matti, a stort, muscular man, aggressively replied that he did not care whether he was thrown out of the room or not and things had a squally look, when a brother delegate pulled Mr. Matti into his sear and the incident was accepted by both sides as closed.

Ost, America, America! What a paradise might have been built in this rich country that had been in preparation for centuries, if the destroyers had not siaughtered your forests, siezed your lands and mines and then brought soldiery to keep mankind from that they

It is intolerable that in this twentieth century there should be czar or king, a court supreme over the people,

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claims to be a Lincoln republican. The name and fame of Lincoln are his stock in trade. He traffics in the honor of the dead for a mess of pottage.

There is no more likeness between a Lincoln republican and a Taft republican than there is between a lion and a jackal; between an eagle and a carrion crow.

In Lincoln's day the republican party was young and revolutionary. Today it is old, corrupt and reactionary, Lincoln was hated by the slave owners who then ruled for the very reason that nal shame, that kept Mrs. Rivera out and denied Rivers the consolation of even knowing how she and the little Lincoln stood on a platform which ones are. Mrs. Rivera is a very shy and The Socialists in Food du Lac are running column and a half of Socialist matter in it Daily Reporter, retring little woman, but her anxiety desperation, and she fairly besieged Oscar Lawler's office. He had no compassion for her and has turned a deaffear to her heart-rending appeals to see her husband. Many, many days has this beautiful woman, with little Antonio and Refúgio, or "Cuca," for every one knows her by the pet name given her when a baby by her father, waited all Robins E. Dunner will become to see her husband has driven her to knows her by the pet name given her when a baby by her father, waited all theater. South Bend, Ind., Sanday mod day long in the jail, hoping they could get in to speak to the loving husband and father, and at dusk been obliged and father, and at dusk been obliged the period on sale for the first time.

Blobin E. Dunbar will lecture at Mark theater, South Bend, Ind., Sanday mod days like and the period violinist, will lesp and Co Dunbar's booklet. The Detective Business and father, and at dusk been obliged to whole lower flow free.

to return home broken-hearted. The district attorney not only would not let her in, but brutally told her that her husband would be sentenced to five years in the penitentiary, notwithstanding three years is the maximum sentence that could be given.

He did, however, faithfully promise her she should see him before his removal from Los Angeles. How did heredeem his promise? The patriots were driven from the back entrance of the jail rapidly in an automobile, Mrs. Rivera hearing of the removal when they ware all sofely inversional in the jail. were all safely imprisoned in the jail at Tucson. They feared their danger-ous friends, so the Los Angeles papers Does Mr. Lawler think that Risaid. vera has not the same love for his fam-

ily that Lawler has for his loved ones? The Rivera family, so Mrs. Sarabia tells me, is a very interesting one. Mrs. Rivera is so shy one does not know her soon, but she is bright and quite lov-Little "Cuca" does the interpreting for her mother, who speaks little English. One day Mrs. Sarabia met her on the street. Mrs. Rivera had so much to say and talked so fast that when she had finished "Cuca" gasped, "Oh." Antonio and "Cuca" were the pets in the court room when their father was brought before the court to apply for Antonio seemed to feel that a tragedy was being enacted, for he sob-bed and cried and they could not combed and cried and they could not comfort him. "Cuca," a beautiful little elf common as passed away in Hamburg in the form of common beauty brown curls, drew pictures to pacify him. They made a pretty picture.

The Socialists of Vienna beld demonstrations at the action of the government in closing parpacify him. They made a pretty picture. Finally Antonio broke away, scooled under the railing and nestled The Judge evidently thought it best not to interfere, as they could make the men suffer where there were no onlookers, and let him rest contentedly there. Apart from the recognition that the would cry, though, could he see his ing his way among fifty others, packed in and all equally miserable. To spend

> sit only on the floor, to lie on the floor; Mrs. Rivera can speak but little Eng lish and the prejudice is so great against her that she can secure no em ployment. She and the children are vis iting from one friend to another, but the friends are almost starving them-

> months and months in such a place, to

#### FIVE OUT OF EIGHT.

The press dispatches announce that five out of eight of the steel foundries owned by the steel trust have closed down. In other departments sweeping reductions of wages have

the direction of complete paralysis. It is stated upon good authorityand even the capitalist papers attempt no denial-that neither in 1873 nor in 1893 were there as many idle men as there are now in the country. Coal miners by thousands are idle throughout the mining regions. At best they are working but half or three-quarters

And all this is at the very thresh hold of the Taft administration. Had Bryan been elected it would not have been different, but the plutocratic press would have charged it to him Socialists know that practically the same condition would prevail under either republican or democratic administration. In the presence of this condition Taft is as helpless as a newborn babe.
Capitalism is in its closing stages

its foundation is crumbling; the end is in sight.

Many thousands of workingmen who voted for Taft and capitalism last fall are today out of jobs. Socialists did their best to open their eyes but failed. These jobless workers must now realize for themselves just what they are up against, and if they will only think a moment they must also realize that they have voted them-selves out of jobs and that they must now bear the consequences of their It is not to be doubted that most

of these workers will conclude in king, a court supreme over the people, or a capitalist that had the power to shut down industry and keep men from toiling and living. Shame on our labor is to unite with the Socialist party, abolish the wage system and Extra Copies of This Edition make the workers themselves the fill be mailed to any solices at the rate of society and the masters of sate per 190; 200 copies, \$1; 1,000 copies, \$5.° their fate.

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European notes

BY NICHOLAS KLEIN.

Day will be unusually celebrat broughout Europe because of the of the discuployed.

Hanss and Wiesbaden, Germany, that 2,000 Socialists marched through of the city singing the "Marseillaise log for social justice here and now.

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number of the discupleyed.

The Socialists of Hungary are demonstrating against the "fake" builted law which the government is trying to fasten upon the people.

Conrade J. Winter, of the "Volksblatt" staff, Offenburg, Germany, has received a 50 wark fine for tackling the government in the press.

Comrade Peter Berten, of the "Volkseltung" staff of Duesseldert, Germany, has been fined in the sum of 500 marks for writing shout military matters.

Missionaries returning to Germany report that Missionaries returning to Germany report that China is on the verge of a revolution, and that secret accircles for the overthrow of the pres-ent dynasty are numerous.

Socialism must be getting "rather respect-ni." Francis Joseph, of Austria, has asked Journade Perceratorier, who has just been lected as one of the vice presidents of the schemath, for a special audience to discuss pub-

Ten thousand people followed the bedy of Mrs. Natalie Liebknecht, the wife of Wilhelm Liebknecht, to the grave in Berlin. A meet-ing was beld in a large ball, and the entire socialist group from the reichstag, the party raders and well-known Socialist from all over

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#### THE HOUR IS HERE

There are over two million organ-ized working men and women in the United States. All of them are seeking to better their condition.

Some are conscious of their interest as a class, but most are not.

They strike together and hunt jobs together, but when election day comes they vote against each other.

This is their weakness and it is fatal to their interests. There are about ten millions of

working men and women who are duced. legal voters in the United States. At the national election last fall they had a chance to vote their class into

power and rule the nation. But they failed. Instead of voting together they divided between two capitalist parties.

This was due to their being unconscious of their class interests. This being true the supreme impor tance of education, the right kind of

education, is apparent. They must be taught that their in terests are the same and that on election day they must vote together.

Had the two million trade unionists Gompers would not have been sened to jail, the Mexican patriots and Russian refugees would long since have been liberated and the capitalist courts would not have dared to render the decisions which have paralyzed the trade union movement.

Now is the time to go among these trade unionists with our literature. They are ripe as they have never

They can see many things they could not see last November.

Taft's election has not brought the promised prosperity. On the con-trary mills are shutting down, mines are idle, wages are being reduced, and thousands are vainly looking for jobs.

Not only this but the courts been unusually busy since the last election, stripping union labor of its In the case of the hatters who are

now one strike the courts went so far as to issue an injunction against the union, restraining it from punish ing its members for scabbing. And this after the courts had at

tached the funds of the union and the private deposits of its members. Beyond this even the czar of Russia could not go.

Union labor can scarcely make a move now without violating the law as interpreted by the capitalist judges who occupy all the benches.

This condition of things has brought the trade unionists face to face with the political aspect of the labor ques-

The absolute necessity for united itical action now dawns upon them with little effort they can now be made to understand the Socialist principle and adopt the Socialist program. The hour is here and the work should be done without delay.

The trade unionist is an embryo-Socialist. All he requires is light, more light. He needs to read a Socialist paper and Socialist books and pamphlets. If this work is entered upon systematically all over the country a million trade unionists can be converted to Socialism within the next

Here is what I now propose: To each reader of the Appeal who will present a pleasing aspect. The Terre agree to distribute them among trade unionists I will send upon application free of charge twenty-five copies of the Appeal. Subscription blanks will be furnished on application.

The trade unists are today on the defensive. The courts and other capitalist powers have combined against them and they are now at bay. This condition, discouraging at & seems on the surface, is quite the posite.

It can be turned to mugnificent ac-Indeed, just such a condition is

eded to give us our chance. Hitherto these trade unionists have

Appeal would be doubled tomorrow. It can be done. Take time enough to go to their meetings or to their es. Tell them that the Appeal is

The poorest of them can subscribe and if you find one too poor I will furnish the paper to him free.

I want the Appeal to reach the American trade unionists now.

I want them to understand the Mexican cases.

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I want them to understand wh half the miners in this country are totally idle and the other half work ing only half time. I want them to understand why

five of the eight foundries of the Not only this, but from her scan American steel company are shut down.

I want them to understand the fourteen million peons across the line in Mexico are employed by Amer- collars for a lawyer and so on until ican capitalists at twenty-five cents a day instead of American working- did not complain. She continued to men at living wages.

I want them to understand these and other things which stand between voted the Socialist ticket last fall them and freedom, between them and was denied but she did not falter. She justice, between them and the earth and all the fulness thereof.

Let the Appeal Army advance upon of the country!

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SOCIALISM DEFINED.

Every now and then some capitalis newspaper "defines" Socialism. Needless to say that it is defined from a capi talist viewpoint and that it does no Haute Star is an exception to the rule In a recent editorial, commenting or an article in the London Times, defin-

ing Socialism, the Star says: Differences between Socialists are notewor and acute on many points. As the Times a points out, they differ widely, deeply and terminably, not only on details of procedure, how the change is to be accomplished—by a lationary or revolutionary methods—how far is to go, and what form it is to take; note on substidiary noting such as their attitude. on subsidiary points such as their actimies wards marriage, the family, national detaund religion, but on fundamental principal the existence of which they do not even ceive. But in desiring to substitute college individual ownership, on principle, agree. That is the distinctive mark of So ism; and the immediate object of the a nonceasural is to make converse for that

It is easy now to show them that Proceeding with its comment, the

they have brought this condition upon themselves and that they can turn the guns which now menace them against the enemy and win the day.

Let us see what we can do to reach these workers in the next two weeks.

Let me ask each of you to take some copies of the Appeal as samples and go to the next trade union meeting in your town and see how many subscriptions you can get.

Some comrades have already done this and the results are surprising.

If a copy of the Appeal could be placed in the hands of every trade union ist today the subscription of the Appeal would be doubled tomorrow.

Star says:

Yet in bringing Socialism to book for its honorable in the book for its honorable in the hands of every trade union meeting in the entry and practice as to the tartif, or the itrust or the currency, or the dividing hos between intensiate and intra-state commerce? It must also be add in extenuation of Socialism and injustice. What they want to bring in equality and freedom. Every criticism of Socialism should be tempored with the knowledge that the page of Socialists is for the moral, mental and material improvement of many republicans could be united on any detailed startiff, or the irrow or the currency, or the dividing hos between intensiate and intra-state commerce? It must also be add in extenuation of Socialism should be tempored with the knowledge.

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This is an unusually temperate fair criticism. It is written in a kindly a decision, a huge joke, a roaring spirit. Not often is Socialism treated farce? Its every legislative act is with such consideration by a capitalist

credit of Socialism. Socialists are thinking people; they read, analyze for themselves. They are not sheep; they do not blindly follow leaders, and it is precisely because of this that they differ so continually. They make sure of their way, however slow their progress, storing the three-cent railroad fare. As to Socialism they are all agreed

that it is the product of social evolulist and outlawed the strike and boy- of the historic development of society and that it will continue to evolve, in I want them to understand why spite of all differences among Social-congress refuses to enact eight-hour ists, and in spite, as Bernard Shaw facetiously remarked, of Socialists them-Russian refugees and Mexican patri- ent planless system and given us a soselves, until it has superseded the pres who are really labor leaders, are cial order based upon the equal free dom of all and equal justice to all

INSPIRING COMRADESHIP.

When Antonio Araujo, the Mexican atriot who is now in the penitentiary at Leavenworth, was arrested at Waco he had apparently not a friend. His arrest was kept as quiet as possible. No one seemed to have any interest Mrs. M. A. Spurgeon, a So cialist and a poor woman, happened to hear of his arrest. The news came to her as the call of a comrade. She immediately called at the jail but was refused admission. She provided eathave then reach the prisoner. Several other ar rests were made. This good samaritan spent every hour she could snatch from her hard work in comforting them.

earnings she gave freely in support of the despised Mexicans she never seen. First, she spent five dollars to secure some evidence, next ten her meager means were depleted. She work and to serve. Again and again she visited the jail with the hope of seeing Araujo and other prisoners. Sh appealed to others but in nearly every instance her plea fell upon deaf ears They could not understand why she the trade unionists from end to end should concern herself about a "Mexican greaser" or what interest she could have in a jailbird of whom she had never heard. She knew!

> It was the call of a comrade, the cry of a patriot, and it reached her

> Forthwith she proceeded to do her duty and she left nothing undone that was in her power to do. Weary and footsore she walked from place to place in the vain hope of enlisting others in defense of the Mexican lad; she freely spent her last dollar; aye she was ready to go to jail herself, and if need be to the gallows to serve a comrade and to prove her fidelity to the cause. Here we have an inspiring example

in a poor and obscure woman. She

is as great in her modest way as any

in the whole movement. It is not for

fame nor for reward that she gave herself so freely in an hour of need. but solely because of her conscious ness of duty which lifted her to the sublimest heights. If this is not consecration there is no consecration if it is not heroism then "this old earth rolls its green fields to the sun without a hero." Mrs. Spurgeon, the friend and com

rade of Araujo, is a shining example of fidelity and devotion to the revo lutionary cause. In ministering to the persecuted and despised Mexican lad she had never seen she was greater than the Magdalene in her beautiful devotion to the Christ.

#### ELKINS LAW ANNULLED.

An important law officer of the gov ernment at Washington in discussing the acquittal of the Standard Oil com pany by Judge Anderson in the recent trial at Chicago said: "A four horse rebate team can be driven through the Elkins law, as it stands now, after the decision of the United States court of appeals and that of Judge Ander-son in the Standard Oil case at Chi-An attorney who could not cago. protect a client from a charge of rebating, if those decis ons are sus tained, would not be worthy of his hire.

This same law officer "pointed out that Judge Landis, who imposed the twenty-nine million dollar fine upon the Standard, held that it was the duty of a shipper to make reasonable in quiry as to whether the rate he was sing was lawful or not. Judges Grosscup, Seaman and Baker of th United States circuit court of appeals, reversed that statement of the law and held substantially that the government had to prove that the shipper knew he was getting an illegal rate. In the opinion of the government of-

the Elkins law is practically nil." When the Elkins rebate law was passed there was considerable jubilation on the part of the small ship pers who felt that they could now se cure the same rates as their large competitors. This hope has been swept away by the Anderson decision and the Elkins law is practically re pealed. Under Judge Anderson's con struction of this law it is impossible to prove that the shipper knows he is getting an illegal rate and thus rebat ing is virtually legalized and encouraged by the federal court.

What is the use of congress any way? Is it not, in the light of such a decision, a huge joke, a roaring a labor-paper, that it is fighting their paper.

It is quite true that Socialists differ known in advance what his decision with each other deeply and widely, but scription of any labor paper in the scription of any labor paper in the scription. Socialists are appointed to tederal judgeships are appointed to tederal judgeships are appointed to tederal judgeships. and then only when their records of loyalty- are above question.

We Socialists rejoice in every such decision as that rendered by Judge Anderson remitting the Standard Oil

These decisions are the real returns of the election held tast November, How do you like them?

No one knows how sweet and good

life might be or how good and great man might be were only all men free because there has never been a time in history when the few were not riding the many It is strange, passing strange that not till Socialism came has it ever been proposed to fully free mankind and stranger still, that so many of the burden bearers, who are crushe the weight on their backs object to be

# TOO POOR TO PAY.

Appeal to Reason, Girard, Kansas,

This is the trouble with thou nds under the present adminis tration. Prosperity there is, to be sure, but it is for the few only and not for the masses. Thousands have not a penny to their name. Many of these do not know what is the matter. Their eyes can be opened. The Appeal can do that very thing for them But they cannot subscribe for they have not even the few cents to pay for it. Seek out those yo know and if they really want to know what the trouble is and read the Appeal send me; r names and I will put themon a list of my own and send them the paper free of charge. \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

#### THE CANNIBAL

The present order is one dominated by capitalism. Under this order one third of the children die before they reach their teens. Is that a success: Under this order the nations are mort gaged to maintain armies and battle ships, and thousands of the choices young men are purposely killed in war. Under this order 35,000 men are killed and nearly two million mangled in industry every year. Is that a success? Under this orde the wealth of the nation is piling up in the hands of the few, and the many are becoming renters. Is that a success? Under this order there are now four million unemployed in the United States, and a regular army of a hundred thousand tramps, besides a hundred thousand rich people whose sole func tion in life is to destroy the workers' products. Is that a success? Under this system there are hundreds of thou sands of child slaves; and there are 35. 000 girls seduced every year and driven to commercial life wherein their bodies are the stock in trade. Is that success? Under this system manufacture has grown until it employs as many people as does agriculture, and, by use of the machine, produces goods to three times the value of all the farm products. Is that success? Under this system few are able to own a home of their own, people have the chance to travel and de velop the talent they may have, and no man, however rich, is quite sure the he will not die a pauper. Is that suc-cess? Can there be freedom of action and freedom of thought under these conditions? The fact is, the world has been eaten up by a few people, and the rest exist only by grace of paying others for the privilege.

Capitalism is a caunibal that destroys the lives of men, women and children, both literally, and also figuratively, in that it takes from them the things tha would make life good and great.

#### TWO-CENT DECISION.

Several years ago a number of tates in the middle west, Kansas Missouri, Nebraska and others, en acted a two-cent fare law. The rail road companies promptly tested its constitutionality by an appeal to the higher courts, since which time the matter has been pending final decision. It was a foregone conclusion that this decision would be in favor of the railroads.

The decision of Judge McPherson of the United State district court handed down at Kansas City, is there fore not a surprise. It would only have been such if it had sustained the wned by the capitalists.

Judge McPherson, like all good cap italist judges, has great solicitude for the private property of the capitalists. He fears that the two-cent law may reduce profits below the "legitimate" point, whatever that may be and hence his decision that the law is confiscatory and therefore null and

The representatives of the people (?) who enact laws had better adjourn ficers that rarely if ever could be and go home. They are a useless ex-done. In this view of the situation, pense and an unnecessary nuisance The courts constitute practically the whole thing. What is the use of en-acting law if a judge has the power to determine what the law shall be?

It will be observed that this decis ion followed closely upon the heels of the decision of Judge Anderson remitting the twenty-nine million dollar fine of the Standard Oil company and dismissing the case against it.

The Taft administration opens au piciously indeed and predatory wealth and rich malefactors may now resume operations without being annoyed by

The two-cent decision which re stores the three-cent fare is a good one-for the people as well as railroads. It will increase the dollars of the railroads and the sense of the people.

# END OF TRUST BUSTING.

After the \$29,000,000 fine of Stand ard Oil had been set aside and the case thrown out of court, John S. Miller, chief counsel for the trust, is reported o have said:

This is the local end of the Sambouyant "frust-busting" campaign for political purposes that cheed with the recent election. The lankuage of the law evidently was made ambiguous purposely by congress, and I don't think it was intended to be enforced. Miller is right. Trust busting wa

only a method of fooling the people just before the election, and congress did not intend that trusts should be punished. Neither did Roosevelt, for that matter. You have simply been buncoed How you voters must like being

Extra Copies of This Edition he mailed to any address at the rate of 50 s per 100; 200 copies, \$1; 1,900 copies, \$5. MOTHER JONES HERE.

Returning from Texas and on her way to the coal fields of Illinois, Mother Jones surprised the Appeal last week with a sudden visit. Needless to say that all were happy to see her and to hear the stories of her latest experiences. Mother Jones has already raised almost four thousand dollars for the Mexican defense fund the day of Taft's coronation. Taft and To do this has required incessant toil his pals had their salaries and travel on her part. She has atdelivered numerous addresses all the way from Indiana to Colorado and when she reached Cirard she was almost exhausted, but not in the least cast down. On the contrary she was in the most buoyant spirits. She spoke in glowing terms of the receptions accorded her and of the eager ness of the wage worker, to do their share to rescue the Mexican patriots. Mother Jones improves with age.

She has passed the allotted three ers don't think. They are the easy score and ten, but carries with her the freshness of spring and the virility and enthusiasm of youth. Mother Jones is infectious. Where she ap-pears there is action. The most sluggish respond to her magnetic pres ence. She is a typical agitator. There is

not a more unique personality in the movement. She is at once as gentle as a cooing dove, and as fierce as a She is a grand combination of sweetness and gentility strength and determination. Mother Jones is in her element working for had control through the common ownthe Mexican patriots and when they are rescued, as they are sure to be. they will have reason to remember no one more gratefully than this grand warrior of the social revolution.

#### MILEAGE ROBBERY.

The members of congress recently raised their salaries from five thousands dollars to seven thousand five hundred dollars per year. This with clerk hire and other perquisites makes their salary practically ten thousand dollars per year.

But this fifty per cent increase which they voted themselves did not suggest to them the propriety of re ducing their mileage expenses which constitute one of the most flagrant grafts in the whole public service. A century ago, before the day of rail roads, the mileage was fixed at twents cents per mile each way. It has re mained at that to this day, notwith standing congressmen have traveled on passes or have paid not to exceed three cents per mile.

When congress adjourns its regulasession and meets in special session and there is not time for congress men to return to their homes, themselves mileage for the round trip to their homes at twenty cents per mile just the same, not withstanding they do not leave the capital.

If this is not stealing we confess that we do not know what stealing There is not honor enough among these so-called American representa tives to refuse to put their hands into the treasury and transfer the public funds to their private pockets. If they were not already overpaid, if they were not already surfeited with patronage and perquisites, if they were actually in need and stole these moneys it would be different, but in this case these five hundred republican and democratic senators and congressmen deliberately steal thousands upon thousands of dollars for traveling ex law enacted by the representatives thousands of dollars for traveling ex-of the people instead of the railroads penses which were fixed when their grandsires had to travel by coach and for which there is no other excuss today than that a capitalist congressman is destitute of honor, and so addicted to graft that it has become his ruling passion.

#### AN AMERICAN APOLOGIST

There is a great per the four Mexican against the craim quarters over the four Mexican against mow in Jail in Los Angeles for violation of the neutrality laws existing between this and the negutilic of Mexico. If these same individuals had been at work earning an honest living instead of endeavoring to intelligent neutrality attack of endeavoring to intelligent mount of the neutrality of the control against our southern neighbor they would be endeavoring to the control of the contr against our southern neighbor mey house now be eating prison fare, but would be enjoying the rery liberty they are yawping so much about. Such revolutionists belong to an agitating class that are no good to any country. At the time Dias became president, Mexico was full of their kind and while shouting liberty with their mouths they were robbing with both hends. That they were sternly rewith both hends. That they were sternly rewith both hands. That they were sternly re-pressed by Dias goes without saying; that Dias is a dictator and rules the republic with an liron hand might also be said, but between the two there can be no comparison. What Mexico is today Pordirio Dias has made it.—Tucson, (Ariz.) Star. If the agitators of the American revo-

lution had gone to work at 25 cents a day and quit their yawping about free dom they might have been permitted to slave in the open all their days, and have left their children slaves. Brown and Garrison had stopped their agitation and gone to work, they might have kept out of jail, and four blacks might have remained as chattels. If Jesus Christ had kept his mouth shut he might have escaped the cross and been perfectly respectable. Revolutionists and agitators are no good to any country, and Jesus was rightly killedaccording to this flunky of a foreign tyrant. It is true that Diaz is a dictator, that he rules Mexico with an iron hand; but all that Mexico is can be charged to him. The fourteen million peons who slave for 25 cents a day are his handiwork. The pens where human beings are kept and tortured with a fiendishness that would shame the dark ages are his handiwork. The 30,000 people who have objected to tyranny and the overriding of the constitution, and who have been mardered by him, are his handiwork. This lickspittle of Arizona says it is so. And he de-fends the infamy. But he doesn't get from Diaz more than a bare living out of his treachery. He isn't worth it.

His tongue is framed to music, His hand is armed with skill; His face is the mould of beauty, And his heart is the throne of will, WHAT THEY VOTED FOR.

Pottstown, Ps . March 1 - A los in the scale for puddling in

What a delightful gift to the workers

doubled and the workers had their salaries tended a number of conventions and cut half. That just balances things, delivered numerous addresses all the doesn't it? The rich need an increase you know, and the workers can afford to pay it out of their abundance! is why the Pennsylvania workers put up such a great majority for Taftbut they didn't know it was los They voted for this reduction, and Taft and the others like him knew it-but they didn't tell the workers what they knew. It would have been just the same under Bryan. These foolish workmarks for the cunning. If they could think they would know that if the pub-Mother lie owned the industries and elected the officials who operated the industries that they wouldn't have had any de crease in wages. Even under the capitalist system the postal and other public employes have not had their wages reduced. Only the employes of privately owned industries get their wages re duced and get discharged at every lit tle slump in business. That is not true in public employment, and it could not Mother be true in any industry if the workers ership of the means of making and distributing things. The price of iron is high. The stee

trust is getting \$540 a ton for armor plate from the government that a senate committee proved was only costing \$67 a ton to produce. That is the reason they have to cut wages! The cutting of wages has two sides make millionaires faster, and the second and most important is to keep the workers so poor that they cannot save and become independent. If the work ers had property they would not stand for the conditions they now do. It has been explained in these columns many times that wealth is relative, not actual that no amount of property would make a man rich unless there were others kept poor who must have this property and would therefore have to serve the owners of it. For what would a pile of gold big as a house be worth to you if nobody was in want of gold or good -had plenty? None of them would serve you, and you would have to make your own bread and wash your own dirty linens. But if you can keep a lot of people poor they will serve you That is what the cut in wages mean. And you foolish workers vote to have it thus, and are trained by your men tal masters to fight Socialists would make you free of any masters. There is a series of years ahead of you with increasing hard times. Before you get through it there will be enough pain connected with it to make you think.

#### "RED-MOUTHED BLOOD-HOUNDS.

In his eloquent speech before congress Isaac R. Sherwood of Ohio, one of the very few members not controlled by the machine, said:

Think of our fabled Uncle Sam as a red mouthed bloodhound hunting for victims under our protecting flag to gratify the vengeance of the assessim of human libetry across the ocean Continental courages like this could not have happened in able country until a few year

This is a powerful characterization of the present Uncle Sam under the do minion of the plutocracy. Instead of extending two welcoming arms to the patriots fleeing from tyranny and seeking an asylum he now seizes them by geon at the behest of the plutocratic power of which he is but the mean and abject vassal.

characterization of General Sherwood in the American congress is not quoted in the capitalist press. Indeed, great care has been taken that it shall not reach the masses. It remains for the Socialist and labor press to General Sherwood is absolutely right in protesting as he so eloquently does against the crimes being perpetrated by our government upon other patriots who are fighting for the liberty which made

our forefathers immortal.

It is only since the bloated American plutocracy has invested its millions in Mexican lands, railroads, mines and cotton mills, and in Russian bonds and securities, that Uncle Sam has become a bloodhound and the catcher of fugitive patriots. Uncle Sam should now be depicted.

lash in hand, pursuing fugitive patriots, instead of as the patron of liberty.

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