

Last Saturday orders were received for 100,000 copies of the May 1st edition. The total up to April 17th is The big rush will take place this week-and you will have to hurry if you want to take part in this grand "Distribution of Debs' Reply to Roosevelt Attack on Socialism." This forthcoming edition has caused more intense interest in all circles-high and low-than any edition ever ounced from the Appeal press. It is being discussed and "cussed." The will happen the paper. The joy they expressed when I was forced to announce the probable suspension of the paper, has turned to gloom at the renewed activity of the Appeal Army. They say the Appeal can't circulate 5,000,000 copies-and that the Appeal can't print that many.
"It's an unheard of undertaking,"

dolefully howl these croakers. I hope you will help in this work

of teaching even presidents that they can't lie about this movement. You can't claim to be much of a So cialist if you don't hold up 'Gene's hands in this stupendous task. So let

"Just a Few Copies."

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Comrade Abbott of Wiggins, Sask. Can., in a letter sending a bunch of subs to the Appeal. wirtes: "Say, did you ever see the light of the social gospel burning for the first time in the eyes of your new convert? The man who was until quite recently callous and indifferent to everything but his mere animal existence, asleep to all his social opportunities and suddenly breaks forth in the courage and intelligence of the new order. This is my reward. And his was the effect of reading six copies of the Appeal, the little paper that spells courage, hope, success to the man who is not totally blind. How the seeds of truth are blown hither and thinker, taking root we know not wither. We wield a tremendous power."

TALKING SOCIALISM.

The thing most talked about today is Socialism. It is the one thing that is forever up and will not down. It has been ridiculed, misrepresented scoffed at, trampled upon and killed over and over again, but ever it comes up smiling, stronger than before, and this is true not only here in the United States but in every land, civilized, semi-civilized and even barbarian, on the face

Thirty years ago Bismarck, of iron and blood, crushed it with iron boots, but it is the strongest political and economic movement in the empire today. The czar of Russia has shot it full of agged holes, but it is the one power there that portends the early overthrow of the tyrant and the liberation of the

In all other European countries, in Persia, Japan, Turkey, in far away Australia, all around the globe, Socialism is waging its warfare against en throned class rule, against brutal self ishness, against oppression and suffering, waging its warfare for the solidar-ity of labor and for the education and ncipation of the human race.

Socialism is everywhere the theme; expresses in a word the hope and piration of the oppressed; it breathes of the brighter day coming when men shall be men and shall cease to be beasts; when they shall recognize the fact that they can best subserve their interests, best live and love, best expand and enjoy by co-operating with each other in all their economic and

social relations.

Socialism is no longer regarded as land of dreams; it has passed through all its utopian phases and is now grounded on the bedrock of science

grounded on the bedrock of science. Henceforth its progress will be more substantial and its victories more fruitful of increasing strength to the cause. The American people are today talking Socialism and thinking Socialism, and it is the one thing which inspires them to take heart of hope amidst the corruption and desolation of the present decaying and tottering system. ent decaying and tottering system.

The Appeal editor is preparing to make his fifth semi-annual pilgrimage to Ft. Scott to do obesiance to his Right Royal Highmess Federal Judge Pollock. We're hoping District Attorney Bone and his able assistant, Extudes West will be assistant. dge West, will be ready to proceed with the comedy. It is rather expensive—this hegira of Appeal attorneys, editors, witnesses, etc., but it seems its the penalty of speaking one's mind freely and without fear. What a sad commentary it aft is on our boasted freedom of the press and free speech! Doesn't it strike you as a grave injustice when any person can be indicted and held in the toils of the law for. two long, weary years without trial or a hearing of any kind-merely because a hearing of any kind—merely because the government's attorney is "not ready" or "too busy." One of the excuses given by Assistant Attorney West for a postponement was that "he was only an understrapper" (this is his own words) and requested the judge to continue the case until the Big Guns of the government could get into the game. May 3rd is the date of the next pilgrimage to Ft. Scott.

lead to "clean" profits.

Did you ever notice that the glad hand is reaching for your wad?

Some politicians are like a corkscrew -they are so crooked their pull is

If capitalism can get its hooks into you a little deeper, it will make you a peon and so preserve civilization and order. Capitalism is pretty nearly as moral as piracy was.

THE toil of the workers has been but a struggle in the quicksand, sinking them deeper and deeper in misery. Socialism is a proposition to rescue them -capitalism a demand that they stay

THE press announces that the Russian crar will ask the Mexican con- of Socialism squarely before the gress for permission to decorate the breast of the Mexican dictator, with a solid mass of diamonds. This in itself is sufficient to show the true character Appeal's enemies—and they are legion of Diaz. Birds of a feather will flock—are secretly hoping that something together. together.

> secause the coal companies refuse to, do, as already announced, in its issue payedecent wages, it is interesting to of May 1st. read in the Wall Street Journal that there is "little doubt of Lackawanna's ability to pay forty per cent annually. Labor's share of its own product seems to be growing beautifully less and less,

A GOVERNMENT bulletin shows that from 1896 to 1906 wages increased in the United States 10.1 per cent, while the cost of living increased in the same period 35 per cent. So long as capitalism prevails the capitalist will necessarily be master of the situation and the increase of wages, though it may come now and then, will be no real victory for the worker.

Men quit eating each other because was discovered that a man enslaved could produce many times his weight tel slavery was abolished because the capitalist discovered that the wage worker, plus the machine, could make him a hundred times as much meat as his body would furnish. Civilization mand. has been nothing but the discovery of means to enable the masters to rob the worker more and more through the ages.

THE New Jersey house of represen-tatives has passed a bill forbidding a negro using the name or wearing the emblem of the order of Elks. A negro paid for, writes the Appeal: "I would rather be a dues-paying member of the Socialist party than to hold the highest office in the gift of any lodge, and I wish that more of our race were mem-bers of the party." That colored man has a white soul, and that is what

NUMBER 416 of the Methodist Hym nal is a hymn by Reginald Heber, be

The Son of God goes forth to war, A kingly crown to gain; His blood-red banner streams afar; Who follows in his train?"

What does that "blood-red banner" mean? Have the Methodists become anarchists and traitors, flaunting the red flag in the name of Christianity? Don't you know that the red flag must not be mentioned in this country, where the republican party claims the own-

time to \$45,000,000. A good joke, isn't it? But then this is such a funny sys-

THE New York Stock Exchange has industrial bonds listed to the amount of \$358,662,000, and railroad bond issues to the amount of nearly one billion dollars. Most of these are to run for nearly 100 years. In other words, the dren, who will be expected to pay in-terest on them all these years. Besides existence as a means of taxing labor. Great system, the most perfect ever known-for the robbery of the people!

PRIVATE interests have taken practi cal possession of the Chicago harbor. A friend writes from there that the Intend writes from there that the interest is Harriman, and suggests that his scheme includes the following: The capture of the commerce of the great lakes, of the lake tront in Chicago, of the Chicago river and canal, of the Missisppi river and Gulf of Mexico trade, and then the Panama canal, with him holding the whip hand over South such a splendid opportunity before us. trade, and then the Panama canal, with him holding the whip hand over South America and half the world on rates. It used to be said that rivers were free for all, but they will not long be so it capitalism continues. The interest that owns the harbors and landings will own the rivers.

So often it is dirty transactions that LET US REACH THE PEOPLE!

The Cincinnati Times-Star, the paper owned by President Taft's brother, says editorially that ex-President Roosevelt's attack on Socialism before leaving for Africa was but "a preliminary dip," intimating that on his return the attack would be renewed in earnest all along the line. It is to be hoped that the Times-Star is right, for Roosevelt can help Socialism in no other way than by launching his wrath upon it.

The attack of Roosevelt has stirred up an immense amount of discussion pro and con, and the situation thus created gives us the best opportunity we have ever had of getting the claims country.

The thing for us to do NOW is to meet Roosevelt's alleged argument, analyze it, dissect it, expose its sophistry and lay bare its misrepresenta-In view of the threatened coal strike, tion. This the Appeal proposes to

Just at this moment nothing is more important to the Socialist movement than that a copy of this reply be placed in the hands of every person of adult age in the United States.

Before this attack of Roosevelt was nade this would have been a difficult, if not impossible, task. Today it can be done and what is more the Appeal Army is determined to do it.

Now, if ever, is the time to get the Army, the whole Army, in motion. We need the entire force to do justice to this stupendous undertaking. The entire staff of the Appeal is already engaged in the preliminary work upon in meat for the other fellow. Chat- this "Reply to Roosevelt" edition. No pain and no expense will be spared to make it THE PROPAGANDA DOC-UMENT to fit the hour and the de-

> The entire issue will be devoted to the one purpose of answering Roosevelt, clearing up the murky atmosphere and placing our cause in its true light before the American people.

In his malice against Socialists whom he has not been able to deceive who is a member of the order and has by his spectacular antics he has given thus been deprived by law of what he us the greatest opportunity we have ever had of pleading our cause at the bar of the American public.

Let us combine all our resources of propaganda to meet this extraordinary occasion and vindicate our move-

We want a hundred thousand active workers to join with us in the greatest effort ever put forth in behalf of Socialism in the United States.

If you are interested, if you are with us, NOW IS THE TIME TO SHOW

INTELLECTUAL PROLETAIRE.

Between the purely hand worker and the worker who is beginning to eathes ership of the stars and stripes?

In a coop joke on the people has just to be the to enjoy. When the war tax was put on tobacco in 1897, congress author
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a market for it of some kind. But it will do the ized the manufacturers to reduce the so soon as he becomes a real thinker size of the packages to such an extent he gets beyond the depth of modern that the consumer should pay the tax. civilization, and so finds no place in When the tax was removed in 1902, life. If he is an artist or a writer who everybody "forgot" about restoring the is truly intellectual, he produces stuff that will not sell. If he is an orator that will not sell. sumers of tobacco have been paying there is no opening for him at a good salary, because he says things that years, said to have amounted by this and that the masters do not want and will not pay for. The chances are that his intellectual activity will not only drive him to a place is unable to market the product of his voice, his pen or brush, but he is also likely to be so unwelcome that even his labor power is no longer in de-mand. The unthinking proletaire, like the brute that is bought, sold and devoured, has a market value which practically assures him a living so long under the provisions of the Aldrich currency bill, they may all be made the basis for issuance of money, and so may be cashed in and still remain in ciety finds himself a man without a country and without the privilege of living even when he is willing to

On Every Doorsten

from Southern California Socialist Bulletin.
The Appeal to Reason is planning such a splendid opportunity before us. cleans hi worked before so that we may raise money enough to put a copy of the Appeal, with the answer to Roosevelt, on every doorstep in Los Angeles county.

"Every kick is a boost, if you get it

You can't keep up appearances with uspenders.

Profits never go to labor. They always come from labor.

Foors sell themselves, and the own

THE child has to learn to walk, and THE true definition of a Socialist is,

man or women who hustles for So Vores for women? No! Women might vote for Socialism if they had

THE heathen bowed to stock and stone. The plotes bow to stocks and what they own.

No laborer works for himself. He literally, as well as metaphorically, works for another.

CAPITALISM is the defender of prop-erty. Socialism stands as the defender of life and opportunity.

Over five thousand women are working in the mines of Scotland. Capitalism is such a friend of womanhood.

erty the plutes pretend is theirs, is it not robbery for the masters to take the product of the workers' labor?

WHILE the rich masters are boasting their blue blood, the workers are learn-ing that they are red blooded, the world around. Let the healthy blood rule.

THE capitalists will not let you out, of the class struggle until you either die or conquer peace by destroying capitalism. Work to end the hateful thing

THE clowns have organized a union. The people who play the fool have long been identified with the old parties, though, so the new union is something of a chestnut.

It would be so immoral and irreligious for the common people to rule in-dustry. If you want to preserve civil-ization you must permit yourself to be mastered and robbed.

And now Heary Clews, the great (?) financier has tagen the stump against Socialism. Provide he will say that the Socialists to a the love, and will quote from the said advocating free love, written by his own daughter, as proof of the iniquity of the workers.

looked at the duch, pronounced it all The Socialist had the same views about right, and have just been paid \$25,000 conditions that you have, was raised each and expenses. There is no graft-ing in Panama-not a bit of it.

THEY now # saw which does in seven minutes the work of making lumber from trees work of forty men.

ntitled, "A Man With a wierd story Capitalism has just out a Country eption by refusing let Castro, the deposed president of Venezuela, land at any port. He of-fended capitalism by trying to curb some of the tracts, and this is the result. It may set become a literal sit-uation that capitalism shall tell men to get off the earth

THE martyrs of Socialism receive scant mention these days, but some day they will be heled as heroes. Here is item, given as a mat a casual ne ter of course in the Alciominee County Wis., Journal, which speaks for itself John Korpt, a Bedellet agitator from Chicage and inhoeming, my the same done that hit we predocessors. John Kalou and Henry Keming at the humin of Crystal Falls business an working men. He was eccorted to the 1335 p. mrain last flauntar econing and told to eta aboard until the frain got to Channing, an

Just in New York! According to oc.000 men and women of employment in that ars. How do you sup-lived? Forty thousand pose they have union men have union because been forced out of the too poor to pay dues e that unionism alone siralism? Thirty-four ts in one year. Don't a worker is saving he may lay by a est, able men were

Girard, Kansas, U. S. A., April 24, 1909 "Socialists occupy,

in relation to all morality and especially to domestic morality, a position so revolting that it is difficult to discuss it in a respectable paper." -Roosevelt in Outlook Magazine, March 20. Photo by Underwood & Underwood, lepyright owned by Appeal to Rea-

OOSEVELT'S attack on Socialist women is an insult to every man, woman and child of that faith. Is

OOSEVELT'S attack on Socialist women is an insult to every man, woman and child of that faith. It is an unspeakably vile attempt to smirch the character of every Socialist, impugn the chastity of his mother and his wife and place an unsufferable stigma upon his daughter.

Even the beast of the field will defend his mate, and I say to you frankly and plainly that no man who calls himself a Socialist is worthy the name who fails to respond to Comrade Debs' appeal to you to assist in smashing this slander down the throat of the man whose features adorn the top of this column.

If Roosevelt insulted your wife, your mother, or your daughter to your face, you would most likely heed the urge of primitive man and give him a pair of beautiful black eyes. I'm glad you can't do this—because it would do no good. But you can join in this mighty crusade inaugurated by the Appeal to once and forever settle the questions raised by Theodore Roosevelt and clear the atmosphere for the big contest that is approaching. The time is short—those of you who have not placed your order for copies of Debs' "Reply to Roosevelt" should do so by return mail. do so by return mail

Stand up and be counted, comrade, or else slink off in your hole and show by your act that Roosevelt has ned you aright.

The Apreal gives you the means, Debs furnishes the argument and it is up to you to furnish the readers. Will YOU?

WHY SOCIALISTS KNOW.

The difference between the Socialist nd you who are not Socialist is: That WHEN Mr. Taft went to Panama to the Socialist reads everything in the inspert the caust, he took with him six current affairs of life from the same consulting engineers who wanted some reward for voting for such a man. They The Socialist had the same views about The German emperor recently said that though the Socialists criticised him. "his people" would weep were he to leave the country. Then the Socialists laughed, and as it would save the nation something like \$3,000,000 a year should he leave the people joined in. And the trouble is William didn't mean for them to laugh.

The German emperor recently said about them as much as you do. But he has added to this knowledge by investigation and is therefore much better equipped mentally than you are you have only one view to base judgment on—he has that and others. You never heard a Socialist try to keep others from not reading anything against Socialism. But you have beard others advise not to waste time in read. never heard a Socialist try to keep others advise not to waste time in reading Socialism. We are not afraid to read anything. We are not such children that we cannot trust ourselves to read anything against Socialism. But you are cowardly. You are ignorant and fear to read anything lest you might get convinced! That is how you are kept ignorant and the dupes of those who profit off your ignorance Do not read Socialism—you might learn something. "Where ignorance is bliss 'twere folly to be wise!" That has been told to you often, hasn't it? Just as if it were better to be a hog than a man, because the hog is more ignor-ant than men. Say, but you old party. voters are sure easy.

DIVORCE IN CAPITALISM.

The enemies of Socialism continu ally harp about the ills that would come to the home and family in a Socialist commonwealth. Their nerve at least is to be commended. The system they defend reeks with moral putridity. The statistics of New York show that 95 per cent of the people of that city have As for the family it is in a sad way

in capitalism. Thousands are threatened because the father has no work and the wolf of poverty is at the door. Not only this but divorce in capitalism has become a social menace and a national scandal Recent statistics gathered by the

urea of statistics in Indiana show that the number of marriages is steadily failing off and the number of divorces is rapidly increasing. Last year, 1908, there were 2,814 fewer marriages and 120 more divorces granted than in meded and forfy-two preceding year.

This is the rotting system which cries

out against the coming social charge upon the alleged ground that it will destroy the home and disrupt the family, and the arch-deceiver, Roosevelt, swings his big stick in emphasis of the malicious slander.

It is the present system that is doing this deadly work for the home and the tions, family and its vulgar and clamorous in-the dictment of Socialism is simply the

"stop thief" cry of the culprit to con-

ceal his own guilt. Socialism will re-establish the hom on the bedrock of security and the fam ily life, no longer menaced by the woll of want, will blossom in peace and joy.

under big beadlines that colonies are to be established in New York for up under them as you have been, has been manipulated by the old parties the same as you have been, and knows so many unemployed that something must be done with them. When Mexican peon labor can be had even in America at 75 cents a day, it is plain that these disemployed Ameri cans cannot be taken care of by in dustry. The best thing that can be done with them, to get them put ou of the way, is to colonize them and make them work for their board. It is a great scheme for lowering wages and increasing profits.

> Postal Sub Cards,-Please search your old clothes and see if you have

HAVE you noticed that freeing the chattel slave has left a bit of religion (such as it is), in the world? The

CAPITALISM is a prophet-clown pre-dicting the end of the world whenever it ceases to be worshipped. But it is a fat old fake just the same.

The world is made up of Big Bellies and Empty Bellies. The last do the work, and the first gorge themselves on what the latter produce.

Socialism is a menace to the home where the wife drinks and the capitalist husband sports with chorus girls. Since the corner on wheat the price

must pay when the rich dance.

talk. Socialism is being talked about as never before.

SOCIALISTS IN CONGRESS.

Be not deceived by the head of this rticle. There are no Socialists in congress-the American congress, we mean. There are Socialists in all other congresses of the world. The United States is the only exception. It is not an enviable distinction. But this is beside the point. Workingmen in the United States have thus far refused to elect their own representatives and so they are without representation in congress. The capitalists have exclusive control. And this by the grace of the working

Have you ever thought of what half a dozen militant Socialists could do with the Mexican cases in the present congress? The Appeal could name that number who, had they been elected last fall, as they should have been—and would have been but for the dense and pitiable ignorance of workingmen-would make congress roar with these cases and stir up the entire nation to a nitch of revolt

lf the working class had polled a million votes last fall and elected a congressman from each of half a dozen states the Mexican political refu-gees would long since have had their liberty. The prison doors would have opened as if by magic soon after the election.

But labor is learning its lesson, slowly and painfully, but none the less cer-tainly, and in due time there will be a mighty change on the face of the

COMMON honesty, right as between man and man, demand that the exploit-ing of the worker cease and cease at

Socialism, being industrial democracy, will have no dictators, neither Diaz or Nicholas, Rockefeller or Har-

Wonder if public roads are produc-tive of free love and destroy religion. Subscription Rates.

"My Reply to Roosevelt"

APPEAL TO REASON, Girard, Kansas:

Find enclosed \$ for which send to the address below____copies of the May Day number of the Appeal containing Debs' reply to Roosevelt. Count on me in this fight to keep the Appeal's banner floating in triumph.

Signed _ RATES

Story of the Battle Which Rivals in Heroism the Old Defense of the Alamo-Now Slaying the Heroes.

By George H. Shoaf, Staff Correspondent Appeal to Beason.

Del Rio, Tex., April 16.—Col. En-carnacion Diaz Guerra's recent plea of guilt in the United States court here. in connection with the revolutionary movement among the Mexicans on both sides of the Rio Grande to over throw the dictatorship of Porficio Diaz. has revived discussion relative to the fight which occurred between revolu-tionists and Mexican soldiers at Las Mex., June 26, 1908. claimed by the authorities of the United States and Mexico that Col. Guerra was leader of the revolutionists, a claim which the self-corfessed revolutionist denied to the Appeal representative in the county jail at San Antonio several weeks ago. In his plea of guilt before Judge T.S. Maxey no mention was made of the Las Vacas fight, Col. Guerra simply admitting that by being a political revolutionist bent on the erthrow of the Mexican dictator he had violated the neutrality laws of the United States.

To the Appeal representative Col. Guerra boldly affirmed his connection with the liberal party of Mexico, of, which Ricardo Flores Magon was the head, and declared that were he given opportunity he would unhesitatingly lead an armed force against the convict soldiers of Mexico. He further admitted that it was his intention of assaulting Las Vacas when the signal for the general uprising in Mexico was given; the fight of June 26, he said, was premature and was not conducted in keeping with the manual of military experience. The revolutionists fought bravely, declared, Col. Guerra, who is The revolutionists fought an old soldier with scars from many wounds, but their lack of discipline, their inferior numbers and their insufficient equipment were no match for the trained soldiers against whom they sions lasted until twelve o'clock,

The Assault on Las Vacas.

The assault on Las Vacas began at five o'clock on the morning of June 26, and lasted until noon. Desultory firing between the massed soldiers of the gov ernment and the ragged, scattered and poorly armed revolutionists continued at intervals throughout the afternoon, when, night falling, the latter withfrom the unequal conjest, leaving perhaps a score of their number dead Grande. upon the ground. Just how many soldiers were killed has never been ascertained, as the Mexican government promptly suppressed all news of the fight, but it is estimated that probably as many soldiers lost their lives as there were revolutionists killed. While it lasted the fight was furious, the revothe custom house, into which they withdrew after having been driven seven thousand shots were fired by both sides during the engagement.

Following the Fight.

Similar assaults on the military posts at Jiminez and Viesca, Mex., following the Las Vacas fight, in which the revolutionists were repulsed, indicate that a simultaneous uprising of the proletariat against the Mexican dicta-torship had been planned. Lack of ough organization, want of arms and ammunition, as well as a misunderstanding regarding the day the rev olution should start, are said to be re-sponsible for the ill success of the Magon and Villarreal, the leaders, with several associates, were

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in jail in Los Angeles, Calif., and the and knives. They had no previous diswork of organizing and directing the enterprise was left to others. The sevcipline, and most of them had met that morning for the first time. Each man brought his own gun, and very few of eral assaults, however, alarmed the Mexican government, which dispatched the excitement was no less intense, ill adapted to military purposes. Their United States soldiers in the work of shortly after mid-day; this was the helping the Mexican troops patrol the cause of their retirement from the border line in their tionists. Those captured in the United who threw themselves against the well-States were lodged in jail; those caught by the myrmidons of Diaz were summarily shot. How many escaped to relorn and unkempt a lot of men as ever went to war. It is not remarkable that new their agitation and organization is not definitely known.

Weeks previous to the Las Vacas fight the air along the Rio Grande was full of rumors. In Del Rio, Tex., four miles from Las Vacas, Mexicans came and went, and while it was observed that something unusual was going on, they kept their counsel, and outsiders could only guess their intentions. At other points in Texas and Arizona the same activities were noticeable among the Mexican residents. In Mexico the enthusiasm, while intense, was suppressed; too close a watch was kept on the peons by hacienda guards and rurales to admit of any demonstration

The Noise of Battle.

In the gray dawn of the morning of June 26 the people of Del Rio were awakened by what sounded like the popping of successive bunches of firecrackers in the direction of the river At intervals heavy rolling sounds were heard which, unmistakably, was the discharge of artillery. From five to half past ten o'clock the noise of the small arms and the occasional booming of the cannon were continuous. Then came lulls followed by volcanic explosions of small arms and artillery; these exploter which the firing grew less and less pronounced, until, with darkness, it ceased altogether. An hour after the first noise of the assault was heard sheets of flame and a great volume of black smoke told that a fire was in progress in Las Vacas. Later it learned that the barracks of the Mexican soldiers had been burned.

Las Vacas is situated right on the banks of the Mexican side of the Rio Del Rio is four miles inland on the Texas side. The principal street of Las Vacas begins a short distance up the hill from the ferry landing, and extends back several hundred The first large building on the street near the ferty is the Mexican custom This is a one story structure house. with thick adobe walls and commands lutionists charging repeatedly in their the river and the other approaches to attempts to dislotige the soldiers from the town. Several stores, saloons, bar the river and the other approaches to ber shops and restaurants line either side of the main thoroughfare, and from their barracks. Between six and crossing it for several squares are side streets on which the people live. town has a population of five hundred.

ot counting the troops. To the south of the custom house are the remains of the long, low adobe building that was used as a barracks for the military, but which destroyed by fire during the battle. It is asserted that the two hun dred and fifty soldiers were completely surprised by the revolutionists, and that it was here that the heaviest loss was inflicted by the assaulting party. Surrounding the barracks, as well as the town, is a growth of mesquite brush admirably suited to the concealment of any body of men who desired or planthicket that the revolutionists hid themselves before attacking the barracks. According to the meager stories told by both sides to the fight, the soldiers, as soon as they realized their predicament, seized their guns and fled to the custom house, in which were quartered thousands of rifle cartridges and several cannon of small caliber. Had the revolutionists captured the custom These are just a few out of many bargains. have forced the soldiers to terms and

maintained their position.

The attacking party of revolutionists

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E. C. HOWE, 140 Dearborn St., Chicago, III. stant watch is maintained for revolu-May 15th the final limit of Subscription Rates.

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IS PEONAGE TO COME?

Appeal to Reason, Girard, Kansas,

and Capt. Modesto G. Ramires, both of

whom lost their lives. The revolution-

ists were indifferently armed with an-

Altogether the invading revolutionists,

fed, well-armed and seasoned troops

of the government, were about as for-

who stated that he crossed the Rio

Grande the day following for the pur-

maturely, said that the majority of the

revolutionists were peons from hacien-

from the Texas side. It had been

agreed some time before that the rev-olutionists were to assemble on the

Mexican side some distance below Las

Vacas. The men from the Texas side

were to cross singly and unarmed. At

ammunition as their Mexican comrades

were able to furnish. It is believed this program was followed, though Col.

Guerra declared that a mistake as to

the precise day for the uprising was

made, which more than any thing else was responsible for the failure of the

Bravery of the Peons

the Texas side said that it was a des-

the soldiers replied with repeated vol-

leys from their custom house betreat.

Half a dozen times the ragged, undis-

ciplined revolutionists tried to capture

the custom house by storm, but their

efforts were unavailing. Each time they

charged the cannon were brought to

bear on them and the guns of the sol-

diers poured into their ranks a terri-

fic hail of lead. A man on a bay horse

who acted as leader, was seen to ride

in and out among the mesquites, shout-

ing to the revolutionists and encourag-

ing them by his example. He seemed

to lead a charmed life. On account of the distance that intervened the fea-

tures of the horseman were unrecogniz-

able, though it was given out after

wards that he was none other than Col

Encarnacion Diaz Guerra. That doughty

old revolutionist, however, steadfastly disclaims the honor of being the hero

Late in the afternoon, perceiving their

inability to effect the capture of the

alive, gradually withdrew, going north

along the river. During the night.

doubtless, they dispersed in differen

directions. Five days after the battle

three badly decomposed bodies were discovered by rurales about a mile from Las Vacas on the Mexican side of the

that several arrests were made of rev-

olutionists who were executed for ad

mitting taking part in the affair. Col.

Guerra, Basiliso Ramirez and Calixto

Guerra were arrested on the American

side and jailed at Del Rio, charged

the battle Sheriff Robinson, of Del Rio, and Collector of Customs Robert

Dowe, of Eagle Pass, went to the ferry between Del Rio and Las Vacas under

a flag of truce. They were refused

the San Antonio Gazette, in trying to cross the river was fired on by mounted rurales and sustained a slight flesh

ound in the shoulder. Had not O'Reilly

interposed a Mexican guide between himself and the rurales, it is asserted

he would have lost his life. The wound

sustained by the newspaper man was the only American casualty of the day."

Slaughtering the Slaves for Pay.

Following the news of the Las Vacas

fight at the respective seats of the United States and Mexican govern-

with violating the neutrality laws.

Persons who witnessed the fight from

turned banditti

attack.

Peonage is the complete subjugation of the working class under capitalism. Under militarism that subjugation took the form of chattel slavery. Under landlordism it took the form of serfcapitalism. He rec a wage-slave, entirely enthralled.

Thinkers are agreed that growth ac Mexican government, which dispatched thousands of troops to the scene, and in Western Texas and Southern Arizona clothes, which were old and ragged and it came into understanding the same pattern. They were uniformed in citizens' companies all things. Capitalism, since the same pattern. They were uniformed in citizens' it came into understanding the same pattern. has already experienced a decided growth. It will probably develop fur-ther. As it is now, the trusts of the country have the workers almost in their power. Should they become much stronger, it is quite possible for worker to be reduced to that abject dependence which is peonage.

Because peonage developed first general development is not so marked News, subsidized Diaz organs, as well as it is in the United States, some are inclined to look on peonage as a con-dition which the world is leaving rather as the San Antonio, Tex., Express and the Los Angeles, Calif., Times, ridithan approaching. But the reverse is culed the army of revolutionists as a true. Peonage developed in Spanishband of beggars that had temporarily American countries first, because these countries remained in a half fuedal Speaking of the fight, Col. Guerra, into power, and the transformation of pose of learning the particulars and to ascertain why it had been fought prethe serf into the peou was easy. was the change from the full subjugation of landlordism to the full subju gation of capital. There was scarcely das on the Mexican side of the river. Many of them, he said, however, came

any freedom between the two.

But the United States developed dif ferently. A free frontier brought first a class of independent farmers, then a middle class of small capitalists, and lastly a big capitalism, before the real subjugation of the people began. It is therefore a longer route to peonage in recruits were to receive such arms and America than it was in Mexico. the tendency is emphatically in that di-rection. Capitalism means the despoiling of labor; that means the strengthening of capitalism and weakening of labor; that, further spoilation; the end must be, unless the worker frees himself fully from the oppression, his com-plete subjugation. That is peonage.

So when you look at Mexico you can see what threatens your children. Not only from contagion, but also from the tendency of the capitalist disease whereperate affair. The revolutionists fired from behind rocks and stone walls, and the soldiers replied with repeated volfree labor. Already American talists are investing in Mexico, where peon labor may be put into competition with American labor. Already thousands in America are held in practical peonage. That is what is the mat ter with the child slave. Already some of the states have practically authorized peonage by farming out their prison ers to contractors, either within or without the prisons. The blight has It is a real menace and not something you can pooh pooh away.

THE "LATE" PANIC.

The big Deering Coal company, op-rating in Illinois and Indiana, that failed for five millions the other day. in its bill asking for a receiver to pro tect its interests, set forth this state ment as one of the reasons:

During 1907 a commercial and financial panic developed in the business of the country, from which all interests suffered heavily, AND FROM WHICH THERE HAS REEN (2) AS YET NO MARKED RECOVERY OR RETURN TO NORMAL CONDITIONS.

In the Record-Herald, in which this was printed, there were a dozen articles saying that the country is pros perous, that business is booming and that everything is lovely. But the men who are doing business, except the greatest trusts, and the men and women who do the work (or who want to work and are not permitted) know that the country is in a very bad condition. But finety nien out of a hundred who read the papers believe everything is all o. k. While I am writing this, let me say, and you can take it or not, that this country is just entering the greatest era of depression that it has ever had. Just entering, but not yet fairly started. Mark that?

permission to cross by the Mexican soldiers. E. S. O'Reilly, city editor of

spirited man of many generous deeds, and in financial straits. At one time their territory and forced them he owned thousands of acres of fine bellion or absorbtion into lands in California and was reputed men's ways. Originally the Indians to be in posession of property in ex- of the United States, when removed day he owns not a foot of ground and, given government guarantee of "per-old and forgotten of his sunshine petual" reservations in the then rather friends, awaits the end in poverty. He indefinite territory of Kansas. Later was live times mayor of San Jose, the white men wanted the land, and The failure of a bank and lumber the Indians were "persuaded" to va-

public employes, nor have any of them been laid off. But, none so blind as those who will not see. It is easy to skin people who vote their prejudice

WRAPPED in the blackness of the

was hanged as a traitor, a rebel and a public enemy. He was an object of almost universal execration. He had dom, where the workers were tied to fought to free four million black slaves the soil. But the peon is a product of and this was his crime and his infamy. It has taken the world half a century to realize that instead of being a fiend he was a benefactor of his race; that instead of being hanged he should have been honored by the whole civilized world.

Ricardo Magon is fighting today to free fourteen million peons whose condition is infinitely worse than was that of the four million slaves John Brown fought to set at liberty.

Ricardo Magon and his men are no

more criminals than John Brown and Spanish-American countries, where the his heroic followers were criminals half a century ago.

> Yet history repeats itself. The world has learned nothing, seemingly, by its past bitter experience. It is still in the business of crowning monsters and hanging heroes.

Ricardo Magon, like John Brown, is liberator and yet he lies in an Amerstate, with the workers practically serfs, ican jail, to our everlasting disgrace.

up to the time when capitalism came At Osawatomie, where John Brown and his handful of men attacked and took the law into his own hands in pursuit of his own plans to destroy slavjust beginning to realize who he was seeking to atone for his atrocious assas-

Paris, 21st of October, 1874. Paris, 21st of October, 1874.

To Madam, Widow of John Brown:

Many years have passed away since the day
when your noble husband completed the sactiace of the life devoted to the most benevo-

rince of the life devoted to the most benevo-lent of causes.

From the pollows where he was hanged has gone forth this cry of universal indignation which has been the signal for the complet de-liverance of the distinctive race. Honor to him and to his worthy sons, together with his widow. To the benedictions with which the present century follows their memory, those of the future centuries will add themselves. Such thoughts must produce. Madam, a great-alleviation of your grief: but you have claimed the best compensation for your afflictions from this superior mandate, that above the peor tustice of men. soars the supreme instice, which leaves no good action without its recompense, neither any crime without its ponishment. You will also receive, we hope, with a feeling of solace, this witness of the sympathy of the French republicans, the expression of which

This letter was written and signed by Victor Hugo, and it was also signed by Louis Blane and all the leading republicans of France.

Accompanying this letter there was a gold medal valued at five hundred dollars on the face of which there was a relief of Brown and on the reverse side the following inscription:

To the memory of John Brown, judicially as-saminated at Charlestown the econd of De-cember, 1859, and to that of his sons and of his dead companions, victims of their devotion to the cause of liberty of the blacks.

Ricardo Magon and his coadjutors, the Mexican leaders who are now lying in our jails at the command of Diaz the Mexican dictator, backed by the American trusts, are seeking the emancipation of the fourteen million peon slaves of Mexico. These heroes in chains in the American republic present a spectacle which challenges the hot resentment of every American not totally dead to the traditions of his own coun-

In the light of history we may now see the heroes and liberators who were imprisoned and executed as criminals fifty years ago, and if we are not wise enough to profit by the experience, woe as a pastime, and decided that Noah betide, for as Victor Hugo said in his was well situated compared to us. tribute to the memory of John Brown: Above the poor justice of men soars the supreme justice, which leaves no good action without its recompense. neither any crime without its punish-

THE DISINHERITED. .

The press these days is filled with stories about the hunting of Harjo, or Crazy Snake, who is represented had the effect of an opiate, and I slept through the heaviest thunder. One Barney Murphy, the man who was or Crazy Snake, who is represented chiefly instrumental in securing the as an outlaw. The poor Indian is location of Lick Observatory in Cali-fornia, and who has been a public ning. This last episode is but the close of a long program of grasping is in San Francisco, broken in health that has despoiled the red men of and in financial straits. At one time their territory and forced them to lightning. Pouring as it was, I went their territory and forced them to rewhite cess of a million dollars in value. To west of the Mississippi river, were And not an ordinary farm either, for no ordinary farm will pay you an income of \$5,000 a year for life. The finest soil in the world—perfect climate—abundant rainfall, all combine to give you three big bumper crops a year. Crops mature altead of season, when prices are the highest. Land close to highest-priced markets in the world. Only 25 hours from New York; 33 hours from Chicago; 3 railroads; also water transportation; fine churches and or season, when prices are the highest. Land close to highest-priced markets in the world. Only 25 hours from New York; 33 hours from Chicago; 3 railroads; also water transportation; fine churches as the fine of season of the seas regulation of public ownership relative to individual holdings under the old form. Within eighty years a territory nearly as large as Europe has been absorbed by a few and the many are again landless, with no new are again landless, with no new some content of the sale of the friends. When 1,000 orders are in the public of the printing. Price. been absorbed by a few and the many are again landless, with no new

JOHN BROWN AND PEONAGE. The Man Who Bought an Island

Fifty years ago this year John Brown BY CHARLES LINCOLN PHIFER the few we are closing out as ex-

in appearance peons themselves.

Willie engaged at other things they let their fire go out. As the rainy season was drawing near they saw how necessary fire was, and the man worked for a month along lines about which he had read to "inake" fire, but without success. At last one match is found, and this is carrefully treasured, while they prepare kinding and strike it. They get fire again and are overloyed.

Chapter VII .- The Rainy Season

T is hard enough to stay in the house under the most favored conditions, but when fuel scarce and wet, when there are no books or papers or music or pictures, defeated the slavery forces, where he and no chance to hear from the outside world, it is well nigh unbearable. We laid in bed to pass away the time, unery, a great monument has been erected til we were worn out. We talked un-in honor of his memory. The world is til every theme we gould think about was exhausted. Then we quarreled. and what he was, and is now vainly Even that helped some; and when wife cried I apologized; and it all served sination in the name of law.

The capitalist papers did not give the rain falling, falling ever. To add to the horror of to pass away the time while we watched To add to the horror of it, the

animals came around our shack and in their distress kept up a constant din of moaning. In clear weather they had managed to find something to eat. but when it was raining, and when they were cold and found no shelter, they were in a deplorable state. herses and grown cattle were pitifully mute, but the calves bawled, and the hogs kept up a squealing that was in terminable. Finally I could stand it no longer, and stole out in lull of the downpour, to feed and shelter the creatures as I could. It was by no means a pleasant job. I was drenched ere through with sheltering the helpless and then they were to feed. This thought worried me. By economy might tide through this season, wondered what I would do the winter succeeding when I should have to enter the rainy season with empty mows and bins. Under the best provision I could make many of the poor creatures were compelled to face the inclemency without shelter. It is no wonder that some of them sickened and died. Under the circumstances their death was no financial loss to me, because they were without commercial value now, but the sight of creatures dying sickened us and added to the

gloom of our surroundings.

Then my wife grew sick. It was no wonder, for the house was not closely fitted and the dampness pervaded everything. When the sun did shine it only caused a malarious steam to arise from the earth, and the fever which overtook my wife was a very natural thing. In fact I was myself feeling scarcely less well physically than I was mentally. We had exactly the length of time that Noah and his people had to endure in the ark; but there were eight of them, and they had plenty of bedclothes and also medicine-that is, if Noah was really wise. But there were only two of us, and we had no medicine and only hay to sleep on. Wife and I talked over the matter, purely

Sometimes it thundered and lightened. Even this was a diversion. In her frail and feverish condition, wife enjoyed the grandeur of the display. She said she could see pictures in it, and moaned for paints and canvass and She used to lie at night and watch the play of lightning by the hour.

dows. I looked out and saw the barn the cattle and horses were charmed by the fire and would not leave. Indeed, some from the outside rushed in the barn to their death. We saved some tools and a little grain, but the rest was entirely consumed, leaving us poorer than we were before.
(To be continued.)

Buried truth hath oft risen From its foul grave flower sweet. They who once were halfed to prison Now are halfed as great.

Mexicans Captured in Texas.

Sabinal. Texas. April 12:—A few weeks since some Mexicans crossed over the line and came to the town of Spoford, where they sought employment. They were Interviewed by some Americans who were strangers to them and were asked why they came to the United States. They promptly answered that they could not live under the Mexican government. At this juncture another Stranger came up and seemed to be greatly interested in them and their country. The stranger respected the interpreter to ask them if they could speak English. On being answered negatively, he asked them, through his interpreter. If they really disliked the Mexican government. They replied that they did. He then asked if they liked the United States government better. To this they replied they did. He then asked them if a war should come up between Mexico and the United States and against Mexico. They answered affirmatively. He then stepped up to them and said. "You are my prisoners," and took the first train back toward Mexico. It is not definitely known whether he carried them to Mexico et not. This information was given by a Mexican whe witnessed it.—E. P. Puber. Mexicans Captured in Texas.

"The Friar's Daughter."

Where to Get Books

Orders for Socialist books, except plained in another column, should be addressed to Charles H. Kerr & Copany, 155 Kinzie street, Chicago, who have bought the Appeal's book business. They have just published an 80-page booklet, entitled "What to Read on Socialism," which will be mailed on request.

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You admit that kings employ means deceive their subjects that they may be able to rule and tax them. And that when these means fail they do not besitate to use soldiers to shoot them into submission. But what you fail to realze is that capitalists here at home are same kind of people as kings and use the same processes to accomplish the same ends—rule and tax the peofrom the people-so do the incomes of capitalists. What difference does it make to you whether the men and women who live off you are called nobility or capitalists? They get and you pay. You must wonder, if you ever use your mind at all, how any people can be so foolish as to believe in the right of kings to rule and tax them. But in what are you different who be lieve in the right of trusts to tax you? Only the ignorance of people cause them to submit to taxation for kings and only your ignorance cause you to ists. Of course you do not see wherein on are ignorant, for to see your own ignorance would be to have wisdom. And the people of monarchies no more age their ignorance than do you. They more. The succession of "blows" administered to the Standard by the govance of the succession of the idea, started in a company to visit a circus without having their faces covered, and their husbands intercepted them and gave them a beating. Now the husbands thought such action on the part of their wives was a horri-ble disgrace, and deserved the beatings they gave them. These same husbands are the ones who overthrew the sultan and demanded a wider liberty than their country had ever had since it fell under the debased spell of the Mos-lem religion. But what reformers to beat their wives for not wearing a veil over their face! To you such men are very ignorant. But you believe many things just as absurd, yet you cannot see it any more than they can see their error. O, that you were less blind, you and your family would be infinitely

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After the case has dragged its in terminable length over ten years or

as note by the following from the St.

will not in the slightest reduce the power or impair the efficiency of the Standard Oil company as an exploiting machine is patent to every one of ordinary intelligence. The whole proceeding is a monstrous farce calculated only to make the people believe that the to happen. Standard Oil trust is to be destroyed, its monopoly broken up and the field made clear for its competitors.

It is strange, passing strange, that derstand that it is a part of the conspir acy of the controlling element of the ruling class to boodwink them and keep them in servitude.

The Standard Oil company will in crease in power, courts or no courts decisions or no decisions, until the people, in the name of Socialism, take possession of it, provided only that the

the government has struck "another is not likely to be repeated. blow" at the Standard Oil company. a few lawyers have been paid big fees reason that they come pretty nearly be totally degenerate. It

reason that they come predy nearly ing one and the same thing.

But the people must be made to believe that the octopus is being pursued with vengeful wrath. Roosevelt kept with vengeful wrath. Roosevelt kept with vengeful wrath and the wrath with the farce seven long years and the whole is the democratic grafteness. with vengeful wrath. Roosevelt kept up the farce seven long years and the octopus grew bigger and fatter all the time. Tait is new in the same busitime. Tait is new in the same busitime. Tait is new in the same busitime. If the democratic party has not been like the like t time. Taft is now in the same business and the result will amount to the same. But since this sort of a bunko guilty of every political crime we have misread its history. It has had name and it has had power in the same seems to satisfy the people there the part of Socialists who see through it all and are trying to wake up the that power in the interest of the trusts dear people before they have been com- and corporations and against the peopletely skinned.

feed it.

The report that "another blow" has been directed at the Standard by the gaugeening with the corruption they government is quite correct. It will generate and in another generation both

Celebrating May Day.

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south might have continued much longer had not so many of Grant's old soldiers gone west and quickly taken They now began clamoring for railroads and capital to "dechance to dispose of chem.

If you will carry a few papers about with you and get in the habit of placing a paper where it will do good, sometimes after a few words of conversation, and that the meantime Standard Oil has ample time to make all necessary prevail to take care of its interests in conformity with the anticipated decision, from which there is of course are a paper a week or two before, you will find yourself able to get far more subs than you in you with comparative ease. In this way you will be doing your share to spread the light in dark places and move this old world toward the universal Socialist commonwealth.

It you will carry a few papers about with you to chance to meet it will be doing your sub blank with you to content of the fellow you will be doing your share to spread the light in dark places and move this old world toward the universal Socialist papers so declare and they will company is nevertheless an epochal one. The capitalist papers so declare and they will come to you with comparative ease. In this way you will be doing your share to spread the light in dark places and move this old world toward the universal Socialist papers so declare and they will come they ought to know. The mighty court is in travail and the mouse it will bring forth will surely mark an epoch toward the universal Socialist papers so declared the president elect. The people of the west Capital held aloof tunie that have become the scandal of future days were profit the land grants that have become the scandal of future days were profit of sturre days were pro velop" the west. Capital held aloof uncommonwealth.

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There's no greater joy than service leaving the lawyers expressed widely generally before leaving the lawyers expressed widely generally generally

seated. As to whether something like this might happen in case the Socialists were to carry an election, no one can say that it would not, yet circumstances are so different now that it is not likely Then the south was exhausted, and the opposition in the north was not very strong. If Socialism should win, the late vote shows that it will not be because of one solid secthat the vote will be diffused. Then, a speak at Berryville, Ark., April 18-10; Eureka conqueror is not likely to be at the head of things and exercising a military dictatorship at the time the Socialists win.

Besides all this in 18-25 the 14-4.

The Rear End a approximate will be seen and the second of the the people cannot see through this bunko game and that they cannot untatorship at the time the Socialists win. Besides all this, in 1876 the old federal soldiers were intensely loyal to Grant and still prejudiced against the south, so that he wielded not only the power of a military dictator but ale a "moral force" that was almost irresistible. If of a military dictator but ale, a "moral force" that was almost irresistible. If force" that was almost 'rresistible. If the Socialists should win now, there would not be this vast army that had been in the field under one man, and that man supreme, and the army itself of Springs. May 1: Southork, 2: Salem and vicing that man supreme, and the army itself of Springs. May 1: Southork, 2: Salem and vicing that man supreme, and the army itself of Springs. May 1: Southork, 2: Salem and vicing that man supreme, and the army itself of Springs. May 1: Southork, 2: Salem and vicing that man supreme, and the army itself of Springs. May 1: Southork, 2: Salem and vicing that man supreme, and the army itself of Springs. May 1: Southork, 2: Salem and vicing that man supreme, and the army itself of Springs. May 1: Southork, 2: Salem and vicing that man supreme, and the army itself of Springs. May 1: Southork, 2: Salem and vicing that man supreme, and the army itself of Springs. May 1: Southork, 2: Salem and vicing that man supreme, and the army itself of Springs. May 1: Southork, 2: Salem and vicing that man supreme, and the army itself of Springs. May 1: Southork, 2: Salem and vicing that man supreme, and the army itself of springs. May 1: Southork, 2: Salem and vicing that man supreme, and the army itself of springs. May 1: Southork, 2: Salem and vicing that man supreme, and the army itself of springs. May 1: Southork, 2: Salem and vicing that man supreme, and the army itself of springs. May 1: Southork, 2: Salem and vicing that man supreme, and the army itself of springs. May 1: Southork, 2: Salem and vicing that man supreme, and the army itself of springs. May 1: Southork, 2: Salem and vicing that man supreme, and the army itself of springs. May 1: Southork, 2: Salem and vicing that man supreme, and the army itself of springs. May 1: Southork, 2: Salem and vicing that man supreme, and the army itself of springs. May 1: Southork, 2: Salem and vicing that man supreme, and the army itself of springs. May 1: Southork, 2: Salem and vicing that man supreme, and the army itself of springs. May 1: Southork, 2

CRIMINAL POLITICS

ernment has furnished some diversion, advanced that it will be criminal to be republican. Quite a a few lawyers have been paid big fees and so far it has resulted in no harm.

The government will not hurt the Lincoln to the days of Chauncy M. Standard and the Standard does not Depew there has been a great change fear the government for the simple in the republican party. It has become

ple.
It is not necessary to wait a gener

The prosecution of the trusts from first to last is a gigantic farce and the government might just as well prosecute the Mississippi river for draining the men it is even now a reflection to be known as either a republican or a demothe thousands of tributaries which cratic politician and the stigma is as feed it.

These two old capitalist parties are will be dead and buried

Right as to War.

From the Press, Akron, Ohio. Socialism is a portent to the way world, not because it is either ri

European Potes

BY NICHOLAS KLEIN,

Appeal to Reason, Girard, Kansas.

Party Progress

Clyde J. Wright has organized a local of ten at Mason Cir. Neb.

Odd Fellow avenue.

Local Boslyn, Wash., has passed resolutions that the members will not patronize houses that sell capitalist papers and do not have Socialise papers on sale.

Butto Local No. 1 has passed resolutions denouncing the city odicials of Los Angeles for seeking to prevent members of the 1. W. W. from discussing working-cisss interests and in dustrial unionism on streets of that city.

the comrades said: "I wish you could a through this section. I would give one-of my income to keep you in the sate. It ever get without money, write us for so These people are very poor. The wage were get \$1 to \$1.50 per day, but employme tregular. Those who own groves are better off. Even in this fine fruit section, genial climate and fertile soil, producing I quantities of choice dranges, grape fruit, gerlaes, etc., they feel the panic keenly, many millions elsewhere are unemployed as

Agitation League.

The fund to send the Appeal to officers of trade unions is growing rap idly. The following comrades have contributed since last report:

Amount on hand last report..... 8 553.5 Collected since last report..... 700.9

Utah.

Army notes

The Old Appeal Again. BY G. M. CROCKER, A. A.

Coursed Johnson says that if
The paper from Girard
Falled to reach inim every week he'd
Take it mighty hard.
But that dear comrade failed to state
What he was going to do
To bein us in this time of need
To pull the paper through.

Fenrilits is not enough to send,
For that would only pay
Bor a single year's subscription—
So befe's a better may:
I'll buy sive bindred May days,
For shafts the way I feel,
And at every house I'll leave
A Little Old Appeal.

A dollar buys two hundred,
And if we do I know
That every councide so inclined
Can strike a lody blow
At capitalisms and the plates
That will surely make them squeall,
And the only weapon that we need
Is the Little Old Appeal.

"Our paper" on the want.
And we've got to do some hustling.
To bring it back nights.
So get bugs with that ceter blank.
And it's mighty proof sou'll feel
when you know that you have helped.
The Little tild Appeal.

The Big Ten.

Subscription Rates

arade Morse, Liverpool, Ohio, gathered new readers in one hour. -In forty minutes Comrade Suter, Brilliant, -Courage Frastoom, Malunz, Minn., sends a t of six and promises that he will come again

that come of the press.
"It was the Aspeal that made a Socialist ne." wrote thursde Bartlett, Malcolm, a sending in a list of four.

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This looks a deal sight better. It shows what can be done when the Appeal Army gets its fighting clothes But bless me if that March blizzard had continued to blow through April, there wouldn't have been any Appeal on May Day. It takes an average of 1,000 subscriptions per day to maintain this sheet. Less than that number means disaster.

Two thousand a day would put the Appeal on easy street—and say, the things we could do to the plutes!

We're making gains now and as we get the flood of names now coming in on the list, the circulation report will make you glad. It looks pretty good as it is—and it will look better next week:

Circulation of Appe	al by	Sta	ites.
State.	Off.	On.	Total.
Pennsylvania	546	725	19,522
Teres	628	553	19,422
California	518	581	17,870
Ohio	467	571 502	15,789
Oklahoma	N02	428	13,485
Missouri	283	405	12,588
Hillingis	870	383	12,126
Washington	275	286	11,743
Minnesota	301	271	9,426
Indiana	540	273	9,397
Michigan	245	2014	9,037 8,565
New York	216	231	8,568
Iowa	227	274	7,781
Oregon	196	142	6.473
Colorado	200	155	4,985
Nebraska	114	172	4.846
Massachusetts	152	165	4,730
West Virginia	177	101	4.318
Kentucky	124	86	8,815
Montana	102	184	3,719
North Dakota	183	197	8,716
Fierida.	109	90	8,188
South Dakota	69	125	2,978
Alshama	85	169	2,838
New Jerney	+77	86	2,729
New Mexico	67	104	2,483
North Carolina	118	61	2,447
Georgia	63	20	2,080
Foreign	8		1.522
Virginia	41	51	1,734
Arisona	119	62	1,627
Maryland	18	49	1.476
Nevada	40	17	1,428
Maine	32	61	1,424
Mississippi	17	46	1,150
Wyoming	24	83	1,070
New Hampshire	71	84	906 671
Vermont	18	24	598
Rhode Island	17	19	554
Delaware	5	26 10	247
		BARROSCHI.	
Totals	8.638 9	,048	281.928

MINERS IGNORED.

George F. Baer of Reading and his brother bandits have turned down the United Mine Workers. Turned them down hard and cold. Not a crumb of comfort granted. " Not one.

The recognition of the union was re fused with scorn and contempt. There is no such thing as a labor union so far as the Baerons are concerned. They are the whole thing. Their voice is

final and their will supreme.

The only thing they would agree to was the renewal of the scale and conditions established by the Roosevelt strike commission. The work of this commission was hailed at the time as a "tremendous victory for the miners."
It was as a matter of feet their funeral

We said so at the time but were dis credited in the din of exultation. It was a "great victory." All the capital-ist papers so declared and that "vic-tory," which was the making of Mitchell, was the unmaking of his blind Where are they? Alas, where are they?

and death knell as a union.

Baer has them in his grip, throws them down at will, kicks them with contempt and makes them beg for the benefit of the big capitalists.

But it was a "great victory"!

NO SLIGHT INTENDED.

Dear Comradea:—You have a peculiar habit of queering your best friends. A short time ago I offered you financial assistance, not a hig amount, only \$6.00—still if all of the Arry had offered as much it would have helped considerably to lift the load during these hard times. You entirely ignored my offer which I didn't hined as an advertisement of generoaity, only to assist the cause. In time you may be able to improve the business system adopted at Girard by more courteous treatment of those who could give a helping hand.—Our side W. F. Haywood Atlanta. Ga.

The Appeal alid your intentionally the complete of the mode of those who could give a helping hand.—Our side W. F. Haywood Atlanta. Ga.

the paper has outlived its usefulness. never to keep this paper going on ended, there will be no running of money. And besides, it's of war or armies or navies. the subscriptions we want. From letters I've received, I judge the loyal friends of the paper would give it an unlimited sum of money. But this money would be about as good to the Appeal without subscribers as it would be to a man on an uninhabited island. The moral is plain-if you have money to give to the Appeal, send it a list of subis plain—if you have money to give to the Appeal, send it a list of subscribers and pay for the paper—or order a bundle of extra copies sent to some comrade who is willing to distribute them, but who has no money to pay.

To give, Mechanicsburg, III.

I an extring up a subscription to send you been out of work since October, '07, so will do meet good Rope every local will send will do meet good Rope every local will send will do meet good Rope every local will send will do meet good Rope every local will send will do meet good Rope every local will send to comrade also contains the contains a contain the contains a contains the contains a co

GOVERNMENT GRAFT.

The deficit in our national finance will reach \$134,000,000 next year. Even republican papers are exhibiting signs of alarm. In an editorial in the Terre Hante Star, under the head of "March of Extravagance" we find the follow-

Ing:
There is no question that the distressed condition of the treasury is the most serious question before the propie.
There is no way to meet the charges of gross wastefulness that has been practiced in rundiesting the government machiners, and there is no doubt about the fear of the recuits on the part of the story.

The could be the part of the par

eaders of the dominant party.

Following are the figures which tell the stor.

public expenditures by establishing a principle that public money may be expended not alons under authority of law, but also by "executive choice," as illustrated by numerous commissions, councils and boards.

Hithough

Hitherto the Star has been an ardent admirer of Theodore Roosevelt and an enthusiastic supporter of the republican administration. This statement, therefore, in its columns is significant. Notwithstanding the enormous

taxes that are being levied and col lected through the highest protective tariff the country has ever had the government will next year face a deficit of \$134,000,000. The gigantic graft of republican rule

is bulging forth from every department of government. And yet there is no possible way of checking this riot o robbery under capitalist misrule.

Capitalism is based upon robbery and the spirit of graft controls all its insti-

It is well! The taxes are not yet nearly high enough. As long as the people will stand for such robbery the burdens will be increased, the spoils multiplied and the plutocrats who and control the government will riot in their ill gotten gains.

This is what an overwhelming majority of the people voted for last fall If the people can stand it the pluto crats can manage to get along.

Socialism proposes to put an end to scheme of organized whole plunder, carried on in the name of capitalist government, and establish clean and wholesome democracy of the

DICTATOR FOR AMERICA.

The Washington Herald, which is supposed to be the especial spokesman of the administration, has an editor-ial entitled, "When Competition Has Passed," in which it quotes from Carnegie and the Kansas City Times to the effect that competition is practically at an end. It adds:

Potential competition there may be, but no actual competition. Prices are fixed in almost every line of business, and not only prices, but conditions of sale and other factors in distribu After admitting that competition i

dead and will remain dead, in exact accord with the Socialist contention the Herald next offers its remedy. It is in brief, that the state regulate and fir prices, as well as terms of labor and transportation rates. The Herald has the grace to admit that this is not Socialism. It says:

One vital difference is that the first would be private ownership of the means of produc-tion an the other public ownership.

means of production, accompanied by state regulation of prices, means that much as reputation—and reputations the state becomes a voucher for the these days are made by press agents. trusts, that they shall exploit the people out of profits. It means a bureaucracy far worse than was ever charged against Socialism, with capi talism in absolute control, because the followers. He is today in the service state would enforce its demands for give it, and if it objected it would be land who ence, as he expressed it, shot as a traitor. This is the thing which Taft's organ openly advocates. In effect, it is absolute dictatorship, for the benefit of the big capitalists.

- DISARMAMENT.

only declares that "reduction of armaments is a quixotic dream, hope less as the abolition of war altogether," but also shows why it is so

orders intend as an advertisement of general courts, only to assist the cause. In time you may be able to improve the business system adopted at Girsta by more courtecess treatment of those who could give a helping hand.—Courted W. F. Harwood Atlanta, Ga.

The Appeal did not intentionally slight our good comrade. The Appeal has never solicited nor has it accepted donations of any amount. I maintain

that when the Appeal reaches that the army and navy are merely bloody thing that where it cannot sell enough tools which the capitalist employs for There have subscriptions and literature to pay the robbery of labor, and that war only a few have yet been discovered its expenses it is an indication that can not end until capitalism is set Socrates, Jesus, Tell, Brown and others

"Out of Work."

JOHN BROWN KNEW.

It was in 1850, just fifty years ago that John Brown was hanged in West Virginia. The anniversary of his execution occurs December 2nd. On that day it will be fifty years since he paid the penalty of his devotion to a great cause. The Appeal suggests that the occasion be made one of wide celebration by Socialists. The capitalists have begun to celebrate him, but this is only because he is dead. He belongs pre-eminently to the working class and the fiftieth anniversary of his martyrdon should be celebrated ell over the land by the Socialist movement and the true story of his life and death told to the

On November 2, 1859, just a month before his execution, Brown, asked by the court if there was any reason why sentence should not be pronounced upor him, said:

"Had I interfered in the manne which I admit has been fairly proved . . . on behalf of the rich, the erful, the intelligent, the so-called great, or in behalf of any of their friends, either father, mother, brother sister, wife or children, or any of that class, and suffered and sacrificed what have in this interference, it would have been all right, and every man in this court would have deemed it an act worthy of reward rather than punish ment. . . . I see a book kissed here which I suppose to be the bible. . . .

SOCIALIST VICTORIES

Socialist Candidates Elected-Galni Everywhere.

In Charlevely township, near Charlevoly Mich , the Socialists elected a county supervisor At Laguns Beach, Orange county, California Socialists elected two school trustees by a vot of two to one.

At Manitowoc, Wis. Henry Stolne, Socialist oiled for mayor 940 votes, as against 1,420 or his opponent.

S. J. Jones. Socialist candidate for mayor of Rosedale, Kan., received 300 votes against 511

for ine opposition.

Racine, Wis., doubled its vote of list spring giving W. A. Jacobs, Socialist candidate for mayor, I.172 votes.

At Salida Colo. Victor (Socialist) polied 200 votes against the republican candidates 1,007 and the democrat's 657.

The Secialists of St. Louis polled about er cent of the total vote in the municip-lection, an increase of about 700 over to residential election.

presidential election.

In Farmington township, near Farmington, Ill., the Socialists elected two justices of the peace. At the township election previous to this the highest number of Socialist votes was 31. This time we polled 53.

The commandes of Brainerd, Minn., in the first election under the new charter, re-elected Alderman Bieckbaue by an increased unijority and elected R. A. Heuring and P. J. Kjeliquist aldermen for the 3d and 4th wards. Commade Adolph Ouadahi was elected mayor by a majority of 56 votes.

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which he had served the subject class SEES THE HANDWRITING.

he would have been a hero instead of being turned over to the hangman. John Brown fought for the emancipation of a despised race and the ruling class ondemned him to the gallows as a traitor to his country. The ruling class of this day would treat him precisely in the same manner under the same circumstances and its affected rever ence for his heroism is but an insult

to his noble memory.

John Brown knew the price he had to pay for serving the enslaved, op-pressed and downtrodden and he paid with a magnificence of spirit loftiness of soul which makes his name

SHAM HEROES AND TRUE.

So many of the world's heroes have been shams-idols worshipped as gods, but made of wood and stone. Charac-This is a true distinction. But it ter does not count so much in the mak involves all the difference in the ing of heroes as the ability to "do world. Private ownership of the something" for someone who will means of production, accompanied by boom you. Deeds do not amount so

> Diaz is not the only tyrant who has been praised as the equal of Washington and a close second to Jesus of Nazareth. Many of the Roman tyrants who are now execrated in history were at

Roosevelt made his reputation as the hero of San Juan hill, though he was The Army and Navy Journal not he boasted of being a trust buster, and at the same time made possible by his signature the shameless Alton steal.

So, from days of old to the present you will find presense and hypocrisy among the rulers. Nor is it any more apparent in politics than in finance. History is merely the fulsome flattery of successful; it is a morass words, dark with the corpses of the workers. Here and there gleams of light break through, giving promise of This is a polite way of saying that the story of mastery is a black and

There have been genuine heroes, but speer has outlived its usefulness, aside. That is the truth of it. And so have been lifted from the infamy in soon as the enforced robbery is which they died, but the heroic souls of money. And besides, 'it's of war or armies or navies. will be known. Fathers who gled bravely against odds. Mothers who nobly did their parts but whose Editor Appeal to Reason.—I received yours about helping the Appeal with subs. I will left you that the rains here is anut down and everybody is looking for anfety; nothing can be done now. I'm two bad. I wish the paper can get over this. I think it would be a good lidea to put the paper at 50 cents a year for all subs and have something on hand when in need. I fust as well pay 30 cents when I want the paper than 25.—Yours for the cause. V. Forguet, Mechaniceburg, Ill.

I am electing up a subscription to send you.

President Lewis of the United Mine Workers has issued a statement follow ing the failure of his negotiations with the anthracite coal barons from which we quote the following significant para-

graph:

It seems that the strike commission's award is to be made the instrument of depriving the anthractic mine workers of every right that ware earners and citizens of this country should enjoy according to the laws of the land. No one questions the right of the mine owners to organize. No one has denied them the right to fix the selling price of coal. No one has interfered, so far as we know, or even attempted to interfere, in their right to sell anthractic coal at such a price as they decide upon from mouth to month.

The first over of this

The first part of this paragraph is orrect. Mr. Lewis sees clearly just what the Roosevelt commission's award does for the miners. It ties them up and leaves them helpless. It utterly destroys their union. We are of record as having made substantially this same statement at the time. But the miners were told that they had achieved a brilliant victory—and they believed it; and as a result of that "brilliant victory," John Mitchell, "the greatest labor leader the world has ever known," now draws a princely salary in the service of the plutocrats, the miners' union is thrown upon the scrapheap and the miners are defeated, crushed, and whipped back into the mines like gal

one time hailed by the ancient writers. Rossevelt only interfered in behalf as sons of the gods. Today the bloody of the plutocrats; he would never have of the plutocrats at a salary of \$6.500 profits. It means that labor would have as sons of the gods. Today the bloody of the plutocrats; he would never have per year, dressed in purple and fine to take, what the state, in partnership crar of Russia poses as the representative of taking a hand if the operlinen and carries himself like a gentle with the capitalists, would choose to tive of Jehovah, and the king of Eng. and on the eve of surrender.

Practically the whole country with the miners and they were on the strike commission entered upon the scene, deftly relieved Mitchell of his responsibility and handed the miners "an award" which has put them to sleep ever since.

fixing the price of coal to suit them-selves. If they have this right they have also the right to fix the price of wage slaves to suit themselves. They are both commodities in capitalism and the great majority of the miners in told numbers who are absolutely honthe great majority of the miners in I'ennsylvania voted to give the barons the undisputed power to fix the price to all the qualities that express charof both

The mining slaves of Pennsylvania may profit richly by this experience if above the hills of prairie dogs they will turn to Socialism, develop Will Mr. What's his name as their economic and political power as a class, and unite against the robbers who have them by the throat.

Job Printing Prices

PRACTICING POVERTY.

Socialists are not condemning capi

been and still are necessary to the de-velopment of industries. They are victims of the system and have to operate erty that you are suffering from. When you accept a position for wages you are upholding the system that makes the Rockefellers and Morgans just as much as they are. You are playing the tail end of the same game. You So do they. You cannot have to. practice a system that has not been shered in. You can't practice Social ism until Socialism is established. You have to practice capitalism so long as capitalism controls. If the oil king capitalism controls. If the oil were to attempt to quit the profit sys-tem, he would be dethroned at once and Smith or Jones would at once take his place and you would be skinned just the same. You are not going to just the same. escape from the tribute of capitalists until you abolish the capitalist system of private ownership of the means of life and substitute public or common ownership of them. Most of the capialists are ignorant of the fact that they would be better off under the common ownership of all capital Some capitalists who have studied the matter know it and are in favor of it. out most of them are just as ignorant of that fact as the average old party voter who hires himself out to some capitalist-a hireling. Often Socialists are asked "Why don't you practice what you preach?" Can't be done until the Socialist system is established. It is the same as when a slave owner was opposed to chattel slavery. He could not practice his idea, because his freeing his slaves would not have abolslavery, and his slaves freed would have been gobbled up by kidnappers and sold into slavery again. He would have been inspoverished and his slaves worse off. If you are not getting all the sweet out of life that you crave, why do you not study matter and see if it be not possible to establish a new and better relationship between men that will give more, if not all, you aspire to? The fault lies not with the capitalists of wealth, but with the capitalist minded work people. They have the votes and the physi cal power to get anything they want they are so ignorant that they do not know what they do want. Only the work people have the power to free themselves. But on the square how do you like this capitalist prosperity? PLUTES AND PIMPLES.

A gentlemen, presumably, one Charles A. Blake, writes in a recent issue of the Christian Science Sentinel as for

I do not think that there ever was a man atricity bonest and absolutely faithful who was unable to find work and receive a fair reward for his labor. This amazing conclusion as the re-

sult of what Mr. Bloke thinks "thinks" is doubtless justified upon the ground that he does not think at all, and this for the sufficient reason that he has nothing wherewithal to think Mr. Blink is a rara avis indeed. If he has the vision of a mole he is still more unfortunate in having the heart jackal, and that such a freak should ventilate himself in the name of christian science is not to the credithat cult who have eyes to see and hearts to feel the misery of the millions of honest and faithful workers for whom there are no places and who the frying pan and the fire. have been reduced to outcasts in the society of which this self-righteous Mr. Bleak is the self-appointed champion.

If Mr. Blind were worthy of serious attention it were easy to convict him of the foulest falsification and most cruel calumny out of his own mouth. There are today at a conservative es timate two million of workingmen and on hand. Look over the list printed women out of employment in the United States. According to Mr. Blunt use. timate two million of workingmen and all these are dishonest and unfaithful. If this gentleman, presumably, were mentally and morally responsible he as to damn him here and hereafter, but it is apparent that for some inscrutable where your voice and will, whether you ators had not been virtually defeated reason his maker gave him the eyes of as the wish of any other. a bat and forgot to put a heart in him. and the severity of judgment must be

mitigated accordingly. When the steel trust cuts its force, when railroad shops shut down, when mines are ordered closed and when even sweat shops give up their dead for the want of orders, the thousands upon thousands who are thrown upon the In the closing part of his statement cold world are all, without a single Mr. Lewis is less fortunate. He grants exception, according to Mr Bunk, buns the barons the unquestioned right of and beasts, shirks and louts, riff-rafi and scum who are entitled to no pity but deserve only that such white-liv ered parasites as Mr. Bilious vomit their

acter and manliness, are as nameasure ably above Mr. Bile as Pike's Peak is

not. This leaves him the alternative of apologizing for his vicious slander which of course he has not the manli ness to do or he would never have ut-

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ters, the defaulting bank presidents debauen politics and the multiplied talists as individuals, for they have thousands of others who pollute every fountain and stream of our social life and are responsible for the countless crimes and scandals reported in every

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The "gentlemen" who embalm beef, run the city hall and support the white slave traffic are not among the vicious and incompetent out-of-works. They are highly industrious and therefore, -, eminently according to Mr. virtuous and respectable.

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THEY ARE TWINS.

Socialists have long maintained that here is no essential difference between the republican and democratic parties that they are both capitalist parties and that they alike uphold the capitalist system, based upon wage-slavery, and that under the administration of either the condition of the working class remain practically the same. had complete control of the national administration during the past quarter of a century and both are today in control of the several state administrations but there is no difference between re publican rule and democratic rule, and there never will be any material change in industrial and social conditions while either of these worn-out, corrupt capitalist parties is in power. The plutocrats control them both and contrive to keep them both in the field to fight sham battles and to distract the attention of the people from the real issue which involves the prosperity and hap piness of the people.

A few days ago Mayor George B. McClellan, mayor of New York, and a leading national democrat, delivered a lecture to the students of Princeton college in the course of which he said: "Neither of the two great American political parties at the present time holds any belief that is not held by the other. The platform of neither shows profound understanding or statesmanlike handling of any of the great problems which confront our country. Both parties have shown great inconsistency in not unanimously renominating Mr. Roosevelt. Here we have it upon the very high-

st authority, that of the mayor of the greatest city in America and one of the most eminent national representatives of these twin capitalist parties. Mayor McClellan is to congratulated upon hi candor at least. He admits that the two old parties are alike, that they stand for the same thing, that there choice between them and that both should have nominated Roosevelt and made his election unanimous

Mr. McClellan is at least free from the hypocrisy of his republican and democratic colleagues. He is frankly capitalistic and believes the two capitalist parties should consolidate and save the expense of operating two political machines to do the same work But that would open the eyes of the people and especially working people and trade unionists who swing back and forth between these two capitalist bunko games, alternating between Yes, the republican and democratic

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gles the subscription getters are having. It is not confined to the Appeal. It goes all down the line with the Socialist paper, and for that matter all others. You will note that of the radical and reform papers, all are dead or mori-bund. It's a plain case of starva. tion diet. The times are hardbitter hard. Only the Socialist papers can survive and they will survive and grow. But it will be a hard struggle and require great sacrifice. "Revolutions do not go backward." And I almost feel jubilant when I look over the field and see how our movement -in education, organization and press—is just on time—not a min-ute ahead of time, but not a second behind time. Whether the powers that be make their fight on free press, free speech, or try to rob us of our political activity. we are just strong enough to maintain our ground or make some gain even though the advance be but an inch at a time. And I truly believe that the day is not far off when we shall with the decisive battles which will ? mean that the war is over and the victory with the working class.-Ben Hanford.

CASTRO'S EXPULSION. Castro of Venezuela is being hounded

by several foreign powers and the United States government is engaging in the same contemptible business. What for? Simply because he offended the asphalt trust. Because of this two American battleships have been in pursuit of him and his expulsion and deportation have followed. This is contemptibly small business for Uncle Sam to engage in. He ought to be ashamed of himself. He would have been a century ago, but since he has become the liveried lackey of the trusts it is different.

What warrant of law is there, constitutional or statutory, for this spiteful and malicious interference? What has the United States government to do with Castro, anyway? It can have no possible grievance against him except that the asphalt trust hates him because he refused to do its bidding. No matter what his motive, he at least stood between the asphalt trust and its ruthless exploitation of his country. We are attempting neither defense

of, nor apology for Castro. We are simply stating that it is a disgrace for the United States government to engage in such petty persecution of any one, and to use battleships for such a reprehensible purpose is to still further prostitute the navy in the service of the trusts.

THE supreme court of the United States has rendered a decision which in effect destroys the prosecution of the cases growing out of the white slave traffic. District Attorney Edward W. Sims, of Chicago, expresses the opinion that under this decision the federal government will not be able to secure any convictions. Not only this; but, more than one hundred men now serving sentences for participation in this horrible crime of trafficing in innocent girls will be released so that they may again ply their infamous vocation. Great is the law as administered by capitalist courts! But the victims are only the daughters of the working class and as such come under the regular clause of "commodities." what workingmen vote for when the vote the republican and democratic tickets in support of the present sys-tem which practically legalizes the luring of poor young girls to their ruin, shame and death.

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