Things as I See Them BY FEED D. WARREN

lowing dispatch from Washington, an interview with the Secretary of the Navy, Josephus Daniels. For that reason I reprint it entirely in this col Please read it carefully and after you have done this pay some attention to my comments which immediately fol-

From The Oil and Gas Journal, Tulen, Ok. Washington, D. C., Dec. 1st.-Josephus Daniels, secretary of the navy, proposed a radical plan for supplying the these useful purposes than to waste it navy with fuel oil in his annual report for the fiscal year of 1013. This plan is no less than to have congress author. The waste of war is another question which I have discussed in these label of the game no matter what you want to do and what I propose? You would confiscate a part of the money paid by the small stockholder for his holdings and leave the big rascal go scott free, because he is ize the department to refine its own oil

from its own wells.
"I desire to recommend to congress, he says, 'the interminate consideration of providing fuel oil for the navy at reasonable rates, and the passage of legislation that will enable the department to refine its own oil from its own wells and thus relieve itself of the necessity of mechanics what segments is to be of purchasing, what seems fair to be-come the principal fuel of the nayy in the future, at exorbitant and ever increasing prices, from the private com-panies that now completely control the supply. The price of oil is steadily creeping upward. "So that today the United States navy

paying over twice as much for its l as it did in 1911. The only relief assible from what will be a staggering item in the expense account of the navy in the future, is in the control of oil wells and reining of its own oil by the navy department. This has been clearly forescen by the English government, and the Hon Winston Churchill, first lord of the admiralty, recently declared in the house of commons that it is nec essary for the royal navy to establish refineries and handle its own oil trans-portation in order to secure the kind of oil it wants and reduce the burden of

England, geographically bandiof public money if it continues to pur-chase oil at prices which may fatten the pockets of a few oil companies, but which increases the burden of the tax-payer? With only a portion of our be Socialism, and the Socialist shall not fleet equipped to burn oil, the navy uses stop until that glorious time has arrived. this year 30,000,000 gallons. There is every likelihood that this amount will be increased to 125,000,000 gallons in the future. Every gallon of this must be purchased from the oil companies at their own price until congress relieves the deartheaut by proper legislation.

IN my mail this morning I found the following letter from a good friend of the APPEAL:

Dear Comrade—I will start in by saying I am an APPEAL reader and also a

the department by proper legislation.
"The United States navy has the enormous advantage enjoyed by no other nation, in that great oil fields exist in our own country close to the Atlantic ocean, Gulf of Mexico and Pacific ocean, so that the supply of oil is as-

is advisable from every point of "It is advisable from every point of view that the navy should become producers and refiners of oil for its own use. By the time the Panama canal is opened and the fleet begins frequenting the Pacific, the navy should be producing its own oil from the navy petroleum reserves in the Elk Hills and Buena Vista fields of California, and its refinery should also be taken to lease oil finery should be in operation. Prompt steps should also be taken to lease oil lands in the mid-continent fields to erect a refinery for the supply of oil-burning vessels on the Atlantic coast. This proposed step is no new departure, for the navy now builds some of its own ships. may now builds some of its own ships, a gun and a clothing factory—all of which are indispensable to the supply of superior articles for the navy and furnishing similar articles."

Observe, first, that the United States is buying 30,000,000 gallons of fuel oil every year, "every gallon of which must be purchased from the oil (or shall we say oil company, with the emphasis on the com-"at their own price, which fattens the pockets of a few oil companies" (or shall we say, again, oil com-

second, that in order to rescue Uncle Sam from the clutches of the oil octopus, which is steadily forcing the price of oil upward, Secretary Daniels, member of President Wilson's cabinet in this, the 47th year of the reign of the said Standard Oil company, implores congress for relief by permitting the nation to develop oil wells on land owned by the government and then to refine this oil, in refineries

to be built, at public expense. Shades of the immortal Andrew Jackson, what is the world coming to? It would not surprise me to hear of Secretary Daniels next advocating the building of pipe lines by the nation in stocks and bonds have paid money for order to transport this oil taken from the wells drilled by the nation, refined in oil refineries owned by the nation, all taken from and built upon land owned by the nation. Mr. Daniels will discover that pipe lines are as essential, if the nation is to escape the extortions of the oil octopus, as oil wells and oil

But of what concern is this to the common folks, and especially to the Socialists? It does concern all of us. It concerns the rich because such an arrangement would very materially re-duce taxes, and a reduction of taxes from the standpoint of the business man is always in order. But as such reduction would merely come out of the pockets of the Standard Oil, how can it concern the man who drills the wells and refines the oil and furnishes his hody to the navy as a target for deadly prejectiles? It doesn't concern him directly, but-

There is a very important lesson in this recommendation of Secretary Daniels, and for fear you have overlooked it is my excuse for referring to it at length at this time. The lesson is this:

If it is good business for the nation to engage in the production of oil from its own land and refine this oil in goterument refineries in order to get oil at a great saving, why should it not be that as good business for the people

themselves to go into the business of supplying themselves with of supplying themselves with oil—and meat and sugar, and clothing and houses and rides on railroads and theaters and amusement parks and so on down the line, including, before we are satisfied, with few exceptions, were financed in all those things which minister to the the same way. Can't go back on governwelfare and happiness and convenience

Would it not be just as practical to supply oil for heating our homes and fiscate the difference between what the running our shops as it would be to supply fuel for battle ships? I think any reasonable man will agree with me that it is much saner and more humane columns many times and which is now That's why the army and navy are having such a hard time getting the sons of working men to enlist as targets for bullets and victims of disease.

It will be interesting to watch with what degree of favor this "revolutionproposition of Secretary Daniels ary" received by the public generally. Socialists will not be slow in taking advantage of this interview of the secre tary of navy in pressing our own claims that the nation can better do the things for all the people than can the Standard Oil company and its brood of corporations which have now fastened their tentacles into the treasury box of every

But the Socialist not only wants the WORKING CLASS (which is composed of those who sell their labor and their brains to the captains of industry) TO OWN AND CONTROL THE GOVERNMENT! Government ownership of industries with the governcapped and with no large sources of supply within her own borders, has concluded that this is the wise and economic policy, how can the United States, with bounteous flowing oil wells on government lands already existing, and with fields near both the east and west coast, escape the charge of willful waste of public money if it continues to nurse. ment in the hands of the capitalist bondthe workers have secured political control of the government that owns and operates the industries, he can make the kind of conditions he wants. That will

ing I am an Appeal reader and also a red card, double-dipped Socialist, or I thought I was a Socialist, until I saw an article you wrote in the Appeal, No. ket. Therefore, the plan proposed by 936, November 8th. You said you believed in confiscation of the productive the one suggested by me—only Daniels property of this nation by the working class. Now, Mr. Warren, if I understand Webster's dictionary, confiscation means to take over something and give nothing in return. Now I am speaking for myseif! I am not that kind of a Socialist, and if that is Socialism I am no longer a Socialist. Brother Warren, I have a better opinion of you than to think you meant in the article, to actuthink you meant in the article, to actually take the wealth of the capitalist. I have always agreed that the Socialists aimed to build competing lines and not ask any man to divide with us, or else buy their machinery, not at watered stock prices, but at cash value only is my belief that this one little ar will knock lo's of converts to the cialist movement and I have talked to some of the did heads that do not like that kind of talk. I told them maybe your talk might be like the Bible and we don't understand all we know about it. We would like for you to preach us another sermon on the question .- F. E.

This raises the question of how we will get the industries of the nation which we must have as the foundation of the Co-operative Commonwealth to be. My comrade here says he wants to buy them-but he doesn't propose to pay for any watered stock! To which All right. many of you will agree. Now what happens? Assuming we buy the industries (and if a majority of the people of this country decide to buy them, Fred will chip in his share, although I assure you I shall exercise my right of free speech to the limit in protesting against any such foolish action), you say you will not pay for any watered stock. That sounds good. How much water is there in the capitalization of the railroads of this country? Who is going to decide? Will you let the present owners of the stocks and bonds of the railroads decide this question? Aside from the original moters, most of the folks who hold them-real money. These people will insist that they be given the market price (which includes the water) for their stocks. You know that there is water in every dollar of railroad stock the old parties.

in the United States. Government in vestigation committees have proved this: Notably in the floating of the ininvestigators said all other railroads ment reports, can you? All right, now go ahead and buy these stocks at YOUR valuation after squeezing the water ou of them, and what happens? You conpresent holders paid and what you give

What is the difference in the principle of what you want to do and what I propose? You would confiscate a part ahead of the game no matter what you pay him. I propose to settle the whole matter by taking over the industries in the name of the working class, after we have assumed political control of the the honest railroad investors is a matter that concerns me very little. His num ber is small compared to the people who own no railroad stock, and I do not wives and children of the working class that we shoud allow the rights, assuming that they are such, of a small group of individuals to stand in the way of the happiness of the race. If there are widows and orphans whose sole means of income is from the railroad stocks and bonds they have inherited, then for one would be in favor of dealing as generously with them as I would government to supply fuel oil for useful want the public to deal with my wife ourposes at labor cost, but he wants and my children, assuming I should be something more: HE WANTS THE so fortunate as to leave them a lot of and my children, assuming I should be such securities. But if the stockholder happens to be a big husky guy like George Gould, I should have no hesitancy in saying to him: "You have an opportunity to render a useful service the state for what you get, go to work, as the rest of us must do.

My comrade who writes the above will, I have no doubt, agree that Secretary Daniels' plan of government the government, and refined in refin ers to be built by the government, would be all right and perfectly just and equitable. That would be building com peting oil refineries. But what would happen, assuming the secretary's recommendation is put into operation? The profits on the oil now sold to the gov ernment by the Standard and its subsidiaries would be wiped out. With the wiping out of this profit would come corresponding wiping out of the stock which depended upon these government moneys for its value on the stock mar-ket. Therefore, the plan proposed by doesn't go as far as I want to go-he merely wants to confiscate a part of the profits of the oil companies in order to get cheaper fuel for the navy.

I want to confiscate the oil wells and other things in order to get cheaper food and clothes and houses for the men and women who do the work!

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ROBBING THE PRISONERS

An Associated Press dispatch tells Uncle Sam is robbing the unfortunates who have been sent to the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth:

penticitiary at Leavenworth:

Washington, Dec. 6th.—The board of
commissioners of the federal prison at
Leavenworth, Kan., reported to congress
today that the net cost of maintenance of
the institution for the last fiscal year was
\$225,151, and the average number of prisoners 809. The report values the labor
of the prisoners at \$557,836 for the year,
or \$620 per prisoner, exceeding the cost of
his keeping by \$370.

Leavenworth is the prison the AP PEAL exposed two years ago, and for disturbing the graft there an effort was made to imprison the APPEAL editors in the same bastile. Yet, in spite of retiring the warden and deputy warden and making a pretence of cleaning things up, we find that \$370 more than his keep is now exacted of every prisoner at Leavenworth. In other words tle thefts, and then robs them of many times more than they stole. At the same time, conditions are still such at Leavenworth that the prisoners have much to complain of, very justly. It looks like part of their own earnings. that belong to them and their families, ought to be used in making their condition more tolerable.

THE army is a relic of class division If the workers were united there would be no war or chance for war.

He who studies Socialism is lost-to

THE LITTLE OLD APPEAL

Dedicated to the Appeal Army -

BY SADIE A. STEWART

There is a power in this land, Leading onward a mighty band Of fearless fighters, sure to win success;

It has brought men out of prison And it keeps the Truth a whizzon,
The "old Appeal," the bravest of the press.

It's exposed the military, And keeps tab on judges wary, This little old Appeal, out in Girard town; It will never give up the fight Till the warmth of Socialism's light Crowns the work of this paper of renown.

Next Week Special Children's

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Read on page four an inside story rom Washington.

He who by the plow would thrive ow has a fat landlord to drive.

CAPITALISM has taken your life, hat you have never been able to really

THE great New Year resolution to ake is that you will vote a Socialist icket

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Capitalism's method is to build a big usiness on vice and then hound the ictims of vice. THE jingle of the Christmas bells in

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nands that you defend it. CAPITALISM's method is to enact aw and then enact another law to con rect the defects in the first.

CAPITALISM's method is to give away he people's land so that they may be tenants and wage workers

CAPITALISM's method is to make contable to steal and then punish the thief if he does not steal enough.



REFORM is merely the turning of th ose on hell.

CAPITALISM has stolen the childhoo f your little ones, forcing them from chool and into work for profit's sake

CAPITALISM's method is to protect the laborer by protecting the man who makes money from working the toiler.

CAPITAL is the machine, labor the The output i rofit. Rather mechanical and materi

PRESENT yourself with a hope for Christmas, by resolving to end the sys em that has kept Santa Claus fro your home.

CAPITALISM has marred the beauty o on wife, making her dress poorly and row old before her time with worry about getting along.

CAPITALISM's method is to advertise in the papers so that the editors will keep silent about the skin game being worked on the workers.

CHRISTMAS is capitalized and made : tay for promoting business. The mas ters would make money off the sale of the Almighty if they could.

PRESIDENT WILSON will not favor voman suffrage because his party has ot declared for it. An admission that t is the undemocratic party.

CAPITALISM has cidloused your hands ind bowed your back, made you a slave and an outcast. And it asks you as a patriotic duty to shoot down all who oppose its course of destruction.



THE worker is chained to his job-o sorry if he isn't.

THIRTY million workers are equipped to write a book, entitled "Story of a Failure, by One." Their greatest failure has been in not knocking the riders off their backs with a Socialist ballot.

IF Socialism were in power it would to arouse the people to a frenzy in a give every woman in the United States special meeting at Calumet, for the pur-Ir Socialism were in power it would the ballot as a Christmas present, and every disabled worker an old age pen sion, and every tramp a job with all he attended the meeting which the citizens

Under chattel slavery the worker was Under the first the master had to pro-tect his property; under the second he is free from all care when the workers' hours are over.

Looks pretty blue for you for 1914, doesn't it? That is because you are a worker and haven't set aside the system that keeps you bound. As for the capitalist, he can say, "Ish ka bibble," which is Yiddish for, "I should worry."

CAPITALISM's method is to have a senate to beat a law the people enact, a president to veto it if it gets past the senate, and a supreme court to kill it if it escapes the president. If the su-preme court does not knock it out, it is violated by a paper man, the corpora-tion, with perfect impunity.

How many of you would have the Panama canal turned over to individuals for exploitation? Yet you sit idly by while a few capitalists work the ropes so as to secure the full benefit of that which the people paid for E. Z. Mark was a philosopher and genius beside me of you workers.

Girard, Kansas, U. S. A., December 20, 1913 Adolph Germer's Life is in Danger

strike leader of the miners, was placed under arrest by the military authorities and put in a prison cell, charged with being implicated in the killing of Detective Belcher a few weeks ago. The capitalist papers here are trying to make Germer out as an "anarchist" because Socia ist literature was found in his suit case. Germer with being implicated in the shining of Detective Beicher a few weeks ago, find capital states trying to make Germer out as an "anarchist" because Social ist literature was found in his suit case. Germer is one of the most active Socialists in the country, being at the present time a member of the national executive committee of the Socialist party. The mine owners will attempt to have him convicted as a principal in murder of the first degree before a court composed of officers of the militia.



OR having loyally served the striking coal miners of Colorado, Adolph Germer, national organizer of the United Mine Workers of America and member of the national executive committee of the Socialist party, will be murdered in cold blood by a drumhead court martial if the working class of America continues its inexcusable lethargy. The coal barons want his blood. He must be got away with, is their cry! Equipped with a knowledge of economic conditions and inspired with the message of Socialism, Adolph Germer has wisely coun-

selled his fellow workers against violence. The traps set by the henchmen of the coal companies failed to work with Germer in the midst and at the head of the strikers. Under his leadership the men have maintained the most successful strike ever known in the history of the coal fields of the intermountain state. Naturally this did not please the greedy mine owners, hence this is the plot which they and their hirelings have hatched and which is now being in part carried out. The plot is to implicate Germer in the death of Detective Belcher, who probably was killed by some half-crazed miner whom he had bullied and terrorized. It was the way of Belcher to brandish guns and hurl epithets at every union man he met. He was one of the men who shot down in cold blood Gerald Lippiat, union organizer, a few days before the strike was declared.

According to the Trinidad Advertiser, the conscienceless tool of the coal barons, the military authorities have secured evidence showing that Germer was in Trinidad on the day Belcher was killed! And this meaningless fact, if it be a fact, is heralded by the Advertiser in flaming headlines as conclusive proof that Germer had a hand in the murder of the detective! The tens of thousands of Socialists and union men who know Germer personally, know too well the high character of the man and will proclaim his innocence from the housetops. Germer is one of the finest and cleanest of men. His whole life has been spent in the service of his class. In the Socialist party and in the labor unions he has long been recognized as a man of integrity and intelligence. At the last meeting of the national committee of the Socialist party he was given the largest vote received by any candidate for the national executive committee.

In attempting to incriminate a man like Germer the mine owners and their lickspittles have far overshot their mark. They have him in prison, it is true. He is at present in their power, it is true. But here and now the Appeal snatches the battle gage and what the Army has accomplished in the now famous Moyer-Haywood case it will endeavor to repeat in the Germer case. Not so long as men and women have the right to think, to speak, to write, will we remain silent and inactive while one of our comrades and brothers is to be sacrificed as an offering on the altar of Greed. Germer must be saved! The mine owners must be defeated! This is our cry henceforth. With all the earnestness and energy at my command I call on you, members of the unbeaten and unbeatable Appeal Army, to rally and to throw your entire strength and support to the brave striking coal miners of Colorado and to Adolph Germer, as true a Socialist and union man as ever breathed on this earth.

by the brutal minions of plutocracy.

The call for help from these batlefields

rings in our ears. The APPEAL Army

struggles truthfully reported by special

correspondents. We shall do our share

in printing in these columns not only

the truth but the whole truth. And we

neighbors in this crusade for buntanity

and justice. Publicity has won all our

battle in the past. And with your help

HOW TO COOK TURKEY

The U. S. department of agriculture

in its latest weekly news letter to crop

correspondents goes into detail to ex-

plain the best ways of killing and select-

ing turkeys. It reminds one of Leigh

Hunt's famous recipes for skinning and

cooking a rabbit. Hunt prefaced his

instructions with: "First catch your

There are a lot of people in this

country who would be willing to take

turkeys properly if the department of agriculture will undertake to tell them

how to first get the turkeys. With all

due respect to the department, which no

doubt does a lot of good in a way, let

it be known that the working class of

this country are more and more losing

interest in recipes for killing and cook-

ink turkeys which they have no money

ism for relief.

chance on killing and cooking their

we shall-we must-win again!

Raid Union Office

Hancock, Mich.-A reign of terror prevails in the copper strike district of Michigan. The Citizens' Alliance armed with military rifles, smashed a union office at South Range. Scores of Socalists have been thrown in jail. must mount its armor and give battle Situation is critical. Publicity is for our oppressed comrades and brothneeded. Congress should be com- ers. We are making arrangements to pelled to investigate conditions in the have both of these mammoth labor

FRANK AALTONEN.

Murder in Michigan

a recent night at Plainesdale, Mich., three men were killed and a young girl was wounded by mysterious hots fired into a home where the occupants were in bed. The capitalist press at once laid the blame of this nurder on the strikers, though there was no more reason for doing that than with the work. It is significant tha such things have never occurred in communities that were not ostensibly being "guarded" by imported thugs. It is stated that even Superintendent W. F. Denton of the Copper Range Consoli dated mines openly asserted that in his opinion the gunmen were responsible for the outrage. The citizens' alliance however, promptly got busy and sought pose of turning them against the miners, but without success. But the sheriff would not and in response to a call for a speech, declared: "I will try to fulfill the desires of the citizens' alliance as I

have in the past."

It will be remembered that he blow ing up of the Independence depot was at first charged to Colorado strikers, a few years ago, and the press made to buy. They are beginning to quesevery effort to arouse the nation to fury against the workers because of it. Months afterward it was proved that the work was done at the instance of the mine owners. This is undoubtedly similar case.

CHATTEL slaves were unwilling slaves -they were not slaves by their own con-ent. Wage slaves are willing slaves, they are slaves by their own consent. The chattel slave had no way to free himself, his freedom could only come from others; the wage slave has a way to free himself, his freedom can come to him only through and by himself. He can vote himself free and there is no other way. Progressives and others may offer the wage slaves today something and label it "freedom" but when they open the package they'll find the contents anything but genuine.

A dollar bill will give you a four-year

COLORADO AND CALUMET are Germer Still in Jail at present the two storm centers of Denver, Colo.-Germer is still in the class struggle. In both places members of our class are being shot down

jail. McGraw, who succeeded Ger mer, has also been arrested. Hayes says "the action of the federal grand jury is no surprise to us and it will have no effect on the present strike. They may indict us, but they cannot indict the principles for which we stand. They will prevail until human slavery ceases to exist

LIBERTY MUST BE FOR ALL

Liberty is not an individual matter shall depend, yea, expect, the APPEAL alone. Even John D. Rockefeller has Army to interest all their friends and not been able to do this. The best proof of this is the fact that his at Tarrytown, N. Y., is at all times who cannot walk abroad and m with others without fear of

molested in someway can hardly be said to have achieved liberty.

Even a group of individuals, such as a strong trade union, cannot achieve liberty for themselves alone; never can they be free from the bar of a "lock-out" or that some new condition or invention may throw half of them out of employment or destroy their trade en-

Liberty is a thing to be enjoyed col-lectively and must be achieved collec-tively. No man ever expressed it better tively. No man ever expressed it better than old John Ruskin when he shid: 'As long as there is a slave upon the earth, no man's liberty is safe."

Let us make all men free and then all

men can enjoy all the liberty there is. Socialism is the key to liberty, but it's going to take a majority of us to use it to unlock the door.

THE workers are kicking, as a sign that the shackles are slipping from their

tion a system that gives turkeys to the few and chuck and neck meat to the THE old political machine is creaking badly. There is not as much oil for it many, and they are turning to Socialas formerly.

Debs' Message to the Little Children

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Appeal Forces Leavenworth Investigation

T appears that Coffman's exposure of the military prison at Leavenworth Kan, has resulted in a government investigation. This is shown by the following from the Leavenworth Times, published by D. R. Anthony, who was included in the APPEAL'S exposure of the federal prison at Leavenworth a few years since. The Times says:

"While investigations and reform ns, including the federal peniten here and the state prison at Lan sing, the military prison at Fort Leav-enworth has been singularly free from such entanglements. But begin-with Secretary of War Gaerison's t visit the penal institution in which Uncle Sam's recalcitrant soldiers are sing. General Wood chief of staff of the army, recommended many changes in the military prison system to his chief, and some of them already have been put into effect. And now comes Lieut. Col. David C. Shanks, inspector general of the western department with headquaroking into affairs of the prison at

"Colonel Shanks arrived at the post, entirely unannounced, late Wednesday He went to work immedi-He went to work immedi-diligently. What he has afternoon. He went to work immedi-ately and diligently. What he has learned he is keeping secret, however. Twice yesterday a reporter called at the officer's club at the post. And twice the reporter was informed that Colonel Shanks was 'not in.'

Tells His Experience.

"The visit of Colonel Shanks is, in a way, the direct result of the case of Private Waldo H. Coffman, recently released from the military prison when his sentence was commuted by the Sec-War through the intercedence of U. S. Senator Thompson of Kansas. "Shortly after his release Coffman

wrote an article for a Socialist paper. In it he described what he said were his experiences while incarcerated in the military prison. Coffman used plain language, but sharp, and while it inspecting the prison as a result of

First Night Fin." 'In one place he says:

The best deserve especial mention. The prints are composed of shavings which aren's been planed off, on top of which are an ancient tick one-fourth filled with the composed of the composed o wiraw. I fell asleep within a minute after that prepared myself for my first night suppore, but I soon discovered that I was not be be alone. The largust bed bug until I ever saw had taken the quarters force me and they certainly rescuted (was welcomed?) my eccupancy. I was not none in my torment, for I could hear a ten priseners on either side of me beat their pillows and ticks and cursing bugs, and prisons in general.

Living in Indianapolis

Testimony in the investigation by committee of citizens and clergymen of the teamsters' strike at Indianapolis is eliciting interesting though by no means new information. One of the testified that a man could support his family and lay by money on \$11 a week, but was not willing to forego his loot and try it. The ex-ploited men. however, tell a different

Harry A. Wall, 34, a steamfitter, was called. Wall is working for 273/2 cents an hour, although steamfitters throughout the city are getting 56 cents an hour. He has been with the company six years and said by working practically all his time he could earn \$18 a

"What do you do with your money?"

"Well, I pay my bills. I have a wife and two children, no, three children. I a second-hand overcoat. My wife just got one suit costing \$10."

"Do you buy her any hats?"
"Vell, it is kinda funny about those hats. She takes the old hat and goes down to the 5 and 10 cent stores and the trimmings. It looks pretty

On through the recital of his expenses the man went until he was asked if the family usually had meat for their meals. "Oh, no, meat is about out of reach now. I use beans, hominy and pota-toes," he said.

"Do you have butter?"
"Well, not exactly butter, oleomar-

"Bur can't you buy butter at 30 cents a pound?" questioned the chairman. "Why, no man, butter is worth 48

"Besides this, I have been paying \$10 with the piffered money. Just try stealing a month on what I call a home. It is a 14x20 shack with a basement. I put where you will land! a partition in the upstairs and made it into two rooms. We cat and cook in into two rooms. the basement and sleep upstairs. It is worth \$390 and took me four years to pay for it. It is not much of a home, I have learned that a had tree cannot know, and my relatives won't come to bear good fruit. If we have a civilizasee me because I live in it, but it is home anyhow, and that is something to

"And you say you cannot get along on \$18 a week?" asked the chairman. "Don't you know the wage average of this country? Could you not get along

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prison early yesterday morning long before reveille was sounded, in order to learn at first hand if Coffman's story regarding unsanitary conditions was true. What he found he, of course,

keeping silent on.
"Colonel Shanks also visited the dark or "solitary" cells, in which, Coffman alleged, many prisoners were tortured, through system known Among other things Coffman declared that some of the guards beat prisoners with clubs, especially those convicts who were too weak or too light to do the hard labor demanded of He charges, too, that prisoners are given poor food despite the fact that they raise great quantities of vegetables and other crops on the prison farm.

Antiquated Prison.

"It is a well-known fact that the old military prison is antiquated, that it has not the proper ventilation or modern conveniences in the celis. But it must be remembered that the old priswas formerly the federal prison and was built shortly after the civil war before the present day ideas in construction were thought of. Within a short time the new cell houses, the first buildings in the new prison, will be occupied. They will be all that is desired in the way of up-to-dateness, in the way of up-to-dateness and much of that which Coffman de will therefore be eliminated And the scheme of discipline inaugura ted by Secretary Garrison will do away with many of the evils of the presen

"If there is anything wrong in the military prison, as the Socialist paper charges, the coming of Colonel Sranks ndicates that the heads of the war de nartment want to know about it.

"Lieut. Col. T. H. Slavens, the pres ent commandant of the prison, will be relieved from that detail early in January, when he will go on foreign His successor has not yet beer named.

A later copy of the Times, reviewing the investigation made by Colonel Sla-

"It would seem from this that the article published recently in a Socialist paper, written by Waldo H. Coffman, who was released from the military prison a few weeks ago, has had rapid effect. Coffman was not chary in h charges, and not even Lieut. Col. T. H. Slavens, commandant of the prison, was immune from attack by the man who declared his prosecution and prison sentence resulted from his socialistic be-

There was no effort to correct these abuses until after the APPEAL's exposhe cells. A stinking "night bucket" is abused by each prisoner and must remain in ure. It is evident that he cell while he sleeps. The steach arising from more than 100 such buckets in paper" has scored again. ure. It is evident that "the Socialist

on less if you had to?" continued the

"I don't see how I could. I am not extravagant. We get along now because we don't go any place. I am not drinking man. "Do you go to the theater?"

chairman.

"I can't afford it. I have not been to the theater in four years. I am trying to get along and have just paid for my home and am fairly happy. I think I should have more money and not be compelled to work as long as I have had I have done my best with what

The Privileged Classes

John Clark Ridpath. The privileged classes of mankind have no conscience on the subject of their privilege. History does not adquestioned Clawson, attorney for the duce one instance in which a nobility or even a monopoly entrenched in precedent and custom has ever voluntary children, no, three children. I made restitution to society of the rights bout the last one," said Wall, of which she had been despoiled. The forgos about the last one," said Wall, and sipple of laughter went over the entire audience. "My groceries cost from \$6 to \$3 a week, my fuel costs as broken. So long as the laboring people, ancient or modern, have re-\$48 a year; money goes for doctor's people, ancient or modern, have re-bills and school expenses. I have had stricted their organizations to mere one suit of clothes in four years, worth \$7.50 at a half-price sale. Yes, I have not appear to have been harshly dealt with but just as soon as they ventured to consider and act upon the subject of politics, which of all others, was most necessary to their welfare, they have become, and this is true in our time the objects of hate, abuse and repres-

CIRCUIT JUDGE SMITH. Pontiac, Mich. sentenced Banker Joshman to prison after he had plead guilty of stealing \$200,000. Judge Smith startled the court room habitues by saying to the convicted banker: "Serious as is your offense, you need not look upon the dark side of your future because of the garine. I pay 20 cents a pound for that. length of this sentence. There is no No, we don't use eggs," he said with a prison in Michigan that will long hold an embezzling banker who has wealthy and influential friends." There you have it, Henry Dubb, from the judge himself that the banker may steal and purchase immunity from punishment

> tion based on equality, fraternity, liberty, then common life will supply its museums, it will do away with that monstrous habit of endowing institutions with the stolen fruits of a fellow man's labor .- George D. Herron.

A norse is broke when he is young and able to work and a man is broke when he is old and unable to work,

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Socialism Growing Fast. Secialism was never accepted by seeple at a faster rate than it is a new, and the rate of speed of such spiance is increasing at an astenis atto. I find men answermity reliabing ptance is increasing at an astonishing discussion. I find men apparently reliabing doctions and ideas now that they would have jected with horror as recently as six onths ago. The Arraal is needed as ever before to train and encourage the mobil (both physically and mentally hunty) to an intelligent understanding of hat Socialism implies—i. N. Stants, Soalist mayor Coshoeton, Ohio.

Co-operation in Alaska

O-OPERATIVE stores, owned and managed by natives, are fostered wherever possible in Alaska by the United States bureau of education which has charge of education for the natives of Alaska. In this way the bureau helps the natives protect from those traders who charge exorbitant prices for food and clothing and pay as little as possible for native In the small villages even legitimate marketing expenses are heavy burden unless there is some form of co-operation.

These cooperative attempts have been a decided success. At Hydaburg, in southeastern Alaska, where the United States school teacher has general oversight of the co-operative stores, the natives were able, after 12 months of usiness, to declare a cash dividend of 50 per cent and still have funds availa for the erection of a larger store building. The Klawock company, also under native manage ent, was able after nine months of existence to erect a new store building from its surplus. At Klukwan also the natives have organized a co-operative

Native stores have for several years been in successful operation at Cape Prince of Wales and on St. Lawrence where the natives buy food a reasonable prices and are assured on an equitable exchange for their furs and other products.

A more recent example of co-opera tion is at Atka, a remote island in th Aleutian chain. Formerly rough lum ber cost \$50 per thousand and shingle \$8 a thousand on this island, and cloth ing and food supplies were correspond the other hand natives were poorly paid for their labor. For each of the few blue fox skins the natives could catch they received from the trader goods averaging \$8 in value Sold at public auction in Seattle, these skins brought from \$17.10 to \$66.50 each, according to quality. In April of this year, with the help of Seattle merchants and officers of the revenue cutter service, a co-operative company was organized under the direction of the United States public school teacher, and now the natives are doing their own buying and selling with considerable advantage to themselves.

os on the shore of Bering sea and the Artic ocean have until recently had to market through local traders. Now many of them are sending by mail packages of fox, lynx, mink and hair seal to the Alaska division of the bureau of education at Seattle, and the govern ment officials sell the furs for the natives at public auction to the highest

bidders. Natives in Tatitlek co-operated in salting and exporting salmon during the past season, under the instruction of the local government teacher, with the result that they have not only netted \$1,000 in cash, but have also put away 76,000 pounds of smoked salmon for winter use.

Co-operation in Alaska has been aided by the policy of reserving tracts of land for the exclusive use of the natives. On this land the natives build up their own industries, safe from the cvil influence of unprincipled white men. Hydaburg is a reservation settlement; Klukwan has recently obtained a similar reservation upon which to conduct its co-operative enterprises, and Klain the near future.

SOCIALIST HANDBOOK No. 2. This is a very valuable reference book and one that every Socialist worker should carry in his pocket. It contains information you have use for almost every day. And it is so cheap no one need be without one. 10 cents will bring you one by mail, postpald.

Reating the Socialists

solenin protest against the increasing considered wealthy unless there were art religious prejudice is coming to some people in need of his gold. part religious prejudice is coming to play in American politicis.

When the average American reads the rope in the sixteenth century, he is sure put my finger on the paragraph):

arguments, but in accordance with religious views, if it continues to grow, will result in bitterness and injustice of true democracy!--Cincinnati Times-

Star cialism." That man really has a younger, more up-to-date mind than rate wealth is everywhere bad—public many a youth of twenty. His action should shame others to seek the truth where private wealth influences it for about things, through careful study. private gain.

Jimmy Higgins' Experiences

Jimmy decided the other morning tha ild go out and round up a few subs for the little old APPEAL Putting a few sub cards and some APPEALS in sure that the little red book (the "Arsenal") was in his vest pocket where he could get it at a moment's notice

The first man he met was old Doc Jones, who runs the corner drug store and isn't worked to death doing it After the usual exchange of opinions as to the weather, Jimmy gave Doc copy of the APPEAL and the following

Doc-What's the use of giving me this, Jimmy? Haven't I told you over and over again that I wouldn't read the dirty sheet

Jimmy-Yes, Doc, that's a fact; but say, Doc, there is just one little article in this paper I want you to read-i won't hart you. I'm pretty sure you'll like it, Doc, it's right along the line I've heard you talk lots of times."

Doc (grudgingly)—Well, I'll read it.

Doe stuck the paper in his coat pocket and started on, but Jimmy through with him yet.

"Just a minute, Doc."
"Well, what is it?"

"Congressman C from this district friend of yours, isn't he, Doc?"
"Sure. John and I used to go to hool together. What of it?"
"Nothing, only I just wanted to say chool together.

that Mr. C takes the APPEAL and reads it. too.' 'How do you know he does?"

"I took his subscription myself, He said he didn't endorse the doctrines it advocates, but he wanted to be fair and give all sides a hearing. He's a pretty intelligent man, Doc-I'll say that for im even if he isn't a Socialist yet.' Jimmy started down the street, but

his time it was Doc who was not hrough. "Wait a minute, Jimmy "All right. What is it, Doc?"

"How much did you say this paper vas a year?" "Fifty cents a year, Doc; but I'm geting up a club of four and you can get

t for a quarter." That saves me 25 "Good! Well, here's your quarter. So long Jimmy. I must be getting on to the store.

Raincoats at Ten Cents

Bellamy in his "Looking Backward," forecasted paper clothing. It would seem the prophecy is about to be realized.

A man in Illinois has invented a process to produce and market a rain coat that can be retailed from 10 cents up. These coats are made in the regulation slip-on style, from an integral piece of waterproof paper. Their production the Sartorial Art cost, according to Journal, will be no higher than 5 cents each, and even that figure can be lessened. The coat can be folded up to fit in an ordinary envelope and is particularly adapted to being carried in handbags

The coats can be made of oiled paper or parrafin vellum parchment paper, which gives the appearance of silkiness at a short distance. The original idea was for the coats to be worn only one, but, after a trial, it was demonstrated tha they could be utilized successfully two or three times. The coats are reinforced where the buttons are sewn on, and also where the buttonholes are cut. There are only two seams, both running underneath the arms and down

the sides. These seams are cemented by ordinary glue.

What is Wealth? J. A. Wayland in AFFEAL, 1901.

A READER wants a definition of wealth. Wealth is a mental estimate of a thing. A great store house of meat would not be wealth to a people who would not use meat. Gold would wock hopes to secure reservation land not be wealth to a Robinson Crusoe nor to the Utopians. Wool would not be considered wealth to a people who had prejudices against its use, as had the Beautiful ancient Egyptian priests. stones would be the opposite of wealth where the ground was covered with ure of the currency steals by the Sothem and occupied needed soil. It cialist and labor press has made the would be wealth in other places, as the banks afraid of their own asset curconditions had It is about time that somebody uttered A man with tons of gold would not be

John Ruskin has somewhere said (some bad friend has borrowed my history of the religious struggle in Eu- copy and failed to return it or I could rope in the sixteenth century, he is sure put my finger on the paragraph): "Imto be impressed by the ghastly fanati-cism and bigotry of the times. Men burned and tortured and killed each other in those days in the firm belief looking the whole, while the sands in that in doing so they were serving the the streams were of virgin gold. You a slender time making even would doubtless count this man rich. Fortunately there is not much chance But suppose that no man was in need adds more on the same line, concluding that religious intolerance will ever be of his gold, his cattle or his grain? He "and the bituminous operator makes mittee of the Socialist party of Indiana carried to the point of physical violence would have to bake his own bread with even less money." This is of course for volunteers to care for children of and bloodshed in this country. But if Americans are not careful they will presently find religious prejudice playing an overshadowing part in American politics; they will find it, silently and without more politics; they will find it, silently and without more politics. The property of the fields. No one would take riches with the fields. No one would take riches briefly, when all the reasons for high without much agitation in the public on such terms. To become rich he briefly, when all the reasons for high press, influencing individuals more must arrange things so that somebody prices of coal existed as they do not press, influencing individuals more must arrange things so that somebody strongly than the legitimate arguments must be in need of his gold or his land, which should have the deciding influ-that he may compel them to serve him. Riches then mean that we must arrange A newspaper or an individual does the greatest possible inequality in our

we have in our mind conditions that ciated Press to the ass people is, often, will enable us to control the labor or preceded by the term "it is reported," services of others for our pleasure. "it is rumored." "in That is what Horace Greeley called reliable source." etc. wants, it will build its own libraries and regrettable in the eyes of every friend slavery. But wealth can be different. Wealth can be a benefit to all and an injury to none. That it is not so today George Tenney of Sterling, Kan., Change private control to public conwrites: "I am eighty years young and trol and you will have as certainly have just commenced the study of So-changed the effect of it as the present

Defend Your Argument.

Comrade Coison of Kasota, Minn, sends \$3 for 12 sub cards and a free copy of the "Arsenakof Facts." "I need the Arsenal, he writes, "so I can defend my argument. With this little red covered book in his vest pocket, Courade Colson knows that he always has the hest of his opponent in almost any argument. Every Socialist worker should have one. That's why we he always has the lest of his opponent in almost any argument. Every Socialist worker should have one. That's why we are giving them away absolutely free all we ask is that you send \$8 for 12 forty-week sub cards which you can easily dispose of at 25 cents each. The book costs you bething.

Starved to Death

Dickens in Oliver Twist. THERE was no one in the room; but a man was cronching mechanically the stove. An old woman, too, had drawn a low stool to the cold earth and was sitting beside him. There were some ragged children in another corner, and in a small recess, opposite the door there lay upon the ground something covered with an old blanket. Oliver shuddered as he cast his eyes toward the place, and crept involuntarily closer to his master, for though it was covered up, the boy felt that it was a

The man's face was thin and very pale, his hair and beard were grizzly, and his eyes were bloodshot. The old woman's face was wrinkled, her two remaining teeth protruded over her un der lip, and her eyes were bright and "Nobody shall go near her," said the

man, starting hercely up as the under-taker approached the recess. "Keep "Keep back! d-n you-keep back, if you've a life to lose!"

"Nonsense, my good man," said the undertaker, who was pretty well used to misery in all its shapes—"nonsense!" "I tell you," said the man, clenching his hands and stamping furiously on the floor, "I tell you I won't have her put in the ground. She couldn't rest The worms would worry-not there. cat her-she is so worn away."

The undertaker offered no reply to this raving, but, producing a tape from his pocket, knelt down for a moment by the side of the body. "Ah!" said the man, bursting into

tears, and sinking on his knees at the feet of the dead woman, "kneel down, kneel down; kneel around here every one of you, and mark my words, I say she starved to death. I never knew how bad she was till the fever came upon her, and her bones were starting through the skin. There was neither fire nor candle! she died in the dark-in the She couldn't even see her children's faces, though we heard her gasping out their names. I begged for her the streets, and they sent me to prison. When I came back she was dying; and all the blood in my heart dried up, for they starved her to death. I swear it before God that saw it-they starved her!" He twined his hands in his hair, and with a loud scream rolled groveling upon the floor, his eyes fixed, and the foam gushing from his lips.

The Banking Graft

banks of the United States, just issued,

brings out some interesting facts. For example, the 7,500 national banks in America averaged net earnings to the amount of 15.3 per cent on their capital stock They declared dividends to the amount of 11.4 per cent, holding the remainder of the profit as surplus, for further investment. The total surplus, which represents profit already made and now become an investment, amounts to \$726,30°,377. The profits for the past year were over \$280,000,000.

The largest bank note redemption in history took place during 1913, amounting to \$683,000,000, which is 94 per cent of the total bank note issue. Different theories may prevail as to what this means. The Aldrich-Vreeland currency bill expires January 1st, and it may be an effort to clear up the old issue in order to reissue under the new currency bill now being considered. the explanation, it does not show great fear of the new bill on the part of the It is possible, also, the expos-

dend in banking! Quite a graft, isn't it? Why shouldn't Uncle Sam do the banking and save all that to the whole people?

Ass. Press "News"

The Associated Press is foolishly supination of news. An Associated Press won their lands when they came over dispatch says: "The anthracite coal with the Conqueror, and by the sword a slender profit on his investment" and

prices of coal existed as they do not today, anthracite coal could be bought in Philadelphia for \$3,50 per ton; now it costs about double that sum. It is a confusing sort of logic, that asserts that in the face of these facts, the anthracite "it is rumored." "information from

GEORGE D. COLEMAN.

THE Metropolitan Church association of Wankesha, Wis., is advertising to "The Confessions of Harry Orchard." This is the bunco book that was discredited five years ago. Reputable houses have long since ceased to sell it.

THE "great unrest" about which the masters talk means that agitation is doing its work. The world is agitated

A Confession

Dr. Kirby of the Catholic university has this to say of Socialism: "On the whole, Socialism seems to misunderstand itself quite as much as its enemie We find it on all misunderstand it. sides of us established as a hope, taught as a system, diffused as a sentiment and fearless as a criticism of the existing order. Its literature tells us that it is not atheistic; that does and does not favor free love, disintegration of the family, class hatred and confiscation. It is strange that we can so easily over look the actual materialism of society resulting in a very direct way from the inevitable psychology produced by our institutions, and take such offense at the presence of so many materialists

among Socialists. "It is awkward that we overlook patiently the rapid and unmistakable disintegration of the family among both strong and weak, postponement of marriage, falling birthrate with its implicalargely to facts connected with the economic motive and then allege against Socialism that it endangers the family It is peculiar that we find property rights indiscriminately so sacred, and personal rights, humanity's right, rights of children and of mothers and of fathers, so difficult of demonstration and so doubtful of realization.

"If those of us who feel present industrial order should be defended were to listen patiently to the indictment of it prepared by Socialism and then shrink from no fact and evade to man. no inference, no matter how unwelcome we might learn more from Socialism than we appear to learn.

"And if we apply the same severe logic to our own proposals for reform that we apply against Socialism we might be led to see that we match impossibility against impossibility in much that we write and suggest."-Pitts burg Catholic.

Calls It "Anarchy" From Fuiten, Mo., Gazette.

"I have no conscientious scruples against the use of any method, direct or indirect, that will secure to the working class possession of the machinery of production," writes Fred D. Warren in the APPEAL TO REASON, socialistic newspaper published Girard, Kan.

"But I think entirely too much of my head to risk butting it against a stone wall in the shape of a policeman's club wielded by a man who takes his orders from capitalistic politicians.

What Mr. Warren means to say that he has no conscientious scruple against committing theft or murder to get the results he desires, but that he is not willing to attempt either, as long as there is danger of his being punished for them. Mr. Warren inferentially admits that he is an anarchist and in favor of anarchy, but that he hasn't me conrage to practice anarchy there is an avenging law in the land.

Such a man ought not to be recog-The report of the conditions of the nized, either as a leader or a fellow by any man or set of men. There are plenty of wrongs in the world that need correcting, but the Warren way is not the way to go about squaring then

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As to Land Titles. P. W. Garrison in the Atlantic.

On what just basis can I claim exclusive right to a part of the limited surface of the earth? "No man made the land," said Hill. "It is the original inheritance of the whole species." matter how far we delve into the past we can find no just title to the private ownership of land. A Vermont judge when asked to return a fugitive slave to the man who claimed ownership, replied, "Show me a bill of sale from the Almighty and I will deliver him." same reasoning may be applied to land titles with equal force. admits that "there is no foundation in nature, or in natural law, why a set of words upon parchment places, as the banks are and anxious to get rid of it. man has no laud," says Emerson, made needs. But think of that 15 per cent divithe dominion of land." "Whilst another once vitiated." And Herbert Spencer maintains that the titles all rest on once vitiated." force, fraud or cunning. When Edward I. sent his commission to inquire into the existing judicial franchises in 1278 Earl Warenne flung a rusty sword on the table and cried: "This, sirs, is posed to be for the co-operative dissemination of news. An Associated Press won their lands when they came over we will keep them."

> A CALL is made by the executive com mittee of the Socialist party of Indiana the striking teamsters of Indianapolis, and for support of Labor's Voice that THE world is growing better. That

is to say, it is thinking about Socialism Gladys Brown, St. Davis, Ill., wishes to hear from or of her father, Hanyor Henry Brown, coal mine driver.

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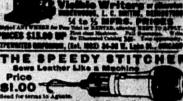
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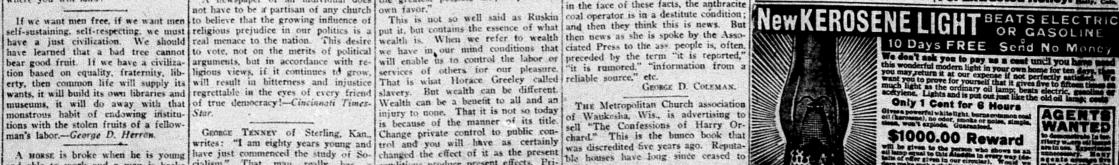
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A Day of the Life of a Miner's Wife

BY EFFIE D. LALLEMENT.

A LL during the early morning hours as Mary Baker fixed her husband's bucket for work, she had gone about her work with a preoccupied air. John, her husband, felt something was wrong, for usually there was ever a ong on Mary's lips, even when he had been the most discouraged over strikes, ensions and other but he was a very wise husband and so said nothing. Picking up his bucket, he went over and kissed their three children, and putting his arm nd Mary, walked to the gate. "Good-bye, dear, be good and when

come back I'd like to hear my Mary Mary tried to smile, but her lips quiv ered and bright tears began to gather. and to hide them she put her arms around his neck and hald her head on

his shoulder. "I will smile when you Her heart said if come back. He kissed her again. must go now; listen, there is the mine whistle." She stood there and watch-She stood there and watched him until at a bend in the road he waved his hand to her reassuringly and then was lost to her sight.

Turning she walked back into the All through the morning Mary waited for footsteps. Of course, she thought, it was foolish to feel this way, for nothing was going to happen to him. Why, hadn't Mrs. Graham's hushand worked in the mines for twenty years and he had never even been hurt ut then there was Jenny Burke's man who was killed just four months ago to day, and she left with the care of five He and John had started at the same time; they had been "bud She thought of the day she had down into the mines. Many times she had heard them talk about their coms, entries and horsebacks, but had never really known what they meant, for Mary had lived on the farm and ad known nothing of this terrible waiting and the dreadful "ifs" that now crowded into her mind. Never could forget that ride on the cage and the awful blackness. When they reached the bottom someone called, "Come this ey walked down a dark hallwhich John called the entry. Mary ted to a hole on the side and asked "That is a room." Mary's yes opened wide in astonishment. Why, it was nothing but a little lack hole, not more than three or four ch, and even when she stooped she could hardly get in. It was more than the could see how John, who was over

very careful, and she was a very solish girl to worry. And so the more ng passed and by one o'clock she felt assured, yet that dread of the unown was still there. The blood rush to her head and she clutched dizzily the table. All the thoughts she had

six feet, managed to work there all

le to escape. But there, what was the

was coming home this evening, for he

ne happened it would be impossi

d up for eight hours.

ed crowded again into her mind. teadying herself she opened the door Mary, dear, they sent me over to

She grasped Jeany's hand and whis-ered: "Is-is he dead?"

"Dead?" repeated Jenny, wondering and then she understood. "No. ar, there have been no accidents to-

"I am afraid so; I waited and watchman's time came. There seems to nothing to do except to think as litof it as you can, and hope that your m may be spared."

And so ends the day, only to begin another day of waiting and wonder-

As Things Would Not Be

The Masters Are Denied Work.

HE Co-operative Commonwealth was in operation. All the mills and tansportation systems were in the lands of the workers. For a time after change, the masters had lived at ng able to invest so as to force others support them, that they would have to to work. A number of them, efore, appeared at the great public There is no work," said the fore-

"But what are we to do? If we can't

problem for us when we begged happens because the persons who judges to throw ... persons who are too poor to pay small fines. for work in the old days?

men! A time like this de ye meet it shall be measured to you

The former capitalists turned away dejected, and began to consult. Finally they came again to the foreman. Said the spokesman:

"We will work cheaper than your present help. Please don't refuse us work or our families will starve."

"All that is a thing of the past," said the foreman in reply. the foreman in reply. "Those who work receive the full social value of their product, and you would too, if you worked. Why don't you start a business of your own?"

"We couldn't afford to pay enough to induce others to work for us. "Why don't you work for your-

selves?" "Because we haven't the tools with which to do the work."

"Well, you cared nothing for us when e were helpless before you. Now go and be tramps, and let your children become paupers and white slaves."

The masters furned away full of resentment. "We can still buy dynamite." one of them whispered.

But it wasn't necessary. capitalistic dream. When Socialism really comes the masters themselves will find avenues of useful endeavor open to them, and they too may rejoice in the freedom from fear of want.

Beginnings of Things

The First Railroad.

A FTER numerous railroads had been chartered and pot built, about 1828, active construction of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad was begun. thirty-six miles of railroad had been completed in America. The rails were long wood stringers protected on the top from the wear of the wheels by strap iron nailed to it. These rails than you have done away from home. were laid on ties of granite. There was considerable discussion as to the kind of locomotives to be used and several will to be a strike-breaker. And now were tried and discarded. The government was repeatedly urged to build the roads at public expense, but would not do so. In a few instances the states did construct short lines of railroad. These were leased, to be used by private companies with the result that two or thee companies would run rolling stock over the same road. Sometimes trains belonging to rival comwould meet between stations when the train crews would fight to see which should be given the right of way, the loser having to back to the station behind, where there was a switch. In various ways the roads that were built by the states were transferred to private corporations practically with

Just as True Today.

Consider your ways: ye have sown much and bring in little; ye cat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe ye, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages carneth wages to put it in a bag with holes.—Haggai I, 5-6.

As Things May Be

Saving Under Socialism.

THE purpose in laying by is to pro vide against a possible rainy day.

The need of it is an arraignment of the capitalist system.

More than ninety per cent of the people today die intestate-that is, with out property. As a means of safeguarding the future, therefore, laying by or saving is, under capitalism, such a failure as to invite neglect. Besides, if it were a success—if everybody did lay by -business would be ruined. To provide against such a contingency banking system was devised, so that the banks may be able to spend what the individual thinks he is laying by, and thus prevent the system from going to pieces.

Under Socialism there will be laying by, but it will be systematic and not individual and anarchistic. It will be political economy and industrial economy as well. The property laid by will not be where it can be lost or dissi-pated. It will be common-wealth. This is why we speak of the Co-operative Commonwealth. It is the great distinhave had such a terrible day. When social value of his product. It is more recent john went away this morning I was sure than is possible under the individualistic Press. should never see him again. Jenny, or unorganized method of saving. But it will mean more than that. It will mean opportunity for every child, with assurance that it will never lack. If a Without firing a shot, a fleet of ar man were to save a million dollars unhysterical method that fosters on the

and misery. same evident that they were approaching the end of their resources, and not and thus earn a rest; but even then he this stands hitched and lets a little would not need to lay by for wife or Scotchman pick its pockets? child, knowing that their income would be sure.

Sentenced for Poverty.

Governor Foss of Massachusetts Out of 27,000 sentences each year to Massachusetts jails and prisons, approximately 10,000 are not for any crime Do you remember how you solved whatever, but only for poverty. This happens because the 1 is permitted

Childrens' Edition No. 943

December 28th has been designated by the Socialist party as Children's ist mayor. Day. The Appeal, dated December Day sperial. A wonderful work for Socialism can be accomplished on this day by a wide distribution of No. 943. Socialist workers, locals and young people's societies everywhere should

take a hand in this. In this issue will appeal "A Message to the Children," by Eugene V. Debs, in the opening paragraph of which he says: "The Socialist party is the only party that has the children at heart; the only party that takes them into its confidence; the only party that has a message for them in any year."

Let us prove the truth of this statement by circulating a million copies of No. 948. This "Message" is one of the best things Debs ever wrote.

It will be an inspiration to thousands. No. 943 will contain many other splendid articles all devoted to the interests of the children and recognising them as a mighty factor in this great movement for "Socialism in our time." Lay your plans now for a systematic distribution of this special edition. Get your order in today. \$5 pays for 1,000 copies; \$2.50 for 500 copies and \$1 for 200 copies.

Letters to Henry Dubb

Dear Henry-Your work having run ent you now have decided to come and try your luck here again. Well, 1 suppose you couldn't do any worse here Since being away you have been jailed for "vagrancy" and forced against your you will return to us poorer than you Work is still scarce and you may find it just as difficult to get a job as you found it before you went But at least you will spend Christmas at home or what you call "home, Johnny, your youngest at school, gave me a letter addressed to Santa Claus and asked me to mail it for him. The letter was open so I am copying it here -minus the errors-for your benefit.

This is the letter:

Dear Santa—I want a little automobile just like Percival Grabitall has. One you can sit inside and make it go with your feet. I also want good shoes, as I am going to hurt my feet on the iron pushers with my torn shoes. It hurts me to walk on them now. So bring me a good pair of them now. So bring me a good pair of the shoes to go with the automobile.

JOHNNY DURN.

I know it's mean of me to tantalize you with this letter of your boy to Santa just when your are out of work and But that's the way of the Socialists. We are so eager to get this state of affairs wiped out that we take every possible advantage to rub in our point. Now, Henry, is it not a crying outrage that your little boy should be compelled to write to Santa for a pair And is it not a greater outrage still that without it being your fault Santa won't bring him or your other children any of the things they are asking for this Christmas? Yet little Percival Grabitall and the other children of the rich will be kindly favored by Santa this Christmas just as they have been favored since their birth. What makes this difference between Mr. Grabitall and ordinary Dubb? The answer is he controls your job. He owns the factory where you have to work. When you and the other workingmen get sense enough, my dear Henry, to vote their party-the Socialist partyinto power and have the government take over and operate all the industries for the benefit of all the people the dif-ferences between the Grabitalls and the Dubbs will disappear. And still better than anything no child's heart will then be crushed with grief on Christmas morning. Santa will them all. Your friend, Santa will then remember

Genius Under Capitalism

Dr. Carl H. von Klein, a graduate of ay. I just wanted to tell you Mrs. guishing feature of Socialism. The raham is giving a party and asked wealth will consist of mills and machinery and the means of distribution and traffic. This will mean, ineverties a party and the means of distribution and traffic. This will mean, ineverties a party and the means of distribution and traffic. This will mean, ineverties a party and the means of distribution and traffic. This will mean, ineverties a party and the means of distribution and traffic. This will mean, ineverties a party and the means of distribution and traffic. This will mean, ineverties a party and the means of distribution and traffic. This will mean, ineverties a party and the means of distribution and traffic. This will mean, ineverties a party and the means of distribution and traffic. This will mean, ineverties a party and the means of distribution and traffic. This will mean, ineverties a party and the means of distribution and traffic. This will mean, ineverties a party and the means of distribution and traffic. This will mean the means of distribution and traffic. began to cry weakly. "Oh, Jenny, I itably, a job for everyone and the full ward at the county hospital at Chicago When social value of his product. It is more recently, according to the Associated

mored battleships has secured from the and wondered for years, and finally der the present system he would not people of the United States a tribute have such assurance as this. If he of \$100,000 per year, to be paid in gold were insured for half a million his coin. They were not foreign ships. children would not have such assur- either, but fly the American flag and ance. This is why the organized method of saving is superior to the present drew Carnegie sold us armor plate to decorate them with, built a steel trust one side despair and on the other greed with the profits, and then the slick old Scotland, where he has With this common-wealth as a bul- just presented \$2,000,000 of steel trust wark against any possible misfortune bonds to a local enterprise. On these in the future, personal saving will be bonds the citizens of the U. S. must come unnecessary. One may then, lit- pay about \$100,000 a year in interest erally, take no thought for the morrow, If a pirate sloop were to anchor off the what he shall eat, or what he shall wear coast of Maine and rob a hen roost or wherewithal he shall be clothed. If we'd get the navy under steam at once he should plan, however, for a vacation and ram every gun full of death and on the cash which they had on and traveling, or to do some personal destruction. No wonder Andy is for and But then came a change. It heresearch work, he might save until he peace! What in the dickens is there to

How They Were Freed.

When the trolley cars first appeared

down south, the nigger said: "Dey's great people, lese Yanks; fust dey comes down here and frees de

A lean old nuile was grazing by the

Significant News

Yonne, France, has elected a Social-

About half a dozen Socialist iocals 27th-No. 943-will be a Children's are being organized weekly i. Okt. homa.

The membership of the American Federation of Labor now exceeds two million, with a net gain of 250,000 during 1913

The recent Socialist vote in Italy reached 822,280, which is a fifty per cent gain in two years and is 20 per cent of the total vote.

A Southeastern Eucampment association has been organized in Okiahoma, Arkansas and Texas, to do business for Socialism next year. Ohio now has seven Socialist mayors

Kenmore comes in with a Pelated report H. L. A. Holman, Socialist, was ar-

before accorded a trial. Twenty-one seats were gained by the speedily learn that it is the mons of England. Socialists now

have 37 members of the body. At recent elections in Spain, two Socialists were elected to municipal counciis, and 104 Socialists were elected to

migor offices throughout the country. Proportional representation is a probability in France. Socialists are supporting the measure, though it may co them some seats in the house. will gain seats in the sent te, however,

The Carnegie steel plant at Columbus Ohio, has closed down, throwing 900 out of employment. The Panhandle railroad shops of the same city have haid off 635 men, and other institutions soc more.

The fifth annual convention of the Intercollegiate Socialist society will be held at Murray Hill lyceum, New York City, December 29th to 31st. There will be delegates from many colleges and prominent speakers will be present to address the convention.

The German emperor is no longer the autocrat he imagined he was. The reichstag, by a vote of 293 to 54, expressed its disapproval of his army policy, and as result the great emporor and war lord changed his plans and withdrawn troops from Alsace where they had terrorized the people.

Four years ago Socialists in the Wisconsin legislature were instrumental in getting through a measure permitting all cities to own public utilities. LaFellette's says: "Under this law practically all the water plants of the state have become municipa! enterprises." of electric plants also have been municipalized since then.

The estates of \$50,000 which the plute press reported to have been left to the American Socialist party by Leon F. Chanute of New Orleans has dwindled to \$2,600. Rather than enter a contest with brothers of the deceased, who are strongly opposed to Socialism, the naoffice accepted \$875. Chanute was a true Socialist. On his will he had stamped, "Subscribe for the APPEAL TO REASON."

The house committee investigating the Mulhall charges of lobbying by the National Association of Manufacturers has in the main found them true and condemned the notorious organization of the capitalists. It also found Represen tative McDermott, a democrat of Illinois, guilty of improper association with Lobbyist Mulhall James A. Watson of Indiana and "Uncle Joe" Cannon of Illinois, two prominent republicans, are lobbyists.

The people on the north shore of ake Superior get their mail only twice a week, because a private monopoly, which carries its refuses to carry it oftener. If one of those out of date torpedo hoats were placed on the lake, the people in that region could get their mail every day. Besides giving the people fliere a daily mail service, it would give a few of the jackies a by Socialists as a sort of special privichance to see some of the world. Such a condition, however, would be service, and capitalism reserves all service unto than a socialistic demand. Socialists, as a sort of special privilege for more Arphana. I condition, however, would be service, and capitalism reserves all service unto than a socialistic demand. Socialists, and capitalism reserves all service unto

More Socialist Victories

Leavenworth, Wash,—On December 2d S. C. Woldenburg, Socialist, was elected mayor by a plurality of 53 over a fusion of the old parties.

St. Petersburg, Fla.—At a special elec-rien Socialists were instrumental in secur-ing the adoption of a municipally owned ras plant in place of a franchise to a pri-vate company.

vate company.

Republic, Wash.—Socialists on December 2d elected one councilman for three years, and came within a fex votes of electing the mayor. It was the first time we had a municipal ticket in the field.

Springfield, Mass.—Although less than two-thirds regular vote was polled at governors election this year, the Socialist candidate for city eleck received 592 votes, against 541 for governor in 1913. The highest Socialist vote cast at recent election was 789.

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highest Socialist vote cast at recept election was 789.

Sumer. Wash.—At the municipal election held December 5d, Socialists were beaten by a "progressive citizens" ticket, throthe use of vehicles and circulating the report that a municipal saloim would be established and the eight private saloous closed, if Socialism won. Our vote was 101 to 155 for the winner.

Passo, Wash.—At the election held December 2d, Socialists elected a mayor and four councilmen out of seven. The campaign was rendered spicy by the effort of the retiring council to unload a \$50,000 indebtedness on the city for a water contract with a private corporation and a sewage service, after the people had turned down the proposition by a vote of three to one at a special election. The city is how \$55,000 above its legal indebtedness.

Farmers in Bondage. The twelle million farmers of this

country are laboring under an indebted-ness of \$6,000,000,000. On this amount, fust dey comes down here and frees de nigger; den dey comes down here and frees de mule." counting commissions and renewal charges, they are paying an annual in-terest charge of eight and one-half per A lean old nutle was grazing by the cent, or \$510,000,000, while the business roadside, and he opened his mouth and men and manufacturers pay an average said: "They didn't free the mule: of five per cent interest on \$300,000,000 they only put him out of a job."

The coon scratched his head and cess interest paid by the farmer would The coon scratched his head and said: "Boss, dat's de same way with Benson's great book. The Truth About Socialism, and two Arrests 40-week subtable judged, and with what incasure the book alone.

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Socialist pures, think should be charge of changes you think should be considered from program. This constant exchange of dur program out efforts more effective. Every Appeal Army worker should not only subscribe for the National Socialist but also take part in these discussions. It is only 25 cents a year, or, if you will take the time to interest three other comrades and get up a club of four, you can have and get up a club of four, you can have

Appeal Answers to Questions

Starving into Submission How would the workers be cared from the first Tuesday in November, we the Socialists capture the government, is the 4th of March, when they would t charge of the offices.

By the time Socialism is adopted at that Joseph Nice was elected there, general understanding of its purposes the polls there will necessarily be a and also an acquiescence in its program. If the officials in power in the interval rested at Paris, Texas, for speaking on between election the street, and was held for a full month should take it int should take it into their heads to try to starve the whole people, they would independent labor party in the house of are the government, and that they are merely agents of the people. They would be brushed aside and immediate possession of the machinery of production and distribution would be taken. But the change will probably come so gradually the masters will be posty well tamed before they are brought to give up all their power

Secret Orders.

Will secret orders remain under Social-ism as they are today?

We see no reason why a secret order that is not vicious in nature should not that is not vicious in nature should not remain under Socialism. If, however, by the special reference to fraternal insurance orders, there will be no reason for them to continue. When the future is sure for all, insurance will be automatic and what is now known as automatic and what is now known as remain under Socialism. 1f, however, automatic and what is now known as insurance (which does not insure exaway. The policy paid today merely John P. Wardell, Elnghampton, N. helps to keep the family safe when death or fire comes. As the family would be absolutely secure under Socialism always and everywhere, the Red Card brigade of the Army of the Red Card brigade of the Red Card b death or fire comes. As the family cialism always and everywhere, the policy would become useless. It is merely an evil necessary under an uncertain, vicious system

Ditch Digger and Bank Clerk.

How would a ditch digger compare with bank clerk socially under Socialism, and hich would get the most wages?

Strictly speaking there would be no ditch digger under Socialism. There would be none now if it were not for the brutalities of the system which requires that men do what machines ought to do because men are cheaper. Ditches should be dug by ditch digging machinery, which leaves the work com-paratively clean and light. Socialism paratively clean and light. Socialism does not declare which, if either, would receive the higher remuneration; such questions as these would be left for the people to decide as they might think.

J. Lemon, Suit Lake City, Utah. people to decide as they might think best. The man who was most intellects ual and most manly would be most esteemed under Socialism, whoever he might be and whatever he might do.

Dancing and Theaters.

Will dancing and theaters be permitted under Socialism?

Certainly. The fact that sometimes risque dances are employed and vicious things shown in the theaters does not condemn these amusements. Socialism things shown in the theaters does not condemn these amusements. Socialism is not a religion, but an order of society. The fact that people would want these things would entitle them to have them. Moreover, the tendency even now is toward municipal dances, properly safe-wanted and to municipal the services and the services and the services are the services are the services are the services and the services are t guarded, and to municipal theaters, also criticised for their alliances with often performing without charge, so might have the benefit of them. That tendency will doubtless strengthened under Socialism.

Lending of Money.

Does the Socialist party advocate loaning of money to individuals, with security?

There has been no declaration favoring it. Indeed, the loaning of money to individuals is generally considered present system. It is a populistic rather than a socialistic demand. Socialists, so far from seeking to aid a few individuals by helping to finance them, would have the government finance and run industries as public enterprises for the benefit of all the people, to end, not to continue, the profit system.

Men of Genius and the People.

To whom belong men or genius if not thee, O people? They do belong to thee; they are thy sons and ty iathers, thou givest birth to them, and theres, thou givest birth to them, and the profit system.

World. It is well named a positive pecessity for any country calling itself civilized, as it is showing up the rotten side of what is going on and is educating the common people. This is what the country needs.—It is showing up the rotten side of what is going on and is educating the common people. This is what the country needs.—It is showing up the rotten side of what is going on and is educating the common people. This is what the country needs.—It is showing up the rotten side of what is going on and is educating the common people. This is what the country needs.—It is showing up the rotten side of what is going on and is educating the common people. This is what the country needs.—It is showing up the rotten side of what is going on and is educating the common people. This is what the country needs.—It is showing up the rotten side of what is going on and is educating the common people. This is what the country needs.—It is showing up the rotten side of what is going on and is educating itself the solution of and is closed what is going on and is educating itself the solution of the solution of the solution of the observation of the world. It is well named in losing the size of what is going on and is educating itself the is solution of any country calling itself value of what is going on and is cducating itself value of what is going on and is educating itself value of what is going on and is educating itself value of what is going on and is educating itself value of what is

they teach thee. They open in thy chaos vistas of light. As children they have drunk at thy breasts. They have leaped in the universal matrix of humanity. Each of thy phases, I people, an avatar. The deep action of lifeit is in thee that it must be sought. Thou art the great mother. From thee issue the mysterious company of intelligence to thee, therefore, let them return,

To thee, O people, they are dedicated by their author, God .- Hugo

Even as Here and Now.

They (the Roman aristocracy) had been guilty of the most wantonly wicked cruelty which the Roman annals had yet recorded. They were not defending their country against a national danger. They were engaged in 'saving society;" that is to say, in saving their own privileges, their opportunities for plunder, their palaces, their estates, and their game preserves. They had treated the people as if they were so many cattle grown troublesome to their masters.-James Anthony Froude, in "Caesar."

To die for truth is not to die for one's ountry, but to die for the world-

The Appeal Army

The Army of Action and Achievement,

The "Big Ten.

A list of those sending the largest W. D. Berbea, New Leibburg, A. Wan Lang, New Castle, Pa. J. T. Glebrist, Camben, Ark. W. H. Jones, Elleudaic, N. D. Jas, J. Bell, Exas, Pittsburg, Pa. J. M. Koons, Los Tanos, N. M.

The "Big Four."

A list of those sending the large clubs of four year subs for the week

The fortunate ones whose names appear in the above lists each week

A Good One from Texas.

Many good things come from Texas re's one from Comrade Ducham of Sheed

A few dats ago I sent for ten sob cards.

Count me in the fight for the sholltion ware slavery. The APPEAL with a

Revolution.

I will send too mosther dollar for Benson's "Truth About" Socialism."

I bought one copy, but could not keep it. A friend of mine got if and thought it the best thing he had ever read so I let him take it with him—W. P. Wright, Peshastin, Wash.

Enclosed you will find P. O. money order or three dollars for which please send one losen Arvival sub cards and on "Arsonal." These cards were ordered by Local Eden ower, and as soon as sold we will try unother dozen.—J. H. Ferguson, Edenbower, Ore. For the dollar enclosed put my name on our list for four years. I don't want to

The APPEAL is sure an eye-opener, there are any of the working class that

I have never voted the Socialist ticket yet, but surely will it someone doesn't prove to me that Socialist of me in less time forty weeks of schooling. Inclosed find one dollar for sub cards. This is its third trip.—R. R. Schaeffer, Buhl, Idaho.

waiter, Louisville, Ky.

I didn't know it was so easy to get subs for the little old APTRAI. It makes a fellow feel like taking up subscription money for an old fashioned camp meeting; where they kill a lot of chickens and have diner on the ground and get up such "rousement" that they shake their hair combs out shouting.—E. W. Sewall, Theraton, Wash.

Wash.

D. Culman, Maplewood, Mo.—Local Maplewood instructed me to sign enclosed
piedge. All comrades present pledged themselves to buy five sub cards from the local
in turn, according to alphabetical list. Will
try to get every member to join the Red
Card Division. The local keeps the bonus.
Pass it along, it is good propaganda and
team-work.

Robert K. Taylor, Goldendale, Wash.

I feel grateful to the APPEAL for explaining Socialism to me in such a manner that it left no doubt in my mind that the Socialist party is the only perly for us working 'Dubs.' I feel it my duty Calve the same enlightenness to others. cp-! I enclose one dollar for four subs. I man heard dozens of speeches, but the same for many in the same of the same to the same of speeches, but the same for mearly nine months. Every time I came to 'Asking about Socialism' I found many of my own questions answered to my eatisfaction.—Howard Alpaugh, Manilus. In

It. I herewith enclose \$1.25 conscience fee to alleviate the suffering of five victims inflicted by our beloved capitalistic pobber system, for which remedy prescribed by the AFPEAL 70 BEASON is guaranteed to affect a complete cure, in forty weeks, or money refunded. I would suggest a diagnosis of these cases to ascertain if he patients are not afflicted with occumoter ataxia or insomnia or a similar constitutional aliment. If the patients do not respond to the forty weeks' treatment, they may be returned to the old parties asy times, labeled "incurable."—Charles W. Nitz, Pueblo, Colo.

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Nitz, Pueblo, Colo.

I am pleased to have the pricilege of foining the Red Card Division. I feel enthused over your proposition, but it is too early in the day to talk. When you have made one, just one, charge with this division the result will then be in order. The appeal to men's resson will be, I feel, an aninopriate battle erg. Let us reason with you, my brother, then united we'll move the world. Give the little old APPEAL your attention and it will give you a peep into hell itself, but do not feer because the APPEAL Army sees beyond this black night a vision of beautiful dawn.—George C. Jefferson, Berkley, Cal.

ANTI MILITARY EDITION We can the nolltical speaker as he proudly threw out his chest.

No. 201-in may quantity at the usual rates of the hall, "she must have pur in most of the hall, "she must have pur in most of the time at other things."—Chicago Reverd.

Herald.

PEARSON'S MAGAZINE for January all have another stinging article by Allan Benson entitled. What You Won't Get from a Low Tarif. It's an article that yet's person struggling with the ever present problem of three meals a day will want read. Benson gives the facts and from a Benson gives the facts and from the problem of three meals a day will want read. Benson gives the facts and from the Notice of the work of the magazine one year. Afreat two years and meals are the problem of the magazine one year. Afreat two years all for the price of the magazine sions. It was prefer well send you the magazine one year and so of our divector, the price well send you the magazine one year and 30 of our divector.

At the Country Store

The Rest on the Farm.

The City Man went to the Pop Weasel's to spend Sunday. He was like Howson Lott's visitors, seeking rest. Awakened at five o'clock Sunday morning by a lowing, whinnying and souraling he was very much iritated." an hour later he was called to breakfast he was angry.

Why do you get up so early?" he winned. Have to in order to do the feeding.

get dressed and have dinner started be fore the time to start for church. "How many times do you feed :

Three times, and milk twice. You see we have plenty of leisure in the winter time, and of course can pick up most any time and go visiting for a Treat. This is the equition of Mrs. I week or two. We have lots of time of the anti-Military edition. We must first repair I already possess a copy of Benson's fences, get the summer's wood, chop one, but I want another. I consider is to the best and clearest deflution of Sections of Section of Sections of S fences, get the summer's wood, chep the silage, trim the trees, haul manure, and do a few hundred other things like that. By that time it is dark, and as we have no electric lights and no new magazines we generally go to bed so as to be up as early as the stock wants

teed. The City Man dropped in a chair. What do you do on rainy days?" he

"We oil harness, select seed corn, kill rats and attend to a few similar neces sities. If there is nothing else to do we drag the roads

The City Man sighed. "But at least on are independent," he said. "Of course," replied Pop. "Independ-

ent of the weather. Independent of the pests of summer time. Independent in marketing things. Yes, we are very independent. How much do you think we make?" "I know you make a good living."

"Well, we mighty nigh make wages, if you don't count anything for interest on the money invested and for depreciation. You ought to join the back

to the farm movement." your list for four years. I don't want to the farm movement.' Sometimes, mass a single core. You can scare up a scenario and the socialist most any place in this country howardays. The little old Arrest, has done moved the some good work here—B. C. Payre, if I worked with good machinery for Brother Ben that I would be better off if I worked with good machinery for Uncle Sam and got what I produ

The City Man said nothing.

In the old days men produced for themselves, and what they made they largely consumed. Today a large portion of what men

produce is turned into capital for further exploiting men, and the more men labor and toil the bigger capital grows and the more men struggle the heavier becomes the indebtedness of labor

When by their united labors they have produced \$1,000,000,000 for John Rockefeller their labor is only begun. It stands over them like a r and every year up to the end of this system they must produce interest as profit on that \$1,000,000,000,-Robe



tions and higher pay. You can have the training for the position you want by devoting a little time each day under International Correspond-You can have the tr ence Schools direction.

boss" will pick you out of the line for a better position and higher salary. When you student you call to your assistance highest authorities in the line of w

Before you know it,

Work with the I. C. S. hand the hand, and you will go sheed with a rush, as thousands of others have done. Mark the Coupon and Mail II To indicating the position you inva-The I. C. S. will send you inva-literature and information expli-

literature and informati INTERNATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOLS



cialists at the recent municipal

elections in various parts of the

county demonstrate eloquently the

value of the work of the Jimmie Hig-

ginses. It is due to their persistent hammering that Socialists are made

carried by the working class for the

working class. Look over the list of

the Big Ten and Big Four, and, in

fact, read the entire Appeal Army

column and you will see at once why

Socialism is gaining in this country.

So long as men and women will vol-

untarily try to get their friends to

stop reading the plute papers or to

be influenced by them just so long

Socialism is certain to triumph.

Every reader won for the Appeal is

why they call the Appeal a "blather.

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not buy a copy. The title of this remarkable book is "WHO'S WHO IN

D. Rockefeller with all his millions

comrades and brothers are being ruthlessly mowed down by the for demanding living conditions from broke up to attend a night session at a heartless and inhuman plutocracy. the capitol. The coal and copper kings of both states are using the powers of the is the concern of all! The Appeal is said at this informal discussion, industrial wars. And to you, mem-

As Washington Sees Us

Remarkable Views Expressed About Socialists at National Press Club.

Special Correspondence Appeal to Reason, newspapermen and members of Wash- meantime. ington political life, an important dis-cussion took place the other day. To me, Socialist who is compelled to sell his brains to a capitalist sheet, that discussion was most significant. I heard senators of both parties, congressmen of the capitalist parties, two lawyers a few chiefs of federal bureaus and de ministration on one point, and that is-CHECKING THE holders. GROWTH OF SOCIALISM.

'Say what you please," said the cor-As a result this population. TECT THE BIG THINGS."

Socialists have been growing by leaps porations as participants in their pros-and bounds because of the tactless perity and as being interested in their of the Taft administration success. Wilson is a far greater politician than scramble there ought to be to see that you republicans have given him credit the interstate commerce commission alences between the old parties and even earnings the progressive party count for naught against this danger. The working peo-ple are being told that they are entitled to all the wealth they create. They are being plied with Socialist literature and Socialist papers. The APPEAL TO REAson has a tremendous circulation in my state and I understand it has hundreds of thousands of subscribers in the coun-The Socialists are like fanatics and it requires the wisest of statesmanship here in Washington to keep these fanatics from sweeping the coun-

"Well, Wilson has them on the run, isn't be?" asked one of the lawyers ho is slated, by the w.y. for a job in e commission that is to appraise the systical valuation of the railroads of country.

"Yes, you bet," answered the Oklamia congressman. "I keep in touch hasn't be?" asked one of the lawyers who is slated, by the way, for a job in the commission that is to appraise the physical valuation of the railroads of

homa congressman. "I keep in touch with their movement. I have to. They are pretty thick in my district. From their papers I learn that the Socialist party has lost about 50,000 members since Wilson was elected. I also understand that the APPEAL TO REASON has been losing circulation lately and that a number of Socialist papers have recently suspended. But don't get a notion that these Socialists are whipped They have got wonderful vitality and may come back. But let me tell you a wise thing to handle them with kid gloves.

Here a newspaper man, who recently lar magazine, presented his view. After right on the start, had an article about Wilson in a popustating that he was personally a built monser and getting a "horse laugh" from the crowd for his foolish frank-

ness, this newspaper man said:
"I have been studying up Wilson's record recently and I noticed that he toole the easiest way on each question, Talk about international diplomacy, our present occupant of the white house would shame a Richileu in the gentle art of sliding out from under every time a serious situation developed itself. If strike breaks out he immediately has Secretary Wilson-his appointment by the way was also a clever stroke-to send a, federal mediator to the scene. This gentleman employs his good oftices. That doesn't cost anything. He just arrives on the scene and the papers all over the country record that fact and the working people everywhere think he is going surely to settle the strike. He doesn't nine times out of ten. Another thing about our present administration: Wilson has appointed a raft of reformers and single taxers to unimportant and harmless jobs. thereby giving the administration an air

ICHIGAN and Colorado are to- of radicalism and progressiveness. But M day bloody bartlefields. Our you'll note Wilson's got McAdoo count-comrades and brothers are be- ing the money and McReynolds hand-

ling the department of justice"
The bull mooser's ideas did not please machine guns of the enemy. Men, the democrats present, if facial expres weamen and children of our class are sions mean anything. The discussion paying with their lives the penalty drifted along for a while and the crowd

I am sending this account to the comrades who read the APPEAL because believe Socialists ought to know what courts and the militia to crush the the old party politicians and newspaper-spirit of revolt. They will succeed men think of the movement at the we remain passive and inactive, present time. Personally, I believe there But we must not. An injury to one is a whole lot of truth in what was making arrangements to get special know, as does every Socialist, that be-correspondents on the scene of the industrial wars. And to you memcurrency reform will not give men jobs bers of the Appeal Army, we shall or reduce the cost of living. This may entrust as we have entrusted in the not be generally found out for a year past, the task of spreading the truth, And it's possible that during this period of increasing the circulation of the Socialism will wane-unless the stal-Appeal. Publicity is our strongest warts-the fanatics, as the Oklahoma congressman calls us-will double, yea, triple their energies in the meantime. If during this Wilson chloroform period we, the avowed Socialists, sustain our press and party even to the exicut of paying all the bills and dung all the work ourselves, we shall be highly rewarded when the Wilson administra-Washington, D. C.-In the luxurious tion collapses-and it will collapse as quarters of the National Press Club, surely as I am writing these lines. But the foremost organization of capitalist we must be brave and persistent in the

> amy Father, what's the future of he veri- "invest" ?
> Pather (a congressman) — investigation.
> Pransylvania Punch Bowt

NOT "PUBLIC" OWNERSHIP

In the past few weeks the Wall Street Journal has published some twenty odd partments and a dozen or so Washing- articles giving numbers of shareholdton correspondents of the large metro- ers in industrial, railroad and miscelpolitan dailies praising the Wilson ad- laneous corporations. In 145 industrials there were no less than 503,656 share and in 46 railroads 424,626 shareholders

These figures are intended to make respondent of a Boston newspaper common people think that the trust mag-"Wilson has succeeded where Roose- nates have but little to say about the common people think that the trust magvelt and Taft have failed. Both Taft afairs of the great corporations, that the Roosevelt have encouraged the interests of these concerns are the ingrowth of Socialism by persecuting its terests of hundreds of thousands of leaders and by a narrow and reactionary stockholders, who, with their depend- has hopes of making a profit from his policy of antagonism to all labor and re- ents, constitute some millions of the

country has been threatened with an Hundreds of papers the daily publishuprising of the masses which had it ing these ill-conceived stereotyped ed- of what the worker produces, and been permitted to go its full course itorials, though well informed persons brings an inevitable contest. The would have swept everything away, and the Socialists would be here viewing stockholders is woefully exaggerated the ruins of the white house and the through counting each shareholder's. The capitalist fights for as much as he capitol. Now, I am a republican. I did name once in each concern, though the can get. As a result there is a class not vote for Wilson, but I must say same person is a stockholder in a hun-that I like his diplomatic handling of dred companies. Thus, 100 shareholders of the class struggle until labor gets all the working people. He GIVES IN as tabulated by Wall street may mean on ALL THE LITTLE THINGS only one person. Well informed per-AND THEREBY IS ABLE TO PRO-some also know that five per cent of duces until the capitalist, who stands A half dozen were eager to break panies' capital than the other ninety-five worker, is set aside, through the colin at this point with statements of apper cent, a single stockholder often own-proval, but a democratic representative ing more than half of the company's property of the nation. When that

What a genuine popular

Watch for this announcement.

According to a government report,

Filipino children are worth a lot more

Socialists should:

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Comrade X Announcement Next Week

Red Card Division can be known a full statement of the number that

have enrolled will appear in next week's APPEAL. Whether a sufficient

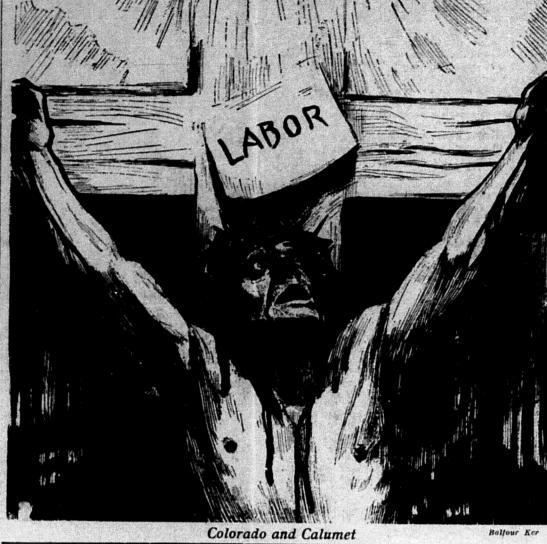
number of Socialists have sent in pledges to make possible a donation of

\$50,000 to Socialist propaganda by Comrade X, will then be made known.

Here is a letter of a comrade who has caught the spirit in a way

Dear Comrade Warren-My answer to proposal of Comrade X is

As this issue goes to press before the result of the enrolling in the



WHY THE STRUGGLE I can't get into my mind how capital will be regulated under Socialism. I can't see how the capitalist and laborer can be an-tagonistic to each other.

No man employs another unless he labor; he simply can't afford to do it. This means that the capitalist gets part And there can be no ending

And labor can never get all it proof Oklahoma "got the floor," to use a parliamentary expression. "I agree with you thoroughly," he told the Boston newspaperman. "In my state the of wage earners employed by these corcapitalist will then have no place as a participants in their pros-When that to work for him when they can get more working for themselves. Nothing will be left to him then but to become a worker himself. Becoming a worker, He and Bryan know that this lows the railroads to help themselves he becomes a member of the working country faces a grave problem. Differ- to five per cent more of the people's class and the class struggle automatically ends

PRODUCE RESULTS. That is that every Socialist worker is striving for-to produce results. We for-to produce results. We cannot always do the thing we would like to do; some are not situated so they can solicit subs or distribute literature and graft in Socialism. we want to urge all such to belp put the little old APPEAL into the hands of every voter in West Vi. ginia. We have splendid chance of capturing that state for Socialism. It is simply a matter of getting to the workers of that state with the APPEAL. You can't invest a dollar where it will produce more or better For every dollar sent on this results. fund the names of four West Virginia working class voters will be put on the list. This is an opportunity for all to boost and carry West Virginia for So-

Now Agrees With the Appeal

Attorney General McReynolds, after aving assisted his then chief, George W. Wickersham, in prosecuting the Ar PEAL editors for its exposure of the fed eral prison, finds the tide turned against him and now criticises the same judge that the APPEAL exposed, saying :

There have been several cases in the last few years where the actions of these budges, completely out of sympathy with the times, and notoriously prejudiced against the rights of the people in favor of corporations, have brought the federal courts into ill repute. in one case, for instance, a judge, against whom there was much pressure, finally retired for age, but immediately became an attorney for various railroad corporations in suits opposing the rights of the people.

The attorney general, in an effort to

The attorney general, in an effort to quare himself with the people, suggests that federal judges be forced to resign after having served (the corporations) for a certain number of years, in order presumably, to give another appointed judge, a chance at the swag. The thing to do is to end all appointive offices, and especially to end the unnecessary offices of the minor federal judges.

BLIND JUSTICE

Joseph G. Robin, the skyrocket financier, sentenced to serve one year in Blackwell's Island penitentiary, was re-

havior while under sentence, as he was A MODERATE army of the unemployed required to serve but five months, and is essential to the capitalist, in order to was permitted to leave the prison every keep wages down. When that army gets morning in time to catch the nine than American children. This report says Filipino children are sold into slavery at \$80 apiece. In the United too numerous, however, on account of o'clock boat, to remain at business in States the price runs from 90 cents to the inability of the capitalist to fulfill a dollar a week and no responsibility his contract to employ all the people, or expense of taking care of them when it becomes dangerons. It is then the nally a convict Robin is said to have the city until the four o'clock boat and they are sick or unable to work. But then you know we have the advantage to being civilized. It will of course take the Filipinos some time to learn and make the innocent farmer bear the nally a convict Robin is said to have "made between \$200,000 and \$1,000,000 during his daily trips to New York."

STRANGE that people are discussing 20th century business methods we burden. Any way and in every way the musn't expect too much from them capitalist system is a failure and is the real problem is how to raise the how to lower the cost of living when price of living

CAPITALISM IS TOTTERING Yes, things are improving. The mas-

ters have to do something to placate the people and prevent the ending of their

Here are some things that have been won in 1913;

California, Massachusetts and New ork have adopted the commission form of factory law administration.

California, Colorado, Minnesota, Ne-braska, Oregon, Wisconsin and Utah have passed minimum wage laws. Some form of workmen's compensa tion measures have been adopted by

onnecticut, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, Oregon, Texas and West Virginia Laws relative to accidents in mines and on railways were passed by twelve states. Four states required physicians to report occupational diseases. Missouri, Ohio and Pennsylvania passed laws for protection against trade dis-Fifteen states made show of protection from mine accidents and wenty-six from railway accidents.

Legislation touching on child labor vas adopted by thirty-one states. Connecticut, Iowa, Minnesot. braska, Oregon, Texas and West Virginia passed workmen's compensation bills. Fifteen states already had such measures.

Ohio and Texas made eight hours the official day on state work. Twenty-four states in addition had this pro-

vision on their statute books. Three states provided for free employment bureaus, and five states passed laws directed against abuses of private

employment agencies. Minimum wage laws for women were adopted by Colorado, Minnesota, Nebraska, Washington, California, Oregon, Wisconsin, Utah, Idaho, Delaware and

Pennsylvania and Nebraska.

Many of these laws are defective and but a court of squeals. were clearly framed to appease the workers while beating them, after the word is, Socialism.

Attention, Comrades!

From the Minot, N. D., Iconoclast. This paper needs support, but— The APPEAL campaign for a million subs is more important than the needs of our local paper.

Comrades, go to it, get those million subs. The Appeal is always there with

"What we want is the golden rule em-bodied in legislation," said the idealist. "Yes." replied the "practical" politician. "But I doubt if you'd find a Job'y on earth that could put that through. —Washington Siat.

THE worker makes others rich and THE splendid victories of the So-

Eveny tramp is proof of the failure of capitalism

Every bread line is proof of the fail-

and that finally towns and cities are THE miner keeps the world warm and

ves in a cold shack. THE masters would rather give the

oilers lead than bread. CAPITALISM speaks all languages-and

osses the worker in all of them. THE average worker votes for nothng and then kicks because he gets it.

Every policeman is proof of the failare which capitalism confesses itself

Every bond is a shackle that capitalanother nail in the coffin of capital. ism has riveted on your children before ism. The plutes know this. That's they were born

skite periodical." That's why tney THE working class can get what they are eager to see the Appeal lower its vant any time they want it bad enough to vote for it. colors. But they never will so long as the Appeal Army maintains and WHEN the farmer has a bumper crop

the railroad raises its rate and the farmer gets bumped. The workers so despise wealth they dig it up and let others take it. Then

they hunger for lack of wealth. CAPITAL depends on labor to create loot for it, and then tries to persuade

labor that it depends on capital for em-Don't boast about the raise in the value of real estate. It means only that

farther from the land. It is astonishing how the banks that issue their notes "secured by U. bonds or other securities," that is, by wind, fear that Uncle Sam may issue

the propertyless are removed that much

It is estimated that \$42,000,000 of diamonds have been imported into the United States during 1913. The prosperity of the workers is shown by the

Business is becoming more up to date every day. It is now declared that white slavers inject poison into the veins of their prospective victims, and as a result they lose consciousness and are marketed without protest.

fact that they paid for all these stones.

SOCIALISM OFFERS-

But they got nary a one!

An education to every child, A job to every worker,

pension to every one not able to

If this looks good to you, vote for it,

NOTHING is ever finished. Governent will advance beyond what it is. It will also probably advance beyond what it will be next. There is no stopping place on the road to perfection, because for every good there is always a better.

A RAILROAD that fails goes into bankuptcy and continues without a break. This proves that the capitalist is unnecessary. If the workers on a railroad ence he thinks will help him in his stop work everything stops. This proves that the worker is absolutely essential to all enterprise.

THE word trust means that the proprty of the people is put into the hands of certain "benevolent people" as trus-The evidence is clear that they tees. have not been faithful to the trust, consequently the people have the right to take from their hands that which was entrusted to them.

THE supreme courts are continually 'handing down" opinions and always in favor of the capitalist class, the class to which they belong. Some of these days the working class is going to get Texas. Night work for women and wise and reverse the process and "hand card and your record will be im children was prohibited in New York, up" a few decisions. And when it does it will no longer be court of appeals

> THE philosophers of the past revealed degrade the people who exercise them." Nature, you know, made lords and capitalists and robbers and generals. What?

ECONOMICALLY the mule worker is better off than the man worker; unlike the man worker, the mule doesn't have to save a part of his daily rations in order to eat on days he doesn't work, Mules are valuable and worth owning. Men are cheap and not worth owning. In order to exploit the mule the capital ist must own him, but he can exploit the man by owning his job. ever learns to talk and think he will lose his job.

By Ryan Walker

It will be a record of the work of the men and women who have made Socialism the greatest political power in the nation.

There have been several books de voted to the activities of the so-called leaders of the Socialist movement, but this will be the first attempt to put into permanent form a record of the rank and file, the Jimmy Higginses and the Jane Higginses who have made Socialism what it is today in America,

For the first time the Socialist work ers will have a ready reference book that will put them in touch with soldiers of the revolution in every hamlet, towand city in the country. It furnishes a means whereby the workers can co-operate with one another and is something that has long been needed. Every precaution will be taken to prevent this book from falling into the hands of anyone outside of the ranks. The name and address of the owner of each copy will be written on the front cover and a notice printed to the effect that it the book is found in the possession of anyone else it will be taken as evidence of theft and the possessor prosecuted accordingly. The book will be copy-righted and protected in every possible way. We are now at work compiling the biographies of the Socialists whose names will appear in this book. This little book will tell briefly what each comrade has accomplished, and with this information, the owner of a copy may write to the comrade whose experi-

work. The book will be printed on good paper and bound in full leather with flexible cover. Remember, this book cannot be bought with money, but a copy will go free to every one whose ography appears in it. And only those APPEAL workers who have sent in 50 subscriptions during the year 1913 will have their biographies published. This means if you want a copy of "Who's Who in Socialist America" with your biography published therein, you must see that you are credited with 50 subscriptions to the APPEAL before January 1, 1914. If you are not sure how many you have already sent, drop us a ately checked up and notice mailed you of exactly how many more you must send to make up the required 50. Tust as soon as you have complied with this requirement we shall arrange with you leased a few days ago without ever having served a single day of actual prison life for the larceny of \$27,000 from the Washington Savings bank.

Judging from press reports he must have manifested extremely "good" behavior while under sentence, as he was have manifested extremely "good" behavior while under sentence, as he was have manifested extremely "good" behavior while under sentence, as he was have manifested extremely "good" behavior while under sentence, as he was have manifested extremely "good" behavior while under sentence, as he was have manifested extremely "good" behavior while under sentence, as he was have manifested extremely "good" behavior while under sentence, as he was have manifested extremely "good" behavior while under sentence, as he was have manifested extremely "good" behavior while under sentence, as he was have manifested extremely "good" behavior while under sentence have been beauting them, after the attitude of the ruling class, even as the attitude get one. Remember you have little timeleft-so get busy.

Ir the railroads cannot attend to the distribution of the goods of the nation without robbing the people, let them give up the gun. That is their implied contract, and if they can't, Uncle Sain can.

Be Well Prepared

Be Well Prepared

The Socialists will ultimately control the political affairs of every city and every state in this nation. No well informed person controverts the teath of this statement. Socialists know well that hey are not now thoroughly prepared to take charge of governmental affairs and conduct them in the best possible manner. It is no disparagement to them that this is true. In the main they are working men and women who have had but little opportunity for education, it is because of this lack of opportunity that they have so long been held in slavery by the masters.

It is now generally understood and recognized that enanchanism of the workers will only come through education and intelligent action. To meet this need we have arranged for a salendid course in law and public speaking, which is furnished the stidents by correspondence, thus leaving their denarion. This is the only way we can hope to cheate our people, for their wages are necessary to support themselves and their families.

We are making splendid progress with this law class and we are now about to close the enrollment of students. Our last class is being organized and when we finish it, we will try our very best to make a good lawyer and a good speaker of every student in the Arpext, law class.

Those of you who read this notice and have not yet determined upon a definite course in life, should investigate our plans while yet there is time. It may be the turning toint for the better in your tife. At the expenditure of a very little money and the giving of a little time carch day one can in two or three years, prepare and the giving of a little time cach day one can in two or three years, prepare and the giving of a little time cach day one can in two or three years, prepare himself to do real service in the strugge of the workers. If you are not simply irring to slie through life without making any effect of press and part of better the world write its for little themselves.

ress all communications to Transcs.

Fort Scott, Kan.

Santa Claus Will Now Have a Good Excuse for Skipping the Palatial Shack of Mr. Henry Dubb.





criminal in nature.





