Old Parties Begin Congressional Contest

HE capitalist parties are preparing for the congressional campaign. They are mending their fences and getting ready to hoodwink the people again. Is it not time for the Socialists to begin a systematic campaign to educate the to our principles? The time is ripe for our message. Circulate the AFPEAL. It is the most effective way.

peal to Reason. Girard, Kansas, U. S. A., December 27, 1913

"Comrade" Larry.

BT MAUD DAVIS WALKET

Larry had begun to think, too. There had been so many things happen in his short life to make him think. First of all, he had got too well acquainted with Poverty, that giant who strides over the world torturing the many and sparing the few! And for some time Larry had been trying to figure out some way by which this giant might be got rid of; but it was a puzzle for a boy

Christmas (just past) had also brought him subject for much thought, for it had brought its usual disappointments to the children of his class—the class commonly called "The Poor." And now the New Year, so full of promise the limited Rich, and so full of threat for the numerous Poor, was almost at hand. As the snow thickened and the ice widened the price of coal advanced and food became scarcer, troubled Larry considerably, for he heard his father and mother talk of these things a very great deal.

One afternoon as Larry was hurrying down the cold street, shivering in his thin coat, the voice of an old man fell upon his ears. "Comrades!" rang oice. And Larry, full of curiosity, stopped to listen. The aged street-His figure was ill-clad and bent; but Larry saw that his eyes were full of hope and kindliness. "Comrades," went on the speaker, "how long will it be ere we have learned the lesson of brotherly love? The kinship of all men? That's it, the kinship-the comradeship! When true comradeship prevails we shall banish poverty, and thereby suffering Comrades, bestir yourselves! How many of us are starving for food and suffering for shelter? How many?" His voice fell to a whisper, and his bright eyes roamed the small group of people who listened to him; then they fell upon Larry's thin, pale face. "And our little children," said the aged man, his voice full of tears, "our little boys and girls! What are we doing for them? While the handful of millionaires of this town are feeding the best of meat to their pet dogs our little comrades Oh, comrades, the shame is

The word "comrades" made Larry heart leap in his underfed body. He did not hear what else the old man said he was so full of what he had already taken in. "Comrades!" He half whispered it. Then he turned and beheld a young fellow watching eagerly to him, touching his hand, "you look

The young fellow turned to him. "Comrade," he said back, "I am cold in the body, but warm in the heart. I am working for the big cause, and even though my body freeze my heart stays warm. Are you one of us? But of comrade, when even little children like have to carry a big share of the burdens of life upon their tender backs held from it. it is time for the world-wide fight! Yes. the fight for justice!" He paused and held his naked hands over his mouth, so that he might smother his coughing Then he tured to find shelter in a doorrowing for him, he said softly: "The of its product. world for the man, the woman and the child. Fight for that, little comrade!

Larry ran homeward, the young comrade's words filling his heart. "Comhorseshoes, umothy ney, order
horseshoes, orde the woman and the-CHILD." his heart warmed his thinly-clad, shiv-And he ran as fast as he could to tell his mother and his father about the things he had heard, the things he knew were just and right.

No Raise Required.

Government ownership today is state capitalism rather than Socialism. when American railroads are making millions on watered stocks and asking privilege of raising rates in order that they may mulet the people still more, the United States consular reports on government owned roads in New Zealand effectually squelches the argument that a raise of rates is needed. The re-

According to a raliway statement presented to the New Zealand house of parliament, the net carnings of the government raliways for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1913, were \$2,165.00 per mile for the dictarge number of miles open, which gave a return of 4.04 per cent on the capita cost as against 3.98 per cent in the preceding year. The net profit was \$6,185,035, as against \$5,891.448 in 1912. The estimated revenue for the year ending March 31, 1914, \$20,877.285, and the expenditures \$14.264.298. The actual carnings for the year 1913 exceeded the estimate by \$1,099.839, and were \$1,433,150 greater than the carnings of the preceding year.

It must be remembered that New Zealand is carrying passengers and roacs. Yet the government even under

THE egg trust seems to be working

Wise is he who knows what to do first and does it.

PROBABLY the war department is advertising for soldiers "to see the world" -beyond

THE planks in the capitalist party platform turn out to be shingles for use on the workers.

THE worker fills Santa's pack and empties it into the houses of the men who keep the workers poor.

The capitalist risks his money and makes the worker risk his life-then demands four times what the worker

CAPITALISTS take risks, says a defender of the system. He neglected to say that they also take almost everything else.

A very effective means of praying is to cast a Socialist ballot. That will say what you want, and if you are persistent you will get it.

THERE are only two parties-the Sorialist party and the capitalist party, which divides in contests for office, but unites to beat Socialists.



Ir avails little to overthrow a king so long as capitalism exercises more power than the king.

ADVERTISING pays. Put your adver-tisement for a job that pays what you are worth in the ballot box, in the shape of a Socialist ballot, and watch results

THERE are four rules for getting rich Be honest, be industrious, be hopeful and be patient. These rules, when apalied by you, are sure to make the other

THE greatest triple alliance is that of ig business, the government and the courts, through the union of republicans, democrats and progressives to heat Socialists comes as a good second

PATRONIZE "home industry" merely seans for the workers to stand for a higger robbery than they have to stand for in the interest of merchants who never stand with them when a strike s on.

THE department of justice has investigated and finds there is no cold storage trust. Then it is time for the whole people to create one, so the price of neat, eggs and fruits may be reduced

THIS Christmas season there is a class war at Calumet, Mich., because course you are, sonny, for you just masters have the upper hand and refuse now called me comrade. Ah, my young the workers what they produce. There can be no peace and good will so long as any part of labor's product is with-

Colorado-the workers and their masters fighting for what the workers pro-There cannot be peace and good for the cold had got into his will so long as an owning class is perblood. As Larry walked past him, sor- mitted to take from labor any portion

THE press reports among allowances The world for the man, the woman and the child!"

for expenditures for senators at the close of the recent session, money was spent for razors, grape fruit knives, Then beastly than the average person thought

> A CLASS was is in progress in Indian-apolis this season of "peace and good will"-the employing class refusing to give the workers enough of their own product to enable them to live decently There can be no realization of peace on earth so long as any portion of labor's product is withheld from labor.

> A MASSACHUSETTS judge has decided that a blacklist is not a boycott and is, therefore legal. In other words, after capitalism has assumed the job of employing the people, it has a right to comine to refuse employment wherever it likes and thus starve its victim to death. What does that lack of being the most atrocious murders upheld by the court?

> THE National Association of Manufacturers which has been convicted of seeking to corrupt congress in the interest of hig business has set aside one mayor in Indianapolis, its national headquarters, and put another in that will do its will more perfectly. Government big business seems to be the idea of those who oppose political and industrial democracy.

"The case for increased railroad freight cheaper than are the American rates" seems to be that stock speculators have loaded the roads with so capitalism is making a profit. Socialism much water the workers who manage your choice.

How They Did It

Thirteen years ago a number of com-rades undertook the task of sending the APPEAL five subscriptions a week 676 weeks these loyal, tireless workers have never missed a week. The patience undaunted courage and singleness of purpose of these comrades have ever been an inspiration to the APPEAL staff. We have asked these comrades to tell briefly how they have accomplished this seemingly tremendous undertaking. Read the stories of some of these below, told in their own words. It will be an inspiration to you to join the Red Card Division which requires similar service for only 50 weeks:

George R. Smith, Pensacola, Fla. This is the way. Each week I bought five sub cards. Most of these cards I sell; some I give away or use to buy books with. Some of the books I sell; some I give away. The effect has been

W. F. Willhoite, Wichita, Kan .- A. to how I managed to send the APPEAL five subscribers a week, will say, a person to do this cannot sleep on his it is done by getting up and hustling and staying everlastingly with it. Sometimes it is easy and other times it takes hard work.

Dr. C. C. Haxel, Fowler, Ill .- I have the APPEAL five subscription weekly for thirteen years for several First, I thoroughly and surely pelieve in Socialism. Second, I consider it a person's duty to work for that one believes in. Third, I wanted to be a spoke in the wheel of evolution that will bring to the human family such extended blessings.

O. M. Southworth, Benton Harbor Mich.-How did I get five subs a week for 18 years? It was no trick at all; just got 'em, like Sambo got the wood-chuck going or coming. If a friend does me a favor and won't take pay, I send him a sub. If a man is really "all but still will read, I send him

sub. If short of names one week, I buy sub cards which later put where they will do the most good. It's a pleasure to send the APPEAL five subs a week and I wish there were hundreds more of us. My goal is the Co-operative Commonwealth.

Peter Jacob, Wall, Pa .- It would make a long story to tell how I have managed to send the APPEAL five subs a week for thirteen years. I talked Socialism and the APPEAL and get them interested. I am a barber by trade and meet a great many strangers from all "Don'r abandon the earm." the pup-parts of the country and I very seldom pets shout. A great majority of the let one get away. I have been called talking all the time. I have sent five is that they have no farm to leave. subs a week for so many years that it has now become second nature to me. The only thing I can see is that we must all hang on like bull dogs and never give up.

Annie B. Bosworth, Brockton, Mass -How have I managed to send the APPEAL five subs a week for thirteen years? Had I kept a record it might have been an interesting story, but we never dreamed on the start we would to take subscribers each week, but later my husband took it up, sent for the sub cards and distributed them where we knew or thought they would do the Socialist club was started through these sub cards. One as far away as Clinton, lowa. We took an active part because and I believe the APPEAL has made more Socialists than anything else.

Francis Gary, Boise, Idaho .- In answer to your inquiry as to how I have managed to send the APPEAL five subs merly I took regular subscriptions and if I lacked any for some week I would send the APPEAL to some friend or acquaintance. When Madden of the postal department tried to injure the APPEAL cards and many people come to me for them. I sell them singly or by the dollar's worth—in fact, in any amount have united to ask that the public lands called for. Owing to the fact that for several years I sold the sub cards at and with the proceeds build roads. In 50 cents and then at 40 cents, I have other words the smaller grafters believe more than kept even financially. times the cards accumulate, but at other forced to divide up the swag. Why not times I have very few in stock. I have been doing this for 13 years and ited in government (postal savings) expect to keep on until the inauguration banks, and keep the land for the whole of the Co-operative Commonwealth. of the Co-operative Commonwealth.

THE APPEAL does not want to be understood as opposing laws prohibiting the sale of cocume, adulterated food, etc., or laws making it a felony to mis-

man has a vote

Ir you work the masters do you, and if you don't work you do yourself

Man are not judged by what they are, but by what they have-or haven't THE average housewife wishes Santa

rould bring some eggs for Christmas. "Go to work," they tell you, but they do not point the direction where work

THE statesmen dip their hand in blood write, "Thou shalt not steal," upon the statute books.

"Prace on earth, good will toward sen." Look at Calumet, Indianapolis and Colorado, for instance.

In France they have but the soldiers IN France they have but the soldiers the 1914 Arsenal as soon as it at work as strikebreakers. Possibly that the press next month. is what they are wanting men of all

Is the worker gets things and does not pay for them, they conspire to min his credit. If the master gets a living without paying for it, he gets credit for

MADAM THIEBES, the French "secress" who is consulted by all the "crowned predicts war for the United during 1914. Maybe she has a tip from the ordinance trust.



out of their favorite papers and wear them every day.

A MOVEMENT is a strange thing. gun in hopelessness, it thrives on ridicule, increases through opposition, succeeds unnoticed, and suddenly finds itself master of the world.

A SKELETON washed up from the sea in California has a vertebra 35 feet long and correspondingly stiff. If all the workers had that kind of a backbone there would be something doing.

SENATOR BACON insists that United States senators should have priority in marching at all state functions. As they always lead in reaction, they should be marched clear off the stage and given a kick at the end of their journey.

people are like Mrs. Micawber, they "never will leave Mr. Micawber." But everything but sane, but I never get "never will leave Mr. Micawber." But discouraged. I keep plugging away and the reason they will not leave the farm But

> says a man can earn a million dollars. He can make \$30,000 a year for 32 1-3 years and there you are. The trouble is, the average worker does not demand \$30,000 a year from his employer. Let there be a general demand along this line, and maybe the plutes will have to go to work.

THE Boston Herald is authority for keep it up so long. On the start I used the statement that the General Electric company of Lynn paid its workinen, who are members of the militia, \$1.50 a day besides what they got from the states. during the state encampment. When most good. In several towns the first private concerns pay the wages of the troops, to whom do they belong and for whom will they shoot?

UNCLE SAM last year paid \$4,882,000 for rental for wood cars that were postal clerk killers. This is \$3,400 a car. The entire cost of the wooden car is \$6,000. It would be a shame for the government to build and own the cars. Instead, it would better pay the ment from the things which I feel may keep the dividends on watered stocks moving without a flicker!

AH-HA. The secret is discovered. A savant from Arizona arises to remark and we were allowed to purchase postal "The problem of uneraployment is fitsub cards I have sold the cards. Since ting men and women to carn their then I have always made it a point to bread." The veriest imbecile in the have cards with me. I have them al- world can earn his bread if given the most in every pocket of every coat. I tools and the chance. The problem of unemployment is to remove from the even at church. I have them on the way those who refuse to let people work street and I have them at home. It is unless they will first pay a toll for the generally known that I always have privilege of doing so.

AND now, eight states of the west have united to ask that the public lands At that the bigger grafters should be build the roads with the money depos

More than a year ago the APPEAL de-clared that the chief object in throwing the Metropolitan street railway com-pany of Kansas City into the hands of a receiver was to induce the courts. With Socialists at the helm things cerwe do insist that such laws do not go to throw out numerods suits for dam-to the root of the question and those ages brought by workers who had been are now. Socialism would indeed be who make them know it. The way to injured in the service of the road. Re- pretty had if it succeeded in breaking capitalism is making a profit. Socialism much water the workers who manage would cut out this profit and let the people have all the benefit and the right of management.

If Socialism doesn't sweep this country like a cyclone in 1916 it will be because those now in power see a great cause those now in power see a great cause those now in power see a great light, shut their eyes, make a face and sallow about half the Socialist's work-ing program.

much water the workers who manage much water the workers who manage much water the workers who manage would cut out this profit and let the people them can't pay the enormous dividends them can't pay the sale of cocaine and other injutious drugs is to take the profit out of the Appeac's surmise. In one day fifty, five of these suits were dismissed by the court, disposing of damages against all the court, disposing of damages against all the court, disposing of damages against all the court, disposing of damages against and the ratio of the amount of \$300,000. There are to the amount of \$300,000. There are to the amount of \$300,000. There are to tell you. It will be turn it down after you know what Socialists who now run the roads to manage them, but for profit.

The cause of poverty lies mostly with those who live in poverty and especially in the interest of all, at a saving those who live in poverty and especially of appointing receivers to beat the victious drugs is to take the profit out of the Appeac's surmise. In one day fifty, five of these suits were dismissed by the court, disposing of damages against and the court, disposing of the sale of them. No other way is scientific or in line with out in the out of the court, disposing of damages against and the court, di cent events have shown the accuracy of up more homes than capitalism is doing

Comrade X Answers.

Many comrades have written to the APPEAL asking for explanations of the offer of Comrade X and other information relating thereto. The following answers practically cover all duestions

I. Every one who signs the pledge to send five subs a week for fifty weeks will receive every week two free sub cards. He can dispose of these cards as he pleases.

2. Those who sign this pledge are enrolled in the Red Card Division of the APPEAL Army, and are known as men bers of this division

3. Every member of the Red Card Division will also get free one copy of

4. Life subscriptions count for twent forty-week subscriptions.

5. Four-year subscriptions count for four forty-week subscriptions

Members of the Red Card Division can get weekly seven sub cards fo \$1.25 instead of sending in lists of

No premiums other than the free sub cards and one Arsenal will be given. But those wishing to get APPEAL books could purchase the same with the mone they would derive from the sale of th free sub cards. In the course of fift veeks a person would have \$25 to sper in any way he saw fit,

Persons may remit \$62.50 for th entire fifty weeks in advance. In that case the sender would be entitled to 350 sub cards or could send us a list of 350 names to be put on the mailing lis-

Pledges may be signed by secre taries of locals or special APPEAL clubs of five or more. When comrades cooperate in this fashion they can distrib ute the work of getting subs and the free cards to the members, or else they may use the proceeds of the free cards for propaganda purposes.

10. In case some wish to pay for the subs out of their own pocket and have no use for the cards the APPEAL will gladly use the subs in West Virgini or in some other desirable propaganda territory, if so authorized.

Pledges must be mailed befor midnight of Friday, January 9, 1914.

I Am the Child.

I come helpless into the world, and fied a bonded debt of more than twenty dollars saddled on me without knowledge or consent, on which I a compelled to pay interest as long as

I come helpless, and I find the land

of the world divided and alotted tothers so that I cannot remain unless buy the right, either through purchas or rental. I find the schools and colleges oper

only to the voice of the dollar, an because I have no money I do not get an education. I find society estimates me, not ac

cording to my real merits, but according to the property my parents may pos sess, and consequently I come as a nor entity and am left without a chance. I find I cannot travel or hear the music I love, or develop toward

longing I have, because I have no money. Other children were born with Why was not I? I find parents struggling to exist ar in my desire to help I go into mill mine for almost nothing, and sell my youth and health and happiness for a

does not protest.

I see abundance about me, which I and my kind have created; but if I take it I am imprisoned and reckoned as an

bite to eat; and the nation looks on and

a week for 13 years, will say that for- railroads more rent on them, so they be good, whatever I may do. Law is made to keep me down. Police and armies are fences that shut me the good things I find on earth. Why should I care to remain?

I do not remain long. Hard work and exposure and disappe etment and privation wear away my body and crush my spirit, and while I am yet a child the world has slain me. I am a child. But I wonder if the

world is right. I wonder why it has

FIFTEEN HUNDRED men walking the

streets of Bridgeport, Conn.; 5,000 in

treated me so.

Seattle going through the same experi ence; press dispatches from other cities reporting this same condition existing everywhere. Isn't it about time that those of us who are still eating three times a day, have a roof to cover us and a fire to warm our shins, were doing little serious thinking? You've listene to every proposed remedy but Socialism, isn't it about time you gave Socialists a hearing? You've tried capitalism under republican rule and you've tried it under democratic rule and con

Unemployment Problem Becoming Acute

OW that unemployment has become a serious issue it is up to the Socialists of America to point out to the people the cause and remody for this inevitable evil of capitalissu. With the cost of living at the same time souring skyward it ought to be easy to spread the gospel of Socialism. Circuslate the Appent. It is the most effective way

Scores of letters and telegrams from individuals and organizers of special Apr sas well as from secretaries of Socialist local conhe demand, "GIVE US MORE TIME!" have f and a confice the last few days. It now appears that t' if first alotted by Comrade X was sufficient only f iduals favorably situated to forward their pledg sufficient for others and those who attempt to ore ubs of five or interest their respective locals. ese requests and with the fact that we have rec date but 956 pledges before him Comrade X ha ited to extend the time until Friday, January 9, 1912. This will positively be the final date. No further extension will be made under any circum-

The pledges that we have received to date are practically all from individual comrades.. If we are to get the necessary 2,500 we must now mainly depend on the organization of Appeal clubs of five or more in every community possible. These clubs are composed of at least five comrades who agree to get one sub each and every week for fifty weeks. One of the five is elected as secretary and he remits the five subs and the \$1.25 to this office. This secretary receives every week free of charge two sub cards paid for by Comrade X. These free cards are distributed in turn to the members of the club or the proceeds from the cards may be used for propaganda purposes. Appeal clubs must be organized immediately and must be organized by you who read these lines. Take this as a personal message and see your comrades and organize an Appeal club as soon as possible. We must win the \$50,000 for Socialism and give the little old Appeal a Million circulation before the congressional elections next fall. Will you, comrade, get busy at once and have the honor of having organized the Appeal club in your community? As soon as a club is organized send in the pledge on this page.

You as a member of the Socialist party should interest your local in this proposition. Any local can easily dispose of five sub cards a week. Besides every week it will receive free two cards which means 100 cards valued at \$25 in the course of the fifty weeks. This is quite a snug sum for your local. But don't leave this matter to be brought up by some other comrade. He may be leaving it to you. The time is short and the matter is urgent, so please take it upon yourself to present this offer of Comrade X to your local. If necessary have a special meeting called.

I believe it is needless for me to repeat what I have said many times in regard to Comrade X's offer. When such stalwarts as Comrades Debs, Goebel, London and Ries back this proposition it seems that there is but one thing for us to do and that is to get the 2,500 by January 9. This proposition is testing the strength and the mettle of the comrades of America. It is a direct challenge to the Socialist movement. The comrade who is putting up the \$50,-000 to spur you on to give the Appeal a Million circulation before the next election has faith in you. He believes that we can get the 2,500 pledges now that the time has been extended. Let us, therefore, "make good." Let each re-But I am an outcast from school and solve to do all in his power to bring about this greatest of church, from opportunity and enjoy- all subscription campaigns to a successful issue. Let each man or woman who reads these lines take this call personally. Let each utilize every minute now remaining to organize an Appeal club or to have his local accept this proposition.

> We must have a Million circulation before we enter the contest for congress. The time is ripe-rotten ripefor the overthrow of this damnable system and we can't begin too early. Let's begin now by doubling the Appeal's circulation-you know what this will do. See, therefore. that a pledge for the Red Card Division is mailed by you either for yourself alone or for you and your associated comrades. Please get busy at once.

> Use the following pledge in joining the Red Car Division. It must be mailed before Friday, January 9, 1914:

Card Division Appeal Army

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il be benefitted by a donation of \$50,000 from Comrade X, I hereby join the Red Card Division of the Appeal Army and pledge myself to send, beginning with the second week in January, 1914, five subscriptions to the Appeal every week for a period of fifty consecutive weeks. The Appeal is to send me two paid sub cards free of charge every week, the same to be paid for by Comrade X.

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This let-

It is written to a personal friend

and surprising, thus indicating that even

those who sit on the supreme bench,

"My Dear Sir-Your book has been

lying upon my table ever since it was received, but I did not find a convenient

opportunity to examine it until I re-

ceived your letter of March 12th, when

"I ran it through last evening some-

what hastily, and found it so interesting

ful perusal during the summer vacation,

Some of the facts you set forth are positively startling, and are calculated

o awaken the apprehensions of those

who believe that railways should be op-

erated for the benefit of the whole

country, and not for that of particular

the absolute monopolists of transporta-

tion within large areas, and be practic-

ment should be the monopolist rather

than a private corporation. While I

have a great horror of Socialism, or of

any movement which looks to the aboli-

tion of private property, I see no ob-

jection to enlarging the functions of

the postoffice department so far as the

countries. At the same time, I and

more comfortable in this country than

in any other with which I am ac-

lic traveling by railway are probably

better subserved than they would be if

WHAT IS REVOLUTION?

and revolution. These are in no wise

antagonistic to each other. There must

be such a radical change that he rob

bery of the worker shall be forever

ended and the capitalist system shall

be overthrown. Yet the revolution that

shall bring this about is already under

way, as an evolution or development of

The flower develops until it ceases to

The child grows until it is no longer

The fruit and grain develop and

into the ripened product, and

be a flower and becomes a fruit.

a child, but is a man or woman

It is all revolution in evolution.

major part of the work of revolution is educating the people to the point

where there has developed a definite

social ideal. When that is accomplished

the ripening is rapid. The evolution

has brought revolution in an almost

into conformity with the new ideal.

Society is evolving now. Soon it will

a social understanding.

but the fruit remains.

imperceptible manner.

The APPEAL believes both in evolution

Very truly yours, "H. B. Brown."

they were a government monopoly.

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free from competition, the only

If railways are to become

copy of this remarkable epistle:

fias your local joined the Red Card Division? It should be an easy matter for a local to get five subs a week. Bring this matter up. By joining your local will get free \$25 worth of sub cards forced and the interior of the place hours and finding no excuse for detaining her longer, turned her loose with an admonition not to first with the Special to APPEAR TO REASON.

Washington D. C. They the granter of the special to APPEAR TO REASON. The Benson Combination Nation Faces Panic Gunmen Kill Scabs Miners Defy John D.

emorracy. The teacher, whose ersary has just been celebrated. "By their fruit ve shall know good tree cannot bring forth evil er can a corrupt tree bring forth "Beed the following and them

Harrisburg. Pa.-Ten thousand are a copies The Ginger Jar.

Grand Rapids, Mich.-About a thou-

Kalamazoo, Mich.-A thousand men idle; works closing down.

Wilmington, Del.-Railroad car shop forces have been reduced fifty per cent. Johnstown, Pa.-Steel plants here are running on sixty per cent of usual force. Columbus, Ohio-Twenty-five hundred are idle in railroad and car shop works

Altoona, Pa.-The Pennsylvania railroad company has laid off 500 employes

Schenectady, N. Y .- Three thousan employes of the General Electric com-Logansport, Ind .- The Pennsylvania

railroad company has laid off indefinitely 435 men, and furloughed 100 more. Rochester, N. Y .- The Eastman Kodak company and a big shoe company have laid off nearly a thousand men.

Pottsville, Pz.—Ten thousand men of the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Co., in the Panther. Creek valley have been have been American citizens.

It seems strange that an A the core, who was punished, in the core, who was punished to the core, where the

Pendleton, Ore.—Farmers are unishing meat for the hundreds out of employment in various small cities near employment in variou ere. Twelve hundred rabbits were contributed in one day.

000 workers, a large number of them residents of continental United States, will be out of employment. Los Angeles, Calif .- Mrs. Mary E. on, a widow, out of work threatened with starvation, threw a brick

hrough a plate glass window so she night be arrested and given food. New York City-More than 500 mer are now in the bread line, waiting until night nightly in order to get a sup of coffee and a sandwich. A dozen charitable institutions are crowded to

Bridgeport, Conn.-President E. P. Bullard, head of one of the largest boring machine manufactories in the country, is authority for the statement that 1,500 men are walking the streets of Bridgeport without employment.

Philadelphia-The pay roll of the about 12,000 men, as compared with 18,000 last June. These are not all given full time, and there is business ahead to last only till the end of January.

New York-Twenty five leading in-dustrial bonds are selling lower than they have since 1907. British consols threatened Tampico. Already an interhave sold lower in the past month than Most of the attempts to float new bonds have utterly failed.

viding a means of sleeping for them has world by a very become a problem which the city council they can control. sent to the workhouse, but that is over-

Los Angeles. Cal.-Thousands of a cry of patriotism fostered by the pubpeople are on the verge of starvation in Los Angeles. Thousands are out of work, walking the streets, or else struggling along from hand to mouth on insufficient wages. This is the statement are on the verge of starvation sufficient wages. This is the statement of the Los Angeles Record.

Seattle, Wash .- Five thousand men are out of employment here and h omeless. The city is renting old buildings to house them, and appeal has been made printed in the Regina Leader of November 22d is illuminating

of the Chicago Federation of Labor, It is things of this kind that put estimates that there are 100,000 men out crimps in the "back to the farm" moveof employment in Chicago. Professor ment. The effort to get you to "the last day for this purpose. However, the day hest west" and similar places is not to passed without serious rioting, but two

tents for housing the jobless, and work and isn't it a peach? at grubbing stumps and clearing land, under the direction of the state militia. He is worried, however, by the thought that there is no provision for supplying tood to the men-while they do this

San Francisco, Calif.-Your correspondent has recently made a frip thru the great Sacramento and San Josquin valley and was struck by the large uum ber of unemployed. I have lived in Cal-ifornia for seventeen years and have never seen so many men willing to work and unable to find opportunity. Only the other day a man was found near Bakersfield, and the verdict was, "starved to death."

A REAL bonest defender of capitalism is becoming as hard to find as the proverbial needle in a hay stack. But while this is true there are yet plenty of sincere opponents of Socialism—they still think there is some other way out. What they need is the truth about So cialism and in proportion as they get it will their opposition fade away.

IF following your name on the 945 yellow address label is NO 945 your substription expires in two weeks. Better renew at once so that you will not mise a single issue.

While we are naming this the Benson combination. It would be more appropriate to child THE Bits 1001LARS WORTH. It has dark when the purchasing power in the purchasing power would not be autifully laws you'll enter the root look over the following that the about the surface of the combined within the surface of the \$2,000 Per Year and a Six

Wayland's Undelivered Adcopy Socialist Primer for Children.

You can You can have the bunch for a dollar we'll pay the postage. Just mention Bensen Combination."

"MAD ANTHONY."

While the exposure of conditions viciously against Private Coffman, say-

Joplin, Mo—Two thousand men in the Joplin zinc district are reported out of work.

Worcester, Mass.—More than a thousand men recently employed in the steel and iron industry are out.

Schenectady, N. Y.—Three thousand

Why an editor should object to the cleaning out of evil conditions is markable. It leads one to suspect that the charge of graft made against Editor Anthony in connection with one of the prisons at Leavenworth has a foundation in fact. It is evidently assumed that Coffman is of foreign birtle. As a matter of fact he is a native of Kansas and his ancestors for several generations

It seems strange that an American to the core, who was punished, not because he had said disrespectful things about the flag, but solely because he was a Socialist, dare not try to make conditions better in a prison without being consigned to 'months of rough prison life to teach them to appreciate decent Washington, D. C.-With the com-letion of the Panama canal, about 30,-Perhaps the men who through has. grafting are responsible for the inhuman conditions in the penitentiary are the people who "got off entirely too easy."

WORKING UP A WAR.

It begins to look like the capitalists are going to force a war on America. The very fact the Monroe doctrine has been recognized will be an excuse on the part of European nations, under pressure from their capitalists, to demand the intervention by the United States. The press is beginning to carry special train was secured by the Hancock sensational stories calculating to inflame the people of America to the part of, war It may be true that Huerta and Villa are both disregarding the rules of so-called civilized war. It is quite likely the two financial powers that are backing them, that is to say, the Pearson who declared that the Federation agi oil syndicate and the Standard Oil company, desire this display of barbarism and by any means; one speaker declarin order to force a self-confessed civvilized power to take charge of the Latin-American countries. The "civil-

by big business. They stay put. Already an American war ship has national fleet is ready to press America Wednesday was declared a holiday by to step into Mexico. The plan the capitalist has for its future maintain-The plan the Bloomington, Ill-So many tramps ance has for further exploitation of are passing through this city that pro- the workers involved the control of the world by a very few "powers" It is for this reason is seriously considering. Some are being that they are going to precipitate a war, that the workers may be aroused to defend the robbers through

ized powers" are so much easier handled

"THE LAST BEST WEST."

That is the way they are advertising.
It is located in Saskatchewan, and American farmers are being lured there in hope of obtaining land on the last of the frontier. In view of these facts the following advertisement.

It is things of this kind that put mission on employment, says about 70,000 are men have been let out on account of curtailment of work.

Salem. Oregon—The unemployment they will lure thousands to the wild.

Salem of the city combest west and similar places is not to
aid you, but to dispose of lands that
were given freely to railroads from the
people's heritage; and in order to sell
ing the siren fire whistle of Houghton. Salem. Oregon—The unemployment they will lure thousands to the wilds—aided by a mine whistle in its bellowings realized to a collect the "Alliance" gaing "to arms" problem is so acute in Oregon that Governor West is considering a city of the verge of starvation." Business!--

Start the new year right by putting a dollar in the carry West Virginia for So-cialism fund. Every dollar puts four more West Virginia voters on the list.

A SWELL CENT

SAID HE'D GIMME

TEN CENTS TO

TAKE THIS MOOK UPTO 6.3

St J. B. BALLINGER. Staff Correspondent Appeal to REASON. Hancock, Mich.—For the past eighteen weeks, the copper miners of the upper peninsula of Michigan have been com-batting the forces of Lake Cooper interests in an effort to wrest from their grasp, conditions such as will bring their the hall, Big Tim Driscoll, a local gmoral and physical being to a plane man, was accidently shot through bearing some semblance to a twentieth civilization.

ome fifty thousand men, women and many other privations these many weeks themselves only a small portion of the fabulous wealth being poured into the lap of idleness by their almost superhuman efforts and sacrifice. Here we the Times of Leavenworth, have the armed thug, the "kept press," Kan, is printing the story of the inves- pulpit, officers, courts, militia and gov-tigation of the military prison of that ernor to fight. And last but not least murderous mob called the "Citizens made by Waldo H. Coffman and the Alliance." This aggregation of anarch-APPEAL, the paper editorially fulminated istic agitators inflamed to a high pitch by the "kept press" of this district has been much in evidence during the past rather its formation into a mob). Its first outbreak occurring on Sunday, December 8th, following the murder of death while sleeping in their beds in a outlying camp.

It is generally believed that these men were killed by bullets from the rifles of hired gun men in the employ of the mining companies. During the dark hours of the night, much promiscuous shooting has been going on during the past month, and many houses occupied by scabs have been shot up and dynamited while no one has ever been caught although these outrages have occurred territory absolutely dominated and patrolled by deputies and thugs of the mine operators.

A short time ago an attempt was made to blow up the steel stack of the Ahmeek mine which stands but twenty feet from the bunk house of the Ascher gunmen, and which attempt was made at 6 o'clock in the evening. To think strikers would attempt such a piece of raw work as this is not believed by anyone, not even the mine managers. Therefore, it is the general belief that the murders of Painesdale were committed by the armed thugs of the mine oper-

However, this awful crime gave the "Citizen's Alliance" the looked for oportunity. The Western Federation of Miners was accused of this crime by the press even before officers had made an investigation, and the "Alliance" took up the cry and ordered a mass meeting that afternoon following the murder. A and Houghton mob who went to Calumet where the meeting was held. At this meeting rabies ran riot, and speeches of a most inflammatory and incendiary character were made by the hired henchmen of the copper barons, tators must be got rid of at any cost ing that if necessary, they should be murdered.

resolutions denouncing the Rabid Western Federation of Miners were passed and another mass meeting called the following Wednesday, after which the streets of Calumet were paraded. the "Alliance" and the mining companies on which occasion much parading and speechmaking were indulged in. Two mass meetings were held, one in the Two armory at Calumet, and the other one in the Amphidrome at Houghton. These meetings were attended by a large number of people although fully one-half were there through curiosity. These meetings, like the preceding one the Sunday before, were fiery and interspersed with vitriolic speeches, prayer passing resolutions condemning most everything except the mine owners

"Citizens' Alliance." After the meeting and while parading the streets of Hancock an automobile with deputies and thugs with filled drawn revolvers headed the parade, and had it not been for the cool heads of the mob, the funerals of the three murdered men were held just prior to the meetings, having been postponed one

FOR THE LOVE OF

MIKE DON'T TOEKT

A BROTHER LIKE

THIS:

wrecked, furniture being smashed and books and records torn and strewed upon the boor. The hall was peppered with bullets from the guns of the thugs and vandals of this "law and order" bunch of pirates who carried rifles pilfered from the armory at Houghton.

abdomen by one of his compan s. He is now lying at the hospital of the Tri- we plead guilty to the indictment and contain mining company with but children have braved cold, hunger and slight chances for his recovery. Henry many other privations these many weeks Kaski, secretary of the South Range ever indicted the officials of the coal in their determined effort to secure for Miners Union, who lives on the ground tioor of the union building remonstrated laws of Colorado for a number of years, with the mob for breaking in the doors It is a well known fact that five of the of the hall. He was unmercifully pumof the hall. He was unmercifully pummeled by the ruffians, and together with thirty-five other union men of South Range was arrested and brought by special train to Houghton and lodged

in jai! Nearly all the men arrested were sleeping at home with their families. without the slightest cause and thrown others have ha their bonds the set at such a high figure that they were gentlemen have never been indicted by unable to secure bondsmen, and many any grand jury. It is evident that these three strikebreakers who were shot to unable to secure bondsmen, and many others refused bail. A striker seems to boarding house in Painesdale, a small be the legal prey of every petty officer state government, and that they can do

The attorneys for the Western Federation of Miners have secured an injunction restraining the Citizens Alliance and its officers from compelling by force or violence the deportation Charles H. Moyer and other officials of the union, as has been threatened of late by the ring leaders of the Alliance.

THE CRIMINAL'S APOLOGY. Oh, yes, I'm guilty, right enough t ain't no use to throw a bluff, At yet, I guess, society Sin share the guilt along o' me ain't the kind to ween and whin but, say, wot chance, wot chance v

Sorn in a dirty, recking slum Where decent sunlight never or nere decent sunlight never come, n' starved for food and starved for all hrough all my years of boyhood there hile evil thing an' low an' mean las nearly all the life I seen f course. I growed to he

But even then I might uv been Reformed to be some use to men If every time I left the frail They didn't slam me 'nto jail Where thieves an' all that rottyn crew Would teach me worse than al! I knew

yes, I'm guilty; that is clear, tevery guy who's listenin here 'nil you swells an' goodly folks to sulf's at me an' such like blokes guilty, too—along av me, will be until the world is free stinkin' slums an' rotten holes. tinkin' slums an' rotten hole t poison people's hearts and will be till the world is fr

IT WLL DO NOTHING.

The new federal commission which, eccording to an announcement in The National Civic Federation Review, will

seek practical means of promoting better relations between employer and em-Next in order will be a commission

bankers and bank burg'ars. We confess it's hard for a Socialist to know both sides and it seems to us to understand just how this commission that the grand jury at Pueblo ought to expects to go about promoting better relations between two classes whose interests are absolutely antagonistic. There is nothing this commission can do that any permanent effect on the will have industrial situation and I am confident that at least one member of the com-

mission knows it. It's just the same old story-if any class of workers organize and succeed in getting, say \$3 a day, it's only a matter of a short time before they will begin agitating for \$3.25 or more. certain labor speaker honestly said not long ago: "Today we are working for an eight hour day, when we get that we will immediately begin working for six-hour day." And why shouldn't they The workers do all the work, they produce everything, why shouldn't have the full social product of their

product?" And do you know, Mr. Reader, that 95 per cent of the big capitalists of this country know that that is exactly what the workers are going to get before the workers are going to get before the shameful insults by Major Townsend.

Some of the big capitalists of this country know that that is exactly what the unions' fund for the unemployed Bavaria is considering the proposition of insurance against unemployment. Six But human life cannot be really on the unions' fund for the unemployed Bavaria is considering the proposition of insurance against unemployment. Six But human life cannot be really to the unions' fund for the unemployed Bavaria is considering the proposition of insurance against unemployment. Six But human life cannot be really to the unions' fund for the unemployed Bavaria is considering the proposition. 95 per cent of the big capitalists of this to use blankets belonging to the national guard in helping to relieve distress.

Chicago—John Fitzpatrick, president of the Chicago Federation of Labor.

Chicago—Federation of Labor.

Ch years ago. And he was not alone and ing as sure as the sun will rise in the morning. They all know it is coming but are doing what they can to put off what appears to them as an evil day This new federal commission is for that purpose. Go to it, boys, you got a good her husband in the hope of getting her job as long as it lasts. "Take keer of to "confess" to something that he had

BY PRANK J. HAYES.

violating the Sherman anti-trust law and greatly enraged over t' outrage. of organizing a conspiracy in restraint of trade. If they mean by the term "restraint of trade" that we have restrained John D. Rockefeller and a few other eastern millionaires from plundering the coal miners of Colorado, then are proud of the achievement.

companies who have been violating the are based upon the laws of this state. The operators now offer as a basis of

and insist that the miners take a referendum vote as to whether or not they will accept these laws, frankly admitting taken from their beds where they were by this proposition that the miners have not heretofore enjoyed the benefit of Hundreds of strikers have been arrested the laws and that now, in a moment of into jail, a number being permitted to they will give the miners the benefit of law-and yet these distingunished companies are greater than the as they please so far as the law is concerned.

The strike is in splendid shape and will be prosecuted to a successful conclusion, regardless of the action of the federal grand jury and all other forces stand revolution as a bloody war against arayed against us. A federal investiga- the capitalist class tion of this situation by a congressional

mmittee is very probable. We will prove in this congressional We will prove present strike is due to the policy of the coal operators. At the beginning of the strike they imported 700 gunmen, many of them indicted for murder in other states, for the purpose of intimidating and murdering, if necessary, any miner who dared to assert his rights.

We will also prove that they have several machine guns, one of the most deadly weapons known to civilized war-These guns shoot 250 shots a minute and have a range of two miles.

We will also prove that they have what is known as a steel battle ship. which is an automobile encased in a high body of steel, completely conceal-ing the assassins within and which they repeatedly paraded through the streets of Trinidad and the miners camps in Southern Colorado.

We will prove that these armed guards saw to it that violence was committed, because their jobs depended upon turmoil and trouble. These guards reasoned that if there was no trouble that the operators would not have need of 700 gunmen unless there was some shooting going on. And they saw to it that the miners did not reman quiet.

If it is a crime for the miners to defend their homes and their tent cities yed," certainly has some job before from the outrages of these imported assassins then the miners of Colorado are promote better relations between to be blamed and censured, but in passing judgment it is well for the people have inquired into this situation fully and if they did they would find would give us "all the Socialism that is that the same people who have been necessary." They have been giving us violating the laws of Colorado for years are responsible for all the violence that has occurred in the Southern Colorado It is their policy to rule or coal fields. ruin. It is their devotion to the principles of anarchy that is now coming home of dollars a year. to them in all the horrors of industrial wartare.

In brief there never will be industrial graft on public institutions. peace in Colorado until there is industrial justice.

Mrs. Germer Arrested.

ecial to APPEAL TO REASON.

Walsenburg, Colo. - While Adolph Germer, the Socialist and union organizer, still languishes in jail because of his loyalty to the working class, on a charge that is absolutely preposterous, major to visit the military camp in or-When she der to meet her husband. arrived there she was told that Ado'ph had been "traveling with another woman," a bare-faced lie, intended to anger Mrs. Germer and turn her against done on which he might be legally held Then the gallant major declared that called the "Alliance" gang "to arms" for the purpose of a raid. A special train was waiting at the depot for the ruffians who embarked for the camp of South Range where after surrounding the immers union hall the doors were and reflect the supports his statements by a but had been living with Germer in adultery. Lastly, with feet wet from palling. The regular price of this book is adultery. Lastly, with feet wet from palling. The regular price of this book is adultery. Lastly, with feet wet from having walked in the snow, she was dollar and include two Apreas 40-week sub-living walked in the snow, she was dollar and include two Apreas 40-week sub-living walked in the snow, she was dollar and include two Apreas 40-week sub-living walked in the snow, she was dollar and include two Apreas 40-week sub-living walked in the snow, she was dollar and include two Apreas 40-week sub-living walked in the snow, she was dollar and include two Apreas 40-week sub-living walked in the snow, she was dollar and include two Apreas 40-week sub-living walked in the snow, she was dollar and include two Apreas 40-week sub-living walked in the snow, she was dollar and include two Apreas 40-week sub-living walked in the snow, she was dollar and include two Apreas 40-week sub-living walked in the snow, she was dollar and include two Apreas 40-week sub-living walked in the snow and palling.

Trinidad, Colo.-We are accused of strikers." Unionists and Socialists are ANOTHER IOKE.

Another fool judge comes into the one of its most distinguished judges-limelight. A number of Socialists were the late Justice H. B. Brown. This letrecently arrested for speaking on the ter states that the writer has "a great street at Ipswich, Mass. They were horror of Socialism, or of any movefound ment which looks to the abolition of tried before Judge Layward,

guilty and sentenced to three months private property." It is dated March each in the house of correction. 13, 1897, and is written on stationery The judge declared from the bench marked with the words: that not only were the speakers dan-gerous and disorderly characters, but ton." It is written to a personal friend that every man and woman who was on of the justice who had given the justice the platform that day were likewise a book advocating the government own-guilty; aye, every person in the meeting ership of railroads. Evidently the auwho listened to the speakers and who that of the book had harded the instice settlement of the present strike five laws did not protest to the police were guity some information which was both new and might be punished.

Judge Layward, the APPEAL is reliably informed, declared from the bench the final law-making authority that Socialists were merely anarchists, nation, do not know it all. Here is a that their flag was a red flag of anarchy, and that their paper, the APPEAL generosity they are going to concede that To REASON, was nothing but an anarch-

ist sheet.
"If," said the judge, "these Socialists speak about the red flag and fail to explain to their ignorant audiences what I was reminded of my neglect. they say it stands for, the blood of the mon people, then they are guilty of If they that I shall lay it aside for a more careinciting to anarchy and riot. speak of a revolution and fail to explain what they mean by a revolution, then it is reasonable to infer that they desire their ignorant crowds to under-

The trouble with this judge is that he takes himself too seriously. He is really a humorist, his Mother Hubbard investigation that the violence, in the answering for cap and bells. The American people are thousands of miles in advance of him, and they will laugh logical conclusion is that the governhim out of court as they laughed Judge Humphreys out. A little twig may stand against a small current, but when the current becomes a torrent the twig

IT IS NOT SOCIALISM.

A great deal has been said of late same has proved a success in other about the inattention of the administration to establish government ownership bound to say that my own experience is that traveling by railway is cheaper and in various lines. It is clearly an effort to placate the people by making them believe they are on the road to Socialism. But it is bunk. quainted, and that the wants of the pub-Senator Poindexter, of the state of

Washington, in a recent speech in which he discussed the much vaunted estabishment of a government railroad in Alaska, said:

Alaska, Said:

The people of the United States are about to have foisted upon them, under the name of a government railroad in Alaska, a piece of joker legislation, which seems to be, but does not, provide for a government railroad as all. He declares that if congress were to

direct the president to lease to the Morgan interests the Panama canal that has been recognized will be an excuse be a case parallel with the so-called government-owned railroad in Alaska. The proposition seems to be that the United States shall build the road and then lease it to a corporation to be operated at a profit.

It is what one should expect from parties that have so long supported the looters when they declare that they necessary." They have been giving us that kind of a deal for two generations. then the leaves and stalk pass away; All the railroads in America were built at government expense and have be-The growth of the grain is slow. The ripening is rapid. One week the come the means of robbing the people to the extent of hundreds of millions fruit may be green, the next week ready to cut. It is so in social life.

It is needless to say that this is not Socialism at all. It is merely private

CAPITALISM BREAKING DOWN. Socialists in Austria have forced into

parliament a bill providing employment for the idle. England has made provision for re-

lief of the unemployed by extending be evolved into a higher and better work in four government departments Denmark and Norway contribute to state, and that will be revolution. that is accomplished, all ideas, institutions and laws will arrange themselves the union funds for the relief of the unemployed.

France makes quarterly contributions to the unions' fund for the unemployed. temporarily in charge of the troops at Walsenburg. She was invited by the land have government insurance against duction and distribution, such as Socialunemployment.

Everywhere capitalism is breaking whole people to own and control a down in its assumed responsibility to employ the people. Everywhere the government is having to assume the responsibility that is neglected by the human life without coming to Socialism. nasters. The masters may try to behind paper walls of bonds and from that fortification continue to hold up the

Why Do You Wait?

human life without coming to Socialism.

ism proposes. If it is necessary for the

Henry Dubb Discovers that Monkeys Fill an Important Place in the Lives of the Rich

Why Do You Wait?

Why Do You Wait?

Thousands of Socialists and Socialist sympathilisms breaks down they may save themselves and establish justice and opportunity in this world.

The Appear should be in every barbershop in your town. Are you looking after this?

By Ryan Walker

By Ryan Walker

By Ryan Walker

AMONKEY
DINNER:

I'm The HENDY
DUBB!!

AND Receive we can accomplish large results, we must have charge of the courts and the law making to does not wait from day to does not wait from day to does not be so insurant as you have an accomplish large results, we must have charge of the courts and the law making to does not be so from the law making the Arreal law class and thousands have enrolled. Many of our students have been admitted to practice law, hundreds of others will soon be ready to be admitted to practice law, hundreds of others will soon be ready to be admitted to practice law, hundreds of others will soon be ready to be admitted to practice law, hundreds of others will soon be ready to be admitted to practice law, hundreds of others will soon be ready to be admitted to practice law, hundreds of others will soon be ready to be admitted to practice law, hundreds of others will soon be ready to be admitted to practice law, hundreds of others will soon be ready to be admitted to practice law, hundreds of others will soon be ready to be admitted to practice law, hundreds of others will soon be ready to be admitted to practice law, hundreds of others will soon be ready to be admitted to practice law, hundreds of others will soon be ready to be admitted to practice law, hundreds of others will soon be ready to be admitted to practice law, hundreds of others will soon be ready to be admitted to practice law, hundreds of others will soon be ready to be admitted to practice law, hundreds of others will soon be ready to be admitted to practice law, hundreds of others will soon be ready to be admitted to practice law, hundreds of others will soon be ready to be admitted to practice law, hundreds of others w **POUND AND SEE YO**

g, young children, O my

we drag our burden tiring, he coal-dark underground.

tyrs, by the pang without the of its memories cannot reap-of the earthly love and heavenly: them weep! let them weep!

turned on Delty-

n with a mailed heel its palpita ad onward to your throne amid d splashes upward, O gold-heaper, our purple shows your path; chid's sob in the silence curse; the strong man in his wrath!

he Geography Class. BY CAROLINE A. LOWE.

E teacher turned to the geography ss, "Open your books to the map she said, "and tell us the industries in each of the large es, and the condition of the employed there. John, you may about China?

leading industry in China for ages has been agriculture, and the great mass of the people till il," replied John. "However, in years they have been developing nines and building railroads,

live in dire poverty," he contin-Always they are on the verge of and frequently they are ed by a famine during which untold ds of men, women and children tarve to death. At these times, a pestithem also, and more ousands die of terrible diseases ghe on by their wretched food and of China live in manbeautifull inlaid with gold and arl and they uxuriate in the softest ng and feast upon the

est food." Yes that is ill true, I regret to say, "But China is an old is slow to change. Let try and ake up a ore modern country-one the g and richest nations in Mary, you may discuss

"England not an agricultural coun-"The leading inmanufacturing, mining and commerce. The manvilest slums in the world greater pest hole of poverty in Whitechapel Vomen and girls are forced weeks at a time, as they do in this of strikers. How many of you are will-country, but the miners eat and live and ing to give up a part of your Christmas sleep in the depths of the mines, seldom pending their days above ground. The at Cradley Heath work as blackforging the heaviest chains, and a lower wage than received by the underpaid men. The dock workers have been forced into great strikes recently because of the terrible oppression to which they were subjected. In fact, wherever we look throughout England verty and squalor and ignorance

worn-out court functions and ous living.

me, children, these are all old to go to school when they didn't have worn nations,' said the teacher. to. And they tell me that all the boys us return to our own country, the are just as much interested as my boy d States. It is a young nation. It is."

It is a young nation. It is."

The listener, who was a Socialist, replied: "If this little socialistic feature with the inspiring of liberty for all, demanding that y man, woman and child should will create such a disturbance in the exceedingly generous in providing society."

It is true that nature has been gen ous." reponded Henry. "Therefore tinkers about the kinchen and is find all the great industries well detime, and is learning to do wonderful cooking." veloped in our country. Some of the greatest metal and coal mines of the world are here. The Mississippi Valley |

"Who's Who in HE CRY OF THE CHILDREN. from Canada to the Gulf and from the Rockies to the Appalachians fur the finest farming lands for the of all kinds of grain and for the ruisis of cotton and fruit. It has milli acres of unexcelled grazing lands up-cu which millions of cattle and sheep can be pastured. Our factories are

> Colorado, the copper miners of Michigan and the coal miners of West Vira desperate fight against the injustice heaped upon them by the mine owners. The militia, in the hands of the mine owners is commanded to murder the very men who every day risk their lives, and sacrifice their wives and babies in the desolate ining camps built right in the ashes of

"Lawrence, Mass., Paterson, Chicago, and every great manufacturing city has cried out again and again in protest against the slaughter of its little children in their factorires, against the long hours of grinding toil and the miserable pittance of a wage that renders the only homes possible that which they find in dark, poorly ventilated tenement rooms. And yet these men and wome and children make every yard of cloth and every pair of shoes for the ninety

"The time is at hand when the farmers are aroused as never before to the set of capitalists who rob the workers in the mines and factories. The gre landlords have taken possession of the fertile south. From seventy to ninety per cent of the farmers are tenants and these too are organizing Renters' Unions for the purpose of putting a stop to this exploitation.

"As to the ruling class in the cour Henry continued, "while we do not have a titled nobility, our great capital ists view with and strive to excel the luxury and magnificence of the Eurocourts of kings and emperors pean flaunt their power even more insultingly in the faces of the toilers who have produced all this wealth.

"Alas, we must admit the truth of all that Henry has said," the teacher said "And there is but one way by which the workers of the world can right these wrongs. Karl, perhaps you can tell us about it."

Indeed I can," declared Karl. "The workers throughout all the world must unite against the power that holds them This power is not held by the individual capitalist. It is the power which the capitalist class, as a class has because of its ownership of the jobs of the miners and the factory workers

"The working class, as a class, must unite and take possession of the mines and the factories and the railroads and the land Then they will own their own and control their own lives.

"And that's just what they are doing. In every country of the civilized world organizing themselves into unions. anding higher wages, shorter hours and better conditions of labor. They have organized their own political party and in almost every country they have their representatives in the national parliaments and state and municipal offices. By getting possession of this govern ment in the same way they can make and enforce laws granting to the workers, the power to democratically manage their own industries and to keep for themselves all the wealth they produce.

"This will do away with the present ruling class entirely. The workers will no longer be robbed. They can build for themselves good, sanitary, modern splendid libraries homes, have dance of good food and beautiful cloth-Poverty and crime will disappear when the conditions that breed them no

longer exist." "That's good, Karl," exclaimed the teacher. "But let us never forget that in this struggle of the workers today, the help of every man, woman and child is eded. Men and women out on strike find their babies starving to death and they have no money to buy food. De-cember 28th has been set aside as Children's Day and all over the United States entertainments will be given and The child of the future shall not be do the mules live underground for raising a fund to care for the children future shall not be crowned with thorns ing to give up a part of your Christmas money and donate it to this fund?"

Eagerly every hand in the class was raised and their earnest young faces shone with the true spirit of Christmas.

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He Liked the Sample. "It is the funniest thing," remarked

a father in Girard the other day. have been very careful that my boy the workers are appalling. In should not loaf on the street. The Ireland it is even worse. Beggars line evening he didn't show up until dark the roadways imploring alms from the I asked him where he had been, intending public. ing to be very severe on him. But the other hand we find the pal- when he replied, 'At the school house the English nobility most mag- working on a cabaret for Christmas They squander immense sums I couldn't say a word. You see, that workers' hard carrned money in is the result of installing manual training in the Girard schools. All day Thanksgiving he was at the school class took up all the leading na-bit the old world and found these conditions prevailing.

Thanksgiving he was at the sensor

an equal right in the pursuit of town, it is no wonder people are afraid liberty and happiness. And nature Socialism itself will completely upset

Henry, tell us the conditions as ent. "And my little girl is just as much interested in domestic science. She not only attends every class, but she also tinkers about the kitchen all her saare."

"Seems to be inclined to break up the

home. ch?" There was no Reaching the Young.

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The Chance of the Child.

BY C. L. PHIPER.

The child has never had a chance. under the care of slaves. It matters not whether that care be of working class parents, dependent on others for the job or the market, or whether it be of servants hired by the rich to minister to the child, still it is brought up and educated by slaves. This means a bias, a miseducation, wrought into the very fiber of its being. If it is of the exploited class, it has scant chance for education; it does not get to see the world; it knows nothing of the great and good things of literature and art. Often it lacks proper food and shelter Often it is forced to the mill and mine and there, amid unwholesome surroundings, its soul is killed and its body de-It can look forward to no tures, debates, athletic pleted. future bright with promise, but sees only drudgery and surroundings of want, hideous in deformity. The child of Gallilee was but a type. Forced from the habitation of men, born in a manger, subjected to toil, having place to lay its head, then persecuted and slain for daring to protest and dream of better things-that child had in general the experience of all other children of the working class. And if the child be of the ruling class, though really raised by slaves, it is imbued with lect to its own ambitions, passions and at Christmas time! prejudices, until it grows a curse to itself and to others, helping to uphold a system that damns the world for cenuries ahead.

It shall not be always so. The child hall have a chance. Its parents shall be free industrially and mentally. They shall have opportunity to do for the child what right demands should be Education, travel. playtime, done. clothing. wholesome food, attractive beautiful surroundings, shall join to give the child its chance to grow strong and beautiful in character. The agelong robbery of the toilers shall pass, class and caste shall vanish away. The child shall no longer be driven forth into the slums and the workshops and the furrows and the mines to toil beyond its strength, but instead, forest and sea, plain and mountain shall come as and crucified for protestation. There shall come a nobler and healthier and happier manhood and womanhood, beause of chi'dhood's chance; and the scripture shall be fulfilled which speaks children playing in the streets and rolicking in the woods.

For the spirit of the toilers is aroused. 44,892. They catch a vision of a brighter day. crippled for life. These are all wage of age, this girl, "Babe" For the first time in history they have cadence of the angel's song that came in the "Katy" railroad during the fiscal the night to the few shepherds of old, year just closing, with an operating exnow repeating in full light to millions of workers all over the world, "Peace on earth, good will among men." Twenty millions have the vision. Deliverance is nearer than we thought. The bow of promise on the cloud is, Socialism.

THE intelligent worker is getting dead ired of being told that the reason he doesn't get on is because he doesn't It's getting on his save his money. It's getting on his nerves until he is beginning to investigate and finding out that the trouble sn't because he fails to save his money but because the fellow who owns his job is not letting him have any to save. It's no wonder the capitalists are getting nneasy and are frantically trying to devise new methods of exploiting the workers who are getting wise to the

More Socialists Elected. Dundee, Ohlo-Wayne township, Tus-rors county, elected a Socialist instice a clerk.

Long Reach, Cal.—Socialists elected Wil-ton H. Beatty to the city council. Th's a a blow to the parasites who live in this fashiomable resort. Anacostes, Wash.—Socialists elected coun-liman from Second ward, and cave the councilman at large a good stiff chase.

deliar bill will give you a four-year

THE LITTLE CHILD.

esh and divine ractilege divine -- George D. Colom-

Little Stories of Real People

TIMOTHY CARTWARD from star-IMOTHY CARTWRIGHT died in

vation. And thereby hangs a tale of man's greed, avarice and indiffence.

Twelve years ago Cartwright was

the interval of twelve years an eternity

vicissitudes had downed Cartwright

In the city of Chicago there pros

nan whose goal was accumulation at

wright along with a thousand other o

his like to lay brick day by day to com-

plete that modern monstrosity-a sky

sand and one until one day be

i Chicago gone blind?

wait for the unafraid.

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inquiring twist of mind.

Cartwright's dismissal.

cnow.

Cartwright was but one of the thou

Timethy Cartwright unafraid and dar-

Timothy reasoned thus: If good ma

terial is specified for in the contruction

of this building, why is McGuire using

rotten material. And if good material

on't specified, has the building inspector

And the boys had no answer that

So it came to pass that if one is of an

nquiring turn of mind daring and un-

atraid, the God called Graft lies in

One frosty morning, Cartwright wa

readed struggling attorney. As he an

O'Brien being a red-headed fighter by

first sight, and a politician by second

rago wanted to know "The Reason.

development very disastrous for one

dating alderman friends, and very ad

antageous for O'Brien, the lawyer

O'Brien now having secured his second

ight was wholly O'Brien, the Pee-pul-

But as it often happens in little in

idents of this kind that come up in

Irishman of them all was left wholly in

have been an undesirable to every con

Who wants to employ a man who is so particular as to the material he uses,

especially a man who thinks to good

sposure and privation brought on the

This morning he died in the city hold

over because a well-meaning policeinan couldn't distinguish between the sway-

ing walk of a man nearing the great

A Voice From the Depths

Because they couldn't prove her age

to stand in Juvenile Judge Krichbaum's

court late Wednesday afternoon and laugh in his face-laugh bitterly and

brazenly-when he told her she was

free and asked where she was going.
"Where do you suppose I'm going?"

"I'm going back-.. I need the money.

"Oh, could I?" jeered the girl. "It's

a lot you know about it. I know.

know where I can go and where I can't

me go. Straight to h-, that's where.

Too much surprised for words Judge

Judge Krichbaum mopped

Oberlin frowned and paced the court room floor. "She's gone back, all right

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forehead with a handkerchief.

something else,"

going to do about

I can make it that way and not any

other way. So I'm going back-."
"You could do something

gasped the astonished judge.

she demanded.

the "jungles,"

trict.

release and a common drunk.

For Cartwright seems t

Insufficient nourishment

this glorious land of ours, the

tractor to whom he applied for

it happens that Timothy Cart

erved for Timothy Cartwright.

Cartwright being one of those

This McGuire employed Cart-

pered and waxed diligent a corpulen

contained, thorough workman.

An efficient, self-

master bricklayer

BY J. A. BOURES, JR.
Director of Young People's Department
Socialist Party. THROUGH the length and breadth of the land are hundreds of thousands of youthful workers just entering manhood and womanhood. It is the young people who will comprise the ele of the future and in who

hands lies the destinies of our nation Their future in the present industria evstem is not very inviting. Though common to young people and the enthu iasm and energy necessary to make these ideals realities, they will have little opportunity to do so under the pres

They will be forced to sell their odies and souls, their talents and ideals for a few paltry handsful of silver is the order that they may have the lew necessities and comforts which are th rightful heritage of every member of strength of their minds and bodies to some capitalist, who will seek to enslave not only the workers themselves but all humanity.

which offers to them a chance to de-velop their natural abilities and use them for the good of the world, shall then have no fear that in so doing they must forego the privations and suffering of those who try to pursue this course today.

It is absolutely necessary that these young people be reached with the mes This great m ment is essentially for them. nany of those who are today fighting this great battle of the working clashave passed away, the present day youth will be reaping the benefits of their

Realizing the need of teaching oung, folk Socialism and bringing them the Socialist movement, the So rialist party maintains a department this purpose in its national office at 111 North Market street, Chicago.

This department organizes the into young people's Socialist leagues and devises ways and means for them to reach other young folk with the Socialist message.

Leagues of young Socialists are cated in practically every city in the nation and in many smaller towns. All the day that he also should be of an activities are made to appeal especially to the young people of the working class, who need not necessarily profess Socialism to become members.

These organizations help to develop while still its body is unripe for toil, their members mentally and physically sight, sought an accommodating reporter and to provide means for sociability and the next morning every one in Chi-These things are accomplished by lecclasses, study classes of various kinds, dances, socials, entertainments, girls clubs, orchestras, choruses and similar affairs

Significant News.

There are 11.681 Socialist officials i Germany.

Milwaukee Socialists have nominated heir municipal ticket, headed by former Mayor Emil Seidel. A recent issue of the Pittburgh, Pa.

Press contained three advertisements for adoption of infants. Appropriate, Big irrigating works, with reservoirs are being constructed in Messapotamia

with a view to restoring the old valley of the Euphrates to fertility. The report that a Socialist has been appointed prime minister of France is

an error. He is about as much of a Socialist as an American progressive is a Socialist, Representative Lafferty of Oregon

has introduced in the house an old age pension bill, similar to the one the So cialist Congressman Berger presented two years ago. The Sheffield, England, municipally

owned street car system with one and two-cent fares, is more than paying expenses, after having greatly improved the line and service. Mrs. Charlotte Smith,

worker, says there is an active market for babies in Boston at from \$2 to \$10. At the same time fancy dogs are selling from \$100 to \$1,000. The municipal council of Breslau,

the exacations of the money lenders ties suspect is younger than the 18 years has arranged to lend \$6,250,000 on first site claims. mortgages to home makers. The recent Balkan war cost in deaths and because she knew the state law canbeside 7,744 missing and 10,000 not reach fallen women over 18 years

workers and most of them leave large call her in the "jungles," was allowed hope, not so much for themselves as families. This is part of the brutality for their children. They sense the of war. The "Katy" railroad during the fiscal

pense of \$22,808,412, cleared for the stockholders \$9,537.846, another proof that the railroads can't afford to make their tracks safe. The Socialist party of Switzerland

has taken up an active fight against alcoholism. Drinks are to be banished from all Socialist gatherings and literature will be published . wing the evils of the drinking habit.

G. F. Wilson, assistant pay-roll clerk I know where I can go and water ican Fuel company of Colorado, makes me go. Straight to affidavit that the pay-roll is padded in So I'm going back' order to misrepresent the wages the Agitation for community music is open-mouthed at the girl as she hurled spreading throughout Wisconsin. Many this bit of defiance, then turned and

schools are furnishing directors of walked haughtily from the courtroom, music and numerous bands and orches- From a window, they watched her as tras are being provided for the purpose she hurried across the public square and of furnishing free concerts.

There is an article in Penson's Magazine January, by Alian L. Benson, that every intelligent man and comman in this land should read. Benson's stuff is always good, but this particular article is just a little better than his best. If you subscribe at once your his best. If you subscribe at once your subscription will start with the January number. It's a dollar and a half a year but by a special arrangement with the publishers we can offer you the magazine one year, the Arrant two years and the National societies two years are the national societies two years are the national societies the national societies two years are the national societies the national societies two years are the national societies the nation

The Appeal Army I am a flower with a human soul Ye crush beneath your feet. That swinish greed may feast and fat; This is your bread and meat. The bread and wine ye consecrate With prayer and holy sign. My flesh and blood ye cat, and call

The "Big Ten, of those sending the largest of 40-week subs for the We

ocialist Local, Milton, Pa-socialist Local, Black Lick, arthur Katzmarck, Green Ric V. J. O'Boyle, Phoentaville, Jenry H. Kurth, Milwaukee, O. Connell, Kausas City, S. A. Sager, Anacortes, W. Bassett, Alameda, Cal. Hallineld, Jr., Eric, Pa. S. Jones, Franklin, Pa.

The "Big Four."

A list of those sending the largest clubs of four-year subs for the week: Baxter, Portage, Pa-

The fortunate ones whose name pear in the above lists each week reelve a present of some good book.

iduals, who thinks in a direct line poke to his fellow bricklayer in such "Good material was specified here, I

And boys if it wasn't, why

to'd by McGuire, contractor by day and Cartwright reluctantly complied wright had a warm friend in a red-

One copy strayed away from some of the copy strayed away from some of the converted me to sm," writes a new comrade, Henry Palrdaie, N. D.

Comrade Baxter. Portage, Pa., sends in a four-year subs and six one year sub-cipations and writes: "I intend to do all can to build up the greatest paper of arth—the Arpeal To Riason." quired of all whom he met, the why of

The field is large and with the lal endeavor to get branches of the join the Red Card Division, white with with their co-operation, in the

Socialists are Socialists, the world over from Canada comes Comrade A. Van Ruy en saying "enclosed find a list of four te want to see the circulation of the little id Arpma, boosted and show the plutes that e are alive and on the job." Comrade Risson, Teaneck, N. J., sends for bundle of two hundred and says that he as decided that he will give out that num revery three months. This is his per

serice. It reveals a condition that the de-fender of capitalism cannot explain, try as he might. These girls can find refuge-only in reformatories where they are com-pelled to associate with hardened criminals. Ther might try to get work in these days when men and women tramp the street jobless and should they succeed they would have to "live" on 53 or 54 a week. This is capitalism. Under Socialism all would receive the full value of their labor. Here is the dispatch.! Canton, Ohio, Dec. 11th.-Canton has been shocked-shocked by a mere slip finding building falling off because of of a girl whom invenile court authori-

adhere strictly to the mainess of teaching Socialism, as a religious and other controversy has no place in our party.

L. Allender, Baltimore, Md.

Herewith is my application to the Red Card Division with money order for \$2.50 for the first two weeks. This tooks like a big undertaking, but am beginning to learn there is nothing too big for us and i want to see Comrade "X" lose his darmed \$50.000 and sectously I want you to know I deem this a happy privilege though It does involve hard work and lors of t.—Walter M. Hagenstein, Believne, Wash. George C. Jefferson, Berkley, Cal. "I am oleased to have the privilege of joing the Red Card Division. I feel enthused over the protection, 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 reason will be an appropriate bartle cry. The Arrial Army sees beyond the black night of capitalism a vision of a beautiful dawn.

Enclosed find \$5.25 for twenty-one subs.

beautiful dawn."

Enclosed find \$5.25 for twenty-one subs find great pleasure in selling subs for the AFFAL especially to non-Socialists, because I know that when they get through valing forty copies of the AFFAL if they have not been converted. I at least know here is no more hope for them. The AFFAL is mental dynamic, it is the most terdific explosive in the camps of the enemy I am also entering my piedge for 1914.—
Deutsch, New York City.

We notice wherever the compandes slot

It am also entering my pledge for 1914.—
Deutsch, New York City.

We notice wherever the courades sign the Red Card pledge that it puts enthusiasm into them and they are anxious to get to work. Side by side in the mail one day ame a pledge from Riverside, Cal. local and one from Fruitvale, local, branch of Oakland, Cal. They expressed a belief that every local in the United States ought to do as they have done. We can say that a good many of the locals have, and that we believe more sere yet to be heard from.

I feel the time is ripe for a united attempt to boost the Appeal to one million subscribers or more next year, for we do not know what will happen in this country before the presidential election in 1916. It is probable that the Socialist party will be miled upon to take control of this government and give the people the looked for cellef that will not, and cannot materialize us boost the Appeal, the greatest Socialist educator the world has ever known.—A. G. Swanson, San Deiso, Calif.

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"Yes," replied the legal expert, "It's one of the ablest documents I ever saw. And the most remarkable thing is that, with all the ability it represents, nobody appears to have received a cent for drawing it up."

Frades Union Journal

The capitalist papers and magazines are devoting a lot of space these days to the subject of how to live cheaper. One writer tells how beans are an exellent substitute for eggs while another uses a column instructing house to buy and prepare meats. It is needless to say that ialists are not in sympathy with this cheaper-living idea. Socialists do elieve in cheaper living, but better living, not in substitute for eggs, but more eggs. And why should not everyone in the midst of plenty, and who are able to work and willing to work not live on the highest plane that nature cience and industry has made possible? Labor is slowly but surely awakening to the fact that it is labor that pro duces the best and it is labor that is

MR Goodfellow is a man who seeks to jolly the down and onts into acceptance of the system that put them down and out. He would bribe them with a toy or a meal to betray the workers all the year around.

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For Extracted Honey, Ray

Eugene V. Debs' Message to the Little Children

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.

In my travels about the country I have met thousands of little children and their fresh and eager faces have always given me joy and their merry voices have filled me with delight and made me stronger for my work.

These children are not yet old enough to join the Socialist party and have an active part in its great work, but they are old enough to understand why their parents belong to it, why they are proud of their card of membership, and of the red button they wear, to show that they are Socialists and that as Socialists they are working hand in hand with thousands and thousands of others to change things so that this world may be a better, kinder and sweeter world for us all to live in.

Now let me talk directly as I may to the more than thirty millions of children and young folks in our country who are less than eighteen years of age. I fancy I can see them spread out in all directions, far as the eye can reach, and farther and farther still to the very shores of the seas and lakes and gulfs that bound our western continent.

What a wonderful audience I am about to address! Not a grown person in it. Only children. Millions of them and all eager to hear the message that Socialism has to offer to the childworld.

My dear little children, I am sure you will understand me when I say that in speaking to you of Socialism I feel very near to all of you and I know you will believe me when I tell you that I would, if I could, make you all happy and keep you sweet and loving toward each other all your lives.

Memories of Childhood Are Sweetest

It does not seem long since I myself was a child such as you are now and I have tried hard to keep my heart young and to feel that in spite of the battles of life, which come to us all, some of the sweetness and innocence of childhood clings to us still to the end of our days.

Most of you are the children of the poor, some of the well-to-do, and a few of the rich, but all of you are the children of the same Father and all of you are sisters and brothers in the same great family of humankind.

If any of you feel that you are better than others because you wear better clothes or live in better houses or go in what you think is "better society," it is because your young minds and hearts have been tainted by wrong example and wrong education. It is this wicked feeling that corrupts the conscience and hardens the heart and begets the envy and hate of our fellow-beings, instead of their love and good will.

When that best friend the children ever had on earth said, "Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me; for of such is the kingdom of heaven," he meant ALL children, poor and rich, but especially the poor. He loved and pitied them because of their poverty and suffering

He Loved the Children of the Lowly

He, himself, had been born in a manger and when he was grown up he said sorrowfully that "he had not where to lay his head." He did not despise little children because they were oor and neglected and shabbily dressed but he loved them all the more; and as he looked down upon them his heart melted with compassion and the tears of tenderness tilled his eyes; and then he became grave and his fair brow grew dark with wrath as he thought of those who sat in rich church pews and piously thanked the Lord that they were not as other people. He denounced them as hypocrites for pretending to be religious while they robbed the poor and turned the little children into the street to suffer hunger and fall into evil ways.

Nearly twenty centuries have passed since the suffering poor heard with gladness the message of the Lowly Nazarene and since he was moved to tears by the sight of the little children of the street, but the world has not yet learned the meaning of his tender touching words, "Suffer little children, and forbid them not to come unto me, for of such is the kingdom of heaven.' If he were to walk the streets of New York or Chicago, or Lawrence, Massachusetts, or any of the cities where the mills and sweatshops are filled with child slaves-as he once walked the streets of Jerusalem-he would grow sick at heart as he saw the little ones he so loved, pale and wan and worn, harnessed to monstrous machines and slowly put to death to swell the profits of the greedy mill owners who sit in the rich pews of the synagogue, as did the pharisees he scourged without mercy twenty centuries ago.

The children of the working people have always been poor because the world has never been just. For ages and ages those who have builded the houses, cultivated the fields, raised the crops, spun the wool, woven the cloth, supplied the food we eat and the clothes we wear, and furnished the homes we live in, have been the poor and despised, while those who have profited by their labor and consumed the good things they produced, have been the rich and respectable.

That has always been the way, the wicked way of the world, down to our time.

Jesus himself was a carpenter's son and suffered the poverty of his class and when he grew up it was not the rich and respectable, but the poor and despised who loved him, and opened their arms to receive him, and heard gladly his tender and comforting ministrations. He was one of them in poverty and suffering and in all his loving and self-denying life he never forgot them. Had he deserted the poor from whom he sprang, had he gone over to the rich as their preacher, or their judge, or their lawyer, or their teacher or scribe—as so many of his pretended followers have done and are still doing—he never would have been crucified, nor would the world today know that he had ever lived.

Crucified Because He Championed the Poor

It was because, and only because, Jesus loved the poor and served the poor and rebuked the rich who robbed them, and threatened to array the poor against their rich despoilers, that he was condemned to die and that the cruel nails were driven into his hands and feet on the cross at Calvary.

Jesus taught that the earth and the air and the sea and sky and all the beauty and fulness thereof were for all the children of men; that they should all equally enjoy the riches of nature and dwell together in peace, bear one another's burdens and love one another, and that is what Socialism teaches and why the rich thieves who have laid hold of the earth and its bounties would crucify the Socialists as those other robbers of the poor crucified Jesus two thousand years ago.

Now let us see what message the Socialist party has for the children and why all children should be Socialists and help to speed the day when the brotherhood of Socialism shall prevail throughout the earth.

But first let me say that the Socialist party has reason to know that the children have great influence when they become interested in a given work and set their hearts on doing that work. The Socialist party knows better than to ignore the children as if they were china dolls or stuffed teddy bears, as all other parties do, for it knows by what they have already done that when once they get fairly started they will make the air hum like swarms of bees with the glad tidings of Socialism.

The little boys and girls who have already become Socialists are among the busiest workers for our party and they love so well to work for Socialism that it is play to them and fills their heart with joy. They wear the red button and they know why it is red and what its meaning is; they tack up bills and distribute dodgers advertising our meetings; they sell tickets, take up collections, act as ushers, provide the soapbox for the corner speaker, carry chairs for the women so they may sit in comfort after their day's work, go around among the neighbors and remind them of the meeting and not to forget to attend, sell Socialist books, papers and pamphlets, and do a score of other things which are just as useful in their way as the speech of the orator that wins the applause of the people.

Parents Converted to Socialism by Children

I know of boys and girls too young to belong to the party who yet have converted their fathers and mothers to Socialism. Now what do you think of that? Don't you think those children have a right to feel proud? And their parents too? Those little comrades are wide awake. They have caught the spirit of the future and are sure to make their mark in the world.

Now the Socialist party is the only party in the world that wants to put an end once and forever to all kinds of child labor and to have it so that all children, white and black, without a single exception, shall be allowed to grow up in the free air, with plenty of time for mirth and play; that they shall all have decent homes to live in, comfortable beds to sleep in, plenty of good food to eat, plenty of good clothes to wear and when they reach the proper age shall go to school and college and continue their course until they have obtained a sound and practical education. Then they will have strong, healthy bodies, trained minds and skilled hands, and not only enter cheerfully upon the duties of life, but be certain of making it a success.

That is what the Socialist party has planned and proposes to put into operation. What do you think of it? Is it good and would you like to see it brought about? Yes? Then you have the Socialist spirit and you will certainly soon be wearing a red button and shouting aloud that you are a Socialist and proud of it.

If you listen to the old fogies who still be-

long to the parties their grandfathers did and who have not moved an inch from their grandfathers' graves, they will tell you that Socialists are foolish people and that what they propose never can be done. That is what the fogies of every age have always said. They are the "wise" people who do things in the same way people who do things in the same way that their dead grandparents did before them, who never change their minds, never accept a new idea, never grow, and who are always dead long before they are buried and forgotten the day after the funeral. Whatever you may be I beg of you not to be a fogy, nor to follow a fogy's solemn advice. His brain has ceased to work—if it ever did work. He is mentally stagnant and moss-covered and votes the same old ticket with no more idea of what he is voting for than a wooden Indian.

The Socialist party says there have got to be some changes and has set about making them, or at least getting ready to make them. It says that the world is big enough for all the people that are in it, with plenty of room to spare for groves and parks and playgrounds; that there is land enough to go around without crowding; that there are farms enough, or can be easily provided, to raise all we can eat, so that no child in all the world need to go hungry; that there is plenty of coal and iron, oil and gas, gold and silver and other minerals and metals, stored in the earth; that there are forests and mountains and water courses galore; that there are mills and mines and factories and ships and railways and telegraphs, and the power supplied free by nature to run them all; that there are millions of men and women ready to do all the work that may be required to build homes, raise crops, bake bread—and cake tooweave cloth, make clothes and everything else that is necessary for everybody, and have time enough besides to build schools and provide playgrounds for every last one of the children with plenty of toys thrown in to make this earth a children's paradise.

Now why should not just these things come to pass and why should not you children help us speed the day when they shall come to pass?

Nature Has Blessed Humanity

Everything you can possibly think of to make this earth sweet and beautiful and to make life a blessed joy for us all is within our reach. The raw materials are at our feet; the forces to fashion them into forms of beauty and use are at our finger-tips. We have but to put ourselves in harmony with nature and with one another to spread far and wide the gospel of life and love and once more hear "the sons of God shout for joy."

Socialists not only dream of the good day coming when the world shall know that men are brothers and that women are sisters to each other, but they are at work with all their hearts and all their heads and hands to make that dream come true. They have studied seriously the problem of right living and they feel deeply the wrongs which are put upon the suffering poor. They are the first in all the world's history to plan to put poverty out of the world. And that will mean the end of ignorance and selfishness and crime.

If you want to know what the plans of the Socialists are read their platform, attend their lectures and study their literature.

Socialism is the greatest thing in all the world today and the boys and girls of this generation who will be remembered in the next are those who are clear-eyed enough to see that Socialism is coming and are at the battle-front fighting bravely to overcome the prejudice against it and to pave the way for it so that it may come soon and in peace and order.

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Many of us who have been long in service will not be here when the bells peal forth the joyous tidings that Socialism has triumphed and that the people are free, but the children that now are will live to see it and in the day of their rejoicing they will not forget those who toiled without recompense that they might live without dread of poverty or fear of want.

Victims of System Are Hanged

In February last four boys were hanged in Chicago. The oldest was twenty-one, the young-est barely out of his childhood. They had held up and robbed and murdered a poor truck farmer for the little money he had on his person. Not one of these boys ever had a decent home. They were born in poverty, reared in ignorance, and surrounded by vice and filth.

This is cultivating crime and reaping the harvest. We Socialists weep as we think of the cruel fate of those four poor, friendless boys who died on the gallows while they were still in their childhood because the world has not yet learned that there is greater profit in raising children than there is in raising hogs.

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If those poor little lads had been born in Socialism instead of capitalism and had known the love of parents and the joy of home they would have grown up to honest manhood and

the terrible thought of murder never would have entered their young hearts.

The frightful stories of the little childred in the mills at Lawrence and the cruel suffering they endured is still fresh in the public memor. When the poor and despairing mothers, the hearts wrung with agony and their eyes blinded with tears, attempted to save their childred from starvation by placing them in the keeping of sympathizing friends, they were beaten, insulted, and with babies at their breasts thrown into jail, bleeding and stunned, by the brutal police acting under orders from the far more brutal mill owners.

The world will never know the suffering and terror these poor working people—especially the women and children—had to endure for daring to ask the millionaire mill owners for a pittance more in return for their labor to keep the wolf of hunger from their gloomy hovels.

Here again, as in West Virginia, a few lordly aristocrats who are of no earthly use to themselves or to anyone, and whose sons and daughters are parasites if not perverts, privately own the great mills, rob the honest workers, and then have them murdered for protesting against starvation.

Socialism Will Give Children a Chance

When the Socialist party gets into power those mills at Lawrence and all others like them will be taken over by the people and operated for the good of all and then the workers will keep the wealth they produce for themselves, instead of turning it over to the greedy mill bosses; they will have decent homes to live in, food in plenty on their tables, and their children will go to school to be properly educated instead of to the mills to be ground into profits to gorge their idle owners.

In March last Mrs. L. F. Jellson of Salem, Ore., gave poison to each of her four little children, her own offspring, because they were starving and she was poor and had no way to get them bread. She then poisoned herself and all she asked in the note she left was that she and her darling children be buried together. This poor heart-broken soul was driven to destroy herself and her precious babes because the world as it now is would not allow them to live.

Think for just a moment of all the food there is in the world and all there might be and then tell me if Socialists are wrong and foolish and wicked for saying that the self-murder of this poor woman and the murder of her children is a terrible crime of which society is guilty and for which there is no excuse on earth or in heaven!

A recent investigation showed that in the city of St. Louis there are 16,000 young women who receive as wage earners less than \$8 per week and over 3,000 who receive from \$3 to \$4 per week.

It is easy to see from this why so many little girls and young women are forced to enter upon the path which leads to shame and sorrow and which seldom bears the impress of returning footsteps.

The Brave Little Boys of the Titanic

When the great Titanic met her fate fifty little bellboys went down with her to the bottom of the sea. They were ordered, according the account, to their regular posts in the ma cabin and warned by their captain not to get into the way of the escaping passengers. James Humphries, a quartermaster and eye witness, said, "throughout the first hour of confusion and terror these lads sat quietly on their benches. Not one of them attempted to enter a lifeboat. Not one of them was saved."

Can you read this without being moved to tears? Brave, noble little lads! I almost feel as if it had been a privilege to go down with these great little souls to their watery grave.

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The little boys who perished here were poor boys, many of them without fathers and others obliged to support widowed mothers and little brothers and sisters younger than themselves.

What a lesson this touching, deeply pathetic incident teaches and what a world of meaning there is in the sad circumstances of their tragic death!

Had they not been poor children, little waifs, they would not have been locked in the cabin to perish like rats. They would not, in fact, have been there at all, and had it not been for the pride and pomp, the greed and luxury that paraded the upper deck, the Titanie never would have gone to the bottom of the sea.

And now, my children, I must come to a close. I have taken up much of your time, but I have only been able to trace in barest out ine what the Socialist party is organized for, what it aims to do, and will do, and why the children, above all, should vie with each other in helping it to grow and speeding the happy day of

When that day comes the rejoicing people will realize that the kingdom of heaven, so long prayed for, has been set up here on earth in the social brotherhood of all mankind.