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THE CHILD OF MY SOUL.

paper issue at Greensburg, Ind., April 30, 1893-The Coming Nation. My hopes were to reach a circulation of 10,000 copies a week, which to me ther was as great a circulation as I could nope for. I felt that I could sustain that paper from my personal income without drawing a cent for my time, and so announced in the first issue of it. That paper represented my very soul. It met with a welcome that was beyond my dreams. In fourteen months it had attained a circulation of 65,000 copies weekly, and the surplus money was piling up. I never drew a cent from its income, even for my living. I used all its income for arranging for a colony (one of my errors) at Ruskin, Tenn., and moved the paper there in July, 1894. The paper's success increased until it paid a profit of paying for it! Now this registrar must sbout \$500 a week, when I left it, in July, 1895, because I found the error and did not care to waste my few years of life in it. After I left the paper and posed to Socialism because it would re started the Appeal to Reason, at Kansas City, in August, 1895, the Coming Nation had many editors and a varied career, being moved to Georgia, where it I had the opportunity several times of getting the paper at a nominal price one-tenth of what I had paid for its material alone, but I felt that I could afford to forego that desire, as the world would say that I had wrecked it by opposition to get it back.

was bought by Comrades Warren Richardson,, who had been employed on the Appeal for a year or more, and revived at Rich Hill, Mo., where it met with a large degree of success, though a financial failure. In the consolidation of the Coming Nation with the Appeal. my child has come back home, and it gives me a pleasure that words cannot

When I gave up the Coming Nation it was not easier than to have given up one of my children. It caused me many a heartache, for I had planned that paper, had put my life into it, had shed tears over its trials and many the sheet of copy that went to its printers was covered with moisture from my eyes as I wrote, for I felt the things I put into its columns.

The child has come home and the fam ily is complete once more. May the strength it has gathered in its wamlerings and hardships make its new home more pleasant and give support to its younger brother, that they may combined be the greatest help in liberating the on from its thraldom of ignorance and duplicity to the powers of mam-

I feel a delight and relief that I have not felt for years.

J. A. WAYLAND

# WHAT IS LIBERTY?

Gen. Otis' Los Angeles Times begins a tirade against the labor organizations with the following paragraph, for em-phasis: "Shall it be peace and industrial liberty, or lawlessness and unrest?" Well, let's have peace and industrial liberty. We have lawlessness and unrest now and have enough of it. Indus trial liberty will bring peace and good will. We would have peace now if we had industrial liberty. Industrial liber ty means the right of men to work where they can do the best work, have and get an equivalent of all they pro-Nothing else is liberty. If a few own, the many have no liberty, for they must work or not as the few decide, and get much or little as the few are pleased o grant. Liberty always produces peace -tyranny always produces unrest and disorder. We have industrial tyranny one man power in control of industry. We want industrial liberty erty of each citizen to employ ment in a place where he will have an equal voice with each of the others who work there in the whole management of the place. Is that what Otis considers liberty? If not, why not?

### HOME DEFENDERS.

The capitalists are warning their vic-tims, who are living much like the animals of the stalls, that Socialism will break up the family. This is to cover up their own actions, which have broken millions of homes by forcing daughap militions of houses of out into domestic service and sons to ave home and tramp over the land in of a master who would permit m enough to eat for their services. O. the capitalists are such friends of home uld make a donkey smile—this ude of the masters for the moral well bring of hir slaves. Pass

# HOW SOCIALISM IS DYING.

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dence will just continue as it has up to After planning for nearly a year, I the present writing, it will land a Sosaw my ideal of a Socialist propaganda cialist in the White House in 1908. The German papers have been telling their readers that it was dving these many years, and it is now nearly twice as great as any other party in Kaiserland. Say, these articles make me smile. It is the whistling in the graveyard to keep up courage. Let her "decade"-in ple in ignorance and poverty that they the same old way.

#### THE LAW-ABIDING RICH.

The city of Worcester, Mass., owns its water plant, and runs pipes into the big buildings owned by corporations as a matter of fire protection without any expense to the concerns thus favored The Water Registrar in his last report says that these wealthy concerns have tapped these fire pipes and are using millions of gallons of water without be mistaken. These wealthy concerns are owned by rich, respectable people, and they would not steal! They are opmove the incentive to steal. Every mother's son of these thieves are eithe democrats or republicans-who uphold a system of thievery by their votes. They are all opposed to Socialism. Can't you see why?

#### STOLE TWELVE YEARS' LABOR.

Annie Connell, of Omaha, has brought suit in the Federal Court against Convent of Mercy for \$30,000 for twelve years' services and the loss of her health because of worse than driven slave labor. She was a nun. When her health broke down and her friends sent her to Hot Springs, the Convent, which had promised to provide for her during life, left her to beg her living. This shows how the Roman priests love the working class. The priests, like the other capitalists, use the working class in their organization as so many chattels to dress them in the finest, feed them on the best, serve their every whim. This is the set of people who are against Socialism-and it is well for Socialism that they are. What they would favor must be mean indeed. The pity of it is, that Annie is still steeped in a belief that the priests hold the salvation of her

### PARDONS THE RICH.

President Roosevelt has pardone ! Rie er, the Kansas City bank wrecker, who robbed thousands of their all by the most dishonest actions. Did you ever hear of the president pardoning any of the working class who went wrong? Not on your life. The government machinery is for the rich. The rich are in polities for their class interests. The working class haven't sense enough to use their political power for their class interests-not yet.

Gov. Bliss, of Michigan, has pardoned Andrews, who wrecked the bank at Detroit, robbing hundreds of poor of their last cent. He was sentenced to fifteen years and has served only sixteen months. The rich can do no wrong. Only the poor must pay the penalty of their crimes. It has always been thus-but never before had the working class s ballot that would protect themselves from oppression-and they don't seem to have sense enough to use it.

# EASILY COZENED.

The dispatches contained an item that the present Pope was given sacks of gold by Cardinal Gotti, left by the late Pope containing nine million dollars four months after his death. Attached to this statement is this more remarkable one: "The reason for Pope Leo's course is that he wished his successor to learn how difficult it would be to rule the church without money." So money, not love, rules the church, eh? Well, we all know that; the wonder is that the poor people all over the world who contribute this vast pile of gold out of their dire poverty, (and they are the poorest of all nations), don't get onto the game. The fellows at the top have a pretty soft thing. But that is how all the useless, scheming, corrupt of earth have lived and yet live. Think of millions being hoarded out of the pennies filched the servant class of the earth! And men living in splendor and dressing in silks, with servants by the hundred. from such a source! Surely the human animal is easily duped.

# POOR PREACHERS

When Dr. C. P., DeYoe, Ramsey, N. J. heard that Rev. Trompen preached a sermon against Socialism, he challenged him to debate the question and ofes. Of course the 'ered to pay all expenses. Of course the "eloth" will not defend himself. They always strike when there are no defend ers: Comrade DeYoe received 475 votes at the recent election. Say, do you see the "decadence" of Socialism the plute papers are talking about?

The courts seem to be slot m into which the corporations put a nickle and draw out a decision.

#### WHERE THE RESPONSIBILITY RESTS.

of the "angry gravity of the present state of things that fill wise men with dismay," lays it all to the sin of man. Right. And the men who are the most responsible are those alleged religious and political teachers who keep the peomay live in fine houses, have fine churches and servants, and aim at power over the people instead of teaching the people wisdom that they may be upright men and not dupes or machines. Those who are elevated should be servants, not masters. They have been given opportunity come wise, being relieved from the drudgery of the world's work, and instead of using that to enlighten the minds of those who support them, they use the circular and have it to show to your the power to blind and bigot the masses, atupid old party neighbor, who does not Yes, and these masses they have made believe the fairy tales you told him as beasts of the field will cause them to vears ago. Then get him to read a bave more than fear, some of these days. Socialist paper-and we have another No man who lives on the lives of others comrade. can in any wise be other than an enemy

GREAT SOCIALIST GAINS. There was an election in Australia Dec. 15 for members of parliament. Only a few lines concerning it has been cabled to the press of this country, but enough was contained in them to show that the Socialists made phenomenal gains. In the last parliament the Socialists had eight out of thirty-six senators and sixteen out of seventy-five representatives. The cable says that "this number will be largely increased." Yes, there is a decadence of Socialism! The plutocrats tried to fuddle the voters by a fake tariff cry, such as deceived the voters of this country for a hundred years-but it didn't work. The working class in Australia are getting on to the fakirs of wealth. This gives the lie to the many statements that the voters over there are getting tired of labor

#### TRAITORS IN OFFICE.

A meeting to discuss the deportation of Turner, the labor organizer from England, was called to meet at Institute Hall, Paterson, N. J., 'last week, but the speakers, Bolton Hall, Hugh O. Pentecost and Mr. Pleydell, were met at the door by a cordon of police who refused to permit them to enter, and thousands of people, comprising several labor organizations, were told to disperse. They were not permitted to speak in a hall they had rented and paid for! This is the kind of traitors that hold position in a country whose constitution provides that the freedom of speech "shall not be infringed." The rulers care nothing for law. They are anarchists of the blackest type. If justice were done they would all be wearing prison stripes, but the working class, who are thus treated, insist on electing their mortal enemies to office, and the officers trample the laws under foot as trash. The mayor in scorn told the speakers that "If you had your way we would not be running things." And he was right. Liberty? Yes, great gobs of it in this country.

# REVOLUTION IN RUSSIA.

Cablegrams from London, dated Dec 25, say that revolution threatens to break out in Russia and that the rulers are scared. That it is having much to and Japan, as the Russian murderer is afraid to have two wars at once. That Russia will have a fearful revolution at no distant day has been evident for some time. The oppression of the mass-es has become intolerable, and the ruling class will be given an object lesson more fearful than the French tyrants got about a century ago. Speed the day when the people will throw off the voke that a line of commercial and political murderers has thrown around thein The world will take a step forward on that day. Thanks to Socialist agitation the Russian despotism is doomed.

# GREAT EXPECTATIONS.

The orders coming in for "The Political Economy of Jesus" show quite plainly that the book will have a phenomeiy that the book was a such a sopportune nal circulation. The time is opportune we have no reason to fear that our expectations of a tremendous sale of this book will fail of realization. The first edition will be ready for mailing on February I, and the indications are that it will not last very long. The price is 10 cents a copy; \$1 a dozen; \$5 a hun-

# DECLINE OF INDIVIDUALISM.

The "Inter-Mountain," Butte, Mont. corporation organ, says that "95 per cent of all the business in the state, of ekinners are always prating of: At in-dividual has just one-twentieth of the avenues of human activity in which he may possibly develop.

#### GOVERNMENT LOANS.

Say, you hayseed political economists, A Providence, R. I., priest, speaking yelept, populists! Why don't you send which he or she is born, because those his wife, three children and himto the Treasury Department, Washington, D. C., and set a copy of Circular 113, which shows that the government has a "Division of Loans and Currency," which you pops a long time ago demanded that the government establish. The bankers found you had a good thing so they had the division estab-Hished and fixed it so they, not you would be able to get loans from the government at one-quarter of one per cent interest-just enough to pay the printing of the nice, crisp bills. What's the matter with you farmers that you don't borrow money of the government instead of paying bankers ten to twenty per cent! Anyhow, send for a copy of

> BOY TEACHES THE TEACHER. The children of today will be the controllers of earth's destinies tomor row. Socialism especially appeals to the young man or woman when they start out in life and find others in control of the conditions under which they must work and live. Children, therefore should be looked after in the propaganda. It is never time lost to stop and talk to a child and get it to see what great things Socialism will do for it A school boy of my acquaintance listened to me and became interested. He began to read. He was laughed at by foolish fellows who never read a thing about the subject of their mirth. But the ideas had the boy and when he went to college he asked one of the teachers to read the Appeal. The teacher's cose went up in indignant disgust. But he handed the teacher a pamphlet and asked him something about it, and the teacher read-and the teacher was con verted, as also other teachers in the same school. So you see the student taught the teacher a thing more important than anything the teacher could teach the pupil. The boy was delighted to find that a little reading had made his mind superior to the poll-par rot knowledge of the profes

# THE SLUMS OF WASHINGTON.

acob Riis is one of the widest known Socialist writers on social problems commands a high price for each line the great dailies and monthlies of the tion. I give these statements that you may weigh the following. Riis has been in Washington City of late investigating the poverty stricken districts and has been before congressional com mittees to make protests to what he say. He has investigated the sanitary editions in every city of Europe, as Il informed people know. Here are of the things he said in the Washtion Star of December 15:

"It's a pity you can't entice away spie who live there and then drought of dynamite in the building." ring to a sum tenement.) ney kill the home life and the home it and where you kill home you kill home you kill have never witnessed conditions worse they are in the capital of the nation to even in Whitechapel, London."

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se civilized world was there ever such showing as that."
"I have more regard for the avowed atheist not the aleged Christian (owners) he profess what they do not mean." You can't build a regulation a pig sty, not I've seen enough pig stys in Washigton today to last me for awhile."
"They will talk about property rights but oppoperty rights can be translated in the right to kill. A man has no more right a lill his neighbor with a bad house than it and a such as a

h an axe.

The first place visited was what is win as "Chinch Row" or "BED BUG W," a sequestered place of flith within conines at the block bounded by 18th 19th streets and L and M streets the streets and L and M streets the streets and L and M consected the streets and L and M streets streets and L a

BRITISH EMBASSY, in Connecticut, and equally near the CHURCH OF HE COVENANT. In this place was and a row of rumanactic frame builds that would hardly be fit for the habitan of horses.

Mr. Weller explained that as many as F AND SIX PERSONS LIVED IN A GLE ROOM within these bouses. The suiddings had NO CONNECTION WITH E SEWER, and there was everything at the locality to suppose

tribulidings had NO CONNECTION WITH HE SEWER, and there was everything bent the locality to suggest an excellent lace for the starting of an epidemic. "Why, continued Mr. Rils, the man he owns buildings and keeps them in uch a condition in GUILITY OF MUREES. There is no other word for it. "There was NO WATER CONNECTION No THE HOUSE. The outhouse was what a known as the "open-bor" kind of thich, according to the latest figures obtained the here are 14,000 in the District & Polumbia, and approximately 2,000 in HE CITY. Mr Weller explained that it was there were like the condition one room a MAN AND HIS WIFF NO FIVE CHILDREN, among the latter ling at heavy two weeks old. The room at all only 10 by 12 feet."

Talk about destroying the home! Who at the capitalists are doing it and

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Talk about prosperity!

Say, can you reason?

ABOUT SOCIALIST LAND Then the Socialists get into power will lands necessarily pass out of the hands

the present owners?—A Sub. All land will then pass into the hands the people. The people will be the Every citizen will then have ht to the use of land without e. Every child born, no matter , will come upon the earth with as right to the use of the land as any

saving, starving and denial to get a legal right to use part of the planet on bern before had hogged it all. That is self. Poverty caused the awful people learn that such a condition is for their material as well as social interest. But remember this such a change cannot be made until a majority of the peorie want it. And should not a majority

What effect would Socialism have on such cret-societies as the Masons Odd Fellows, etc. they still existed would they not interfell the equality of men?—W. H. Varcoo, Gran, Ore.

Not being a member of any secret organization, I can only reply on the general aspect of the question. Socialism would free every person from want or the fear of it. That part of organization that was to defend the members from want would fall into disuse. That part of the feature that is used to find a person on whose friendship a traveler might rely would also fall into disuse, for conditions would be such that one person could not rob nor gain advantage to self by any kind of wrong action against another. Then that part of the th of brotherhood would fall into disse. All men would be brothers and have nothing to gain by doing violence. The social feature of orders might be ontinued, and doubtless would. Socialsm would make one absolute brothergood of men, and secret organizations created to form brotherhoods out of little groups would have no advantage. think that Socialism would have a tendency to do away with the attraction of secret orders by making the wider cir cle more satisfactory.

Cablegrams from Germany of late note the brutality of the German officers to vard their inferiors and the citizens. Awful, isn't it? Well, we follow. At Cincinnati two army officers insulted nd abused Stegeman, a distiller, and his wife and daughter on a street car. Isn't it time that the people woke up to realize that a military despotism is being created in this country? Don't you know that men given power will always buse it? Americans are just like Germans or Russians. Human nature is about the same under similar conditions. Our soldiers are as brutal in the Philip pines as the English in Africa or Indi thority is higher than the military-the military rests on taxes collected under civil law-can do away with supporting an army whose business is to kill, and the killing will cease.

In Chicago jail are four young mencharged with a most atroclous series of
rimes, resulting in five deaths and the
serious wounding of another. These young
men, Marx, Van Dine, Neidemeyer and
Roeski, are the legitimate product of
clicage Socialism. They conceived the
dea that the city railway company possessed more money than it was entitled
to, and planned a bold robbery of the
company's office. Two men were killed
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These men and their acts are the legit mate, logical, inevitable product of the industrial system that is supported by the Voice. Socialism does not obtain capitalism controls and is responsible for all the effects on the social body The Voice upholds the system of indus trial robbery and is therefore morally a party to the crimes. It upholds a sys em that supports a Rockefeller or the whisky trust. When they conceive that the people have more money than they are entitled to they at once raise the price of things the people use. The robbery by the little thieves is not a drop in the ocean to the robbery by the big thieves who are supported by the people who believe in the present industrial system.

Prohibitionists profess to believe that the way to do away with drunkenness is to do away with liquor-but all crimes flow from the private ownership of capital-even the whisky traffic is carried on for the profits there are in it-and if they will follow their own logic they will help to dethrone a system that he filled the earth with war, blood and lesser crime. Under Socialism every man and woman could have all the wealth they could use, if they helped to produce it. No gain could come of such a crime as these men committed, hence they would not have committed it. There would have been no thing they could have pos sessed themselves of that would pas current to give them wealth. Wealth could only be obtained by having the evidence that one had performed for so ciety certain duties. This is not asked of the holder of money today. If one better guess again. It is up against its own system. It should praise these criminals for the system it upholds has produced them.

C. A. G .- The 25th of December is oberved by part of the nations as the birth of Christ. The Russian people observe the 7th of January. The o the use of the land as any event. In fact, even the year of Christ's There will be no years of birth is not known.

#### WHAT YOU VOTE FOR R. W. Derby, of Cleveland, Ohio, killed

what will happen when a majority of the crime. His household effects were mortgaged and there was not a cent in the house except a few coppers in the two toy banks of the little daughter and son. And this is the prosperity you blind parrots are howling about. This is the glorious American liberty you prate of. This is the wonderfully rich nation you praise. Derby never drank; he worked like the slave that he was when some master would permit him; it was neither laziness nor drink that wiped out that family as a Christmas, gift to the city where live men who have robbed such people of millions, and whose mansions are built out of their blood. This is only one of hundreds of thousands of cases where poverty drives men to crimeand poverty, too, that is not caused by profligacy of the poor but by the crimes of the rich. Every man who defends this system, who votes for it, is an upholder of such crimes. Who can think of the awful agony of a man driven to such an act against a family he loves? O, you must be brutes to not feel what your hellish social structure is doing. This is the system that the capitalists, the false priests, the Gompers, the Mitchells and the Parrys are trying to keep the working class from overthrowing. Men of America, have you ears and hear not, and eyes and see not? Let's vote this system of the devil and his angels out and bring in Socialism, which will give every worker all the good things of life-and take away the struggle that has filled the earth with orrow and blood Under Socialism this worker and his family would have lived in a fine home, dressed as well as any citizen, caten as well as any and have had plenty of time and opportunity for enjoying life and developing the soul. The working class has the votes to change all the laws governing property. but they are deceived by those profit by the present system and are kept in ignorance of their rights and justice. This reign of crime has lasted for thousands of years and is caused solely and only by the private ownership of capital.

> While the poor people of Chicago s starving and freezing, the police statio and other public places being crowded with people at night to keep soul and body together, the rich robbers are planning a great ball after the extravagance and style of Louis XV "for sweet charity's sake!" It is enough to make one's blood boil in winter—such damnable hypocracy and crime. The kings of France danced while the peasantry was starving. Will the American voting mules ever wake up? The rich hesitate at no crime to get possession of the wealth labor creates. Labor, having the vote, can legally and honestly got pos-sion of the wealth it has produced if it will use the ballot for Socialism. How long will labor submit to be the beggars and outcasts in the land they have n so rich, while those whose only visible means of support is taking from labor its products, dance in the style of the corrupt kings of unfortunate France? Wake up, ox, wake up.

# SANTA CLAUS BUSINESS.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 23. - Bea that with a man and another man trees and another delive here of the spruce place the spruce place the spruce place taken out of the day burned. More than 40,000 trees were stroyed. Prices have bound from cents to 55, from \$1.50 to 55, and delivered to get \$5 per tree before Charact to get \$5 per tree before

What do you think of that? Doesn't that show the practicability of the ent industrial system? So much that many go without while what they desire is destroyed! And these people are called Christians! Ye gods, there ever a more henious system? you so stupid that you believe the lies aught from your childhood, while you see such things? Destroy the people's needs and then raise the prices! rich can stand it and the poor are only cattle, so it don't matter.

Have we a real redemption dellar to-day or is it a prevense and a fraud?—D. Y. Plymouth, Ind. Money can only be redeemed in wealth. To change one dollar for another is not redemption any more than changing one promissory note for anoth The government issues money. That is paid to people on the supposition of serhas money he has an order for goods vices performed—or stolen. The only that is not questioned. The Voice and way the government could redeem that money would be by giving the holder of it something that the holder wanted food, clothing, shelter, instruction or entertainment. The government never did this, and doesn't intend to. The trickery around the pretense of redemption is to fool the dupes who are taxed to keep up a government whose sole object and use is to keep the people from coming to

and operate industries redeem money with,

# 1904 Campaign for Socialism.

N the eve of the city election in Haverhill, Mass., Mark Hanns, presidential aspirant, sent out a telegram stating that if the republicans defeated the Socialists in that election, a campaign would be made against Socialism-in every state in the Union.

The Socialist candidates were defeated, BUT SOCIALISM WAY VICTOR-

Our vote in 1902 was 2,338. In 1903 it was 2,901. The Democratic vote which was 1,663 in 1902, disappeared, the bulk of it going over to the republicans. Hanna's campaign against the Socialists in Haverhill added 563 votes to our column. It increased our vote 20 per cent. Get busy, Hanna, you're hot stuff. Call out your Citisens' Alliances, your National Manufacturers' Associations, Civic Federations, Gompers, Parry, Job, Mitchell, Gordon, Avery, Goldstein, get them all lined up. You've got a nice aggregation of Socialist busters-a prize lot of good fellows. Come out and tight in the open. Expose the fallacies of Socialism. When you can't meet us in argument call on your Peabodies to get out the militia. Line up your courts and keep your injunction machinery well oiled. In the meantime we have a few plans ourselves.

Out here in a little Kansas village two factories for the production of Socialist ammunition have consolidated. Trustified? Certainly, that's Socialist philosophy. Got more brains here now, more presses, greater capacity, can turn out more ammunition and do it cheaper.

Twenty-one thousand members of the Appeal army last year-five thousand Coming Nation, total 26,000. Say, we ought to make things interesting for Hanna. That's what the Socialist combination proposes to do.

On the 30th day of January the Appeal will print a big special, eight pages more in size. It will be a gallus buster and will open the campaign of 1904. One of the features will be the Socialist platform printed in great big type, a whole page. This will show what Hanna has to oppose. Another will be the name of every man or weman who signs the army roll for 1904 in accordance with the pleage printed below. Hanna will have something to think about when he sees this list. To the army boys of the Coming Nation we will say that you are included. Sign the pledge, send us the pay for five cards, or send along five subs, or buy that amount in books. You will be on the roll for a beautiful certificate of membership which will be sent to you in a mailing tube all ready for framing.

Let's make this our answer to Hanna. Enroll for the political battle of 1904. If we reach the million point this year we can do the final act in 1908. It can be done, but you out on the firing line must do it. We ought not to think of less than three thousand pledges during the month of January. To make good on this proposition you must get your names here on or before January 23rd, the day we go to press for the big issue. .

# You may earoll my name in the Appeal army of workers for the great campaign of 1904. I enclose with this blank pay for ..... It is agreed that you will number my application in the order in which letters are opened at your office, beginning with the morning of December 1, 1903, and that you will send me a certificate of membership suitable for framing.

# The Landless Farmer.

A Tenant's Appeal for Help. 

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Laborers who own no land.

In behalf of the "other half" of the farming community, I desire to appeal to the Socialists of Kansas and elsewhere. To propagandists and lecturers I would say: Come among us and help us. Here is a field that promises big results. Doubtless you will find it very difficult to reach the average land holding farmer. But the tenant farmers and the hirelings on the farms, who constitute the RURAL PROLETARIAT will receive your gospel. Their lot is so hard say the land never located.

And the lot of the average tenant farmer is no better. In some respects his state is actually worse than that of the old time serf and landless peasant. The laws gave those classes some degree of protection. They had certain well defined rights. But the tenant farmer is virtually unprotected. He is not only exploited and robbed most ruthlessly, but he is left wholly at the mercy of the exploiters. Numerious as they are, farm tenants are virtually unknown to the law.

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A few days work here during seed time, and a few more in harvest time yonder; then it is more on again. Thus they are driven constantly onward and onward by that relentless nemesis of the workingman—"out of a job." Many of them are never at home, and never located.

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capitals of the world.

I cannot close without calling attention to the unhappy lot of many of our farmers wives. Among the wives and daughters of the less favored farmers of this country there are thousands upon thousands who are sadly overworked and overburdened in every way. To many of them, life is but a ceaseless round of intolerable drugery. And not a few of them are completely worn out, even before the period of middle life is reached.

But this incessant toll is not their

But this incessant toll is not their greatest hardship. Often the circum-stances of these women are such that greatest hardship. Often the circumstances of these women are such that they miss all the better advantages of civilization. They find themselves deprived of the very things for which the soul of an ordinary woman of refinement hungers and thirsts. Isolated as so many of them are; living miles from neighbors, they are virtually out. from neighbors, they are virtually out off from human associations. Under such conditions all work becomes hateful druggery; and they work as slaves work—driven by stern necessi-

Such experiences as these made it possible for a Mrs. Lease to hurl her inimitable philippies against the institutions which she believed were responsible for these monstrous wrongs.

Socialism will appeal to such wo-men with peculiar force. Only show them that it will enable them to live as civilized women should live, and that it will save their children from hardships, and they will embrace

Socialism.
WILLIAM EMORY KEARNS. Topeka, Kans.

# NO LANGUAGE REVOLUTIONARY

ENOUGH. There are no words that can make hideous enough and ghastly enough or vivid and revolutionary enough or vivid and revolutionary enough this fact that society and its institu-tions are organized for the purpose of enabling some people to live off of other people—the few to live off the many. There is no language realistic enough, or possessed of sufficient in-tegrity to lay bare the chasm betegrity to lay bare the chasm between the possessing class and the
producing class; between the class
that works and the class that reaps
the fruit of that work; between the
class that is grist for the great worldmill of economic might, and the class
that HARVESTS THE GRIST. And
until the working class becomes CONSCIOUS OF ITSELF as the ONLY
CLASS THAT HAS A RIGHT TO BE,
until the man who is DOWN AND CLASS THAT HAS A RIGHT TO BE, until the man who is DOWN AND BOUND understands that he is exploited and bound by the VERY POWER WHICH HIS OWN UNPAID LABOR places in the hands of the apitalist, until we all clearly see that what we call Civilization is but the organized and legalized robbery of the common labor, until we have a revoganized and legalized robbery of the common labor, until we have a revolutionizing comprehension of the fact that our churches and governments, our arts and literatures, our educations and philosophies, our MORALS AND MANNERS are ALL more or less expressions and deformities of this UNIVERSAL ROBBERY, building themselves and drawing their lite and motives upon and out of the Vitals OF THE MAN WHO IS DOWN AND UNPRIVILEGED, out of his unpaid labor and exhausted life—until AND UNPRIVILEGED, out of his unpaid labor and exhausted life—until then, I say our dreams and schemes of a common good of a better society are but philistine utopias, our social and industrial reforms but self-deceit, and our weapons but the shadows of stupidity and hypocrisy. A civilization that is fundamentally paresitical, that has its birth and breath and being in the POWER OF ONE CLASS TO TAKE WHAT ANOTHER CLASS PRODUCES, cannot be so reformed or added to as to bring forth economic justice or any kind of emancipation; or so ordered as to procure equality of opportunity and free individuality.... The danger to our American Socialist movement is NOT that it may array class against class. Our danger is that we may have a Socialist movement that shall concede some idenity or reconcilation of interest between LABOR AND PARISITISM; as Socialist movement that shall accept the enthusiasm of discarded politicians or evangelists, or bow down to the wooden images of middle-class

# PA EXPLAINS TO YOUNG AMERICA

How the Money is Divided and Why the Capitallet Gets the Largest Share. BY G. H. LECKWOOD.

"Say, pa, does the capitalist give all naturally should get more,"

"Why, pa! You don't mean that he gets more than all of the workers put together, do you?"

Why, no! you blockhead, of course he don'ti"
"What else does he do with the work-

"What else does he do with the workingmen's money, pa?"

"Who said it was the workingmen's of the kite money that I was a littly money, kid?"

"Why, pa, when I sold the kite that brother Tom made, you took the money away from me and said it belonged to Tom begause he made the kite, and even if he did say I could sell it, you said that was no sign that I could keep the money as mine."

"Well—er—er, but that kite deal was a different matter—this other is a busi-

different matter—this other is a business affair.

"But if the kite money belonged to Tom, why don't the money for the things the workingmen make belong to the workingmen!"
"Well-er-why-er-why, kid, that

wouldn't be business."
"But wouldn't it be right, pa?"

"Well-er-er-but, you see, that isn't the way they do business now-a-"Why don't they do business different

pa?"
"Well-

"Well-er-why, they don't want to.
I was talking to Mr. Adulteration the
other day and he said we had the finest ss system 'on earth and that it is the only way business can be done

"But, pa, haven't rights in the matter "Why-er-er, oh,

yes! they have rights, of course, and a share in the business, too; that is, they have a share in the money after in the money after the capitalist sells the things that they make for him." "Is the money divided between

workingmen and the capitalist, pa -- like Tom finally gave me The Finest Bustwo cents for selling

on Earth. ten cents you know you said that was about fair."
"Well-er-er, not exactly in that way; you see there are others that come in for a them."

"How's that, pa;"
"Well the capitalist had to borrow the "Well, the capitalist had to borrow the money to begin on, and of course has to pay the interest on that, and put some pay the interest on that, and put some more of it away as a sinking fund so he will have money to pay the principal when it is due; then he has to pay for the machinery in the same manner; and he also has to pay for the raw material that is used, and taxes, and insurance, etc. ate."

"And when all these things are paid, then does he divide what's left like Tom and I did the kite money?" a "Why-er-er-no, not exactly the same: the capitalist gets more than the



"Why, pa, does he work any harder than the working-"Why - er

well, no, he don't exactly work harder but you see he fur-nishes so much more than all the workers that he

shelter, nor a place to lay their heads. Star vation and suffering stars them in the face while in the great wealth centers, the trust magnates are giving Seeley dinners on a style of magnificence never equaled by the

What are these suffering thousands to do?
No Stobespierre may arouse and lead them
into a "reign of terror," but surely there
will be a cigmorous demand for a change in
economic conditions. Waether that demand promises by results. Doubling your servings and holding hyrace. He has a serving and holding hyrace. He has a serving and holding hyrace. He has a serving and holding hyrace. Serving the has a serving and holding hyrace. Serving the has a serving the holding hyrace and the feetings of his accordance of the serving hyrace and the feeting of his accordance of the serving hyrace and the feeting of his accordance of the serving hyrace and the serving hyrace of t

gets more than all of the workers put together, do you?"

"Why—er—er—why! Why, that's about the way of it."

"Well, pa, I don't see—, why, you told me the other day when I wanted more of the kite money that I was a fittly hog and that I had more than my share as it was and—"

"Well—er—you see, boy, the capitalist takes all the risk and that is the reason why his share is so much greater than the workingmen's." Boy thinks a while.



(SOME OF THE "RISKS" THE CAPI-

"What do you mean?"
"You say the capitalist gets the most money for the 'risks' he takes and you was telling ma the other day that you wished you could get another job be cause the work you are doing is so dan gerous that you risk your life every hour of the day."

"That's so, my boy; your old daddy does risk his life and so do thousands of other workingmen every day, and loss of them get killed, too, but that isn't the kind of 'risks' I mean."

kind of 'risks' I mean."
"What kind of risks is it that the capitalist runs, pa?"
"Why, the risk of losing his money."
"Is it worse for a capitalist to run the

risk of losing his money than it is for a workingman to run the risk of losing his life, pa?" "Why er er , why "
"And, pa, didn't you tell me it wasn't

his money anyway, but borrowed mo-ney and that he paid the interest on it out of the workingneer's money that he got for selling the things that the work-ingmen made in the factory that other workingmen made with tools that other workingmen made and—"
"See here, you wind bag! If you

don't stop this infernal nonsense of yours, I'll send you to the reform school!"— and pa



Chailenging he bled sigh as he eaves a trou Neighbor's boy. up Parry's reply to organized lator, determined to load himself and be ready for the next encounter. (Continued.) Neighbor's boy.

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"Every man is born in debt," said John D. Rockefeller, Jr., to his Sun-day school class. And the old man seems to be trying to collect the debts

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name of some one who needs book to seed.

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### SPENCER'S PHILOSOPHY

Herbert Spencer, the great philosopher, is dead. The papers are printing some of the aphorisms he wrote. Here is one:

"Every man has the freedom to do all that he wills, provided he infringes not the equal freedom of any other man." How many thousands will read that

and not know at all what it means. Their minds will not make an application of it and thus understand whether it be true or not. It means only so many words to them. But in it is the kernal of a true and happy people. It would mean that Rockefeller has the right to put a hole in the ground and take out oil and refine it-but it means also that other men have the same right, and that he could not hold any land out of ase, thus preventing others from doing the same thing. But it there were oil only in one spot hig enough to sink a shaft, then Rockefeller, nor any other dividual, would have the right to occ that spot to the exclusion of other that case society, which means all would have the only right to sink shaft and produce oil, which would give all the right without the exclusion of any. And so with all other occupancy of the land; and it applies with equal force to all other industry. Spencer was a great thinker-but refused to fell Y

SLAUGHTER ON THE RAILROADS. "Killed, 3,554; wounded, 45,477."
This is not the report of a great battle, but the report of the United States the but the report of the United States interstate commerce commission on the injuries inflicted by our railroads for the fiscal year ended June 30th last—Philadelphia Ledger.

his logic to its ultimate conclusion







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It is Easy to

EARN

# THE CIRCULATION MAN MAKES

A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION 

a New Year's resolution. He fession. has registered it in the presit up with all the proper fixings. Of year, and set down as fact that two So--prevaricating is the term used by high society, but back in the country where he had his origin it was bluntly called lying.

Now, who ever believed a circulation men? Has he not been a pre-liar from the beginning? The public will quite sgree on this point. The problem is. how shall a circulation man cease to be a liar and still be the circulation man?

One of the standing jokes around the man, and a good one, too (successful we mean), who was unfortunate enough once to state a positive fact about some feature of the circulation. It broke his heart, 'tis said, and he never recovered from his one fall from grace.

Now, during the coming year the circulation man is going to take an awful risk. Whenever there comes a temptation to stretch things, he is going to say, "Get thee behind me, Satan," and print the plain, blunt facts. What's the matter with him, you wonder. Well, two or three several things. To begin with, there's his Socialist conscience, and the liveliest kind of a conscience comes to a Socialist. He is engaged in a great struggle for the triumph of right, and every day that he lives he is prompted by the holiest feelings that ever inspired mankind. The words of Lowell come o him with ever increasing force, "There no future for the man nor state that out of J-U-S-T can't spell great."

The other day the circulation man got awful jar. You know, the Appeal nd Coming Nation have hitched teams and this landed some good fellows in the office, among whom is the genial Richardson, who arrived last Sunday with his menagerie of untamed pets, Teddy, the goat-well, it won't do to put the blue eyed fairy in the lot, though of that's as far as we operate. You concourse she came along. We were com- trol the machinery of distribution. It's paring notes. The boys were telling about their 15-hour-per-day stunts on climb, and as they climb so will the Sethe Coming Nation and sandwiched in a cialist vote, and so will the Socialist tale about getting out 138,000 papers on a flat bed press in one week. Now, I ism is no more on all the earth. thought that might do to print, but then it came to having one circulation an trying to make another believe itell, it was equivalent to the story I heard an old powder worker tell about about these figurer. hen you see them going into a big bin of powder smoking you know that they are right.

a cigar, dropping some fire and having Boys, let's crowd that Goss to the he could put out the blaze.

But my turn came next. I was boastwere printed in September, 1903, and was making that 138,000 story look like thirty cents. At the point where I was standing on my tiptoes in an eloquent outburst of eulogy on the Appeal Army, I caught a look on Rich's face that read. "Oh! come now, you don't expect me to believe that." My feelings must have en similar to those of Artemus Ward when a delegation of Mormon women called on him in Salt Lake and besought his hand in marriage. It was too much. I got down the data, the old cards on which the orders were written, and made

Well, Rich had another think coming, and then Warren, whose saintly face spells "Behold a Missourian in whom there is no guile," backed up the Coming Nation story by producing the post office receipts, and it had to go. You see, we

HE circulation man has made | were suffering for the sins of our pro-

Seriously, comrades, when you com ence of witnesses, and dressed to look back over the record of the pust a good circulation man has only cialist papers printed not many mile apart were able to produce and sell near ly one million five hundred thousand papers in a single week, there is food for reflection.

A movement only four years old, which has battled down so much prejudice, created such tremendous enthusiasm and real, and which can act so promptly and spontaneously, is something which well merits the concern of Hanna and Parry No wonder the capitalists are organizeffice relates to a former circulation ing. No wonder Parry has taken an oath to blot out trades unionism before it ripens into Socialism. No wonder Hanna turns his barrel into Massachusetts to crush the young giart. No wonder Colorado is a battle ground and the working class is met with bayonets and bull pens.

Do you think they can crush a movement that can create two papers like the Appeal and the Coming Nation, and circulate them despite the Maddens and the little postmasters who place every possible impediment in the way of their free distribution? There was not power enough in the Iron Chancellor of Cermany to blot out the splendid organization of the German working class, and Socialism rises wave on top of wave in Imperial America.

Socialism has come to stay.

Boys, our coats are off for 1904. A ticket in every state, a soap box on every corner, and an Appeal worker in every precinct. That's our motto for

We've got a big Goss press here that's good for a half million run every week, and we've got two of the finest book presses in the land now, besides our jobbers. Yes, and we've got a working staff complete in every department. The machinery of production is as complete as money and genius can make it, But up to you to make the circulation figures movement rise and swell until capital-

The circulation man is no longer one but two, but as the Irishman savs, "The two of us be one onyhow." We have pledged each other to tell the truth

four bushels of powder burn up before limit before the campaign gets fierce Give us a crowd to talk to, we've got something to say and we don't want to ing about the 1,032,000 Jubilees which waste steam. Following are the figures

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# COLUMN

omrade G. A. Earhart, of Clugston the Appeal \$4 worth of scalps. Socialist wanting a location for should address Geo. Adkins, Sisse

-"The Appeal is steadily gaining power as an educational force."—A. J. Gaylord, Corning. Calif.

not had a city election. Year ago

I am doing all I can for the noble cause. -Comrade E. G. Rocketts, of Salina ab, makes a good ending to the old ir by sending in 22 subs to the Appeal

ears attuned, the victor's shouts crossing o'er the sea. ounding like Jove's thunder peals, working class are free."

says: "I want to do all I can to those to the light who will not see."

—Calls are coming in for the "Political Economy of Jesus," by A. W. Ricker. This is a book that should be read by every man, woman and child who is capable of

"Thrue months before the last elec-I reached my majority, and the Av-caneed me to vote for the co-opera commonwealth."—E. A. Boslinger

"I tried to give a copy of the good old Appeal to a good brother in our church but he would not take it from me. I sent it to him in a few days by a fellow and it is to the him, and now he how is a contained with him, and now he how is an area.

—"I have been reading the Appeal almost a year, and I look ferward to its coming more than any other paper. The more I read it, the more I like it.—Miss Lois Cair, Madison, Kans.

-"Caught and sold rabbits to pay for these books," says Comrade Modrall, of l'omona. Mo. "Send me the best you've got." Weedbey and the Communist Mani-festo went back in response.

-"The last Appeal ws good, and the Appeal is good at all times, for all used that a Socialist paper can be put to. We are coming, and the plutes are helping us."

-Geo. R. Smith, Peusacola, Fia.

—Comrade J. A. Mason, Wynne, Ark, expresses great pleasure in his Appeal watch, received some time ago. He says he will leave it to his grandson, and it will be a great souvenir in times to come.

"I am an old tenant farmer," says W. C. Francia, of Mineral, Tex., "I can't do much but when I fail let me fall with my back to the field and my feet to the foe." He sends along \$2 for suba and

—"Five months ago I heard of Socialism for the Grat time," says Comrade Vogler, of Hamilton, Wash, "and since that time I bave sent in 14 subs and started the animals going in all directions."

—A. I. Pierson, of Illinois, one of the eid guard, writes us an interesting letter euclesing an order for 100 of the Woodbey books. He says it is the best propaganda document so far written for both white and black. —Comrade H. Scott. of Midway, B. C. crders 100 of our "live wire" envelopes and says: "I think they must be live wire because they will cause a thought in thousan of any one who chances to read opt of them.

An ex-confederate soldier in Elerida s. "I came of a slave holding class and the usual southern prejudice against black race, but that old aleger (Wood-has touched my heart. He certainly written a great book."

—"I regard your paper as good food We need it in our home, and don't want to miss a single copy. We have become a worderfully attached to it, that we cap's keep house and leave off the Appeal."—L H. Cooper, Rosedale, Kans.

John C. Wesley, of San Francisco, takes our breath away by ordering a die of 125 for six months. He says and them early in the week and red from the press. Wish somebody a would take some more breath.

--"The Appeal has improved much the past year. It is getting down to solid facts, pointing out the class struggle, which is most important, as many wage slaves really don't know these things."-- J. T. Dyer, Great Falls, Mont —Here is a dear Comrade who calls for the "Servant Girls' Combination." You mean "Dinon Girls" don't you, Comrade The Comrade also says: "I love girs— when they are as far away as Kansas." Now we call that "real mean."

-"I notice my subscription has ex-pired, and as I want the paper the rest of my life. I wish to renew at once. I am now 54 years old, and can't do much, but I want to help ail I can."--Your Comrade, H. E. Blackman, Allegan, Mich.

—"The small pox has broken out here, and the town is quarantined, so our local has not met lately. Since we paid 20 millions for the small pox and sent our boys down to Manila to get it. I don't see why we should kick."—T. H. Haller, Albion, ids.

— 'Please send me 'What to Do and How to Do It.' and don't let up on this great mission for man. Continue those cutting paragraphs in the Appeal, and let us get this horrible capitalist system amputated from the social body.'—Comrade John A. Mosby, St. Louis, Mo.

THE ONE WAY.

Work a little every day.
Get discouraged? Pound away.
Kever mind the sneer and laugh.
Want to thresh out the old chaff
That chokes (w. social life today.
So grasp the fiell and pound away.

"Please tell all comrades of the Ap-l army to do what I am doing—sell other's book—I find no trouble in sell-it, and it is "IT." Nothing like it for eye-opener especially for colored folks, am an old soldier 77 years old but I to work for the Appeal, and the nd cause of Socialism."—L. B. Amer-

Tor of

"I have been getting your paper for it three months. I appreciate it three months. I appreciate it much, and am greatly in sympathy i your ideas of a new system of zoverhit. Hope the good work will cone to proper. I am hotel keeper and master, so am in a good position to ertise Socialism. Wich I always do. our Comrade, W. J. S., Caribou Crossovice of the control o

—"I sw a veteran of the Civil Wage 73. Cut loose from the g. o. p. 1872. Voted for Peter Cooper, Weatc. was sold out to Bryan, but not livered. Was a Socialist all the time, did not know it. Cast 14 votes in precinct last June, expect to increase her can by next June. Yours for and humanity till death."—W. E. Duffee, Coqueville, Ore.

Settled part of the country. I don't see many people to talk to, but I pledne twenty-five names to the Appeal to Beason by the first of Arril, though I am going to double that. I love the Anpeal to Beason I always enjoy hearing the boom of its artillery, and after it has zone off. I always bear a dog yelp as if it had been hit. Keep on with the gou-work. —Wm. I ark, Caddo, 1. T.

-We are moving slowly, but surely toward Socialism. Work is setting very slock here and times are lightening, so men are beginning to think. And they are soing to think more. The miners are just making a living, and a very poor one at that, it is reported that the operators don't expect to size the miners' scale next year. If they don't we will fix them in good shape. We are moving things,

Next Christmas I shall celebrate my forthday. Have been a trades unter for years. But cannot see the of unionism unless our reinciples he emphasized by votes. Heard Germand my opinion of him is that he discrete the interests of the working as best by working at his old trade eight maker. For years past I have dinner him as tosdying to the arisempt of the property of the property

# Unionism in the Past and Present.

By Charles L. Breckon

The researches of the historians seem to have revealed the fact that two thousand years ago the workers of Rome were more perfectly organized and federated in trades unions than the best that is to be found in this, the twentieth century. So perfect was their organization that charity was unknown and extreme poverty resulting in death in the starvation to a union man or his shall become wiser than their predeces The researches of the historians seem tific and economic view point can possiganization that charity was unknown and extreme poverty resulting in death by starvation to a union man or his family was impossible. The modeln tool of production was then, of course, undeveloped, but the workers had learned how to conduct public and political matters in their own interest to such an extent that they were greatly feared by the then ruling powers. As the populists were swallowed up by a fake democracy and a Bryan in 1896, so the trades unions in the time of Constantine were swallowed up by a fake travagant ends. stantine were swallowed up by a fake churchman and even the records of their existence lost to the world for many centuries. Are the workers of today, travagant ends. Let the trades unionist of today study Socialism purely from the view point to discover if it has virtue, and decide, if it has, to then embrace it and help or centuries. Are the workers of today, as they are organized in their trades unions, going to be any wiser than their brothers of yesterday? Or is a man more cunning than Constantine going to lead them into oblivion, to have their records buried and lost for another two thousand years? This is the question that must be answered by the wisdom ganize a political party of the working class to attain unto the powers of gov-ernment and forever to bring to an end all tyranny and class rule by abolishing both classes and class rule in the demo-

wealth.

that must be answered by the wisdom of the trades unionists of today. (The above facts are fully set forth in the "Political Economy of Jesus," soon to be issued from this office.) There is food for most sober reflection ere and it behooves the union man of ise—in his day world in the time of a Roosevelt, Em would avoid peror William or Russian Czar. today to be wise—very wise—in his day and generation if, he would avoid the pitralls of the past. Only a careful analysis of the situation from a scien- a sound and well proven scientific fact.

standing near, said 'You are alone in this crowd, on that subject, and almost alone in the whole state.' I thought he was right, but two fellows spoke up and said. We guess not, there are others. They are finding out that Socialism is not so lonely anywhere, 'as she used to was.'

The last two papers, the 12th and 19th, ring so clear and true a note, so nearly to what it did when I first read it with understanding, that I am compelled to write to you regarding it. I am a machinist, and like to hear the tone that tells of good metal well tempered. I do not like the advertising the Appenl carries I den't think you do, either. But it helps on the cause, and when I hear protest about it, I say 'Very well, let us pay for the space and Wayland will cut out the advertising."—H. P. Barringer, Missoula, Mont.

—"Put me on the firing line. I have been a Socialist for a quarter of a century, but did not know it, until by accident I get hold of a copy of the Apeal. Give the Appeal a circulation of a militon, and we will give the government to the Socialists. I see some of the comrades are straid of the Catholic church. Comrades, fear not. A few bishops are not the church any more than half a dozen congressmen are the American people. So percent of the Catholics of this country vote against Bishop Ireland's political party. The Catholic church has less po-

citizen any more than half a doven con-gressmen are the American people. 80 percent of the Catholics of this country vote against Bishop Ireland's political party. The Catholic church has less po-litical influence on its members than any other church or organization in the country. I am a Catholic and a Socialist and I am proud of both."—M. P. Meran, Graceville, Minn.

wish I was in washing for a haven't the time. I do think if there is haven't the time. I do think if there is any class of inboring people on earth their conght to want Socialism, it certainly is the washer woman. Perhaps you would like to know how I came to be a Socialist. A gentleman willo runs a botel here stopped at my house on business one lay, and I was lamenting the hard times to him and said that I thought our country was lost beyond a doubt. But he said 'Oh, no, Mrs. Graham, just 'appeal to eason.' Then he proceeded to tell me shout Socialism. I thought to myself house socialism. I thought to myself he and not talk that fool Socialism has need not talk that fool Socialism.

venson." Then he proceeded to tell me thout Socialism. I thought to myself that he need not talk that fool Socialism to me, but I listened and became Interested. I asked him some questions, and we persuaded me that there was a remedy for our country's salvation from the deposition of the salvation from the deposition into which it was falling. Mr. T. Teve me the address of the Appeal to

OPINIONS OF THE ARMY.

sal peace and happiness, D. F. Ross Olathe Kans.

Socialism is not a man-made idea, but

cratic administration of the nation-th-

full sweep of the co-operative common

Socialism would have saved the trades

unions in the time of Constantine. So-cialism is the only factor that can save

the workers of the United States and the

Dear Comrades:-The Coming Nation just received, and the first thing that caught my eye was the announce-ment of the consolidation of the Coming Nation and the Appeal to Reason. My heart went up at once with these words: "Glory to God in the highest, My heart went up at once with these words: "Glory to God in the highest, Feace on earth and GOOD will toward men." We must work together I mean by that, instead of dividing our forces, concentrate them in a way that will do the most good. I like the Coming Nation. I also like the Appeal. You both will be stronger and do better work. A happy New Year to ALL.—C. A. Hunt, Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Comrades:—I read of the pro-posed consolidation of the Coming Na-tion and Appeal to Reason with a feeling akin to that which is felt by man when he hears of the marriage two very dear friends. I think it the best thing that could have happened.
With very best wishes, I am, yours
fraternally, J. C. Thompson, Clarks-

T. I. TOLER.



The supject of our truly column sketch his week is one of comrades that se would har out or the socialist party because he is
not a wage enruer
but a merchant.
While the Socialist
party offers no hope
to the b-called
middle class, as a
middle class, it is
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also true that capitalism offers no hope for it either. It must go! Where? Un-der capitalism, when the small merchant goes to the wall he is soon forced into the goes to the wall he is soon forced into the rank of the proletaria. Under Socialism he will take his place in the ranks of the useful tollers. Which system is to his economic interest; capitalism that offers him a scramble for a job at starvation wages or Socialism that offers him a partnership in the co-operative commonwealth? Logically the latter. And those who are wise enough to see this coming make good members in the Socialist party.

Comrade Toler has the following to say about himself:

about himself:
"I was torn and raised on a farm. My narents were democrats. Was the first Socialist in Muldrew, I. T., my present home. Have been a Socialist for four years and am in the army until the end of the competitive system, or at least the remainder of my life. White I am selling goods for a living I know that there is a lective way."

The New York Evening Post, commenting on the arbitrary action of the government in the Turner affair, says:

"It is easy to say, 'We want no Anarchists in this country,' but the real question is whether by employing arbitrary methods to keep out one from throad, we do not breed a hundred at home. Repression of free speech, uncqual laws, tremendous and vague nowers lodged in the hands of the unthorities have been the recognized neans of producing Anarchists in forsign countries, and undobtedly will be here, if adopted: The great trouble with the law under which it has been uttempted to exclude the Englishman. Turner, is that it does not precisely lefine his offense. Criminal laws can trike only at acts. A disbeller is something impapable. How are yeu toing to handcuff a mental state? How an Secretary Cortelyou prevent a thought from crossing the Atlantic? The moment we permit magistrates or commissioners to begin reading trimes in what a men thinks, as distinct from what he says or does, that noment we imperil a government of urdered liberty. Let the authorities he as severe as possible with every rime or incitement thereto; but let bem beware of taking their own ussess at beliefs as proof of crime. No man is safe if the police may arrest for secret thoughts." OPINIONS OF THE ARMY.

Dear Comrades:—Allow me to congratulate you for your masterly efforts and consummation of a consolidation of the Appeal and the Coming Nation. It is just like the "One Hoss," always doing the right thing at the right time, and in the right way. We are just on the eve of a national campaign, when we need all our forces organized, systematized and concentrated to the end that every latent and reserved force may be utilized. We need to see as one man sees, our thoughts must be unlifed, our actions harmonized. Our courage must be the zeal of inspiration, knowing that we have the strongest fortification that has ever protected men, and the most sacred cause that ever inspired human hearts. Comrades, let us lay aside every trivial difference and concentrate our every effort on the one thing needful—education. We must educate or we must perish. Our cause depends largely upon the virtue and intelligence of the voter. For the accomplishment of this, lets put the combined light of the Appeal and Coming Nation into the hands of the voters. Yours for victory in the cooperative commonwealth—Lynn W. Motley, Prosperity, Mo. Dear Comrades:—I understand the Appeal and Coming Nation have "married." Accept my hearty approval and best wishes for the future. I think the move a wise one; we must concentrate our forces and make a acientific fight against the united enemy. I will hereafter look for a rapid growth of our beloved Appeal and Coming Nation. We must and can shake the capitalist foundations next fall, if we but continue the good work so nobly carried to the present time. I feel more encouraged than ever to help push all I can. Let us pult together. Comrades.— Yours for univer-

Ellsworth DeFrance stepped from the penitentiary at Siour City, Iowa, the other day after serving afteen years, other day after serving afteen years, convicted on a charge of stealing a two-cent postage stamp. Perry Heath, who swiped the whole postoffee despertment at Washington is still at large and servetary of the National republican committee, and is busily at work preparing

FUR SCARF The country wakes up and is told by

the big headlines in the daily press that The United States may break with Russia." Now, who is the United States? The eighty millions of people have been given no opportunity to break or treat with the Russian murderer. A few dozen people whose private interests can be served by the influence of this public utterance from Washington are the whole United States. The people rule? Bah! The people have nothing to do with the management of things in this country. It is operated by stock gamblers and their friends.

# RHEUMATISM

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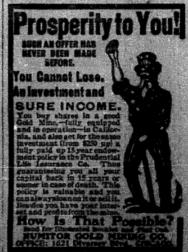
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to throw off the yoke of the master class.

# THE CLASS STRUGGLE IN POLITICS.

Written for the Appeal to Reason by Ernest Untermann.

The class struggle between the modern capitalist class and the modern work- fight and assure our victory. Naturally, therefore, we ask ourselves: What is class is a fact which no intelligent human being of our day can afford to iging class is a fact which no intelligent human being of our day can afford to ignore. How this struggle happens to be here, that is a question which is outside of the scope of this article. Enough, this class struggle is raging, and every intelligent man and woman must take sides in it. We may deplore the brutality of this struggle. We may wish that it were not here. But we have no choice and we cannot escape from it. Even if we were to flee to the farthest corners of the globe, it would follow us with its outposts, the traveling salesmen and the missionaries, and drive home its lessons with the heavy guns of its armored cruisers. Byron once apostrophized the ocean as a power at which the control of the human race had to stop. But steam and electricity, in the service of the capitalist classhave reduced the mighty oceans to the size of ponds. Within eleven and a half minutes, the capitalist class can now flash the news of great social events around the whole globe, and within eleven and a half days, a letter now goes from St. Petersburg to San Francisco. And not a day passes that does not bring the tale of some phase of the class struggle by mail or by telegram. Whether the Russian peasant revolts against his autocratic nobles, or the East Indian coolie is starved by his English lord, whether the miner of the Rand in South Africa arms himself to repel the invasion of the Chinese laborer whose right to work is held more sacred than that of the white laborer, or whether the Filipino bands together with his brothers against the American "freedom" which threatens him with the same Chinese invasion. We read of all these events in the same evening paper that tells how the American government teaches the Colorado miner to love his country-at the point of the bayonet. This same evening paper teaches us that we may save ourselves the trouble of traveling around the world in order to find out that the whole globe is but a battle field, on which the working class is struggling

There is no more possibility, then, of escaping from the class struggle than there is of escaping from death. There are some people who, figuratively speaking, prefer to bury their heads in the sand and who try not to see nor to hear anything. But the class struggle, and death, gets them just the same. There are others who resolutely face the class struggle, and death also, and set about devising means to conquer them both. The revolutionary Socialists are of the latter class

The class struggle of the modern working class assumes two main forms, one economic, the other political. The economic form is known as the pure and simple trade union movement, the political form as the Socialist movement. The important distinction between the two is this: The economic class struggle of the pure and simple labor union does not aim at the abolition of the master class, that we might not be prepared. And if there is still a Socialist in the United but only aims at an improvement of labor's condition under the control of the capitalist class. The political class struggle of the Socialist movement, on the other hand, aims at the abolition of the capitalist class and of production for satisfied with being slaves, so long as they are well treated. The political class fight for freedom unto the very last. The pure and simple trade union movement rises like a lion, they "adjusts" its difficulties with the masters, and goes out like a lamb. But the Socialist movement was born a lion and will grow until it is big enough to swallow the whole capitalist hog from head to tail.

Being aware of our historical mission in the political class struggle, we natally endeavor to outline a plan of action which will secure a straight and clean class in Colorado.

class as a class against its enemies, and how can we meet the various dangers in politics that threaten to frustrate such an alignment?

The Marxian conception of the class struggle has resulted in the adoption of the so-called revolutionary method by the class conscious proletariat. This method repudiates the attempts to bring about the conquest of the political powers by a policy of reconciliation with those political parties that stand for the capitalist system. It does not think for a moment of glossing over the ever more intense class antagonisms, or of seeking momentary political advantages through an alliance with any capitalist party. It fights out the election campaigns class against class, and insists that its elected representatives in parliament shall adopt the same policy of FORCING the capitalists to concessions rather than obtaining concessions by political trading of compromising.

The reformers affect a fundamental distinction between the theory of revolution and evolution. But the Socialist philosophy defines revolution as a special stage in evolution. The economic conditions, by a continual process of evolution, tend toward a revolution. The tactic of the revolutionary Socialist, therefore, aims to organize the working class in harmony with this process of evolution and to get ready for the stage where the economic revolution must be accompanied the political revolution. In this way, the economic antagonisms as well as the political antagonisms become ever more pronounced until we are placed before the great decisive contest of the proletariat against the capitalist class for the possession of the political power.

There is no mistaking this policy. It is clear and straight and leaves no room for political trickery. But the reformers have a secret horror for the idea of a final climax between the great forces in this class struggle. They would much prefer to get around this climax and to make the class struggle milder. They do not understand that the capitalist class is so much less inclined to grant present concessions, the milder the position of the working class in the class struggle is. Therefore they cry out against the revolutionary Socialists and denounce us as working toward a cataclysm. They try to ridicule the idea of a revolution in every possible way. They derisively trill the rrrrs, and speak of the rrrrrrrevolutionary phrase and evolutionary essence of social development.

I want to state plainly and emphatically that to me the term revolution is not a phrase. I am fully prepared to accept it in its full significance. I mean every letter of it. I value the Socialist movement for its revolutionary essence, and will not yield one iota of it. The revolution is not made by words. It is made by facts. The danger is not that we might be prepared for a revolution, but States who does not recognize the revolutionary essence of the class struggle, whether is the only alliance with any capitalist party which I am willing to endorse, and economic or political, it is time for him to wake up and take a look at what is which, I hope, the majority of the party membership will ever endorse. In other now happening in Colorado. Colorado now offers a miniature picture of a conprofit. The purely economic class struggle is only a movement of slaves who are dition which will soon confront the people of the whole United States. In Colorado, it is only a local labor organization which is battling for its existence. But struggle of the Socialist Party is a movement of slaves who are determined to it is a class conscious labor organization which knows that the economic class struggle can only be won in politics. And this is the only kind of trade unions which the capitalists fear. Therefore the order has gone out that the Western Federation of Miners must be crushed. And the military government, the military despotism for which the capitalist class has been carefully preparing, comes to the rescue of the exploiters, to prevent the political victory of the working

But the Western Federation of Miners, and its sister organization, the American Labor Union, are invincible, because a class-conscious body of working men will not run blindly into the mouth of the gatling guns. It will not accept the unequal struggle-not now nor at any time in the future, so long as the struggle is unequal. It will abide its time and will not attempt to strike the final blow UNTIL THE CLASS-CONSCIOUS MAJORITY OF THE WORKING CLASS OF THE WHOLE UNITED STATES IS READY. THE CLASS-CONSCIOUS PRO-LETARIAT WILL ITSELF FIX THE DAY WHEN THE BATTLE FOR EMAN-CIPATION SHALL TAKE PLACE, AND WHEN THAT DAY COMES THE WORKING CLASS WILL WIN.

It is now only a local labor organization. But it will soon be a national organization of class-conscious workingmen that will stand where the Western Federation of Miners stands now! And instead of the state militia of Colorado, it will be the national troops that will stand opposed to organized labor! And instead of a strike for improved conditions of servitude, it will be a strike for the abolition of the capitalist system! Then the dreamers of a "slow and gradual growth of society into Socialism" will wake up with a shock from which they may

None of us seeks these conflicts willfully. We are simply born and forced into the very midst of them. We would much prefer to have no conflicts. But in the last analysis it does not depend on us whether or not there shall be a conflict, but on the capitalist class. And we know that the caitalist class will not avoid these conflicts in any other way than by the submission of the working class to their rule. But that is precisely what we do not want. Hence there is no other means of ending the class antagonisms than by forcing the issue equarely to the front and pressing it to its logical decision.

For my part, I have come to the conclusion that there is not the slightest ope for an attenuation of the class antagonisms in the United States. And for this reason, I am opposed to any tactics that will tend to transform the Socialist Party into a democratic reform party. As long as we are politically weak and engaged in building up our party, reforms can only be accomplished by a capitalist party. To endorse their plans would mean our political suicide. But if we have grown so strong that we can force the other parties, or at least one of them, to ask for our terms, then we are no longer obliged to make any concessions to them.

If we arrive at the stage of our political evolution where we shall be stronger than the democratic party, and this party wishes to ally itself to us and vote for our program, well and good. But the Socialist Party must not make the least concession to the democratic party, least of all to the leaders of that party. If the rank and file of the democratic party will vote for Socialism, all right. That words, if the Socialist party can do to the democratic party want the democratic party did to the populist party, that is, "ally" the democratic party out of existence, then I am in favor of doing it. The best way of accomplishing this is to make the Socialist Party an organization of thoroughly class-conscious and intelligent men, an organization in which every member of the rank and file will think and avail himself of the principles of direct legislation to keep the leaders under control. Such a party cannot be vanquished by any political schemers. It devolves upon every member of the Socialist Party to make our organization so strong that it will stand even the severest political tests which will surely threaten it in the near future.



Dissmore, N. D., Dec. 18, 1903.

Dear Comrades:—I wish to make
few comments on the following, copie

It is said that no person can real ize what pain is unliked actual experience.

appreciative audience and tho' he did not succeed in organizing a local, the prospects of one later are considered excellent. The next day he and Grant drove to Bartlett, (in Ramsey county) a distance of four miles and it being a pleasant evening a large audience greeted him and he organized a local of, I think, seven charter members and the same evening drove a distance of nine miles to the country home of Comrade Grant, where he remained over Sunday. The morning of the prospects for filling the date at Aneta, "the Queen City of the Unper Cheyenne," that night, were far, of the seventh was cold and blustery and it continued so during the day and the prospects for filling the date at the fifteen to fit they keep the active union men in it they keep the active union it they keep the active union that they keep the active unio

For the same reason, very few who read the above extract will realize the volume of self-sacrifice, inconveniences, discomforts and actual sufferences. Inconveniences, discomforts and actual sufferences by the comrades in active service.

In view of the above, a short account of Comrade Bennett strip thru Nelson County, N. D. may be interesting.

Comrade Bennett entered this county on the 2nd day, inst., and spoke that evening at Petersburg to a crowded house. The next morning, December 3rd was very stormy and he went by rail to Michigan City and addressed a fair sized audience there that evening. The next morning he foined Comrade Robt. Grant, of Lakota, a distance of twelve miles. The day was cold and stormy and the drive was anything but a pleasant one. Bennett spoke that evening to a large and appreciative audience and tho' he did not succeed in organizing a local, the prospects of one later are considered excellent. The next day he and Grant drove to Bartlett, (in Ramsey county) a distance of four miles and it being a pleasant over the same reason, very few who reads the morning he prospects of one later are considered excellent. The next day he and Grant of the place to night, let us remain at home. Bennett spoke that evening to a large and appreciative audience and tho' he did not succeed in organizing a local, the prospects of one later are considered excellent. The next day he and Grant drove to Bartlett, (in Ramsey county) a distance of four miles and it being distance of

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Comrade Grant and Bennett arrived at my home, a distance of seven miles from Grants, at five of clock and so us to Anata, a distance or seven miles from Grants, at five of clock and seven we will be seven the school house where we arrived cold and hunter by the school house where we arrived cold and hunter by the school house where we arrived cold and hunter by the school house where an intelligent audience of farmers greated the speaker and where he successed to clock. We work to command the arrived the speaker and where he successed the speaker and whe

ing the time that he worked under the direction of the Nelson county com-rades, he spoke at seven different places and cheerfully faced the cold and storms in buggy and sled for a to-tal distance of more than seventy-five

In closing this short detailed account of a very small portion of the work of our loyal and earnest Comrade Bennett, I desire to say: If the reading of the above inspires one comrade to re-newed effort in behalf of the cause we all love, I will feel amply repaid for writing it. Yours faithfully, JOHN W. GARDNER.

COLORADO MILITARY DESPOTISM.

The workingmen who were found uilty of vagrancy because they reguilty of vagrancy fused to scab on their fellow work-rs by returning to the private peni-entiaries of the mills and mines, and work under military guards, have just inished working out their sentences, in the streets and county roads. We ave also just secured bonds for the irteen union men who were bound er on a charge of conspiracy. The nspiracy consisted of agreeing mongst themselves to not work in the mines and mills until the masters are the millers eight hour spifes.

a newspaper which was to have its first issue out this week. The president was at Ouray, 30 miles away, and the other two were not nearer than we miles from the place where the intimidation is claimed to have taken place. The date is November 20th so it took them over a month to discover that such a thing had happened. It is plain to anybody that no such a thing did happen, but they think that if they keep the active union men in jail the strike can be broken.

The soldiers have been here over

which, the perhaps not immediately burdens your masters impose on you, apparent, will be shown in an inif you have any intelligence let it creased Socialist vote next fall. Durshow in the election returns this fall.

burdens your masters impose on you. If you have any intelligence let it show in the election returns this fail. Fraternally, A. H. FLOTEN. Telluride, Colo.

THE SALE OF AN APPETITE.

"The Sale of an Appetite," is the somewhat, singular title of a satire, translated by Chas. H. Kerr from the French of Paul LaFargue and published by Chas. H. Kerr & Co., Chicago, The sketch opens with Emile Destouches, cold and hungry standing before the window of one of the finest restaurants in Paris. Dorthy Deenis' illustration showing the ravenous look upon the face of that gaunt, hollow-chested Parisian youth with the receding stomach as he stands looking upon the piles of dressed.

# OPEN THE EYES OF THE BLIND

EYE-OPENER LEAFLETS

Price 10 cents a hundred CHILD LABOR. Child labor is the greatest curse of the capitalist system, the not the only one by any means. The innocent and defenseless child is robbed of its right to be a man or a woman. its body is dwarfed, its mind is stuated and if it ever attains to the age of fatherhood or mother-hood, its offspring will, through well known lines of heredity, be little more than lunatics and im-beclies.

ittle more than lunatics and imbeclies.

In spite of these undisputed facts, child habor is on the increase in the United States and thousands and thousands of these thy tollers are ground into capitalistic profits every year.

There is no animal that seems to have so little regard for its young as the genus home. Even the defenseless bird will battle for its home. Even the defenseless bird will battle for its home. Even the defenseless bird will battle for its home. But man—go on the city street and see the did rich, strong, ade-bodded men, isling around and wasting their time, then go to the factories of that same city and see the children toiling in the dirt and smoke, long weary hours for a mere pittance to keep their little bodies alive—Shame! Shame!!



In the wrong and darkness of this greedy, blood begot system the voice of the Socialist rings clear and strong in defense of the child and for the destruction of capitalism. The capitalistic system is ROTTEN to the CORE, it can't be patched up, it must be abolished and a new system of industry established in its stead. If you want to know about this new system read the APPEAL TO HEASON, a 6 page weekly, 3 rolor, illustrated Socialist paroler, 50 cents per year, club of per, 50 cents per year, club of



EYE-OPENER LEAFLETS

A KICK COMING.

bright looking youth with the topkno

I ask this for her own sake, and for the

AN INTERESTING LETTER.

I am one of those who do not be-

business, as well as propagating the doc-

trine when opportunities afforded. I have often wouldred when I see letters from women in your department, and those

tho are mentioned in the "Army Column."

if they have become active members of

the local in their town or city.

I organized a local in Mystic, Coun.

this summer and before the end of the summer it had over forty members, and five of them were women. One of them prepared an excellent talk on child labor, and spoke on the street one Sunday after-

noon during our campaign, to a



Say, Mr. Worker, haven't you been in the grip of this monster about money is paid in advance. As a result of ng enough? Why not try the knife on him?

# A Few Smiles &

BY LOCKWOOD

inion, and there's more in four millions of us left (preserved in alcohol). "Prosperity," do ye say!—a jug full of 40 rod, a good hunk of terbacker and a right smart saddle hoss is prosperity 'nuf fer me, and I've got 'em, and if the tother feller ain't it's his own fault.

singman who gives his vote to either of the old parties, or any other party that does not represent his interests—and there is only one that does—the Socialist party. When the workingman casts his ballot for the Socialist party he votes for himself. Come, Mr. Worker, haven't you been voting for the other fellow long enough?

SOMETHING DOING,

if the tother feller ain't it's his own fault.

No, I don't care to read your paper, stranger; fact is. I never learnt how, but if you've got anything to drink with yer I don't care if I do take a smile. What! Don't drink! Well I'll be blowed! And you want to go into polities in this state! And don't drink! Ha! Haw! No sah. stranger, it won't work; well I should say nit! When fellers ask us fer our votes we calculate to get somethin' fer 'em-we don't believe in throwin' our votes away like that, not by a long shot!

Vote fer Socialism! The idea! Go chase yerself. You're a good subject fer a necktie party.

AN UNCOMMON CHARACTER.

This is Mother Goose.

Pa Goose is so common that we don't your last speech."

Dem. Pol:—"Ah, good! good! glad to hear it; I believe when I was there you had 47 republican votes and only 46 democratic votes. Pray, tell me how matters at and now."

Mr. Preacho:—"The republicans have only twenty-eight votes now." stuffing his ballot in the box for the G. O. P. or the D. O. P. or the D. O. P. or any other old party whose candidate is smooth enough to soft soap him a little and treat him to a glass of sour beer or a two-for five cigar.

Get "Pa Goose" properly tanked up send he fairly bubbles over with "proseint," You can see it sticking out in arge wads on his rosy(velt) countenance, the sale gray patches on bis blue cans panties notwithstanding.

Yes, indeed, "Pa Goose" is certainly bird. He ought to be stuffed—stuffed sood and haid with a little horse sense, in other vernacular, if he had the average amount of gray matter that can be could know for a dead certainty that he man who pays him for his vote tazes be pay hack out of his hide with about teen million per cent interest on the system.

A GREAT BOOK

ONE VOTE WE WILL NOT GET.

No b'gosh, I ain't goin' ter vote for desn't deserve to have a vote. What being to the regular regiment of colonels that was raised there to save this yer union, and there's more ingman who gives his vote to either of the desired and better off than the workingman who gives his vote to either of the desired and parties or any other party that

SOMETHING DOING.

Democratic Politician:—"Why, how are you, Mr. Preacho from Spankville, so glad to see you. How are matters down your way!"

Pol:

carefully the Epistle of James vour astonishment will grow.

Comrade Ricker's book, "The Political Economy of Jesus," will make these things much clearer to you. It will give you some history not found in the books of general circulation. The book will astonish you in nearly every chapter, and give you a conception of Jesus and the disciples of which, perhaps, you never dreamed.

"The Political Economy of Jesus" opens with a chapter on "Religion." followed by chapters on "Government" and "History." Then follows a chapter which will hold your interest in every line-"The Working Cass at the Time of Jesus.' "Jes s, the Na arms Carpenter," comes next, follow d by a chapter on "The Apostles and What They Taught." An important historical chapter is "The Christian Fathers." follows a summing up of the facts which can be proven, although many of them are seemingly in conflict with all gener-T suppose you Socialism answers that much disputed mean?"

Ouestion "Was I'm and a generation of the chapter on mean?" question, "Was Jesus a Socialist?"

The book closes with a chapter on yes; "Trades Unions; Ancient and Modern," how is the po. "Trades Unions; Ancient and Modern,"
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litical situa- and a powerful appeal to the modern
tion? Bright, trades unionist to use his power before it becomes too late.

The book has been written to prove a been certain definit thing and the author is some great so certain of the ground he has taken measure repr troduction, to debate anywhere the ques-tions raised with all "foemen worthy of his steel."

The book is now on the press and will be mailed out by February 1. The price is 10 cents a copy, or \$5 a hundred. The typographical appearance will be excellent, and a beautiful cover showing Jesus scourging the money changers from the temple will add to its attract-

and treat him to a glass of sour beer or a two-for five cigar.

"Pa Gooss" properly tanked up fairly bubbles over with "prose" You can see it sticking out in wads on his rouy vett) counten he sale gray patches on his blue sanies notwithstanding.

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OUR DAILY BREAD.

What do we want! Our daily bread; Leave to earn it by our skill; Leave to labor freely for it. Leave to buy it where we will: Fur 'the hard upon the many— Hard, nipitled by the few. To starve and die for want of work, Or live haif starved with work to do.

What do we want? Our dolly bread;
Fair reward for labor done;
Daily bread for wives and children;
All our wants are merged in one.
When the fierce fiend Hunger grips us
Evil fancies clog our brasns.
Vengcance settles on our hearts,
And Frenzy gallops through our veins.

What do we want? Our daily bread; Give us that; all else will come—Self-respect, and self-denial. And the happiness of home; Kindly feeling, education, Liberty for act and thought; And surely that, whate'er befall. Our children shall be fed and taught,

What do we want? Our daily bread;
Give us that for willing toil;
Make us sharers in the pienty
God has shower'd upon the soil;
And we'll nurse our better natures
With bold hearts and judgment strong
To do as much as men can do
To keep the world from going wrong.

What do we want? Our daily brend:
And Trade untrammi'd as the wind;
And from our ranks shall spirits start,
To aid the progress of mankind.
Sages, poets, mechanicians.
Mighty thinkers, shall arise.
To take their share of leftler work,
And teach, exait, and civilize.

What do we want? Our daly bread:—
Grant it:—make our efforts free;
Let us work and let us prosper;
You shall prosper more than we;
And the humblest homes of England
Shall, in proper time, give birth
To better men than we have been,
To live upon a better Earth,
—CHARLES MACKAY.

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#### Number 426

A second Jubilee edition, cele-brating the consolidation of the Appeal and the Coming Nation, and opening the campaign of 1994. Everybody should get and opening the campaign of 1994. Everybody should get busy and stay on the trail of capitalism until the polls closs next November. 50c per 100 copies. Eight pages, printed in colors.

#### 0+0+0+0+0+0+0+0+0+0+0+0+0+0+0+0 THE LATEST COMBINATION.

The doctors at Indianapolis have formed a combination. They agree to refuse to attend cases where the party has no business standing unless the the operation of this beneficent trust, the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Graham died of burns received a few days ago. The agonized mother visited sixteen physicians and on bended knees begged that medical assistance be rensered to her child, struggling in the frightful agonies of burned and lacerated flesh. The doctors refused. They refused because there was no profit in sight in ministering to a child whose parents were poor. Capitalism presents amy grewsome pictures but I have not yet in all my experience come across an example of such flendish cruelty as exhibited by this instance. You say that the doctors were justified in refusing nless paid for their services. I agree with you that the doctor is worth his hire. But above and beyond that stands the human right of that child to medical attention.

Life is sacred. If we cannot protect under the prevailing mode, then the prevailing mode must and will be changed. Today our government employs men to kill and maim their felws. Would it be unreasonable that ciety provide every attention for the babies while they are growing to manhood? Assuredly not. This is one of the demands of Socialism. Which do you prefer?

# HOW THE PEOPLE RULE.

side of the world.—Los Angeles So-cialist. The people of Pennsylvania elected men to the legislature with the general understanding that they would in a that he has issued a challenge in his in- of the populace. These legislators enthe twenty-two thousand new votes that they had gained last year, the cepitalist press, Republican and Democratic slike, thought the news worthy of big heardlines and wrote wise editorals about the great Socialist defeat. When the Socialists of New York made a gain this year of ten acted a law which aimed to prohibit the children of that state from being employed in the mines under a certain This interfered with the mining feat. When the Socialists of New York made a gain this year of ter thousand on top of a gain of ten thou operations of the operators, and the case was taken before Judge Shafer at sand last year, the capitalist press Republican and Democratic alike, said not a word about it. Comment is un-necessary.—Worker. Pittsburg. After hearing both sides of the question, the judge considered that the law imposed a hardship upon the Comrade C. E. Logan, of Roff, I. T., sends the following: "I see that Socialism is spreading from the North to the South, and from the East to the West. I am in hearty co-operation with it, and am trying to spread the glad tidings at every opportunity —and when the opportunity does not present itself I make it. I am a Socialist, not because some one else is, but from principle. I believe that under Socialism we would all be living as God intended we should live. We have organized a Socialist Sunday School here and are going to try to import to the minds of the children these truths. I believe that man and woman was created equal in the beginning, but environment has changed that. May we soon have the true law upon the earth." operators and rendered a decision in which he stated that the law was unconstitutional. In other words, any law which interferes with the opportunity of the mine owners to wring profits from the hides of young children is unconstitutional. The fact that the people of Pennsylvania, through their elected representatives, wanted such protection to the future citizens of the commonwealth eut no ice with the judge! When the werking class get the nerve to demand that their expressed wishes be observed, there will be some prospect of improve-

SOCIALISM IN THE ANTIPODES. Tom Mann, the Australian Socialist and labor leader, defines Socialism as

and labor leader, defines Socialism as follows:

"By a collectivist (Socialist) state I mean a state wherein the land, mithta minerals and machinery are owned and controlled by the people in their corporate capacity in the common interest of all alike; a state wherein there will be no room for private receiver of rent, interest and profit: where the total work to be done will be rightly apportioned smong the total number to do it; and therefore a state where all able-bodied persons will be called uson to do a shape of work."

ew calculus. Social Statics, by Her-ert Spencer, chap. ix. Woman's Department

BY JOSEPHINE CONGER

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ARE YOU YOU? Are you a trailer, or are you a trolley? Are you tagged to a leader through wisdom and folly Are you somebody Else or You?

sake of society at large; for the sooner we can come to a unantraous decision, the sooner will we be able to do away with sooner will we be able to do away with J. C. Do you vote by the symbol and swallow it straight? Do you pray by the book: do you pay by

Dear Comrade:—I have been reading the Woman's Department of the Appeal since its establishment with a lively interthe rate! tie your cravat by the calendar's

date? Do you follow a cne?

lieve in seperate organisations for Socialist women, but I do hold that women should come into the locals with the men, act as Are you a writer, or that which is worded? Are you a shepherd, or one of the herded? Which are you—a What or a Who? It sounds well to call yourself "one of the chairmen, take part in the discussions and pable of to advance the cause. This is the view I have always taken since I flock, came into the movement over two years ago. At that time I wondered why the contrades' wives were not members of the iocal, and it was not long before my wifa was an active member, taking pair in the discussions, and alding in the transaction of business, as well as propagating the down

But a sheep is a sheep after all. At the block lou're nothing but mutton, or stock.

Would you flavor a stew

tre you a being and boss of your soul. Or are you a mummy to carry a scroll? Are you Sombody Else or You? When you finally pass to the heavenly

wicket, Where Peter the Scrutinous stonds at his

Are you going to give him a black for s ticket? Do you think it will do?

-WOMAN'S TRIBUNE.

### WHY I AM A SOCIALIST. I do not know how you feel about it,

of workingmen, and she received the closest attention. Another member who had a good voice, sang Socialist songs at this ot each day finds me more disgusted with he established social order. As a race people we are growing insincere, susious, pessimistic, cold, unfaithful, selsame meeting. The women in our local have done, and are doing, great service. In Connecticut the women have the right sh, cruci. We do not believe each other. we do not expect much to be believed. The to vote for school risitors at the associations between men and women are elections. In Mystic there are some sixty should be. Sentiment is dead. Love has gone out at the back door. Greed and avaries and vulgarity display themselves in the sone out at the back door. Greed and avaries and vulgarity display themselves in the bloomes of the blob. Strike and display themselves in the blob strike and the block door. homes of the rich. Strife and discontent and slavish druggery reign in the horels of the poor. Mammon rules. Art is set aside and the soul of simple goodness is insted a women; a member of the local, as insted a women; a member of the local, as school visitor. Letters were mailed to Bouted, with derision and mockery. Rich women ramble and filtr and give valde, ville performances. They scout the idea of love and avoid motherbook. Poor women slave and grow bitter and bent their pointing out that she would find proper pointing out that she would find proper of love and avoid motherhood. Poor we then slave and grow bitter and beat their children or take to morphine and drink. No lody knows what life means or why they lailots provided this year by the Socialist be the slave and grow bitter and beat their children or take to morphine and drink. No lody knows what life means or why they are living. To many Leople it is all a farce. Some strive to asist themselves out of the tangle by taking their own lives. Freathers preach, revival meetings are held, we are told of God and the sacrifice of Jesus. But the carnival of misery grows apace. Men long grown bitter say there is no God, and cease to adore at any shrine. Delicate maidens and little children are forced from the shelter of homes to enter the great "grind" of making a living. Young men meet snares and pitfalls upon every hand. Society licenses held of ruin for their undoing, Money is the measure of merit—of all things, and lib is next to impossible to 2-t money without gring it at the cost of another's comfort. I say I do not like it. It is linfamous, it is cruel beyond all reckoning it makes fiends of saints, and renders it well-nigh impossible for any man to be good. It has eaten up the soul of humanity and make of men and women whited septichers.

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Comrade Margaret V. Longley, of R. Pasadens. Cal., writes as follows:—"I kny and made of men and women whited sepulchers.

But the system can be changed it is marmade, and when man finds he is falling in the creation of a thing, he has the blessed privilege of changing his modus operand, and charting out on a new line. That is what Socialists are doing. The Socialist cries Halt, in the mad rush to destruction, and proposes that the people reconstruct the social order on a basis thore suitable to the demands of the age.

For these reasons I hasist that every thoughtful, loving women look into conditions as they exist today, and if she brings an in dictment against them—which she must do if she is isonest—I ask that she take up the Socialist program and examine it thoughtfully and conscientiously—and see what conclusions it will bring to her min.)

Comrade Margaret V. Longley as follows:—"I kave long been interested in the position! the activity works an active worker in Oblo. Was present at the attempted organization of the American Womann's Suffrage Association. Was a delegate to the first People's Party convection, and proposed the w. S. plank that was adopted by these grand men with the greatest enflusiasm." Mrs. Longley has not allowed grass to grow mader her feet. And as a natural sectivity, lines up with the Socialist thought end believes in the emancipation of all people from the tyranny of greed and timo-rane.

THEY OVERLOOKED THIS.

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#### The Militia Bill and How It Was Passed

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# THE GREATEST PREMIUM EVER OFFERED BY THE APPEAL

THINK it will be conceded that the Coming Nation has "made good" on the Van proposition; that is, it has demonstrated that to reach the people, especially in the outlying and country districts, there is no more practical, economical or better "result producing" method than with a Van.

A few weeks ago the Coming Nation offered to give a Van to the hustler sending in the largest number of subscriptions before May 1st, 1904. Now that the Appeal and the Coming Nation are one, I shall, of course, assume this obligation, and in talking with Comrades Warren and Richardson, who are ardent supporters of the Van plan of propaganda, I have caught some of their enthusiasm, and to the end that this Socialist "Riot Gun" may takes its place on the skirmish line, fully and completely equipped for the hottest campaign the world ever saw, I have decided to make some additions to the original offer:

To the Van will be hitched a fine team of horses: in the little wagon will be placed \$100 worth of literature, subscription cards, etc. And to the comrade who wins this Socialist-making machine, will be sent a railroad ticket from his home to Girard, Kas.

This is going to give some Socialist comrade who desires to camp on the trail of capitalism, an opportunity to do it in an effective manner.

It will make you independent as you can be under the prevailing system. There will be no strings tied to this Van. It will be yours to work where and when you please.

Next week a picture of the Van with further particulars will be printed. In the meantime lay your plans for a subscription campaign. It is worth every effort you make. J. A. WAYLAND.

#### IT'S PASSING AWAY.

Carrol D. Wright's statement that the wages system will pass away, because it has proven unsatisfactory and entirely inadequate," says "that this mode of ling the property of the workers. Funny paying the laborer is to his advantage." The capitalist takes the risks and bears the losses," says this wise defender of the capitalistic system, "and the worker is practically sure of his pay, no matter what the employer may lose." The Chronicle, like the majority of the modern political writers, has in mind the individual capitalist and the individual laborer. Here and there may be found a foolish capitalist who continues business at a loss, but he does not keep his shop open for any great length of time, after his bookkeeper has informed him that the receipts do not equal the expenditures. This capitalist loses, but the profits which he hoped to make simply go to the coffers of some other capitalist. The workers are paid so long as the capitalist can make a profit from their la bor. When the market changes, or prices go down, the laborer is the first man who feels the effect. He has a job just so long as the things he makes can be sold at a profit above the cost. He risks his very existence—he risks the happiness and welfare of his familyand he does this for the mere hope of a votes? sufficient amount to buy food and clothing. That is all he asks—as a class. Here and there we find men who are asking for more—these compose ethe great trades union army-the organized part of the working class. Now comes a small but rapidly growing group of workers who are asking for not a part outcome of this fierce struggle between the wage earners on the one hand and the profit takers on the other. That's why he says the wages system will pass away-the Chicago Chronicle to the contrary notwithstanding.

### FREE AMERICAN EXILES.

For weeks a struggle has been waged. between the workers in Utah and the capitalists who have their homes in New York and other places. The workers want a little more of what they produce. The capitalists in New York need it in their business. They decided that the worker-as he was getting enough to buy food and clothing, and provide a shelter from the bleak winds of winter's cold-was getting enough. The men quit work. The capitalists sent their representatives to interview Gov. Wells. After a close conference the governor announced that the men must ac sept the terms of the operators, give up their union cards and return to work, or become exiles from Utah! This statement is backed by the assertion that the militia will remain at the mines for an indefinite period! And this is the freest country on the face of the earth.

# THEY MUST LIKE IT.

Capitalism is the same the world over The cables announce from Paris that the militia is in readiness to "keep order" when the bakers and cooks commence their strike. That is, when the men em ployed in these branches of industry work because there is not enoug profit in it for them, the militia is called

out to keep them in order. When the The Chicago Chronicle, commenting on Illinois Steel concern announced a shut down and the discharge of 5,000 men. nobody thought of calling out the militia to keep the employers from damagarrangement. But it must suit the workers, as they seem to like it. At least, when election day rolls around they vote

#### CAPITALISTIC MENTAL GYMNAS-TICS.

for the militia.

The mental gymnastics of the average editorial writer on the metropolitan press is illustrated by the comments made on Bebel's great speech in the German reichstag. Says the Chicago Chronicle; "His speeches and the votes taken upon vital questions made two things entirely plain: That the Socialists proposed to force their system upon the country, if they could, regardless of the wishes of a majority of the people." My! isn't that awful! The Socialists corraled the votes—and it is Socialist votes that will establish Socialism, and Socialism can not be established until a majority of the people wish it. Will the Chronicle kindly poke its head up and explain how all this is to be forced upon the people against their will, when it admits that the Socialists have the

# THE CHARITY BALL.

A charity ball was given in Chicago a few weeks ago. The papers of that city took up columns of space to describe the luxury and wealth of those permitted to attend. It outrivaled the splendors of the corrupt and debauched of what they produce-but all. Carrol court of Louis XVI. It required an outlay for costumes and lewels of millions peculiarly favorable opportunities to of dollars. On the outside stood the atudy the wage system, sees the ultimate bungry and shivering mob of men, women and children waiting for the driblet that was to go to them as their share in the pleasures of the giddy whirl. But the mob has eyes, and it has thinking machines. Scraps will no longer satisfy men and women with human desires and the ability, if given the opportunity, to supply them.

# PROF. HERRON IN BOSTON.

Prof. Geo. D. Herron, of New York, dil lecture on "Socialism as the Release of Genius," under the auspices of the Boston Socialist Woman's Club, in Faneuil Hall, Friday, January 15th, Admission ten cents Boston Socialists are urged to invite heir friends to attend this lecture and

to otherwise assist in making it one of the largest meetings of its kind in the history of the movement,
AGNES WAKEFIELD, A. M.
Sec. B. S. W. C.

"If our combination is illegal, said the capitalist, "I suppose we will have to change it" "Wouldn't it easier to change the law?" asked his associate.-Chicago Evening Post,

# NEXT WEEK

'Socialism's Answer to the Single Taxer.

"Thou Shalt Not Kill."

Both of these articles with be particularly forfilly for propaganda purposes at this time "Thou Shell Not Kill" may princed in No. 417. The demond has been so great that the Appea has decided to reprint it. Order a bundle.

50c Per Hundred.

#### AT FINNEGAN'S CIGAR STORE

The usual crowd was gathered around Finnegan's big stove. Finn was reading aloud from the evening paper an account of the terrible wreek at Godfrey, Kansas, in which many were killed and many more fatally injured.

"Well," said the station agent, meditatively, "as long as you fellows, and about lifteen million more like you, yote for these things we must expect them to happen."

happen."
"Well, wouldn't that frost you?" ex-"Well, wounds claimed the brakeman. "No matter claimed the brakeman "No matter what happens, Jim always says it's be what happens, Jim always says it's be what happens, Jim always says it's beautiful to be a say of the brakeman." happens, Jim atway, we don't vote for Socialism. Wast in



has our votes got to do with this rail road wreck-that's what I want to know?" Try it.

e verything to do with it," retortit," retorted the S. A.
"Well, how has it?"
." This railroad, as well as all

other railroads, is now run for profit and not for use; that is, the dominant

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# HOME-MADE PHILOSOPHY.

Co-operate and conquer.

Calling yourself a Socialist doesn't make you one.

The best way to boost yourself is to boost the other fellow. It always works.

Speaking about cheapness, what is cheaper than a human life under capitalism?

No two leaves on a tree are just alike. I find Socialists are much like the leaves in this respect.

A bright six year old boy can stump the greatest philosopher on earth in about fourteen seconds.

It is just as well to admit that one might be mistaken-saves one a lot of embarrassment at times.

To make the best of everything is a good rule. To make the best out of cap-italism vote for Socialism.

The man who is ignorant and knows he is ignorant is on the road to wisdom—all he needs to do is move ahead.

Under capitalism we pension men for

CLOSET

# THE GREAT CHICAGO DISASTER.

The last month of the year 1903 is full gre reports of the wholesale disc Socialism is common sense working has scarcely a parallel in the world's full time.

Among the closing incidents is the great theatre fire at Chicago in which over nine hundred lives were lost. When the Socialist says that such horrible accidents will not occur under the Socialist regime, the non-Socialist is apt to laugh at him as a dreamer of impossibilities. A little investigation into the facts that finally leak out, 'though a determined effort is made to suppress them, will prove to the candid mind that by far the larger per cent of these blood curdling accidents are due to preventable causes, and that a direct blame can be attached to the capitalistic system for their happening.

The first accounts of the burning of the Iroquois Theatre said that the building was thoroughly fire proof and a model construction. Later reports have proven it to be a fire trap without even a fire alarm connection with the city sys tem and a very bungling system of its own. Many of the provisions of the building laws were ignored in its construction; it had no sprinkler system, no ventilating shaft and many of the aisles in the original plans were found filled with seats.

In brief the theatre was constructed for the one purpose to make money. The safeguarding of human life was a matter of so small consequence that it seems to have been almost entirely overlooked. Under Socialism the theatres will be public buildings and will be built for the safety and convenience of the public, and in such a manner that an accident like the horrible Iroquois disaster will be impossible.

A New York financier-one of the "high up" fellows, predicted several months ago that hundreds of thousands tem in which war and competition are of men would be idle and that the coun-grounded has been swent away. try would sweat drops of blood before the end of the year. I guess he knew cents a hundred.

what he was talking about, if the mea of a record of crime and disaster that of men in industrial pursuits and the shedding of blood in Colorado and other points where the class struggle has brought out the militia, is evidence.

#### THOU SHALT NOT KILL.

"Thou Shalt Not Kill," by Tolstoy, which appeared in No. 417 of the Appeal to Reason will be republished in pamphlet form and sold for 50 cents abundred. The demand for this article has been frequent and persistent, and, although we are endeavoring to conceptrate our efforts on the directation. centrate our efforts on the circulation of literature more pertinent to the economic side of the Socialist philosophy, we can not ignore the repeated requests of our comrades for the reprint of the great Russian's article. print of the great Russian's articla. Toletoy is a modern Colossus whose influence is astride the world. Exhorted by his wife to participate in the Czar's government, acquiesce in its acts, and live the life of a respectable Russian noble, he has risen superior to such influence. He has champloned the cause of the oppressed, and has won for himself the love and admiration of the world. Where he would have been known only in his little province, he has so lived that his name is imperishable. Unquestionably he is the first citizen of the world today, and will be loved and venerated as long as time lasts.

It is greatly to be regretted that he

It is greatly to be regretted that he It is greatly to be regretted that he had not seen the wisdom of allying himself with the only political organization of the world, whose efforts are at all likely to result in universal peace, and the establishment of conditions which will take human beings from each other's throats. If his powerful influence were used in behalf of the Socialist party of the world it would evidence a clearer vision of it would evidence a clearer vision of world politics and social philosophy than the mighty Russian has yet

shown.

Still, he delivers a powerful blow at one of the institutions of capitalism in his article, "Thou Shalt Not Kill," and Socialists can well afford to circulate it, and then follow it up with some other literature explaining why "Thou Shalt Not Kill," will need to resound throughout the world until the system in which war and competition are

# HOLDING UP SOCIALIST PAPERS

Socialist papers experience great difficulty in securing prompt and just treatment at the hands of petty clerks, under the direction of partisan postmusters. Here is the latest example of the methods employed to prevent our comrades from securing their mail matter:

Comrade Otto Kaemmerer, of St. Louis, ordered 50 copies of the Coming Nation sent to him, general delivery, to be on hand the first Friday in each month that he might use them at the meeting of his union, for the purpose of interesting his companions in the principles of Socialism.

The papers were promptly mailed to him, and arrived at the St Louis postoffice. He called for them and was informed that they were not there.

The papers were laid aside by the postal clerk and the following notice sens by the postmaster to the Coming Nation

POSTMASTER MUST FILL No. 1528 THIS OUT IN FULL AND LEGIBLY.

Post Office at St. Louis, Mo.

State

Date Dec. 10 1903 ,190

Sir: Pursuant to instructions from the Postmaster General,

I beg leave to inform you that your paper addressed to... OTTO KAEMMERER Gen Del, 2 Rolls (50 copies) C-N. No. 505-509 is not taken out, but

remains dead in this office. You will please discontinue the same. F. W. BAUMHOFF, P. M.

Reason UNCALLED FOR.

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When I received this card, I at once wrote to Comrade Kaemmerer and in structed him to make affidavit to the fact that he had called for the papers, which is appended below:

# AFFIDAVIT OF OTTO KAEMMERER.

I, Otto Kaemmerer, of the city of St. Louis, state of Missouri, do on my oath state that on the 6th, 7th and 13th days of November, 1903, I appeared at the general delivery window, in the postoffice building. St. Louis, Mo., and there asked for one package of 50 copies of the Coming Nation, No. 505. I saked the clerk if there was any second class mail for Otto Kammerer and he said that there was nothing.

Again on the 4th and 18th days, of December, 1903, I appeared at the general delivery window and asked for one package of 50 copies of the Coming Nation, No. 509. I was informed by the clerk in energe that there was nothing there.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, George Spelbrink, a notary public in and for city and state of Missouri, this 21st day of December, 1903.

GEORGE SPELBRINK, Notary Public.

My term of office expires May 22, 1907.

ST. LOUIS, DEC. 19, 1903.

Dear Comrade. I wish to inform you that just before receiving your letter

I called at the postoffice again and was again informed that there was nothing there. I then inquired at the information bureau I showed them the postal and letters you sent me, and also a letter from the Appeal. I had papers sent here from the Appeal also which I did not receive. The clerk then left and remained away for about half an hour. On returning he brought me two bundles of the Coming Nation; one was stamped November 5 and the other was stamped December, both bundles being tied together and marked uncalled for. I asked the clerk why this bundle stamped December was marked uncalled for when it had only arrived about seventeen days ago. I had him cornered here, because he had just told me that they keep mail there thirty days before they mark it uncalled for. And the other bundle being there about forty-five days, I asked him why you were not notified that the papers were uncalled for, and to this he did not an use me either. I called in all about six or seven times for the papers but was always told "nothing here for you." I am absolutely positive that the clerks or some of the higher officials are consciously trying to keep these papers from reaching the masses. I rather think it is the higher officials because I do not think the clerks would dare do anything like this unless they got orders from others, especially in a posticios as large as that of St. Louis.

I will go before a notary public Monday night and will return the abslavit to Yours fraternally,

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way to do it—it will be the natural way.

All the prople will own and manage all the machinery of production and distribution and surely they will manage these things for their own benefit. Get the cob-webs cut of your heads, boys. Get clear down out of the trees and truly realize that you are men, not mon-Finnegan laughed and passed the cher-ots E. N. RICHARDSON.

JUST AN INCIDENT LOUISVILLE, Ky. Dec. 10.—Benji-man Fursting, a laborer, who was evicted with his wife and seven chil-dren from their home Wednesday for failure to pay rent, was found frozen to death yesterday in a lumber yard.

I suppose the capitalists are doing the

As long as the workers are willing to do all the work and let the capitalists do all the thinking it's not likely that the capitalists will make any kiek on the arrangement. Of course it's awful hard to think, but the dear capitalists are so kind hearted they don't mind it!

It is a scientific law that when an egg has been set on for a certain number of days nothing can keep it from hatching, not even the chick itself. Society is the egg, Socialism the chicken When the right time comes it's going to hatch just as naturally as the real chicken is hatched. You can hear the breaking of the shell.

We often hear the remark, "Oh, he is a nildcle class Socialist." Why not a capitalist class Socialist. One is as conceivable as the other. The fact is there is no such thing as a middle class Socialist—a man is a Socialist or he is not a Socialist. A man who has a clear conception of the Socialist philosophy as laid down by Marx, Engels. Leich heeht and others and votes and works for those principles as a Socialist whether he has ten cents in his pocket or ten dogs, potatoes, etc. —E. N. R.

thought of the men who was and man-killing people; under Socialism we will age the road is to reduce expenses and pension them for helping people to live. For acons of time the earth and its fullness thereof have belonged to men, but very few of them seem to have found it out yet. Human life has no exchange value or commodity value under the profit sys-tem—only such things as hogs, pug dogs, potatoes, etc. best they can under the system, but as our friend Whitcomb Riley says, "Their best is bad enough."

Making a Strenuous Effort to Keep the Skeleton in the Closet.

age the road is to reduce expenses and increase the profits. They are not laying awake nights figuring out how the road can be run that the people—all the people—would receive the most benefit from it; their chief concern—and every one of you know this as well as I do—

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is not the welfare of the workers or the
road's patrons. The only value human
life has to the railroad magnates is the
amount they can be forced to pay in
settlement of damage suits. It is true,

certain precautionary methods are adopted and safety appliances are used to some extent, but only so far as they prevent a decrease in the profits. Every more is regulated by that one great ru-

nevertheless. Now, under Socialism that

Godfrey wreck would be almost impos

factor in the management of the rail-roads, or, for that matter, in everything class; they will be run for the benefit of all the people and not for the benefit of a few stockholders. The men will work

reasonable hours and there will be nexcuse for any neglect of duty on ac

count of overwork. Only the finest ma-chinery and best material will be used; every line will be double tracked—three

every line will be double tracked—three tracks or a dozen tracks will be used if necessary. Every known device providing for the safety of the workers and the traveling public will be used. How do I know all this will be done? Simply

because it will be the only common sense way to do it—it will be the natural way.

Profit would be eliminated as a

move is regulated by that one great ruling force—profit."

"Granting all this to be true," broke in the bookkeeper, "what has our votes, got to do with it?"

"In this way: This horrible wreck is simply the result of the profit system which you fellows support with your votes. Indirectly every man woo votes the capitalistic teket is responsible for the death of those people at Godfrey."

"That's a pretry hard statement," said Finnegan, looking rather hurt.

"Yes, I know it is, but it is true, nevertheless. Now, under Socialism that

Concentrate the rays of the sun with a glass and it's easy to hurn a hole in a piece of cloth. Concentrate the forces of Socialism with the glass of co-opera-tion and it won't take long to burn a hole in capitalism big enough to let in the Co-operative Commonwealth.

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