No Wrong Can Live Long Under Free Discussion

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must have it.

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# Debs Column

### The Wall Street Twins

Time was not so long ago when there was some actual difference between the two branches of the capita' st political organizations known as the republican and democratic par-

At that time Congress was composed of members who represented distinct territorial subdivisions called states and districts.

That time is past. The industrial development has practically wiped out the lines which separated these partes as well as the lines separating states and districts, so far as political representation is concerned.

The logical result of this change is that political government is obsolete. It has been superseded by industrial government and in time the former will completely disappear and the latter will be in complete power.

THERE IS NOT TODAY SINGLE ISSUE UPON WHICH THE REPUBLICAN AND DEMOCRATIC MEMBERS DIVIDE ON STRICTLY PARTY LINES. The vote recorded in the Congressional Record proves this

beyand a doubt. Republicans vote with the democrats and democrats vote with the republicans, proving that there is no anger any party division and that the republican and democratic parties are but two political wings of the same ndustrial bird of prey.

IT IS APPARENT AT A GLANCE THAT MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE NO LONGER REPRESENT STATES AND THAT WEMBERS OF THE HOUSE NO LONGER REPRESENT DISTRICTS. They represent more and more centain industries and industrial interests and it is upon these lines that ssues are decided and upon these

res that the vote is divided. That political lines have been prac tically wiped out between these capita st parties no longer admits of asubt.

Then why any longer expect relief from capitalism and its exploitation and corruption by supporting either wing of the republican-democratic party aggregation, whose sole surviving distinction is that it is neither republican nor democratic?

The working man or common citizen whose vote bears either the republican or democratic label is the finger of his own fetters. He deliberately shuts off the light that keeps m in darkness. He is his own and

r s family's worst enemy. The working man and woman of into gence know enough to know that tir their emancipation.

# Anti-Alien Bills

The whole country should be aroused my, sos tion to the slimy bills known a, the "Alien Registration Bill" and - "Alien Deportation Bill" now pendry n congress for the purpose of still firmer persecuting and hounding and who may not be found to be . of sotorily "Americanized" and who ~ .. trerefore be subjected to all sorts figurernmental intimidation if perted to remain at all, but who in .... the country as if they were wild

Trere is behind this agitation . nat the aliens a well-developed rie to suppress free speech and to rice protest against the corruption to talism by a well established sysof legalized intimidation.

very alien in the land will be unsuspicion if these two infamous r is are permitted to disgrace the tte books of the nation.

Unger the bill first named, known 12 the Aswell Bill, each alien is reno nel to register at a fee of ten dolfor the first time and five dollars the registration of each succeedyear. He must also register his then between the ages of 16 and " . Aving to pay \$3.00 for each child. The grafting feature of this bill n makes easy picking for the tical scavengers who prey upon cent aliens, will be recognized glance.

s nothing less than the levying ackmail upon the helpless victims \* governmental discrimination and secution.

Every alien in the land will be at " mercy of the ward-heeling mercrearies of capitalism, and the most 1 15; persecution will become the the day.

The sale purpose of these despotic " - tures is to put a gag on the lips ens and reduce them to the level the live stock that goes to the moles. Under these vicious enact-'s aliens can be tamed and made missive as sheep and voted by their vethers, or seized by the scruff of neck, dumped into a cattle boat, 1 shipped out of the country.

The deportation bill is known as the Junneun Bill. These twin proposals

are alike infamous. Write to your congressman and your senator and demand the defeat of these two vile and outrageous proposi-

# The Appeal's Challenge

When William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, was in Chicago recently, he offered in an address the following two solutions of the evils of the capitalist system:

1-HIGHER WAGES to increase the purchasing power of the people and thus take care of the capitalist surplus which is responsible for business depressions, unemployment, imperialism, war and many

2-SHORTER HOWRS for those who work for the purpose of making the work go round to everybody as invention, machinery and business economy tend to throw more and more persons out of work. With these MEASURES OF RELIEF the American Appeal is

in full accord, and will,go down the line to the last ditch fighting for these very desirable ends. But while it is doing this it will oppose to the utmost the DANGEROUS tendency to regard them as SOLUTIONS for the gigantic

evils of CAPITALISM and the WAGE SYSTEM. Labor has got to do MORE than to fight for HIGHER WAGES and

AS LONG AS THE CAPITALISTS OWN AND CONTROL IN-DUSTRY AND AS A NATURAL CONSEQUENCE CONTROL THE POLITICAL LIFE OF THE NATION, NOTHING CAN BE DONE THAT WILL REMOVE THE CAPITALIST SURPLUS WHICH IS THE ROOT OF ALL THE MAIN EVILS FROM WHICH WE SUFFER.

We may raise wages and shorten hours until Doomsday, but the capitalists in control of industry and government will continue to preserve their surplus by raising prices and adding to the cost of living. THEY HAVE BEEN STEADILY INCREASING THIS SURPLUS UNTIL THE WORLD IS THREATENED WITH SPEEDY DISASTER IN SPITE OF EVERY BRAVE AND WORTHY EFFORT OF ORGANIZED LABOR FOR THREE GENERATIONS.

IN COMPARISON WITH LABOR, THEY ARE MORE POWERFUL TO INCREASE THIS SURPLUS THAT THEY EVER WERE BEFORE. THE ONLY SOLUTION IS TO REMOVE BOTH THE CAPITALIST AND HIS SURPLUS BY THE CO-OPERATIVE OR PUBLIC OWNER. SHIP OF INDUSTRY AND FINANCE UNDER WHICH THE WORK. ERS OF HAND AND BRAIN WOULD RECEIVE THE WHOLE OUT. PUT, UNDIMINISHED BY RENT, INTEREST OR PROFIT, OVER AND ABOVE THE NORMAL UP-KEEP AND GROWTH OF IN-DUSTRY AND THE UP KEEP OF GOVERNMENT.

DEMOCRATIC CONTROL OF PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBU-TION, WON BY THE JOINT USE OF THE POWER OF ORGAN-IZED LABOR. THE COOPERATIVES AND POLITICAL ACTION,

IS THE FUNDAMENTAL SOLUTION OF THE LABOR PROBLEM. With the most fraternal feeling, we challenge President Green, or any other champions of organized labor, who intend to confine themselves to his announced policy, to substantiate their position in comparison with ours, or to successfully refute our position. This is a good-natured challenge intended to spread enlightenment. Either President Green's or the Appeal's position is wrong. If the Appeal is wrong, President Green or some of his supporters should be able to point this out. We will gladly give them space. They should be glad of this opportunity.

# **Debs Moves for Socialist** Party Support of Miners

(In order we get quick action in support of the Miners and the Public growing of the present coal strike. Comrade Deba is using the American Appeal as the dam to present this motion, get it seconded and have it voted upon by the

That the following resolution be adopted by the National Executive Committee in behalf of the Socialist Party and that a copy of the same be forwarded to the United Mine Workers and also that a copy be given the press

WHEREAS, there has been a strike in the Anthracite coal region during the past five months, and

WHEREAS, there has been great suffering among the miners and their families and the public generally in consequence of said strike, and WHEREAS, it has become clearly evident that the owners and operators

of the Anthracite mines, constituting one of the most greedy, despotic and heartless monopolies in the nation show no disposition to settle said strike the Socialist party is their party and upon any fair terms, but are determined to destroy the union of the miners that it is the only party that stands and starve them into submission that they may have undisputed sway in exthem into submission that they may have undisputed sway in ex pleiting the mine workers, plundering the public by extortionate prices and setting the government at defiance while looting the nation, and

WHEREAS, the federal government of the United States, through its war Labor Board and other agencies, gave positive assurance to the mine workers that if they would stick to their tasks during the period of the warengage in no strikes but keep the mines operating at their full capacity to produce a steady and ample supply of coal for the prosecution of the war, their loyalty would be rewarded and their interests properly cared for after the war was over, in which assurance the mine operators and capitalist employers generally joined with great enthusiasm, and

WHEREAS, the miners through their organization, the United Mine Workers gave their loyal and unqualified support to the government during the entire period of the war and carried out in good faith their part of the program, only to find at the close that the assurance of reward for their loyalty and care for their interests proved a delusion and a snare, a shame

constance possible will be driven less betrayal of their confidence and trust, now therefore be it. RESOLVED, that the National Executive Committee hereby pledges the moral and material support of the Socialist party to the mine workers in the Arthracite region now engaged in the desperate battle for their liberty and their lives with the slave-drivers of the tyrannical and soulless Anthracite coal monopoly.

RESOLVED, that an appeal be made to all Socialists, all work ing people, all sympathizers with the miners in this crisis, and all lovers of liberty and justice, for financial contributions in support of the strike in the Anthracite, all of which shall be acknowledged in the columns of the American Appeal.

RESOLVED, that the National Executive Committee demand in behalf of the Socialist party the immediate seizure by congress of the Anthracite coal mines and the nationalization of the same as a public necessity, and the open ation of said mines to relieve the miners from industrial bondage and for the benefit of the general public, as proposed in the measure introduced in congress by our Socialist representative, Victor L. Berger, and we appeal to the American people to at once write to their representatives in the United States Senate and the House of Representatives, demanding their support of such measure or measures as may be necessary for the public ownership and control of the coal mines in the Anthracite region.

# Delivering the Goods

Workingmen in the aggregate learn slowly indeed, so slowly that one almost despairs of their ever freeing themselves from servitude.

Here is a notable instance of a common occurrence which is pretty apt to lead to pessimistic reflections. Down in the Southern part of Indiana the mine workers and other union men elected a certain mine manager to the legislature. For some

reason that only they can explain they

could not or would not elect one of

their own class to make laws for

them. A few days ago this mine manager, elected by the union miners and other workers, locked his loyal union constituents out of his mine, declared an open shop, hired a lot of scabs, and declared his intention to run his mine

to suit himself. When the miners found themselves locked out they concluded to go on strike to unionize the scab mine and to get rid of the scabs that had taken

their places. About this time the mine manager \$20,000,000 more than like dividends got busy himself. The first thing he in 1921.

idid was to sue out a writ of injunction restraining the union miners from 'monkeying" with his scabs. This created some commotion, whereupon Mr. Manager promptly wired the Governor to send the state troops down there to protect his mine and to keep the striking miners off his premises.

This is the whole story. The miner or other worker who cannot see the noral of it is in a sad plight. The miners in this instance received

once more in full measure what they voted for.

The mine manager, elected to the egislature on a capitalist ticket, deivered the goods, and who shall condemn him for doing what he was elected to do?

As long as workingmen vote a apitalist ticket and elect capitalist candidates to office they must expect court injunctions and the state militia to deliver the goods and they may rest assured that they will never be disappointed.

Twenty-four oil companies of Oklahoma announce dividends for 1925 of

# Keep Muscle Shoals, Warns Public Ownership Head, as Big Battle Opens

#### BY CARL D. THOMPSON.

(Secretary, Public Ownership League of America. The power trust is hot after Muscle Shoals.

They are hot after every municipally owned power plant and every publicly owned resource and power project in the country. Naturally. They are determined to monopolize the power system of the continent. Muscle Shoals is an important link in the chain. It commands the power system in the

#### Menace of the Mightiest Monopoly.

If the private power-interests succeed in their efforts to capture Muscle Shoals it will give them one more advantage, and a tremendously important one, in their struggle for complete mastery of the power of the continent.

south-east. The government owns and is now operating it. The power trust

They boast loudly and long that they have already acquired, by one means or another, several hundred of the municipally owned light and power plants. They claim that \$60 such plants have failed, been abandoned or junked. And while this is a fearful exaggeration the truth is that many have been taken over by the trust.

The power interests have defeated the struggles of the people for the public ownership and control of their power systems in state-wide referendums in California twice, in Washington and in South Dakota. Every movement for the development of publicly owned power of any kind anywhere is fought by the private power interests with a relentless fury that is appalling. Their subtle and lying propaganda is spread broadcast over the continent.

President Coolidge and Secretary Hoover. And the power trust has its friends and supporters in high places. They have not overlooked the importance of that advantage. President Coolidge in his last message urged that Muscle Shoals should be turned over to the private power companies. Of course. And mean-while Secretary of Commerce Herbert Hoover has been for years now practically engineering and leading

the fight for private monopolization of the power resources of the nation. And if they succeed we will have on this continent in the near future the mightiest, the most complete and far reaching monopoly the world has ever seen. Nothing like this has ever threatened us before. FOR A MONOPOLY OF ELECTRIC POWER CARRIES WITH IT THE MONOPOLY OF EVERY OTHER RESOURCE AND INDUSTRY OF THE COUNTRY. ALREADY, AND FROM NOW ON INCREASINGLY, THE INDUSTRIAL, THE MUNICIPAL, THE AGRICULTURAL AND DOMESTIC LIFE OF THE WORLD-MINING, MANUFACTURE, COMMUNICATION AND TRANSPORTATION-ARE ALL DEPENDENT UPON ELECTRIC POWER. HE WHO OWNS THE POWER

AND BE THE MASTER OF THE PEOPLE MORE COMPLETELY THAN ANY OTHER MASTERY IN HUMAN HISTORY.

Muscle Shoals the Immediate Objective. In this titanic struggle Muscle Shoals is the immediate objective. And in this fight those who believe in public ownership and democracy have this one advantage: Muscle Shoals is already a government property. It is owned and operated by the government. Possession, in this case, may not be nine points in the law, but it is at least, an advantage. It is easier to defend

what we have, than to get away from them what they have. We also have this advantage that in Congress and especially in the Senate we have many mighty men of valor who are fighting our battles for public ownership of power. Senator George W. Norris of Nebraska took up the battle for the government retention, ownership and operation of Muscle Shoals years ago and never for one moment from that day to this has he relaxed his vigilance or effort. At this very writing he is making his greatest fight to

keep this treat power reserve for the people. In this battle Senator Norris has been ably supported by United States Senator R. B. Howell since his election to the Senate two years ago. Senator La Follette, whom we have recently lost, was also an unfalling supporter of Senator Norris' position; and his son who now succeeds him may be depended upon for the same support. Senator Frazler of North Dakota, Dill, of Washington, Johnson of California and others in the Senate and a goodly number in the House of Representatives are with us in this struggle.

Help Us Save Muscle Shoals. So far in this battle we have won. Muscle Shoals still belongs to the people of the United States. BUT IT IS SERIOUSLY ENDANGERED UNLESS THE PEOPLE OF THIS NATION ARE AROUSED; UNLESS SENATOR NORRIS AND HIS COLLEAGUES IN THE SENATE AND HOUSE ARE GIVEN ADEQUATE SUSTAINED SUPPORT. MUSCLE SHOALS MAY BE SEIZED UPON BY THE POWER MONOPOLY AT ANY TIME. THERE-FORE IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT EVERY FRIEND OF PUB-LIC OWNERSHIP AND POPULAR GOVERNMENT SHOULD EXERT HIS UTTERMOST INFLUENCE NOW AND CONTINUOUSLY IN BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT RETENTION, OWNERSHIP AND OPERATION OF

You Can Help. Write to your senators and representatives in Washington. Urge them to support Senator Norris and the Norris bill for the retention and government ownership and operation of Muscle Shoals. And if you need detailed information or literature on the subject send to the Public Ownership League. And please send us copies of your letters, if you write your congressmen. We can make good use of them. Our address is-127 North Dearborn Street, Chicago.

# Two Socialist Governments Enter Into Binding Peace Agreements

MUSCLE SHOALS.

capitalist papers tells the story of a great Socialist and peace triumph-a far greater victory for essential peace than the League of Nations and the Locarno Pact. This is the item:

COPENHAGEN, Denmark, Jan. 15.—Denmark and Sweden today signed an arbitration agreement. It is expected that a similar treaty will soon be signed between Denmark and Norway. The Danish premier calls this the new way to world peace.

This capitalist news dispatch carefully conceals the main facts con nected with this event. The pact entered into between the governments of Denmark and Sweden

rirtually blads each country not under any circumstance to engage in war with the other. It solemnly commits each government to reason and arbitration in the settlement of all disagreements and disputes with the other

IT MAKES WAR AS UNLIKELY BETWEEN THEM AS WAR WOULD BE BETWEEN ILLINOIS AND WISCONSIN. IT MAKES THEM TWO POTENTIAL STATES IN A PROSPECTIVE UNITED STATES OF THE

New Chapter in History

These governments, or ministries, are both controlled by Socialist majorities and this pact was the consummation and realization of a Socialist Peace Program, planned by the Socialist members of these respective cabinets.

The pact entered into between these two Scandinavian nations is not a pact of mutual alliance and defense AGAINST other nations-like the dan gerous treaties under Locarno and the League of Nations-IT IS A MUTUAL ABJURATION OF WAR FOR THE DEFENSE AND PEACE OF ALL

There has been no treaty before like this in the history of the world IT IS A SOCIALIST TREATY CARRYING OUT A GREAT SOCIALIST IDEAL OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND BROTHERHOOD. It is to be followed by a similar treaty between these countries and

# Democratic Denmark

Although the Danish and the Swedish parliaments do not have Socialist majorities, the Social Democratic Party in each country in the last elections became the largest party in these parliaments, entitling them to majorities in the ministries. These Socialist majorities have been working 

Norris Bill Opens

Muscle Shoals Fight

The Muscle Shoals issue has

been thrown wide open and one of the most important fights

that will come before Congress

during the present session pre-

cipitated by a bill introduced in

the Senate by Senator George

ing for the development of max-

Imum electric power under pub-

lic ownership, maximum navida-

tion and maximum control of

flood waters of the Tennessee river on the Muscle Shoals.

Federal government would cre-

ate a government corporation,

headed by three commissioners

ute hydro-electric power from

dame to be built at various sites

along the river. This would

tween the government and the

private super-power trust in the

sale of electric current in the

precipitate one of the biggest

and most important fights on

the question of public ewner-

ship in the history of this coun-

or make the private super-

power trust now spreading its

the country and literally taking

the most terrific strangle-hold

on this nation that any trust has

tentacles into every section of

Muscle Shoals can break

Such a situation is bound to

mean active competition

south.

ever taken.

Profit BEGAN carly

By giving LESS for MORE;

Now it takes MOST for LEAST.

Glengarry.

Under the Norris plan the

Norris of Nebraska, provid-

A little seven line item tucked away in an inconspicuous part of the daily consistently toward disarmament and peace ever since their rise to power. Thorvald A. M. Stauning is the Socialist premier of Denmark. Denmark is said to be the farthest advanced toward real industrial democracy of any country in the world. Practically all its farmers belong to a great cooperative system of marketing, preparing foodstuffs for the market and finishing farm products. Much of the money system is controlled by numerous credit unions and co-operative banks. The railroads are owned and operated by the government. Labor rules largely in the cities and labor is going in rapidly for co-operation, government ownership and municipal ownership.

### Progressive Sweden

A capitalist press correspondent for American papers, F. A. McKenzie, writes as follows of the opening of the Swedish rikstag on January 16 under

"The Swedish political new year began this week with the opening of the rikstag. The social democratic government does not control a majority, but holds power at the mercy of the people's party. Its position is considcred reasonably secure, however, because the people's party is forced to support it. Premier Sandler has risen rapidly in public esteem. eloquent and transparently sincere, he commands the respect of his bitterest

# Push Disarmament Issue

"Conservatives are trying again to raise the question of disarmament and are making no secret of their purpose--if they acquire power--of completely reversing the present government's laws for drastic reduction of the fighting forces. The premier desires a national agreement upon disarmament. "It may be possible," says Sandler, 'to enlist the support of so over-

whelming a number of our people that no government, whatever happens, will seriously attempt to make a change." "The government's program includes extension of arbitration agreements, encouragement of land settlement with the cutting up of some large estatesespecially the purchase of lands belonging to the church-making the provisional eight-hour law permanent, extending social insurance, reorganizing

health insurance, providing maternity insurance for working women, relieving unemployment, extending insurance to the unemployed, promoting national economy, reducing taxation and revising parliamentary procedure. "Sandler, the Socialist premier, is studiously concillatory. In a speech on

'Victorious Democracy' he declared that it should not be forgotten that the success of democracy would remain incomplete until its opponents had been won and not merely overcome."

# Foresee 1926 Slump

Leading financiers are predicting a considerable deflation during 1926 from the present amount of Coolidge prosperity. Among them are Chairman Rawson of the Union Trust Company, Chicago; Benjamin Baker of the Annalist; Vice-president Ayers of the Cleveland Trust company; President Moody of Moody's Investor's Service.

The latter makes the cheerful forecast that it is "improbable that unemployment will approach that of

They all see a considerable drop in business and a corresponding decrease of unemployment. Underlying their explanations is the belief that wages are still too high and that the deflation of labor of 1921 and 1922 should be continued so that American business can compete more successfully with the low paid labor of Europe and

Think of it, this boasted bankers' and capitalists' prosperity is lasting less than a year! Hundreds of thousands of productive men and women are to be thrown out of work! How long will it take the workers to learn up; that it won't work any longer?

capitalists, already in possession of ism. the earth, can't be ousted by any law in the future, because such a law bluff, they're done for forever.

Here's a good line on capitalismour capitalist administration in Washiggion willingly sacrificed \$2,000,000,-600 of the people's money to bulster rifice the people to protect \$2,000,000, at the next election. It says: 000 invested by private capitalists in Mexico. Is any further comment necl essary?

# It Works in Queensland

and controlled by the Queensland La- who arrived in Montreal last evening bor government showed a profit of for a brief stay. \$73,134 for the last year's operations, "The Labor Government was not compared with \$46,603 for the previous power in Britain before, but only ous year. All meat was sold at prices in office, having 190 members out of considerably below those in the pri- the total of 615. At the next election, vately-owned shops.

The produce selling agency con. Donald and his party will come into ducted by the government on behalf power. Of that I have not the slightof the farmers, showed a profit of \$10,200 for the year. The farmers throughout the country is for it." selling through the government agency realized higher prices for their products than through ordinary channels.

The state hotel operated by the government showed a profit of \$164,966 for the year-an increase of \$16,375 above the profit of the previous year. And they tell us that public ownerthat the capitalist system is breaking ship won't work. It works in Queens- ployment situation gets worse. In land because Queensland is ruled by Germany, Austria, Poland, Denmark, a Labor government which believes Sweden and Finland a particularly Where do they get this damphool honestly in public ownership and is acute unemployment crisis exists. stuff about not letting a law become honestly engaged in paving the way Every European country is in the retroactive? That means that the through public ownership to Social midst of a distressing unemployment

Wouldn't it be just fine if all of us IN AN UNEMPLOYMENT CRISIS, would be retroactive. If the workers could be as lucky as Musselini and AS IT DID IN RUSSIA. EUROPEAN in Mexico, and outside, too, haven't have our debts cut down to about CAPITALISM IS GETTING MIGHTY got sense enough to call that insolent | what we thought was our capacity to | CLOSE TO JUST SUCH A BREAK-

# Predicts Labor Victory

The Montreal Star publishes the up the Fascist dictatorship in Italy, prediction that the British Labor but it is ready to go to war and sac. Party will come futo complete power

"Ramsay MacDonald and the Labor Party will come into power at the next British elections, it is confidently believed by Joseph Compton, Labor The 50 retail butchers' shops owned M. P. for Gorton division, Manchester,

which may come soon, Ramsay Macest doubt. The general feeling

# Nearing the Breakdown

When six jobs were offered in London recently 3,000 men fought each other to get them. As winter advances Great Britian's terrible unemsituation. CAPITALISM ALWAYS BREAKS DOWN AND PASSES OUT

# Stage Set for Mexican Uprising and Intervention, Says Writer

"there's a reason." The stage was set last summer for a reactionary counter-revolution below the Rio Grande. Secretary of State-Kellogg's famous note came just after ex-President Adolfo de la Huerta, leader of the unsuccessful revolt of 1922-3, had made a secret flying trip through Washington to New York to confer with prospective financial backers. A day or so following the do la Huerta journey and preceding the Kellogg note, the Washington Post came out with front page article stating that "authentic information" from below the border indicated that the "business interests" and the "middle class" in Mexico, in conjunction with "law 'n' order" elements generally, were preparing to oust Calles and substitute a more satisfactory chief executive. However, the Kellogg note did not elicit the auticipated enthusiastic response. It brought grumbles and grunts but no cheers from Main street. Even the Henry Dubbs didn't want another blood bath. Then, too, President Calles made new efforts to placate the capitalists up here. So, although the stage was set, the impending tragedy was not enacted.

Now another Kellogg note is sent to Calles. This time the kick is about the anti-alien land law and the petroleum law Mexico has just put into effect. These laws in themselves are objectionable to Wall street, for they assert | tion and size, than any other.

(The following article was written for the Appeal by a writer who has lived in Mexico during many of its troublens years and is intimately acquainted with the Mexica situation and what is taking place back behind the stage;

Mexico again looms large on the horizon of imperialism. As usual, allea capitalists who try to monopolize them. But what is most objectionable is not the particular phraseology of the statutes. It is the meaning of this latest step and of other steps forward in Mexico. IT IS THE FACT THAT LABOR'S POWER IS BEING MORE AND MORE FELT IN THE "BACK-WARD" REPUBLIC SOUTH OF US. AMERICAN CAPITALISM SENSES THE MENACE AND ACTS WITHOUT DELAY.

Kellogg's note is a warning to Calles that he must\_repress the Mexican labor and agrarian movements speedily or he will face the reactionary revolt that was contemplated last summer. Plane are well-laid and an uprising, "made in the U. S. A." can be arranged on short order. Agents m Washington and New York are busy, and money is not lacking. Some American capitalists are ready for the imperialistic coup-d'etat. Others

prefer trying to force concessions from Calles. Labor can thwart the conspiracy by solidarity. It can prevent the conummation of any similar scoundrelism, anywhere, any time, by united, organized action. Solidarity-and publicity! For publicity leads to more solidarity. Let the workers use these weapons and there will neither be a nccessful reactionary revolt in Mexico, nor American military intervention in the affairs of the workers of a land which had been drenched in more gore. perhaps, and the scene of more sacrifices, probably, in proportion to popula-

# Appeal Army Column

By the way, are you on the honor roll? Did you receive the "American Appeal"? If not, mail post haste at once a dollar to "American Appeal," 2653 Washington Blvd., Chicago, Illinois. Tell Gene you are alive and with him. Damn your procrastinating soul if you dare to delay!

This call published by August Clars sens in The New York Leader brought many responses. That's the way to do it. All boost!

J. T. Jones, Ocala, Florida sends his subscription with warm greeting and pledges to help. "I was a memher of what J. A. Wayland called 'The Army' when he was in command of The Appeal To Reason." Good! We hope all the old Appeal army will mobilize. Like old times, isn't it.

"All hall to The Appeal and to our old hero and comrade its editor," says John A. Rogers, Piggott, Arkan-

John Nipp, Milroy, Indiana, sends in a bunch of subs with the following comment, "I am an old reformer and socialist. I have heard Debs speak and I know my man."

Another editor, F. H. McGili, of The l'tica Star and Courier, registers ; as a booster. That's what the army wants, a Propaganda Squad.

Here's one from F. M. Kirkendall. Dayton, Ohio. "I have heard it said 'Millions now living will never die." That's because millions now living are already dead, politically. The appeal came today. It is certainly a rangefinder of the ammunition dumps of crooked politics."

Another heavy charge from New Castle, Pennsylvania, E. E. Hilliard wants one every week for himself and a bundle of one bundred for the other fellows. There'll be no sleeping in W. Thomas of indianapolis, comes member in Allegheny county to the New Castle.

stops! Luigi Chericoni fires five shots of fifty from Philadelphia. Who said Philadelphia was asleep?

Better look out for those snivers. Strawney Lenz shoots twice from Day- and a bundle of fifty.

"The west's awake:" Here are four more from Carl Otto Olsen. San Fran-

When it comes to firing them in you can't beat the old Pennsylvania line. Just when the editor thought he had time for a hot-dog sandwich Bing! Twelve from W. R. Goodall, S. Willlamsport. Two cracks from Juniata fired by E. R. Rosenware .rd two more by Ernest Schmidt, Philadel-

Listen to the anti-aircraft guns from New York. Look out Wall Street! Hot air won't keep you affoat much longer. Just as we were talking about Pennsylvania we heard this bunch of guns: J. J. Nylander, Brooklyn, six subs, Mrs. R. Frumoff, New York. three, Frank Jacobson, Jamestown fires a shot, and Harry Kritzer. Monticello, sends five. Mrs. Louise Mourington. Brooklyn sends her subscription saving, "I am with 'Gene' all right, always and all the time."

Louis Reiff, New York City, "I am sending seven. I mail them as I get them. Will send more in the near fu-ture." That's the way, Louis. Don't lose any time.

The snipers around Chicago keep right on shooting them in as they get | be here and see them come rolling in them. J. H. Hubbel and S. Popora the waves of hope and courage and fire two shoots each.

Geo. J. Miller sends nine subs from New Haven, Connecticut. That's the right kind of a coast-guard.

F. W. Magnuson, a faithful picket from South Dakota sends his subscription. Wait until he gets South Dakota waked up. While he is doing that Mary G. Muse is going to wake

Leopold Baer, of 16 Market street. Chicago, not far from the National Office, shows how bright the spirit burns in our old home town with a bundle order for TWO HUNDRED, and a subscription. He's a Baer!

up Sherman, Texas.

When we open letters from Canada and New Mexico, California and Long Island, all in the same breath, and find them all containing cheers and good wishes BESIDES money for subscriptions and bundle orders, it swells us with enthusiasm and confidence. \$500,000,000. Doubtless the stockhold-Ammunition, did we say! This Appeal Army is rushing us to the front and a few fascisti beside, to protect sacrifice of miners' lives by the profit tween the two organizations -- a solfd ple-wagons and coffee-tanks along their interests.

Did Secretary Kellogg Bulldoze Mexicans?

Senator La Follette has offered in the Senate a resolution calling upon Secretary Kellogg to disclose the secret pledge, if any, extorted by the American government from the Obregon government of Mexico in 1923 In return for recognition. The Wall Street Journal on Jan. 15 hinted at the existence of such a secret pledge, as being the basis for Kellogg's threats against Mexico when it enacted its anti-alien land and prireleum laws. Under this pledge, Mexica would not enforce Article 27 of her constitution against American all companies holding land in deflance of that constitution.

with the high explosives. Among the the war for Industrial Democracy, just Stark and Dr. William J. Van Essen glimpse the following names:

ver; Max Huntsman, Bisbee, Arisona; man, Brooklyn; John Klingsliel, Richmond. Ind.; Charles Gushinsky. Brooklyn; C. D. Stuart, San Francisco. the paper, but my age is over 80 and them. I cannot read very well." That's the rpirit that never dies!

scription to start with the first num- peal treasury. ber. He writes "I do not know the price of the subscription, but will get together, triumphant in the spirit send one buck, and tell all by friends of comradeship renewed, in the to de likewise

war times for its munitions. Com- love and labor and cash and devotion rades there are using their ammunition to present progress of the local movefor a better cause Here comes a ment and in preparation for the Nawagon-train headed by W. S. Hoffman dional Convention to open in Pitts with one yearly subscription and a burgh May 1. Mark the prediction: bundle for ten weeks.

hurrying to the firing-line of the Army | end | that the Convention | may | be of Prace area what do you think? Bang! The market-fire never six yearly subscriptions and a bundle

> Stamford, Copn., catches the fervor. G. Bergquist sends extra am California Plans Convention munition consisting of one yearly sub

> Terre Haute, Gene Debs own town, comes to bat again with Hen Hamil the front in the fray. The California ton who orders one yearly sub and a bundle of fifty. Attaboy, Ben!

> not energate commadely enthusiasm, field, and prepare for a great state From the "greatest climate in the convention. San Francisco comrades world" B. F. Burns sends an order for are pushing the party-building with a bundle of 50 accompanied by a year- all seriousness and are preparing to ly subscription. Not to be outdone, make the convention a great success. John E. Pearsons orders 100 in a bundle, and a subscription.

Peter Gilles, of Arkansas, Wis. loads his machine-gun with six copies for six weeks, together with a subscription. That brings them down!

H. W. Wallermire, of Red Bluff, Cal, rushes to the front with yearlies and two six-month subscriptions. In his might to the success of the congood time, comrade! Your help brightens the darkness before the

Dr. W. S. James, of Cleveland, sends for \$1 worth of sample copies and two subscriptions. He writes "I am well pleased with the paper, and will do all I can to promote it."

Did the tidal wave stop with the big burst of last week? It did not. It is just beginning. Wish you could steadfasiness and devotion. How it makes your heart burn with love for the staunch comrades, many of whom have suffered much in the persecution. but who are all the more determined to spend their lives for the cause of bumanity!

"Hell's foundations quiver" as the old hymn has it, when the ranks of the Sunrise reform so solidly and march on so steadfastly toward the day of emancipation. Comrades, the long long night is over, the dawn is beginning to appear!

Bless your soul, you don't know how much good it does us to hear again Labor has cleaned out the traitors from some dear old loyal comrades, and grafters in the labor movement from whom we have been separated and is all set to unionize the state and whose letter comes like the clasp of a dearly loved band!

One Hundred Per Centers. The First National bank of New York city this year haid 100 per cent dividends on its nominal resources of ers want a stronger army and navy

# Party News

Pittsburgh Celebrates

tival of fun-and business.

Well, there is room for only the biggest things of the week. These Pittsburgh comrades have just had a splendid banquet and a fes-

The Pittsburgh comrades are going stronger than ever. Their latest performance was a thriller. Three hundred American Appeal readers of Pittsburgh gathered on the Roof Garden of the Chatham Hotel the evening of Jan. 13 and had a high old time, celebrating the isunching of the American Appeal and preparing for the coming National Convention. Comrades James H. Maurer, John W. Slayton. willing hands that are helping to win Walter J. Wright, Jane Talt, Sidney made speeches. Music by the Finnish Morris Winstein, New York City; P. Branch Orchestra, by forty members Nasol, Rochester, N. Y.; J. Olson, New of the German Workingmen's Singing Westminster, B. C.; W. S. Moyer, Society and by Mrs. William J. Van Sayre, Pa.; Charles W. Petry, Den-Essen, and a recitation by C. B. Fetteroif, enlivened the occasion. Tele-Mike Giuffre, Pittsburgh; Jacob New- grams from Eugene V. Debs and from the American Appeal staff were re ceived with a whoop of enthusiasm.

At 9:30 came the novelty dances Alex Yeager, Sunbury, Pa., writes, and then the everybody shake-a-foot. "Send Appeal to Harry S. Yeager, And the things they didn't do to the Buffalo, my son. I am delighted with clock to prevent daylight catching

Sidney Stark's appeal for the sup port of the American Appeal resulted in \$238, half to be used locally and S. V. Kennison writes for a sub-half to go direct to the American Ap-

It was a triumphant banquet and strength of purpose inspired, in material advance of the American Ap-Bridgeport, Conn., was famous in peal, in clearer plans and pledges of In careful preparation, in coopera tion, in intelligent management of From every side they come. Joe preliminaries, in the efforts of every served, entertained and inspired, Pitts burgh will match any previous National Convention held by our party. Happy cheers for Pittsburgh!

The California comrades are in the ring and going some. Comrade Emil Herman's six months' work in that state has surely set the state well to Socialists will hold a state convention in San Francisco, Pebruary 21. Comrade Lens Morrow Lewis is un-Los Angeles' winter warmth does wearied in her efforts to cultivate the

# Indiana to Meet

The Indiana State Executive Committee held a meeting in Indianapolis state headquarters Jan. 18 and set May 22 and 23 as the date for the next state convention, to be held in Indianapolis. Eugene V. Debs will be on the lob with the delegates to add vention. The report of the state secretary to the state executive committee was most encouraging. The committee was pleased and strengthened for the battle.

The state secretary, Mrs. Emma Henry, writes: "There is a general feeling among our comrades that the American Appeal will do excellent work toward the rebuilding of the party, and that the paper is just the kind of a publication needed at this

The Finnish Federation orders 1.500 dues stamps, and Comrade Relvo writes: "Our stamp sales have been larger this month than for many months past..... Hurrah for the American Appeal....

West Virginia Labor Awakes

West Virginia, the paradise of nonunionism in the past, and the base selected by J. P. Morgan on which to start his new giant soft coal trust, has entered a new era of labor orbor College, who has been touring from top to bottom. John B. Easton, the new president of the State Federation, is a flint glass worker, and sevmad scab companies.

### Progress In Mexico

street rulers are not favorably im-Diaz was and too flawlessly courageference from the outside with their domestic affairs.

of the Mexicans to dictate in our af stay out for they are not wanted there.

We are especially gratified to note the progress of the Mexican nation under the Calles administration. For the first time in the history of Mexico the working class are getting something like a square deal.

The industrial and agricultural workers are not only allowed but encouraged by the government to organize and to put forth their best efforts in their organized capacity to improve their condition mentally and morally as well as physically and to strive for ultimate industrial emancipation.

President Calles and his secretary of commerce and labor, Louis Morones, as well as the rest of the presidential cabinet have the implicit confidence of the great body of the American people and they are establishing a government and developing a domestic policy that will in the next few years place the Republic of Mexico, until quite recently one of the weakest and most reactionary of nations, in the very forefront of the most advanced and progressive nations of earth - E. V. D

# A Lovely Pair.

Fascist organizations have been launched in six states of the commonwealth of Australia. Australian Labor Party officials have obtained possession of a letter written by A. Kirby Hewlett, organizing secretary of the British Fascisti to Captain J. O. Hatcher, organizing secretary of the Australian Fascisti, which among other things says:

"Had the MacDonald government remained in office here, we would have been required to forcibly drive it from office. Our present chancellor of the exchequer, Austin Chamberlin, said 'Were Labor returned with a working majority it would be necessary in the interest of the nation to suspend constitutional government and forcibly prevent it from assuming office."

Here you have a lovely picture of Fascism-Austin Chamberlin, direct representative of "legal" capitalism in league with Fascisti and Fascist methods to overthrow constitutional government in order to prevent the seating of a duly elected Socialist and labor majority! What a combination! The law and order element in league with the outspoken defiers of law and order for the common purpose of destroying law and order!

Farmers Getting the Idea.
The Producers' Alliance and the Equity Association, two farmer organizations of the Northwest have merged. The Alliance is a farmer organization that corresponds to the trade union movement. It is an organization of farmers for the purpose of preventing cut throat competition among the farmers in selling their produce, by holding the produce on the farms until prices are offered representing the cost of production plus a fair profit. Many farmers in South Dakota, North Dakota, Minnesota and Nebraska are in the Producers' Alli-

The Equity is one of the oldest independent farmers' marketing associations with headquarters in St. Paul. The particular merit of both these organizations is that they are both honest-to-God farmers' organizations, and not petting parties coddled into existonce by such agents of the big business as Calvin Coolidge, Aaron Shapiro, ex-Governor Lowden of Chicago. Secretary Jardine, and Senator Capper. If an independent farmer organization representing a combination of the trade union idea and the coganization, says Clinton Golden, field operative idea were to gain a big footrepresentative of the Brookwood La. bold in America, we not only might begin to hope for the farmers doing that state. The State Federation of something for themselves right away, but the growth of organized Socialism would be made easter.

The 8-hour day, 44-hour week, seems assured in all the Patterson broadsilk mills as the result of the joint drive eral other kinds of workers when it launched by the Associated Silk Work- of criminal deception. comes to organizing the labor move- ers and United Textile Workers ment. Where the Miners' Union has unious. Formerly the mills worked been broken Golden found the men their employes from 12 to 19 hours. working for less than half of the The strike is winning because there did in the United States. union scale of wages and a tragical is perfect unity and co-operation be

#### made to democracy. Capitalism used the forms of democracy as means of mentally and

Facts About Fascism

voting capitalism out of existence. It

is exactly this—no more and no less. The workers were allowed to vote only as long as they voted for capi-talism. The moment the majority

starts to vote capitalism out of exis-

tence and bring industrial democracy.

Fascism arises to overturn constitu-

tional government and establish dic-

THE WORKERS TO DIRECT PHYS-

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Fascism, or some other form of the

White Terror of Capitalism has

already been established in Italy,

Roumania, Hungary, Esthonia and to

a lesser extent in several other coun-

some form have appeared in every

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SCRAP THEM. It is quite apparent that our Wall the coming of the most painful and horrible forms of slavery the world pressed with the labor administration has ever experienced-DIRECT of the Republic across the Rio Grande. PHYSICAL SLAVERY BY PHYSI President Calles and his cabinet are CAL MIGHT ENFORCED BY THE toe rigidly honest to be corrupted as WHITE TERRORISM OF POISON GAS, INCENDIARY BOMBS, MAous to tolerate any importinent inter-CHINE GUNS, ANNIHILATING AR-THLERY, THE PRISON, THE LASH, OR STARVATION, ACCOM-

The American people would indig nantly resent any attempt on the part fairs and control our domestic policy, and the Mexican people have just as good a right to run their own government and manage their own affairs to suit themselves, and if American sharks and exploiters who have pushed their way in there to loot the Mexican nation and gouge the Mexi-Spain, Jugo Slavia, Bulgaria, Greece, can people whom they hold in contempt as "greasers," let them get out and

TIONS THE CAPITALIST PRESS WHICH LASHED THE WHOLE WORLD TO FRENZY AND SLAUGHTER WITH ITS SLOGANS OF DEMOCRACY DURING THE WORLD WAR, HAS NOT ONLY VIEWED THIS WIDE-SPREAD OVERTHROW OF DEMO-CRATIC FORMS WITH EQUA-NIMITY, BUT HAS APPLAUDED AND APPROVED THE VERY THINGS IN ITALY, HUNGARY AND SPAIN WHICH IT HAS PRETEND ED TO DAMN MOST VOCIFEROUS-LY IN RUSSIA.

This is the world line up, the overshadowing issue of the present-THE UNFAILING SIGN OF AN INDUS-TRIAL SYSTEM RAPIDLY NEAR-ING THE BREAK-UP.

There is only one way for the common people to successfully cope with majority parties to adopt part of its this situation—AGITATE. EDU-CATE, ORGANIZE, POLITICALLY the government and permit members tion providing for an appropriate AND INDUSTRIALLY-BEAT THE of the party to become respectfully for the expenses of American de-FASCISTS TO THE CONTROL OF Minister of Labor and Minister of gates to the Geneva conference : : GOVERNMENT

Iron Heel in Italy. tional with head-quarters at Zurich, and social insurance; increase of un-Switzerland, reports in its latest let- employment benefit; rejection of all ter that the Fascist terror following proposals to inflate the currency; rethe alleged attempt on the life of Mus- jection of military expenditure and scrapped. solini, is operating with such violence | term of service in the army; terminathat the United Socialist Party is still tion of the economic conflict with Gerforbidden, its former official organ, many and the immediate living up to "Giustizia," is not allowed to appear and that the Socialist deputies belong- to minority races in Poland. Forcing ing to this dissolved party are at this government, which was recently tempting to start a new party, "the so reactionary, oppressive and quar-Socialist Party of the Italian Work- relsome, to adopt such democratic ers." There has been a movement to humane and enlightened policies is a combine the United Socialists and great victory for Socialism. Maximalists, another Socialist party. into one organization as the answer to Mussolini's attempt to crush Socialism in Italy.

Italian Labor Fights Back. Despite the fact that the Fascist utmost to force the Italian workers into the Fascist unions, and is collecting dues forcibly from the payrolls of the workers, only 10 per cent of the unions. The free unions, once so the large cities find it almost impost the government to requisition dwellsible to exist under the pressure of the government, seizure of their funds. and the threat of loss of citizenship. Says the Labor and Socialist International letter: "That the Italian workers and their leaders in spite of these fearful conditions, are persevering and ity. not forsaking their posts, gives proo of their courage and power of resist ance, which will always be a glorious page in the history of the international labor movement."

Here's a line on what the Church Youth Movement meant in its recent resolution when it denounced the present system as a "profit-motived" system: From Florida come the news that a dangerous smallpox epidemic is raging down there now and that Kiwanis clubs and the papers are unit ing to suppress the news. The bustness interests behind these papers and Kiwanis clubs would rather see thousands of innocent people drawn into Florida at the risk of their lives than to miss the present fat opportunity to get them down there and fleece them Private profit-gouging does not balk even at murder under circumstances

In Turkey they are hanging reactionaries-that's more than they ever

A little exploiter is generally a great deal smaller than a big one.

# The Truth About the Debt Settlement With Mussolini

By Marx Lewis

(The Appeal's Washington Correspondent.)
Coolidge's friendship for the Mussolini regime in Italy was cemented the ing the past week at a cost of approximately \$2,000,000,000 to the American people when the House ratified the agreement for the "settlement" of Italian debt to the United States.

As Representative Victor L. Berger, of Wisconsin, showed in a talk ha made during the discussion which preceded the vote, it was not a settlement FASCISM IS CAPITALISM IN THE but a repudiation, since the United States was not to get a cent of the prin. ACT OF PASSING FROM MENTAL pal Italy owes the United States, and only one and one-eighth per cent of the AND MORAL GOVERNMENT OVER interest, and that spread over a period of sixty-two years. Yet 257 Congress. men, pledged by their oath of office to protect the interests of their own country, voted to sacrifice those interests in favor of the Mussolini regime, while only 133 voted against it.

The reasons behind this action are of two kinds: those that were starting but which, upon examination, will be found to be untrue; and those which use and that the capitalists are breaking true, but which were not stated, except by a handful, notably by Represents. every pledge and pretension they ever tive Berger and by Representative Rainey, of Illinois, who did some good work in this connection.

A Palpably False Excuse.

The principal reason, if not the only reason, stated by the proponents of the settlement in support of it is that Italy has agreed to pay all she can, what her capacity to pay must be considered, and not what we would like to get

IS THE SIGN THAT CAPITALISM Just what constitutes capacity to pay is a difficult question to determine CANNOT USE THE FORMS OF DE-When an individual is unable to meet his obligations, he is declared a hand-MOCRACY ANY LONGER FOR THIS rupt, and a receiver is appointed to wind up the affairs economically so as PURPOSE: AND IS PREPARING TO to leave as much of the assets as possible to be applied to the payment the debts. If the bankrupt was receiving a salary of \$100,000 a year or make in order to milk the concern, without rendering any services to it, a receiver would stop this diversion of the money into illegitimate channels. A nat. a which declares its inability to meet its obligations is in effect bankrupt ... i a similar method might be employed to protect the interests of the credi-But this is where the rub comes'in.

First of all, the debt commission, which should have been pretty virging concerned in arriving at a settlement that would protect the United States, made no genuine effort to ascertain what Italy could pay. Some Italian :: , fessors Mussolini engaged prepared a statement of what they thought italy could pay. They did not think Italy could pay much-if they thought other. wise Mussolini might have prevented their thinking apparatus from function. ing in the future. Besides they thought of their country first-while the American commissioners did not.

Italy's Capacity to Pay.

In the second place, the commission might have learned without m. a investigation that while Italy could not pay more than \$5,000,000 annually to the United States, she could pay, and did pay, \$179,000,000 last year to main tain an army and navy, part of which was used to buildoze smaller and weak. er nations. They could have learned, also, that the King of Italy was getting a salary of \$3,250,000 a year, for not doing nearly as much as Coolidge gets only \$75,000 for. Besides, they might have ascertained that there were many dukes and princes receiving \$200,000 a year. Also, that Italy, so impoverished, according to the Mussolini professors, was able last year to make a number of loans to its more impoverished neighbors.

tries, while Fascist movements in So they made no effort to ascertain what Italy's capacity, except f r dictatorship, was or is, and even without that effort, they did not take adventage of the information they did have to make Italy come across at the ex-THESE FASCIST OR WHITE

pense of their military armaments, their king, dukes, etc. Italy's Capacity for Wall Street.

But they did ascertain—and that brings us to the true reason for this settlement, although it was not mentioned, nor conceded, by the proponents of the measure-THAT ITALY WAS NEGOTIATING A LOAN WITH J. P. MORGAN AND CO., FOR \$100,000,000, WHICH WILL BRING MORGAN AN ANNUAL INTEREST OF 7 PER CENT. TO SECURE THAT LOAN ITALY REPRESENTED THAT HER FINANCIAL CONDITION WAS EXCELLENT <del>—That she would not only have enough during the coming</del> YEAR TO MEET ALL OBLIGATIONS BUT ALSO A SURPLUS OF 219.000. 000 LIRE-AND THAT SHE WILL BE GETTING FROM GERMANY, UNDER THE REPARATIONS AGREEMENT, \$16,000,000 A YEAR, OR MORE THAN THREE TIMES AS MUCH AS SHE WILL BE PAYING THE UNITED STATES. SO FOR MORGAN, SHE IS RICH; TO PAY THE UNITED STATES, SHE IS POOR.

But Morgan and Co. do not take the chances that their agents in the alminstration are willing to take—because Morgan deals with his own funds while the adminstration deals with funds that belong to the American people And so Morgan prefers that the Government be lenient with its creditors-the more lenient the Government the more usurious the interest they will be able

to exact from those same creditors. If the settlement, socalled, could possibly benefit the Italian people, an! not strengthen the dictatorship which is oppressing the Italian people, the position of the Socialist, as outlined by Berger, would be not only to support it, but to cancel the entire indebtedness. Whatever the nationalistic cries of the other opponents of the settlement may be, the Socialist is willing to len! a helping hand to the Italian people—but this settlement only lends another kick to the many the Italians are now zetting from their dictator.

Polish Socialists Win.

The Polish Socialist Party has become powerful enough to compel the program. It has agreed to support ed by Victor L. Berger to the resto support the following Socialist poli-The Labor and Socialist Internal clea: preservation of the 8-hour day out of order by the Speaker, but the Polish constitution granting rights

Tense Struggle in Austria.

The powerful Socialist group in the Australian parliament is waging such a determined and valiant fight for the people on questions of unemployment and rent that it is winning large nongovernment is exerting itself to the Socialist elements to its support on these measures. Unemployment has reached catastrophic proportions in Austria. The Socialists have been able to prevent any decrease in unworkers have joined the Fascist employment insurance. In the midst of a critical housing situation the strong in Italy, still preserve their middle class majority has launched a central bodies, but the locals except in terrific assault upon a law enabling ing houses not occupied and upon another law otherwise protecting tenants. This fight has greatly increased the popularity of the Socialist party and correspondingly caused resentment against the middle class major-

Even in Palestine Socialism is the rising power. At the recent election of the trades councils of the towns. which are the trade union and co oper ative centers of the Jewish workers in Palestine, a three cornered fight developed between the Socialists, conservatives and the ultra-radicals. Twothirds of the votes were cast for the Socialists who won a majority of the seats in all the towns.

In little peaceful Holland, and at the Hague, peace center for capitalism, the Fascisti organized last week and instituted military drill to meet "whatever eventualities may arise." "Eventualities" in Fascist language, always means a duly and legally elected Socialist, or Labor majority. That's what capitalism is fearing in Holland. peace center of the world, and so capi- by legislation. If political lobbying talism is turning militarist and Fas- by labor can do this, political action

Chicago will use \$70,000 next summer to exterminate mosquitoes—it will spend many times that much to coddle other kinds of parasites.

Can Be No Peace Under Versailles Pact—Berger

Washington.—An amendment Public Works in view of the fact that the reduction of armament provides the other majority parties have agreed that the revision of the Versa: . treaty should be considered was rule: before Berger had assigned somthe reasons why the conference will fail if the Versailles treaty is

Replying to the point of or raised against it by Representat Begg of Ohio, Berger said:

"I offer my amendment because ! do not believe that the purpose of t conference, which is the reduction armament and the promotion of pos can be achieved unless the pact Versailles is scrapped. Our Gover. ment has made that pact possible. . :: Representatives have helped frame President Wilson signed it, and ... though the Senate rejected it we c. not escape our responsibility for existence or for the conditions : which that iniquitous treaty has given

This pact of Versailles divided 15,000,000 Germans among host neighbors like sheep to be slautered. Central Europe was Balkar ized. Each of the newly created coun tries has become the satellite of t' more powerful, particularly France. who is employing the money belon: ing to the United States to help made tain their standing armies.

"The Versailles pact helped crevis a huge Frankenstein-France-at. smaller Frankensteins of the sai. ind in Poland, Czechoslovakia, Yuz slavia and Rumania.

"If the conference at Geneva is accomplish anything-if the monappropriated by this resolution is : mean anything more than a roun trip ticket for the delegates-that cen ference will have to begin to serathe treaty of Versailles and framone in accordance with the 14 point of the armistice agreement."

Labor legislation has been winning some grand old victories lately. The state of Washington had adopted a: old age pension for persons over ( years of age, residents of the state an ! citizens of the United States, and the courts have just declared the fine workmen's compensation laws of Arizona and Ohio constitutional. Don't forget that Victor L. Berger is the picneer fighter for old age pensions in Congress. Last year the Ohio law distributed \$11,000,000 to injured workmen and their dependents. Don't tell us any more that nothing can be done by labor and the farmers can do ten

Two parties still function down in Washington -- the Republicans and the Timld Cats.

times as much.

No Enemies, You Say? ...y friend, to boast is poor; has mingled in the fray of death that the brave endure, tive made foes! If you have

, the work that you have done Yes whit no traitor on the hip; to dashed no cup from perjured y ... never turned the wrong to

.. been a coward in the fight.

#### Why Dum-Dum Bullets? By Oscar Ameringer. kingman, a little dumb, re his boss a little gum. stridge and a bullet,

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### Brain-Drops By GLENGARRY

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#### The Indirect Appeal By Lincoln Phifer

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pressed.

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derable public spirit manifests. king improvements adjacent to y is it that they report that perity is Beating Back"? Does

eve to ride the rods? Many Hotels in Florida. rila is building more hotels ever

by like territory in the same Iniring a given time last year. 151 built in the United States, re in Florida.

A Closed Corporation. the dealing in stocks, by means of become so vast that the price of seats gone to \$150,000. A proposal to into 268.

Young People's Department

TOUNG PROPER'S SOC. LEAGUE Townsend BL, Pitchburg, Mass. Anne J. Parken, Nat. Director.

That New Member! We have always found it far easier to take in new members than it has een to keep them.

Without laving down any definite plans for accomplishing this we can recommend first that the new comer be properly received into the circle. A little comradely attention and indication of interest by the older members toward the new, tends to create a lasting friendship, and gives the new member courage to plow right into the active work of the circle.

Having been introduced the new comer must understand the activities. One of the older members should explain what is transpiring, answer questions that will surely arise. If left alone the new member will obviously be mystified by some things. gain wrong impressions, and not an derstand what it is all about will seek either a diversion or an exit, both resulting in a permanent loss to the circle. Some circles appreciating the importance of initiating new workers, arrange assignments on various committees, offering the new members a chance to act as associate members. An opportunity to sit with the chairman or the secretary quickly teaches an inexperienced member to handle

these positions. A common fault with some circles. when placing a person in a minor position, in to canvass the "regulars" first and failing to fill the office then "pick on" the new members. Such a procedure not only demoralizes the interest in the work, and degrades its importance, but also places into the task a person wholly incapable of handling it. The job is never satisfactorily completed, and the member made responsible for it, conscious of his mistake, will be besitant about accepting further offices.

The gifts of ability, personalit, and comradeliness in a member can never be known if the opportunity for showing them is never granted. Throw aside the cold look and indifferent attitude, seek the good that you will find in every new member, and experience the pleasant knowledge that every fellow comrade is a friend.

With The Circles. Rockland, Me .- The young people of Rockland have fallen into line. A. Y P. S. L. charter was issued last week to a group of twenty enthusiastic young comrades, already making such headway as to threaten the leadership of our other old time circles. Comrade Hahl, well known as a lecturer and writer, and now actively connected with the new circle, writes, "and send the charter as soon as possible, for we are anxious to get under full steam without the slightest delay. The organization of a circle in Rockland represents a fical and decisive blow against the communist activities in this section, and is destined to be the builder of a strong pocialist move-

fifty members. Tray, N. H .--Rockland, and with equal determination we have Troy applying for a T. P. S. L. charter. The organization meeting held last Sinday at the Troy Finnish Socialist Hall was conducted by A. J. Parker, National Director of the league. A large meeting is being arranged to mark the official opening of activities. The first week of February the membership will have an exceptional privilege of hearing an address by Comrade Oscari Toko, founder of the first Socialist govern-

ment in Finland. National Office-Circles desiring Y P. S. L. jewelry will be pleased to know that a supply is being made up for delivery in a few days. Those wishing either the gold plated buttons or pins will please notify the national office as to the number to be reserved as the present order is for a limited

International. The Executive Committee of the International of Socialist Youth met last Saturday and Sunday at Amsterdam. The most important matters discussed before this meeting were the preparations for the coming international Youth Day and the Socialist Youth Congress, the situation of the Italian organization, report on the conference with the Labour International and the International Trade Union Cooperation, report of the secretary, and problems concerning the protection of young workers.

The circle had a rule fining any member who used profanity in or around the headquarters. One fine Sunday morning some girls discovered the organizer sitting on the sidewalk talking to a banana peel. They refuse to repeat what he said. He denies he was swearing. Should he pay the fine?

# Obey Your Heart!

Emerson, the American philosopher once exclaimed in his passionate desire to arouse the youth of the nation: "I call upon you, young men, to obey your heart and be the nobility ing to maintain the nation's reputa-

of this land." And that is precisely what the American Appeal is seeking to do today. The struggle of today depends as no struggle ever has before upon

the rising generation. Socialism makes its appeal to all thinking people, old or young, but front, but that you back it up by takthat appeal has special significance to ing over this richest nation on the the youth of the nation and the world.

Ing a certain point in life become which paper fortunes are produced ossified, as it were, and incapable of without the creation of wealth, has further intellectual or moral change. Their poor minds, weak enough at in the New York stock exchange has best, are petrified and can no longer be penctrated by a new Idea. They crease the number of seats from 1100 live in the past and there we leave this month? to 1125 was defeated by a vote of 618 them for it would be sheer waste of time to argue with them,

republican and democratic wings of the party that gives seven million majorities to Wall street's candidate for president

But it is different with the youth of the land now growing up, whose minds are open and receptive, whose zeal and enthusiasm are aflame, who breathe in the spirit of the future. and who are to make the history of

Every young man and every young woman in America ought to know what socialism is and if they did know they would certainly be socialists for they would understand that all the social forces in operation today are making for socialism, that the whole world is being forred to socialize to escape destruction, that socialism is to shape and mould the future destiny of mankind, and that socialism is the only remedy for social evils and iniquities, the only preventive of war, the only escape from economic insecurity and industrial servitude, and the only means of civilizing and human ising the race—E. V. D.

> Women's Department Jeesphine Conger

Everybody is rich these days. Why worry about "the poor working

As the old farmer said about the giraffe at the zoo, "there ain't no such animal." At least not any more.

This is the richest country in the world. All the women wear silk stockings. Every other family or so owns an automobile. Our banks have most of the money of the world.

Which is proof enough of the above statement that the genus poverty is extinct, along with the dinosaur, the dodo, the cave man and the rest. (If we are to believe the newspaper economista).

But is it? Dear woman of the silk-stockinged

family, of the Ford Coupe, and even of the fur coat, let us walk behind the scenes of our "wealth" for a moment, and take stock. Now, while nobody is looking, or

listening, how much did Susie pay for the fur coat which gives her that "million dollar look" as she rushes away to work every day?

Suste paid one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.90) for the coat, you say That is, she will have paid it at the end of the year, as she bought it thirty dollars down and ten dollars a month. (Ah, I thought so). On her salary of twenty dollars a week, after she has paid her car fare, her lunches, her silk stocking bills, and for her hair cuts and marcels, she possibly will be able to squeeze out ten dollars a month on her coat. That means that the coat will belong to her at the end

Susie is a charming girl. She looks pretty nifty as she steps daintily out of the door each morning for her sprint to her car. You are proud of her, and strangers turn their heads to look after her. Susie is conscious of her prettiness and of her elegance. But underneath it all that ten dollara-month payment weighs rather heavilv. The coat has begun to wear out. The rabbit skin of which it is made has given way in places, and she fears ment." With the charter application | by the time it is paid for she will have brought a crisis. was an order for supplies covering to discard it for something more substantial.

Surie's slik hose also are quite t trial and a strain on her thin purse. She buys three pairs for five dollars, and you wash them out by turns every night for her. One pair is black, one is gray and one is "flesh." It she wants to wear the "flesh" pair twice hand-running, she must wash and dry them quickly, which is something of a task when time is limited. Then there is the matter of "runs." Both of you are vigilant, but runs will manifest themselves at the most inopportune times, and Susie loses. She has to buy another pair of silk stockings. That means a very light lunch for the week, to eke out the extra money for

the hose. The public, seeing Susie tripping along in her fur coat and her silk stockings says she "looks like a million dollars"; but it never dreams of the wear and tear these items are on Susie's nerves because they are such a drain on her pocket book. The "million dollar look" is a false alarm. But

Susin doesn't tell the world that. Then there are the marcels. A girl can't get by the office boys these days without "a decent marcel." It is a part of her equipment in the struggle for existence. There are other things she wants-badly, at times, perhaps, But she can't have them. She has got to keep up the American girl reputation for "that million dollar" look. You own a car. The great Ameri can family always owns a car. (?)

Or nearly always. It is a cheap car, bought like Susie's coat, not all paid for yet. And you are not so very proud of it; there are so many better looking ones on the avenues and highways when you go out in it. Also it eats up a lot of money. That is, more than you feel you can spare. Gas and tires, and repairs, and so on. Sometimes you feel like "throwing the whole works on the junk pile." But you don't. You have got to keep up the working class reputation for own ing cars. You can't be a piker in

your own home town: And this is pretty much the inside story of the great American working class which owns cars, and wears slik stockings and fur coats. You are helption by keeping up appearances. . at a terrible strain and sacrifice to

yourself. What else can you do? Personally I do not like a four flusher. I would suggest that you solve your problem by maintaining your "million-dollar" globe, and making it your own. Then So many of the elders after reach: the fur coats and the slik stockings and the cars will not be so hard to pay for, and you can have more and better ones. Why not?

> How many subscriptions has your branch sent to the American Appeal

What have you done to interest your neighbor?

The Filling Station LINCOLN PHIFER

<del>```</del> When the Man from Away Back came for more gas, Joe, the Service Man, was ready for him. Since he nad read the copy of the American Appeal left with him, he had concluded everybody was talking about Socialism. "I have a sockdolager for you," he

said. "Let it come," countered the Man from Away Back. "My great objection to Socialism is

his own car." replied, "but I would like to know why he couldn't."

"I thought that under Socialism everything would be publicly owned." "There is where you are off. The factories that make automobiles might be publicly owned, but the cars themselves would be private property. By

"I suppose he is close to a billionaire.

"Think of a thousand million dollars having been taken from the car owners of America in 25 years as profits on cars. Then I read the other day where another manufacturer this year declared a stock dividend of 900 per cent. Well, these things represent some of the savings that would be effected under Socialism on automobiles alons. Think it over." Joe whistled softly. The Man from

Away Back continued: "That isn't all. Hoover insists that there is a conspiracy in Europe to overcharge Americans on rubber and like products that go into cars. This is merely the hold-up that goes with private control of industry. If a reckless boy should hold up some driver and take a few dollars from him, they would doubtless get him sooner or later. But a government official says that manufacturers conspire to holdup literally millions of automobile drivers, and that nothing much can be done about it. Instead of doing anything, except suggesting a trade war, he approves the system that

Unite.

Unite
To free yours-lves, to others free,
For chance for all, from sea to sea;
To tell the manters, mad for gold,
Hold and be humanly civil—hold!

makes the hold up possible."

"Dang my hide," said Joe.

Unite

Unite

Unite to the ravaging hand of war.

And mothe the mail cries near and far:
I nite to bring the reign of place.

And bid all exploitation cease...

Unite:

A Job for Congress—A Fable. The Fat Dog died, and a Flea that inhabited his hair bemoaned:

"Business is so uncertain. I am sure it is no fault of mine that I have gone bankrupt. Everything looked prosperous and I had conducted affairs in a conservative manner, when all of a sudden the world came to an end. It is high time that congress did something about it."

Business never hesitates to ask for government help when it bas

# Appeal Pellets By Lincoln Phifer

Oh, yes, labor is protected now, papers that it is Economic Law. Less than ninety miners were roasted In 1893 we had a nother severe and at every step of every process to death in the mine explosion at Wilburton, Oklahoma.

abused so much. There are enough laws, say the

masters. When bankers default they sometimes get as much as two years, while policemen are rewarded if they kill bank bandits.

River improvement comes just in time to get government appropriations for setting to work a few of those that efficient private control of industry fails to give work.

Judging by the large number of men hitting the back doors, the money contributed in charity seems to have gone largely to overhead.

Let's see, how many years, now have Daugherty and Fall been in prison for their misdemeanors during the Harding administration?

The decay in civilization is in direct proportion to the increase of government jobs. A good deal of sickness in this

world might be diagnosed as disease of the flivrer. Types are changing. In other days

of the criminals are boys, now. The Modern Millionaire.

A little while ago the millionaire was a man who owned property valued and short on help. But we cut this at a million dollars. Now, the millionaire is a man who can rake in from the voting dubbs a

million dollars revenue or more, for himself, every year. Of all the numbskulls the world has known, the American voter has the

He loves to be poor that he may what others possess. The poor fish! The Poor Are Getting Poorer.

Of every 1000 persons in Dublin, 229 live in one-room apartments. In Glaskow 132 out of every thousand live in the income tax in an amount equal one room tenements. In the year 1917 to the doubtful benefits which will be in Dublin there were more than 8000 | conferred upon two million taxpayers families with incomes less than \$6.26 in the United State who earn-not

It is an error to say that Europe is becoming a vassal of America.

# Letters to Judd

By Upton Sinclair

LETTER IV.

My dear Judd: We are studying our money system, with the idea of understanding later we had the Bryan "free silver" how it causes the rich to grow richer and the poor poorer.

Money, in its relation to the price of goods, is like a pair of scales in balance. If you add to the weight in the right-hand pan, it will go down; also, the same thing will happen if that if we had it no one could own you take away the weight in the other pan. A bushel of wheat is worth, let "Nobody was saying anything about us say, one dollar; and if anything Socialism," the Man from Away Back should happen to double the quantity of wheat in the world, the price of wheat would go to half a dollar. On pupper-president, raised a campaign the other hand, suppose that without changing the amount of wheat in the world, you were to cut in half the amount of money in the world; then the same thing would happen, the cost of a bushel of wheat would go to half ing silver money, and letting all the the way, how rich do they say Ford a dollar. By reducing the money supply, you lower prices, and make "tight" money; by increasing the money supply, you raise prices, and rich rich and the poor poor; and God make "soft" money.

Debtors and Creditors.

Now, the people of our country are divided into two classes, those who own money, and those who owe it; the creditor class and the debtor class. It is evident that there is a conflict of interest between these two classes. as to how much money shall be put into circulation. If the money supply is increased, money is cheaper, and of new gold, and the development of wages go up, so it is easier to get large-scale, commercial mining of money and pay your debts. But the creditor loses correspondingly, because he cannot buy so much goods in circulation; and so the bankers government to put more money into circulation, is to cancel a percentage Also, they have their Federal Reserve of all debts. But on the other hand, the amount of money in circulation should be reduced, money will be harder to get, and it will buy more goods; thus all creditors will be getting more than is really due them, and a great many debtors will be ruined, because they cannot pay this extra amount.

All through our history there has been a struggle between these two classes. Whichever side controls the be paid, in gold or in anything else. government, will shift the currency supply to favor itself. And which side has controlled? The answer is, the rich; they have had the money to subsidize political parties and name candidates and carry elections. Here is a rule of politics, Judd, which I set down for you to paste in your hat and study while you are sawing timbers and mixing cement:

OUT OF FIFTEEN PRESIDEN TIAL ELECTIONS SINCE THE CÍVÍL **war, f**ourteen were CARRIED BY THAT PARTY WHICH HAD THE BIGGEST CAMPAIGN

FUND. The Currency Struggle. The struggle has centered about what is called the "gold standard." All money of our government is supstandard; but in that year silver made money very "tight." The "Crime

suicide. Since poverty breeds poverty, the great mass of the descendants of these people are still poor, and are told in the churches that it is the Will of God, and in the news-

panic; I was a boy then, and remem- you find the banker paying low inter- POORER.

campaign: I was just beginning to can be patient with the mass of our ing for "Coolidge and Prosperity," it is because I recollect exactly how I was bamboozied in 1896, so that I would have voted for "McKinley and Prosperity," had I been of age. Mark Hanna, the millionaire corruptionist and banker-boss who paid McKinley's personal debts and set him up for our fund of \$16,750,000, and bought that election for his puppet, quite openly and obviously; so Bryan, who had only \$675,000 for his campaign fund. did not succeed in his scheme of makbusiness men off with half payments to the bankers. So here again you see how the "actions of men" kept the had nothing to do with it-unless you believe that God was buying votes for Pyramiding Paper

ber it well. Millions of men were out

of work and starving, and the mass of

discontent piled up, and three years

The maintaining of the "gold standard" as in 1896 would by now have put the bankers in possession of the entire wealth of our country; and that was what the bankers intended. But an accident happened—the discovery low-grade ore. So we got the very thing Bryan had wanted-more money with the money he gets; thus, for the have got only one third of our wealth. and a mortgage on another third. System, whereby they manipulate the currency; they can make "free silver" today, and "gold standard" tomorrow, and when the next smash-up comes they will sweep the board clean. As a matter of fact, Judd, the "gold

standard" has been nothing but a

plous memory since the World War; the gambling game has run away with the players, and no sensible man believes that the world's debts can ever Our Federal Reserve notes, which make up most of our paper money no longer carry the promise to pay in gold, or in anything-look at one and see. There are "silver certificates." that promise you a silver dollar, but the others promise nothing. One sort of "paper" is pyramided on another sort of "paper"-stocks and bonds and promissory notes and bills of exchange and certificates of deposit and personal checks, all take the place of currency, and becomes the basis of new loans and credits and promises to pay at some future date. The outstanding greenbacks, about a third of a billion dollars, become the basis of ten billion dollars of imaginary money; and there are over three bil lions of Federal Reserve notes outposed to be exchangeable for gold. standing, and nearly a billion of Prior to 1873, silver also counted as national banknotes, all secured by nothing but paper; and there are 25 was "demonetized," and of course that billions of government bonds, to say nothing of all state and county and of '73," this action of the creditor class municipal bonds, and some 19 billions was called; it produced a frightful owed to us by foreign nations, all of proic, and tens of thousands of men which paper the banks have put off on were rulned, and hundreds driven to us; and we are adding to the foreign credit a billion a year, for the reason that we cannot keep our industries going otherwise.

A Bankers' Government

Such is our "banking system," Judd;

collecting high rates for what he lends; at every stage the government belongs to the banker, not merely to collect his money for him, but to fix the rates against you, and even against itself. Thus, after generations of agitation, we succeeded in getting poetal savings banks, to protect the money of the very poor; the government pays the poor at the rate of 2% for this money-and accepts only \$2,-530, even at this low rate! The rest of the money it needs, the government think about politics, and if today I borrows from the bankers at from 34% to 54%! For those Federal deluded workingmen and farmers, vot- Reserve notes which the government allows the hig bankers to lend out to you, the banks pay the government what amounts to 21/8; and what do they charge for the money they lend to you? Well, I am paying seven, and have been asked eight; and God grant that you may never be really poor. Judd, and have to pay what the poor devils pay! It happened a few years ago, by some freak of chance, that we got an honest Comptroller of the Currency-the official who is supposed to control the banks; he found he couldn't, and they got rid of him in a burry-but not before he issued a report, which would have given you the facts, had not the newspapers suppressed it. He said:

est rates for what he borrows, and

"Sworn reports, made by the banks themselves, show that on September 2, 1915, 2,743 national banks, out of a total of 7,613, were guilty of usury. This at a time when the Federal Reserve banks were offering money freely to national banks in every part of the country at rates varying from 34 60 5%."

Criminal Usury.

In Oklahoma, where the legal rate of interest is 6%, with 10% as the maximum under special contract, harassed farmers paid all the way from 12 to 2400%, with 40% as the average. In the case of one bank, the comptroller proved that not a single solitary loan had been made under 15%. He cited one particular case that he asked to be regarded as typical. In the spring the farmer went to the bank and arranged for a loan of \$200. Out of his necessity he was compelled to pay 55% interest charge. Unable to meet the note at maturity, he had to agree to 100% interest in order to get the renewal. The next renewal forced him up to 125%. For four years the thing went on, and all the drudgery of the father and the mother and the six children could never keep down the terrible interest or wipe out the principal. As a finish, the bank swooped down and sold him out; the wretched man, barefoot and hungry, went to work clearing a swamp, caught pneumania and died; the county buried him, and neighbors raised a purse to send the widow and children back to friends in Arkansas. And what do the banks make out of such exploitation? Well, take one case; the great First National Bank of New York is now paying 100% dividends every year; its stock has gone up to \$2950 for a share having

a par value of \$190. According to the Financial Age," a Wall Street paper. 43 New York banks averaged 50% dividends in 1925. All right, Judd; and now here are three sentences for you to paste in your hat and learn by heart. First: CREDIT IS THE LIFE BLOOD OF

OF CREDIT IS THE CONTROL OF ALL SOCIETY. THE PRIVATE CONTROL OF CREDIT IS THE MODERN FORM OF

INDUSTRY, AND THE CONTROL

And third: THE AMERICAN BANKING STS. TEM IS THE MOST PERFECT CON-

TRIVANCE YET DEVISED BY THE HUMAN BRAIN FOR MAKING THE RICH RICHER AND THE POOR

# One of the best things that can be said for the world court is that it is Tax Cut for Rich As Vast Public Projects Go Begging only gets a reduction of 69 per cent; but the reduction to the \$4,000 or \$5,000 a year man comes to about \$20

Article II. It does not occur to Congress that we are facing a condition in this country that requires the development of super-power. Coal and oil are not the most practicable fuel for modern!

It does not occur to our Congress that Muscle Shoals, developed by the Nation, would not only supply electric dently a question of degree. current and power to eight states, but that it would also furnish the farmers of the country with tens of thousands of tons of nitrate, which farmers need

so badly, at cost price. Need Millions for Super-Power. The revenue is too great, hence, cut the taxes. That is Dr. Mellon's prescription! Let us examine this prescription. We could easily use millions and millions of dollars for the development of super-power, or for the development, at least, of Muscle Shoals, to begin with. The farmers aged. Now he is a mere boy. Most need nitrate. The people are entitled to electric current at cost. The Administration is ready with advice to the farmer, and expressions of hope to the worker. It is long on advice. tax to enable greater profits to the

Under the tax bill now before the Senate three gentlemen in our country who under the existing law, that is, the 1924 Act, paid \$11,000,000 income tax, would receive a little present in the form of a reduction amounting to \$5,350,000 per annum. Mr. make others rich, and then boasts of Mellon, himself, by virtue of this proposed income tax law, will be benefited to the tune of \$1,800,000 annually.

Gift to Rich. The three gentlemen above mentioned will benefit by the reduction in make a profit, but actually earn-

\$4,000 each yearly. Seventy-four men reported profits or incomes of upwards of one million She is merely becoming a vassal of | dollars each, yearly, for the year 1924. By the new Act these seventy four

Vast Inequalities.

It is claimed that this tax measure is just and fair to everythity -as fair man, gets a mere pittance of \$2,601,to the man with an income of five million dollars a year as it is to the man whose income is four thousand inexhaustible, and neither of them is dollars a year. The only difference is, it saves the four thousand dollar a year man \$20.62 every year, and the tive million dollar a year man it saves \$1,750,000. The "fair" is evi-

> Congressman Treadway, of Massachusetts, in discussing sur-taxes, had out of the profits computed on the this to say: "One of the criticisms, that has come to our attention has to actment of the tax law, it was added do with the sur-tax reductions of incomes between \$30,000 and \$60,000." (He means annual incomes of \$30,000 | mate consumer. to \$60,000. Poor boys!) "These brackets contain a very large number of taxpayers who feel that a larger reduction should have been made in their interest. While there may be some merit in their argument, it taxes were paid by the producer and would not seem that we should dis- the consumer, and never by the cor-

criminate in their favor." Congress was not concerned with these poor fellows who got only \$30,- tions and the individual industrial 000 to \$60,000, annually; it was concerned with the great mass of poor Americans, as the Congressman said, the large mass of American taxpayers increased profit by the road of inwho earned the tidy little sums of anywhere between \$500,000 and upwards of \$5,000,000 a year. The hypocrisy of it all!

This measure is lauded as a benefi cent gratuity to the man of moderate and the captains of industry were income. It is sought to be justified increased.

by a set of figures which speak for themselves. The \$5,000 a year man gets a reduction of 90 per cent, they say, while the \$5,000,000 a year man I men will benefit in a larger sum than to \$25 a year, and the \$5,000,000 a (Socialist Judge, Municipal Judge, New York City.) only 69 per cent, as against 90 per cent, of the \$4,900 or \$5,000 a year too reduction annually, as compared with what he would have had to pay under the original law. What is the real truth about this

income tax reduction? Truth About Reduction. When the Income Tax Law was first enacted the tax was immediately tacked on to the price of commodities. That is, the income tax did not come basis of the period prior to the enon to the price of the article manufactured, and passed on to the ulti-

The cost of living went up. The wages paid to the worker for his labor and the price paid to the farmer for his produce was kept below the increase in the cost of living. Thus the

poration or the captain of industry. The income tax paid by corporamagnates was actually taken from the producer and consumer, and a little more was added for good measure in

creasing the cost of living. When the income tax was reduced in 1924 the cost of living did not go down. Wages did not go up. The incomes, however, of the corporations

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# Ten Million Dollars Cash for an Answer

### Embarrassment

The modern machine is loaded with death and life, with death for Capitalism and with life for labor.

A twentieth century question now haunts the twentieth century business man, a question new in size, new in kind, new in meaning, new as a threat, new in power to compel the industrial reconstruction of society.

A satisfactory answer to this question would promptly answer a score of other important questions. This is well known to the best known business men of the world.

Hammering and thundering at the front door of every big-business counell hall in the world is this commanding, domineering question demanding an answer-soon. On the walls of these council halls great bankers, manufacturers and railway kings read: "The collapse of Capitalism: then the great reconstruction and the rule of the world by the workers of the world-if this question is not answered-soon." The greatest business men in the world read the writing on the wall, look

into one another's faces and inquire: "What shall we do with this question?"
The lordly British Manufacturers' Association, and the smooth, smug and strutting American Manufacturers' Association would gladly give ten million dollars cash for a satisfactory answer to this question. Seven million American farmers would be happy to pay ten million dollars cash for a satisfactory answer to this question.

Answer this question, rationally, and the danger of war will be largely removed from the affairs of mankind. Now, what is this question?—this firstin-the-list of first-rank problems in political economy for the twentieth

#### The Question

The question, the problem, is simple-perhaps-but charged with revolutionary changes that will rock the world; it is the supreme question, produced by Capitalism and utterly unanswerable by the capitalists in a manner satisfactory to the capitalists themselves, because the only sufficient answer possible must free the workers from the chains of industry-for-profit system, must destroy the ARBITRARY RESTRICTION ON THE LIFE OF LABOR. Here is the question:

With industry conducted primarily for profits (as now), WHERE CAN A SUFFICIENT MARKET BE FOUND FOR ALL the goods that all the workers in all the world can produce, if all the workers of the world are PERMITTED to work and work with modern tools, modern machinery, modern knowledge, with modern scientific ways and means, but with the PURCHASING power (the wages) of the workers of the world ARBITRARILY RESTRICTED BY THE MASTERS' PRIMARY PURPOSE, PROFITS?

In other words: How can the world market be made sufficient for the world product,-with the world product MULTIPLIED by science and invention and the world-market arbitrarily RESTRICTED by the purpose and practice of industry-for-profits?

The wage-system (Capitalism) produces this problem.

The advance of industrial science increases this problem. The expansion of Capitalism-with modern machinery and knowledgeinto territory with a 900,000,000 cheap-labor population, that is, into a field where the restriction on the worker's buying power is still more restricted,this also increases the problem.

plus labor.

A vast surplus of goods unsalable at , a profit is unavoidable. A huge army rot. of laborers unuseable at a profit is inevitable.

Thus another question arises: Shall labor be shot if it refuses to

### Thrown Out to Rot Surplus labor is surplus life.

Labor, for scores of millions of peo ple, means life. Labor is life. Labor, unuseable at a profit, is sur-

plus labor. And thus Life, the labor-life of the workers. try-for-profit system.)

Unemployment indicates surplus won't be used at all in industry-

under captitalism. Unemployment of willing workers clearly indicates that the producing power, the producing life of society, has expanded beyond the dominant purin control of industrial society.

ism is profits.

Labor will not be purchased by the capitalist unless it can be used at a

profit, because the PURPOSE OF THE PURCHASE IS PROFITS. Thus the right to make profits out

of the life of labor is brutally placed above the worker's right to live, that is, the worker's right to live by labor -profits or no profits.

The Worker is forced to say: "I must have work-or starve." The Capitalist is permitted to say: "My purpose is profits. To hell with the right to work."

Bananas unsalable at a profit are surplus bananas. There should be no surprise over the fact that Senator Capper, the "progressive" and savior of the farmers,

happens to be one of the chief sponsors of the vicious Capper-Johnson military bill, which would use the first war as an opportunity to put the United States under a dictator and enslave labor. When capitalism wants to mislead the people it invariably chooses a "progressive" or a "reform er" and "man of the people" as its Amalgamation of unions into bigger

units to fight the bigger units of bass es is making unusual strides in Aus tralia and Great Britain. At a conference in Melbourne it was decided to transport work in Australia. It will have 100,000 members. In Great Britain the latest is the decision of Amalgamated Association of Pressmen to unite with the printing machine branch of the National Union of Printing, Bookbinding, Machine Ruling & Paper Workers, which has a membership of 70,000.

In Europe where the capitalist system is plainly nearing its finish the control of financial capital, the key to power-under capitalism, is slowly pass ing into the hands of the people. The European co operative movement now has 43 large workers' and farmer. banks, situated in 27 different countries, besides some 40,000 little people's banks, or credit unions.

In the Scandinavian countries where are throwing seven kinds of pro-war of letting the private monopoly hogs fits. They are trying to scare the people with tales of how other na fine example of the power of organtions are arming. Capitalism cannot ized action by the producers. exist without the war psychology and militarism, and this is the dying kick of capitalism in these three brave and progressive Scandinvian coun-

Nothing-nothing much-till millions face starvation, till millions coax for permission to work and millions thus

Surplus bananas are thrown out to

Labor unuseable at a profit is sur

Surplus labor is dismissed, dis-

The unemployed are, figuratively

speaking, the surplus human bananas

Well, What of It?

charged-thrown out to rot, to hunger

and shiver and sicken and rot.

of Capitalism-thrown out to rot.

coax for permission to live; nothing unuseable at a profit, is surplus life. much till millions eager to serve so-(That is, under Capitalism, the industricity are sneered at an having no right to demand work and live by work; nothing much till millions are maddened by hunger and shame of Life that can't be used at a profit their rags and the cries of their hungry and shivering children; nothing much till outraged millions are bluntly told that they must hunger and shiver and rot (as bananas are thrown out to rot) and are threatened with jails, rifles and machine guns if they pose and dominant practice of those get noisy and refuse to meekly and quietly accept their misery as the will The dominant purpose of Capital. of God; nothing much till millions rouse to the fact that that society is rot-The dominant practice of capitalist ten at the heart, rotten in its purpose. industry is the payment of labor with rotten in its method - the society that threatens the unemployed with gat ling guns if they don't keep quiet while they starve-and rot as surplus bananas rot.

Nothing till millions begin to think A thinking slave is a dangerous

When ten million hungry and angry aurplus workers begin to think, the gorged masters must sheer less and

# IN 1914

move fast.

The "burning question of the hour" in 1914 was the unemployed problem. The masters had to sell more goods or let the system sink, placed under examination by ten million unemployed workers - and their friends.

The extent of the international trade activities between co-operatives is not generally realized. The British Cooperative Wholesale Society, for instance, trades directly by means of its own ships with other great co-operative societies in thirteen other counthe rising industrial democracy have begun to cover the high seas with commerce and link themselves together in a truly international system. The British Wholesale coop is now handling one-seventh of all the sugar, one third of the Danish butter and one-

by the League for Industrial Democracy, an organization engaged in teachform a big union of all the unions in ling Socialism among college students in its latest plan to bring college students in contact with the actual life and problems of the workers. Hundreds of college students will don overalls, swing picks and live in worktion of the League for Industrial Democracy. When more of this kind of work is done among college students there will be less strike-breaking by recruits from our institutions of higher learning and more recruits

The Canadian Co-operative Wheat Producers, said to be the largest farm ers' co-op in North America, kept up the world price of wheat to such an extent in 1925 that even United States farmers were benefited \$50,000,000 to \$75,000,000, declares Theodore E. Hammett of the United States Department real disarmament and peace is being of Commerce. The trick was turned established, the waning reactionaries by releasing the wheat slowly instead gobble it all up at once, which is

Yes, the System Prospers.

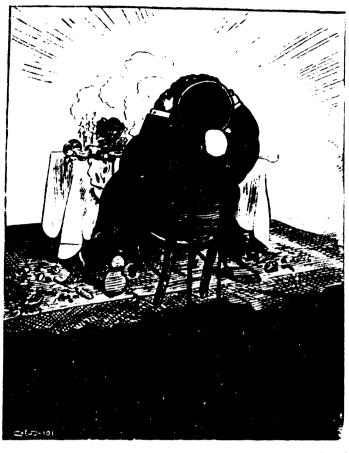
sixth of all the wheat coming into the United Kingdom.

A splendid service is being rendered ing house boarding houses this coming year for this purpose under the direcfor industrial democracy,

> sary moving around to give some the pick of the pasture.

The 1925 net earnings of the federal posed on camel backs, and later laid reserve banks were \$9,190,000, com. them out for public inspection.

# By George R. Kirkpatrick



### THE SURPLUS

The masters can't eat the surplus. The masters can't drink the surplus.

The masters can't wear the surplus. The masters can't waste the surplus, not all of it.

The masters can't sell the surplus.

The masters must sell the surplus or sink the system.



-Galert

# **OUT OF WORK**

(Surplus Life) The workers are able and willing to produce abundantly but they are not permitted to consume abundantly.

# The Battle Hymn of Toil

Lo, the little children hung'ring midst the plenty of the Earth! Lo, the mothers agonizing that they ever gave them birth! Lo, the slaughter of the innocent, the murder of the just, tries. These collective activities of And the fouling of the love life by the Lords of Greed and Lust. By the Lords of Greed and Lust, by the Lords of Greed and Lust, And the fouling of the love-life by the Lords of Greed and Lust!

Onward! Onward! Onward! Till the Tollers all are free! Forward! Forward! Forward! in a mighty jubilee!

We, the miracle performers, working wonders with our toll, We are strangers in our countries, we are aliens on their soil; We are hoboes, tramps and hayseeds, and we live and die a slave, Tho' the treasuries are bursting with the wealth our labor gave, With the wealth our labor gave, with the wealth our labor gave. Tho' the treasuries are bursting with the wealth our labor gave! Onward! Onward! Onward!

Till the Tollers all are free! Forward! Forward! Forward! in a mighty jubilee!

Let us rise and march, my Comrades, to the song that Freedom sings! Let us fling the chains that bird us in the ashen face of Kings! Let us rise as one and gather 'round our war flags, flaming red, Till the whole World shakes and trembles to the thunder of our tread. To the thunder of our tread, to the thunder of our tread, Till the whole World shakes and trembles to the thunder of our tread,

Onward! Onward! Onward! Till the Toilers all are free! Forward! Forward! Forward! In a mighty jubilee!

Pasturage Getting Good.

In the last twenty-five years the population of the United States has increased 48 per cent, the agricultural production 38 per cent and manufactured products 177 per cent. The picking for the manufacturers is considerably better than for the farmers. As 235 per cent in the same time, there

"Onward, Christian Soldiers." It is reported that recently French armies paraded through the streets of Damascus with corpses of natives exWhat You Threw Away.

To equal the deaths the world war caused, a Lusitania would have to be sunk every day for seventy years. Yet you still grunt about the Lusitania and are silent about outlawing war.

The total money cost of the war was more than all the value of every the railroad tonnage miles increased bit of property in the United States. That value was taken from the workseems to be a whole lot of unnecess ers and either burned up or given to profiteers. But now that the army and navy

have become as obsolete as the old pike and armor plate are, you let the profiteers bamfoozle you into building air fleets for future wars and future robbery of the workers. Oh, you Gunips! When will you

quit voting the Republican and Demo cratic tickets and vote for yourselves? under-production-a struggle to get the problem created by Capitaliam,

Wars in the future will grow out of ever-production-a struggle to sell The World War is directly traceable

to ever-production. The World War came at a time when in three of the leading capitalist countries of the world 6,000,000 wageearners were denied the right to work and therefore were denied the right to consume and were, therefore, so far, denied the right to live, but given the right to rot.

When a man is denied the right to live it is likely to attract his atten-

in these three countries-England. Germany and the United States-and in several other capitalist countries the vast army of the unemployed were increasing alarmingly, threateningly. The millions of unemployed were in the capitalist states of the world

were other millions working "shortweek," "part-time," and were thus, so far, unemployed. They also were thinking. Many other millions were threat-

millions think.

The working class press was beginning to shake the world. The workers were being forced to enter polltics as a class, and defend themselves | markets. Billions of dollars of Amer--as a class-with the powers of the

The working class was booming along up the road to power.

The Alarmed Masters

Kings and emperors, tsars and presidents, bankers and manufacturers, railway masters and employers' associations, boards of trade and chambers of commerce-all were thrilling with elarm.

In 1914 nearly ten million workers were surplus, unemployed, unuseable—at a profit. They were the human bananas ripe (ready to work) but unsalable, and therefore ready to rot, ready to hunger, shiver, sicken. You can not throw 10,000,000 men

into the alley to sicken and shiverand then urge the police of the world to club them, jail them and drive them out of town, as the industrial carrion of capitalist civilization. This the masters knew.

The one thing supremely necessary was a market for what the workers of the world could produce. But there was no sufficient market.

It became necessary to replace reason by passion. The world was tense. The thundering march of the peaceful advance of the working class to power could be broken up by waving the black flag of capitalism, inviting the workers to butcher themselvesbutcher the surplus workers-and also create a larger market.

Masters Welcome War Came the World War, welcomed by the industrial masters of the world.

unemployed millions; furnished "empioyment" to the surplus millions engaged in self-destruction and to those who "supported the fighters at the the city has been a leader in cutting

3. The World War killed oft nearly ten million men of the working class; and thus also "relieved the pressure," 4. The World War drowned reason with blood and passion. The World War "solved the labor

problem"-for a while. The World War cannon have cooled. And now again the army of the un-

employed increases. The industrial captains are puzzled, stumped and

# Iglesias Passes in Glory

More than 100,000 persons attended the funeral of Comrade Pablo Iglesias, the great Spanish Socialist leader, recently. This, under the Fascist dictatofship, was a remarkable tribute to the man who more than any other person deserves to be called the father of Socialism in Spain. The fron Heel may descend temporarily upon the workers and check their movement and disperse for a time their organizations, but it cannot change their hearts, or suppress the ideals that burn in their souls, which will flame up again at the first opportu- swung back into control as a result nity, to victory.

ure of the anthracite mines! This time from Royal S. Copeland, Democratic politician from New York. Well, it just shows how they have to think when they get in a hole, and what they will do if they get in a tight enough pinch.

Who gave you that black eye?" "Nobody gave it to me. I had to fight for it."

Many wars in the past grew out of | dumb again-eager for an answer for increasing under Capitalism, and threatening the collapse of Capitalism-the problem of sufficient market. Here are some facts in the life of four great capitalist countries that illus-

trate the situation: England is equipped to produce yearly 12,000,000 tons of steel and could easily increase equipment; but she has a market for only \$,000,000 tons of steel. Other industries are in similar condition; and the army of a million and a half is increasing -for lack of a market.

Japan is prepared to produce far beyond the market available for the goods she does produce; and yet has a large and increasing army of unemployed, and even threatens war for the control of China as a larger market and as an outlet for her seething surplus labor.

Germany has an increasing army of million unemployed—for lack of a market for the goods she is prepared to produce.

The United States has two million ruined farmers, ruined for lack of a market, and even urging that irrigation development be discontinued to ened with unemployment. These also prevent still further glutting of the were thinking. Taking advantage of market. Fuel production is varily in the workers' plight the masters were excess, even though 158,000 in hers cutting wages, and making still other are on strike; in manufactures more than a million are unemployed—for lack of a market, yet the factories could easily be increased, and would be increased if there were available ican capital is going abroad for investment for lack of markets to keep new American factories going.

In Blind Desperation But remember: there is no unem ployed problem when there is ample

market. In blind desperation big business is

The sane solution to this world problem of "sufficient market" is:

2.—Change the purpose of industry from profits for part of the people to life, life with abundance, for all the people-all who are willing to work,

their incomes undiminished by RENT, INTEREST AND PROFITS. 4 .-- As machinery, science and invention make it possible to do so, increase the income, reduce the work day to 7, 6, 5, or 4 hours per day and let all who are willing to work take up the REAL BUSINESS OF LIFE-WHICH

Science and machinery first develop Capitalism and then destroy Capitalism.

Scattle's Power Plant

What San Francisco may hope for from its own distribution of power is indicated by the experience of Seattle. The report of the Seattle Power Plant come due. The municipal plant has poration has approximately 25,000 cus-2. The World War absorbed the tomers. At the very beginning the city fixed rates which forced the priwate company to cut its residence rates to less than half. Ever since

rates. Says the report: "Effective June 1, 1923, the present residence rates are:

512 cents for the first 40 kilowatt 2 cents for the next 200 kilowatt

hours 1 cent for all over 240 kilowatt hours. "It is to be noted that every reduc-

tion in rates has been made by the Municipal Plant and followed by its thing about whipping post and : stercompetitor. "The average residence rate in all cities of the United States of 200. for ninety days. Ninety days in the 1000 population or more is \$15 cents as compared to the average in Seattle for 1923 of 4.75 cents. The Municipal

Plant has had a similar effect in reducing power and business rates." Keep this information handy for use the next time a man tells you the city can't successfully run a public business.-Wyoming Labor Journal.

The right wing of the British Parliamentary Labor Party, the name for sentatives in the British parliament of the annual election of the execu-And still another bill for the siez. reverses the election of a year ago nomic conditions? The morals and when the left wing elected the majority. This is interpreted as a strong indorsement of Rainsay MacDonald and his policies. The new executive in order of elec

tion is: Philip Snowden, William R. Graham, J. H. Thomas, F. Lees-Smith, velyan, Tom Shaw, Stephen Walsh, Sidney Webb, G. Lansbury, William Adamson, Hugh Dalton.

today operated in India by labor cost ing less than 25 cents a day, But note that under the wage typ.

1. Even the BEST paid workers in the world can not buy sufficient of their product to prevent over-production and unemployment. It failows

therefore that-2. The WORST paid workers of the world, producing with modern machinery, will be still less able to buy sufficient of their product to prevent disastrous over-production and consequent unemployment.

As the Yellow-and-Brown Glast Proletariat of a total population of 900,000,000 people is more and more equipped with modern tools, modern machinery and modern science, the streets of European and American cities will swarm more and more with armies of the unemployed; and a bit ter contest among the competing national groups of the capitalist class will threaten the world with war. The great capitalist nations will not disarm-no more than tigers would voluntarily surrender their deadly tusks and their knife-like clawschiefly for five reasons.

#### Militarism

Militarism: 4-Provides "places" for millions of otherwise unemployed men; 2-Provides equipment for the coming struggle for markets and "spheres of influence" in cheap-labor countries; 3-Makes tens of millions of wage slaves patriotically provid of the glittering chains that bind them; 4-Provides the rifles and men to shoot the shame-faced unemployed who protest "improperly"; and 5-levelops a despotic spirit destructive of democracy and disastrous to freedom of discussion; and thus militarism furnishes temporary support to an industrial system in which success struggling to develop Eastern and increasingly spells disaster, in which Southern Asia, seeking desperately to millions are hungry because they proproduce business and get business." duce too much to eat, and shive be-A hundred million dollars' worth of cause they can produce too much to modern British cotton machinery is wear.

Only Answer

1.-ADMIT AND INSIST that private OWNERSHIP of the means of industry is neither a mental nor a physical ACTIVITY, and can not, therefore, se a PRODUCTIVE FUNCTION in industry, but is merely a PARASITIC RE LATION to industry.

3.-Let the workers not only produce abundantly but consume abundantly,

IS LIVING-NOT SLAVING.

Minnesota Jobless Hit in Hysteria Campaign By A. I. Harris Minneapolis has a district known as Bridge Square, where most of the for 1924 celebrated the twentieth birth- migratory workers congregate in day of the city's system. The city the older and more picturesque tays, owns a \$30,000,000 system and is re- one could find here the big-b- ted, The World War relieved the prest tiring out of profits the bonds as they awkward, perpetually drunken lim-1. The World War created a vast \$3,600 customers while the private cor- and Michigan woods. The type of the migratory worker has changed but the blessings of prohibition have not

as yet descended on this section When certain members of the ; the department want to make a sh sing they go into this district and r. k up a score or two of these fellows without funds.

Thirty three of these "vagrants" were brought before one of the likes of the municipal court. The judge on the beach was there "to serve so "aty" as he proceeded to do it in mo : approved hysteria fashion.

"Every vagrant is a potential highwayman and I am going to give them the limit," he muttered, saying - we ing capital punishment. And he lid. He sent them all to the work! :: workhouse for being broke and with out a job! Society will be lucky indeed if the workhouse and the pages "lesson" does not make more this

one bandit of these luckless ner Another judge with a somewhat finer conscience but still swayed to the newspapers sent those brought bette him to the workhouse for thirty days.

Thus the groundwork for a to the storing capital punishment is 1 ing the powerful group of Labor repre- laid in Minnesota. "Treat om reach." They see only one cause for crime in this God-given land of ours and that is the soft sentimentality of a period tive committee of this group. This of our society for the criminal! Ecoethics of the economic world? The fact that men make fortunes without useful labor but by mere schem ag: The fact that the man of wealth is our ideal of success, no matter how that wealth was acquired? The measer rewards of honest toil? You cant Ben Smith, Robert Smillie, C. P. Tre- find any such rash questions in the newspapers of Minneapolis and St. Paul and the sermons from the Chilstian pulpits.

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