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Boston's Christmas Greeting
 From the Boston Herald.

There is some truth in many of the charges that the Appeal to Reason makes, but these would have vastly more effect if they were not shrouded in such blatant and extravagant language and if they were hampered by the element of good humor. Capitalists may as a class be very arbitrary, but not all the common sense is concentrated in the Debs leaders.

CLOSING IN TO SLAUGHTER THE APPEAL

BY EUGENE V. DEBS

WHEN President Taft issued his so-called pardon to Fred Warren, editor of the APPEAL TO REASON, who had been convicted by a packed jury for an alleged violation of the postal regulations, it was with the tacit understanding that the prosecution would be renewed along lines which would justify itself in the public mind, carry with it a long term penitentiary sentence for not only Warren, the editor, but Wayland, the proprietor, and Phifer, the editorial writer, and at the same time impose such a heavy financial burden upon the APPEAL as to sink it into bankruptcy and utterly destroy it.

The previous prosecution resulted in a miscarriage because it was bungled and "balled-up" from the start, and when finally a conviction was reached the whole country was aroused, and that is why President Taft found it expedient to appear upon the scene with his little pardon.

Profiting by its previous experience, the prosecution at once began to lay its plans for a renewed attack, carefully avoiding the previous blunders which had created such widespread sympathy for Warren and censure for the government. Prosecutor Harry Bone duly made a trip to Washington. Of this we shall have more to say in a later issue. Suffice it to say here that Mr. Bone, according to himself, received his orders and instructions at first-hand from the department of justice at Washington, and accordingly declared that this time there would be no failure to enforce the sentence as well as secure the conviction.

In due time the indictments followed. The grand jury at Fort Scott in the court of Judge Pollock, under the inspiration of Prosecutor Bone, fresh from the seat of the Taft government at Washington, returned the indictments which carry not only long federal prison sentences but such financial penalties as will undoubtedly bankrupt and ruin the APPEAL.

To be sure, Warren, owing to his pestiferous persistence, was finally admitted to the grand jury room before the indictments were returned, but this was only the merest, meanest and emptiest formality. Jake Sheppard, Warren's faithful legal adviser and Socialist comrade as well, was not permitted to enter. The cards were all stacked, and within a few minutes after Warren retired, the indictments, all fully prepared and type-written, issued from the inquisition chamber.

And still, notwithstanding the rigid restrictions placed upon him and the disadvantages under which he labored, Warren's brief and stirring appeal made a profound impression upon the jury, so profound in fact that Prosecutor Bone was "panic-stricken" lest his carefully laid plans be thwarted then and there, and in his excitement he blurted out to the grand jury about the orders he had received in Washington in reference to the APPEAL case, of which we shall have more to say later on. It is perfectly obvious that if Warren had been allowed anything like a fair chance before the grand jury he would have routed Bone and defeated the indictments in spite of all the heavy odds against him.

It should be remembered that the present case originated, as did the previous one, in the court of the notorious Judge Pollock, knight-errant of the poker-table as well as the bench, and if justice were done this court itself would be on trial for impeachment for the violation of every rule of ethics and every principle of jurisprudence.

While in Fort Scott during the session of the grand jury Warren inadvertently came into possession of first-hand inside information regarding Judge Pollock and his court, the proceedings in the jury room, and other doings behind the scenes, both by night and by day, which will throw some startling sidelights on that court, its presiding genius and his satellites when the time comes to disclose it.

The Postal Persecution

For the present and for the purpose of this preliminary statement of the issue of the impending conflict with the federal authorities, the particular attention of our readers is called to the fact that in the prosecution now pending in the United States court against the APPEAL, the department of justice has been actively supplemented by the postoffice department.

For the past several years the APPEAL has been harassed by the postal authorities as has no other paper been on the American continent. As long as its circulation was small and it was of no actual menace to capitalism it was not molested, although it was conducted then as it is today, with the strictest regard for the postal laws and regulations. But as soon as it began to develop real power and make its blows felt by the politicians and grafters in public office they inaugurated a systematic campaign of persecution against it, subjecting it to every conceivable annoyance and adding steadily and studiously to its financial burdens. From division and department officials and from the general department at Washington came inquiries, precautions, warnings, objections, etc., almost daily, every technicality that could be conjured up being used to embarrass and make more difficult and expensive the transmission of the APPEAL through the mails.

But in spite of all this the APPEAL contrived to keep within the law as con-

strued by its enemies and the interpretation placed upon it by its persecutors and preserve its standing in the mails. The chagrin and discomfiture of the defeated officials, working all the more zealously because of the anticipated reward for "putting it over" the APPEAL may be imagined. But never for a moment has the Washington administration abandoned its determination to shut the APPEAL out of the mails.

Since the indictments have been returned these activities among the postal officials have been renewed in a way to leave no doubt that the two departments, the legal department and the postal department, have combined to make a simultaneous attack upon the APPEAL, one by imprisoning its publishers and levying heavy fines upon their property, and the other by shutting the paper out of the mails.

Let us see how these postal officials are now maneuvering for position to attack the APPEAL from their quarter.

First, the postmasters all over the country are now returning copies of the APPEAL which they claim they are unable to deliver. Under a law passed by congress last year the APPEAL is required to pay one cent on each copy so returned. The law requires the postmaster to wait five weeks after notifying the publisher to discontinue the paper and if then it is still mailed to return such copies and collect postage. The APPEAL has discovered thousands of cases where the postmaster utterly disregarded this law, returning the papers the same week or the week following the notice of discontinuance. Out of one hundred and fifty cases in which investigation by the postoffice department was forced under the law, they found only twenty-three that were bona fide, the rest being of the thousands which originated under no law, but in pursuance of the silent conspiracy to cripple and kill the APPEAL. Thousands of returned copies are piled up in the postoffice at Girard, but thus far the APPEAL has absolutely refused to pay postage on these dead copies. What the final outcome will be remains to be seen, but it is not difficult of prediction if the conspiring department feels safe in following up this line of attack to its conclusion.

Law by "Rulings Directed at Appeal"

Second, the postmaster general has recently issued an order requiring the APPEAL to divide its mailing lists into 1,600 distinctive mail routes—that is to say, classify its mail just as the postal clerks do on railway mail trains. For instance, all the papers that go through the Cincinnati postoffice to the northeast, the east and the southeast, must be sacked in Girard and the sack so labeled that when this mail reaches Cincinnati it is already distributed so it can be placed on all the respective out-going trains. Imagine the complex system it will require to keep track of every mail-route in the United States! It is a mechanical impossibility to comply with this order except at a tremendous expense and even then it is doubtful if room and facilities can be provided in Girard for its execution.

It is true that this order applies to city dailies, but it is quite simplified in their case as they have only to divide their mail into the routes proceeding from the city in which they are published. Large papers like Collier's and the Saturday Evening Post are not nearly affected to the same extent that the APPEAL would be, because they use the newsstands and express, and, moreover, their subscription price enables them to do things that would be impossible to the APPEAL.

If this rule is enforced against the APPEAL every change of time on any mail train in the United States would necessitate a complete readjustment of mailing plans in that territory, and it is estimated that if the APPEAL has to be mailed in accordance with this new order the additional cost will be not less than \$10,000 per year, to say nothing of the interminable confusion which would arise from it.

The superintendent of the mails at St. Louis has just issued notice to the APPEAL that this new order is imperative and that it must be enforced. If that is true there are but two things for the APPEAL to do and that is to raise the price of the APPEAL or abandon its publication.

If the department at Washington can devise schemes and enforce rules of its own making which are so expensive, oppressive and burdensome that the APPEAL cannot bear them, and gives up the ghost finally, the object of the long and underhanded fight of the authorities will at last have been accomplished.

But the APPEAL is not going to yield without a fight. It is going to resist to the full extent of its fighting capacity every despotic encroachment upon its rights and every insidious attempt to strangle it.

The APPEAL proposes to make the country ring with protests against these tyrannical and outrageous restrictions which are intended as nooses to place about the necks of undesirable publications, and when an honest voice is heard impeaching capitalism and exposing its crimes and corruptions, it can be promptly silenced by a convenient regulation of the postal authorities, and once the APPEAL has its jugular vein severed it will be an easy matter to suppress the rest of the

revolutionary papers as rapidly as they develop power enough to constitute a menace to the capitalist masters.

We have now stated in brief outline the plan of attack of the postal department and in succeeding numbers, which will not be lacking in interesting disclosures, we will present the plan of Field Marshal Harry Bone and his cohorts in the so-called department of justice.

The APPEAL cannot lie down in this fight if it would. There is far more than its own life at stake. Were it but the APPEAL itself the mere matter of one Socialist paper more or less would be of comparatively little consequence. But entirely aside from the APPEAL and of infinitely more consequence than the APPEAL is the revolutionary movement which is to be throttled by striking down its press, excluding its literature from the mails, suppressing its speech, gagging its lips, and strangling the very life out of its body.

This is what there is at stake in the fight in which the APPEAL is again a most reluctant participant. In vain has the APPEAL sought to evade this conflict by keeping prudently within the most rigid interpretation of the law. It is now clear that the issue has to be met and that the APPEAL must either haul down its colors and surrender unconditionally to the enemy or fight while there is a revolutionary impulse in it or a dollar at its command, and the APPEAL has resolved that it shall be fought.

It is not that the APPEAL publishes matter that other papers do not publish that makes it offensive to the ruling lords of American capitalism, but only because of the loyal army behind it and the vast circulation that enables it to talk to the people loud enough to be heard upon every vital issue that arises between them and the power which robs and oppresses them.

That is the reason and the only reason why the APPEAL is marked for Wall Street's deadly bludgeon and why Prosecutor Harry Bone "received his orders in Washington" and is now sedulously at work concocting the legal chicanery to wreak the vengeance of the criminals in public office it has exposed upon the APPEAL TO REASON.

It has not been long since that the Chicago Tribune had an editorial article of denunciation of the administration at Chicago, including the police department, which was so rank and so shocking in its vocabulary that the whole city of Chicago was startled by it. Policemen were called by name and denounced as "the stinking maggots in the rotten carcass of the body politic." This was one of the milder expressions. The expose was personal as well as general and if ever there was language that was offensive, inflammatory, threatening, scurrilous, and calculated not only to injure but to utterly destroy the last vestige of reputation of those it attacked it was that scorching castigation, but no proceeding has been instituted against the Tribune by the federal government. The Tribune is a capitalist paper.

Not one of the articles for which the APPEAL is now under indictment is to be compared to the article in question which appeared in the Chicago Tribune, but only the APPEAL drew the lightning of the authorities and that only because it is a Socialist paper.

The bible itself could be excluded from the mails on precisely the same interpretation that is to be placed upon the law in shutting the APPEAL out of circulation.

Stripped of all extraneous matter the issue is, shall the revolutionary press be crushed by the iron heel of capitalism as a means of destroying the revolutionary movement? The APPEAL is merely incidental to the struggle. It has grown up in and out of the movement. It is only the voice of the movement and if it is to escape strangulation it must be by the help of the movement.

The Issue Joined

Comrades of the APPEAL Army, they are closing in on us and for one I propose that we shall hurl defiance into their teeth and not yield an inch. If they are determined to crush us by force let us compel them to show their hand. In any fair fight the people are with us and we can whip them to a standstill. They have all the power of capitalism to back them, but that is all. The power we have is infinitely greater if we but exercise it.

We have the power of an aroused people fighting for their liberty to sustain us. We have the power of a just cause which can never be vanquished. We have the power of a revolutionary movement which cannot be turned back. Its leaders may be imprisoned, but its irresistible march to victory cannot be arrested.

We shall fight now as we have never fought before. The more APPEALS they throw out of the mails the more we will put into the mails. The more they attack us the more resolute will become our determination to stand our ground and fight for the cause to which we have pledged our lives.

Let them dare to exclude us from the mails and let them dare to put us in prison! We are begging no favors and we do not propose to retreat an inch.

We have but spoken the truth and by that truth we stand whether it be in prison walls or on the gallows.

Editors Indicted

From *Baby, St. Andrews, Fla.*

The grand jury sitting in Fort Scott, Kansas, this month, after a three days stormy session returned indictments against J. A. Wayland, C. L. Phifer and Fred D. Warren, editors and publishers of the APPEAL TO REASON, the Socialist paper with a circulation of half a million copies, published at Girard, Kansas. The indictments charged that, on or about April 20, 1911, these publishers, willfully, maliciously and feloniously, deposited in the United States mails the APPEAL TO REASON, containing articles exposing the brutal and immoral conditions then existing in the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth; that the said jury deciding that obscene language had been used in the exposition.

The writer of this paragraph having read every word of the APPEAL's exposition of the conditions prevailing at the Leavenworth institution, if the said articles contained any immoral or obscene expression, or anything that should have been omitted in the showing up of the conditions prevailing there, his perspective powers were not equal to discovering them.

But the prosecuting attorney, Bone, instructed the jury that a newspaper had no right to expose conditions prevailing in a federal institution, but that they should have been reported direct to the head of the department at Washington, and so informed Mr. Warren, who had been permitted to appear before the jury. Whereupon Mr. Warren respectfully answered that they were so reported and no attention had been paid to them except to discharge from service at the penitentiary the guard who had dared to report them; that after that proceeding, with the facts fully established, the exposition had been published in no worse language than had

been used a million times by newspapers throughout the United States. But notwithstanding this, and the further fact that after said publication, Deputy Warden Lemon of the penitentiary was dismissed and other officers asked to resign, the three men were indicted and are out of jail under bonds to appear in Judge Pollock's court at Ft. Scott, May 7, 1912.

In the light of these proceedings, and the former arrest and conviction of Mr. Warren on a similar absurd charge, can there be any doubt that a conspiracy is planned by those high in authority to crush the APPEAL while striking a blow at Socialism and the labor movement generally?

Are those engineering this movement blind and deaf to the lessons of the late elections and the growing popularity of Socialism, and that Socialism, whether right or wrong is here to stay and that, as is the history of all popular movements, any attempt to crush or punish its adherents is met with an increase in the strength of the movement, and retribution, swift and certain, to its enemies?

It has been stated that one generation amasses wealth, which is enjoyed by the next and squandered by the third. Gathering, enjoying, and dissipating are all legally honest. But if you are in the group of accumulators you are accepting something produced by others; if in the second group you are enjoying things which morally should be enjoyed by another. The third group ceases to be parasite but itself returns to new exploiters the things it took legally but wrongfully.

Mrs. SARAH LOUISE FLAUGHT, aged 71, was so overcome with excitement while casting the first vote of her life at Los Angeles that she fell dead from heart failure. If the average working man who has voted old party tickets all his life should ever get any benefit from his ballot, he would doubtless fall dead with surprise.

He who is not up on Socialism is generally down on it.

It is a disgrace to the men that be that there is still poverty in this world of plenty.

A lot of editors are just now writing "ringing" editorials with capitalism's ring in their snouts.

SOCIALISM is a declaration that the people should attend to their own business without the meddling of capitalists.

"Our army is not ready for war" wails Secretary Stimson. Always the way. The people wanting war and the army holding back.

The agitation for "national control of the milk supply" a Socialist points out should not be confused with political control of the Public Tit that the grafters have had so long.

THE St. Louis Republic is the only newspaper in America that charges "bomb throwing was introduced into the United States by Socialists." But the Republic cannot get rid of the fact that the McNamaras are democrats!

AND now the masters object because they are teaching Socialism at Oxford university. In the name of heaven, what shall be taught? Surely no respectable teacher can be expected any longer to put on the dope that educated men know to be false.

A WORKING man suggests the following experiment in natural science: Let every laboring man read the platforms of the old parties and then that of the Socialists. If he is not attracted to the Socialist party, let him take a sharp gimlet and see if he can't bore through six inches of solid bone on the top of his nut.

A YOUNG newspaper man writes the APPEAL: "It behooves me to get posted on this great subject that I may be able to discuss the question should the occasion require it." He has a right idea. A man these days cannot do good work in the newspaper world unless he understands Socialism. It behooves not only this young newspaper man, but all to make a study of this great question.



DO you prefer a system that produces crises, idleness, want, hunger, starvation, murder, prostitution, and whose advocates and beneficiaries do not promise anything better or different, to a system that will not be known by such results? Would it not be better for rich and poor to have it different? If not, why not?

A POLITICALLY prejudiced man is like a dull schoolboy—so hard to get a correct principle in his head.

WHEN a tenant gives his landlord one-third, and out of the balance pays his taxes, his merchant's and monopolist's profits, you wonder why he is poor! I don't.

TWO classes are satisfied with conditions—those who have been brutalized by work and poverty and those who live pretty well off other people's toil. To which do you belong?

A SMALL landlord or a small money lender is just as exacting as greater ones. Do away with a system that makes it a necessity for one set of humans to buy the use of land or money from another set.

LAWYERS make their living on quarrels between neighbors and crimes. Do you think they want a system devoid of quarrels and crimes? Lawyers control the nation, the state and the country and wear good clothes.

A MASTER who starved his slaves lost money but the employer today who starves his workmen makes bigger profits. Any way you look at it the results of wage slavery is worse than chattel slavery. Boys, vote it out and be men. Be your own capitalists by voting to have the nation do the business. You are then an equal partner in the firm. No capitalist can then place his price on you and your labor.

KINGS, tyrants and other despots send an army to do their bidding all ways "to uphold the majesty of the law."

But we know what the character of these laws has been. We know, if we read, that the same infamous laws are now being upheld every time trembling tyrants in the country order out the militia. Oh, this country is coming to a fine pass. Citizens no longer are allowed to assemble in public places and talk over their grievances. Neither are they in Russia.

BULLY FOR THE WOMEN.

Do Socialists condemn suffrage because women helped to defeat Socialism at Los Angeles? Bless you, no. There is not a true Socialist in America who is not just as ardently in favor of woman suffrage today as he was before that election. If men have been going through election after election without turning to Socialism, what right have we to be angry at the women because they did not stampede to Socialism the first time they got to vote? The women will get their eyes open yet and shame many of the men by their understanding of public good. Yet even if they did not, even if they always voted against Socialism, Socialists would favor woman suffrage. They couldn't help it, from the fact that woman suffrage is on the line of further democracy and hence an essential feature of Socialist agitation. Get this idea: Socialists seek only to give both men and women the power over their own lives, the power over their own jobs. We know that when they get this power they may make mistakes; but that makes no difference. They should have the power anyhow.

"ALL I've got against Socialism is woman suffrage," writes a comrade from Peru, Ind. This because the women voted against Socialists in Los Angeles after Socialism had given 'em the ballot. Oh, well, men have had the ballot all their lives and they have never voted Socialism in. Why condemn the women for missing it the first shot?

C. M. MARKLEY makes a sensible suggestion to the effect that Socialist locals appoint a committee to visit the county jails, see if the prisoners are getting fair treatment and supply them with literature.

The press reports that the federal government has changed the allotment of public lands in North Dakota to a tract of 70,000 acres all in one body. This is now under direction of the state. It will be possible for the state to so use these lands, under direction of the state department of agriculture, as to practically end landlordism and unemployment within its confines. It will all depend on whether it wishes to hold the lands perpetually as state property and use them. Inasmuch as the general government is to make similar arrangements with various other states, it will become possible for these states to help the poor by electing Socialists to the state offices, who are pledged to keep this land public property, rented on favorable terms to the landless.

UN-AMERICAN.

It is un-American for you to permit a few well fed do-nothings to dictate what you shall pay to ride on a railroad.

It is un-American for you to permit a few well fed do-nothings to dictate what you shall pay to send a telegraph message.

It is un-American for you to permit a few well fed do-nothings to dictate what you shall pay for rent.

It is un-American for you to permit a few well fed do-nothings to dictate what you shall pay for meat.

It is un-American for you to permit a few well fed do-nothings to dictate what you shall pay for flour.

It is un-American for you to permit a few well fed do-nothings to dictate what you shall pay for gas.

It is un-American for you to permit a few well fed do-nothings to dictate what you shall pay for electricity.

It is un-American for you to permit a few well fed do-nothings to dictate what you shall pay for street car fare.

It is un-American for you to permit a few well fed do-nothings to dictate what you shall pay for any other thing.

SOMETHING IS WRONG.

Everybody is now willing to admit there is something wrong with the country. A few years ago they said everything was lovely. Talk to any class of people you wish and you will find them ready to admit that something is going to happen—only they do not know what.

You find this admission as freely among the rich and middle class as among the poor—in fact, you find it more freely expressed, for they have found themselves up against it, and in their struggles to maintain their positions they have been forced to think about it. A majority of the middle class are today very busy keeping the sheriff or auctioneer out of their places. Very few of them are making ends meet. What the despised Socialists have been warning them against for years has finally come home to them—hence the difference in election returns. And the returns on the next election will be much more startling than the last.

There is not lacking evidence that something is going to happen. A few sops which the coming congress may throw to the people will not change the condition. Industries must be taken from private ownership and used for the benefit of the whole people or the conditions will get menacingly worse. You may not like this and may not believe it will solve the problem, but time will force you to do it, just as pressure forced the changes in the societies of the past.

Lincoln could not have been elected on a platform to free the slaves at one fell swoop—but conditions made it necessary to the salvation of society, and that is what will happen to this country again. All industries must be made collective property or the Morgans will get all the rest of us.

WALTER TYLER, the first Socialist mayor elect of New Castle, Pa., is a grandson of General Tyler, hero of the battle of Fredericksburg and a lineal descendant of President Tyler. There is a possibility that the grandchildren of President Taft will be as radical as anybody in the world. Think of it!

Socialists at Work

The efforts of the plutocrats to connect the Socialists with the McNamara's in their dynamiting stunts has fallen so flat as to be a joke.

Socialists of the district which Pottsville, Pa., is a part have nominated a complete congressional and legislative ticket.

Superintendent of Streets Mullin of Milwaukee, who has been declared ineligible to hold his office on account of being a non-resident of the city at the time of his appointment, has been appointed to the same position by the Socialist administration of Schenectady, N. Y.

Socialists of the third Kansas congressional district held an enthusiastic conference at Parsons, Sunday, December 10th, for the purpose of organizing the congressional campaign.

Seems funny when you think of it. The alleged anarchists of Chicago were hanged for crimes that could not be proved against them, while at Los Angeles they were let off with light sentences after confessing to murder.

The National Lyceum course has now started in all divisions except the Eastern circuit, which starts after Christmas. The speakers report good audiences and great enthusiasm over the course wherever it is being conducted.

Rev. Oliver C. Bronston, pastor of Methodist church of Girard, Kan., recently addressed a crowded house on the McNamara case.

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News of Socialism

New Reading, Pa., is to have a daily Socialist paper.

Since the "confession" the local at Hartington, Kans., has been revived, with twenty-five members.

Donations for legal defense cannot be accepted if you want to help send \$5 for a "Life-Time Subscription."

Omaha Socialists have nominated seven tried and true as candidates under the commission form of government.

Political Parties in the United States is the name of an interesting propaganda booklet by E. L. Dohoney, Socialist lawyer of Paris, Texas.

A number of Socialists are organizing a farming group at Crystal Springs, Pa. If interested, you may address C. M. Maxwell, above address.

The national executive committee has decided to hold its next meeting in Washington, D. C., on Saturday, December 23rd.

Emma F. Connolly, Box 55, Birmingham, Ala., requests all Socialists in Alabama who are not affiliated with the party to send their names to her.

The Bay, a Detroit Socialist monthly, will cast its first beam next month. It is published in Russian and English by D. L. Orlovsky, Moscow.

Sensus, Wash., didn't feel the effect of the Los Angeles "explosion" at its election on December 5th. With three tickets in the race it made substantial increase over last year.

Comrades of Ellerton, Wash., report that they hope to elect their municipal ticket which has just been put in the field.

As a result of a speech by Clyde J. Wright, at Osaage City, Kan., the membership of the local has been materially increased.

At Edmonds, Wash., December 5th Socialists elected mayor, clerk, attorney, treasurer and councilmen.

Annie Johnson, a middle aged woman of Stockton, Cal., is a Socialist.

A Life-Time Subscription

For \$5 the APPEAL will place your name on its subscription list for life.

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A form of bondage on the Colorado sugar beet farms where city derelicts recruited from slums are being in a veritable state of bondage was described by Ben Bodkin, of Colorado.

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A concrete building rising in Indianapolis fell during the noon hour and killed four workmen.

An Akron, Ohio, man, thirty-five years old has been sent to the penitentiary for fifteen years because he stole \$10 from a candy store.

Table butter went to forty-cent and fifty-cent a pound retail in Chicago last week, the highest mark for this season.

Frederic Whiteside, a state senator from Montana, told the late irrigation congress that thousands were actually starving in his state because of the government's delay in working out irrigation projects.

An Indian woman in a case at Fernis, Minn., who sold a cow to a farmer, was declared in court that she "would do anything for \$7,000."

A Wisconsin paper manufacturer overworked his girl employees, thirteen hours a shift, all night, in spite of the law which forbids such a practice.

The National Foundry Association recently met and resolved that it was time for confidence to return and business to boom through the suppression of the agitator.

Laura Stallo, beneficiary of one of the late Standard Oil millionaires, got into court as a spendthrift when her guardian asked for a bond to take care of her.

A form of bondage on the Colorado sugar beet farms where city derelicts recruited from slums are being in a veritable state of bondage was described by Ben Bodkin, of Colorado.

When you register a kick, it will pay if you return the receipt card.

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Court Fight on the Appeal

Calendar of the Warren Case. May 7, 1907.—Warren arrested after indictment by federal grand jury on charges of receiving incendiary, scurrilous and defamatory matter through the mails. Appeared for trial. Case postponed.

February 7, 1908.—Pollock overruled motion to dismiss case. May 8, 1908.—Case continued by the government. November 9, 1908.—Case continued by the government. July 8, 1909.—Case heard. Warren found guilty.

Get Back the Land

Gustavus Meyers in his "History of Great American Fortunes," page 137, says of the promoters of the Southern Pacific railroad:

"The next thing the Huntington group did was to force the eastern capitalists out of the Texas and Pacific railroad, absorb that line into their own system, and ILLEGALLY GRAB THE EIGHTEEN MILLION ACRE LAND GRANT of the Texas and Pacific railroad. Even under the law as it stood, the Texas and Pacific was not entitled to the land grant. The house committee on judiciary on August 3, 1882, after an investigation, declared that the Texas and Pacific Railroad company had never completed any part of the route for which the land grant in New Mexico, Arizona and California was given; that it had never earned the grant; that it did not purpose to build the road for which it was chartered and endowed, and that it was transferring to the Southern Pacific Railway company 'all of the rights and titles to the land in question.' The committee on judiciary prepared a resolution DECLARING THE FORFEITURE OF THE LAND GRANT, and urged its passage by congress by a joint resolution. It did not pass."

Here are eighteen million acres of the public patrimony that were illegally acquired and that should be forfeited. Congress has the power to declare them forfeited even now, and to save that vast value to the people. Suppose you ask your congressman to take the matter up and do that much for the people under penalty of your disapproval during the coming campaign. He may urge that there have been "innocent purchasers" of part of the land. Tell him to require the Southern Pacific railroad to make good to such innocent purchasers out of land that it obtained legally if not justly, and to save to the people that which is theirs.

NO COMPROMISE.

If there is a shibboleth which Socialists should hold sacred it is that embodied in the two words at the head of this article. There are those who in their timidity and weakness imagine that a milk and water propaganda will bring on the revolution, and they are exceedingly nervous lest by some rash utterance they offend the capitalists and would-be capitalists who now rule society.

CARNEGIE'S "GREATEST MEN."

Andrew Carnegie has named twenty of the "greatest men" of history, whose work he thinks did more to shape the future of men than others. He is now being assailed because he placed in his list eight Scotchmen and ignored all ethical teachers. Mrs. Taft, wife of the president, has sought publicity by naming twenty of the "greatest men." She heads the list with Queen Victoria, and omits all reformers and social rebels. It is all silly, as silly as the monkeyshines of the "smart set," and furnishes another reason for pulling from their pedestals the false gods of the day. No man or woman is big in this world except as he or she becomes the exponent of an idea or voices the aspirations of the many. Every human ideal is made with hands. And many hands.

THE ARSENAL OF FACTS

Here is a fact taken from page 59 of the Arsenal of Facts which will be news to those who think our president the poorest paid executive in the world. The following figures are taken from the speech of Congressman John A. M. Adair, page 317 of the Congressional Record, of January 5, 1910, at the time of his making a statement to the United States House of Representatives for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1910:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. President's salary \$75,000; Executive expenses \$69,920; Contingent fund \$25,000; Traveling expenses \$23,000; Printing \$25,000; For additional improvement to White House \$40,000; For furnishings, draperies, etc. \$13,900; Fuel for grounds \$6,000; Fuel for white house and stables \$6,000; Care of green house \$9,000; Repairs to green house \$3,000; Printing \$2,000; For additional improvement to White House grounds \$19,000; Total \$329,920.

This is just one of the thousand vital facts contained in the Arsenal. The book is bound in Morocco and just fits the vest pocket. You can get it with money but you can get a copy by sending us twelve cents at twenty-five cents each, or by ordering twelve forty week sub cards, or a bundle of twelve copies for a year. Only \$8 in any case and you get full value for your money besides the book which is alone worth \$10.00.

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John Mitchell has long flourished as a "wise and conservative leader," but the end of his career in that capacity is in sight. The capitalists themselves, recognizing the loss of his prestige among the workers, are beginning to openly despise him. In their hearts they have far greater respect for the revolutionary leaders who fight them openly and manfully and scorn their blighting patronage.

At the meeting of the National Business congress at Chicago recently, attended by leading capitalists and business men, Frank D. Pavey of New York denounced Mitchell as an "oily deceiver" and Sam Gompers as "a liar." He then went on to charge that Mitchell was giving the workers and the capitalists a lot of "slop," and that his lectures and articles were all " cunningly designed to hoodwink the unwary" and that all his utterances "had been studiously calculated to deceive and mislead."

There you are, Mr. Gompers and Mr. Mitchell, for dining with the civil Federation, flirting with the capitalists and trying to straddle the class struggle. Even when they get through using you as their tools they kick you out with contempt.

WATCHING THE APPEAL.

We are in receipt of a confidential communication from a comrade in the highest standing who advises us that he has a friend in the department of justice at Washington who has just imparted to him the private information that "a confidential clerk has been instructed to scrutinize every issue of the APPEAL to REASON and carefully mark every article which can be construed under the law as 'incendiary,' or 'infamatory,' or in violation of the regulations of the postal department."

The further information is conveyed that these marked files of the APPEAL are being prepared by instructions of the attorney general and that "there is no doubt that a plot is being hatched in this department to prosecute the APPEAL and its responsible editors in the trials next spring to the full extent of the law."

This is interesting, but it is not new to us. We already had Prosecutor Harry Bone's word for it that the authorities at Washington had ordered this prosecution of the APPEAL and that "he was running the grand jury" which brought the indictments in accordance with the instructions of the national administration.

This, in effect, is what Bone said to the grand jury in the heat of his excitement provoked by Warren's speech to the jurors, which he feared would turn the tide against him.

We are glad that Wickersham and his Wall street gang who are now in control of the so-called department of justice are keeping close tab upon the APPEAL and marking every article which by their capitalistic construction they can torture into a violation of the law. From now on, we serve notice, there will be plenty of tabbing to do.

Let's see what the APPEAL to REASON clerk in Wickersham's Morgantown department be sure to mark this particular article and bring it to his master's attention.

The APPEAL has published nothing in reference to capitalism and its vices and iniquities which it is not prepared to stand by, and when it comes to imprisoning its editors for printing the truth and putting their iron heel on this paper for uncovering cesspools of filth in public institutions, there will be something doing that will be more enraging to the federal judges than anything in high vaudeville they experienced on their fishing trip to Tampico as the guests of the railroad corporations.

The New Dominion of Morgantown. West Virginia, assumes, because Socialists say front is robbery, that we believe in getting rid of profit takers by killing them. How silly! All that is needed is to disarm them. The arms they use for robbery are the tools of production and distribution, and when the workers get these tools in their own hands, owning them, the masters will be utterly harmless. They may then go to work and earn honest livings.

The New York chapter of commerce has drawn up a resolution for world congress of experts to study the high cost of living and suggest possible remedies. However if the scientific men appointed for this job have the nerve to suggest the real remedy, they'll get promptly canned.

A SOCIALIST writer describing the prehistoric man found in Switzerland says: "He looks more like an anthropoid ape or Teddy Roosevelt than like a human being." Surely it is time for the masters to follow the example of the McNamara and plead guilty, and time to put a few nails behind the bars.

Roosevelt and Burns

All that Roosevelt saw in the denunciation of the McNamara case when the confession was announced was the greatness and glory of Burns, the sleuth, and the immorality of the victory achieved in the cause of humanity, from the Roosevelt point of view. There is something peculiarly fitting in this exchange of congratulations which passed between these two hunters and killers of men and monkeys. They are both of the same type and the instincts of either are a perfect match for the other.

We can see the cold and cruel tiger-eyes of Roosevelt light up as with beastly chuckle he gave to the public press his message of congratulation to another equally merciless and cold-blooded upon having been the means of pronouncing the doom of a couple of misguided workmen.

If life itself were at stake it were a safe wager that if the McNamara had been as innocent as lambs and had been acquitted and vindicated by a jury trial, this same Roosevelt would never have dreamed of sending them a word of congratulation.

In every act of Roosevelt's life he has instinctively been on the side of power and oppression, while at the same time distorting his flinty features into hideous grimaces to evidence his ferocious hostility to oppression and injustice and his sympathy for and devotion to the common people.

Burns was doubtless flattered when this dressed-up jungle man placed a hero's crown upon him and the jungle man's savage features relaxed into as much of a smile as they are capable of when this gallant act was blazed in public in the press dispatches.

As between the McNamaras and all they are charged with, and may be guilty of, we would rather be in their places than to be in the place of Theodore Roosevelt and have to answer for the crimes committed by him, for many of which he has been applauded and all but deified in the capitalist world.

And this is the man this deadly foe of the Socialist and labor movement, this double-faced tool of the trusts, this pal of Burns and McArthur, who is now being groomed for another term in the presidential chair. It is true that he has denied this, but as Congressman Groves said at the republican national convention in Philadelphia, in 1900, after Roosevelt had violated a solemn compact he had entered into upon his word of honor, "his word is not good under oath."

Judge Van Valkenburgh, of the federal court at Kansas City, Mo., fined Dr. J. O. Gaskell, charged with bringing a school boy to Kansas City for immoral purposes, a "white slave" prosecution, \$450, and let him go. Even the district attorney protested against the action of the court. The attorney defending was a former law partner of the judge, Gaskell was a banker. White slavery in the federal court is punishable with a slight fine if the accused is not a Socialist, but exposing the unspeakable corruption of the federal judiciary by a Socialist, according to the same standard, merits indictment and a penitentiary term.

NOBILITY OF SOUL.

It is not necessary to go into what is called "the higher walks" of life to find true nobility of soul. Indeed, the finest qualities of human nature are as a rule found to distinguish the humblest and most unpretentious members of society. In these the finest essences of nobility have not been destroyed by vicious and artificial living.

The following press dispatch which appears in the Chicago Tribune is as an instance in point: Pittsburgh, Kan., Dec. 9.—That his son, the late William Kennedy, missed his life last night when while damn was discovered. It happened in a room of Weir union, 23, and when the deadly air was noticed, the doorman rushed for safety. At the entry Kennedy found that his son Joe was missing.

There the father seized a cart and re-entered the room and with the assistance of two or three volunteers who stepped in to aid him placed his unconscious son on the car and pushed him to the door.

It is not probable that this coal miner who gave up his life to save that of his boy ever enjoyed any advantages of education, culture, or refinement. Quite likely he wore the shoddiest of clothes, the coarsest of shoes and subsisted upon the commonest of food, and yet in the supreme test of the qualities which constitute true human nobility this rough-hewn proletarian was a very god among men and spiritually towered mountain-high among the fops and aristocrats who would not have touched him with a clothes-prop.

THEY OWN THEM.

The Swiss people own their railroads. When the rise in food prices raised a protest, the freight rates on food were reduced. In our glorious private ownership the rates were increased. In Switzerland you can buy a passenger ticket, good on any train and all the trains, anytime and all the time, for one month, for \$12.75; good for one year for \$102. Think of riding by the month for 40 cents a day of 24 hours, or 30 cents a day; there are 2,400 miles of road that cost \$150,000 a mile when taken over from the private owners who were charging 60 to 70 cents a mile. What would Ohioans think if the roads were to sell tickets good for one month, at \$12.75? Yet there is as many miles in Switzerland as there are in Ohio. The Americans are the easiest suckers in the world. There is no valid reason that the rates in this country should be higher than in Switzerland—only the private ownership reason.

Coming down from Kansas City the other day I found the chair car crowded beyond endurance so I went into the observation Pullman, where there was an abundance of room and comfort. There were four Pullman cars and none had more than six occupants. In the chair car there were people standing and in the smoker there was an elderly lady with three small children where they were to spend a restful night. Why did they not go into the cars where there was room for all? I did. Figure it out for yourself.

LITERATURE DID IT.

That's the report made by the workers in every place carried by the Socialists all over the world:

In Europe our comrades had to develop their movement by literature, and this distributed secretly. Meetings were at first forbidden by the governments. Literature was destroyed when found, and its possessors thrown in jail. The Socialists persevered, and by and by so many people were converted that the governments had to grant freedom of press and speech.

In this country our trouble at first was indifference. People would not attend meetings. Milwaukee comrades overcame this by systematic house-to-house distribution of leaflets. This interested enough people so that they would come to meetings. Now Milwaukee has an up-to-date daily, a big building, and all is free from debt.

Other places have been won in the same manner and in time will develop a self-supporting local press. If you want success distribute literature.

"DEN OF VICE."

"THE CONDITIONS OF VICE AND IMMORALITY HERE ARE A SHAME TO THE WHOLE NATION."

The above is an extract from a letter written by Senator Works of California to President Taft, urging the president to limit the number of saloons and dives in the capitol city.

In the very capitol of the republic there are conditions of vice and depravity so flagrant, so shocking, so rotten, that they fill the atmosphere surrounding the president, the supreme court and congress with a stench that rises to heaven. But these capitalist rulers are oblivious of it all. They are too busy preaching about law and order, delivering special sermons in churches and orations in colleges on the glories of the republic and the menace of Socialism.

Stretching out from the very doors of the postoffice building at Washington there are the avenues lined on either side with dens of prostitution, graded all the way from the highest priced Amazon to the lowest order of a negro, and they all thrive and flourish in the patronizing atmosphere of the capitol of the capitalist republic.

And these capitalist legislators, jurists and executives who are in the very center of the capitol, which Senator Works properly denounces as a "den of vice," and whose serenity is not disturbed in the slightest by this moral pestilence which arises from this chamber of social horrors, are in one accord when it comes to denouncing Socialism as fostering irreligion, threatening the family life, breaking down the home, and opening the flood-gates of licentiousness and immorality.

This is their charge, echoed by countless priests and politicians and pulpiti-ers, and behind the clamor raised by this charge the capitalist beneficiaries of the present exploiting and debasing system are seeking to screen their own guilt and hide their own infamy.

THE PRIZE JOKE.

Get ready for it, for it is a joke worth the real thing, and strange as it may seem this gem of a joke is in President Taft's message to congress on the trust question. Here it is:

Only in the last three or four years has the heavy hand of the law been laid upon the great illegal combinations. If this is not a joke, a peach of a joke in full bloom, then the joke is certainly on us. Only since Taft has been in office have the trusts felt the "heavy hand of the law." Roosevelt, his trust-busting predecessor, is not expected to see the joke in this. For him there is a dagger in these lines of Taft aimed at his seventh rib. Taft virtually says that Roosevelt let the trusts do as they pleased and that only when he became president was "the heavy hand of the law" laid upon them.

The "heavy hand"! Wow! We cannot help but roar. This is too much. We are ourselves going to levity on occasion, but this is going to extremes. When we think of Taft's "heavy hand" being laid on the trusts we cannot restrain ourselves from yelling to give vent to our hilarity.

It is simply uproarious and from now on Taft's name is fixed as the prize joke of the age. How Roosevelt will squirm when the point of this joke penetrates his hide! Bill and Teddy used to be chums, but now they are administering political poison to each other. They are a beautiful brace of trust demolishers. They both laid the "heavy hand" on the trusts while the trusts laid the lure in their campaign nests.

The "heavy hand"! Whoopee! Let us all shout with glee and roar with laughter! Taft was put in the white house by the trusts, one of his brothers is the chief attorney for the sugar trust and the other was Morgan's guest of honor at the coronation of the English king.

No wonder Taft lays his fat "heavy hand" on them and pets these darlings of his administration. Taft and Teddy both stretched out their two hands behind them, itching palms upward, to the trusts, receiving their campaign contributions, while assuring the people that they were going to smash the trusts. But what's the use? This joke fixes it all.

Taft and his "heavy hand" on the trusts is the slogan from now on. Let us all laugh, laugh, and LAUGH!

Now that the "business" men of America are so openly hustling to merge the old political machine against Socialism, the dub who says there are no classes will please go to the foot of the class.

Taft Caught with the Goods

The Lyons case is in the hands of Attorney General Wickersham. You know what it is from publications that have been made in the APPEAL.

Leslie J. Lyons, federal prosecutor for the Western district of Missouri, is subject of disbarment proceedings instituted by Ernest B. Martin, a fellow attorney, who alleges many offenses on Lyons' part. The evidence Martin submits, which has been printed in the APPEAL, shows that Lyons was guilty of "snitching," that is, of soliciting private plans, using his public office as a cover for taking business from other lawyers; that he, in connection with George L. Davis, who offices with Lyons and has his name on Lyons' letter heads as "associated" with him, has taken numerous damage cases of big shippers, against railroad companies, and settled them out of court, thus practically nullifying a federal statute, which he is sworn to support, by establishing rebates. It has been proven that Lyons had secured an indictment against Martin for misuse of the mails in promoting an interurban line that was a rival of one in which Lyons was interested in promoting; that he had been attorney and agent for an Oregon land company whose transactions were so glaring they were subject of federal investigation; that he is attorney for a lumber company now under indictment in the federal courts; and that he, within a few years, has arisen from a heavy indebtedness to possession of many thousand dollars above his salary, now constructing a \$12,000 residence in a fashionable district of Kansas City.

The APPEAL cares nothing about Lyons personally. But its investigations, covering many years and practically every federal court in America, shows that, with so few exceptions as to not be worth naming, practices of this kind prevail in all of them. The APPEAL has found that a certain clique of attorneys invariably know in advance of indictments to be brought, and the accused are approached by agents of those attorneys with the suggestion that they are "very close to the federal judge."

This was done when Warren was first indicted, and has been done in hundreds of cases investigated. Lyons has been a little bolder about it than others, doing his job in the open, that is all.

But in this case an attorney has dared do the unprecedented thing of protesting and making an attack on a federal prosecutor—questioning the authority of the king! In this case the matter is placed squarely up to Taft, who fights recall of judges and promises relief by impeachment, to see what he will do with his own appointee when caught with the goods. In this case Attorney General Wickersham, who boasts of prosecuting hundreds of rich offenders (and landing not one of them in jail), Wickersham, who is striking at the APPEAL because it exposed the corruption of a federal prison, is called on to see what he will do where there is guilt and he has the deciding of the matter.

Is curbing of the courts all a hypocritical pretence? Does the government at Washington stand behind a system that bargains in decisions, that mocks at rights of the people, and that always sides with the rich and powerful? Mr. Taft, Mr. Wickersham, what are you going to do about it when you are thus caught with the goods on your persons?

The Free Horse

A horse which had escaped the halter, and in its newly found freedom cantered about the pasture refusing to be taken, was approached by its Master with a pair of oats. The Master held up the tempting grain and let it trickle from his hand, at the same time cricking in the softest voice imaginable. The horse, while scoring to sell his liberty for the bribe of a meal, concluded from the tone of the man's voice that he was in a different mood, intending to be gentle and considerate hereafter; so the animal permitted himself to be caught. No sooner, however, was he again in the halter than the Master lapped him soundly for his rebellion.

Often one meets up with a poor devil, one who has nothing and who becomes a strong advocate for the integrity of the Morgan ownership. Such men are mortally afraid some injustice will be done in the effort to take over these properties. The Morgans have no such scruples. They take legally or otherwise. The Morgans do not need the help of their victims to hold their lawful possessions. These poor devils remind me of the paupers who throw up their caps as the king or princelings pass, by—just as if they had anything in common with royalty. The Morgans rely solely on the ignorance and superstition of the masses to hold their ill-gotten gains. So do the politicians used by the Morgans. But times are changing. There is light ahead.

ON THE SLICK LIST.

The little banks are going to make but little out of Aldrich currency steal proposition. It remains with the treasury department to arbitrarily decide whether or not they shall be permitted to issue bank notes based on their other securities. In other words they are going to experience the beauties of government, not by law, but by rulings.

Is organizing the American Labor and Property association at 29 (not 26) Broadway, the assertion is made that unless something radical is done Socialism will rule the United States within fifty years. The property assess should revise their estimate. They are going to help to bring it within ten years.

The Journal, of Sydney, Ohio, answers the question as to whether the boycott movement is a military organization. In speaking of a meeting held at the Methodist church for the purpose of organizing a battalion it says: "This is a military organization for boys." Is that plain enough?

Wall Street recently howled down a demonstration by the suffragets. Some of these days that Wall will tumble at the shouting of the people, just as the walls of Jericho are alleged to have done in ancient times.

You imagine you have a job, but you are mistaken. The job belongs to the boss and not to you. He can take it away whenever he wishes. You will never really have a job until Socialism comes.

839—Please Observe—839.

If the number 839 follows your name on yellow address label attached to this copy it means that your subscription expired last week and after this no more papers will be sent until you forward new subscription.

More Shells Needed

The "offs" get the best of it this week, and the "ons" are on the run. This won't do at all. General Otis in command of the "offs" in the western division concentrated his entire force on California and she fell. Fell with a loss of 692 killed and wounded. But the "ons" under the direction of General Circulation Gink have gathered their scattered forces, the Ohio mid fleet has started round the Horn for the California coast, and we will surely win back this coveted vantage ground before long.

General Hitchcock (postmaster general), commander-in-chief of the "offs," has just perfected his plans to double the postage rates on the APPEAL to take effect about July 1, 1912. He proposes to make the newspaper postage rate two cents a pound instead of one cent as it is now. We paid \$21,000 for the past year. Next year it would be \$42,000 if we mailed as many papers. Just where the dickens we are going to get that extra \$21,000 we don't exactly know, but—well, the Army has never yet failed the APPEAL in its critical moments.

Colonel Taft—distribution in this district is coming on our flank and the growing up fortifications which from our point of observation looks almost impregnable. A messenger from his camp, bringing a flag of truce, visited us the first of the week and delivered his ultimatum as to the distribution of our mail, which would add an expense of at least \$10,000 more a year. Our ultimatum was sent back to Colonel Taft, and after a further conference on January 12, 1911. Until then hostilities will cease.

Sergeant Pollock and Corporal Bone are preparing for their advance in the early spring and we are just a bit shy on ammunition. It is up to you to get it to us and get it here on the double quick. Our guns will use shells of the following brands only:

A bunch of sub-lots of one dozen at \$2 preferred and you get a copy of the Arsenal free. An order for a weekly bundle—a dozen APPEALS each week for \$3, and you get a copy of the Arsenal free. An order for sub cards—a dozen or more, and you get a copy of the Arsenal free. A Life-Size Subscription at \$100.00.

Here's the standing of the two armies:

Table with 2 columns: State and Amount. More Than 50,000: 1 Pennsylvania 1,132,170; 2 Ohio 1,103,260; 3 California 1,321,620; 4 Texas 891,874; 5 New York 784,152; 6 Ohio 828,850; 7 Indiana 763,510; 8 Missouri 697,518; 9 Illinois 443,493; 10 Washington 610,371; 11 Michigan 240,458; 12 Kansas 220,444; 13 Minnesota 225,328; 14 Arkansas 247,354; 15 Iowa 309,307; 16 Oregon 367,237; 17 Colorado 330,233; 18 West Virginia 238,620; 19 New Jersey 440,174; 20 Massachusetts 187,151; 21 Wisconsin 182,751; 22 North Dakota 129,614; 23 Nebraska 272,185; 24 Montana 178,150; 25 South Dakota 169,148; 26 Louisiana 169,148; 27 Kentucky 178,183; 28 Idaho 188,137; 29 Alabama 168,125; 30 Tennessee 158,127; 31 Connecticut 129,614; 32 North Carolina 78,846; 33 Georgia 96,455; 34 South Dakota 132,110; 35 West Virginia 129,614; 36 New Mexico 104,933; 37 Canada 165,186; 38 Mississippi 75,325; 39 Arizona 98,755; 40 Maine 70,86; 41 Maryland 54,53; 42 Connecticut 129,614; 43 New Hampshire 40,87; 44 Wyoming 29,54; 45 Rhode Island 47,6; 46 Vermont 22,47.

WATCH ROOSEVELT!

The La Follette boom is simply Roosevelt boom in disguise. The above hood is now clearly revealed. Under the above caption the APPEAL "called the turn" several weeks ago. And now the press dispatches confirm it. The republican national committee is in session in Washington and the announcement is now made from there that the nomination "must be forced upon Roosevelt." Of course! Just as Harriman's campaign contributions were forced upon him.

Roosevelt has been the victim of any number of these political ruses. Taft is a Jonah. He is altogether too dumb and has made such a mess of it that he will not do at all. The progressive sentiment is all against him. This sentiment must be fanned into a flame with La Follette as the patron saint of socialism by insurgency.

But La Follette can only develop limited power between now and the convention. This power, however, will be a pretty hot proposition, and while La Follette cannot be nominated it will not do to nominate Taft for that would mean certain defeat.

In fact, the nomination of either Taft or La Follette would mean division and disaster. What then? Why, Roosevelt, of course, the only man to save the day for the S. O. P. and once more save the nation. In this political contest La Follette is playing second fiddle to Roosevelt, and the understanding that the nomination will go to La Follette in 1916.