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"THE JUNGLE."

As previously announced, the second chapter of "The Jungle" will be printed next week—No. 484—thus giving an interval of two weeks between the publication of the first chapter and the second. This was done in order that the names of the new subscribers could be put on the mailing list in time to receive the second chapter. This putting on new names is a big job—especially true at this time when the new names are beginning to roll into the office in a flood. The Appeal is very anxious that every reader starts with the first chapter and continues through to the end. As the story unfolds you will be filled with wonder at the simple realism of Comrade Sinclair's style. It will give you a new point of view. You will have the impression that you are standing at a distance, a witness to the stupendous struggle we call life. You are carried along swiftly; scene upon scene unfolds itself. You are surprised that you never understood it before, and you will recognize that a master mind is portraying world-moving forces of which you have been but dimly conscious. The climax will come with the impact of a rifle ball—then will you realize that all the time the author has been telling your story—and you wonder what the end will be, as no doubt you have often wondered before.

As I write this the postman hands me a letter addressed in Comrade Sinclair's familiar hand. I propose to print it, because it will give you a better understanding of the purpose of the story. I can assure our comrade that his doubts and fears are groundless. If the reader of "The Jungle" will follow it through the first four or five chapters he will understand why I speak so confidently:

Dear Comrades of the Appeal:—I sometimes wonder and worry if this story that I am sending you is what you thought you were going to get. All your large promises have made me afraid. I wonder in particular if the story is going to hold the interest of the reader, as a serial,—if it is not moving too slowly. A serial story, you know, generally starts off with a "Hist villain!" in the first paragraph, and a murder on the first page. "The Jungle" does not start that way, and I wonder if some of your readers may not give it up in despair [illegible] that you understand what I [illegible] to do. I do not intend to write story without climaxes, without something happening; but I want these things to be real and convincing, and not superficial. That means, as I conceive it, that I have first to make the reader acquainted with an atmosphere and an environment, and that takes time. You see, I have to write a book as well as a serial—something that will, I hope, be doing work when its serial publication is forgotten. I have in "The Jungle" not merely to set forth a tragedy, but to drive home to the dullest reader the truth that this tragedy is, in its every detail, the inevitable and demonstrable consequence of an economic system. If that is to be done, the reader must first have the system in his mind; and concerning the system that prevails in Packingtown, the average American is as ignorant as an unborn babe. My belief is that the majority of the Appeal readers are ignorant of it, and so my hope is that they may find this gradual unfoldment of the little world of the beef trust interesting in itself. At any rate, perhaps you ought to tell them that that is what they are going to get—for a while.

UPTON SINCLAIR.

A CORNER in wheat, the bread of the nation, is on. If justice were done, any man who speculated in the food of a people would be imprisoned for life. He is more dangerous than a wild and hungry tiger. But such men control the laws and are never punished, yet nineteen men out of every twenty are agreed that such men are public enemies. But the nineteen men don't know what their votes are for. Under Socialism we will have the food of the nation owned by the nation, and each citizen will have employment guaranteed to him or her that will enable each to have all the food that they can use. But that would probably destroy the family, don't you know!

...uncey Depew, who represents in the ... railway union of Vanderbilt-... Oh, yes, gentle, horney-handed ... he will look after your ... and make laws in your ...

March 10t

All new names which re... or before the 10th of Mar... on the list in time to get ... 482, containing the openi... "The Jungle." Mark your ... get them in. You'll be ho... numbers in a few weeks ... be supplied.

HUNGER stalks abroad ... seems to be a normal ... istic society everywhere.

WHICH would you ra... dividends for corporati... yourself? That is just ... decide at the ballot box ... can it be decided.

WHEN the miners ... manipulated by Belm... Co., they will put a ma... their organization who ... ing class more than ... millionaires.

UNTIL the people le... ment ought to be and ... do for them, it will ... they elect to advance ... terests of the officers ... the officers a bribe ...

YOU can never get ... while you elect men ... corporate wealth has ... all the profits it ... the people. You m... those interested in ... enforce a prohibition ...

FOUR republican ... nia have been arrest... is so in almost every ... naturally dishonest ... be radically wrong ... must be a radical ... the only system un... your earnest ...

UNDER efficient direction the idle men in this country today could and would produce twenty millions of wealth daily. This vast wealth is lost to society and the workers because there is no method to the system of production and distribution. Society does not fulfill its function when it permits this waste and want. Give these men $3 a day, *payable in their own products*, and see if there are any idle men or women in the nation, or a case of want. The capitalists, who control the government, dare not try it.

THE Illinois legislature has expelled Representative Comerford, because he said the legislature was composed of boodlers. That body appointed a committee from its members to investigate his charges, and of course these members exonerated themselves and their pals, and the honest man had to go, while the corruptionists sat in judgment over their own acts! It was like appointing a band of thieves to try some of their fellows who had been caught. Of course they would decide in their own interests. And the farce of representative government continues.

A REPORTER on the Los Angeles *Record*, Frank T. Searight, was detailed to write up the conditions of the poor by actually experiencing their trials. He found that the police department made arrests just to pile up costs, and thus innocent men were jailed for the graft of it; he found that the charity organization people, who were so loud in public, always refused a hungry man at their back door, but he found that the poor can always expect a mouthful if they appeal to the poor, though the latter may have only a few crumbs themselves. O, the hollow mockery of this insane, ignorant, superstitious society!

THE *International Musician*, at St. Louis, investigated the associated press report that Mr. Rockefeller had given his wage slaves on his New York plantation a Christmas present, and found that instead of a present he has cut their wages twenty-five cents a day. It is a great thing to own the press and teach lies—for a Sunday School teacher, too. Think of a man who has hundreds of millions, cutting the wages of his house servants! But this is logical to the capitalist system, and these poor slaves evidently think that it is all right, and they would spurn Socialism, under which each worker would draw an income of at least $2,000 per year.

A STANDARD OIL member of the Kansas legislature said "that this county was against a state oil refinery, but that if every man in his district were to urge him to support it he wouldn't vote for the bill." He said that he "might not come back to the legislature again, but while he was there he would be the whole thing." This is what modern "representative" government comes to. Instead of being servants to carry out the wishes of the people, it is merely a machine whereby a few men rule, and rule, too, as usual, in the interest of those who will pay the biggest bribe. If the people had a vote on proposed laws, it wouldn't do any good for a corporation to bribe legislators, as the legislature wouldn't be the whole thing. That legislator voiced the sentiments of every rascal in public life—and they are democrats and republicans, too.

LISTEN! The two thousand or less men, women and children slaughtered at the command of the czar has shaken the entire civilized world and has made certain the early downfall of the Russian aristocracy. These lives have been worth something to the liberty of the world. Now look over into Manchuria and you will see that fifty thousand strong Russian men have been slaughtered, and they have been worth nothing to themselves, to their country or to liberty. This shows the great power of non-resistance. One can die but once, and if the dying does some good, it is well. All new ... to pick up the sword is to perish before the ... and accomplish nothing. If the list in ... many Russians are shot down, containing ... rutal soldiery it would be like the Jungle." A phase of liberty, for if ... arm them in. You were started there ... wounbers in a few ... killed. The slaughter has supplied ... Russian people against tyra...

THE SOCIAL VALUE OF LABOR.

You try to make it appear that if a weaver in a woolen mill weaves enough cloth for a suit of clothes that he is entitled to all of that cloth without giving the owner of the mill anything for his risk in investing his money, time and labor nor anything for the men who furnished the raw materials used in the substance of the cloth. Will not the farmer who raises a bale of coton not be entitled to all of that bale? Then there are the people who furnished him a living while he was raising it. How can you harmonize such statements?—J. Wallace, Ft. Worth, Texas.

THE weaver does not want all his products, the farmer does not want all his products, no workman wants all his products. *What they do want is a little of many kinds of products*, to satisfy their various needs to live a full life. Socialism will give to each worker the *full social value* of his labor. That does not mean that he will get the identical article he puts his work on. For instance, a mill has a fireman who shovels coal into the furnace. Now to give the fireman all he produces would be to give him a great fire! But the fireman is a factor in the social production, and is entitled to as much for his labor as any one else. He and the coal miners and transporters of coal make the power for the hundreds of weavers and carders and spinners and are entitled to as much of the social values turned out of the mill as the weavers. The weavers couldn't do anything without them, and they could not do this work so well as the firemen and miners. The same is true of the cotton planter and wool grower and food raiser—they, too, are a part of the weaving process and must have as much consideration as the weavers or power makers, and they are entitled to their equitable share of the products of the mills. Having evolved from barbarism, under which system goods were exchanged for goods, we have discovered that a certificate representing value of labor will simplify exchanges, and therefore Socialism will use this scientifically. Society will own the lands, the mines, the mills and the stores. The exchange value (called *price* today) of things will be the *average amount of labor consumed in the production of things;* then the things will belong to society, which will hold them until the workers present their evidences of labor, when they can select any article or articles up to the equivalent of their evidences of labor. Thus the miners, instead of owning coal, will exchange his evidence of labor and receive its equivalent in such things as he needs or thinks he needs; so with the plumber or the wool grower or the farmer. As the public will own all the productive machinery there will be nothing taken from the labor to pay for "interest, risk or profit," of capital. There will always be enough saved to enable society to reproduce and make new and improved implements. By this simple means each *worker* in the nation will have the purchasing power per year (with an eight-hour-day) of more than $2,000 of *present priced products*. There are many people who get a great deal more than this, and as a rule they will be against Socialism, but there are nine-tenths of the people who do not get this much, or even half of it, and they will want Socialism just as soon as they understand it. Socialism is a working class movement—a movement of the people who toil and moil in the world's industries and live like dumb driven cattle. They alone have the right to the wealth of the world. They have invented every machine, made every improvement, and carry on the world's commerce, but are shut out of all its benefits.

The Kansas City Star says: "If it is a fight to a finish between Kansas and the Standard, put no money on the trust." If you are a betting man and want to win, put your money on the oil octopus. It will win in its fight with the Kansas oil producers. It's recent action in declaring a boycott on Kansas crude oil will result, in all probability, in the erection of a dinky little state oil refinery operated by convicts. The state oil refinery will find that it must ship its raw material over the railroads controled by the Standard. The state will regulate freight rates, but this will not prevent the Standard from shipping its oil from the Indian Territory into Kansas and selling it at a price which will make it very unprofitable for the Kansas oil producer and his convict refinery. The Kansas public will buy oil for a few cents per gallon and will enjoy the fight. The little oil producer and the great army of wage earners, who have heretofore eked out a living in the oil fields, will likewise enjoy the scrap for a short time. But hunger for the workers and no profits for the producers will after awhile get mighty uncomfortable. Oil land will go down—and speculators will buy it. These speculators will enter into an alliance with the Standard. The price of crude oil to the state refinery will go up. Rebates from producer and railroad, controlled in the one instance and owned in the other by the Standard, will put the state refinery out of business—and then the people of Kansas will have the extreme pleasure of paying the bills by an advance in the retail price. That's capitalism at work in Kansas, and it's making Socialists so fast that the job will be how to take care of them! Here's a hand, Comrade Rockefeller—the Appeal did think it was something of a factor in this social revolution, but it must take off its hat to you!

THE farmers of Walla Walla county, Wash., produced last year in wheat alone at market price, according to the *Daily Union*, a sum equal to $1,750 for each man, woman and child in the county, to say nothing of the other products! And yet it is safe to say that the income of the workers on the farms in that county did not average $500 to the family. The monopolists and landlords took all the balance. And this does not include the products of the other workers not engaged in farming! If this isn't "dividing up" with the drones what do you call it?

It is rumored that John D. Rockefeller, Jr., will organize a branch of his famous Sunday school class at Topeka for the benefit of the Kansas legislators.

THE Appeal, like all other papers that "do things," must constantly be on the alert for bright suggestions or plans to increase its circulation. A bright idea is worth something to the circulation department of this paper—worth something because it means more readers, and more readers means more people investigating the philosophy of Socialism, and more investigators means more party members, and more party members means more votes for Socialism, and enough votes for Socialism means the inauguration of the Co-operative Commonwealth. Therefore we want bright ideas to increase the Appeal's weekly visiting list. If you have such an idea we want to hear from you, and, incidently, I will say that it's worth $100 to you if it's the right kind. Drop a postal card today and full particulars will be sent you by return mail. I must ask you not to write a letter; use a postal card—Uncle Sam sells them for a cent apiece. One cent for the card and it may mean $100 to you. Address, Circulation Department, Appeal to Reason, Girard, Kansas.

GEE! how the capitalist sheets do hate the yellow journals and magazines that expose the corruption of the financial gods!

WHEN a few hundred oil men wanted the state of Kansas to come to their rescue in a struggle with the Standard Oil Co., it came, but when thousands of laboring men would like the state to supply them with jobs by which they could earn their living, does the state do it? Not on your life. Government is for the property class only.

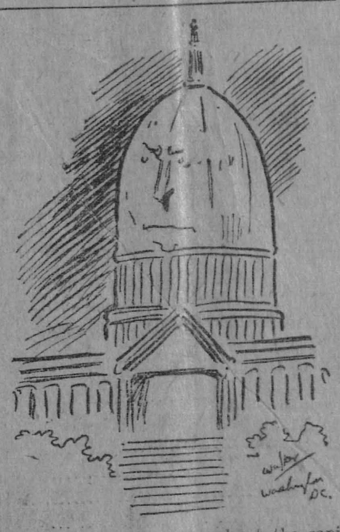
THE meat trust bought up all the eggs last year and put them in cold storage, and now have a corner on all the city markets, and will scoop in five times what they paid for the eggs. And thus does private ownership skin the people, and they don't know enough to vote against such robbery. The trust know the benefit of controlling politics. The common people don't.

THE Indianapolis *News* says the present congress is a failure from the standpoint of the people, but a glittering success from the point of view of the capitalist. "The settlement of every question," continues the *News*, "with which congress has had to deal has been adverse to the people's interest." And yet the *News* continues to tell its readers to vote for the kind of men who make up the present congress. What's the logic of the situation, Bro. News?

THE Indiana legislature is following the lead of the south. A bill has been introduced requiring all owners of firearms to take out license and give bonds. That is the law in England and other monarchies. The workers are to be disarmed so they will have to be quiet when they are ... down. But they don't need fire arms. All they need is enough sense to vote the Socialist ticket, and we will take care of the capitalist oppressers. We will have the army and the militia to arrest the rich law-breakers and boodlers, and the courts to send 'em to prison.

THE Hyde who gave the "fancy dress ball" in New York recently, at which a French girl bounced onto a table and danced the can-can, is the principal personage of the Equitable Life Insurance Society of New York. See what goes with your policy money, don't you? Better keep on paying life insurance and supporting these fellows, eh? And as long as you do, you will furnish kingly livings for a lot of useless drones, and then appear surprised when the papers are filled with the horrors of poverty on every side. Insurance is a great graft. It has taken many years to induce the people to willingly part with their money to support these fellows, but they have a soft thing now.

THE law partner of Senator Mitchell, of Oregon, has confessed to perjury in the matters for which Mitchell was indicted, and shows that it was an arrangement between him and Mitchell. They had been engaged in robbing the public of timber lands, and the senator was used because of his influence in the interior department. And these things show the reader of what material public officials are made. Great is the republican party, and Mitchell, Burton and other disreputables are the prophets. Of course they are all opposed to Socialism, which would destroy ambition to steal. What are you going to do about it? The Romans did nothing—and look at Italy. This country is traveling the same road—corrupted in every instance by corporations and individual grafters after profits. Under Socialism profits will be impossible. Labor will bring its right reward. Nothing else will.



If you look close enough at the capitol dome you will see the ruler of the United States, John D. Rockefeller.

N. B.—The best place to view it is from the senate side.

THEY ALL WORK FOR SOCIALISM.

"Looked at from any point of view, there is little in the Socialist propaganda to fill one with inspiration."—Portland Oregonian.

THEN why doesn't the *Oregonian* publish Karl Marx's arguments and thus forever set at rest the agitation, which the *Oregonian* seems so much to fear? It is easy enough to say a thing is a fallacy, but quite another thing to give the other side a hearing and then refute. There is something in the Socialist propaganda to inspire, and one has only to look at the spirit that fills its followers in every land to prove it. There is not another movement on earth that has taken such a hold upon the people in the last hundred years as Marx's discoveries regarding the origin of human society and the forces that move it. Economic determinism is seen in every act of life, whether it be the philosopher or the briber. It is economic determinism that makes the *Oregonian* misrepresent the truth, for if it did not, the merchants, the politicians, and the grafters would leave it severely alone and it would perish. Its economic interest is the basis of its existence. Still, I am pleased that the *Oregonian* denounces Socialism. It has readers who are developed enough to want to know just what the Socialists are after, anyhow, and will likely read up by reason of their attention being called to the subject. Everything works for Socialism these days. It is so different from years ago.

How would we pay our national debt should Socialism prevail?—D. W. Snell, Gaither, Ark.

IN such way as the majority at that time will decide. No one can tell just what the next congress will do under the present system; and it would be presumptious to say what a majority will do several years hence. But as the majority will have a vote on all propositions it can be safely left to them, unless we abandon the idea of majority rule, which is absurd to believe any majority will.

"Do Socialists propose to abolish the money system as it now exists? If so, how can it be done?"

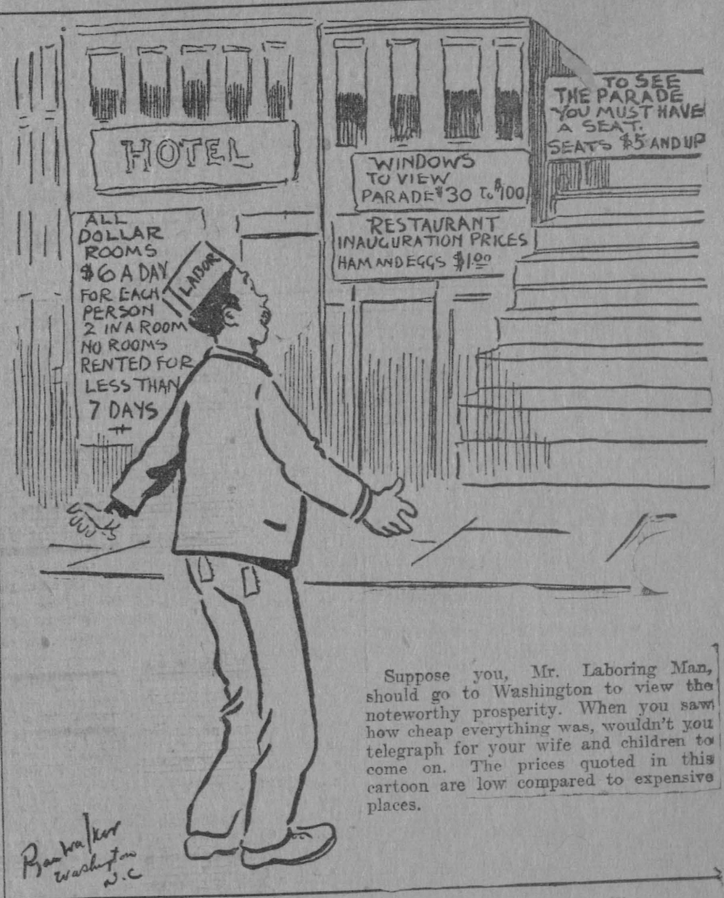
IT could be done in many ways. But the most accurate method of estimating the value of an article would be the average amount of human time employed in its production. If we found that the average time consumed (directly and indirectly) in producing a pair of fine shoes was three hours (it is actually less) then the price would be three hours—not five dollars (representing as it does to-day, from 20 to 30 hours of labor). Any one who had three hours of time to his credit would be able to buy that pair of shoes. And so with any other thing, be it an ounce of gold or a piano. Every manufacturer can tell you just how much human time is in any article he makes, but he is very careful not to let the public know it. The cheat would then be too apparent. Under Socialism we will not need to cheat.

THE word "revolution" means a complete change. Sometimes a revolution in the affairs of a nation is caused by armed men—as was the case with the French and the American revolutions. Again revolutions occur by peaceful means—as the English revolution of the seventeenth century, or the industrial revolution in America during the last half century. The revolution which the Socialists talk about is the revolution which will have for its climax the collapse of the capitalist system of production. It can be accomplished in but one way—peaceably. In the past revolutions have been instigated by a minorty in opposition to a numerically stronger class. Hence war was inevitable. The revolution approaching will, for the first time in the history of the human race, be inaugurated in the interest of and by a majority against an insignificant minority. It will be the revolution of the working class—composing millions—against the continued domination of the capitalists—composing thousands. It will be peaceable because there will be none to fight the battles of the capitalist class. The capitalists are physical cowards. The capitalist system can not maintain its sway when the working class becomes conscious of its class interests and refuses to fight against its own members. Don't let the word revolution frighten you.

That was a remarkable article in week before last's Appeal, by Wentworth—"An Empire in the Making." You missed a good thing if you failed to read it. The daily papers say little if anything about this new force now at work in high political and financial circles. Once in a while an item slips by the censor which lets the light in, but unless the reader has a Socialist mind it escapes him. Listen to this from the Indianapolis News: "If this performance is allowed to pass unchallenged, it will be exceedingly difficult to put any limit to the president's power." The editor is talking about the San Domingo incident. Judge Clyde, who is acting in the dual role of United States collector of customs in the little island and representative of the San Domingo Improvement Co., arrived in the United States a few days ago. With the arrogant assurance which characterized a Spanish Don of the eighteenth century, he tells the reporters of the daily press "that the action of the U. S. government in taking charge of the island and its finances is viewed with satisfaction by the influential business interests and the landed proprietors." Of course it is. You will find the San Domingo capitalist of the same stripe as the American capitalist, and he views with equanimity any move which centralizes government. The capitalist is afraid of the people and is afraid of democracy.

THE dogs of the rich have costly coats and servants to attend them, while children of the poor are freezing and starving! This is what you vote for—you majority who are poor. Why do you do it?

AT recent city elections in Norway the Socialists stood second in almost every place. At the next election every city will fall into our comrades' hands.



Suppose you, Mr. Laboring Man, should go to Washington to view the noteworthy prosperity. When you saw how cheap everything was, wouldn't you telegraph for your wife and children to come on. The prices quoted in this cartoon are low compared to expensive places.

Backs Down at Last

The City Officials of Atlanta, After Winning Their Case Against Comrade Fitts in the Supreme Court, Are Afraid to Enforce the Sentence.

Readers of the Appeal are familiar with the splendid fight which Comrade J. L. Fitts has been making against the corrupt city officials in Atlanta, the superior court and the supreme court judges in the state of Georgia. Arrested for speaking on the streets in Atlanta as the representative of the Appeal in August, 1903, he was convicted by the police judge and sentenced to 30 days in the stockade. The case was appealed to the superior court which upheld the police judge. An appeal was taken to the supreme court where, after months of weary waiting, the judges finally decided that a Socialist speaker had no rights a corrupt city administration was bound to respect. Last year a new city administration was elected—with a "labor" mayor in the chair. A committee of Local Atlanta called on Mayor Woodward, and asked a recognition of its injustice.

"He replied," writes Comrade Fitts, "that he could not do this; that it would be slapping the face of Mayor Howell, the superior and the supreme courts, and would cause all the papers, which they control, to 'jump on him with both feet;' that it would put him in a very embarrassing position; but he would be glad to consider a pardon." We stated that we would not accept a pardon, as we wanted only justice—no pardon, no mercy, no "charity."

"February 10th I announced my intention to enter the stockade on February 13th. Next day the Atlanta News said editorially, in substance:

"The city is too big to humiliate Fitts. It has a technical right to imprison him, but this would be unnecessary and cruel. He created no disturbance, and the original wrong was with the city, which allows preachers, politicians and fakirs to speak. It did not fear that he would obstruct the streets, but just did not like his politics. Other test cases have been made, but when it was a barkeeper or a railroad official, no one thought of humiliating him, and to treat Fitts different does not look fair. The Salvation army was hooted and derided years ago. One day they announced a parade, and the mayor threatened to imprison them. He did not understand public sentiment. Such a storm of indignation arose that he allowed the parade. . . . Now the magnanimity of the city is involved, and Atlanta is too big to be little."

"The day I intended to enter (two days after this editorial) the mayor announced that I would not be allowed to serve in the stockade. This shows that he had put his ear to the ground, heard the rumblings, and decided to save Atlanta and its officials from the public indignation that the execution of such a sentence would bring. The pardon was not asked for and was given, not as a matter of justice, nor because I may be 'well-bred and educated.' It was only to protect the city.

"The mayor instructed the chief of police to lecture me to this effect: 'You may call it a pardon or a remission of sentence. The word makes no difference. You don't have to serve or pay anything. The best thing you can do now is to go quietly along, don't blow any about it, don't give out any interviews, get at some respectable business, and in a few months everybody will forget you ever violated the law and were under sentence. In other words. 'Go along and behave yourself.' If you raise any fuss and show ingratitude, the people who now sympathize with you will say you were not too good to serve the sentence. This is my opinion, as well as the mayor's."

"The attitude of Mayor Woodward, the 'labor candidate,' toward street speaking, might strike some people as rather peculiar. He says substantially: 'The streets must not be blocked and disturbances raised by political speeches. Hire a hall. I'd rather help you pay for it than have you speak on the streets. Of course, in a heated political campaign, when the candidates speak to the people, it is all right to speak on the streets. Worthy men and institutions, like the church and the salvation army—those that do good work, and do not beg a living, can get permits. *But Socialism is politics and can't be preached in the streets.*' Thus the mayor decides that when there is great excitement and halls overflow street meetings are all right; for that is a scramble of democratic pie-hunters. But the quiet educational campaign of the Socialists might block the streets and create disturbance, so it might! He decides which is worthy and does good work, and does not beg a living. He decided that the salvation army answers that description especially well, but the Socialist party has no resemblance to it! Truly he is a close observer! Thus he is the censor of public speech, the dictator in the municipality, as the man of the 'big stick' is in the nation. Yet democratic politicians, including Mayor Woodward himself, and booze-drinkers and vote-buyers, have spoken on the streets, probably without a permit.

"The acts and statements of these officials show clearly the desire to prevent free speech, and thus keep the same party in power indefinitely. And especially to check the Socialist propaganda and bolster up the capitalist system. It is the work of the fine Italian hand of the capitalistic rulers, and these petty officials are but their tools, whether conscious of that fact or not. They try to stop the agitation. They advise us to 'be quiet!' They pass laws and ordinances, then interpret and execute them as they please, so as to prevent Socialist agitation, while permitting all that the rulers like. This is the 'entering wedge' to prohibiting all Socialist speaking, and finally to stopping the Socialist press. If we yield this point without a protest, without public indignation, they will soon find a way to gag us still more thoroughly, just as they have disfranchised most of the working class of the South by means of educational qualifications, and are ready to add property qualification. (Of course those persons known to be safely 'democratic' are allowed to vote, and even negroes are made drunk and put to voting the right way.)

"The national house of representatives has become absolutely powerless, and the senate almost so, while its few powers are completely at the service of the great corporations. Thus the president is practically a dictator, the country an empire. All this has been done quietly, gradually, while the people have been lulled to sleep, hypnotised. In the same way our few remaining liberties, including the inestimable right of *free* discussion, will soon be snatched from us. Workers of America, wake up before it is too late! Wake up while the ballot is still yours, and a peaceful revolution is possible."

MEMBERS of the Pennsylvania legislature, according to the Philadelphia *North American* (republican), drew postage stamps from the state and then sold them to stamp brokers at a discount! And such are the men the working class elect to make the laws! Think of such petty thieves making laws to protect the people! That is what the republican ticket in Penns... stands for.

A DISPATCH from Berlin, date January 28th, says that the prominent women of that city have been holding charity balls and pocketing all the proceeds. But is that any worse than for business men to make a profit off the poor and needy? The women only took what blackmail they could levy off the well-to-do, while the profit mongers took directly from the poor. This is the moral side of those who live off the poor