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ry can take fifteen per cent. of this ar- "Soldiers of the Republic, comrades my of wage workers and produce all in arms for the preservation of the the necessary articles that can be sold Union, you preserved that Union. in the markets of the world, thus leav- You hastened the liberation of four ing the eighty-five per cent. to find million chattel slaves by at least two work in some other way, or remain or three decades. But a far more subidle to starve or steal or fight.

can starve to death.

government were to issue more money of the bread." this would cure it; but it would not, because under this wage system men ca n't work unless they are hired. If more money were issued, our blind banks and let them loan it out for going to do yourself. usury; and the idle millions could not ca n't make a profit out of them.

fort made to bridge over this gulf by asserting your right to what is yours.

charity and temporary work. Soup kitchens and donations; and some cities will inaugurate public improvements. These things will only mitigate the condition of things for a time. This idle army will grow right on. They constitute no small part of the market for manufactured goods; but, getting no wages, they can buy nothing, and manufacturing will be curtailed and more men thrown into this idle army. This wage system is burning the candle at both ends.

There is danger ahead. When this idle army reaches five or six or ten millions somebody will get hurt. The outlook is dark. When these millions of idle men hear their children crying for bread and see their mothers starving to death they will go out foraging, and then the government, under the control of the capitalists who have robbed these men, will call out the army and militia and police, and with their gatling guns will begin to shoot down the foragers. Then the cyclone will come. Some labor leader will call a strike that will stop every railroad from ocean to ocean. The cities will be shut up in darkness, the water supply cut off, every telegraph destroyed, and chaos will reign. I do not say these things will occur; I only say there is great danger of it. If the people were wise enough to adopt Socialism it would never come to that end. Oh, if the voters could only see what is for their good! They have it in their power to avert a storm which, I fear, will convulse this country as never before. - Appeal to Reason.

Masters of the Bread.

The Peoria (Ill.) Star prints in full while, on the other hand, the army of the Memorial Day address delivered wage workers grows larger and larger, by Thomas J. Thompson, Pekin, Ill. making the gulf between Dives and The Star reports that the sermon cre-Lazarus wider, deeper and darker ev- ated a profound impression. It is not to be wondered at, when you read the The capitalist owning the machine- following extract:

tle and degrading form of slavery re-The country would have landed in mains. The American laboring men, this maelstrom long ago had not capi- their wives and children, white as well talists found other fields to cultivate as black, are wage slaves. At this in exploiting labor. They construct- very time 3,000,000 unemployed men ed thousands of miles of railroads, in this republic you fought to preserve built thousands of manufacturing are seeking in vain for masters that plants, sank thousands of coal shafts | they may have bread. Nearly 2,000,and built many gorgeous palaces, thus | 000 children under the age of 15 years giving employment to thousands of are toiling in the factories, mills, shors this army of wage workers. But now and mines of the United States, dethey do n't need them. The railroads, prived of all the rights and privileges coal shafts and manufacturing plants of normal childhood. Thousands of are finished. They have their traps women are toiling in the sweat-shops set, their trust mills running, and all for a miserable pittance scarcely sufthey have to do now is to sit back and | ficient to keep their souls in their torsee their mills grind out millions of tured bodies. The great mass of the dividends. There is no place nor work people of the United States are propwhere they can employ their wage ertyless. One per cent. of the families workers at a profit now; and, so far hold more property than the remaining as the capitalist is concerned, they ninety-nine per cent. Only those who owned the land and machinery of the They wage system has gone to seed south could own the slaves of the south. This is why this panic struck the coun- In like manner those who own the try; and it must inevitably grow worse land and the machinery own the wage and worse. Some think that if the slaves of to-day. They are the masters

It is not a question of what the Socialists are going to do, Mr. Workingman; it's a question of what you are

So long as you believe the grafter borrow a dollar to keep them from who tells you that you are a miserable starving to death; and the capitalist | worm of the dust, that long will you is not going to hire them, because he go on your belly, and be ground under the heels of those who dare to walk up-There we are. There will be an ef- right. Brace up, and be somebody by

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