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We won't tell it.  
 We are ashamed of it, as well  
 as you are.

If personal favor is superior  
 to public good, the public is in  
 great danger.

A complement is well and  
 proper when extended in sincer-  
 ity, but when otherwise, it is a  
 disgrace to the actor.

The success of the New Board  
 of Aldermen will be determined  
 entirely by its several members,  
 sincere desire to serve their  
 constituents for the public weal.

Several weeks ago The  
 Dispatch carried a news item  
 taken from the statement set out  
 in the Remonstrator, a paper  
 published in Oklahoma City,  
 Oklahoma, which was supposed to  
 be true, which related to J. A.  
 Wayland the former editor of the  
 Appeal to Reason taking his  
 own life and the cause of such a  
 rash act.

We are in receipt of a marked  
 copy of the socialist banner,  
 the Appeal in which we are  
 threatened with a post, prosecu-  
 tion, and we suppose final  
 damnation for reprinting the story  
 of this horrible life and death.  
 Whether it be true or not we  
 cannot say, but we have no reason  
 so far to doubt it, because  
 there is little confidence to be  
 placed in any man that will  
 make such statements as the  
 present editor of the Appeal has  
 made in his issue of April, 26.  
 He says, "From now on every  
 newspaper that make a false and  
 libelous statement about the  
 Appeal and those connected with  
 it shall be called to account at  
 the bar of justice, if there is  
 to be a place in the United States.  
 As a matter of fact we expect  
 nothing not even simple justice  
 from the court, but when the  
 cases are presented the true  
 evidence will prove these papers  
 slanderers.

If the editor of the Appeal  
 does not think there is a court  
 of justice in the United States,  
 we would suggest that he drop  
 in the old North State  
 for a few hearings before our  
 superior tribunals, and we will  
 see that he gets what he justly  
 deserves. Our aim is to always  
 publish the truth and speak  
 nothing more or less, and if we  
 have erred in this case we shall  
 be glad to make correction, but  
 it will be necessary for proof  
 more satisfactory to us than that  
 produced by the tongue and pen  
 of the editor of the Appeal.  
 Because we do know that the  
 leaders of the socialist party  
 today are preying upon an inno-  
 cent and inmany cases an ignorant  
 following, and sapping them of  
 their industrial life blood by  
 telling them if they will follow  
 the socialist captives they will  
 soon be led into green pastures,  
 by the river of life, and into  
 that political and industrial  
 freedom where the rich shall not

oppress the weak, where the un-  
 learned be the prey of the bet-  
 ter informed people of our land.  
 Simply threats cut very little ice  
 on our skating rink, hence, it  
 has become necessary that war  
 be declared before we hoist the  
 white flag in search of the olive  
 branch.

## JAPANESE SITUATION HAS BEEN RELIEVED — IT IS NOW THOUGHT

Washington, May 2.—In official  
 circles here the opinion is  
 gaining ground that the situation  
 created by proposed anti-alien  
 owning legislation in California  
 has been relieved of its grave as-  
 pect, and that a satisfactory ad-  
 justment has been brought into  
 sight by latest developments, at  
 Sacramento. Adoption by California  
 of the amendment to the pending  
 alien land owning bill to permit  
 leases of lands by Japanese for  
 periods not exceeding three  
 years, is connected by officers of  
 the administration here with  
 Secretary Bryan's postponement  
 of his return to Washington from  
 Sacramento. It is believed the  
 secretary hopes to mitigate the  
 drastic features of the bill to a  
 point where there would be no  
 ground for objection from the  
 Japanese government.

Any such legislation as that  
 pending in California would not  
 be welcomed by the Japanese,  
 but it is said that in the higher  
 circles in Tokio it is feared that  
 some such legislation is in-  
 evitable, and must be accepted,  
 provided Japanese pride is saved  
 and the probable injury to Jap-  
 anese subjects in California re-  
 duced to a minimum.

The Japanese embassy officials  
 here are discreetly silent regard-  
 ing the latest phase of the sit-  
 uation, but it is believed they re-  
 gard this last measure as far less  
 offensive than the original Webb  
 bill.

Most of the agricultural lands  
 in California, by Japanese are  
 held under lease and the prop-  
 erty occupied as residences and  
 business houses by Japanese is  
 especially exempted from es-  
 cheatment, so that the pecuniary  
 damage caused by the act would  
 be reduced to a minimum by the  
 amendment. It is pointed out,  
 too, that by recognizing the val-  
 idity of leases the Californians  
 are simply duplicating the con-  
 ditions under which Americans  
 at present hold land in Japan.  
 Sacramento, Cal., May 2.—  
 The California senate today  
 showed a resolute determination  
 to put aside the recommendation  
 of President Wilson and his en-  
 voy, Secretary Bryan, and pass  
 an act prohibiting Japanese and  
 other aliens ineligible to citizen-  
 ship from holding land by pur-  
 chase or by lease for more than  
 three years.

The phraseology of the bill, as  
 redrafted by Attorney General  
 Webb after many conferences  
 with Governor Johnson and the  
 administration floor leaders, omit-

ted the words "ineligible citizen-  
 ship," which are offensive to Ja-  
 pan, but those in charge of the  
 bill repeatedly admitted in debate  
 that the end sought was the same  
 that the Democratic opposition  
 was purely tactical. The minor-  
 ity confessed its sympathy with  
 the ends sought, and freely criti-  
 cised the bill, not as too drastic,  
 but as too weak. Where the mi-  
 nority differed was in its judge-  
 ment of the means wisest to em-  
 ploy. This attitude found its  
 expression in a resolution offered  
 by Senator Curtin and defeated  
 by a vote of 19 ayes to 26 noes.  
 The administration majority for  
 the bill was solid with a single  
 exception. In opposition were 8  
 out of 10 Democrats, 1 progres-  
 sive and Senator Wright, of San  
 Diego, the lone Taft Republican  
 in the chamber.

## SEEKING REVENGE GETS WRONG MAN

Mill Operative, Mistaken For Po-  
 lice Officer, Stabbed While Asleep  
 in Bed.

Danville, Va.,—E. D. Meg-  
 gerson, a Schoolfield mill employ-  
 ee, was stabbed and fatally wound-  
 ed during the early hours of  
 yesterday by C. L. Mathews.  
 Mathews, it appears was seek-  
 ing a police officer who had har-  
 assed him the day before and wa-  
 s the cause of his being fined. To  
 that he might get even with him  
 Mathews enlisted the sympathy  
 of another man named Lee Har-  
 ris and together they the house  
 of the police officer. By error  
 the two entered the wrong house  
 and without waiting to see who  
 they were attacking, Mathews  
 plunged his pocket knife into the  
 sleeping form of Meggerson, who  
 was in bed with his wife.

The stab went deep, through  
 the lung, did not prevent Meg-  
 gerson and his wife from escap-  
 ing. Their shouts in the mean-  
 time awakened neighbors and  
 the police officer, whose life  
 Mathews sought, arrested both  
 at the would-be-murderer as they  
 left the house.

## WITH THE WITS

"Papa's sick."  
 "Very."  
 "Yes. Ma's terribly worried.  
 She says he's so sick that he  
 hasn't even noticed that the  
 nurse we've hired is pretty."  
 —De Witt Free Press.

Bank clerk (to German girl) —  
 "You've endorsed this check sim-  
 ply Gretchen Schmidt; you for-  
 gotten the 'H.'"  
 Gretchen — "Ach! So I haf  
 but mine itch is 23 years."  
 —Comic Cuts.

## Montenegrin Cabinet Resigns.

London, May 4.—A Cetinje  
 dispatch to a London news  
 agency says that the Montenegrin  
 cabinet has resigned as a protest  
 against the policy of evacuation  
 of Serbians.

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