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The Story of the APPEAL

"UNBEATEN AND UNBEATABLE"

Being the Epic of the Life and
Work of the Greatest Political
NEWSPAPER in the World.

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"I never could believe that Providence had sent a few men into the world ready booted and spurred to ride, and millions ready saddled and bridled to be ridden."—Richard Kumbold, on the scaffold, 1685.

"The only thing in the world worth bothering about is the advancement of the Socialist movement. It includes everything else that can be named or imagined as a worthy object of life. Do you believe in philanthropy? This is the greatest philanthropic movement of all the ages. Do you believe in education? This alone proposes to give to all the peoples of the earth a chance to be educated. Do you believe in art? This movement means the first free field and opportunity for art. Do you believe in liberty? It is here, Or honesty? This means the first chance for men to be honest. Do you believe in equality for men and women? That, too, is here. Do you believe in democracy, justice, kindness, decency, peace? All these things are embraced in the Socialist movement and have their only hope in its success."—Charles Edward Russell.

"The days before us invite to action as never before. The field is dazzlingly attractive and I do not see how any live human being can keep out of the fight."—Eugene V. Debs.



FOREWORD

Among all the numerous and varied experiences of many years' work as a writer and propagandist of Socialism, none has ever afforded me such interest, or so high a degree of information and pleasure, as the production of the present volume.

From this work, from my stay in Girard, from the opportunity of reading the entire files of the APPEAL, of reviewing its whole "strange, eventful history," and coming to know in bonds of fraternal amity its personnel of devoted workers, great good has come to me.

Thus my ambition now is this—to convey to the Socialist movement and to the world at large the knowledge it has been my privilege so to gain; and, to the best of my ability, to make all see what I have seen, know the men and women I have come to know, and with me share an understanding of the vital, tremendous work of the APPEAL TO REASON.

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All these good services are hereby warmly and heartily acknowledged. I thank you all, for them. I trust this volume may in some measure repay the labors in which it has involved so many. And with Byron, I exclaim:

"What is writ, is writ;
I would 'twere worthier!"

Fraternally to all,
GEORGE ALLAN ENGLAND.