

A MUCK RAKE MESSAGE

The President Denounces the Judiciary.

"A MISCARriage OF JUSTICE."

The Trusts Escape Through a Hole Dug by the Administration - Congress Recommended to Change the Federal Statutes to Cover Official Mistakes.

President Roosevelt is undoubtedly a close student of Machiavelli, the founder of the modern school of diplomacy. His special message to congress respecting the opinion of Judge Humphrey upsetting his contention in the case against the beef packers, coming on the heels of his confiscation scheme, shows that he is now trying to fan into flame the hostility of certain classes not only against another class of society, but also against the courts. If he can so far increase the hatred of the people toward the federal courts that they would support him in any violation of the constitution, laws and treaties of the United States, there would no longer be any barrier between the president and the permanent and hereditary dictatorship at which he seems to be aiming.

The court may or may not have been wrong in that case. The constitution provides that no person shall be compelled to give evidence against himself, and it has often been held in pursuance of this provision that where evidence has been obtained upon the assurance, express or necessarily implied, that it will not be used against the witness he is entitled to immunity under this wise provision of the constitution made for the protection of individual liberty. We understand the court's opinion in the case of the beef packers to be no more than this old rule of the law. There is a probability, indeed, that the case against the packers was prepared with full knowledge of this rule and in anticipation of Judge Humphrey's action in pursuance of it, and that it was so prepared that Mr. Garfield was induced to obtain confidentially for the government the information on which the prosecution was based—in order that "a miscarriage of justice" should inevitably be the result, while our Machiavellian student in the White House would at the same time appear to be fighting the trusts and would gain the opportunity to go in eruption just before the coal strike.

On Saturday, April 14, he delivered his speech in confiscation and the muck rake; on Wednesday, April 18, he sent to congress his attack on the courts, which, if it were well founded, would be the finest muck rake performance ever witnessed. After denouncing the action of the court as "a miscarriage of justice," the president adds, "This interpretation of the will of congress as expressed in legislation is such as to make that will absolutely abortive," and again, "I can hardly believe that the ruling will be followed by other judges," meaning the supreme court of the United States. Is this a threat or merely a gratuitous insult to a co-ordinate branch of the government? It may be both in one. Of course this threat and this insult will be despised by the supreme court. But can congress afford to let the incident pass without rebuking the offender? Can it afford to allow the president to inject into his messages to them and to spread upon the pages of the journals such muck as this—such charges against one court and institutions against another as this muck message contains? The president has no right to say such things in his official capacity. They are distinctly libelous in character.

The president might properly have called to the attention of congress the susceptibility of new legislation in view of the court's decision, but to hold up a judge to popular execration and to insinuate that other judges who would be called upon to review the case on appeal would be put into the same pillory if they dared to sustain the ruling of the lower court, and to have all this spread upon the journals of congress in a message from the president, is furnishing the worst possible example for the people at this time. This message deserves to go down in history as the only genuine "muck message" ever sent to congress by an American president.

They Fear the People.

The ship subsidy bill seems to be hanging fire in the house of representatives, though the majority of the Republicans of the committee who have it in charge are known to favor it. As election time draws nearer and nearer and caucuses and conventions are being held the popular will is held in more respect even by the most subsidy hunting Republican statesman. Thank God, there is an election of congress every two years! For, though the fear of the people does not keep Republican congressmen from consummating many political evils, it prevents them from passing some bills that would weigh heavily on a trust plundered and long suffering people.

Working Together.

Uncle Joe Cannon is having all he can do to hold the Republican coats of the house of representatives and prevent them from kicking over the traces. On the other hand, the Democrats are working together for the good of the whole country and the benefit of a united and victorious Democracy.

Cost of Millinery.

How much did the Easter hats and bonnets cost your family? It is well to remember that under the present Republican protective tariff system the cost of millinery is increased over 50 per cent.

WHAT ARE THE SUDRAS?

The Unhappiest Beings in the World - The Laborers of India.

Of the laboring class of India Charles Edward Russell, in the June instalment of "Soldiers of the Common Good," in everybody's Magazine, has written this powerful description:

"You may see thousands of Sudras in any Indian city, and when you have observed them well, you will burn with ineffable rage against the whole Hindu system. These strange brown men, thin and sinewy wearing a dirty rag about the head a dirty rag about the loins, that you see ramming macadam in the streets of Bombay are Sudras; those men with the vacant, pathetic, listless faces, that never speak a word as they work, never exchange a glance, never heed a passer-by, never look up, never for an instant turn their gaze upon the blue sky, or the flaming sunset, or a flashing bird, or a gorgeous carriage in the street or the soldiers marching by with blaring band; the human machines, the downward-gazing, mechanical contrivances, the men that have no consciousness of man's existence except to ram macadam all day and at night creep into their filthy lairs in the mud and slime of lonely corners; they are Sudras, they are the laboring class of India. No man can look upon them without deep horror and pity beyond all words. That such things should have the shapes and bones and hands and eyes and mouths of men seems to lower every beholder in his own estimation and to fill him with awe and vague alarms. If these things can be men, how far then is any man from the other beasts that climb and chatter in the forest?"

Old Folks at Home.

Way down upon the Swamps ridder,
Far, far away,
Dere's wher my heart is turning olber,
Dere's wher de old folks stay,
All up and down de old creation,
Saddy I roam,
Still longin' for de old plantation,
And for de old folks at home.

Chorus.

All de world an sad and weary,
Eberwher I roam,
Oh, darkeys, how my heart grows weary,
Far from de old folks at home.

All round de little farm I wander'd,
When I was young,
Den many happy days I spenderd,
Many old songs I sang,
When I was playing wid my brudder,
Happy was I,
Oh, take me to my kind old coulder,
Dere let me live and die.

One little hut among de bushes,
One dat I love,
Still saddy to my weary restes,
No matter wher I rove,
When will I see de bare a leammung,
All round de coulder,
When will I hear de birds a leammung,
Down in my good old home?

Union County Speakers.

Down at Wingate commencement the question was sprung as to why Union county boys have won such a reputation as speakers, it being a well known fact that wherever they go they take the honors in this respect, and you can't jump a Union county boy up in the woods anywhere and send him to the high schools of the county without making a speaker of him if there is any speak at all about him. Nobody seemed to know how to explain this that day. But the next day Dr. Walter Sikes met the reporter in Monroe and said that he could explain it dead easy. "It is," he said "all due to the coming of O. C. Hamilton to Union county years ago. Before then we had not this reputation. He teaches his boys to speak, and the other schools that have sprung up have either been taught by his boys or been influenced by them, and they carry on the work which he started and is yet doing."—Monroe Journal.

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PUBLIC OPINION.

The Great Lever That Moves the Politicians.

Don't waste your time denouncing corporations. A corporation can only act through its president and board of directors. To attack a corporation is but waste of breath, but the officials and directors are the ones that are subject to the penalties of the law and to the great moral force of public opinion. The coal trust is soulless but Brother Buer and the directors of the railroads and coal companies who are illegally combined to plunder the public and prey on the miners can be reached by the law and eventually will be. Although trust magnates' skins are thick, yet they are amenable to public contempt, which is a wonderfully sharp weapon. Back of the coal trust and the steel trust is J. P. Morgan. Hurl your shafts at him.

The Standard Oil corporation is really the Rockefeller and Rogers. The sugar trust is Havenmeyer. The New York Central railroad is the Vanderbilts. The Pennsylvania and Baltimore and Ohio railroads are entirely controlled by Cassatt; the Great Northern, the Northern Pacific and the Burlington by Hill; the Southern railway by Morgan; the Southwestern railroads by Harriman, and so it is with the other systems. The industrial trusts are likewise mostly controlled by one man.

President Roosevelt speaks of "good and bad trusts," but the trusts and corporations are only what their managers make them, and the honest or dishonest directors or managers should be praised or blamed.

How powerful public opinion is on those corporation officials who have sinned is shown by the self banishment of Rockefeller to avoid appearing as a witness and the flitting of the insurance grafters. The corporation cannot be punished, if you fine it the money comes out of the pockets of the shareholders, so that annihilating corporations is so much vanity. That is where the efforts of President Roosevelt against the trusts have failed of accomplishment. The case against the Northern Securities company, which resulted in its virtual dissolution, has had no effect, but if the law had been brought to bear on President Hill he would probably have been glad to see competition resumed between the Great Northern and Northern Pacific railroads.

The administration has utterly failed in all its anti-trust contests. Every trust, combine or corporation is still a monopoly, as far as it can be, and continues to plunder the people as much as the business sagacity of the managers considers desirable. Will the voters, who are the victims of trust and corporation rapacity, endorse the feeble efforts of the administration at trust busting? A true reformer with all the great power of the government at his command should have been able to put the bodies of some trust magnates at hazard in the courts. But not a trust magnate has been convicted.

Public opinion with its moral force alone has done more to curb the trust magnates, and if the contempt of the people is centered on the persons and not on the impersonal corporation it will have still greater effect.

Undoubtedly all this, however, is the cause that has fostered the trusts and that can only be removed by the adoption of the good old Democratic doctrine of "Equal rights to all and special privileges to none."

What the Republicans Stand For.

The platform adopted at the late Indiana Republican state convention stands pat for "the time honored Republican doctrine of protection" and further declares that the party is "the friend of the protective policy through good and evil report" and adds that it "can be trusted to make changes in tariff schedules whenever more good than evil will result." As the convention was dominated by Fairbanks and Beveridge, who are ardently for the ship subsidy steal, of course they and their henchmen stand for the plundering tariff, which allows the trusts to sell cheaper to foreigners than to our own people. They doubtless stand for the Republican "time honored custom" of bleeding the tariff fostered trusts and protected combines of campaign funds, so as to have the chance to continue the plundering of the many for the benefit of the few. It is well known they stand for this "through good and evil report" and "can be trusted" to fool the people as long as the voters allow them to do so.

The Canal Is In the Air.

After three years of breathless haste at Panama, including the making of a revolution on Washington time, which is some hours ahead of Panama time, no general plan for the construction of the canal has been devised. There has been some desultory digging and a great deal of carefully considered lying in and about the isthmus and the canal, but so far everything is up in the air, the president having turned over the job of deciding upon the type of canal to congress.

Keeping Quiet.

Cornelius N. Bliss, the treasurer of the Republican national committee, does not care to discuss the arrest of Mr. Perkins for his liberal donation to the committee of the life insurance money that should have been sacred to the widows and orphans of the policy holders. President Roosevelt and Chairman Cortelyou are equally mum on the subject and have made no move for restitution of the large sums to the life insurance companies.

Get Up, Coming and Going.

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