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Individual Liberty the Cohesive Power of True Republican Government.

By John D. Thorne.

The strength and seminal principle of all true government lies in the unfettered individual conscience.

No government has ever long remained prosperous and progressive without this basal element, and it behooves us, my countrymen, to pause and ponder upon the rapid decadence of true republican government and the swiftly ebbing liberties we once enjoyed under the "Magna Charter" of our early history. For far of the cry of pessimism being injected right here, I will give reason for the port of my unattractive, though truthful picture, my conclusion being reached from a strictly non-partisan standpoint.

None of us are so untutored as to be ignorant of the fact that we occupy a great country, a domain blessed by Providence in all the exuberance of His kindness with every variety of soil, climate and production, and so expansive as to be able under just and equitable laws to shield and render comfortable and happy a ten fold population of its present existence; yet, under the mercenary and venal domination of the iniquitous few, and the fostering spirit of concentrated capital, and financial brigandage, the masses are groaning under burdens so oppressive that two dangerous and antagonistic elements are in evolution—factors of certain destruction of life, liberty and pursuit of happiness—the errors and dogmatism of a combined plutocracy is forcing a socialistic element, either of which untraveled, will arrest, if not entirely subvert, the boasted civilization of this marvelous nineteenth century.

So stealthily has this painful situation crept into our national life that a knowledge of its existence is the property only of the observant and thoughtful minority.

It had its inception in our late foolish civil conflict, where the spirit of speculation was so rife, and the insane desire to ride rapidly into power was so strong that it submerged all patriotic impulse and engendered an army of corrupt syndicates, who so arrogantly controlled the productive capacity of honest labor, that a painful paralysis of effort ensued. Through its class legislation, and corrupt political inequalities of fortune are being venally created, and all outside the limits of this venal ring have been left to gaze with amazement at the fertility of our resources, and the paucity with which its fruits are being garnered by the rapacious few.

To illustrate the extent of the perjury, and the high source affected by it, let us revert to a recent session of Congress wherein a few patriotic spirits viewing with dismay the crippled state of our finances zealously labored to provide efficient revenue for the existing need of the government and saddle a large part of the taxation where it justly belonged, upon the wealth of the country, which the shysters fought day by day, with bitter invective, and as a dernier resort fell back upon the Supreme Court—the "lex suprema" of our system, who to court the favoring breezes of the autocratic plutocracy, unjustly reverse the righteous decree of Congress thereby increasing the burdens of the poor and so clogging the machinery of the government that further progress is a matter of painful apprehension. So sensitive are the plutocratic forces of the country, that the cry of impeachment was recently raised in Congress, because of our Ambassadors under the able and patriotic impulse of his nature saw fit to announce, and forcibly express his views upon the effect which the decadence of individual liberty had upon American prosperity, and the advancing civilization of the age.

This would not have been so grievous, had it not so fully unmasked the errors and injustice of the protective policy of our system, and the venality engendered thereon.

All loo to the America.

Chevalier for his bold defence of truth and equity, upon the hill tops of Scotland, and in the classic city of Edinburgh, before the liberty loving Scotch—these primal truths which will live to the end of time in all bosoms who cherish justice and equality before the law—in amazing contrast to the ignoble and obscure individual, converting an unenviable notoriety and plutocratic favor, that suggested the impeachment of one of the grandest characters in modern history—thereby illustrating the degeneracy of the so-called American statesman.

It is a sad period of our republican system when freedom of expression is sought to be squelched; especially when it covers the ground work of truth, and in the interest of the toiling millions, who should have some advocate, in their badly treated moribund condition.

Had Mr. Bayard made the grand speech which he did, omitting the scathing exposition of protection, and its attendant evils, so hue and cry would have been raised against him, but this pet measure of the plutocratic autocracy must not be exposed, even by an Ambassador.

It is painfully apparent to the student of American history, that our freedom is being fettered in the halls of our national legislature, especially so in its lower branch, where, through the adroit finesse of its speaker, the will of the chamber is being guided by his dictum—he being 'per se' its force and expression—its 'ipse facto'.

Should ever the chaffers succeed in their unholy crusade by fastening their pet policy of protection upon our national system, then adieu to freedom, prosperity and happiness of the masses—the will of the few being the curse of the many.

This ill-balanced policy has already destroyed our merchant marine, depleted our treasury, and invited fraud and corruption.

Mr. Bayard very truthfully says, "It has perverted taxation from its only true justification and function—creating revenue for the support of the government of the whole people into an engine for the selfish and private profit of allied beneficiaries called 'trust.' Under its dictation, individual enterprise and independence have been oppressed, energy and invention debilitated and discouraged, and politics placed on the low level of a mercenary scramble."

A condition running parallel with an ignoble paragraph of early Jewish history wherein the prophet, with righteous indignation declared, that "Judgment had been turned away back, with Justice standing away off; truth fallen in the street; and Equity unable to enter."

Dating our appreciable decadence to those fateful years 1871-72 wherein two of the strongest pillars in our financial fabric were torn asunder, the repeal of the income tax (a most radical departure from rectitude and equity) and the equal untenable policy of demonetization of silver; a metal recognizable in the coins past as being a twin companion to its richer brother gold, their mission of usefulness running in parallel lines, in the ratio of value, one to the other, as the wisdom of its users decreed, subject to slight variations, with the march of the ascending centuries.

Its entire elimination or divestment was never a scheme, or a dream, of our financial fathers, but the venal product of the one sided brain of our mad roof, up to date Solons.

But for the unwisdom of those years' action in Congress, our country would have been spared the humiliation, and lamentable spectacle, of paying the role of supplicant enterprise, and "running to cover" at the instance of every recurrent reserve depletion. It is the most anomalous and strangely paradoxical condition of affairs that a country, with the largest material resources, should be the weakling in its financial relations—destructive as it is, of the wealth of the masses, and confidence in our fiscal policy.

Admitting the premises as set

forth, there can be but one conclusion: either, the imbecility, or verality of our fiscal and law-making agencies.

The interminable and ill advised scramble for the adjustment of our metallic currency arises from the excessive cupidity of the few, and the uncompromising hostility of sectional diversity.

Let wisdom, patriotism, and true statesmanship, adjust the balance wheel, and matters will once more move smoothly in its orbit, as in the days of our ante bellum history.

As illustrative of the defective and venal legislature of our later days Salons, look at the immensity of our resources—our productive annual capacity.

As estimated the crop of 1895 aggregated the stupendous amount of two billions of dollars, yet through speculation, subsidies and unnecessary appropriations, we are reduced to that strait the only propulsion given the wheels of government is through the issuance of bonds, which fattens the plutocracy, pauperizes the masses, and saps the vitality of our system.

Bond issuance is an indefensible, and untenable policy under any republican system of government—admissible only in time of war as a military necessity, and salvation of the republic.

The last year of our bond management had well nigh engulfed the country, and but the patriotic zeal manifested by our leading newspapers, and the searching investigation—analyzing means, measure, and throwing the calcium light in every crevice, to expose the pervading rottenness, the coils of the anaconda would be past unfolding.

Disguise 'as they may, under the mask of philanthropy, public necessity or patriotic purpose, it is clearly apparent to the well informed that the major part of the appropriation are made in for the interest of the party urging the appropriation, and even our marvelous pension growth is but the outcome of politics and engendered in the interest of the party catching the soldier vote—so solicitous are both parties for this advantage they have allowed the pension system to be so expanded that it takes nearly one half of the annual revenue of the country to satisfy them. What excellent marksmen those ill fed and badly armed rebels must have been, to kill and maim two thirds of the Federal army.

The honest deserving pensioners should be provided for; but it is sheer lunacy to assume, that the larger, and better equipped army, should lose over one half of its forces, through the meagre facilities possessed by its weaker adversary.

But there is no appellate court to which it may be referred, and so long as there is money in it to the congressional shysters, the tax payers must submit to his unhappy environment.

This invasion of personal liberty, which is truly subversive of the interest of enemies of true government, begins in the primary, enlarged at the ballot box, and consummated in State and National convalescence. A mercenary scramble from the primate, to the lex suprema of our system.

The past freedom of the individual has brought our country to its present high standpoint—its waning liberties like the unfortunate Roman may be even more rapid in its declension than in its ascendancy. Facilis averna descensus.

Dry as it is, permit me to glance a few statistics.

It is the estimate that the aggregate real and perishable interest of the United States is sixty five billions of dollars, that in the past three decades we have squandered one eighth of this stupendous amount in war debt, unnecessary appropriations, pensions subsidies, and verality, and although our gold, silver and copper, and iron mines have been yielding handsomely, and Providence having blessed us with abundant harvests throughout this period, we still find our National treasury at the mercy of the money sharks, whose combined strength could easily crush

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our financial system.

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The Monroe doctrine is a cardinal principle of our republic, and will be enforced at all hazards by every government on this continent, against the combined powers of christendom, a feature which our president in his wisdom and vigorous foreign policy, has recently enunciated, so that all sentiments run counter to it, may know the Gibraltar of our system.

To perpetuate the privileges bequeathed us by our fathers, each citizen of our country should labor with intelligent zeal for the promotion of her best interest, both in social, and civil life—for the suppression of the venality which has furtively crept into our system; and lend aid and countenance to all who labor on the lines of social, civil, and moral reform—thus only can individual liberty be preserved, and the assured inheritance of succeeding generations.

Another fatal raid is being made on individual freedom by unjust systems of taxation. No taxation is fair, and equitable, unless levied on the idea that each one should be assessed in the proportion of his holding. Under our system the burthen rest heavily upon those least able to bear it, but how can we expect any improvement, so long as jobbers and chaffers are taking the place of statesmen?

What chance does the great army of laborers have in the struggle of existence, where the combined wealth of the country is allied with the law power, to depress prices and minimize the fruits of their labor?

The natural alliance which should exist between capital and labor is becoming daily more divergent, which will ultimately produce a war of element infinite, and bring to a shameful close the boasted progress of the nineteenth century.

Great Britain has ever acted upon the assumption that who ever commands the sea commands the trade; who ever commands the trade of the world commands the riches of the world; and consequently, the world itself—why have not we with our boasted intelligence, infinite variety of resources, more tenaciously grasped this idea, and worked it out to a happy conclusion? With every advantage we have failed to embrace the situation, and been sadly left in the rearguard of the world's race for naval supremacy.

Without a proper appreciation of the advantages we enjoy, and a right application of them to existing circumstances, we can not keep step with the progressive improvement of other systems unless we allow the largest individual liberty consistent with public safety, enhancing as it will, that love of country, and zealous interest in her welfare, which will be to all an element of great strength.

It has been most truthfully affirmed, that the greatest bulwark of freedom is the doctrine of limitation upon human authority.

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Literary Note.

Some of the most dramatic episodes that have occurred in the halls of Congress during the last thirty years are told in a series of papers which ex-Senator John J. Ingalls has written for The Saturday Evening Post of Philadelphia.

The first paper of the series, entitled Famous Plead in Congress, which appears in the issue of June 24, gives an authentic and vivid account of the scenes that led up to the lifelong enmity between Blaive and Conkling, and Conkling and Lamar.

Other notable features of this number are: A Soldier's View of a Warless World, by Major General Nelson A. Miles, and the story of The Little House in the Little Street where the Sun Never Came by John Luther Long—one of the strongest stories of this brilliant writer.

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