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A PITIFUL STORY.

It is a pitiful story of Robert Harris and brothers of Reidsville who charge without qualification the wilful and deliberate destruction of their large tobacco manufacturing business, a business built up by a life time of labor, destroyed by the tobacco trust. While the Harris Bros. are among the last to succumb to these commercial vandals, they are not the only ones that have gone down in stress and storm, victims of a pirate crew that have scuttled a many an honest industrial business and sent it to the bottom, or a derelict upon the wide ocean of commercial disaster, other proof that the Sherman law was not doing business.

It is bad enough to have great manufacturing industries destroyed in individual hands, to create a condition of industrial serfdom, but to add to this that truckling servile spirit of individual snobbery as practiced and holds sway in Winston and other towns where the dynasty of ill acquired wealth rules and dominates, its sovereign scepter with the regal authority of demigods. It's enough to nauseate and sicken any one who reverts and reverences the freedom and independence of American manhood.

If this was all it would be enough, but it is not. Unlicensed power is eating like a cancer the very heart out of our higher social, and domestic system. The wretches who own so much money finds no trouble in dominating your homes, or in luring your wife, or daughter to their beastly lust. People sit down and worship this golden calf, little dreaming how they are contributing to the destruction of the best, highest and holiest there is in the domestic life.

TO CREATE DISTRUST.

If we do not have a panic, little, or big it will not be because a number of prominent Republicans have not exhausted their resources, and influence to bring one about. If to create distrust, to seek to harrass a country with doubt in regard to its commercial stability, is an evidence of the malign and sinister influence sought to be put in operation to the Nations awful harm then Lewis, Penrose, Smoot, and others can be justly charged. There has been a day when the concentrated efforts of these men, would have raised a financial storm that would have quite near unroofed the Capital, but to day instead of the howling of the wind, we hear the hissing of the serpents of trust, and the storm of anger, at the demand for a square deal.

Mr. Wilson is in a position to throttle any attempt at a panic, and we feel sure he will choke the thing down at the very first evidence of danger.

AUTOMOBILE OWNERS SHORT ON CASH.

"It is learned from the office of the Secretary of State that a surprisingly large number of the checks sent in to pay annual State license taxes on automobiles are returned unpaid, most of them with the notation of "insufficient funds on deposit."

This is taken to illustrate how many people strain their finances in order to own an automobile. And it is the shame of the whole business, that men who have to toil often with limited means,

and thriftless, some mortgaging their homes to raise money to buy an automobile. Poor, foolish, frivolous things. If an automobile is supremely essential for your earthly happiness, go to work and earn the money to buy one, don't go in debt for it. It can hardly be that important to you.

If Henry Wilson, recently returned Ambassador from Mexico, succeeds in securing enough support from the Senate to his schemes to have this Government recognize the Huerta administration of Mexico he will in our estimation have gotten the support to a murder gang, and we are not disposed to believe that Wilsons hands are entirely stainless. We care not how he impresses others, but to us he looks like a man it would do to let alone. He is a sinister cheemer.

The Cattle.

By John Ingleton.

The cattle are browsing in the meads
Where the clover loves to come,
Where grasses brush against the weeds
White golden bumblebees hum.
Ateve the cattle for me wait,
And watch for me, one by one,
Until they hear me loose the gate,
And call them to follow on.
I love then as with setting sun
They meekly follow me,
Down the path by wild flowers run,
Where the brook runs by the lea.
There's strength within each shaggy
beast,
And thoughts of honest toil
From the cattle as they come to feast
Or roam on the great earth's soil.

The Hideous Blot.

The most hideous blot on our civilization today, the most shameful fact to be asserted about us throughout christendom is seen in the homicide records of State after State, coupled with the callous indifference of juries to the horror of the situation and the utter break down of our judicial system in its handling of murder. It passes the comprehension of Europe how this can be in the foremost republic of the world. In fact, it baffles any thoughtful American citizen for that matter to explain this dark phenomenon of our present social order quite satisfactorily.

In no "holier than thou" spirit, but rather in a spirit of anxious concern for our common civilization, we direct attention to the fearful record that a next-door State, Georgia, has made during the past year as regards homicidal activity and judicial lethargy or indifference. That no less than some hundreds of homicides should have been committed in that State, not to count victims of that peculiar form of murder called lynching, and over against this only 30 legal executions within the space of one year, is something well-nigh incredible. Along with this is seen a peculiar growing tendency to make a joke of the situation, which is a subtle symptom of the insidious spread of that contempt, which familiarity breeds. Surely it is a Mephistophelian spirit that can see humor in so pitiful a tale of human beings done to death and courts of justice standing by unaroused by the scene!

When will there come a turn in this path we are treading toward a heedlessness of human life that shall make of murder one of the least of crimes and render the life of every citizen liable at any time to pay the forfeit for some slight offense given or obstruction occasioned to another. To murder a fellow man is steadily becoming safer than any other offense against society. Do our juries refuse to convict because capital punishment is involved and this extreme penalty no longer fits the spirit of our time? If so, better to change the law to one they will enforce. Is it that our judicial procedure gives the defendant so completely the better of every strategic point in the conflict with the prosecution, that the latter is all but blocked? There is certainly a great deal in this. Yet why should we be more tender toward the murderer than to his victim, for whom there was no protection at the hands of the State?

It is a condition sad, mortifying and dangerous all in one. Unceasing effort to correct it is the stern duty of every patriotic citizen.—Columbia State.

Happy Microbe.

The microbe is an anxious of life, for Migula found the bacillus leposporus placed on a sheet of glass lived for five years. Germs of potato disease sealed in a tube were living after a period of eight years. In 1879 Bail, of Prague, after a lapse of eighteen years, infected a mouse fatally with some bacilli. Nestler investigated a clod of earth stored in a herbarium for over half a century, and found 89,200 living spores to the gramme. Some earth wrapped in paper since 1824, and protected from atmospheric germs, showed on examination 19,000 bacteria to the gramme. Eighty-seven years is a ripe age even for a microbe.

There is no outward sign of courtesy that does not rest on a deep moral foundation.—Goethe.

Do Something

(New York Telegram.)

It is a Macedonian cry for haste in settling the tariff matter that has gone up from all over the country.

With the formal opening of debate in the senate President Wilson has been flooded with mail containing pleas that the uncertainty be ended. Business is being held up everywhere pending definite action, and the President must be aware of the fact.

There need not be and should not be unnecessary delay caused by the opposition. Senator Cummins, for the republicans, has assailed the measure in good set terms, severely criticised President Wilson's course in shaping the bill and predicts democratic disaster.

Let it go at that. The business world wants to know at once just where it stands.

The burden of all the letters received is that it is not so much a question of rates now as an end of uncertainty. Don't waste any more time.

CHEER OF THE OLD HOME

Something Which Every Man and Woman Should Be Able to Look Back Upon.

It would be a blessing if we parents could just reflect that it may be that the only cheer in life which our children will get is the cheer of the old home, writes Frank W. Gunsaulus. They are hurrying out into the world which has no time to make them happy. If they are fortunate, as the world says, they will probably have homes, where old-fashioned and romping cheerfulness would skin its shins against the furniture or break the Louis XIV. chair. Blessed old days, and most wish some to look back upon, are those when the hearty laugh of father would not split the lace curtains, and when mother could have two big, healthy children upon her lap while she was sitting down, with safety to all parties, in her rocker. No coin on earth costs so little to mint and goes so far in paying life's heavy expenses as Good Cheer. Pessimists are made before children are ten years of age, and pessimism comes when a child cannot turn a golden laugh into ready cash for life's poverty and its relief. We talk about the cruelty of a father's depriving a child of sufficient clothing. It is too bad; but a child's tears would better be ruddy and his ears tingle with cold than to have a home with winter in the atmosphere and the smiles all freezing to death.

No child is prepared for the supremely serious things of life who cannot laugh away all the goblins and ghosts and break with the shining wand of Good Cheer the circle drawn around him by any giant.

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