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SLEEPERS AWAKENING.

Rudyard Kipling says that the Americans are long suffering and slow to take up arms in resentment of a national insult or in defense of their rights, but once aroused they go resolutely into the fight and never give up until the victory is won. This distinguished writer—the greatest of his day—is a man of close observation, and he has read the character of his trans-Atlantic cousins with a clear vision.

The injustice inflicted and the hardships imposed by the trusts are beginning to be keenly felt. The barriers that are being erected against independent enterprise are becoming intolerable. The menace to the perpetuity of our free institutions is becoming plain to the dullest intellect. The enormity of the trust evil is beginning to be fully realized, and the iron is entering the people's souls. They will rise in righteous anger and their awful might some of these days, and the oppressive corporations will fall through the peaceful means of the ballot or, that failing, be destroyed in the smoke and carnage of battle.

Revolution is not the remote possibility that those entrenched behind consolidated business may think. Men to the last degree conservative discuss it with that grim determination that is unmistakable, and newspapers without a particle of sensationalism in their make-up recognize that it may come. This will never be a government of trusts, by the trusts, for the trusts, no matter how great and bloody the cost.—Winston Tobacco Journal.

In 1896 Mr. Bryan received 175 electoral votes when 224 were necessary to an election. It is certain that in 1900 he will carry the 12 votes stolen from him in 1896, which will give him 187 votes, or 37 less than a majority. A change of 17,000 votes in four states, with Kentucky, would have elected him in 1900. The anti-trust issue will, from the present outlook, effect a change of ten times as many.—News-Observer.

Ex-Comptroller Eckles declares that gold Democrats will have to nominate a ticket similar to the Palmer and Buckner one in 1896. The goldbug Democrats have given up hope of defeating Bryan in the Democratic convention and are preparing to try to fool enough with their little side issue goldbug party to re-elect the big goldbug party's candidate, McKinley. They would be more honest to go straight over to the Republican party.

Ex-Secretary Hoke Smith says that nine-tenths of the people of his state are opposed to continuing the Philippine war, and the sentiment all over the south is overwhelmingly against the forcible retention of the islands. He denies that there is any insurrection. "There is simply an invading army trying to conquer a spirited people."

Gov. Candler, of Georgia, referring to the Bainbridge series of lynchings in particular and the race question in the south in general, says he believes the present day cause of the uprisings is the intermeddling with the relations of the whites and blacks in the south by "fools and fanatics who know nothing about the situation, but think the whole trouble dates from the day of emancipation." Gov. Candler believes a restricted suffrage will remedy the evil; that the ballot be given only to the intelligent negro.

The Western Union Telegraph company paid taxes last year on \$750,000 in North Carolina. The corporation this year assessed it on \$1,000,000. Judge Simonton's restraining order makes it \$600,000, the motion to make the restraining order an injunction to be tried by him at Asheville on Sept. 13th. Judge Simonton, seemingly, always decides in favor of corporations, regardless of the merits of a case. He appears to be a willing tool of the big corporations.

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