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COLOSSAL WEALTH.

Millions Held by the Few Said to Threaten Prosperity.

Men Who Operate the Trusts by Consolidations the Combines are Doing Away With Competition, Except Between Wage Earners.

London Mail.

When the United States abolished slavery they did not do away with the slave driving instinct of their people. For years the slaveholders had stolen the result of the labor which their slaves did. It was such a pleasant, easy way of getting wealth that the recollection of it is a relish in the months of the covetous.

The slave drivers of today in America are the millionaires and the men who operate the trusts. They are the fattening ogres whom the people will have to destroy or be destroyed by. They are the Simon Legress of the hour. They operate within the law, for they make the

The American people have some pet phrases with which they like to describe England. They say it is feudal, king-ridden, a helpless tool of the aristocracy, and that sort of thing. They do not see the beam in their own eye.

The United States is millionaireridden.

The millionaires start and operate universities, discharging professors who teach economic doctrines of which they disapprove. The millionaires operate the legislatures, and in some cases the courts. They run congress, and they are quartered in the White House at Washington, where the President, whom they elected, does their bidding.

Every year a greater percentage of the wealth of America goes into the pockets of the millionaries. It is a fact that the second million is more easily made than the first, third than the second, and so on. By the force of attraction, a dollar naturally gravitates toward the largest pile.

The Rockfellers, who control the Standard Oil Company are absorbing the wealth of America at an enormous rate. With the wealth come political power and social power. Social prestige is obtained with a startling rapidity. Thirty years ago the Vanderbilts had no social position in New York, and their chances of ever getting any were looked upon as poor. In a few short years they have bought a social prestige-sent round the corner for it as one sends to the grocer's.

This is stated not from any opposition to the Vanderbilts, but to make the point that what they can buy any one else can buy. If money can be exchanged for anything on earth, it is natural that it should be more in demand than anything on earth. If it will purchase a disregard by the people of how it was obtained, what matters it how it was obtained?

By consolidations the American trusts are gradually doing away with every competition, except that between men who want jobs. The result of this, of course, must be a raising in price of the commodities and a lowering of the wages. What has prevented both these things being done in excess has been the force of public opinion. Sugar, coal, meat and other necessities which have been cornered by the trust have risen in price through aritificial reasons to an extent that has put extra millions into the pockets of those who control them and who have so much property already that they suffer from a sort of financial indigestion.

The aristocrats of the United States are the corporations. They conduct their forays upon the people as did the robber barons of old. A corporation of large capital is in New York as sacred as the person of the sovereign in London. It can rob, burn, or murder almost with impunity, and if it wants help all it has to do is to call out the state troops to help it.

The last sentence may appear to be an exaggeration, but competing refineries have been burned down in the interest of the Standard Oil company, and even such philanthropists as the partners of Andrew Carnegie

sent a band of civilian "dead shots" to Homestead to shoot down strikers. I was there at the time and saw the

If the industrial millionaires can make and defy the laws, buy and bribe juries and judges and congressmen, what is to restrain them, unless there is some uprising and some enormous change?

The nearest available remedy for some of the abuses will be the government ownership of what the Americans call "public utilities."

These include the mediums of transportation, the railways and the tram lines, systems of lighting and the telegraphers and telephones now in the hands of private companies.

The Standard O.l Company built up its monopoly by controlling the railroad lines. These quoted prohibitive freight rates to owners of oil wells and competing refineries and they were driven out of business, and the Standard Company got their wells and plants at their own figures. The Steel trust is now able to pursue the same tactics with rivals through its interest in the railroads and in steamships. The opposition to the local government ownership of "public utilities" is very great, almost insuperable at the present time. Those who favor it are called "anarchists."

A man who thinks that the community should get the profit from its "utilities" is denounced as one who waves the red flag of riot. The same epithet of anarchist is applied to those who believe in the income tax and death duties. The United States will not allow an income tax because it is "revolutionary," and the highest court of the land denounced it and declared it unconstitutional, when it was passed. But although you cannot have so riotous a measure an income tax you may burn a negro alive if you like. In this you see signs of the money power. The courts reject an income tax at the behest of the rich. Nobody owns the negro who is burned alive, so it doesn't matter. In the old days of slavery, when a negro was worth \$1,000 to his master, they did not burn him alive.

The agitation for the transfer of 'public utilities" to the people is not based on a desire to get the dividends so much as it is to deprive the millionaires of the power which the possession of those "utilities" give to

The men who own the railroads in a State own the legislature and the judges and the executive forces. They do this through the magic pasteboard that means free transportation, through the power that the ability to make lower freight rates to shippers and manufacturers gives to them by the voting force of their own employes, and by a hundred other methods, including a bank account on which they can draw checks.

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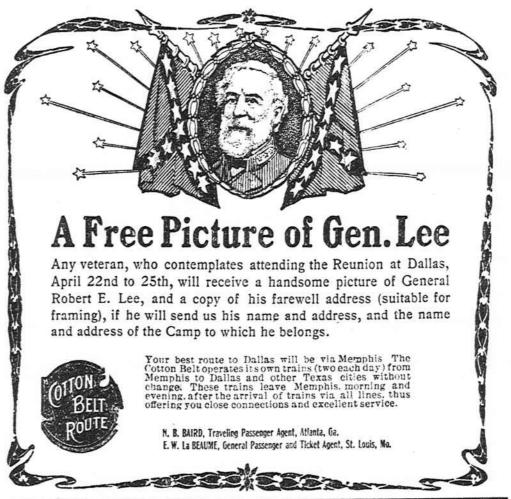
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