

COLOSSAL WEALTH.

Millions Held by the Few Said to Threaten Prosperity.

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London Mail.

When the United States abolished slavery they did not do away with the slave driving instinct of their people.

The slave drivers of today in America are the millionaires and the men who operate the trusts.

The American people have some pet phrases with which they like to describe England.

The United States is millionaire-riden.

The millionaires start and operate universities, discharging professors who teach economic doctrines of which they disapprove.

Every year a greater percentage of the wealth of America goes into the pockets of the millionaires.

The Rockfellers, who control the Standard Oil Company are absorbing the wealth of America at an enormous rate.

This is stated not from any opposition to the Vanderbilts, but to make the point that what they can buy anyone else can buy.

By consolidations the American trusts are gradually doing away with every competition, except that between men who want jobs.

Catarrh Cannot be Cured.

With local applications, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies.

The aristocrats of the United States are the corporations. They conduct their forays upon the people as did the robber barons of old.

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 corpses.

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 Oil 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 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 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 them.

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.

A man who cannot be bought with gold often succumbs to railroad passes, or to the honor of getting a private car free for a party of friends.

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Tents for the Veterans.

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