

Teaching the World How to Die.

Pope Leo XIII., in his seventy years' service to his church, has been an example to priest and layman. By deed and precept he has taught the world how to live. Now he is teaching the world how to die.

At 93, with the work of life well done, he faces death with more than the cold serenity of philosophers. He faces it with the simple trust of the Christian. It is as if the poet had foreseen his death bed when penning the lines:

"So live, that when thy summons comes to join
The innumerable caravan, which moves
To that mysterious realm, where each shall take
His chamber in the silent halls of death,
Thou go not, like the quarry-slave at night,
Scourged to his dungeon, but, sustained and soothed
By an unfaltering trust, approach thy grave
Like one who wraps the drapery of his couch
About him, and lies down to pleasant dreams."

Every incident in the death chamber at Rome, every word spoken by the pope to his people or about his people, suggests this image of the man ready to die.

When Grant squared his shoulders and bowed his head to meet the end on Mount McGregor the world was the better for it.

When McKinley, knowing that death was at hand, faced the supreme fact

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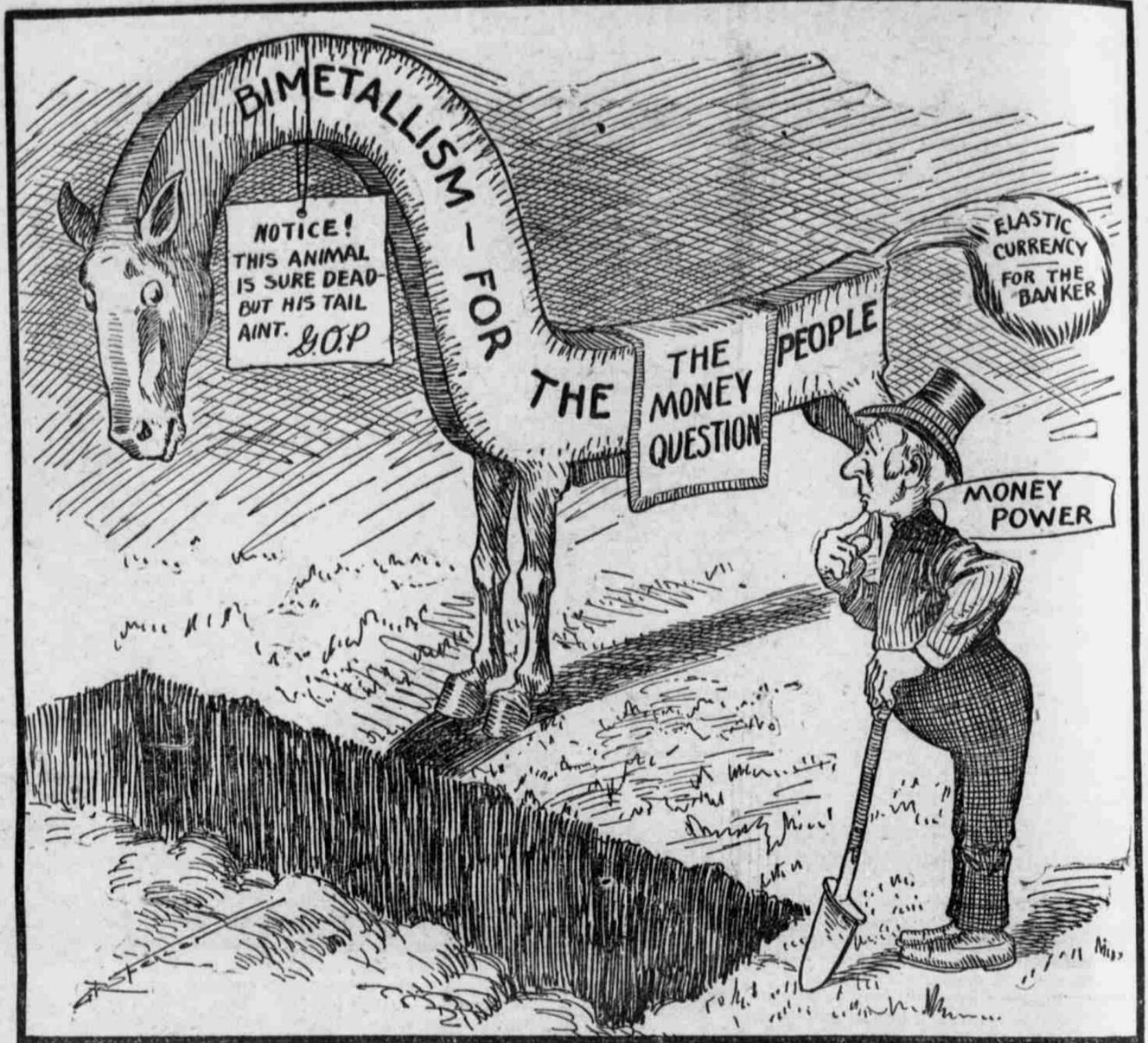
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