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BECAUSE OF HER.

With bare brown legs and faded gingham gown, I saw her first—a lovely little girl Her slender fingers clasped within my own, With low sweet laughter, set my heart awahlr. From out her wondrous eyes of darkest blue Shone forth a soul all pure and undefiled. And all things young and beautiful took on An added charm because she was a child.

Again I saw her as a maiden grown, A half-op'd blossom, whose rare grace fulfilled The promise of the bud, and yet gave hints Of greater glories, when, if God so willed The half-grown rose should open to its fullest flower, I brought my gifts of frankincense and myrrh.

To lay them at her feet; and evermore I revered Womanhood, because of Her.

And now I watch her rocking to and fro And crooning low with the dimming light; A tiny head is pillowed on her arm. A tiny form is cuddled warm and tight, A glow is on her face—a light me-thinks.

That never on the land or sea did rest, All Motherhood is sacred now to me Because it is my baby at her breast. —Mabel Stevens Frier in Ainslee's.

The tidal wave keeps beating against the shore of time.

In the race to die poor Andrew Carnegie is \$46,000,000 ahead of John D. Rockefeller.

If the new novel "Nine-tenths," makes the hit the "Ninety-and-nine" did it's all right.

Well, Mr. Turkey, tell us, do you roost higher or lower than you did this time last year?

It is singular what a grudge the burglars seem to bear toward both of Mrs. Quinn's late husbands.

The ball player who does not get a post-season call to the stage these days is not a star in the diamond.

That premature burst in the weather must have been Medicine Hat getting used to the new fuzzy style.

The "apparent spread of socialism" indicates nothing more than that every political ism has its day.

It seems too bad to have got such a good book as the Bible mixed up in this Lee O'Neill-White-Lorimer mess.

Chicago restaurants advocate abolishing the "small steak." They might as well, since they long ago abolished the price of it.

New York City is said to have the only woman blacksmith in the country. Many a hammer, though, does not strike an anvil.

It is possible to gather from the protests of the combatants in Tripoli that the cemeteries in the vicinity are having a rush of business.

Not much interest in politics in Texas these days. The list of aspirants for Mr. Bailey's senatorial toga has dwindled down to 734.

The average majority for the Republican state ticket will figure out about 12,000, which is also the average Republican majority in Nebraska.

"I hardly understand what caused the turnover in politics this year," said Governor Dix of New York. Not the first statesman not to know what hit him.

The new lord mayor of London, Sir Thomas Boor Crosby, is the first physician to hold the job and the oldest one to be thus honored. Dr. Crosby is four score and ten.

Mounted on a motorcycle, Lord Holcomb of Hartford Conn., raced his father, John Holcomb, a passenger engineer on the Central New England railroad from Collinsville to Winsted, a distance of twelve miles and won. The boy arrived at the Winsted station to dismount before the time his father pulled in.

A Detroit preacher objects to the custom of the bride's father giving her away. "Only the bridegroom," he argues, "should be permitted to give himself away."

If Governor Foss of Massachusetts spent more than \$16,000 to get elected and his term is for one year at a salary of \$8,000, he will lose just that amount by taking the office again. Why will they do it?

The call to "Let the people rule" was so insistent in California that nearly one-third of the legal and registered voters went to the polls and voted on the constitutional amendments submitted at the last election.

"Woman suffrage will make divorce a rare thing," declares a leader of the cause. If it does convince good people of that, it would meet less obstacles, for current belief is that it would furnish grist to the divorce courts.

"Please move up," the song of the street car conductor during rush hours has been transmitted into button music in New York. The "P. M. U." button is considered as educational and social farce and is being widely distributed.

To avert needless noise and destruction of property, a railroad station agent in Kansas hung this legend where it would do the most good: "Please don't blow the safe. Turn the combination around once to the right and it will open."

The Massachusetts youngster of twenty-one who is paraded as a wonder because he never kissed a girl should come west where temptation is worth while. If he can resist the prairie curv'd Cupid's bow, no further proof of cold storage blood will be required.

John Adams, 98 years old and the oldest voter in Holden, cast his seventy-sixth straight democratic ballot last Tuesday. Dexter Bullard of Spencer cast his seventy-fifth ballot in that town for governor. He is 95 years old and has always voted for either a whig or a republican.

Mayor Shank of Indianapolis persists in throwing cold storage air at the commission men. A farmer failing to get a fair price for a carload of pears sent them to the mayor who sold them at one-half the market price. The farmer got his price and the consumers got the benefit.

Fernando Jones ceases to be a Chicago institution at the venerable age of 91. As boy and man he was a wonderful member of the Jones family. He was the hero of his school in Buffalo, having whipped the "dear teacher," none other than Millard Fillmore, afterward president of the United States. He lived in Chicago seventy-five years, an achievement that takes the bakery of fame.

Frank Orff, the booster published from Omaha and St. Louis, arrested in New York on the charge of using the mails to defraud stood to win a fine bunch of money if the Hampton-Columbian magazine merger went through as planned. New York accounts show that Orff had a \$20,000 publishing plant in St. Louis on June 1 of this year. Also, \$20,000 in debts. This property and the debts were to be merged in the merger on the basis of 562,500 shares, par at \$1, of the magazine company's stock. Does he feel bad about his arrest? "It would be error," he says "if I allowed anything to worry me."

LOG CABIN STUDIES

St. Louis Globe-Democrat: Visitors from abroad who see the log cabin in a classic architectural setting in the memorial just dedicated on the site where Abraham Lincoln was born, may think it an incongruity, but such an opinion will be superficial. No one who capably examines American history will underrate the log cabin as a symbol of the highest aspirations and deeds of the human race in moving onward to circle the world with civilization. The Lincoln cabin is small and rough beyond the average, but it represented the best that a pioneer could do in a little clearing in the wilderness that proved to be too poor to maintain a family, but that sufficed to preserve the germ of American manhood whose example has become one of the best possessions of the human race. A Parisian accustomed to Napoleonic arches and numberless other costly public monuments might ask why those logs, clapboards and chinkings of clay should be thus enshrined, but this country would not exchange them for anything in Europe. A question of taste, a critic might say. Better call it a question of man's best estate in dealing with destiny. That is what chiefly concerned the brain of Lincoln and illuminates what he said and did.

Perhaps there will be tourists in the future, as in the past, to speak of log cabin life as equalled. How little they know the type of manhood and womanhood that makes up American pioneer history, or the deep draughts of enjoyment connected with moving ahead into the primitive forests to carve out a new home in spite of dangers that to weaker natures would seem desperate. There is no pleasure in virtuous family life that was not found in the log cabins. Sons grew up hardy, adventurous and brave. The daughters were fit to be the mothers of the founders and pre-

The Money Power and the Labor Combine. To the Editor of The Gate City: The trial of the McNamara brothers now progressing in Los Angeles, California, brings to the forefront the great issue between capital and labor. This pending case will doubtless be considered a cause celebre, affecting as it does a remarkable array of persons and incidents. It will require an estimated expense of more than one million dollars, besides hundreds of witnesses from many states. It is thought that the trial will cover a period of six months or more. The end of it will be but another chapter in the great conflict between capital and labor.

It is far from our purpose to express an opinion as to the guilt or innocence of the defendants in this case. Our purpose is to point out what the Bible plainly teaches will be the inevitable outcome of the principles involved. Inspiration gives a remarkable outline of the issue between the rich and the poor, capital and labor. The Apostle James writes the following on the subject: "Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you. Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth-eaten. Your gold and silver is cankered, and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days. Behold the hire of the laborers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth; and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of Sabbath."

In the light of the past record of concentrated wealth, it must be admitted that the present intense stage of the controversy between capital and labor is nearing the greatest crisis of American history. The great Lincoln described existing and approaching conditions with an accuracy almost inspired when he said at the close of the Civil war: "I see in the near future a crisis approaching that unnerves me, and causes me to tremble for the safety of my country. As a result of the war, corporations have been enthroned and an era of corruption in high places will follow, and the money power of the country will endeavor to prolong its reign upon the prejudices of the people until the wealth is concentrated in the hands of a few, and this republic is destroyed. I feel at this moment more anxiety for the safety of my country than ever before, even in the midst of the war."

In addition to what inspiration furnishes on this question, we have the history of the past, by which we may discern the future. For, as Patrick Henry said, "We have no sufficient means of judging the future but by the past." History records the fact that two per cent of Egypt's population owned nearly her entire wealth when she became a vassal power. Persia went down with one per cent of its population owning all the land. Two per cent of the population of Babylon owned all the wealth at the time Nebuchadnezzar was king. During the reign of the Caesars, Rome reached its pinnacle of wealth and power. But it went down because of corruption, largely brought about by unwise uses of its wealth.

"Fifty men in these United States" said Senator Depew "have it in their power, by reason of the wealth which they control, to come together within twenty-four hours and arrive at an understanding by which every wheel of trade and commerce may be stopped from revolving, every avenue of trade blocked, and every electric key struck dumb. Those fifty men can paralyze the whole country, for they can control its currency and create a panic whenever they will."

On the other hand, it must be remembered that labor in its attempt to defend its interests has to a great degree justified the impression now extant that, as a monopolistic force, it is treating capital with a spirit of revenge and intolerance, also that the labor combines seriously affect those toilers who may not be in the same, thus bringing in disorder and putting to naught property as well as individual rights. Former President Roosevelt's words on this point are noteworthy: "Ours is a government of liberty, by, through, and under the law. Lawlessness and connivance at law-breaking—whether the law-breaking take the form of a crime of greed and cunning or of a crime of violence—are destructive not only of order, but of the true liberties which can only come through order. If alive to their true interests, rich and poor alike will set their faces like flint against the spirit which seeks personal advantage by overriding the laws, without regard to whether this spirit shows itself in the form of bodily violence by one set of men, or in the form of vulpine cunning by another set of men."

Instead of labor resorting to violent means to obtain justice, the Lord counsels, "Be ye also patient; stablish your heart; grudge not one against another, brethren, lest ye be condemned."

It is claimed that legislation will end the struggle, but we believe this is a mistake. Legislation may ameliorate conditions to an extent; but, owing to selfish interests and selfish purposes manifested on the part of both capital and labor, it will require greater ingenuity and power than humanity can possibly afford to bring about an agreement between them. In the language of the author of "Education": "Were the principles of God's laws regarding the distribution of property carried out in the world today, how different would be the condition of the people! An observance of these principles would prevent the terrible evils that in all ages have resulted from the oppression of the poor by the rich and the hatred of the rich by the poor. While it might hinder the amassing of great wealth, it would tend to prevent the ignorance and degradation of tens of thousands whose ill-paid servitude is required for the building up of these colossal fortunes. It would aid in bringing a peaceful solution of problems that now threaten to fill the world with anarchy and bloodshed."

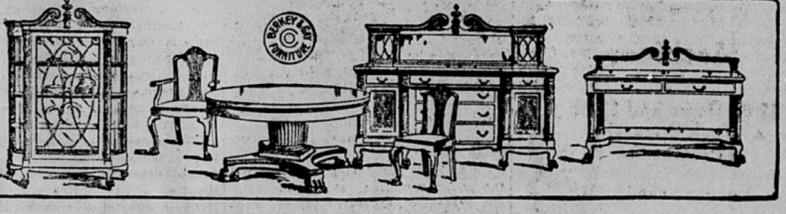
Deal with the subject as we may, the opinion is fastening itself upon many students of the question that the only effectual remedy will be that outlined by the Apostle James: "Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord." The second coming of Christ, therefore is the only sure solution of this great controversy. K. C. RUSSELL, Washington, D. C.

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