

sitions when Steffens appeared with his Golden Rule solution.

Fredericks' case was complete and he had no reason to desire a compromise, but unless the case could be cinched and confessions obtained before election, Harriman might win and carry into office with him an administration which in the opinion of the open-shop interests of Los Angeles, would have worked more harm to them than would the compromise. Then came Steffens with his proposition which offered a way out that the business interests back of Fredericks were glad to take.

Steffens and his friends were enthusiastic but the compact had no sooner been closed than the bitterest of war revived both sides. The fight had been too bitter and the scars were too deep for the magic of the sentiment.

Today all the old hatred is blazing. Fredericks is angry at being cheated out of the glory of sending the two dynamiters to the gallows, he having bowed to the political forces which created him.

Darrow is incensed at the business interests whom he feels have double crossed him by not dropping the fight. Big Business, now that it has secured the benefits resulting from the confession and is practically sure of Harriman's defeat, thinks it paid too high a price. Harriman thinks that he has been sold out and that for the sake of saving the McNamaras' lives the working people of Los Angeles have been

sold into the bondage of big business.

Meanwhile in the bitterness of their feud neither side is giving consideration to the one neutral factor and the one which has been no party to any of the deals or compromises—Judge Bordwell until his action is taken and until the election results are recorded the chaos will continue. After that—nothing is certain.

A HANDY CONTINENT

We don't hear much of South America, but we notice that on the latest map of the world showing crop, commercial and political conditions almost everything in that great continent is marked "satisfactory" in striking contrast with all other continents.

South America is a land of natural resources in a state of comparatively slight development. Some parts of it enjoy extraordinarily good climate. It has plenty of sublime scenery. It appears to be getting over the "revolution habit," which is not necessarily a good sign.

It may be a long time before the world has serious need of South America and is compelled to use its resources in the best way in order to accommodate hundreds of millions of people. But it is rather comfortable feeling for the world to have a big rich continent on hand in case it happens to need it on some dark night of its career.