

THE MUCK RAKE MAN

President Roosevelt Scores Professional Scandal Mongers

SAYS WORLD GROWS BETTER

Would Not Shield Rogues But Objects To Wholesale Denunciations Now So Popular in Magazines.

(Continued from last week)

"It is important to this people to grapple with the problems connected with the amassing of enormous fortunes and the use of those fortunes, both corporate and individual, in business. We should discriminate in the sharpest way between fortunes well-won and fortunes ill-won; between those gained as an incident to performing great services to the community as a whole, and those gained in evil fashion by keeping just within the limits of mere law-honesty. Of course no amount of charity in spending such fortunes in a way compensates for misconduct in making them. As a matter of personal conviction, and without pretending to discuss the details or formulate the system, I feel that we shall ultimately have to consider the adoption of some such scheme as that of a progressive tax on all fortunes, beyond a certain amount, either given in life or devised or bequeathed upon earth to any individual—a tax so framed as to put it out of the power of the owner of one of these enormous fortunes to hand on more than a certain amount to any one individual; the tax, of course, to be imposed by the national and not the state government. Such taxation should, of course, be aimed merely at the inheritance or transmission in their entirety of those fortunes swollen beyond all healthy limits.

Corporation Problem.

"Again the national government must in some form exercise supervision over corporations engaged in interstate business—and all large corporations are engaged in interstate business—whether by license or otherwise, so as to permit us to deal with the far-reaching evils of over-capitalization. This year we are making a beginning in the direction of serious effort to settle some of these economic problems by the railway rate legislation. Such legislation, if so framed, as I am sure it will be, as to secure definite and tangible results, will amount to something of itself; and it will amount to a great deal more in so far as it is taken as a first step in the direction of a policy of superintendence and control over corporate wealth engaged in interstate commerce, this superintendence and control to be exercised not in spirit of malevolence toward the men who have created the wealth, but with the firm purpose both to do justice to them and to see that they in their turn do justice to the public at large.

"The first requisite in the public servants who are to deal in this shape with corporations, whether as legislatures or as executives, in honesty. This honesty can be no respecter of persons. There can be no such thing as unilateral honesty. The danger is not really from corrupt corporations; it springs from the corruption itself, whether exercised for or against corporations.

Honesty A Requisite

"The eight commandment reads,—'Thou shalt not steal.' It does not read, 'Thou shalt not steal from the rich man.' It does not read, 'Thou shalt not steal from the poor man.' It reads simply and plainly, 'Thou shalt not steal.' No good whatever will come from that warped and mock morality which denounces the misdeeds practiced at their expense; which denounces bribery, but blinds

itself to blackmail; which foams with rage if a corporation secures favors by improper methods, and merely leers with hideous mirth if the corporation is itself wronged. The only public servant who can be trusted honestly to protect the rights of the public against the misdeed of a corporation is that public man who will just as surely protect the corporation itself from wrongful aggression. If a public man is willing to yield to popular clamor and do wrong to the men of wealth or to rich corporations, it may be set down as certain that if the opportunity comes he will secretly and furtively do wrong to the public in the interest of a corporation.

Reform Will Come.

"But, in addition to honesty, we need sanity. No honesty will make a public man useful if that man is timid or foolish, if he is a hot-headed zealot or an impracticable visionary. As we strive for reform we find that it is not at all merely the case of a long uphill pull. On the contrary, there is almost as much of breaching work as of collar work; to depend only on traces means that there will soon be a runaway and an upset. The men of wealth who today are trying to prevent the regulation and control of their business in the interest of the public by the proper government authorities will not succeed, in my judgment, in checking the progress of the movement. But if they did succeed they would find that they had sown the wind and would surely reap the whirlwind, for they would ultimately provoke the violent excesses which accompany a reform coming by steady and natural growth.

Socialism A Myth

"On the other, the wild preachers of unrest and discontent, the wild agitators against the entire existing order, the men who act crookedly, whether because of sinister design or from mere puzzleheadedness, the men who preach destruction without proposing any substitute for what they intend to destroy, or who propose a substitute which would be far worse than the existing evils—all these men are the most dangerous opponents of real reform. If they get their way they will lead the people into a deeper pit than any into which they could fall under the present system. If they fail to get their way they will still do incalculable harm by provoking the kind of reaction, which in its revolt against the senseless evil of their teaching, would enthrone more securely than ever the very evils which their misguided followers believe they are attacking.

Human Development Important.

"More important than aught else is the development of the broadest sympathy of man for man. The welfare of the wage worker, the welfare of the tiller of the soil upon these depend the welfare of the entire country; their good is not to be sought in pulling down others; but their good must be the prime object of all our statesmanship.

"Materially we must strive to secure a broader economic opportunity for all men so that each shall have a better chance to show the stuff of which he is made. Spiritually and ethically we must strive to bring about clean living and right thinking. We appreciate that the things of the body are important; but we appreciate also that the things of the soul are immeasurably more important. The foundation stone of national life is, and ever must be, the high individual character of the average citizen."

Former Corner Stone Laying

A century and thirteen years ago George Washington, then president of the United States, assisting the acting grand master of Masons of Virginia and Maryland, laid the cornerstone of the nation's capitol. Then the nation had 4,000,000 population, and the city of Washington but 4,000 inhabitants.

Fifty-eight years later Millard Fillmore, then president of the United States, laid the cornerstone of the extension to the capitol under as impressive circumstances as characterized the laying of the first cornerstone, assisting like his illustrious predecessor the Masonic fraternity in their solemn rites of consecrating a building to "holy purposes and lofty ideas." The nation when President Fillmore laid the capitol had grown from 4,000,000 souls in 1793 to 200,000 in 1851.

Change In Scenery

Where once was a densely wooded area in Washington's time, and near where the capitol once stood, the farthest outpost of the city, the picture presented today in the vicinity of the coming office building of the representatives is signally changed.

Just across a narrow thoroughfare stands the congressional library, with its golden dome, and close by is the great capitol building and the city stretches away for long distances in every direction. The trowel for the use of the grand master as made especially and presented by the Sons of the American Revolution to Elliot Woods, superintendent of the capitol building and grounds, who has largely had the planning of the structure under his immediate control. The trowel was presented to the grand

master, to be retained by the grand lodge as a memento of the day. The Washington gavel, which is a priceless relic of the Masonic fraternity of the District of Columbia, the trowel will play no small part in future ceremonies of a like character.

Building Classic in Design

The building dedicated today will be classic in design. It suggests in its general division of parts the Gardo Heubele on the Place de La Concorde, Paris, while the pavilions are modeled on those of the Colonna de Du Louvre. Architecturally, the front is divided into two parts, the lower corresponding to the first story of the building, constituting a "rusticated" base on which, extending through the second and third stories, is the colonnade surmounted by its entablature and balustrade. Some idea of its size is given by the following frontages: On B street, 476 feet; on New Jersey avenue, 470 feet; on First street 452 feet and on C street, 348 feet, making a total frontage of 1,740 feet, or approximately one-third of a mile. The building will contain 410 rooms for members, together with a multiplicity of caucus rooms, audience rooms, postoffice, restaurant and other features of a modern office building in any of our large cities.

Makes Capitol More Imposing

The long unbroken cornice lines of the office building leading up naturally to the capitol building and from thence to the great dome, the crowning and dominating unit in the group of buildings now on Capitol Plaza, are calculated by its designers to conduce to the desired effect of making the capitol building more imposing and effective.

Seats have been provided for 3,000 persons, including the members of the senate and house of representatives, the supreme court, the diplomatic corps and grand masters of Masons from Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania and New Jersey. A larger reservation is also made for the Masonic blue lodges and the several commanderies of the Knights Templar.

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Buck Grove

Mesdames Harvey and Bonney drove to Denison Monday, on their way they called on Sidney Bonney at his school in Coon Grove. They found the young pedagogue well pleased with his work and getting along all right.

Easter services were held in the German Lutheran church at this place last Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Patrick Clinton living south east of Buck Grove mourns the loss of her aged mother, who died at her home last Monday, at the advanced age of 96 years. The funeral services were held at the Catholic church in Denison, and the remains were laid to rest in the cemetery at that place.

Tom Clinton met with quite an accident last Tuesday night. His team ran away, and in doing so ran into E. Stegeman's buggy and quite demolished it. Nobody was hurt but Tom and he was picked up on the side of the road unconscious. He broke a collar bone but otherwise was unharmed. How he escaped more serious injury is a miracle.

Pearl Bonney who is attending college in Denison, was appointed to teach in the North Buck school last week to fill a vacancy for a few days. Mr. and Mrs. David Weatherby, transacted business in the county seat last Wednesday.

There was a meeting in town Saturday to discuss telephone business. The meeting was called by Dr. Evans of Arion, who together with Messrs. Maurer and Nelson of the same place were there. Mr. Glenn, manager of the Crawford Co. Telephone Co. was

also present. Mr. Martin Nehls president of the "Farmer's Mutual" presided, but as far as learned, nothing was decided at this meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. James O'Meara were among those who attended the funeral of Mrs. Warren, in Denison Wednesday, also Paddy Griffin and his sister Mollie followed the cortege.

Nellie Sullivan, who has been visiting relatives in Omaha for several weeks has returned home and joy now reigns supreme in the Finnegan household.

Mrs. Will Moffitt and Mrs. Lizzie Beutel were shopping in Manilla, between trains last Monday.

Henry Hink was a county seat visitor one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Chase are the happy parents of a little daughter born one day last week. They have now two sons and two daughters.

Mrs. Jack Griffin of Nebraska visited a few days last week, with John Griffin and family.

Rev. Cable of Manilla, assisted Rev. Wright of Defiance at the services held here in the Methodist church, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Wiggins of Dow City visited with friends here last Sunday.

Mrs. Daniel Cruise and his daughter Mrs. Emma Green were county seat visitors Saturday.

John Green drove to Denison Sunday.

Our community was greatly shocked to hear of the sudden death of Mrs. H. G. Iseminger at Denison last Saturday afternoon. The lady was well known here and in vicinity, having made her home here for a great many years. She and her husband moved to Denison only about four weeks ago. Mrs. Iseminger has been a great sufferer and in poor health for a long time, still her death was unexpected, and her family have the heartfelt sympathy of all in this their great affliction. Those left of her immediate family are her husband, four sons Charles, Brian, Clarence and Carl, also one daughter Mrs. Joe Miles.

Mrs. Fred Gigax of Coon Grove was visiting friends here Saturday last.

The dance Saturday was not a success either socially or financially as very few came to attend.

Robert Moffitt transacted business in Denison Monday.

Mrs. George Harvey and two daughters were county seat visitors Tuesday.

Frank Fowler and family spent Sunday in the country, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Town.

Bernice Haines, who has been visiting in Denison, returned home Sunday.

H. G. Iseminger and brother of Denison were business visitors here Tuesday.

George Hester and wife were Denison visitors Saturday afternoon.

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