

Colonel Weinstock Reaches a Lame and Impotent Conclusion

COLONEL HARRIS WEINSTOCK, in his semi-official report on the operations of the I. W. W. and their teachings in San Diego and elsewhere, reaches a lame and impotent conclusion that needs no better nor more convincing confutation than his own findings of fact.

- (A) That workmen are to use any and all tactics that will get the results sought with the least possible expenditure of time and energy. (B) The question of right or wrong is not to be considered. (C) The avenging sword is to be unsheathed, with all hearts resolved on victory or death.

In the face of an explicit creed like this we need not quarrel about names or definitions. If this platform of doctrine is not pure anarchism and defiance of law it is useless to dispute about words.

These teachings strike at the root of the whole system of government and attack the foundations of the social fabric, and as means to promote these ends they preach violence.

Colonel Weinstock himself supplies us with a sufficient description of the conditions that the people of San Diego have been compelled to face, not by their own choice but because it was deliberately forced on them.

Having so clearly described these conditions of disorder, violence and law breaking, Colonel Weinstock goes on to speak of remedies. He declares that law abiding citizens should not themselves become law breakers for the suppression of violence or self-protection, and the alternative he proposes is that "the best legislative minds in the commonwealth should be invited to devise legislation, if such a thing is possible, that will meet this new and menacing condition."

You find a burglar in your house. You must not knock him on the head and oppose violence to violence. No; you will proceed to find the assemblyman from your district and invite him to apply his ingenuity to devise more laws dealing with burglary.

Self-defense is the first law of nature. There are times and occasions when it is necessary to resort to extra legal means for protection, and when men set out of declared purpose to start a revolution and destroy the government it will not suffice to read them the law and the Gospels.

Anarchy means revolution and revolution is the frankly stated purpose of the I. W. W. There is no excuse for revolution in this country where the people rule, and it will be put down by the strong hand.

REPRESENTATIVE KNOWLAND is making a stout fight in congress for legislation that will preclude railroad control of the sea route by the Panama canal, and this policy has the full support of the Pacific coast states.

Their experience with the Pacific Mail Steamship company has convinced them that to allow the railroads to operate ships in the interoceanic trade will result in shutting off competition and will minimize the benefits that might be expected to accrue to the American mercantile marine from the canal.

If American shipping is to reap any benefit from the enormous investment of public money in the canal, the route must be kept open to free competition for the trade between the Atlantic and Pacific coasts. Otherwise the United States will have invested \$375,000,000 for the almost exclusive benefit of foreign ship owners, and more important still is the fact that merchants and producers will lose the advantages of free competition in transportation.

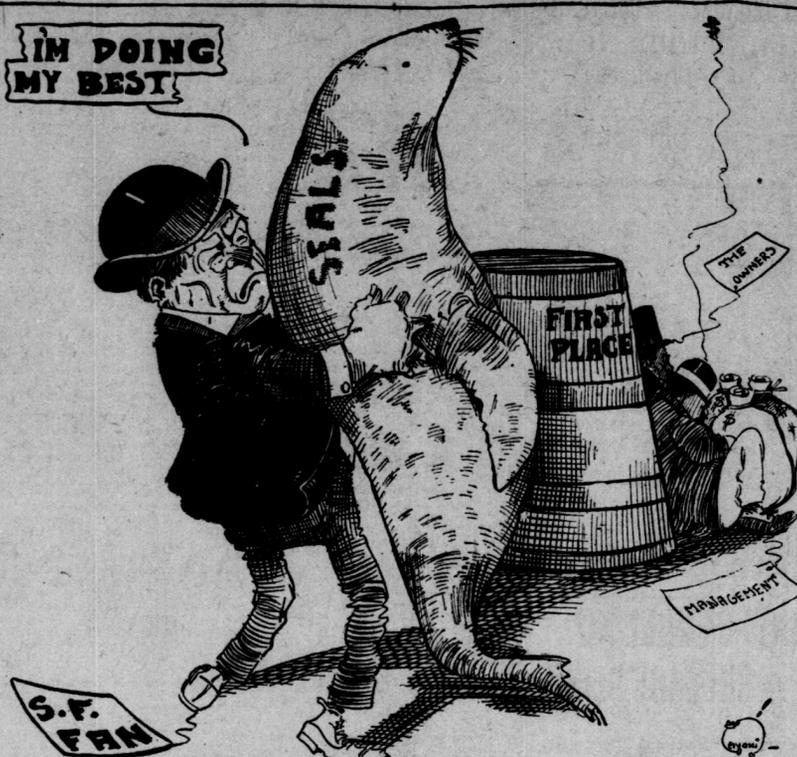
It is true that in any event the foreign ship owners will reap the chief benefit from the opening of the Panama waterway, but that can not be avoided as long as the American mercantile marine is so weak, but it is in the power of congress to foster an extensive trade between the two coasts if the route is closed to those whose interest it is to kill competition by sea.

CALIFORNIA art improves in the judgment of Theodore Wores, but local appreciation for the product declines. Twenty-five years ago, according to Mr. Wores, "the so called cultured people were really cultured. They had an appreciation of art for its own sake and not because some leader of fashion who knew nothing of the subject pronounced it worthy."

Mr. Wores declares that Californians have abandoned the practice of making collections of paintings. The home product is neglected, but if some foreign artist with fashionable introductions comes here, society falls over its feet in the rush to buy his works.

By way of example Mr. Wores cites the society rage for the

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work of two foreign portrait painters of mediocre merit who were in San Francisco not long ago with highly profitable results for themselves. They took away a lot of our good money that might have been better kept at home if the buyers had any true sense of artistic values.

This is an old complaint among the artists, not at all peculiar to San Francisco. It is unfortunate, if it is true as Mr. Wores says, that the appreciation of art in San Francisco has declined, but the complaint about fashionable portrait painters and their artificial vogue is at least as old as Thackeray who knew the artists and their guild by intimate association.

It is unfortunate that San Franciscans are no longer making collections of the best in local art, but that condition will not continue. It is probably true that since the fire our people have not had the necessary money to spare during the financial strain of rehabilitation.

NO adequate explanation has ever been given to elucidate Mr. Bryan's hostility to Governor Harmon of Ohio, and the facts as stated by Harmon serve to make it all the more unaccountable.

Mr. Bryan Still the Democratic Sphinx. Governor Harmon, in his recent address at Wooster, O., went into the history of his relations with Mr. Bryan in a way that makes the situation appear all the more strange.

In 1908 I constantly urged his election, declaring I would willingly be defeated for governor if it would help him. And during our joint campaign he repeatedly praised my efforts in his behalf and told many persons he meant to offer me a place in his cabinet if he was elected.

It is not our quarrel, but none the less it is a strange episode of politics which is not elucidated by Harmon's intimation that he does "not think that Mr. Bryan, great as his abilities are, has shown himself qualified to pick a winner"; and he asks: "Is Mr. Bryan really for the New Jersey governor? I do not recall a word that he has ever said in his favor."

These are questions that only the Baltimore convention can solve, but the obvious conclusion that Harmon desires to convey is that Bryan is himself a candidate. He remains the Sphinx of the democracy.

PERSONS IN THE NEWS

- REYTON GORDON, assistant United States attorney general, arrived from the north yesterday to conduct cases before the circuit courts here. He is accompanied by Fletcher Douglas, a Chicago attorney. Gordon was formerly associated with the prosecution of the Idaho land fraud cases and was at one time district attorney for the district of Columbia.

The Wailing Place

By THE POET PHILOSOPHER

LOOK around on this world so gray, and size up its stock of sorrow; there's nothing worth while in sight today, nor promise of good tomorrow.

Willie—Has Jack a good reason for being ashamed of his ancestors? Billie—I should say so. His grandfather struck out four times in a world's series.—Philadelphia Record.

Sensitive Dentist—We must kill the nerve of that tooth. Patient—Then I will go out of the room. I'm too tender hearted to witness it.—Meggendorfer Blaetter.

The Colyum

THE SNOW WHITE SHOES OF SAN BERDOO

Out where the sands of San Berdoo, In mobile hum-mocks lay, A pirate barque and a pirate crew

How Did He Spell It? H. Robert informs us that his son is just recovering from a serious spell of pneumonia.—Plumas Independent.

The Rest Were Wall Flowers A select dance was held in Billeken hall, at Bray, Saturday evening, April 27. Only a small crowd was present.

A BELIEVER IN SIGNS Speaking about store signs, F. S. has this story to contribute of a designation that illumined the front of a North Beach drug store.

DRESSING THE NATIVES Anona parlor, Native Daughters of the Golden West of Jamestown, held its weekly whist party at Forsters' hall last evening with the following results:

DELGATE TO THE Red Cross conference in Washington were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Edward Beal McLean. They had the exquisite pleasure of eating the most delicious meal of their lives.

As Ornamental Rules King Frederick selected openly identified himself with political questions.—Press Dispatch.

Councilman and Ex-officio School Trustee Wilson of Berkeley has recommended that to stimulate the artistic impulses of school children, the floors of the school room be sprinkled with scented oil. The idea might be carried further.

THE BOYS IN THE Richmond district who threw stones through a window and were mistaken for burglars, were acting like Pittsburgh millionaires. Naturally the police were called in to regulate them.

Did It Really Happen Is Editor Moody Putting Over Another Victory? (From the Redding Searchlight)

MILLVILLE, April 27.—Millville is putting a decided foot forward in literature and art. It is putting the town far above the average of much greater size.

Mrs. A. M. Halstead already has on the market "Married and Gone" and "Six Smokes Cigarettes With Me," published by the Kirkus Drugstore company of Washington, D.C.

A genial feller is allus back on his orders. Anybody that survived the days of 'er Jersey waist haint gettin' excited 'er tight skirts an' transparent hosiery.

THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

By GEORGE FITCH, Author of "A Good Old Sitash"

THE state of Washington, which plays left end on the map for this glorious republic, is a large and vociferous commonwealth, which is rapidly becoming an ex-forest and a future hotbed for national banks.

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ANSWERS TO QUERIES

SEVEN RISHIS—A. Oakland. Who were the "Seven Rishis"? According to Sanskrit mythology, they were the seven sages who were thought to live in the seven stars of the great bear constellation.

POPULAR TREES—H. A. W. Santa Rosa. Where can I find a list of the names of the native trees and the most popular tree in each state and territory of the United States?

PRESIDENCY—A Reader, Portland, Ore. Can a person born of American parents in a foreign country become president of the United States? A person born to American parents in a foreign country, if the parents are not permanent residents there, is an American citizen.

Yosemite Valley—A. W. San Mateo. Was the Yosemite valley ever a public park under the control of the United States? The federal government control it now? Who keeps the roads repaired?

OLYMPIC MEETS—N. City. When and where have the Olympic meets been held, and when and where will the next one be held?

RICHMOND ELECTION—Subscriber. Camp Meeker. What was the result of the recent election in Richmond, Contra Costa county? Did it go wet or dry?

Abe Martin

