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THE GATHERING STORM.

Concentration of Power in the Hands of Monopolists Will Hasten Anti-Trust Legislation.

The trade papers are beginning to realize that the consolidations and combinations which are now absorbing most of the great industries of the country are hastening the day of anti-trust legislation. The Metal Worker, while making a defense of the new steel trust, yet sees the possibility of legislation which will make such combinations impossible. It suggests that the undertaking was "forced by the desire to protect existing interests, seriously threatened as they were by possible warfare, rather than by a desire to unload the properties upon the public at inflated prices." It thinks it sees an advantage in the trust in that "the concentration of power in the hands of one large consolidation is expected to bring about a decided steadying of the markets."

It speaks in a commonplace way of one of the great evils of the trust, saying: "As a competitor, so huge an organization could develop very dangerous strength by waging war in one territory and drawing the sinews therefor from uncontested markets."

The Metal Worker evidently understands the methods employed by the trusts—methods which some, strange to say, seem to regard as legitimate business. And yet the paper quoted cannot refrain from a prophecy of trouble. It says:

"It will take clever management on the part of the consolidation to meet and break the force of aroused public opinion. Imagination is sure to be inflamed by the colossal undertaking now about to be consummated, and there will be many who are eager to fan the flames."

And again:

"It is certain that the new consolidation will lend much support to the anti-trust agitation and will be its shining mark. Keen eyes will watch every move, and unscrupulous demagogues and an unbridled yellow press will distort even the most trivial incident."

It will be seen that even the defenders of monopoly are conscious that the storm is gathering. Although they consider it "unscrupulous" and "demagogic" for anyone to condemn a trust, yet they are able to measure the force of public opinion when once it is aroused and they are fearful lest the reign of monopoly may, after all, be short lived.—The Commoner.

PLACES ENOUGH FOR ALL.

Plenty of Plums for Republican Office Seekers Under Our Royal President.

At the time of President McKinley's second inauguration, a few days since, some surprise was occasioned by the multitudes who thronged to Washington. It was remarked that a second-term president was an old story; his personality, his character, and his policy are known. Moreover it was supposed that the most powerful incentive—the hope of federal office—did not exist; for the reason that a reelection of the president usually means that the offices will, in the main, continue to be filled by the same incumbents as during the first term. It appears, however, that the crowds knew their business, and that there will be offices enough for all, to paraphrase Schley's famous remark after the Santiago victory. A Washington newspaper thus explains the situation, and shows its differences from the ordinary second-term opening:

"President McKinley is busy, in his affable way, receiving the many applicants for office who are in Washington with a view to one or another remunerative appointment. Fortunately for the dispenser of honors and places, he has a large number at his disposal. The executive government of the Philippines alone will demand a small army of placemen, who will have excellent pay, because the money comes out of the Filipinos, and many opportunities to turn a penny also at the cost of the natives. Cuba and Porto Rico offer other openings, and it is probable that many changes will be made in the diplomatic and consular service. Democrats are being turned out wholesale from the custom houses, subtreasuries, and so on. Altogether there are almost as many plums for the faithful as there were four years ago. All the office-seeker has to do is to prove his work in the late presidential campaign, and to be patient, but determined. Hordes of deserving strikers and heelers in the past have gone away from the capital sorrowing and bitter, merely because they had not the wisdom or courage to refuse to take 'no' for an answer."

The army bill will also make places for a larger retinue of needy republican civilians, although the patronage in that line is supposed to be largely bespoken in advance by United States senators and representatives in congress, in consideration of votes cast in accordance with the McKinley policy.—Albany Argus.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

——It was William McKinley who told congress that it was our plain duty to grant Porto Rico free trade and it was William McKinley also who a few weeks later used all the power and patronage of the executive to force through congress a Porto Rican tariff.—N. Y. Post.

——President Hadley, of Yale, says there will be an emperor on a throne in Washington within 25 years unless the power of the trusts is controlled. There is no need to worry, however. Some day the American people will wake up, and then they will do a lot of correcting of abuses in a very short time.—Cleveland Leader.

——In his inaugural address the president declares as regards the Philippines: "We will not leave the destiny of the loyal millions in the islands to the disloyal thousands who are in rebellion against the United States." The president's intimation is that for every Filipino rebel there are thousands of loyal natives. Gen. MacArthur has stated the contrary, as have some of the Filipino commissioners sent out by the president. The 70,000 troops in the islands contradict the president.—Pittsburgh Post.

——Midas, Croesus and the other rich fellows of antiquity look small in comparison with the new steel consolidation, with its capital of over a billion. The "dreams of avarice" will have to be expanded to take in the vast amount of capital now brought under one manager's control in a single line of business. If large businesses can confer on an industry and its workers, together with consumers, the large benefits that some persons have predicted, this monster steel trust ought to prove it very quickly. One benefit it will almost certainly bring at an early date—tariff reform.—Baltimore Sun.

True State of His Mind.

The Old Friend—Say, it looks to me as if you were putting on a lot of extra dignity of late.

The Recently Enriched Person—You are badly mistaken. I am now in a position to allow my inherent and native dignity to come to the surface.—Indianapolis Press.

His Name.

The teacher of the Sabbath school class approached one little fellow who was present for the first time, and inquired his name, for the purpose of placing it on the roll. "Well," said the youngster, "they call me Jimmie for short, but my maiden name is James."—Christian Register.

McSwatters and McSwitters had sworn off smoking for three months. One day, about four weeks after the bargain had been made, the two met. Each was dying for a good cigar. "Say, John," said McSwitters, "kept your end of the bargain?" "You bet!" sighed McSwitters. "I can't afford to lose ten dollars." "Neither can I. But look here, I must have a smoke. Tell you what I'll do; I'll give you two dollars if you will call the deal off." "Done!" said McSwitters. He took the two and placed them in his vest pocket. "I'll buy," he said. Half an hour later he was on his way home, chuckling softly. McSwitters was the twelfth man who had bought him off on the cigar deal.—Syracuse Herald.

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A Sermon in Brief.

A man met a bull in a field. "I'll toss you to see who stays," said the bull. He tossed, and the man lost.

The moral is, that it is never safe to indulge in games of chance, especially when all the odds are against you.—Philadelphia North American.

Q. E. D.

A man who called himself a "demonstrator" invaded a West Philadelphia boarding house patronized by university students. Hearing of his claims to educational distinction the students tried to draw the newcomer into conversation, and finally he was asked to show what kind of practical work he could do. Immediately the young man pulled out a box of white paste, smeared it on a window pane and polished the glass with a chamois skin. "There, gentlemen," he said, "if anyone can make a clearer demonstration than that let him step up." The students notified the landlady that it was not professional for this kind of a demonstrator to pose in their midst, and the stranger shook the dust from his feet against all in that house and solemnly announced that he left them to do the dust of ages. Turning to a dental student, he exclaimed: "I throw it in your teeth that when I have sold all my territory and am riding in my coach the dust of my chariot wheels shall extinguish you as you trudge along the pave!" With this awful imprecation he took his clothes and went.—Philadelphia Record.

Asking Too Much.

A Louisville man is considered a sort of authority on all literary topics. He is constantly consulted, and recently a dude went after him for information on a certain topic. The man of letters kindly gave it. But somehow or other his dudelets was slow to catch on. He wanted to know the why and wherefore of a lot of things connected with the subject. Why was it thusly, and wherefore was it not so and so? The literary man explained and explained until he grew weary. Finally his boredom and irritation overcame his politeness. "Sir," he thundered, angrily, "you come to me for information on this subject. I give you the facts, but, Heaven knows, I cannot give you the brains to grasp them. You ask too much."—Louisville Times.

A Gentle Hint.—Tommy—"Tell me a story." Uncle—"A story! But I don't know what to tell you a story about." Tommy—"Oh, tell me a story about a little boy who had a good uncle who gave him six-pence."—Pick Me Up.

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