

INDUSTRIAL FREEDOM

Justified by the Enemy.

The Pacific Coast the Only Location.

THE face of the world has changed more than once, and the movements of the greater nations of the world on the chessboard would indicate that the face of the world will soon be changed. Countries on the Atlantic have for two red years composed the living world was born, on these shores a nation arose like the cloud the size of man's hand, and destined to fill the Hemisphere. On the western coast of the Atlantic a government of great interest and form was brought into this was a departure from all of government of any age, it was a government of thirteen states, each having its own legislative and judiciary government, making and enjoying its own laws, extending or abridging its own privileges, with its legislative and judiciary head inseparably identified and subservient to legislative and judiciary federal government. Our national and state governments form the most complete system of government the world has ever known; state in perfect freedom makes executes its own laws, at the same time is subservient and tributary to federal head; each municipality and executes its own laws, but is subservient and tributary to the state. Federal legislation reached further than state legislation and the judiciary is the final arbitrator between the federal powers and brings upon a state right nor the powers upon a municipal right. Our system of federation was not a foreign form of government, not antagonistic to the English but it was antagonistic to the French and Spain. In the efforts of our forefathers to attain freedom and a better government, France was plotting to conquer the new world from the St. Lawrence southward to the Gulf of Mexico westward as far as she might reach; while Spain, the assumed ruler of the seas, claimed all the waters from Vancouver to the Horn. Notwithstanding the efforts of our Revolution were able to break the British yoke, they would have been able to build the great empire of the United States had it not been for England; for with France on the East and Spain on the West, our only way would have at least been closed. It was the great victory of Quebec and the sanguinary making England the mistress of the seas and retiring the glory and the French and Spanish nations of ancient history. It was this made it possible for us to buy Louisiana from France and extend our empire conquest through to the Pacific Ocean without the fear of Spanish interference. Our people have known what England did (not usually but nevertheless did) in making it possible for our flag of thirteen stars to increase to a flag of thirty stars. This is not the only time she helped her disobedient daughter. When the president of the United States in December, 1823, promulgated as known as the Monroe doctrine, when the Central American and Mexico were in partial or revolt against Spanish oppression all European countries except Spain in reconquering the new world, England alone sided with the United States and backed up the Monroe doctrine. The agreement of the great English speaking nations on this question forever paralyzed the aggressive arm of Spain in her effort to recover her lost possessions in the Western Hemisphere. The star of empire moved rapidly westward to the Pacific, and the large fields of gold in the Western mountains soon attracted the Western population. Alaska was a permanent population. Alaska was of Russia, Texas became ours, the Aleutian Islands accord us the right to coal, anchor and so within their numerous harbors,

America and England together control the eastern shores of the Pacific from the Arctic Circle in the North to Southern California in the South, and the Atlantic shores from Newfoundland in the East to Mexico. Most of our exports go to England and English colonies. Wherever the Union Jack waves, there our exports, find a welcome and a ready sale. England opens her ports to the free trade of the world, while Russia and France close their ports to American products; and consequently territorial conquests by these countries mean the shutting out of our products and wares to that extent; while territorial conquest by England means the opening of the new territory to whatever we have to sell. Nearly half the inhabitants of the earth live in countries facing the Pacific waters, yet we do not send more than six per cent, of all our exports to the people of these countries. China is one of the richest countries in the world, with a population of about four hundred millions of peaceable and industrious people. Her lands are rich her rivers and lakes deep, and her harbors the best in the East. All the valuable coal fields of the world are owned by England or America, except the great coal lands of China. Russia with her ally, France, and temporarily aided by Germany is seeking a plan by which she can possess or control the greater part of this ancient empire. Russia is one of the greatest nations of the world, and is destined to become one of the trinity of powers that will one day contend for the supremacy of the earth. But Russia needs water outlets. Her prayer is, "Oh Shades of the Czars, give me proper outlets to the seas!" Russia will soon have completed her great trans-Siberian railroad from the Ural Mountains to Vladivostok—but the waters of Vladivostok are frozen for several months in the year—so Russia wants a more southern seaport. By treaty she has secured from China the right to branch her great railway through Manchuria to the Yellow Sea. If by any combination Russia and France could control the principal Chinese harbors and general American traffic with the four hundred million Chinese; consequently, it is to the interest of the people of the United States that Russia and France keep their hands off China. The United States has a sea coast on the Pacific Ocean of more than two thousand miles more than has any other country; and consequently of all countries she has the right to object (peaceably if possible but with force if necessary) to any foreign combination that would paralyze her trade and exclude her products from the homes of one-fourth of the inhabitants of the earth. England has taken issue with Russia and France, and demanded that all the ports of China be kept free to the trade and traffic of all the countries of the world. This demand of England the United States should sustain and back up if necessary with her cannons. The United States has got to have the seven hundred fifty million people living upon the Pacific and Indian Oceans for her customers during all future time. There was a time when the Eastern States controlled the United States; that day has gone by, the tide of emigration is westward and not eastward. The population in the West is increasing more rapidly than in the East. Texas increases in population every year more than Maine does in ten years. The British territory in the Northwest is being rapidly settled, and if this mad craze for gold continues, Alaska will soon have a population of a quarter of a million. California will soon be a densely settled state and the golden slopes on her western shore will soon be a succession of small gardens. Our best students of this subject admit that it will not be long before we have one or more great canals extending from the Pacific to the Atlantic, and considering the cheap water freights compared with high railroad freights, transfer, and elevator charges, freight from Omaha to China by water would be less than railroad freight from Omaha to New York. In fact the seven hundred fifty million people on the Pacific and Indian Oceans would be in as close touch as to the cost of freight with

our Pacific Ocean ports as the Illinois farmer would be by rail with New York markets. No power on earth can stop the emigration westward! Forever and forever westward will the human tide move until the Pacific states are a hundred times more thickly settled than the New England States. And the man who secures a home in some fertile valley in the Rocky Mountain states or territories or on the Pacific slope will live the rest of his lifetime in the coming Paradise of the world, a Paradise that will grow more valuable, more thickly settled, and more beautiful for a score of generations to come. The centre and front of our population, our wealth, our commerce, our shipping, and our foreign trade will soon be on the Pacific coast. Coming events cast their shadows, and all the shadows point this way. Louis Kerguelan's prophecy, made many years ago, that in nineteen hundred twenty-five real estate on the Pacific Ocean would sell higher per square foot than by the acre upon the waters of the Atlantic, may prove true. With this view of the picture, can the United States afford to let any great country be closed against our products. Our farmers, manufacturers, and mechanics demand that these avenues of trade, these rights and outlets be preserved for them. Great will be the fall of the ruler or rulers who allow for a moment these vantage grounds to be closed to our commerce. With all the ports of the Pacific and Indian Oceans opened to our products, and our wares (which will not in any way lessen our present exports), America will put on the robes indicative of the highest prosperity—her wealth will be more evenly distributed—farming will pay a thousand per cent, better than it does to-day, and wages will be correspondingly higher. From the Arctic Circle to the foot of the Temperate Zone between the cold waters of one sea and the warm waves of the other will be heard, and always heard, the song of a happy and contented people enjoying the liberties of the best government in the world in friendly traffic and trade with all the countries of the earth, and consequently receiving higher prices for trade and labor than could be if the traffic were confined to a few countries. And ever and anon will the population increase upon those shores where the setting sun will daily display its wealth of worlds. (Family Messenger, Boston, Mass.)

[The above is printed, reciting though it is with the commercialism of the day, to show our friends that even the Masters of Bread recognize the great natural wealth and advantages of the Pacific coast. And their outburst of applause, even though they but see their own greedy plans, is also a fitting tribute to the endeavors of our countrymen who are trying to unraise a Socialist commonwealth ere Mammon can cast a blight upon this fairest of America's garden spots. Already the cruel reign of King Capital is casting his grim shadow over the homes and hopes of even these most western of our people. His conquest is begun, and only the self-sacrificing and earnest efforts of Socialists and all lovers of humanity can save the dwellers of this section from ever being slaves to his desires and the other millions of hapless beings of the Old East the victims of his greed. All aid, all encouragement, then, to the Socialist effort to establish a new order of things, that the questions of trade, of profits, and of foreign exploitation, may be forever put aside, that a just exchange, equal returns and generous friendship may take their place. UNCLE SAM.]

How It Works.

An assessor recently called upon an officer of a West Side club house, valued at over \$10,000, and found that it was worth only \$1,700. But those who heard Peter Witt's lecture and saw his voluminous evidence of tax-dodging black on white will not be astonished at such flagrant examples of dishonesty on the part of our "best" people. How would they get rich if they did not rob and cheat the people individually and collectively. This is a nice wretched system, this, that breeds liars and swindlers by the wholesale. Vote the Democratic and Republican tickets and continue it. (Cleveland Citizen.)

The company of artillery organized by a member of the house of Astor travel in Pullman palace cars. This is in strong contrast to the move of the republic's common soldiers who travel on foot or in cattle cars. But then the Astor troop are of uncommon citizens. —[Appeal to Reason.]

VOICE OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY.

MARY BAIRD FINCH.

I am rousing from sleep of dark ages
Where in dreams I have murmured
And I haste with my handmaids of mercy,
Till I banish injustice again:
I am come as the conqueror cometh
Where the blood of the white slave
was spilled—
There are tears in my heart for the people
Whose longings were never fulfilled,
Who return empty-handed from labor,
Though they heap many cofters with gold,
And wait in the mines that they share not,
As the poor slaves in shackles of old,
"Till I be fearful, the morn of my waking,
When manhood leaps up from the dust,
And new centuries come to my mourners,
With saviors to help, as they must.

Proud sons that are rolling in splendor
May rise no more on the morn.
And the treasure the idlers have gathered
May fall as the laborer's own,
Bringing hope to the heart of the toiler.
The people I claim as my kin;
Beware of the vengeance that threatens
Since the plund'ring's teachings are sin.

Philosophers, prophets and saviors,
Bring forth those I gave ye to keep
The children of mine ye have spared not—
And haste while the war-dogs yet sleep!
Bring the homeless ye made, and the criminal,
With the toiler to share in his own,
While the grand march of forces is forward:
Once the bread that ye flung was a stone.

Deeply drank I the tears of my people—
The tears that were crimson of hue—
And dipped a dim pen in the fountains
O'erflowing gray comrades and blue;
I have mourned with the sad mothers weeping,
And reached out to hunger a hand,
I have taken sweet babes to my bosom,
Beseeching to freedom a land.

The Gentleman from Mars.

In the course of his journeying on the earth, the gentleman from Mars came to a great and wonderful country. Through it majestic rivers ran, and its soil, stretching away for unknown leagues, was of remarkable fertility. Here he wandered for a time, whistling "After the Ball" softly to himself, when he met a citizen of earth, whose face was very sad.

"Morain," said the Martian.

"What's the matter?"

"Hungry."

"Why don't you eat?"

"No money."

"Work and get some."

"Can't get none."

"Work on this great tract of land; raise wheat, corn, potatoes all such things. See?"

"The owner won't hire me."

"The WHAT?"

"Owner won't hire me."

"What's the owner?"

"Why, them as that owns it."

"Does one man own this land?"

"Of course."

"Well, I'll be blo—Say, didn't God make this land?"

"I've heard so."

"Didn't he make it for all his children, that they might live?"

"I—I've heard so—I guess so—I dunno."

"How does it happen that one man owns it all?"

"Why, the law gives it to him, of course."

"Who makes the law?"

"We do, of course."

"Who's we?"

"Why, the voters; me and the rest of us—the sovereign people."

"And you make laws giving one man a great fertile tract of land like this, which he can let lie idle if he chooses, while you beg for work and starve for food?"

"Yes."

"Would you kindly take off your hat and let me see the shape of your head?"

And the gentlemen from Mars cut the anchor of his airship and sailed away, repeating "What fools these mortals be!"—(Dr. Geo. W. Carey, in Santa Cruz Spectator.)

The martyr cannot be dishonored. Every lash inflicted is a tongue of flame; every prison a more illustrious abode; every burned book or house enlightens the world, every suppressed or expunged word reverberates through the earth from side to side. It is the whipper who is whipped, the tyrant who is undone. —[Emerson.]

THOUGHTS.

By Your Uncle.

I HOPE the patriotism of the people will not lead them to smoke so-called Admiral Dewey cigars. Wonder what kind of a "patriot" that cigar manufacturer is?

A CATERPILLAR, it is said, in the course of a month, will devour 600 times its own weight in food. What an object of envy a caterpillar must be to those human beings who can only devour 9 times the product of their own labor.

A NATURAL history informs us that the eyes of night birds are about double the size of those of birds that fly by day. Another point in proof of evolution, note the case in which those human beings who plan by night skin those who work by day. Their eyesight and foresight greatly exceed the plodders by day.

FOR over 2,000 years, it is said, a regularly organized system of charity has been in vogue in China, and 2,500 years B. C. the Egyptians had a charitable system fully organized. The charity mongers of the present day thus feel secure in their vocation, though such facts are gradually opening the people's eyes to the idiocy of expecting charity to settle the question of the exploited poor.

THE appeals to the people from pulp and press to be thrifty and saving has been heeded. Such is the rush to N. Y. department stores on bargain days that a temporary hospital is to be erected in the shopping district, in charge of trained nurses, together with an ambulance with other trained nurses, to provide for the thrifty and foolish women who risk their lives for the sake of bargains and 99¢ sales. A cent saved is getting to be worth a broken limb, so cheap is humanity and so dear the alibi of a dollar.

How the old thing works:
Most of the employees of the Parkhill gristmill at Middleburg, Mass., are on strike because of a reduction in wages of from 4 to 8 per cent. More than 1,000 hands are out.

The Chicago Tribune publishes a table showing that the increase in the price of food products during the last few months has added more than \$20,000,000 to the wealth of Chicago speculators.

That's right, boys; don't listen to the blamed Socialists. Keep right on voting for the old parties and their concomitant evils—low wages and a miserable living for the workers and big "profits" and luxurious ease for the exploiters.

Who said "industry pays," and that "close attention to the employer's interest will advance the workingman"? The engineers and firemen of the New Jersey Central railroad, who have evidently been taking stock in the above capitalistic argument, have been working like beavers earning bonuses hauling freight in excess of the regular train rate. Through their exertions it was found that the engines could haul several more cars than had been the rule. Then the company stopped the bonuses, laid off eight entire train crews for good, and now freight trains will be longer and heavier, the same crew, and the same wages. With an exchange which mentions the skinny game I coincide: "It serves the greedy trainmen just right."

PLUTOCRATIC papers, especially of the Republican stripe, will have to overhaul their worm-eaten arguments of prosperity. The foolish window glass workers, who evidently believed what they had read about the swash of prosperity, have been arguing with their masters for an advance of wages. The masters refused; in fact, notwithstanding the price to which they had boosted window glass, they not only refused an advance, but demanded a cut-down of 2 per cent. Some day the people will get their eyes open to the fact that whatever "prosperity" that may come within the competitive system is not for them, but for their masters, and when they see things as they are then they who are responsible for this brand of "prosperity", as well as those who have lied about it, will do well to look from under.

SOMEONE who has been dipping into the stream of knowledge informs us of the strangest stream in the world. It is in East Africa and flows in the direction of the sea, but it never reaches it. There are stranger things nearer home. Here's a nation which for a hundred years has been travelling, so we are told, towards universal prosperity and a higher civilization. Like the African stream it has never reached its destination, and quosers still, judging from the increasing number of poorhouses and jails, and an inordinate desire to slaughter human beings, it is further away from its destination than when it started. You needn't go to Africa for freaks.

UNCLE SAM.

SOCIALISM would be exactly what it is said to be by its enemies, but is not, if all those were socialists who think they are, but are not.

UNEDUCATED people sometimes get amusingly sarcastic without knowing it. Hundreds of striking miners are encamped near Grove City, Pa., and have named their camps Camp Dewey and Camp Sampson.

IF, in a country where pea vines grow as large as trees, beans weigh 4 lbs., grass grows 9 feet high, and fish worms look like snakes, Socialism can't successfully get a foothold, then there must be something wrong with that brand of Socialist seed.

IT seems these "rough riders" of Teddy Roosevelt are not all they are cracked up to be. Those left in Florida have been making things hideous, and at last accounts five were in jail for "shooting up the town". One of the men were shot and a woman fatally wounded.

WHAT! Competition gone wrong? impossible! Yet the headquarters of the Christian Science Association is to be appealed to because of the friction, jealousy and ill-feeling aroused by the fierce competition of two adjacent churches of that faith in New York city. Competition don't seem to work, even in the saving of souls.

A late news item informs us that 28 per cent of the independent glass plants have combined with their erstwhile enemy, the Glass Trust, to maintain prices and resist advances in wages. Yet the working standard for the constructors of glass windows and bottles "prosperity" with which the enemy is allied. I don't think.

A DEVERON peasant goes into a glazier because of lot graduated at Harvard. Transported students are doing their collegiate courses. This is splendid, and the people of Deveron would be more proud if they could get rid of supporting the remaining 22%. Instead of being a great star of industry, as the Boston paper seems to think, it proves that three-fourths of our professional man are, even in their youth, parasites, living upon the labor of others.

SIXTYTH, hundred coal miners in Pennsylvania are on strike and thousands of others have been actually starving about for months on paper wages and uncertain work. At last prosperity is hitting 'em and now no man need be denied a job. The Pittsburg city poor fund is to start a coal mine, and you can get a job as soon as you become a pauper. Prosperity has not yet reached the workers who are above the paper line, so their welfare is not quite assured.

DID you ever think that the only difference between bonds and greenbacks practically is that one draws interest and the other does not? Is it then strange that one of those should be chosen by those who would live without working as medium by which to accumulate to themselves the wealth others have created. Is it necessary for me to tell you which medium it is that the money sharks choose as their weapon? Don't you think it wise, then, for the common people to insist on the other? Or do you think Abe was a fool? You must take one position or the other. And just now you are holding on to the other.

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