

Manning who was secretary of the treasury, and who when remonetization was imminent bought thirteen million ounces of silver from France and Mexico, and defeated it. The same coterie of thieves elected Mr. Cleveland president in 1892 and brought on the panic of 1893, to supply him with an excuse for calling an extra session of congress to bulldoze congress into repealing the purchasing clause of the Sherman law, and the selling of \$250,000,000 interest-bearing bonds in time of peace, to run the government, which bonds the people are still paying interest on.

The depression was so terrible that Mr. McKinley was elected on a platform calling for an international conference to try to restore silver.

Mr. McKinley named commissioners to that conference, they went to France, were most cordially welcomed, a basis for remonetization was agreed upon; the premier of France went with them to England to get the concessions which England's chancellor of the exchequer had agreed upon, when the India council in London backed by the thieves of Bond street rose in protest and our secretary of the treasury, Lyman Gage, cabled to London that the United States did not desire remonetization. This was prompted by Mark Hanna and Mr. Kohlsat of Chicago who had a hold on President McKinley which he could not shake off.

In 1896, '97 and '98 there was a universal failure of crops in India, Argentine and Australia, and a three-year engineers' strike in England which forced the world to bring their gold to us for both food and the manufactured articles they needed, with the result that in two years our country's money was reinforced by \$2,000,000,000 in gold from abroad. Then business boomed in many parts of the east and the statement was often heard "see what the gold standard has done for us!"

But in 1907 the panic came like thunder from a clear sky; the gold gamblers of New York who had absorbed the country's money finally overplayed themselves, quarreled among themselves; one great house went down then the others were obliged to do as they had done in '93, get back to back issue paper promises to pay and compel the people to take them or nothing for money.

Then they continued to control the money of the country up to the passing of the currency law of last year. But in truth there has been a depression on the country ever since 1907.

Now, too, it is clear that the act which demonetized silver destroyed our export trade to the Orient, to half the people of the earth, and by the same act, in effect offered a premium of 60 per cent upon all that the naked wretches of the world can send us in competition with our working men. It has, too, confused our exchanges with half the rest of the world. It has robbed our own country of quite \$2,000,000,000 to date.

Last year J. P. Morgan of New York declared that there was not money enough in the world to serve as a basis for the world's business. Since then tens of billions of debt has been added to this inverted pyramid that topples on its point of gold, and business halts because the amount of gold in the world is not sufficient to make money any longer a fair measure of values or anything like an ample circulating medium. Moreover, such a volume of interest-bearing debt is piling up that universal repudiation is imminent. Gold as a single measure of values, instead of being a convenience and blessing has become a torture to the masses of mankind.

It may be asked: "Why rehash all this, the silver question is settled?"

The answer is, no vital question is settled until it is settled right.

Silver was demonetized to increase the interest that the world's masses have to pay. That has become an unbearable burden and a world-wide injustice.

Silver held its place beside gold, a steadier metal than gold, for three thousand years, and never failed until recognition was withdrawn from it in the interest of the world's money lenders. Every word that silver men said between 1873 and 1893 was true, ever prediction they made has been verified.

Is it not time to stop the accused foolishness and premeditated robbery? The poor of the earth, the vast majority, want silver money.

Without it the rich of the earth are not sure of their wealth for five years more.

It may be asked: "What would you have done?" One way would be to call a convention of the nations to demand silver remonetization.

An easier way would be for our congress to pass a law instructing the treasury department to buy 5,000,000 ounces a month and coin it into fractional money and add a clause that if under such purchases silver reaches one dollar per ounce and remains at that price for six months, it should be remonetized at that ratio with gold.

With such a law silver would be worth one dollars an ounce the world around in three weeks for the world needs it. It would add 30 per cent to the basic money of our country and steady business. All Spanish America would rejoice; for that matter all Europe would. It is a world's necessity. We commend these truths to our senators and congressmen.

The Peace Rumors

PEACE rumors have become persistent of late, but the news from the battle fields offers no confirmation of them. The kaiser is evidently preparing for a drive either to the southeast or to the west, perhaps to both at the same time. Could he raise the siege that is closing around Constantinople and then propose peace, it might lead to negotiations. Could he break the defense in France, take Paris and menace fearfully England and then offer to treat for peace, in our judgment the offer would be scouted, for the offer would really mean the making of subject powers of both France and Great Britain which would be intolerable to both those powers. It would be just as it would be in Russia were the Germans to capture Petrograd. They might take it and burn it, but that would make no difference in Russia's determination.

The surest road to peace for the kaiser lies to the southeast. For him to break the power that is assailing Constantinople, would present a danger to both Russia and Great Britain which neither wants to contemplate.

Meantime the strain on all the powers is becoming very great. Germany is training her boys and both England and Canada have reduced the height which was first held necessary to enlist by several inches.

The pressure all around is reaching the point of the unbearable.

A Public Enemy

COL. ROOSEVELT is still denouncing the Democratic party but is still advising his dupes to cling together, which in our judgment makes it clear that he is a public enemy. He could partially repair the mighty misfortune which he wrought upon his country in 1912, by calling upon his followers to return to their old allegiance to the Republican party and thus avert the danger of having repeated the calamity of 1912 in 1916. But he will not do it unless he can maneuver to have himself the candidate of that party. That makes him a public enemy, that makes clear that in his vanity and egotism and utter selfishness, he is determined to compel the country to accept him or be punished until it does.

If he has any higher motive than has either of a dozen of the Mexican bandits that in the holy name of patriotism are devastating their country to obtain unearned glory and loot, it is not apparent to the naked eye.

The right thing to do with him is to appoint him generalissimo of Hayti and send him there in a second class warship and tell him to show what kind of a king he would be. True, the people there are a little off color, but they are no more so than are his principles.

The Texan Disaster

THE sympathies of the whole country go out to the stricken ones on the Texan coast in the affliction. A West India hurricane generally blows for two or three days and nights and when a low coast comes in its path, the piled up waters make an almost irresistible engine of destruction.

After the terror of 1900 the city of Galveston, helped by the state and the railroads, built a sea-wall to stand off any future visitation, but the late storm swept over the wall and did vast damage in the harbor, and along the coast for many miles the storm left the country a wreck. How to defend those low coasts against them is as yet an unsolved problem. Help will be needed for the sufferers and we are sure that Utah will do her full part. She got the first relief train into San Francisco after the earthquake and the fire. We are sure that her sympathies are as broad as the republic.

That Mayor of Atlanta

THE Atlanta mayor did not make a fool of himself in San Francisco, when he tried to justify the Frank murder, but he did succeed in making clear that he was born a fool, and a vicious one at that. When he justified mob violence, he made clear that he has no idea of the duties of citizenship; no conception of the need of obedience to the laws. When he cautioned an ex-governor against returning to his state for the crime of having performed his duty, as God gave him to see it, under his oath of office, he made clear

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