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THEY THAT SOW THE WIND.

It is becoming more and more evident that barbarism is not an attribute of the Turks alone in the frightful war now raging in the Balkan peninsula. Pillage and massacre, revolting, unspeakable, and indescribable cruelty, have marked both the triumphs and the defeats of all the armies concerned. Tuesday's press dispatches contained horrible accounts of the massacre of Mohammedans by the Greeks of Saloniki. The crimes are ascribed not to the soldiers, but to a mob composed of the so-called Christian population of the city.

Some details of the outrages were given in the papers. Other details, many other details, were suppressed for obvious reasons. Yet as to the perpetrators of those shameful deeds, if we substitute the words Turk, Kurd, Mohammedan for the words Greek, Bulgarian, Christian, we shall merely have a repetition of the stories that have shocked the civilized world yearly—it would hardly be exaggeration to say monthly—for the last quarter of a century, coming to us from some part of the Turkish empire in Europe or Asia. What we are now reading as to the atrocities in Saloniki is the logical outcome of what we have been reading for years. It means that the day of wrath has come, and that the oppressed, outraged nations are feeding fat their ancient grudge against the Turks. We may be horrified at the story, but we need not be surprised at it.

True, revenge is not a Christian virtue, nor is hatred a Christian attribute. Yet we must not forget that the people who are engaged in the Balkan war, on the side of the allies, are, as a mass, little better than semi-savages, who have the tenacity of memory peculiar to savages for the wrongs inflicted upon themselves, and their ancestors for generations. It is foolish to say that the atrocities at Saloniki are the worst in history. The history of those semi-barbarians is full of records of similar things inflicted on men, women and children of their race. What they have done cannot be justified on any ground, but it can be explained. And the story that comes to us from the ancient Greek city where Paul once preached, recalls to us the words of Paul, "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." And his words again reminds us of that other ancient saying, "They who sow the wind shall reap the whirlwind."

We hear with some regret that the southern business men at the Panama canal conference were strongly in favor of a ship subsidy. We also learn with some surprise that they resisted all efforts to get them to go on record as favoring the subsidy.

American capitalists did not finance Madero in his insurrection against Diaz. This statement is made on the authority of Sherburne G. Hopkins, who was the legal adviser of the Maderistas at the time of the revolution. The statement should be given wide publicity among the rebels, who appear to feel a little sore because no American capitalists can be induced to finance them. From their standpoint the captains of industry on this side of the border are guilty of gross favoritism.

In advocating his resolution for a constitutional amendment to have presidents elected by popular vote, Senator Works of California made a few remarks about Roosevelt and the president. He said: "The advocacy by the incumbent of his own re-election in the late campaign led to the most shameful campaign of crimination between the president and ex-president that this country has ever witnessed," Senator Works continued. "Both of these candidates were overwhelmingly defeated. They both deserved defeat for this reason if for no other. The conduct of Roosevelt was particularly reprehensible. His vicious assaults on the president made it imperative for the latter, in his estimation and that of his

friends, to meet on the stump the charges made against him."

"Teddy can come back," shouted the Colonel's enthusiastic friends in Chicago Tuesday. It may be so, yet it is a sad day in the life of a politician or a prize fighter, when men began to look at him as a possible comeback, when the question of his ability to come back it a mooted question. When we think of the almost uniformly disastrous results of attempts to make prize fighters and politicians come back, we are properly disposed to be slow about investing any money in the enterprise or to stake any important issue on it. Somehow the old law that like causes produce like effects hardly ever slips a cog in its working. The Colonel has failed to come back twice now; once in his attempt to get control of the republican machine in New York; and once when he tried to get himself elected president for a third term. As a conscientious man, he should advise his party to invest its money in some other candidate.

And yet Senor Roque Gonzales Garza, who was Madero's Secretary at the time of the revolution, is quite positive that Madero received pecuniary assistance from Standard Oil.

It is to be hoped that the state of Texas will find some perfectly legal way of putting an end to the brilliant exploits of the daring Mr. Holloway.

The Houston Chronicle very properly, pertinently and convincingly calls the attention of The Saturday Evening Post to the fact that wool is not the chief industry of the United States.

The bold, bad blackmailer who wishes to do business with Governor Wilson hereafter, will have to take into account the fact that, as between himself and the president-elect, the balance of brains is on Wilson's side of the ledger.

Something will have to be done to, or for, Mr. "Bridge" Webber. He now declares there was no plot to murder Rosenthal. The killing was entirely extemporaneous. It might be conducive to Webber's personal safety to lock him up somewhere for perjury.

In the rush of other matters we should not forget to arrange that presidential candidates shall not be permitted to take the stump hereafter. Every man who receives a nomination for president at the hands of a political party should be immediately thereafter put under surveillance, and required to confine himself to an exceedingly restricted territorial area. A "martyred candidate" is unthinkable; and a near-martyred candidate is a hideous dream.

A SUGGESTION TO TEXAS CONGRESSMEN.

The production of fruits and vegetables is an industry that has grown to enormous proportions in Texas in the last few years. By reason of its superior climate, and soil, Texas is able to have all kinds of fruits and vegetables ready for the consumers in the North long before the home product is ready.

With all of these advantages, this industry is not returning to the farmers proper and adequate compensation for the labor and capital invested. This unsatisfactory condition appears to be due largely to a lack of system in marketing the products of orchard and garden.

Mr. William Doherty in a recent interview published in The Chronicle, outlined a plan that will at once commend itself to every thoughtful man who reads it. Mr. Doherty suggests that the matter of distribution be taken in hand by the federal government through its department of agriculture. It is pointed out that millions of dollars are spent annually to increase production, and, it is contended, it is equally important and logical that a sufficient sum should be spent in placing in the hands of the farmers information that will result in more systematic distribution.

This is a subject in which the Texas delegation in congress may well take an interest. Texas, having the greatest volume of business in this class of farm products, should take the lead in bringing about the reforms suggested.

Numerous farmers' organizations have already indorsed the establishing of a bureau of markets in the department of agriculture, and the President-elect Wilson has already expressed himself favorably to the plan. The suggestions made by Mr. Doherty go a little further than those heretofore made and offer a comprehensive basis for needed legislation. The speedy solution of the market problem means millions to the people of Texas.

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