

our citizens is treated as the property of certain private corporations, openly capitalized for billions of dollars, the vast volume of tribute drawn from the masses of the community is the least pernicious of its results.

"We denounce the socialism which seeks to make government the sole agent of production as nothing less than a proposal to re-establish the institution of tyranny and industrial slavery which perished before the advance of Christian civilization.

"Realizing every socialistic proposal, however disguised under sonorous and misleading phrases, to be a step leading inevitably toward the re-establishment of despotism in government and servitude in labor, the democratic party must always be vigilant in unmasking it and inflexible in opposing it.

The republican state convention for New York in session at Saratoga nominated the following ticket:

Governor—Charles E. Hughes. Lieutenant governor—M. Linn Bruce. Attorney general—Julius M. Mayer.

Charles E. Hughes, the nominee for governor, is the lawyer who conducted the insurance investigation.

An Associated Press dispatch from Honolulu says: "The democratic territorial convention in its platform declares that William J. Bryan is the acknowledged leader of the party.

Alabama republicans nominated the following ticket:

Governor—Judge A. E. Stratton. Lieutenant governor—James A. Hurst. Attorney general—J. B. Sloan.

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TAXES AND SURTAXES

It is said that President Roosevelt has "demanded an explanation of how the bill imposing a surtax of 100 per cent on the classes of cotton goods used by the poor people of the Philippines reached him without any one pointing out that it would do the Philippines a great injustice."

This does him credit, even though it comes too late to help the Filipinos against the tax and the surtax. But with equal reason he might demand an explanation of the effects of surtaxes at home if he has not yet learned how they do a "great injustice" to those who are compelled to pay them without being allowed to know how or why.

For example, seamless cotton stockings for women and hose and half hose for men are first taxed a reasonable tax of 15 cents on the dollar of value. For the benefit of monopoly a surtax of from 50 cents to \$2 a dozen is then added in addition to the tax of 15 cents on the dollar of value.

The surtax has another operation. It is usually "specific." That is, it is not a tax on the value of the goods,

which rises or falls with the market, but a fixed tax of so much a dozen, a yard, a pound, a bushel or a ton, which as a tax on value increases its percentage as the value of the article decreases in open market.

On clothing, on articles of iron, tin, steel and everything else which enters into general use, we have this system of taxes with surtaxes, or taxes laid on the top of taxes, added for the sole purpose of supporting monopoly prices in the United States.

The same system introduced in the Philippines robs the Filipinos outrageously, but the theory of "benevolent assimilation" for the Filipinos is that they ought to be subjected as completely as possible to all the systems which have been scientifically perfected for plundering the people at home.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

While Archbishop Trench was dean of Westminster he delegated Canon Cureton to preach at the abbey on a certain saint's day. On such days the boys of Westminster school attended service and afterwards had the rest of the day as a holiday. While Mr.

Cureton, on the morning of the day he was to officiate, was looking over his sermon at the breakfast table his son asked, in a tone vibrating with anxiety:

"Father, is yours a long sermon today?"

"No, Jimmy, not very."

"But how long? Please tell me."

"Well about twenty minutes I should say. But why are you so anxious to know?"

"Because, father, the boys say they will thrash me awfully if you are more than half an hour."—London Telegraph.

The woman with thin lips and raspy voice stepped up before the languidly indifferent ticket seller in the railway station.

"Where do you want to go?" he asked, as his jeweled fingers rifled a bunch of pasteboards.

"None of your business where I want to go," she snapped. "Just you sell me a ticket to New York, but bear in mind that I'm going there because I've got to; not because I want to."—Washington Star.

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