

THE WAY FRANCE DOES IT.

The Paper Money Used in That Country Is Not Redeemable in Gold or Silver.

Commenting on the manner in which the administration construes the law in respect to the redemption of greenbacks and treasury notes, the New York Mercury says:

"The only gold exports to Europe this week were made by one firm, and amounted to \$2,500,000, said to be for account of the fiscal agent of the German empire.

"While the Bank of England has gained during the year ended September 26, 1895, \$25,160,000 in gold, the Bank of France \$23,510,000 and Austria-Hungary \$42,300,000, Germany has gained only about \$3,000,000.

"The United States alone, of all the governments which maintain the gold basis, seems to be utterly powerless to protect its gold reserve. The secretary of the treasury declines to follow the example of the Bank of France, the fiscal agent of the French government, which protects its gold reserve by redeeming its notes in silver, and the consequence is that when any government of Europe desires to replenish its stock of gold it does so at the expense of the United States treasury by offering to bankers here an extra commission, or interest on the money in transit, which practically amounts to a premium on gold.

"It is stated on good authority that in addition to the \$2,500,000 gold withdrawn from the treasury this week for shipment to Berlin, there is a demand from the same quarter for \$5,000,000 more, to be shipped before October 10. The needs of Germany may not be satisfied even with this amount, and if more gold goes out a bond issue will be inevitable.

"Thus the American people, under the present system, are taxing themselves to enable the government fiscal institutions of Europe to replenish their gold supply. That the people of these European governments are also taxed is small consolation to us."

The Mercury is mistaken in its statement concerning the practice of the Bank of France. It is not its own notes that the bank refuses to furnish gold for in large amounts, but bank exchange, both domestic and foreign. So far as its own issues of paper are concerned, the bills are not redeemable in either gold or silver, not being promises to pay, but partaking of the nature of absolute, inconvertible paper money.

This significant and important fact has recently received absolute confirmation during a recent visit to Kansas City, Mo., of Mr. S. E. Moss, formerly of that city, and now American consul-general at Paris. He was in the city but two days, but during his stay was interviewed by a reporter who, in the course of the interview, asked him:

"Is any attention to the silver agitation in America marked in France?"

"They think any independent effort in America for silver will be disastrous to America. There is no government paper money in France, you know. The government coins gold and silver, only. The Bank of France has a charter to issue paper."

Consul-General Moss took a silver coin from his pocket about the size of an American white dollar. "This is a five franc piece," he said. "It is 15 1/2 to 1. The smallest gold coin is a ten franc piece. Their dollar, you see, is silver."

He then produced a note printed in etheral pink, which looked like a Priests of Pallas ball invitation. "This is a fifty franc note of the Bank of France. Let's see. It contains no promise to pay. It says merely 'fifty francs.' The conditions in France are different and there is no comparison between silver there and silver here. You see more silver in France, however, than here. The small currency is all silver. I have observed one thing in my travels. The depression which has prevailed throughout the world has been in gold countries and silver countries and all sorts of countries."

This is the secret of the continued prosperity of the Bank of France and its accumulation of such an immense store of gold and silver, and also accounts for the steady and uniformly low rate of interest in France.

And this is the way to stop the financial bandits from raiding the treasury of the United States. Let the greenbacks and treasury notes, as fast as they are "redeemed," be canceled and destroyed and an equal amount of legal tender, absolute, inconvertible bills be issued to take their place, and the raids on the treasury must come to a sudden halt.

And this is a distinctive feature of the populist programme, which differentiates the people's party silver men from the so-called silver men in the old parties. In the populist scheme of salvation there is no such factor as "specie redemption," nor is there any such phrase as "primary money" in the populist vocabulary. We demand silver coinage at 16 to 1, and full legal tender, absolute paper money, in supplemental volume sufficient to properly transact the business of the country. This is what France has, and it is the secret of her prosperity.

Press forward, boys, all along the line. Victory is in sight. GEORGE C. WARD.

Public Ownership. Populism favors public ownership of the government, as against plutocratic ownership. It also favors and expressly declares in favor of public ownership of railroads, telegraphs, telephone, land and banks. It declares that "wealth belongs to him who creates it." It says that "every dollar taken from industry without an equivalent is robbery." It emphasizes the duty of man to society and says: "If any will not work, neither shall he eat." It declares that the "powers of government should be expanded (as in the case of the postal service) to the end that oppression, injustice and poverty shall eventually cease in the land." All of this is populism. All this the Coming Nation advocates—and a little more.—Coming Nation.

A COMING REVOLUTION

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that principle the completed structure to establish which the principle has alone been contended for. Nor is this structure to be once definitely planned and there remain. It must accommodate society in every condition its progress and environment from time to time require. It is elastic, and extensive, and never to be outgrown, because ever to be changed, even as the practical rules of individual conduct, by the conditions of life and development. All that we can say is that justice now requires, from all the circumstances of existing society, that the privileges here named, which give advantage and produce inequality, be abolished. There may be other privileges arise, there may even now be other adjustments required. But this much, at least, must now be achieved if society would rise from out the conditions into which it is sunk. And this much will establish a republic whose object will be to secure human rights and further the advance of human progress."

The volume closes with a sufficient review of the issues involved and a brief discussion of how the problem can be solved, peaceably and speedily, along the line of justice and freedom. In this chapter Mr. Call observes:

"As long as man submits to institutions which beggar and enslave him, his supplications and his protests will alike go up to deaf ears, while power and privilege will, as they have ever done, lord it over him. Any attempt to better his condition or obtain his rights will be a struggle and revolt against law, and all society will be organized against him. The strong arm of the law, it is, that will crush out all attempts of labor and poverty to obtain their own. If we would expect any real or lasting relief, the law must be ranged on the side of labor and not against it; the poor of society must have the benefit of our institutions and not be placed without the pale of their protection. The remedy must be political; nothing short of this will work any permanent or substantial relief.

"There is what the moralists call 'a noble discontent,' which, not satisfied with wrong, ever struggles toward higher and better ideals. This spirit it is that gave Greece her glory and Rome her grandeur, and this spirit it is that now centres the hopes of the world upon the Anglo-Saxon race. The absence of that spirit it is that constitutes the dark fatalism of the East, where men regard themselves as the prey of fate, their conditions as irremediable and their lot but to endure; the absence of that spirit it is that has blotted Asia and Eastern Europe, once the home of civilization, from the pages of progress, and made the names of once glorious nations forgotten memories.

"It is not agitation but passive endurance that is to be feared. But this we have little need now to fear. It is in the nature of political agitation once fairly begun to go on. That this new religion of humanity should abandon it, is not to be supposed; rather, we say that the ranks of the sincere will be reduced, and that adversity will, as it has always done, but strengthen the onward sweep of reform. Never was there a more opportune time than the present; every condition, every indication points to the beginning of the twentieth century as the opening of a new era in human affairs and hopes. The condition of society compels it; the great popular uprising—the upheaval which now rocks society to its base—has prepared the way for it; and the march of mind, which has already enabled man to subdue nature to his bidding, now promises by the same process to enable him to subdue himself to the laws of the moral world. The last and greatest science, that of society, is but an easy and natural transition from all the other sciences which have gradually and successfully rooted themselves in law."

This work ought to become the handbook of the industrial millions in their struggle for the fundamental rights based on justice; it makes the issues so plain that the dullest intellect can grasp them; and when once grasped, the wealth-producers are not likely to forget the real issues involved, for they carry with them justice for the wage-workers, happiness and prosperity not for the industrial millions alone, but for all high-born souls. Earnest men and women should read and circulate this book in every community throughout the republic. It is a trumpet call to free men, and its appearance at the present crisis in the industrial, economic, and political history of the republic is most fortunate; for in spite of the sneers and scoffing of the Benedict Arnolds of this land, there are thoughtful people who are not bound by prejudice and who are able to rise above the sophistry daily instilled into their minds by the organs of capitalistic anarchism. Wearo today engaged in a struggle with the usurper class of Europe far more momentous to humanity and civilization than was the glorious struggle of the Revolution, and I may add also, far more dangerous, because it is the serpent instead of the lion with which we have to contend. B. O. FLOWER.

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Gov. Stone, upon his return from the silver conference at Memphis, Tenn., gave out the following letter which was awaiting his return. It is self-explanatory:

LEBANON, Mo., Sept. 22.—Hon. W. J. Stone, Jefferson City, Mo.: Friend Stone—Yours of the 16th inst. would have received an earlier reply, but I have just returned from a ten days' tour. Since my speech at Laclede I have traveled into Kansas, Oklahoma and other places, where I have spoken in behalf of the free coinage of silver. I have had but little opportunity to read the newspapers. Your letter is the first information I have received to the effect that I am reported in the newspapers as saying in my Laclede speech "that the time had come for breaking up of party lines, and that hereafter the people would not, and should not, cling to party organizations, but would fight for what they deemed right," etc.

This is a misunderstanding or misconstruction of what I said on that occasion. I stated at that time, and as I thought distinctly and deliberately, "that the day had gone by when the people of this country could be relied on to support party labels or names; that political parties must have well defined and definite principles," etc.

I write to say now, as I have so often said before, that my place to fight is in the democratic party. It is the party of the people. The masses of the people are all right. They are democrats from instinct and principle. There is an element trying to control the party in the interest of plutocracy. There can be no compromise or harmony between the two elements. There is now and always will be war, and war to the knife, between democracy and plutocracy. Yours, truly, R. P. BLAND.

Yes; take New York's democratic convention of last week, for example. How the plutocrats were slain! Perry Belmont (suggestive name) and ex-Gov. Flower were slain by being respectively temporary and permanent chairmen of the convention. Then look at the money plank of the platform, how it strikes the money power between the eyes! No free coinage and burn up the greenbacks. This would kill plutocracy! They would die with joy.—Missouri World.

Gas Trust Methods. Another object lesson is afforded the people by the recent action of the gas trust in Kansas City in reducing the price of gas to 50 cents per thousand in order to freeze out a rival company. This is the method by which all monopolies are established. They are first organized with practically unlimited capital, and it is useless for any competing company to struggle against them for existence. It was by this same freezing out process that the Standard Oil Co. gained an absolute monopoly of the oil business, and every attempt to do business in any line in which a trust has been organized for the purpose of controlling it, only shows the folly of such effort at competition. Gas will be cheap in Kansas City until the rival company is disposed of when the trust will again be supreme dictator. Kansas City found a remedy for this dictatorship in case of its city water works by taking possession of them by the municipal paltry. Why not apply the same remedy to the gas monopoly? No other will ever succeed.—Topeka Advocate.

Like Begots Like. A sensation was created in the prison congress at Denver by a paper on politics and crime, by Prof. Warner, of the economical and social department of Leland Stanford university. He said: "If the state itself is under the influence of criminals, how can it hope to reform criminals? Setting a thief to catch a thief is an old doctrine. But setting the thief to reform the thief has never yet been defended."

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