

WAKING UP AT LAST

It seems that some of the economic idiots of the east are at last beginning to realize the dangers that threaten this republic from the enormous accumulation of wealth in few hands. The other day the New York Herald had an article entitled "Thirteen War Lords of Finance," in which it pointed out that all the railroads, all the great industries and all the banks were under the control of thirteen men of enormous wealth, who at present are divided into two camps, the Morgan group and the Kuhn-Loeb group.

The power that these men can exercise is greater than was ever known before. No monarch or military leader ever exercised one-half as much. They control transportation, the telegraphs and the money of the country. An order issued from either of their offices in Wall street would affect every individual of the 80,000,000 population of these United States. An increase in freight rates over all the railroads, an increase in the rate of interest or an order to curtail loans would do that. Every human being in this country would feel the effect of such orders from the nursing baby to the centenarian. What potentate in all the history of the world ever had such power as that?

The writer in the Herald seems frightened at the prospect. After considering the matter at some length, he comes to the conclusion that the most danger lies in the control of the great banks, or, in other words, the power to control the volume of money.

It is very strange that it has taken the east so many years to comprehend a few fundamental truths. All that the article contains has been proclaimed by the populists for the last ten years and all that time the New York Herald has been devoting all its efforts to denounce populism. Now at last, when the results of the policies which it has advocated have been accomplished, it is frightened at its own work.

If the demands of the populists had been enacted into law at the time that they were first proclaimed there would now be no such concentration of wealth and power in the hands of these thirteen men. The enactment of three of the populist demands would have prevented it, namely, the public ownership of the railroads, the making of the telegraphic transmission of information a part of the postal system and the government control of the volume of money. With those three things engrafted upon the law, there would be no thirteen men dominating commerce, the courts and congress.

One point in this article in the Herald is the prominence that it gives to the control of money by these magnates. The money question, after all, it concedes is the paramount question, the one thing that makes the power of these men irresistible. It now seems that the Herald has come to the conclusion that the populists and Bryan democrats, whom it fought with such venom, were right after all.

The east is slowly waking up, but the denseness of the ignorance on all economic questions is astonishing. That is shown from the frequent inquiries that come from that section of the country, asking if the republicans have really been coining silver. It is another illustration of the stupidity of the management of the democratic party. The party papers have not even informed their following that the prosperity of the country has come from an enormous increase in the volume of money, including running the mints night and day coining silver, as well as employing every other device that could be invented to increase the amount of money in circulation. Neither have they informed them that by the organization of trusts and the destruction of competition, that all this increase of wealth has gone into the hands of those who were already immensely rich.

For a quarter of a century the republican leaders denounced greenbacks and declared that no government had the right to issue paper money and make it a legal tender except as a war measure. During all those years their followers marched up and down the streets during campaign times, carrying grease-dropping lamps, cursing greenbacks as rag money. Now that these same leaders have resolved to make paper issued by the national banks legal tender, these same crowds will all rally again and shout: "Yep, that's right." If any man will coin a better phrase than "mullet head" to describe such a set of partisan idiots as that, then The Independent will never use that term again.

The courts continue to meddle in all sorts of private affairs, extending their jurisdiction to the most sacred relations of life. The other day a judge issued an injunction forbidding a man to go to church because some of the finicky members claimed that he was in the habit of saying amen too loud. The man said that he did not attend the trial because he was too poor to hire a lawyer. If there ever was such a disgraceful and disgusting set of officials on the bench in any country on earth as some of the judges of this country, the fact has not been recorded in any standard history.

In Frank Carpenter's letter from Antwerp, he remarks: "This country, however, has many queer things. The horses, for instance, wear straw hats in the summer, while the women go bare-headed. The horses cost money, and their heads need protection. The women are cheaper, and the men tell me they can be had for the asking." How much better is a civilization that produces that state of things than the conditions that are denounced as barbarism?

The single taxers are beginning to use the arguments by which imperialism was forced on this country. One of them in a Chicago daily in denouncing the income tax says: "Much reasoning and many arguments will be necessary to explode their fallacy, at least in their minds, before they will behold the natural tax as laid down by the Creator, and that is the 'single tax.'" The Independent replies as it did to the imperialists. When the single taxers show the document with the Almighty's signature attached containing the law "laid down by the Creator," then The Independent will be convinced.

A correspondent gives the names of the rich men in his neighborhood and says that not one among them is a man of public spirit or who ever contributes anything but niggardly pennies to churches, schools, or anything else for the public benefit. The park in the little town, the beautifying of the public school grounds, and the improvement of the main street, aside from what was paid by general taxation, was all procured by the contributions of those who were by no means rich. Then he wants the editor of The Independent to tell his readers what he thinks of the "niggardly rich." Well here goes: "Go to now, ye rich men; weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you. Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth-eaten. Your gold and silver is cankered, and the rest of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire."

Coal at the Iowa mines 100 miles east of Omaha is sold at from \$1.50 to \$2 a ton. A little further west, the splendid lignite coal is sold at the mines at from \$1 to \$1.50 a ton. Along the eastern counties of Nebraska the farmers, and all others for that matter, are paying \$8 to \$10 a ton for that very coal. The republican farmer of average means pays from \$10 to \$50 every year for coal and he insists on doing it, although the fuel could be furnished and give a good, fair profit to the railroads and every one concerned in the trade for \$20. Every effort to reduce freight rates has been fought by them for the last twenty years. They go to the polls and vote for the railroad candidates because they are labelled "republican" regardless of their own interests. It would seem that partisan insanity could go no further.

The editor of The Independent wishes to say to the numerous correspondents who have written concerning the article entitled, "A Strange Editorial Episode," that the millionaire spoken of is now an old man. His habits of life and mode of business cannot be changed. He has his confidential clerk, his legal adviser and goes on in the old way. The routine of his office with all its numerous employes is fixed. Letters sent to

him would be read by his confidential man and unless referring to important business which needed his personal attention, he would never see. His investments are made in standard securities after close examination by his legal adviser and the experienced men in his service. He has made his bed and must lie in it. It is now impossible for him to change. He can only say: "What is it all for?"

It is now declared, not only by Senator Morgan, but many other men of high standing that Mr. Herran, the Colombian minister, had no authority to attach his signature to the Colombian canal treaty at the time the document was signed. It is by such subtleties as these that the trans-continental railroads hope to prevent the building of any isthmian canal at all.

Every time there is a raise in the price of corn and the farmers begin to shell and haul it in, they are informed that the elevators are full and no cars to be had, so the trust refuses to buy at all. That is what this republican era of trusts, destruction of competition, and creation of great captains of industry has brought about. Such conditions will continue as long as the republican party is in power. With a Dave Hill regime it would be no better.

The World-Herald certainly deserves the gratitude of every citizen of Omaha for breaking up the coal trust that was operating in that city. If there had not been a daily in Omaha not subsidized by the trusts and plutocrats, that coal trust would have gone on indefinitely, with its oppressions and robberies of the poor. Too many cities in this country have no such daily, and there the trusts rob at their pleasure, with no word of criticism ever uttered against them in the public press. When the banks and the trusts secured almost all the dailies, the agricultural and religious papers in these states, they made a strategic movement that has returned them millions, though it may have cost them millions to get the control of them. It seems that there were a few that even millions could not buy.

The congressional committee that went to Boston to investigate the coal famine found that there was a coal trust there that raised the price of coal from \$5 to \$12 a ton. Didn't they have as good a right to do that as Rockefeller has to raise the price of kerosene until it costs the people along the lines of railroads in Nebraska 25 cents a gallon? No congressional committee ever investigates the methods of the Standard Oil trust.

The republican dailies, with the Chicago Record-Herald in the lead are giving Dave Hill's candidate for the presidency, Judge Parker of New York, a great boost. They well know that any candidate that Dave Hill would name would be so easily beaten that the republican candidate, whoever he might be, would have a walk-away. Republican dailies never boost a Bryan candidate.

E. W. Harding, a special financial correspondent of the Chicago Record-Herald at New York, sent a dispatch to his paper last week saying: "Banking houses today received private advices from Washington that there would be no trust legislation during the present session of congress." The information is doubtless correct. Any effective anti-trust law would play smash with trust securities and that would smash the banks. This information was nothing new to concerns that control congress. The republican party no more dares to enact new trust laws than it dares to enforce those already enacted. The party has got the country into such a fix that any interference with the piracies of the trusts would bring a financial collapse. Down would go trust stocks. The collapse will come all the same, for the people cannot long pay the tribute levied upon them to pay dividends on watered stocks. The republican party is in sad straits, however much it may whistle to keep its courage up. If it goes for the trusts it is ruined. If it don't, it is ruined.

If the oil fields near Chadron turn out as expected by the experts, a company with a small capital of a few thousand dollars could be formed to refine the oil, sell it to the people of this and adjoining states at 10 cents a gallon and get rich. But Rockefeller and the railroads won't allow a company to do anything of that kind. Even if a hundred wells spout 1,000 barrels a day each, we will continue to pay from 20 to 25 cents a gallon for oil and Rockefeller will give part of the loot to the Chicago university. That sort of thing will continue as

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Are Free From Some Form of Indigestion.

Very few people are free from some form of indigestion, but scarcely two will have the same symptoms.

Some suffer most directly after eating, bloating from gas in stomach and bowels, others have heartburn or sour risings, still others have palpitation of heart, headaches, sleeplessness, pains in chest and under shoulder blades, some have extreme nervousness, as in nervous dyspepsia.

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long as the government refuses to enforce the anti-trust laws.

The rich in time manage to grab about everything. The Independent has told how the famous schools in England where the rich and the aristocracy are now educated, were first established for the poor and were afterwards grabbed and devoted to the use of the rich. Dartmouth college in this country was founded by an American Indian by the name of Oocom and was intended for a school for the education of Indians. Everybody knows who got it.

In reply to a thousand inquiries The Independent wishes to say that it has no prophetic statements to make about what will be the outcome to the present political chaos. It only knows that if trusts and the republican party are ever overthrown that it must be done by all those opposed to them voting for one set of candidates for president and congress. Further this deponent sayeth not.

Of the three prominent senators that left the republican party in 1896 only Teller will remain in the senate. Jones and Stewart went back to the republican party and they got left. Newlands, who was a prominent republican in the house and left the party at that time was elected to the senate last week to succeed Senator Jones who has held his seat consecutively for thirty years.

They say that there is a row over the religious exhibits at the St. Louis fair. What a religious exhibit is, The Independent don't know. Did they intend to put up a specimen of