

the officials. The Russian minister of foreign affairs has declared that it is Russia's intention not to molest either China or Manchuria, but to recall the Russian troops now in that province.

A. A. Ames, former mayor of Minneapolis, was found guilty on May 7 of accepting a bribe of \$600 while chief executive of that city. It will be remembered that Mr. Ames was arrested some time ago in New Hampshire and taken back to Minneapolis for trial on bribery charges.

A dispatch from Guthrie, O. T., under date of May 7, says: The Kickapoo Indians are rapidly leaving the territory, their reservation being shared in Southwestern Oklahoma with the Pottawattamies, Shawnees and other remnant tribes. They are settling in old Mexico, selling their valuable Oklahoma lands.

News came from Manila on May 7 that Captain Pershing's column had defeated the sultan of Amparguano's strong force of Moros in the Taraca country, in the island of Mindanao. The Americans captured ten forts, 115 Moros were killed, several wounded and 60 made prisoners, the American loss being but two killed and seven wounded.

Willis Sweet of Couer d'Alene, Idaho, has been appointed attorney general of Porto Rico to succeed James S. Harlan, who recently resigned. Mr. Sweet has served as associate justice of the territory of Idaho and has also represented that state in congress.

In accordance with the law recently passed by the legislature of the state of Nebraska providing for the municipal ownership of the waterworks of the city of Omaha, the water board of that city has selected John W. Alvord of Chicago as appraiser for the city on the board of three to determine the value of the waterworks.

A dispatch from Boston, Mass., under date of May 8, says: A suit for \$1,000,000 damages has been brought by Harry Cilley of this city against the United Shoe Machinery company in the United States circuit court. He sues under the Sherman anti-trust law. He asserts that the defendant has attempted to monopolize a part of the trade or commerce in shoe machinery and has wrongfully obtained control of the market for its sale to the exclusion of himself.

The investigation of the affairs of the postoffice department took a sudden turn on May 8 when by the order of Postmaster General Payne, A. W. Machen, general superintendent of the free delivery system, was relieved of his duties and Postoffice Inspector M. C. Fosnes was directed to take charge of the service.

A dispatch from Colon, under date of May 8, says that official news has just reached the isthmus from the capital, Bogota, to the effect that the Colombian congress has been called for June 20.

The Michigan Underwriting company of Detroit on May 8 completed a combine of all the peanut industries and this trust under the name of the American Edible Nut company will soon be incorporated in New Jersey, with a capital of about \$4,000,000.

On May 8 the state department received official confirmation from China that the Russian garrison in Manchuria is being increased and that the reoccupation of that province by the Russians is complete.

Government by Injunction.

But we have not settled with the federal courts. The inglorious attempt to rob working people of their rights as American citizens, rights guaranteed by the federal constitution, will not be soon forgotten—and will never be forgiven. The courts are making war on union labor; they are violating the constitution they have sworn to support in prosecuting this war. Sherman said that "war is hell"—and so the working people of America are finding this judicial war upon them. They find the courts arrayed against them just as the courts were arrayed against free labor fifty years ago. We remember that in the face of statutes and public protests the federal courts strenuously attempted to force slavery upon the free states.

The Wabash injunction is but one of many like iniquities. While members of the brotherhoods are groaning under their oppression, in other parts of the country other working people grievously bear their burdens. Because of a murder committed at Waterbury, Conn., a murder charged to some unknown member of a union, an injunction has been granted that practically declares martial law, so far as all union men are concerned, and attaches every dollar that is the property of any union within the territory covered by the injunction. It matters not who committed the murder. Those who are attempting to defeat the strikers accuse union men of murder, therefore, every article of the bill of rights of the American constitution is suspended by the vindictive judges.

There are but two methods of relief, the ballot and the bullet. The man who favors the latter is an idiot—and the labor movement is cursed with just such idiots. The following resolution was adopted by the federated trades council of Milwaukee, Wis., if we may believe the press dispatches:

"Resolved, That since no nation in which the people are totally disarmed can in the end remain a free nation, therefore we urge all liberty-loving citizens and especially union men to remember and obey article 2 of the constitution of the United States, which reads as follows: 'The right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed.'"

It is just such idiocy as this that our oppressors are praying for. These resolutions were adopted because of the Wabash injunction—but remember one thing—if the American workmen have not enough sense to protect

themselves with their ballots they will have sense enough to succeed by any revolutionary proceedings. Let us hope that the working people will make "government by injunction" the "paramount issue" of coming political campaigns, and let us hope that every man who desires future liberty for the American people will register a vow to vote for no man who is not known to be in favor of putting a stop to "government by injunction."—Locomotive Firemen's Magazine.

"Reform" in the Postoffice.

It will be recalled that under Charles Emory Smith's administration of the postoffice department the daily newspapers of the country were unable to find enough adjectives with which to commend and extol the "reforms" that had been inaugurated. Though congress had declined to amend the postal laws relating to the second-class mailing privilege, Postmaster General Smith, through the medium of his assistant, Madden, undertook to do that which congress had declined to do. Various publications were arbitrarily denied the second-class privilege—some deservedly so, others without justification. The department became a law unto itself. Its rulings were fearfully and wonderfully made and were as changeable as the skin of a healthy chameleon. However, a great many "snide" journals were barred from the mails and a considerable saving made to the department.

It seems, however, that while the Smith administration was busying itself hunting down publications that it considered should be barred from the second-class privilege, the department was given over to gigantic frauds—frauds that are now being uncovered and which indicate wholesale corruption under the "reform" administration. Nor does it appear that these frauds were not known. If reports from Washington are to be credited the higher officials of the department were aware of their existence and suppressed efforts to investigate them. It is reported that Smith and Perry Heath have been summoned to appear at Washington and explain.

It may be that Smith had no knowledge of the frauds that are now being exposed, but the fact remains that they had their inception during his administration and that it was while he was working his wondrous "reforms" that the rascally crew that looted the Cuban postal revenues and that plundered right and left at home was given a free hand.—Milwaukee News.

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