

The Russo-Japanese Trouble.

Russia's reply to Japan was received at Tokio the latter part of last week, but up to Monday had not been made public. It is deemed significant, however, that the Japanese minister at St. Petersburg, M. Kurino, has asked for his passports. Russia immediately cabled her minister at Tokio, Baron De Rosen, to return at once. Monday's dispatches from St. Petersburg represent Russia in the attitude of waiting for Japan to make a hostile move. The Japanese ministry explains the severance of diplomatic relations on the ground that while delaying a definite answer Russia was strengthening her forces and preparing for war. The situation is deemed critical and active hostilities are expected by many who are keeping in touch with developments.

The Hague Tribunal.

A dispatch to the Chicago Inter-Ocean under date of Albany, N. Y., January 20, says: William L. Fen-

Gen. Chas. Dick,

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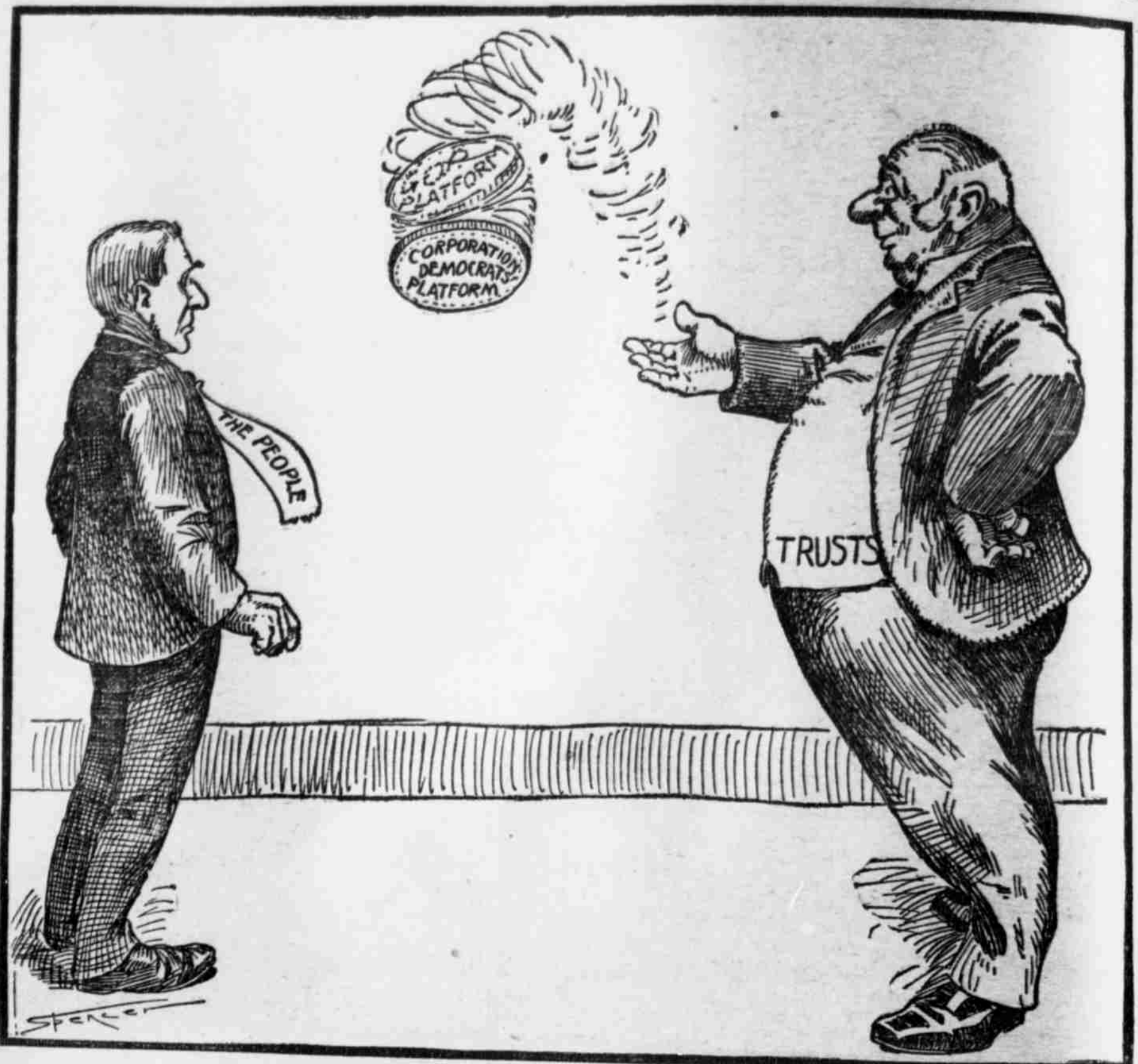
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"Heads, I win; tails you lose."

field, solicitor of the state department, in an address today before the New York State Bar association on "Some Problems of International Arbitration" recommended the reorganization of The Hague tribunal. Speaking of the defects in mixed claims commissions, he said:

"As ordinarily constituted, these commissions consist of one member from each of the litigant states and an umpire from a third state. It not infrequently happens that the case goes to the single umpire, who is required to decide complicated questions which might well tax the learning of the supreme court of the United States, even when instructed by trials in the lower courts and by full arguments at the final hearing. Either the commissioners should all be appointed from third states or the numbers of the commission should be so increased as to include at least three from third states.

"In his invitation to participate in The Hague conference the emperor of Russia included only two American states—the United States and Mexico. The result is that The Hague tribunal as now constituted is practically a European tribunal. There is ground for apprehension that it may remain an exclusively European tribunal if the United States government continues its self-denying course.

"There is another highly interesting problem whose successful solution The Hague tribunal should accomplish. It is the question of the collection of indemnities from South American debtor states. The records of foreign of-

fices abundantly prove that weak debtor states have too often been subjected by military force to the payment of exorbitant indemnities. The action of a civilized creditor state in arbitrarily enforcing the payment of exorbitant demands against a debtor state because it is weak and misgoverned is even less defensible than the wrongful action of the debtor state which counts on impunity for wrongdoing because it is weak.

"The door of The Hague tribunal is

always open for the redress of all such grievances against debtor states, and an offer courteously made and firmly insisted on by creditor states to submit their complaints to its determination cannot be finally rejected. If The Hague tribunal, with the help of the influence of the United States, shall, as it may, be the means of accomplishing that result, the last vestige of a pretense for the intervention of European states on this continent will have disappeared."

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