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Some years ago, when President Roosevelt was militantly assailing the trusts, and was getting considerable home-made publicity out of his fulminations against the malefactors of great wealth and his determination to shackle cunning, it was Mr. Bryan who suggested that little progress would ever be made toward discouraging the trust until prison sentences were imposed upon the agents thereof who were responsible for violations of the law.

Of course it was denounced at that time as demagoguery by some, and as anarchy by others. It was simply not to be thought of. It would put such a fine lot of campaign contributors into jail, and would so hamper the men whose special duty it has long been to finance republican national campaigns.

Hence it was that the government has sweated and fumed in its efforts to discourage unlawful business systems without resort to this severity, and that in spite of its utmost activity the great combinations of capital have kept on getting each year a firmer and more comprehensive strangle hold upon the public throat.

But it now appears that Attorney General Wickersham has arrived at the conclusion that what was demagoguery when proclaimed by Mr. Bryan, is his only hope of official usefulness. He has determined that the only effective way of defeating and discouraging the trust is to send its agents and operators to jail. That is what he is going to do hereafter, if he keeps his word.

It was not until he ran against the defiant attitude of the window glass trust that he made up his mind to declare officially that no more fines went with him, and that prison sentences were the only real remedies. Now he has applied the same sane principle to the prosecution of the bath tub trust officials.

These two trusts are of comparatively small magnitude, and it is therefore accordingly easy to try his new system upon them. He has found that this system not only brings about the speedy and complete dissolution of the objectionable trade combinations, but it arouses a spirit of acute repentance and apprehension among the erstwhile defiant malefactors.

When the precedent has been once established, perhaps it may in time be found possible to impress upon some of the big fellows, like Rockefeller, Carnegie, Morgan and the princes of industry and finance, that they are courting jail sentences in promoting these vast aggregations of predatory wealth for exacting unjust tribute from the consuming masses.

Meantime it will probably not entirely escape public notice that it was the Bryan method that finally forced its own recognition as the only effective method, and it may occur to some that if Mr. Roosevelt had been more amenable to "demagogic" suggestion, he might have left a better trust-busting record when he retired from his high office.—Lincoln (Neb.) Star.

NEWS OF THE WEEK

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was sentenced to penal servitude for life and Pantchenko to fifteen years' imprisonment.

The contract for a loan of \$10,000,000 to Honduras by American bankers was signed in New York.

The Maine state senate has adopted a resolution providing for a resubmission of the prohibition question.

The Iowa legislature has adopted

the Oregon plan for the election of senators. Democratic members claim that the passage of the bill is to be credited to them.

The Nebraska state senate unanimously passed the Skiles' initiative

and referendum bill. It will be fought in the house by enemies of direct legislation.

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