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Both houses of the Florida legislature passed resolutions by large majorities asking congress to impeach Judge Swayne, because he is incompetent, corrupt and does not reside in his district as the law requires. Congress will do nothing of the sort for Judge Swayne is a stalwart republican and congress has a large majority of that party.

Trustee Baer's opinion of the public opposition to the extortions of the coal trust may be summed from his recent testimony, interviews and letters as follows: "What are you going to do about it? The public be damned. It is my business and I do as I please." The sad truth about the whole matter is that nothing will be done about it. Baer will do as he pleases and the public will be damned.

Quay has strengthened his machine by a law which he had his legislature pass without the knowledge of the people, putting a gag on the press. Quay was tired of the criticisms that appeared in the press and concluded to put a stop to them. His governor signed the bill, although every paper in the state, both republican and democratic, made the most vehement protests. The people of Pennsylvania will continue to "vote 'er straight." They must have a republican government if they all go to hades together.

This nation is fast driving towards a point where two or three score of rich men, who have gambled, bribed and maneuvered themselves into an industrial dictatorship, will have to try conclusions with a monopoly in the form of labor organizations which will have a large majority of the 80,000,000 people of this republic in sympathy with them. If the labor leaders were all men of as good judgment as John Mitchell, the two or three score would be downed in short order. But the fact is that there are too few of that character. They are inclined, that is, many of them, to adopt the arrogant methods of the trusts.

The gambling on the board of trades is so destructive to commerce and trade in many instances as strikes and lockouts. Recently there has been a corner in cotton and it has run up the price to the highest point known in years. The consequence is that many cotton mills have had to shut down, especially those that manufacture bedding and other heavy cotton goods. Such things as these corners, the courts have decided are nothing but gambling and the gambling laws ought to be enforced. The remedy to most of the present evils is an enforcement of the law. For a long time the rich have been permitted to violate the law and the result is social and economic chaos.

**TRUSTS, STRIKES AND CHAOS**

About a year ago The Independent accurately foretold the present condition of social and economic chaos. It said then that the refusal of the government to prosecute the trusts would result in the formation, as a matter of necessity, of countless little trusts. These have been forming by the hundred everywhere and the attempts to create monopolies in opposition to those permitted to exist by the government, has brought about such a condition of affairs that the gravest fears are entertained concerning the preservation of order.

This thing began years ago with the private ownership of railroads. A railroad employing thousands of men, skilled mechanics and common laborers, undertook to say arbitrarily what the wages of those men should be. Then the railroad workers as a means of self-preservation were forced to form unions. At first these men organized along lines exclusively according to their special occupations, such as brakemen, engineers, firemen, conductors, etc. They were cut up in such small bodies that they were not a serious threat to the monopoly of the railroad management. However, they soon began to learn the advantage of the "community of interests."

Then other wage-workers, although they had unions before that time, began to consolidate and oppose a monopoly of labor to a monopoly of capital. As the trusts grew in power, the monopoly in opposition grew correspondingly, until now we have two great forces opposed to each other threatening trade and commerce, and some think the very foundations of society. If the government had done its duty, suppressed the trusts in the beginning, maintaining the spirit of the common law in regard to monopolies of all kinds, the present threatening situation could not have developed.

When it comes to a point where a farmer is held up on the highway who is peacefully hauling a load of wood to town, or a small business man cannot purchase goods at the regular market price, first, because the farmer is supplying some so-called "unfair house" with fuel, or, second, because the small business man refuses to join a monopoly to overthrow the unions, which has been the situation in Omaha and Denver for some time, it is no wonder that men begin to fear that the very foundations of society are beginning to be undermined.

The criminal acts that have been committed are the direct result of the non-enforcement of law against the great trusts. If the rich are allowed to openly and notoriously violate the law and to do it constantly, the common laborer will not fail to follow their example. Very often The Independent has warned the rich law-breakers that the time would come when they would be calling for the protection of the law and that in that day they would appeal to populists to help maintain order. It has also warned them that the injunction business would prove a boomerang. John O. Yeiser of Omaha seems to have been the first lawyer to say even that instrument the peculiar twist that started it back toward the opponents of labor. The Business Men's association first procured one of the usual kind of injunctions directed against the unions from the federal courts, and then Yeiser got one of the same sort from the state court directed against the organization fighting the labor unions. This injunction neutralized those who had organized to oppose labor unions possibilities.

First—From in any manner threatening to injure the business of any employer because said employer employed union labor.

Second—From using threats or intimidation for the purpose of forcing

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Fourth—From imposing fines on its members for violating agreements not to employ members of the labor unions.

Fifth—From receiving or paying out any money except for attorney fees.

Sixth—From offering bribes to members or officers of labor unions.

Seventh—From importing laborers in pursuance of any existing plan to destroy labor organizations.

Eighth—From bringing any injunction suits or the prosecution of any general plan to break up labor organizations.

Ninth—From influencing landlords not to rent buildings to labor organizations or for evicting labor unions from any meeting place.

Taken altogether that is about as "sweeping" an injunction as was ever issued against any labor union.

But The Independent is opposed to this whole injunction business. If the employers of labor are guilty of the things charged against them then they are law-breakers and should be arrested and prosecuted under the law. The same is true of members of the labor unions. Every man who has violated the law should be arrested and tried. Under the injunction the only difference will be that the parties can be tried without a jury before a single judge and he can inflict what penalties he pleases or none at all, if the notion takes him.

This state of affairs, and it is practically the same all over the country, is the result of trust domination. The trusts arbitrarily raised prices to exorbitant figures, especially the coal trust, and wage workers were forced to demand an increase in their pay. Money wages are only a relative term. The real wage must be figured out from the cost of living as well as the value and cost of the worker's services.

The price of change and law-breaking conditions may be tiled over, but they will return with increasing violence unless the government purchases the trusts, the railroads and the private banks. Trusts and banks are monopolies. If the trusts are

permitted to violate the law their example will be followed by those who suffer from such violations. Either the trusts must be suppressed, or a new form of society must be evolved. The Independent has said that from the beginning.

Perhaps out of all this strife and law-breaking good may come. People may find out that there is something to vote for. It may dawn on the benighted intellects of those who have taken so active a part in the "full dinner pail" campaigns that something is vitally wrong in their theories. The idea that things can be evened up by charity—gifts of libraries and to universities—will have to be abandoned. It is not charity that will bring peace and safety. Constructive statesmanship is what is needed.

**SPRINGFIELD REPUBLICAN LOGIC**

Some months ago the Springfield Republican published an editorial commenting on a report of the director of the mint. It scolded the director in no mild terms for boasting about the enormous increase in the currency resulting from the increased and altogether unproductive output of gold. The Republican boasted that such boasting was on the same plane as the demands of the people and Bryan democrats and so on. That the increase in the purchasing power of all salaries comes from investment in stocks. It has another editorial which gives the amount of net circulation as \$2,375,000,000 and that the increase in the value of the money is \$34,336,638, or over 1% gives weekly cash wages and business situation constantly calls for a virtuous prosperity of it.

In the same editorial the Republican says of the "fourth time that it has been seen, as it could be so clearly seen, that he was right in the old during his life for the preservation of credit at all party units."

If Greater Credit is his only method of increasing the value of the publican party...