

IS THE PRESIDENT AFRAID?

The hope of a good many brokers in New York now is that they may be able to keep out of bankruptcy until the first of May, when the leases for their offices expire and they can stop the rent bill. Several days during the last two weeks the sale of stocks has been less than 75,000 shares, which, compared with last year when the sales ran above 3,000,000, makes a mighty change. Commissions have run down to \$2 for 100 shares. The result of all this false political economy—the "capitalization of prosperity" and the laudation of "captains of industry"—is that fifteen or twenty men have gathered in all the accumulations of the vast mass of the common people of the eastern states. These men have taken the money earned and saved by years of toil and without giving anything in return, have invested it in gilt-edged bonds and stocks of this and other countries. The stupid masses will go to work again, live scantily, endure privations and continue to "vote 'er straight," whereas if the laws were enforced, the thieves would be sent to jail and some of the money could be recovered. Roosevelt is said to be a brave man, but he dare not order one of these millionaire thieves to be prosecuted. It would take a braver man than Roosevelt to do that. It would require a man having the courage of Andrew Jackson.

RAN AGAINST A SNAG

The republican managers have run against a snag. They were going to make a huge cry about being the anti-trust party and point to the merger decision as proof. But suddenly the fact was brought to light that there was \$475,000 left in the fund voted by congress to prosecute the trusts and the words of one of the justices of the supreme court, that criminal prosecutions should logically follow. There is a clear field now for the prosecution of the trusts, north, south, east and west, and if the republican administration is really and truly an anti-trust administration, it will go forward and prosecute. The administration has the supreme court, and the universal demand of the people that the robberies of the trusts shall be stopped, to back it. With the way open and the funds provided, if the administration refuses to prosecute the coal trust, the meat trust, the other railroad trusts it begins to dawn on the party leaders that they are in a worse fix than if no merger decision had ever been obtained.

Before this campaign is half over a cry will go up from Maine to California and from the lakes to the gulf: "Why don't you prosecute the trusts?" There is no satisfactory answer that can be invented to such a demand. The law is good, the money is at hand, the trusts are criminal violators of the law, why are they not prosecuted? This merger decision, over which the republican senators held a jollification meeting, the managers are just beginning to see is the worst blow that has been struck against them.

A CRY FROM MACEDONIA

One of the most successful and brilliant newspaper men in New York sends to The Independent the Macedonian cry first heard on the plains of Asia 2,000 years ago: "Come and help us." Hear him: "The nearer the presidential campaign approaches the more important it seems to me that The Independent should get to work in New York. There is a middle way between Hearst and republicanism, and it needs a voice. A paper such as The Independent

is the only adequate or available medium. The people do not believe with Hearst. They do not believe with the republicans. Yet there are a good many thousands who are going to be led to Hearst because they can't stand the 'commercial oligarchy' and a good many thousands who are going to be led to the 'commercial oligarchy' because they can't stand Hearst.

"The issue seems to lie between 'conservatism' and 'clamor.' 'Conservatism' under the oligarchy's interpretation means the preservation of special privileges. 'Clamor' means opportunism, irresponsibility and indecency.

"What the public wants is the course that is associated with neither of these. You've got the secret of that course. Bring it to New York. Congratulations for your success at St. Louis."

KEEP A GOOD CONSCIENCE

The Independent is read by hundreds of the best educated men all over the United States. While in New York the editor was in the study of a scholar of international reputation. Some remarks were made about the shallowness of the editorial writing in the dailies, high-priced weeklies and magazines. This scholar in reply said: "You can see the distinction that I make." He pulled out a huge waste basket filled with that sort of literature and then pointed to a complete file of the Nebraska Independent on one of the upper shelves of his library, and said, pointing to the waste basket: "I glance at these and then chuck them in there, I read The Independent and then it goes up there for future reference."

Mr. W. D. Horne of Allegheny, Pa., expresses his opinion in the following words: "The Independent is 'im-mense.' Those New York editorials, in fact all your editorials, are among the very best I see anywhere. Perhaps you cannot stem the tide of public degradation, but you show and continue to show a field of activity for serious minds where they can apply all their power for righteousness, keep a good conscience and leave the results to the Maker of heaven and earth."

ANARCHY IN COLORADO

Sec. 4, of article IV., of the constitution of the United States is as follows:

"The United States shall guarantee to every state in the Union a republican form of government, and shall protect each of them from invasion, and on application of the legislature, or the executive (when the legislature cannot be convened) against domestic violence."

The duty to guarantee a republican form of government does not depend upon the application of the governor. That is a duty that the United States at any time, and without any action of the governor or the legislature, is bound to perform. There cannot be a republican form of government without an honest ballot. That there is no longer such a thing in Colorado is known to the whole United States. A congressman recently resigned because he was convinced that voting in Arapahoe county and Denver was so much under the control of thugs and dishonest election officers that they were void.

There cannot be a republican form of government without courts, and in Colorado courts have been overthrown by the military, armed soldiers have been stationed in the courts and the judges so intimidated that they feared to issue a process.

There can be no republican form of government where peaceful citizens are dragged out of their beds at night and driven out of the country by armed mobs who are aided and abetted by the governor. That has occurred twice in Colorado during the last year.

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All this is anarchy and nothing else and is likely to precipitate bloody conflicts. Colorado no longer has a republican form of government. It is time for the United States to intervene, and secure to the people of that state their constitutional rights.

The New York dailies have been complimenting Russia upon the removal of the censorship on war news and telling what a blessing it is to the people of that empire as well as to all the world. The Russian censorship has never been so severe as the money power censorship over the Associated press and the great dailies in this country. The removal of this American censorship is of far more importance than that of Russia, but there are no signs that it will be less rigorous than heretofore.

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