

per cent of the profits of their labor goes into the pockets of the little band of big bandits.

It was hard times for most laborers eight years ago, and it is difficult to see how it is better times now, for those who have been continuously employed, than during the acknowledged hard times of a few years ago. As a matter of fact, it is not. The only benefit labor has realized from the adoption by the republicans of the "calamity howlers" theory, that as the hard times were produced by contraction, prosperity would inevitably be a result of expansion, is in a reduction in the number of those living on charity.

Had some other reform measures been assimilated by the party in power, in connection with the inflation measure, the prosperity which that has brought would have been realized and enjoyed by labor as well as capital, but under the guidance of a plutocratic steering committee, the only prosperity their lop-sided measures have brought to the country is the prosperity of the oligarchy.

And the dominant party, through whose alliance with these piratical combinations this condition has been reached, points with pride to what it has done!

Against the mob the monopolists believe they have the means to defend themselves, but not against progressive taxation.

They stand aghast at a suggestion that labor should resort to this potent, this omnipotent weapon of defense against their lawless practices.

They have the wealth of the country; they have billions of aggregated loot; they have vaults bursting with concentrated plunder, to hire Pinkerton detectives, to pay iron police and to buy court decrees. But the puny and ponderous ballot and the readjusting processes it can enact and enforce are beyond the reach of their billies and bullets.

Ah! but touch that magic button in behalf of progressive taxation and we will help them to shudder at the peaceable and speedy restoration of justice to our vast army of industrialists. We will aid them to stand aghast at the approach of readjusting measures, that will gradually replevin their stores of plunder, for relieving the oppressed and lifting the fallen.

Two bills of this nature have been introduced in congress in the past ten years and one or the other has been on the house calendar of every congress since 1891, until the present congress. The graduated property tax bill was first introduced at the first session of the Fifty-second congress and reintroduced in every succeeding one till the Fifty-sixth. That was a complex measure and could not be enacted and enforced without a constitutional amendment.

On this account, as well as on account of the increasing encroachment of corporations on individual rights, the growing lawlessness and piracies of monopolies, and a general demand for an eradication of the trust evil, I drew the graduated corporation license bill in 1899 as a substitute for the earlier bill.

This bill, with a petition signed by L. D. Llewelling (ex-gov.), John P. St. John (ex-gov.), Edwin Taylor (ex-senator from Wyandotte county), and myself (ex-lieut-gov.), was sent to Congressman Ridgely of this district, introduced by him on the 10th day of January, 1900, and mummified in the catacombs of the finance committee with due and modern celerity.

Taxation is the only peaceable method by which the trusts and corporations will be called down and the concentrated loot of the multi-millionaires replevined; and it would furnish the money at once to buy public utilities. It is the only thing plutocracy fears but the mob. Way back in the early days of corporate viciousness when the people were confiding and simple, some milder and better

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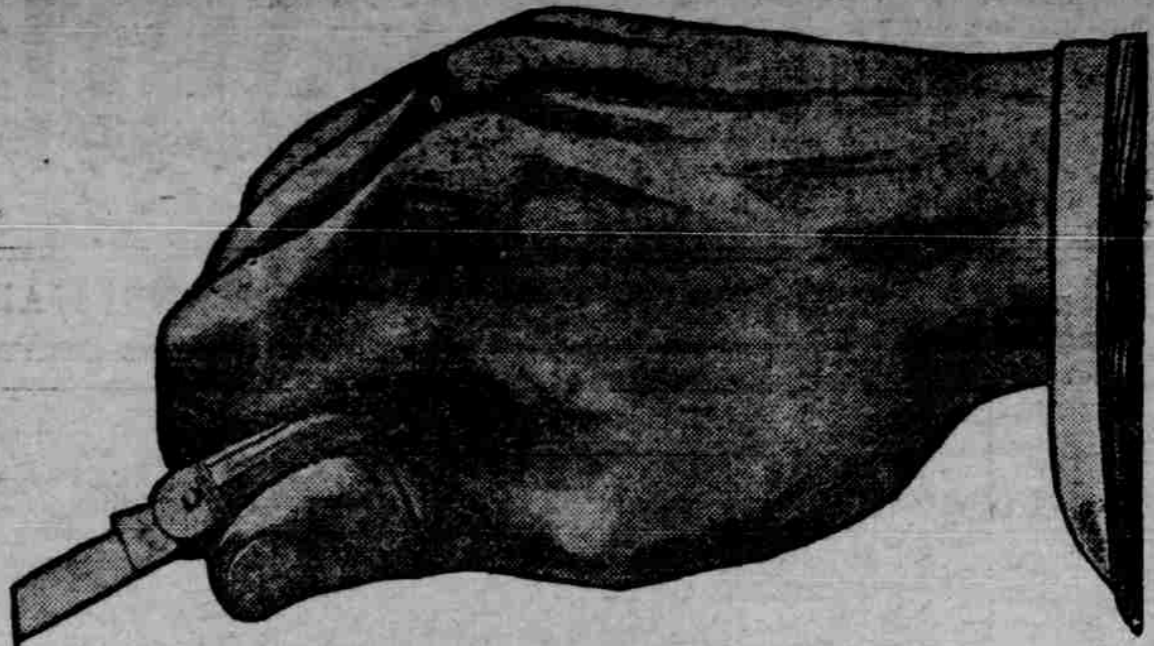
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process might have been possible, but even if so, none other is now within their reach. Let us cut the gordian knot of capital and restore to labor some of its lost earnings, by the engine of taxation, and not bequeath to the next generation the shackles that are cursing this.

The methods by which the industrial classes can protect themselves from the plunderers have been reduced to two—taxation and physical force, or revolution. Revolution is the most suddenly effective and simple. Taxation is the most economic. Which is the best?

The paramount question before the American people now, and until a readjustment of our economic system is accomplished, is the destruction of the trusts and the scattering of their plunder among the laboring masses. This should be accomplished by the only peaceable process within our reach: the engine of taxation.

"Concentrated capital" is the tyrant that holds the reins of a usurper in America. It is the great source of injustice, of corruption, of degraded lives and debauched ideals; of frenzied struggles for place and frantic contests for power; of idleness and crime and poverty. Diffusion of the plunder is the only remedy for the evils it has brought; the only prevention of greater evils in the near future. The question of diffusion is the one our ballots must say "yes" or "no" on to settle the fate of the republic. Statesmen who talk otherwise, and parties that resolve to the contrary or that fail to blaze a way to this result, are helping to lead the masses farther and farther under a tyrant's yoke. With one class it is criminal deception; with the other criminal stupidity.

In the next few years the great fortunes of the multi-millionaires, if the masses should continue to stand the drain that long, will grow faster than ever before. The machinery of the trusts was crude fifteen years ago. It has now been perfected. It is protected by various schemes of legislation most of which are pretentiously hostile, like the Sherman anti-trust law. There are at least 150 of these corporate plunderers at work, "plying their vocation." Twenty-one years ago, when the Standard Oil company was the only trust, the people "concluded that

its purpose was fraudulent and its methods infamous." Now a majority of the United States senate are believed to be allied with the criminals through stock ownership.

The laboring masses are in the clutches of the slickest and greediest band of corsairs the sun ever shone on. As a result, while the band plays a prosperity march and a full dinner pail jingle for the glory of the reveling bandits, there are a larger per cent of the American people living from hand to mouth now than ever before.

But a change will come ere long, one way or another. We are in a John Law period—the John Law period of a republic. It may be well to pass through it to see what there is on the other side. Bent, Murdock well says:

"When the cold wave comes—and it will come; when financial distress hits every business man in the land—and it will hit; when the seven lean kine are turned loose—and they will be turned, all the blooming idiots who have blown their millions and billions into these balloon trusts, will be annihilated as quick as a doll paper house in a Texas tornado, while the distress to be brought upon the country will cause—if not a revolution—something very near!" approaching one."

While Murdock in that article is keen and forcible he does not touch on the worst phase of the situation he, in common with all thoughtful patriots and some reflective politicians, deploras. His sympathy is waiting to be extended to the guilty ones and the particeps criminis, the business men and the blooming idiots in the great combine, instead of the innocent victims of their avarice, the plundered toilers, who five years ago were being robbed of \$4,000,000 a day.

But a change is coming, and it remains for us to say whether it will be directed and controlled in the interest and for the welfare of the toiling myriads, or whether we will continue to sit by in apathy while the plutocratic usurpers continue their work of plunder until patriots say, "We have reached the point where duty compels us to abandon the methods and pathways of moral assaion for the armament and banner of physical force."

Under existing economic conditions

—the arrogant purpose and despotic measures of monopoly—the present political situation—the absolute failure of parties to antagonize the trusts—the cringing servitude of congress and the legislatures to these, as yet omnipotent and piratical forces—and the cowering vassalage of the courts that cheerfully reverse themselves to wipe out the historic decisions of a hundred years at the call of a rampant oligarchy—there is no tenable position for any one who has made anti-monopoly a paramount principle for the past ten or fifteen years but that of independence.

A few try to bring such a project into disrepute by charging that it is "confiscation."

They are right if the acquisition by the sovereign people of their own through a peaceable and gradual process of taxation is confiscation, as all processes of taxation are really confiscation.

In this case it is a confiscation at the demand of justice and not a measure of oppression. But the enormous sums paid in dividends by the monopolies and watered stock syndicates, are robbery pure and simple, without excuse, reason or justice.

Let us meet the illegal and discriminating taxes of the trust cormorants and watered stock vampires by the legal and discriminating taxes of government.

The latter are excusable on account of being designed for a public benefit. But the extortionate levies of the trusts are purely for a private benefit.

Let us meet the lawless confiscations of the trust leeches that are bloated with sucking in the profits and possessions of the industrialists, with the peaceful and lawful confiscations of government levies.

Reformers are in favor of a readjustment of economic conditions. They wish to see the proprietors of the trusts, and the courts that uphold them; the owners of the corporations, and the legislatures that serve them, take some of their own medicine. "Reformers who object to such a process are a sham."

Progressive taxation and the expenditure of its proceeds in vast public improvements, in the purchase of public utilities, in wiping out monopolies