

THE POPULIST'S RAMPANT

A Tremendous Meeting in Cooper Union in New York Where the People Shout for Populism

WATSON MAKES GREAT SPEECH

The Hall Crowded, Adjacent Streets Crowded, Indoor Meetings and Outdoor Meetings

New York, April 8.—The municipal ownership wave has reached the metropolis. This evening it filled historic Cooper Union and the adjacent streets with a cheering human tide that promises to sweep on and engulf the city hall in this fall's municipal election.

Inside and overflow meetings were held. They were under the auspices of the Municipal Ownership League and were called to order by Congressman William Randolph Hearst, the founder and president of that organization. Mr. Hearst was given an ovation that lasted several minutes, after which in a neat speech he introduced the young philanthropist, J. G. Stokes, as the chairman of the inside meeting.

Justice Samuel Seabury presented resolutions demanding immediate municipal ownership, which were adopted with a shout. Short speeches were made by Clarence J. Sheam, Judge Palmieri and others, chief among whom were Judge Edward F. Dunne, who has just led the municipal ownership hosts to victory in Chicago, and Hon. Thomas E. Watson, the populist chieftain of Georgia.

It will be recalled that in a recent interview in the New York World Mr. Watson outlined the plan of campaign for city ownership which is now taking form.

Mr. Watson's speech immediately followed that of Judge Dunne. The fiery Georgian was greeted by "Dixie" and cheers as hearty and long-continued as met him in 1904. He sounded this keynote of public ownership through the right of eminent domain.

"Not long ago," said Mr. Watson, "we American people hailed the return of the heroes of the Spanish-American war—hailed them with pride and joy as they came home from Santiago, San Juan and Manila Bay. Their triumph had made for liberty, but it was liberty for a foreign land. They had lifted higher the standards of civilization, but it was for other people than ours.

"Tonight, we welcome a soldier who comes to us from another battlefield, flushed with a victory which in its consequences may be rated by the historian as more important than those won by Sampson, Schley, Dewey, Shafter, Wheeler and Roosevelt.

"In the great battle just fought in Chicago, the triumph was a gain for liberty—liberty for ourselves. The cause of civilization was advanced, and it was civilization for the folks here at home.

"All honor to Judge Edward F. Dunne. In the memory of the American people his name will long be associated with the first signal triumph of the principles of public ownership of public utilities.

"And there is another who deserves special mention here tonight—an unassuming, modest man—not a mere talk factory, not a man whose purpose finds its only life in words, to die away with the echo of those words, but a man who for a dozen years has intrepidly championed the cause of the people, and who at Chicago was in the thick of the fight.

"It would be rank injustice not to say that the whole country owes recognition and applause to W. R. Hearst.

"The great God of nature rolled from the hollow of His hand the earth and all it contains—the land, the sea, the lake, the gulf, the river and the bay; and the human family was put here to live and multiply.

"For reasons of state, society has permitted the division of the soil into private holdings and homes, just as it regulates the relations between the man and the wife.

"Our civilization has built itself upon the home and the marriage tie, wisely, necessarily.

"But while the state has allowed the soil to be cut up into homes, farms, gardens, mill-sites, there has never been a time when those things which were essentially public in their nature and their use were not kept for the benefit of the public.

"Kings might grant monopolies—and did grant them—but no king ever dared to stretch his sceptre across the sea.

"The story-books do, indeed, tell us that the courtiers of an absolute monarch once flattered him with the assurance that he could control the ocean, but when King Canute stretched forth his sceptre, and bade the waves retire, the insolent, irreverent tide came rolling on, with an angry roar,

and King Canute fled for his life. Some of our American kings may do well to recall this incident, and take a lesson from that example of what the sea can do when it gets in motion.

"Nature gave us Lake Erie—where's the politician who would dare suggest that it should be handed over to a private corporation? Nature gave us Chesapeake Bay—who would say that it should become private property?

"What citizen of New York would give his vote to have North River Morganized, or Belmontized, or Cas-sattized?

"And where's the man who can see any difference between public ownership, as applied to Fifth avenue or Broadway, and public ownership, as applied to the Hudson?

"The river is not more public in its nature and its uses than the street—whether that street be on the ground, under the ground, or above the ground. "You tell me it is too late—private corporations already own the streets and they can not be taken away. I answer: 'It is never too late to mend!' It is never too late to correct a mistake, or to reclaim stolen property.

"Inherent in the sovereign state, of which every city is a part, exists the right of self-preservation—the right to rule; the right to subordinate special interests to general interests, when the welfare of the state and city demand it.

"How did private corporations acquire the property in your public streets for railroads, telegraphs and telephones? Through the state exercise of the principles of eminent domain. In plain English, the right of eminent domain means that no man whatsoever can hold an unqualified title to any property whatsoever. Always and everywhere, is the reserved right of the sovereign—the state.

"To prevent the spread of fire, the city blows up my house—hundreds of houses, if necessary, as General Sheridan did to stop the Chicago fire. To check the spread of disease, the state may have my cattle shot, or my family imprisoned within rigid lines of quarantine. My life, my liberty, my property—I hold them subject to the will of the state, to be given up—life, liberty and property—whenever the salvation of the state demands it. Thus the civilian gives his property to the state when she calls upon him with her tax-laws. Thus soldiers and the sailor give their service, and their blood, when public duty demands.

"The man who is not willing to live by this rule in good faith—this rule which requires special interest to yield to general interest—is not fit to live in any civilized community.

"By the exercise of the law of eminent domain, public utilities have been taken away from the people. By the same law they must be restored to the people. The same method which was good enough to assess the property when the private corporations wanted it, is good enough to assess it when the people demand its return. Some of these public franchises may have been paid for—some were given away

by those who were bribed—but no matter how the private corporations got the property, the title is now in them, and the property must be honestly assessed and paid for—that being the penalty which the community must pay for having elected thieves to rule over it.

"I am not here to debate the question of what political party deserves the credit for the Chicago triumph. The victory at Chicago was a victory of a principle—a victory of the people. The man who is not willing to sink party pride and prejudice in the cause of this principle, and of the people, is not the patriot demanded by the duties of the hour.

"To redeem New York, to liberate public property from the clutches of private corporations, I am ready to step into the ranks under the leadership of any honest man who is devoted to the principles.

"Men of New York!

"Chicago has set the example—let us rise, and follow in her footsteps. Let us throw off the yoke which rascals have put upon us. Let us break the chains which fetter us hand and foot. The whole country resounds with cheers for Chicago, and the whole country now looks toward New York. This fight will require manhood. Haven't you got it? It will demand courage. Haven't you got it?

"The heroes of 1776 had nothing at stake more important than that which is now involved. The civil war between the states was waged for no issues more important.

"It is a question of self-government, of self-preservation, of personal and political liberty. To hundreds of thousands it is a question of meat and bread. To millions now living, and to millions unborn, it is a question of being freemen or slaves.

"A great New Yorker once proclaimed on the eve of a struggle involving vital principles: 'There is an irrepressible conflict between freedom and slavery!'

"A yet greater man, who came like Judge Dunne from the state of Illinois, declared: 'This union can not continue to exist half free and half slave.'

"Squarely and fairly, you face issues of equal magnitude. If in your veins there runs the blood of the men of 1860, you, also, will say: 'Between commercial freedom and slavery the conflict is irrepressible.'

"You, also, will say: 'This union can not continue to exist, less than half industrially free, more than half industrially slave.'

"Take your choice—choose your ground. I, for one, declare that I would rather not be alive at all than to drag out the prolonged humiliation of the slave—a slave to the soulless corporations and the heartless billionaire.

"If you want to maintain liberty, you have got to pay the price. You know what that is, don't you?

"Eternal vigilance and the readiness to fight and die for your rights." (Tremendous applause.)

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Satan Writes a Letter. Dear Sir and Kinsman: Let us have done with this frivolous talk. The American board accepts contributions from me every year; then why should not it from Mr. Rockefeller? In all the ages, three-fourths of the support of the great charities have been conscience-money, as my books will show; then what becomes of the sting when that term is applied to Mr. Rockefeller's gift? The American board's trade is financed, mainly from the graveyards. Bequests, you understand. Conscience-money. Confession of an old crime and deliberate perpetration of a new one; for deceased's contribution is a robbery of his heirs. Shall the board decline bequests because they stand for one of these offenses every time and generally for both? Allow me to continue. The charge most persistently and resentfully and remorselessly dwelt upon is, that Mr. Rockefeller's contribution is incurably tainted by perjury—perjury proved against him in the courts. It makes us smile—down in my place! Because there isn't a rich man in your vast city who doesn't perjure himself every year before the tax board. They are all caked with perjury, many layers thick. Iron clad, so to speak. If there is one that isn't, I desire to acquire him for my museum, and will pay Dinosaur rates. Will you say it isn't infraction of law, but only annual evasion of it? Comfort yourselves with that nice distinction if you like—for the present. But by and by, when you arrive, I will show you something interesting; a whole hellful of evaders! Sometimes a frank lawbreaker turns up elsewhere, but I get those others every time. To return to my muttons. I wish you to remember that my rich perjurers are contributing to the American board with frequency; it is money filched from the sworn-off personal tax; therefore it is the wages of sin; therefore it is my money; therefore it is I that contribute it; and, finally, it is therefore as I have said: Since the board daily accepts contributions from me, why should it decline them from Mr. Rockefeller, who is as good as I am, let the courts say what they may? SATAN.

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