

RAILROADS CONTROL.

PRACTICALLY DIRECT LEGISLATION IN EVERY STATE.

Unless the People Awake and Demand Initiative and Referendum on All Laws Even the Shadow of Popular Government Will Disappear.

Six men control all the trunk railroads of the country and unless unlooked for disagreements arise competition is a thing of the past. This wonderful combination or "community of interests" as they now call it, has been formed with extraordinary rapidity and in addition to controlling the railroads they dominate what is known as Wall street. These six men also monopolize other lines of industry, iron, steel, tinplate, oil and anthracite coal and the accumulation of their vast wealth is being invested in their trusts and combinations.

These six men are J. P. Morgan, A. J. Cassatt, W. K. Vanderbilt, James J. Hill and George J. Gould.

Morgan controls the Southern railway system, the Mobile and Ohio, the Northern Pacific, the Erie, the Philadelphia and Reading, the Jersey Central, the Lehigh Valley and the Monon system.

A. J. Cassatt controls the Pennsylvania railway, the Baltimore and Ohio, the Western New York and Pennsylvania and owns jointly, with the Vanderbilts the Chesapeake and Ohio, and the Norfolk and Western.

W. K. Vanderbilt controls the New York Central and allied lines, the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis, the Lake Erie and Western and the Chicago and Northwestern.

E. H. Harriman controls the Illinois Central, the Union Pacific, the Southern Pacific, the Chicago and Alton, the Kansas City Southern and the Chicago Terminal and Transfer.

James J. Hill controls the Great Northern and jointly with Morgan, the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy and large interests in the Northern Pacific and Erie.

George J. Gould controls the Missouri Pacific, the St. Louis Southwestern, the Wabash, the International and Great Northern and the Texas Pacific.

Associated with these railroad magnates and owning large blocks of stock are William Rockefeller, Jacob H. Schiff and others whose specialties are banking and trusts.

What a vast political power these men can wield, if only by their contributions to the political party they think will best serve their interests. They are all acting with the Republican party and their donations to the Hanna campaign funds at the last two national elections and the coercion of the large army of railroad and corporation employes, turned the scale in favor of the Republican party and at least in 1896 defeated the honest majority of the American people.

They control legislators and elect congressmen who do their bidding, there are but few counties in the United States that have not their paid attorneys at the county seat to watch their interests and manipulate caucuses and conventions of both parties or of which ever is the dominant one for the time being. They are so well served by the present administration that they hope to see it perpetuated and are willing to pay a high price to have it so. McKinley suits them well, they are paying the expenses of his trip through the country and furnishing the choicest foods and wines, not only for him, but for his cabinet and all the followers that make up the party. They are amply paid for this large outlay, for no appointment to office has been made by the president that was opposed by any of these railroad magnates and none ever will be. Not that they favor a third term, Hanna would suit them just as well, may be better, or any other man of the same stamp.

These six men, therefore, control the government of the United States. Is it any wonder that many are looking for government ownership?

THE SOVEREIGNTY OF THE PRESIDENT.

The supreme court decision on the Porto Rico cases has made considerable flutter on the president's train, according to the correspondent of the Washington Post, who accompanies the party on the trip. He forecasts the action of the administration to meet the new conditions in the Philippines brought about by the decision as follows:

The president will probably issue an order applying solely to the Philippines, imposing upon goods exported from these islands to the United States a rate of duty equal to the tariff imposed by the Dingley law upon the same articles entering the United States. This, it is believed, will close the door by a method certain to be sustained by the supreme court if a test case should be brought before that tribunal for decision.

Some consideration was given to the question whether the president had the power, under the Spooner act, to impose a duty in this country upon articles imported from the Philippines. The general opinion was that grave doubt existed as to whether he possessed the power, and it seemed to be accepted that the export duty plan offered the most feasible solution. The importance of speedy action was emphasized, in view of the fact that if the matter is left unsettled until congress meets next December, there will be very large importations from the Philippines without the payment of duty. In addition to this it was realized that the exporters of Chinese tea, which pays 10 cents a pound duty, and Chinese silks, which are also subjected to a high tariff, would send their

goods to the Philippines, paying the slight duty there exacted, and then have them forwarded to the United States, where they could be entered without additional cost. Japanese and Oriental goods of all descriptions could also enter the United States by the round-about but economical route.

From this it will be seen that the triumphs of imperialism also has its trials and tribulations and the end is not yet.

FOREIGN COMPETITION.

The reduction of the rate of interest in the United States is bringing about a great change in the industrial conditions and is removing one of the chief props of the protective tariff. Manufacturers are nearly always large borrowers, and the high rates of interest that prevailed until the last few years, was one of the chief reasons why they could not compete with their foreign competitors. This barrier is now removed and the charge that we are still unable to compete with foreigners is well answered by the Chicago Chronicle, which says:

Somebody signing himself "A Lancashire Cotton Spinner" writes from Highland Park to a Chicago contemporary to offer proof that English cotton mills are far behind the pale of competition from the United States. Some twenty years ago the late James G. Blaine, when secretary of state, prepared an official report showing that even then American mills could produce common cotton fabrics at less cost than English mills could, and that the only reason why Americans needed protection in this branch of manufacture was because their plants cost more and the rates of interest were higher in this country. Lately we have heard a great deal about the abundance and cheapness of capital here, and our superiority in machinery, construction of plants, and so on. Then can it be true that as competitors we are relatively worse off than we were in 1881? True, our cotton manufacturers are still handicapped by our tariff to a considerable extent. But they are less so than formerly because machinery costs less in spite of the tariff. If, then, we are less able to compete we must have retrograded, relatively, in skill.

POLITICAL COMMENT.

When congress tackles the tariff question, the Porto Rican, Cuban and Philippine tariff will give the administration a good many sleepless nights.

Funds are getting short in the Philippines and sundry expenses formerly borne by the insular treasury are now being paid by the treasury at Washington. This is to be expected, for extravagance and high salaries are running riot there. We shall either have to be taxed to keep the Philippine government going or the natives will have to be burdened with more taxes than they can bear. This is one of the results of imperialism.

The meeting of railroad commissioners at San Francisco shows the changed conditions between the railroads and the public that has taken place during the last twenty-five years. Since that time the supreme court of the United States has decided that congress, in the case of interstate railroads and the states, has the power to regulate and control them. The law is on the side of the people, but the railroads evade that by controlling the commissioners and congress. Where the railroads are charging too high rates the people are themselves to blame, they must select congressmen and commissioners who will attend to their interests.

Looting from your enemies seems to come within the Golden Rule of some of the missionaries in China. "Now and then I branched out to loot from those who were our enemies," says Rev. Gilbert Reid. This "foreign devil" is, according to his own showing, worse than the Boxers, for they at least pretended to have a patriotic purpose in expelling or killing all foreigners who had invaded their country and if any proportion of these foreigners were like Gilbert Reid, they certainly were fully justified in doing so.

It is one of the strange political changes wrought as a result of the new policy of expansion that an administration headed by a statesman so prominently identified with protection as was Mr. McKinley should now be organizing an effort to break down the tariff walls for the purpose of opening new markets to American manufacturers and of building up dependencies by opening our own markets to the products of the islands of the sea. It is a situation which Democratic tariff reformers are justified in regarding with much satisfaction, since it vindicates the principles for which the Democracy battled for years.—Buffalo Courier.

What a sharp revulsion of feeling has taken place in the public mind on the tariff question. When the Dingley tariff bill was passed it was the boast of the Republicans that the tariff question was settled for a generation and that it would be treason to change it. The business interests of the country demanded a rest from tariff tinkering. Now we have leading Republicans advocating a revision and a bill introduced wiping out one of the principal schedules. It is true that Hanna says the tariff will not be meddled with, it being too scientifically constructed to stand the strain, and that reciprocity to a small extent might be necessary. But Hanna is known to be in league with the trusts and it is opposition to the trust monopolies that will force tariff revision. Sugar magnate Havemeyer in his testimony before the Industrial Commission was forced to admit that "the tariff is the mother of the trusts."

A MAJORITY OF THREE

Cuban Constitutional Convention Adopts the Platt Amendment.

ONLY FOUR DELEGATES ABSENT

Vote Represents Actual Majority of the Entire Body—Senator Ferrer Believes Acceptance to Be the Best Solution to the Cuban Problem.

HAVANA, June 13.—The Cuban constitutional convention today accepted the Platt amendment by a vote of sixteen to eleven. The resolution to accept was carried without discussion.

Immediately after the opening of the session Senors Tamio, Valluendas and Quesada, constituting a majority of the committee on relations, submitted as a substitute for the committee's former report the Platt amendment as passed by congress, recommending that it be accepted and made an appendix to the constitution. In the vote on the resolution twenty-seven delegates present divided as follows:

In favor of acceptance: Senors Capote, Villuendas, Jose M. Gomez, Tamayo, Monteagudo, Delgado, Betancourt, Giberga, Liorente, Quesada, Sangulliy, Nunez, Rodriguez, Berriel, Quilez and Ferrer.

Opposed to acceptance: Senors Zayas, Aleman, Eudaldo, Tamayo, Juan Gualberto Gomez, Cisneros, Silvala, Fortun, Lacret, Portuondo, Castro and Manduley.

Senors Rivera, Corrooso, Gener and Robau were absent. Senors Gener and Robau voted against acceptance in the previous division.

WASHINGTON, June 13.—The news of the adoption of the Platt amendment by the Cuban constitutional convention was received with genuine gratification here. The administration officials all along have felt confident that its ratification would be accomplished when the Cubans realized that this government was firm in its attitude regarding the amendment and that its acceptance would be necessary before the United States would consent to withdraw its supervision from the island.

Now that the Cubans have demonstrated their good faith in the United States it is expected that a fairly speedy evacuation of the island will follow, contingent only upon the establishment of a stable government in the island. Just to what extent the United States will require practical evidence of this fact is not definitely known, but the officials here think that such steps should be taken by the Cubans as will demonstrate their ability to maintain order and peace, so that the interests of all the people, native and foreign, shall be adequately protected. An effective police force and other measures necessary to the preservation of good order and sanitation are deemed as essential prerequisites in the formation of the new government. The mere physical question of the withdrawal of the American militia from the island can be accomplished without much delay.

One cabinet officer, speaking of the matter tonight, expressed the opinion that if the other requirements are met our withdrawal might be accomplished during the summer and that Cuban independence might be a reality by next autumn.

General Wood communicated to the War department officially the fact that the amendment had been adopted.

When Secretary of State John Hay read the dispatch he said: "As an old friend of Cuban independence for the last thirty years, I am most gratified to learn that the Cuban convention has done what is so clearly to the advantage of the Cuban people."

Closing Down Shipyards.

ATLANTA, Ga., June 13.—A special from Newport News, Va., says: It was announced that 1,000 men will be laid off at the yards of the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock company on account of the machinists' strike.

Mrs. Botha Reaches Brussels.

BRUSSELS, June 13.—Mrs. Botha, wife of Commandant General Louis Botha, arrived here today. She was received at the railway station by Dr. Leyds.

Stillwell's Bond Issue.

MEXICO CITY, June 13.—The bond issue of the railways taken over by the Stillwell group of American capitalists, and which they will extend to Tampico, giving this city a direct route to that port, is \$9,000,000 (gold).

Hears Committee Reports.

MILWAUKEE, June 13.—Today's session of the supreme lodge, Knights of Honor, was taken up mainly with the consideration of reports from the committees on credentials, necrology and laws. Rhode Island's right to a second representative in the supreme body was recognized. The laws committee's report approved all the official decision rendered by the supreme dictator since the last session and the entire report was adopted unanimously.

One bird tied is better than a hundred flying.

A Comprehensive Trip.

If you are going to California this Summer and the Round-Trip Rates in effect for the Fifth International Convention of the Epworth League, should decide you to do so, why not go and return the most interesting ways? The Southern Pacific Company offer Three Routes—via St. Paul and Minneapolis along the northern border and Portland, Oregon; via the famous Shasta Route, via Denver, Salt Lake and Ogden, the great Ogden or Overland Route or via New Orleans, through Houston, San Antonio and El Paso, along the Mexican border, the Sunset Route. The tickets, which will be on sale July 6th to 13th inclusive, good for return until August 31st, can be purchased to read going via any of these routes and returning via either of the others. For particulars address W. G. Neimyer, General Western Agent, S. P. Co., 233 Clark street, Chicago, Ill.

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Many of the beautiful scenes in Yellowstone National Park have been photographed and for the first time are presented to the public in a beautiful folder published by the Oregon Short Line Railway. In addition to the views, which would adorn any home, there is a great deal of information concerning the best way to visit the park that should be in the hands of all who contemplate visiting this storehouse of wonders. Send 4 cents in stamps to D. E. Burley General Passenger and Ticket Agent Oregon Short Line Railway, Salt Lake City, Utah, for a copy of this work of art.

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