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"Give Thy People A King, That He May Rule Over Them."

Among the blind the one-eyed is king; above the rack of politicians which this country is cursed Roosevelt towers. He towers because he is not afraid; because he bawls out boldly what Socialists, and the semi-Socialists of both the old parties, have been driving at for years but covering up with soothing sophistries.

That, the most accursed doctrine to which a man can lay his tongue, is being advanced, pushed bravely to its logical conclusion, in the slogan, and the battle cry—"Give thy people a king, that he may rule over them!"

One need not charge unscrupulous ambitions. One need not say Roosevelt is maddened with the scent of power. That would be a guess, and, like all guesses, pitifully weak. We should take our stand on the unshakable ground of unalterable fact.

Roosevelt is a great man—a truly great, big man—because he has done what other politicians have habitually shied from doing. He has taken this Republican idiom of protection, which his priests wraped in the mystery of unintelligible schedules, and he has let us see the rags and tinsel, the moth-eaten purple, and the tarnished gilt, of which it is composed.

stupid; but Mr. Roosevelt forgets that we are living in an age of universalism, and that the foggy brain can realize that the chief from which it aches was wielded by the hand of that dear Government whose authority "the prime need in our day is to extend."

Roosevelt is not a Republican renegade; but true to the stock that sired him. He is loyal, in the very marrow of his bones, to that great dogma of special privilege with which the Republican Party has been poisoning this nation I know not how many years.

Roosevelt claims Debs as his brother, and that is right; but where Debs shuffles apologetically Roosevelt strides on with seven-leagued boots. The similarity and the contrast are alike pathetic.

"Protection" is not a question of wool, steel or sugar schedules, though the politicians try to make it appear such, that they may tangle us up in a net of incomprehensible figures.

Man should be a worthy animal; he should be capable of governing himself, as do the other animals. He should not have to beg for work; he should not starve amid plenty because no monopolist finds it to his profit to employ him.

OPPOSES INTERVENTION. Resolutions presented by the Sailors' Union of the Pacific, protesting against intervention by the United States in Mexico, have been adopted unanimously by the San Francisco Labor Council.

Furthermore, the resolutions say our Civil War abolished chattel slavery and involuntary servitude in the United States. Intervention in this case would be in direct opposition to the settled policy of the country.

Declares Peace In Sight, But Wants New War Loan

Washington, Sept. 10.—The American state department was denounced as a "creature of Wall Street conspirators and financial pirates in Mexico" today by Juan Pedro Didapp, Washington representative of the Mexican revolutionists. He formally protested against the United States rendering aid to the Mexican government in its campaign against the rebels.

The past week has been one of continual rumors of heavy impending conflicts in the Northern States, and of great anxiety in Mexico City, without apparently anything of great importance having taken place. The principal event probably was the capture by Salazar of the rich mining camp of El Tigre, situated in Sonora and operated by the El Tigre Mining Company, which is a branch of the Phelps-Dodge syndicate.

In a long interview, given out in Los Angeles, September 16, by Senator A. B. Fall of New Mexico, he stated that "conditions have never been in a more critical state than at the present moment."

Another War Loan. Independence Day, September 16, brought news from Mexico City, but it was suppressed as might have been expected, for it seems certain that the government has been concentrating all available troops there, anticipating a Zapata attack.

On the same date sixty-five American fingers reached Douglas from Nacoari; the fate of which place is still in doubt, the town being threatened by Salazar and Rojas.

Campa was reported, September 18, as having been surprised at Sasabe by 400 federals, but he seems to have made a safe retreat and is said to be heading for Sinaloa.

"You have betrayed your country," the ultimatum reads. "I intend to attack Mexico City, and if it brings intervention from the United States I shall order my men to butcher every

American they can reach, and then we will join with the Mexican army to fight the common foe from the north." The commander of the federal garrison at Cuernavaca reported to the war office today that the rebels are showing unwelcome activity in that particular region, and that their general movement seems to be toward the capital.

AS MEXICO SEES US. Frederic J. Haskin, one of the best known syndicalist writers in the country, has a long article in the "Trenton Evening Times"—and, we suppose, in other papers—which begins as follows:

"The people of the United States have not been guilty of the breach of faith, for the people have been no more consulted than if they inhabited the moon. That den of special privileges, the Senate, and its henchman, Taft, are the criminals. But the people have to bear the brunt and carry the handicap of a world-growing conviction that Americans cannot be trusted.

THE PANAMA CANAL. (1) The canal shall be free and open to the vessels of commerce and of war of all nations observing these rules, on terms of entire equality, so that there shall be no discrimination against any such nation, or its citizens or subjects, in respect of the conditions or charges of traffic, or otherwise.

THE CHAMPION'S DIAMONDS. Testifying at the inquest over the body of his wife, who committed suicide, Jack Johnson, former champion heavyweight, said: "She was apparently happy and a few days ago I ordered a new set of jewels for her. They were to be delivered next Wednesday. I talked with her for two hours before she shot herself; we talked of the jewels and she was as happy as a child."

INTERNATIONAL BALL. Don't forget the ball at Burbank Hall, Saturday, September 21. The objects are excellent and the attendance should be good. Tickets only twenty-five cents.

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able to rely on any contract into which she may enter. Nevertheless, the United States Senate voted, by four to one, in favor of denaturalizing the canal by giving American shipping special rates. Taft signed the bill.

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WHAT ROOSEVELT WANTS. "To the Federal Government we would commit unlimited power, even over small things; business would be regulated and controlled from Washington; the standard of wages would be fixed; inequality in the distribution of profits would be attended to; he would teach the weak, the unfortunate, and the unemployed to look to the Government for relief."

FACTS TALK EFFECTIVELY. That most subversive of doctrines regarding the impossibility of the organization of unskilled and low-paid female labor has received its death blow at Lawrence, and a score of places on the East coast. On the Pacific slope, too, the hopeless migratory has conducted splendid campaigns in British Columbia, which for endurance and pluck are worthy to be ranked with labor's notable fights.

HOT ON INTERVENTION. Washington, Sept. 13.—The United States government is invested with certainty over the Customhouse in Santo Domingo, and the fact that the rebels have already taken possession of the Customhouse establishments at certain points along the boundary line, between the disturbed republic and Hayti, adds to the gravity of the situation, and makes intervention almost imperative.

OUR LYING PLUTOCRATS. One B. A. Worthington, recently elected president of the Chicago and Alton, has been delivering what the papers call a "blistering attack on Socialistic doctrines."

HOW DO YOU ALLOW IT? In "The Syndicalist" (London) for this month Tom Mann has an article in which he deals largely with the ever-recurrent question of unemployment. The article is headed with the statement that the unions "must fight to control industry," and he says: "There is no need whatever for unemployment. The man and woman thrown out of work by the Capitalist are so thrown out because the Working Class allow the Capitalist class to be the deciding factors."

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THUS WROTE DEBS. "If the land can be taken from the rich in this instruction, (the Mexican Revolution) so can also the mills, factories, mines, railroads, and the machinery of production, and the question is, what would the masses in their present ignorant and unorganized state do with them after having obtained them? It would simply add calamity to their calamities, granting that this impossible feat were capable of achievement." (Extract from article by Eugene V. Debs, in the "International Socialist Review" of June, 1911, in which he gave his party the word to boycott the Mexican Revolution.)

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