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## THE GREAT PROBLEM.

The financial question is on top just now, because a number of circumstances have combined to drain the treasury, and these circumstances are being taken advantage of by capitalists to lout the treasury and make a shuttlecock of the nation's money for speculative purposes. This will soon pass away, and that other question, of more importance than finance, of greater import than the tariff, will come irresistibly to the front, and it will stay to the front until it is answered, and answered right. The question of the rights of labor, the duties of capital, and the control of corporations is one to which the wisest statesman may devote all his energies, and find a task that may baffle his utmost skill. It is a question the answering of which will affect, not only the prosperity of the government, but its existence; and to arrive at a correct answer will require, not only good statesmanship, but a largely developed patriotism on the part of every citizen of the republic.

Heretofore the question has been debated by two bitter partisans, the laborer on one side, the capitalists on the other, and each has tried to convince the public and themselves that they were right. The matter does not want to be approached from either of these standpoints. It must be settled on the basis of the greatest good to the entire people. The interests of capital and labor are the same; neither can do much without the other, for granted that labor creates capital, and that labor can create new capital if the present stock were all taken away, yet when it has created it is capital still.

The relative position of these two commodities has changed wonderfully within the past fifty years, is changing rapidly still, and this change is driving the two forces, that must be friends for either to prosper, yet wider apart. Vast aggregations of wealth are necessary to carry on the business of modern times, especially in the matter of railroads. These vast sums, or the roads that represent them, are simply legitimate money-making machines, built for the purpose of returning to the owners a proper return on their money. This at least was their condition at first, but of late years the speculator, the railroad wrecker, and the money-kings have used these roads as playthings. Instead of being run for the purpose of earning a fair return on the money invested, and which is their right, the actual values of the roads and rolling stock are well "watered," so that where \$5,000,000 are invested, the stock issued and the false capitalization shows that \$15,000,000 or \$20,000,000 have been invested. The management then undertake to earn a reasonable per cent, not on the money invested, but on the fictitious values given. The result is that an unnecessary tax is levied upon the producer, to get his crops to market, and the thumb-screws are put on the wages of the employes, and they are twisted every year lower and lower in the desire to keep stocks up by liberal dividends.

Labor has undertaken to resist these steady encroachments by the strike system, and it has failed. That weapon is broken and harmless, but the fight is not ended; indeed it is scarcely begun. The railroad companies, such is the irony of circumstances, have suddenly taken cover, and successfully shield themselves behind the people whom they are combatting, by placing themselves under the care of the United States courts, which are supposed to represent the whole people. The corporations, with a blindness to their own interests that is simple unaccountable, instead of facing the situation as it is, and arriving at some understanding fair to all parties, and consequently to the entire people, have undertaken to use the laws which they defy, to protect them from any responsibility to anyone. It is perhaps well for the country that they have done so, for they have demonstrated to it that their wings must be clipped, and that they, the artificial persons created by the law, shall have no greater rights than the citizens who created them.

This is not the case now. The railroad corporations of today are above and beyond law! Do you doubt it? It so, examine into the case of Debs at Chicago. He was sentenced to imprisonment by a United States judge on account of the riots at Chicago, without trial by

jury, as the constitution of the United States and of the great state of Illinois pledges him. He was brought before the state courts and before a jury, and the prosecution dropped its suit because it had no case against him. No crime could be placed at his door, and yet he is now under sentence. For what? Contempt of court! Some of the roads were in the hands of receivers appointed by the United States court, and to interfere with a railroad company so situated was a contempt of court. Pullman at the same time snapped his fingers under the judicial nose of that same judge who sentenced Debs for contempt, and is still snapping them, but he is not punished.

The railroad companies were not slow to discover the peculiar asylum afforded them, and one after the other they have pulled over them the ermine of the courts, as a mantle of protection. Under it they are safe. They cannot be sued, even for debt, without the consent of the court, and if judgment is obtained against them their property is exempt from execution because it is in the hands of the government. They are above the law, and beyond its reach, because they have themselves become the courts. By the subtle fictions of law the courts run the railroads, through receivers, but as the receivers are selected by the roads, and are usually their directors or managers, it will be seen that the court's authority is simply nominal.

However, as we have said, it is perhaps for the best that these corporations have shown to what extent they can go, for it will simply hasten the day when the final settlement is made. This settlement is close at hand, and it will be only by an exhibition of patriotism, that neither the corporations nor the employes have yet shown, that it can be settled peacefully and with proper regard for the rights of all parties concerned. The companies have demonstrated that the roads can be best operated under direction of the courts. Let them not forget that the lesson may convey a moral which would commend the operation of the roads by the government, in the interest of the people, instead of for the private gain of the stockholders.

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