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SALVE FOR THE INJURED GIANTS

IN THE APRIL number of Munsey's Magazine appeared an editorial article lugubriously entitled: "Starve the Railroads and We Starve Ourselves." Thousands of magazine readers doubtless scanned it with chastened hearts and moistened eyes. The very tenor of its plaint was well calculated to wrench a sob of sympathy from all but the most callous of sinners—Bob La Follette, for instance.

Frank A. Munsey was its author, his magazine the vehicle of its conveyance to the public. Mr. Munsey "holds no brief for the railroads," he says so, himself. But with pathos to harrow the angels he depicts the grievous plight of those giant squids of commerce—the transcontinental lines. Harrassed from pillar to post, beset with hostile legislation, driven to the ditch of last extremity, it remains for the valiant Frank to lift an inky lance in their defense.

Mr. Munsey makes his own case. Private capital is—or was—responsible for the conception and growth of the transportation systems. Private capital augmented by mammoth governmental concessions, enhanced in value by the community growth of the districts tributary, and arrogant in a power that for years forbade legislative restriction. Mr. Munsey does not object to government control—of the right sort—but he contends that the present trend will drive the public carriers to the sheer cliffs of bankruptcy.

How long the American people suffered patiently the abuses of arrogant capital—and particularly that of the railroads—is written in the private archives of plutocratic profit. None save the initiate know how deeply the people were gouged for a decade. States were debauched, legislatures purchased in block, competitors ground to penury, through the machinations of that happy system which Mr. Munsey would fain recall.

Will Munsey, or some other gifted seer of the sycophantic crew who crowd the camp of capital, explain the whereabouts of the New Haven's \$11,000,000, dissipated by the late Mr. Morgan, as expertly as a Hindoo fakir juggles a peanut? Will Munsey protest that the publicity of this financial chicanery should bring confidence to the public—lure the widow's mite from her cupboard and the wad from the sock, to venture all upon railroads? Is it high treason to prosperity to expose treason to the people—or is a prosperity purchased by bloody rolling road stock and twisted rails preferable to a clipping-off of profits?

Mr. Munsey "holds no brief for the railroads." It is to be suspected that he does not need one. His affinity for continued private monopoly stamps him as one of the looters of the commonwealth, and as such entitled to speak freely in the defense of dividends.

There is one remedy that he does not suggest. It is a perfectly feasible one, and will let the tortured giants of transportation down easy. It is to abdicate to the government at a physical valuation of their properties—plus a bonus sufficient to re-establish every improvident lordling in Europe.

News of the Week

Ogle county, Illinois, residents told the public utilities commission they preferred to have the present phone system to the new plan which would prevent them from listening to neighborhood gossip by "cutting in."

The board of directors of the North Pacific Fruit Distributors have ordered that headquarters for handling all fruits be opened immediately at Portland, with Wilmer Sieg, of Hood River as sales manager.

It is expected that Harry A. Wheeler, of Chicago, will decline to accept the position as one of the new federal reserve board. Nominations of all five members are expected to be sent to the senate by the president this week.

Sheriff Smith of Cleveland sold at public auction \$70,000 worth more of land on Euclid Heights owned by Patrick Calhoun, traction magnate of New York and San Francisco, to satisfy a mortgage of \$1,642,000.

Water-borne freight began passing through the Panama canal Monday, when five barges carrying about 2100 tons of miscellaneous cargo were towed from Balboa, at the Pacific end, to Cristobal, at the Atlantic end of the canal.

The one hundred and twenty-sixth general assembly of the Presbyterian church in the United States of America, commonly known as the Presbyterian church, North, was opened Thursday in Chicago. On the same day the general assembly of the Southern Presbyterians met in Kansas City and that of the Reformed Presbyterians in Cincinnati.

Mexican News Notes

The Mexican rebels under Zapata are said to have reached a point within ten miles of Mexico City.

British residents of Mexico City have gathered in concentration districts in the foreign residence quarter in the capital city in fear of an attack upon them.

Notice is said to have been given foreign owners to reopen their mines in Parral district, Mexico, in 15 days. The Mexicans will seize the mines if the order is not obeyed.

Rebel commander Villa is said to have put the lid on at Torreón. Soldiers are not allowed to use intoxicating liquors and citizens are compelled to keep within proper bounds.

Dictator Huerta is said to be surrounded by the best men in his army for his own private body guard. The soldiers wear blue shoulder straps, indicative of their service to their president.

The Brazilian Minister at Mexico City reported to the State Department that the liberating of Consul Silliman at Saltillo had been confirmed by Americans who reached the Mexican capital.

The size of the expense of the present Mexican undertaking is shown by the deficiency appropriation bill for \$2,701,327, in the house providing for the army alone. More than one-half of the amount is for transportation.

Official reports show the constitutionalists rapidly extending their field of occupation. Consul Canada at Vera Cruz reported them in possession of Tuxpam, the important east coast town with extensive oil industries.

Overdrafts (Secured & Unsecured)

B. H. L.

The Siren

All the old music, Bill, rings in my heart until I can't forget her, however I try; something she used to sing, something about the Spring, wakens my memory and moistens an eye. I could forgive her, kid, all of them things she did—I could forgive her and also forget—did not some scrap of song, strumming its rhyme along, sing in my memory and pester me yet. Onct I was flush and gay—flinging my coin away—Billy, I charge you, beware of a dame; nothing but coin can buy light from milady's eye, that is the reason why I quit the game. Twilights we used to go down to the movie show—I can't forget her, Bill, don't ask me why—sometimes she used to croon fragments of tender tune; she was a pippin, Bill, good to the eye!

It never brought a sob when I had lost my job; "Beat it", she says to me—gee, but it hurt! Take it, old scout, from me! Those as are fancy free never get handled so—not from a skirt. Still, I dunno it seems sometimes I like my dreams; like to lie out at night under the moon, watching the blinking stars beating at Heaven's bars, dreaming I hear again fragments of tune. All the old songs they stir picture and poise of her—I can't forget them—and sometimes I'm glad—glad that she comes to me just as she used to be; that's what I wouldn't miss, Billy, my lad. Naw! I don't want her back, onct is enough for Jack—something she sang to me sings to me still; something she used to sing, something about the Spring, tugs at my memory and comforts me, Bill!

BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

Oregon Agricultural college defeated the Multnomah Club in the dual track meet at Corvallis by the score of 73½ to 57½.

Pacific University defeated the University of Puget Sound in the annual debate at Forest Grove by a unanimous decision of the judges.

Between 6000 and 7000 Lane county school children and their parents participated in the educational rally day exercises in Eugene Sunday.

Union will be the magnet for hundreds when the sixth annual Union Livestock show will be held in that city June 4, 5 and 6. There will be races and band concerts.

The girls of the 1914 graduating class of the La Grande public schools are establishing a precedent in that the expensive graduation dress cost is to be limited to \$5.

After an inspection of the hopyards of Salem, Louis Lachmund, dealer in hops, said that the 1914 crop would be from 20 to 25 per cent less than last year's crop.

The contest by the forest service against Hercules Santolne, now in Portland, for a homestead in Josephine county, has been settled in favor of Santolne.

Representative Hawley has applied to the board of engineers for permission to extend the wharf at Port Orford, damaged by rough weather. The board will make an investigation before announcing its decision.

Dr. Withycombe received 760 out of a total of 873 votes cast for all candidates for governor in the city of Corvallis. He received in 16 precincts heard from out of the 22 in Benton county 944 votes of 1179 votes cast for all candidates for governor.

Senator Chamberlain has introduced a bill amending the act to authorize construction of a dike on Olalla slough authorizing the construction on foundations already laid or farther up the stream of a dike with a gate for purposes of navigation, the plans to be approved by the secretary of war.

The Indian appropriation bill, reported to the senate, contains the following Oregon amendments: Appropriation of \$100,000 to purchase livestock, farm implements, seed, etc., to enable Warm Springs Indians to become self-supporting. Fifteen thousand dollars for an addition to the assembly hall at the Chemawa school.

An offer of \$50,000 was refused by Mrs. Melia C. Brown, Eugene woman inventor, for the patent obtained three weeks ago on a sanitary milk cap. The offer came from Denver capitalists. She is preparing to place the article on the market. Instead of slipping into the top of the milk bottle, the cap is convex in shape and slips over the top.

The Pender murder case, famous in Columbia county for its two long trials is soon to be argued again, this time before the supreme court. Pender, on a second trial, was found guilty at St. Helens last January of killing Mrs. Daisy Wehrman and her infant child, and was sentenced to be hanged in March, when an appeal stayed execution.

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TAFT AIRS MEDIATION VIEWS

Ex-President Thinks Offer And Acceptance Important Future Step. New York.—William Howard Taft gave his views on the Mexican situation in an address at the Free Synagogue's celebration of Peace Sunday.

While the ex-president expressed little hope that the pending mediation conference would accomplish its immediate purpose, he asserted that the offer of mediation and its acceptance constituted an important step toward the future settlement of international disputes in the western hemisphere.

"But if we are to be involved in war because of Mexican anarchy, let us have it fully understood that we go into it 'in the service of mankind,' as the president phrases it, and not upon the issue of a mere punctilio in naval ceremonial."

Dynamiters Must Return to Prison. Chicago.—The United States court of appeals ordered all the convicted dynamiters whose appeal for a retrial had been rejected, into custody within three weeks. They must report to the warden at Leavenworth penitentiary or to the United States marshal of the district, who will return them to prison.

Mt. Vernon Is Reshingled. Washington.—Mount Vernon, the home of the Father of His Country, is to have its fourth set of shingles

since it was built, in 1743. The mansion was reshingled in 1785 and in 1860.

Before putting the fourth roofing on the shingles were rounded at one end to make them conform to the original shingles of 1743.

Parks' Execution Seen. Vera Cruz.—Additional confirmation of the execution of Private Samuel Parks of the Twenty-eighth infantry, was received here.

There was brought into the American lines one of Huerta's conscripts who had deserted. He said he was an eye-witness of the execution of Parks.

Land Open for Enlarged Homesteads.

The secretary of the interior has designated for enlarged homestead entry 900,000 acres of land in small tracts, scattered all over eastern Oregon. The largest designations are in the Deschutes and John Day valleys. He also designated 170,000 acres in Asotin and Okanogan counties, Wash.

The Charles S. Mellen, former president of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad, told him the whole political story of the New Haven lines one of Huerta's conscripts who had deserted. He said he was an eye-witness of the execution of Parks.

A new regulation governing weights on carload shipments of berries by express from points in Oregon and Washington to destinations as far east as Chicago, Ill., by which the transportation charges were increased, was suspended by the interstate commerce commission. The suspension holds until September 17.