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WANTED—SUBSERVIENT EMPLOYEES.

The Chicago Union Stockyards company has decided to employ colored laborers from the South. The management in speaking of the movement, said they wanted men who never struck, who were content with the wages paid them, and who would vote as their employers vote, which, added the management, they should do. There is more than a local issue in this incident. It concerns more people than the stockyards company, the present employees and the prospective ones. Their desire is for men who will bear their lot patiently, whatever that lot may be. The stockyards people are anxious to eliminate labor troubles, to adjust matters so as to avail all possibility of a strike.

Even though the employment of colored men from the South promises disappointment for these managers, were it likely to prove successful, it would be a very poor solution of a serious problem. Does it augur well for the future when powerful corporations are preparing to employ men who have not the restless spirit of progress which makes them go on to better things? Does it make for the weal of the republic to make men forget their interests sufficiently to work like dumb brutes and follow the dictates of their employers on all occasions, taking their political directions from those employers? It is not argued that the employees should antagonize their employers, or should necessarily vote against the wishes of those employers. But, when the laboring man rests content to be dictated to in his voting, he has voluntarily placed fetters upon his own wrists and bartered his citizenship. And the stock yards experiment bodes ill, indeed, for the people who come there to supplant the men now employed.

SCOTT INVITES POLITICAL MURDER.

Senator Scott, in the New York Theodore Roosevelt banquet room, said: "I believe in trusts. They are a good thing." No one who has learned the facts any longer doubts that Mr. Scott spoke these words. This is notwithstanding Senator Scott denied it the next day. If he said nothing of that character then why did he before any one had reported his speech telephone to the New York newspapers trying to suppress any expression of that character which might be handed in by the one newspaperman who was present?

Senator Scott has not so much nerve as Senator Hanna, who said he believed in all good trusts, and who then said later that that was exactly what he did say. Senator Scott proves that he believes trusts are all right, for he himself said after the fatal New York banquet that he was connected with one.

The American people might forgive him had he not said that the Standard Oil company was a good thing, and that our prosperity is based upon the Standard Oil company's operations in a large degree. Saying that, Senator Scott invites political murder.

Reports of looting in Pekin and other Chinese cities by armies of the allies indicate that all the advance of civilization has not borne the race of man above the standards of the Middle Ages in some respects. Cupidity and lust still form essential parts of man's makeup.

Alford was a "prince of good fellows" with other people's money. Almost anyone could earn such a title if he used enough of cash belonging to someone else.

Down east the people are beginning to grow rather tense in regard to political matters. They are making ready for some knockdowns and drag-outs.

A legislature meets in Salem in January, and yet nothing is being said about the important measures that should be enacted to improve local government in Oregon. The national election has overshadowed all else, and yet the action of the state legislature holds greater potentiality of good or evil than a presidential contest.

Oregon gets no new congressman. The new census shows not enough increase to entitle the state to another representative. Two, the present apportionment, will remain our representation in congress until another four years has elapsed.

Now comes the struggle in congress over army readjustment. Secretary Root is prepared to ask for a regular army of from 75,000 to 100,000 men, which will call forth the bitterest discussion over militarism and imperialism.

THE KILLING OF ANNA EDNA.

Anna Edna was an Indian medicine woman. She was intrusted with a knowledge of nature's laws, somewhat higher than that of the average Indian. Her people expected her to be unflinching in her cures and prophecies. They had implicit confidence in her superior powers, and fully believed that she was in touch with the Great Spirit. A mistake in her conduct was impossible, from the Indian point of view. She was priestess and omen for them to follow and obey. In sickness she was the ever present guide. In trouble the law giver, and in death the chief mourner, whose wailings drove away the evil spirits and opened the gates of the happy hunting ground for the departed. She was clothed by them in a sort of sacred admiration, and her "talks" were voices from the invisible spirit.

But in this instance her herbs and incantations failed her, and the child she was doctoring died. In the twinkling of an eye, her superior power vanished according to the customs of her people. She had failed to cure, and was a false prophetess, an impostor, a witch, and for practicing her frauds, she must die. This is the Indian law. It is older than any American tradition. It comes down through the history of these people, unwritten, yet unchanged, for so many generations that its origin is unknown. It is strong in the minds of these simple folk, a second nature to them, a sacred obligation which is never broken. The Indian medicine man who fails in his cures or prophecies is doomed to certain death. He has assumed to fill a holy office, to take into his keeping the whole welfare of his tribe, and when he betrays his utter helplessness in the face of nature's laws, no punishments are spared in his torture and death.

So Anna Edna must pay the penalty. The father of the dead child is only exacting a law older than our constitution, older than our declaration, older, even, than the Anglo-Saxon tongue, when he kills the witch who has imposed upon her people. Columbia George and Toy-Toy are types of an age and race and an order of intelligence which is passing from view. They lose their local importance, when considered in the light of human history. Their simple confession of the crime is given in implicit faith that the Indian tradition which dooms the witch, will supplant the law of the land. Back of their innocent story is seen dimly struggling for utterance and justification, the reason for the crime. In their eyes it is no crime. It is fate. It is a duty, no less binding than the burial of the dead. It is one of the iron-clad rites of the old age of man, passing through the crucible of the newer age. It is the past struggling against the tide of the present.

The lawless carried their laws into the Egyptian bondage. "An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth" sounded as harsh in the ears of their masters, as the Indian's brutal custom does in ours. Rome found strange, unwritten laws in every country she enslaved. She tried to stamp these out. She inflicted penalties upon the wondering

peoples, and in all the sovereignty of her law and nicety of her culture, she never triumphed. The Scythian mutilated his person for religious reasons. The Goth drank water from a cup of a human skull. The Druids in Britain practiced their gruesome rites, in the presence of the glittering spears of the Roman armies. And in all countries, among all races are found these indelible characteristics, which time, and torture, and culture and threatened extermination have failed to destroy.

It is a historical parallel which has been struck in every age. We look at it from a local standpoint and see none of its strange importance. We rub against these people on our streets, laugh at their curious manners and customs and pass them on without a deeper glance at their story. But when we sit at the bar of justice and see a tribal custom, older than our government, annulled, set aside, superseded and condemned, by the swift and terrible justice of civilization, we take a second glance at these wondering people. The faith they have followed so long is shown in its emptiness. The laws of their fathers are wiped from their statutes, and they stand before us amazed amid the blinding splendor of an age they cannot understand. The Jews practice rites today they practiced in Moses' time. The Chinese have customs four thousand years old. And is it any wonder that Pendleton, like olden Egypt, shall say to the bondman—'Forsake your gods and follow mine.' BERT HUFFMAN

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