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PROFITS OF TRUSTS.

The United States Steel Corporation received an annual report on Tuesday in which it was shown that the profits for the trust for the past year were an even 10 per cent on the capital stock. For an investment of more than a billion dollars. This is an enormous return to capital.

This is the reason why capital desires to organize great industrial combinations, to secure these immense profits upon their money. It is perfectly natural, and, if there be nothing in the tendency further than the question of mere profits there is not such reason to fear the effect upon the country.

But, profit-making is not all. That trust is in its very essence a violation of the federal law that was enacted to prevent such trusts from forming. In so far as it concerns the intention of the American people, there is no doubt in the premises. They intended, when they passed that law, to prevent the formation of trusts such as the United States Steel Corporation.

Furthermore, the profits of that trust are partly augmented by virtue of the protection on steel and iron products. It is almost unthinkable that an institution receiving ten per cent per annum upon watered stock can have the face to ask for tariff protection. Yet such is the case. And the prevailing party has announced with almost official directness that the tariff is not to be revised, that the steel trust is to be permitted to continue to extort from the people of this country its higher prices than are charged the people of foreign nations.

Still further, the trust goes to Washington and says to the nation through its correspondents there assembled, that it is yet much in doubt whether Mr. Roosevelt may be regarded as a safe man for the presidency, and that it is not yet decided whether the larger business and financial interests of the country will support him for renomination. This is tantamount to pronouncing the doom for the advocate and practitioner of the strenuous life, for no one believes that any man may be nominated by the republican party who is not agreeable to the magnates of the trusts.

Taken all in all, the steel trust and others of its kind are not of a charac-

ter to inspire implicit faith on the part of the American people, who are inclined just now to take steps to eradicate them from the economy of the country.

The publication of the story of the wonderful profit-dividing in New York Tuesday will not operate to lessen the severity of the demand that is now made for exhaustion of all legal possibilities in the attempt to prevent the railroad merger. The steel corporation is an accomplished fact. There is actually a steel trust. But there is not yet a railroad trust, and a few brave men are striving to secure vindication of the law by preventing the carrying out of the plans of Mr. Morgan and his financial allies.

THE REFERENDUM.

Some expressions regarding the initiative and referendum have been collated by the Oregon League, of which Geo. H. Williams is president, and W. S. Uren is secretary, as follows:

Hon. James MacVicar, (republican) mayor of Des Moines, Iowa: Representative government at best can only roughly estimate the wants of a community and too often party platforms and pledges are misconstrued or neglected, representatives influenced either by greed or gain or ambition; but the people cannot be corrupted.

In the very nature of things, all classes and interests cannot be represented in our law making assemblies.

Iowa municipalities appreciate the safe-guard which our laws, providing limited direct legislation, have thrown around our city governments. Before a franchise can be granted it must be submitted to the people for their approval. The people of the Iowa municipalities may also take the initiative and require that a proposition authorizing the city authorities to establish municipal water works, gas works or electric light works be submitted to the people.

The city of Des Moines has already had occasion to take advantage of the initiative and referendum and believes it to be of immense value.

Representatives are elected to enact the will of the people into law. Now they can only guess at the people's will on any great question, and if one guesses wrong political death is the probable and always possible result. Then we lose a valuable public servant, valuable perhaps because of many years of experience, wide acquaintance with public men, and positions on legislative committees as well as unusual ability. The system is terribly wasteful of talent as well a scourge in public life.

When the initiative and referendum is adopted if the representative is in doubt as to the will of the people on any great question he can refer it to them for their own decision—and let them take the consequences as well as the responsibilities. If he guesses wrong at any time the people can then correct him without losing his services and experience.

Just get ready to vote for direct legislation. It doesn't matter what party supported the measure in the legislature, and it doesn't matter who introduced it. Here is a chance for you to vote your own citizenship into power, and you are certainly misguided if you lose the opportunity to give yourself the greatest constitutional right—that of being a force in the law making department of the state. Never mind what the political bosses say—just vote yourself the right to have something to say about laws under which you must live.—Arugs, Hillsboro.

Briefly put, direct legislation is the inception and consummation of laws by the whole people—the substantial establishment of pure democracy, with congress and legislature essentially the agents and not the masters of the people.

Its argument is and thus far it is unanswered, that with its adoption the fabric which the corruptionist, the trickster and the lobbyist have constructed for selfish ends upon the present scheme of delegated authority, must fall and the will of the voter be supreme.—Ex.

Samuel Gompers, President of the American Federation of Labor, with a membership of more than a million trade unionists:

"I have full faith in the people. The safety of the future as well as the interests of the present can safely be entrusted in their hands. The whole are more honest, more intelligent than the few. We must soon choose whether we are to have an oligarchy or a democracy. All lovers of the human family who earnestly strive for political reform, economic justice and social enfranchisement must raise themselves on the side of organized labor in this demand for direct legislation."—Ex.

Hon. John Wanamaker, ex-post-master-general, leading citizen of Philadelphia, and one of the foremost business men of the world:

I heartily approve of the idea of giving the people the veto on corrupt legislation. The movement to secure for the people a more direct

and immediate control over legislation shall have my support. I trust such a movement will receive the thoughtful attention of all who would improve our political and industrial conditions. I am willing to trust public questions to the intelligence and conscience of the people.—Ex.

Senator Mitchell is in favor of the initiative and referendum amendment. So are many others who had little sympathy with it a few years ago. The people are going to take some of the power heretofore entrusted to the legislators out of their hands, because as a rule they have abused the trust reposed in them.—Telegram, Portland.

William Dean Howells, the great novelist, among the chief American literatures:

I am altogether in favor of the initiative and referendum as the only means of allowing the people really to take part in making their laws and in governing themselves.—Ex.

Is self-government right? If so, the referendum and initiative follow.

Direct legislation means an actual instead of a mere theoretic sovereignty of the people. We are governed today, not by a democracy, but by an active aristocracy holding for a term. The people are sovereign only at the moment of election—the men they elect become their masters for one, two, four or six years, as the case may be. Self-government is one thing—the choosing of men who are to govern you is a different thing. A child may choose its guardian; a slave might be given a voice in the selection of his master and yet he is absolutely subject to his dominion after the choice were made.

Power will be used in the interest of its possessor. It is the power of government to be used in the interest of the people they must have continuous and effective possession of the government. We call our legislators "agents" and the people their principal—queer agents who can give away their principal's property despite his protest, and are not responsible to him during their term of service; queer principal that cannot veto his "agent's" plan, no matter how much he objects nor instruct his agents what to whenever he sees fit, nor discharge such agents when they refuse to carry out his orders; queer principal who has to obey the commands of his "agents" instead of giving them orders.—Ex.

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