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To a Waterfowl.

There is a Power whose care Teaches thy way along that pathless coast— The desert and illimitable air— Lone wandering, but not lost. He who, from 'zone to zone, Guides through the boundless sky thy certain flight, In the long way that I must tread alone, Will lead my steps aright. —W. C. Bryant.

UNDERMINING FREEDOM.

Secretary of War Taft, in an address before the Harvard law school alumni association, said last night that the declaration of independence does not mean what it says, when it declares that all government is based upon the consent of the governed.

He defies the immortal document upon which this government stands, seeks an excuse for oppression by misconstruing a selfevident doctrine which all the enlightened nations have taken as their keynote, and justifies the policy of holding subject races by saying the patriots who wrote the declaration of independence did not mean what they said.

The doctrine promulgated by Taft is dangerous doctrine to teach young Americans entering a professional career. They will imbibe a disrespect for the stability of American institutions from such doctrine taught by men in such positions. They will conclude that if one American principle can be set aside for political capital and mercenary gain, that all of those principles can be subjected to the same sacrilegious treatment that nothing is sacred in popular government and nothing is safe from the touch of the despoiler.

Is it any wonder that anarchy is on the increase among the poor, vicious and ignorant, where the sacred principles of freedom are ruthlessly set aside by the highest officials in the land? Is it any wonder that the chasm between the helpless and the powerful grows wider and wider and that oppression of the people by the monster syndicates grows apace, where the custodians of the people's rights thus seek to excuse wilful disregard of the fundamental principles of the government by such fallacies?

Taft is scattering seed of disruption among the American people by such doctrine. He justifies a "bolt" from American principles and if the law students to whom he lectured in this strain follow out his teaching, they will become aristocratic anarchists, despising and scoffing at the principles for which the patriots willingly surrendered their lives on the altar of freedom.

If one principle in the declaration of independence can be thus assailed, it is all an empty array of words. If one of the basic doctrines of liberty can be thus subverted to the lusts of glaucocratic government, none of them are safe from violation.

Taft has made a mistake. His zeal for the success of his party has driven him to this extreme sentiment which the American people will resent. Nothing is more sacred to an American than the guarantee of his liberties and he will resent any attack upon them as if it were aimed at his family and household.

The only man in Russia who dares to speak the truth about the czar and his tyrannical government is Tolstol. He can tread the dangerous ground of criticism with impunity, and scorns the imperial authority of Nicholas, although he is living at his home now only under promise that he will "be good." No other Russian on earth could say about Russia what Tolstol says and live. Siberia is filled with brave men in exile who have dared to tell the truth, and the hangmen of Russia have snuffed out the lives of

countless thousands who have not spoken one-tenth as much ill of the oppressive government of Russia as Tolstol speaks every year. Public sentiment, not alone among the Russian peasantry, but the world over, is with Tolstol. His criticisms of the government are too true to be questioned and the czar dares not arouse further antipathy against the country by oppressing this aged hero. In a recent issue of the London Times, Tolstol roasts the czar, his government, his military rule, his oppressive taxes and the needless war with Japan, and yet lives to face his irate sovereign. To the American, imbued with the idea of freedom, the restriction of speech in Russia, is the acme of oppression. There is no further limit to which tyranny can go, than to deny a citizen the right to give utterance to the thoughts that nature and God implant in his mind. That Russia has succeeded in stifling speech and thought, and independence among her cringing people so long, is one of the wonders of the century. That the people do not openly revolt, is the second wonder of the times. No wonder the public sentiment of the world is with Japan in the present struggle. The Japanese, emerging from barbarity, is more acceptable to the thinking man, than Russia, with her fiendish heart under a white skin.

Fully one-half of the ill-content of the world is caused by the idle rich classes who do not labor, flaunting their luxury before the industrious poor, who work constantly for the bare necessities of life. This is the cause of anarchy, it is the cause of half the robberies, hold-ups, murders and other crimes for money, in the world. If everybody had a fair share of prosperity, and an equal amount of leisure for self-improvement and pleasure, crime would gradually disappear from the world. True, passion would still hold sway over some minds, in spite of the culture and enlightenment, but if there was a more equal distribution of the luxuries and more equal distribution of leisure time for recreation, study, education, among all classes, the incentive to kill and rob for money would disappear. The rich bring anarchy and discontentment into the world by their own actions. The hungering hearts of the poor grow desperate when they see their labor unrewarded while the idleness of the other classes is rewarded so richly with life's comforts and needs.

It seems almost a sin to suppress the American spirit that expresses itself in popping firecrackers on the Fourth of July, yet common sense and public safety demand a halt. The Journal of Medical Science publishes a few dry statistics on the subject, which are worthy of perusal by the American public. In the Fourth of July festivities of 1902, 466 persons lost their lives by the explosions of giant firecrackers and bombs, 10 persons were made totally blind, and 2373 others were injured by the same joyful expression of American spirit. The most horrible fact connected with these grim statistics, however, is that in nearly every instance of death, the sufferer died with tetanus, or lockjaw, after from two to 30 hours of terrible suffering. These figures are sufficient warrant for city councils to suppress the giant firecrackers and the bomb, although the American spirit of the celebration may lose some of its characteristic features.

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