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Whoever invented or first used the phrase about the rich growing richer and the poor growing poorer deserves a monument from the prophets of evil and the apostles of discontent. It is one of those apt alliterative phrases that catch the ear of unthinking people and answer demagogues in lieu of facts and argument. It has been of great service to that class of patriots whose business it is to scatter the seeds of discontent and make the American people believe they are the worst governed and most oppressed people on the face of the earth. It follows, of course, that it is a stock-phrase of free trade orators and editors, and of all the preachers of communism and socialism, under whatever form or name. The phrase is a hoary fallacy and a threadbare lie. It never was true as to this country, and was never less true than it is today. It is disproved by every census report, by every savings-bank report, by every compilation of statistics bearing on the subject, and by the experience of every community in every state in the Union. Ask any banker whose business it is to know men's financial status, ask any officer of a safe deposit company, any assessor or appraiser of property, any representative of a commercial agency, and it will be found that the wealth of all classes is increasing in about the same proportion, while the individual representatives of different conditions are constantly changing places. Some of the rich are growing richer and some of the poor poorer, but many of the wealthy men of to-day are poor to-morrow, and the wage-worker of one generation is the capitalist of the next. Most of the millionaires of this generation started with little or nothing, and their sons will probably end the same way, while the struggling poor boy of to-day will then be rolling in wealth and living in luxury. The truth is, this country is by far the most prosperous in the world. The American people are accumulating wealth faster than any other, and while there are some sharp contrasts in our social conditions the general average of wealth and comfort is rising all the time. If the number of millionaires is increasing, the number of persons worth a hundred thousand dollars, fifty thousand, ten thousand and one thousand is increasing still faster. The aggregate wealth of the country is increasing at a rapid rate; and its distribution is probably as nearly equal and just as will ever be reached under any form of government or laws. Whoever says the rich are growing richer and the poor are growing poorer, says it for an evil purpose.

PROGRESS AND ITS PENALTIES. THAT we cannot get something for nothing, that progress always has penalties, is one of the oldest lessons of human experience. Old as it is, however, it does not seem to have been well learned and properly applied. The general outcry against the use of electrical appliances for illumination and motive power forcibly illustrates the prevalent ignorance of this venerable truism. Because men have been killed by "live" wires and because buildings have been fired by electricity, we witness a vehement protest against and stout opposition to the use of electricity in many cases where it really ought to supplant existing facilities for light or transportation or both. In a large New England city at this time a fight is being waged against the substitution of electric for horse power on street railways. It was decided that the demand for rapid transit in that city could best be met by chartering electric roads. But one or two accidental deaths occurred and now the slogan is, "The wires must go." Steam slays thousands where electric-

ity kills dozens. More persons are killed by gas in one year than by electricity in ten years. But we don't hear that steam "must go" nor is there an upheaval of the public's wrath against gas. In all human probability electricity will in a few years be so well understood and so safely handled that it will be productive of fewer casualties in proportion to the extent of its use than any other motive or illuminating agency. Invention is applying itself to the task of reducing electric danger to the minimum. The wild horse of the heavens is being tamed, and will soon be as harmless as anything else that God has endowed with power. Meantime let us recur to the old lesson that nothing is not the price we must pay for something. Every step of human progress, from the condition of a naked barbarian in the primeval wilderness to the present state of the most enlightened nations, has been marked by blood. We get no advancement in government, in science, in religion, or in anything else, that we don't pay for. The land of dreams is the only land where this rule is not in force. Castles in Spain are the only residences of people who make progress without penalties.

THE SMALLEST OF REPUBLICS. LET the great and glorious star spangled banner be hoisted to the top of the tallest pole. Let the tom-toms of the nation be long and gaily beaten. Another republic has risen. A new orb of independence gleams in the galaxy of sovereign powers. A new star of freedom twinkles against the universal blue. Within a week a people strong only in their devotion to principles of free government have declared themselves a nation; have celebrated the adoption of a constitution, and announce themselves equipped and ready to treat with the nations of the earth on the basis of a new deal. The cable reports, which are necessarily meager from that source, furnish few particulars of the great event, excepting the salute of 100 guns offered by the French corvette, *Saone*, in courtesy, as it were, to the new lambitions of a late colonial possession of the French nation. Later we may look for more important details concerning the features of her constitution, her election machinery, her legislation, her international policy and civil service reform methods.

Once more the distinguished diplomacy of our own, the greatest government on earth, will be taxed to properly felicitate this suddenly rising star, and to secure for itself a friendly alliance with another declared republic. Without vanity, reckoning merely on probabilities, it is safe to assume that the first nation to which the new republic will make overtures through diplomatic representation will be these United States. To explain which, as not attributable to any lesser feeling of friendship on the part of Franceville for other and less notable republics, fuller explanation is due. Franceville is a mere island dot, known as one of the New Hebrides, lying in the Pacific, northeast of Australia; and considering the fact that the entire nation consists of forty Europeans and five hundred natives, it will be seen at once that she cannot squander her complete resources on ministers plenipotentiary or envoys extraordinary. In the classification of republics Franceville may be welcomed as a chip from the block of liberty; but the chip is a diamond and sparkles with all the purity of the mother jewel.

STATE socialism is making rapid strides, not only in imperial Germany, but in other lands, not excepting our own. There is nothing new in this policy. It is thousands of years old, and was long ago tried, found wanting, and cast aside. In a recent article on the subject, Hon. S. G. W. Benjamin calls attention to the example of Sparta, probably the most extreme instance of state socialism in history. Sparta was practically an armed camp. The people lived for the state and were the children of the state. They ate at common mess tables, and allowed their business, amusements, diet, and even their marriage, to be controlled by the

state. The result, says Mr. Benjamin, was that Sparta left no arts, no sciences, no literature; she made no lasting impression in the progress of the race, and when she fell her citizens were the most selfish and corrupt in Greece. When we have too much legislation—when the state becomes everything, and the individual nothing, then men decay. Then people no longer put forth their best work in order to succeed; they sit down quietly and look to the state for a living. Under such conditions, congresses and legislatures grind out new laws every day. They leave nothing untouched, but interfere with business, personal rights, and freedom of action. Law, like government, is a necessary evil, and the only way to make life endurable is to have as little of it as possible. The most admirable state is the one which makes its rule felt the least by its citizens, leaving men free to do anything that will benefit themselves without injuring their neighbors. We have outgrown the Spartan era, and the melancholy example of that government should make us all the more determined to stick to the line of policy which has made our nation the freest, happiest, and most prosperous under the sun.

A NOVEL instance of peculiar political methods was discovered at the postoffice department in Washington, D. C., one day last week. A number of telegrams had been received from the citizens of a western city, as supposed, protesting against the appointment of one of the candidates for the office of postmaster in that city. These telegrams were filed away with the other papers in the case, and letters were sent out, addressed to the men whose signatures were attached to the telegrams, acknowledging their receipt. Subsequently every one of the letters was returned to the department with the information that the addresses could not be found. An investigation revealed the fact that the persons whose names were signed to the telegrams were myths, and that probably one person had sent them all, in the hope of defeating the candidate against whom they were directed.

WHAT the country needs is not tearing down the barriers of protection, but an abolition of the internal taxes—which bear directly on the people—and the extension to the laboring interests by the general government of privileges of a nature similar to those now exerted in behalf of the bonanza-owner and the national banker. It is incongruous and unnatural that the national coffers should be overflowing while the class that constitutes the bone and sinew of the land labors unceasingly yet apparently with no other prospect than eventual ruin. This is a condition which should give our rulers the most serious thought. In it there are elements of grave danger, and the sooner the problem is worked out, the quicker will the stability of the Republic be assured.

THE salary of \$5,000 a year each which United States senators receive is evidently too small to permit them to gratify their appetite for quinine. The report of Secretary McCook shows that during the year ending June 30, 1889, 1,700 two-grain and 1,600 three-grain quinine pills were purchased for the use of senators. During the year the senate consisted of seventy-six members, so that the share of each in the 3,300 pills was nearly forty-two and one-half pills. It cost the people of the United States \$28.75 to provide these pills for the senators.

JOURNALISTIC criticism is a dangerous calling in Hungary. An article which appeared recently in a journal at Klausenburg gave so much offense that it led to no fewer than thirteen duels. The editor of the paper fought four duels, in one of which he killed his opponent; the author of the obnoxious article passed safely through three encounters, and the sub-editor took the lion's share with six combats. SOME people seem to think that Germany is on the high road to ruin, now that Bismarck has resigned the chancellorship. This is nonsense. Men will always grow up with the

times. Germany is in no more danger now than was the United States after the death of Washington or of the assassination of Lincoln. STRIKING oil continues to be a flourishing industry in Pennsylvania. During the past month 467 new wells were opened, adding 10,450 barrels to the production of the oil regions. In the formation of a single locomotive steam-engine there are nearly 6,000 pieces to be put together, and these require to be as accurately adjusted as the works of a watch.

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C. R. F. P. Union Notice. THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL MEETING of Columbia River Fishermen's Protective Union held in the hall, Tuesday, April 6th, 1920, at 7:30 P. M. FRANK MCGREGOR, Pres. FRED WRIGHT, Secy.

Meeting Notice. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A regular meeting of the Astoria Athletic Association will be held at the association rooms, on Monday evening, April 14th at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of installing the officers, receiving their report, and the further consideration of any business that may be presented to the association. JOHN FOX, President. JOE PINCHOWER, Secretary. Astoria, April 6th, 1920.

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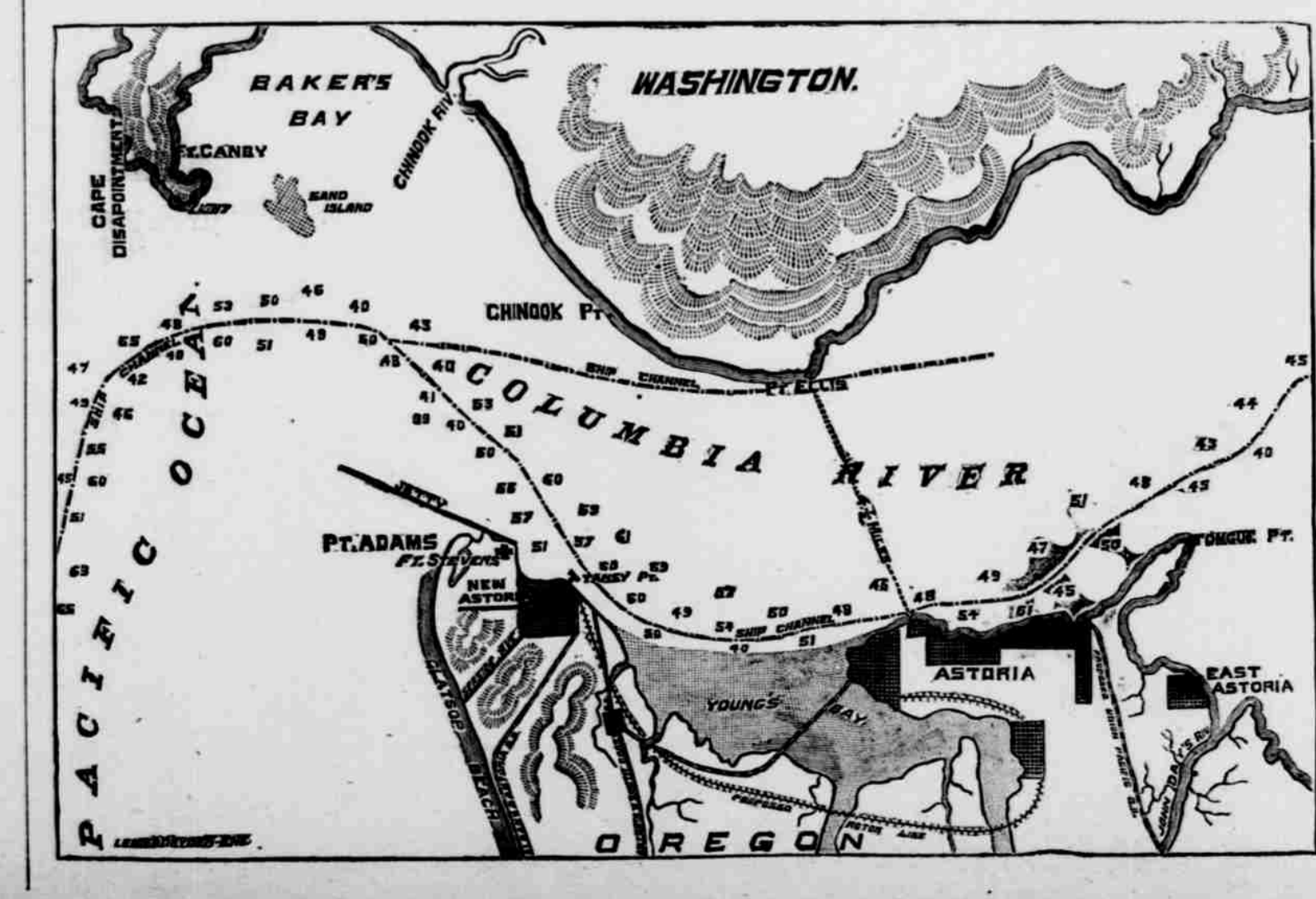
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