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THE REMEDY WORSE THAN THE DISEASE.

Doctors sometimes give drastic medicines to kill disease so that it is often said, "The remedy is worse than the disease," and this is not only true in treating disorders of the body, but it is equally pronounced in treating disorders of a social or political nature, and now comes such information from the committee which Governor Johnson, of California, commissioned to inquire into the troubles caused at San Diego by the Industrial Workers of the World.

The I. W. W. organization showed a strong hand in labor troubles at San Diego, and to oppose them and to remedy the disturbance the citizens inaugurated a vigilance organization, and conditions obtained under its methods, which called for investigation. The committee in its report, scores the I. W. W. organization, but its denunciation of the vigilantes is even stronger, and it recommends that the state take drastic measures to settle the war in the troubled district.

In this particular instance the remedy only augments the dissatisfaction and makes conditions worse, and why should it not be so? One organization came into existence to seek redress because of conditions imposed by the business world, and in the contention for rights, or otherwise, use unlawful means to secure the desired end; the other, under lawless circumstances, organizes to bring about order without complying with the statutes of the state; the first is abetted and controlled by the carnal mind wherein greed, avarice and will power are dominant in the opposing factors, and in the case of the vigilantes opposed to the I. W. W. is a matter of will power opposed to will power with an ugly frame of mind in the rear, urging each to strive for the mastery, and as the latter deem their cause just the resort to acts of violence that are unwarranted and unlawful to accomplish their purpose, are but the natural consequence of the contention.

The Industrial Workers will not succeed in bringing about better conditions until the members of the organization become righteous themselves, and neither will the vigilantes succeed in bringing orderly conditions except they proceed in an orderly manner. This "Might Makes Right" contest has been going on for several thousand years and the contending forces seem at greater variance now than at any former period.

POWER OF DELUSION.

In this day and age there are men who take some very sandy foundations to reason

from and as they have reached their conclusions by some hocus-pocus peculiarly their own, there is hardly a possibility of moving them from their position. Some persons take the stand that might makes right; others have become wedded to the belief that the standard of right and wrong change with times and customs, and that what is wrong in one period may be right in another and vice versa.

In cases where such conclusions, as recorded above, have been reached, the reasoner has taken his own standard as the foundation of his righteousness, and reasoning from the carnal standpoint, not being in touch with the higher or spiritual mind, he builds his own structure, guilds it over until it suits his fancy and then rejoices in it.

This condition becomes a very convenient solace to many persons, under certain circumstances, and is of especial value to the murderer when he gets caught and has to expiate his crime on the gallows or in the electric chair. It enables him to work himself into a belief that his sin has been condoned for, and then up springs a joy in his heart that transports him to the Elysian fields of bliss, and he is ready to exclaim as one did not long since, when he remarked that his only regret was that his wife, whom he had murdered, would have to spend eternity among the condemned.

The writer is not in harmony with that kind of reasoning; truth is truth no matter where you find it; if you add to it you destroy it, and if you take away from it you likewise destroy it, hence its unchangeability, and it is upon this principle that the immutability of the Creator rests, hence "That which hath been is now; and that which is to be hath already been, and God requireth that which is past."

POWERFUL SUPPORT.

In a letter published today, W. J. Bryan says that the suggestion that the government pay presidential campaign expenses was first advocated by Col. Roosevelt in a message to congress. Bryan then endorsed the idea but it was not adopted by congress.

If two such men as Roosevelt and Bryan favor the plan of having the people finance their own presidential elections it is assuredly a strong argument in favor of the idea. Both men have been through several campaigns and Roosevelt served as president for seven years. They know from where the money comes with which campaign expenses are met. They know the obligations under which a president must work when he owes his election to money contributed by private individuals or corporations. So their advice should be good.

Until receipt of the Bryan letter this paper did not know this idea had ever been publicly advocated before and considered that Messrs. King and McCusker, who are planning to lay the subject before the two great national conventions this summer, would be suggesting something entirely new. It is gratifying to know however, that their views are already shared

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