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## THE GOMPERS CASE.

The court of appeals of the District of Columbia has sustained the judgment of the trial court finding Samuel Gompers and others guilty of contempt in publishing the Buck Stove company as an unfair company in the organ
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dle ages. Taken in connection with the attempt to middle ages. Taken in connection with the attempt to prose-
cute Delavan Smith and others for their expose of the cute Delavan Smith and others for their expose of the
purchase of the Panama canal, it would indicate that the country is cutting loose from the Constitution of our fore fathers and gravitating toward a structure far different that is being built up by the judges of different courts to meet the exigencies of modern conditions without regard
to the theories of the purpose of destiny of a free people
Sixty years ago such a decision would have almost reated a revolution. But now it is received with an apathy that is most unpatriotic.

The boycott is pernicious, it is true, but still more per nicious is the attempt to suppress it by destroying the right of free speech and free press.

The danger lies in this, that when the courts once as sume the right to enjoin the publication of such information and criticism as was enjoined in this cause, the injunction will be used by those judges controlled and dominated by corporations until it will become an instrument of oppression instead of a means of suppression of wrong doing. In this it may be its own undoing-it may become such a stench in the nostrils of the public that the remedy will be largely circumscribed by legislation.

Such a decision as this in the Gompers case has been sought for years, but in vain, before this. Those seeking it have looked long for the court that would make it. Let us hope that it will be reversed by the supreme court of the land, for that is our only hope of escape from its damning blight upon what we have long cherished as the greatest privilege of American citizenship, for with Cannonism enthroned in the lower house of congress and Aldrich's
supremacy in the upper, the hope of relief by legislation is too forlorn to be considered

Let us pray for relief from our court of last resort. We have long ceased to fight, and almost ceased to agitate, for fear of injury to "beezness."

## WHERE ARE WE DRIFTING?

Time was when this country was considered the refuge of the oppressed of all nations. Political offenders from Europe were welcomed to our shores. Among them came Louis Kossuth, who was received with shouts of welcome by a liberty-loving nation, who voiced their sympathy with the mighty efforts of his race to achieve independence. Before him Kosciusko, who laid down his life for us on the battlefield.

When Greece began her struggle for liberty Webster and Clay delivered many fervent orations in favor of the moral support of this country. That was the time when the struggling and down-trodden were given the sympathy of the nation. If they fled to our shores they found a safe asylum.

London and Paris have their colonies of Russian, Turkish and Persian revolutionists, who in those cities formulate and direct the forces that are endeavoring to turn the governments of their respective countries. The ore safe from the extradition. Those governments would so would endanger the governments of the two comntries,

A few days ago in the city of Los Angeles an educated Mexican was arrested and thrown in jail by the order of the administration at Washington. He languished in jail for several days before bail was furnished by the labor anions. The offense charged is being an anarchist and if proven he will be returned to Mexico to be shot or start ed in one of the vile jails of that country.

The facts of his offense are that he has made speeches in this country criticising the selfish, cruel brutes under the leadership of Diaz who have ruled and oppressed that land for half a century. He also led an American write to Yueatan, the worst hell-hole of earth, Armenia and the Bosphorus not excepted.

No decent man can read the description of conditions in Yucatan as printed in the American Magagzine without wishing to hear the roll of the drum and call of the bugle moving southward. Cuba was bad, but under our very noses is a spot a hundred times worse.

The crimes committed against the Yaquis are almost without parallel in all time. True they are almost exterminated to get slaves to work the plantations of the lust ful, bestial ruling classes,
The military oligarchy is enslaving and deporting all dark people in the country. These are sold by the au-
thorities as cattle. Women are required to mate with
Chinese held in slavery. One can hardly read the account and believe there is a just God who guides the ac tunes and fate of men.
Will De Hara be deported? Perhaps. If he is, what will be done? Nothing. In the seats of Webster and Clay and Sumner, whose eloquent voices were always heard forts if not forcible intervention to right wrongs far less than those being perpetrated in ..Mexico, we have a Gug genheim and a Penrose who seek mining coneessions in Mexico, and a Flint and Perkins, who represent railroads that are asking for privileges.

Of course no sympathy for humanity should endanger the "business interests" of our corporations and railroads. But let us hope that when congress meets again he American people may hear of one member who will have the courage to arise and denounce in unmeasured terms the greatest crime that has been perpetrated on
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