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A DAMAGING DEFENCE.

A contemporary undertakes to apologize for the judge of the juvenile court and his atrocious course in the Knox affair, but makes a very poor case on the side of a very bad cause. First, it declares: "As a judge we believe he has done a great deal of good." But no instance of the "great deal of good" is cited in support of that belief. The evidence is to the contrary. It shows a succession of blunders, exhibitions of anger, sending of children to the reform school without proper cause, and other indications of incompetency that completely discredit the expressed "belief." As to his "influence with boys" outside of his course in court we will not say anything at present, although a great deal might be adduced even on that point which would not be entirely favorable, but it is not germane to the present question.

Our contemporary finds fault with the press here for giving particulars of the case that has caused so much comment, and then proceeds to relate them on its own account, which to say the least is not strikingly consistent. It then goes on to argue in favor of the forced physical examination of the young girl, on the ground that "every State in the Union follows the practice" and that there was "no way in the world to prove the commission of that crime but a physical examination." We deny the statement and dispute the argument. There is no State in the Union where such an outrage as that perpetrated in the Knox case would be tolerated, and if the "physical examination" had shown the unchastity of the victim it would not have proved that the defendant was guilty of the alleged crime.

We have no personal animosity toward the so-called judge who, we believe, has no legal right to the office he holds. We do not know him and have never seen him to our knowledge, but we join in the general opinion that he is unfit for the position he occupies, and think that if he has any of the ordinary susceptibilities of refined humanity and regard for the popular sentiment, he will quietly retire from the place to which he was appointed without due consideration, and make way for some one legally eligible and suited by proper training to fill the position acceptably. The defence put up for him would materially damage his case if it could be made any worse than it now appears.

ANARCHISM NOT SOCIALISM.

During the past few weeks we have received three communications from different points, objecting to the contents of the "News" on the outrageous utterances of Eugene V. Debs, the notorious agitator, concerning the case against the men charged with complicity in the assassination of ex-Governor Steunenberg of Idaho. Our correspondents appear to think that in denouncing the mobocratic outrages of the inflammatory writer, we are "taking the side of capital in the struggle between it and labor." Also that we are opposing Socialism. One writer, who is quite temperate in his remarks and suggestions, says:

"If you want to write on Socialism, why not give the public a fair showing, why not publish some of the other articles contained in the Appeal to Reason, showing the character of the capitalist in general and the mine owners in particular, and especially show up the kind of men such as McParland are who are employing to manufacture evidence against the officials of the Western Federation of Miners."

Well, we did not "want to write on Socialism." We did not attempt to do so, nor did we wish to quote the intemperate and absurd attacks in the paper referred to upon capitalists or upon other persons, who all alleges are endeavoring to "manufacture evidence against the officials of the Western Federation of Miners." That paper assumes, without the slightest thread of real evidence, that the officials of the State of Idaho are in league with certain capitalists in Colorado to hang some innocent persons, because they belong to a labor association. It announces emphatically that the accused men are innocent, without waiting to learn what the evidence is against them.

As to the character of Mr. McParland, we certainly would not take the assertions of the so-called Appeal to Reason, for for some cause always calls him McParland, and have no occasion to "show up" any of the individuals assailed in vulgar terms by Mr. Debs or his organ. All we have attempted to do in this connection has been to caution the working people of the country not to follow the lead of any person or paper that advocates anarchy, sets up mobocracy, and endeavors to incite the multitude to institute a reign of terror, and override the law and the courts, and substitute riot for reason and the noise of the populace for the calm determination of a case at bar in the manner provided by the Constitution of our country.

As to Socialism, we have said nothing in connection with the subject touched upon and here referred to. Indeed it would puzzle a Philadelphia lawyer to define what Socialism is. There are different organizations claim-

ing to be Socialistic, and a number of theories, wild and conflicting, advocated under the name of Socialism. Some of the principles advocated by so-called Socialists are admirable and are believed in by most of the genuine reformers of the times. But others are utterly impracticable, dishonest, oppressive and revolutionary.

We have not attacked Socialism at all, unless our correspondents call the ravings of Debs and his appeals to passion and incitements to revolt against law and order, by the name of Socialism. We certainly are opposed to such inflammatory ravings, but have not regarded them as Socialism in any sense of the term. When we do take up the question on its merits, we shall do so without regard to the rubbish contained in the paper that is engaged simply in arousing an agitation against the best interests of society, and appealing to the worst impulses of the great masses of the laboring people. Our friends who object to our responses to the Debs style of revolutionary appeals, should not endeavor to drag in subjects which we have not touched upon, nor to intimate that we are opposing any principle that tends to promote justice, unity and brotherhood among men. They are off the track and should keep to the point at issue if they want to make objections worthy of discussion.

THE RUSSIAN ASSEMBLY.

The national assembly of Russia has been opened with impressive ceremonies and with every token of festive joy on the part of the people. The presence of an abundance of soldiers and police in every larger street and in the approaches to the Winter palace, however, was well calculated to impress the delegates with the fact that their role is as yet only of secondary importance, as viewed from the throne.

Interest centers in the imperial address opening the congress. The dispatches state that it was "conciliatory." It expresses the wish of the czar that relief be given to the farmers, and so far it must be satisfactory. The Emperor also hopes that the parliament will "co-operate with him in solving the present problems of Russia and in handing down a united and prosperous empire to his successor." That has a rather strange ring for a throne speech.

The czar has evidently not yet advanced very far in democracy. It is to be feared that he, like his famous predecessor, Ivan the Terrible, sees in this assembly only a convenient instrument with which to bolster up his own power. The representatives of the people are only expected to "co-operate" with him in solving the present problems. And the aim in view is the power and glory of his successor. The Queen Regent of Spain committed the blunder of holding on to Cuba to the last, so as to be able to hand an undivided Spain to her precious boy, no matter how many boys of other mothers were sacrificed, and the czar seems to have very nearly similar views. To him his successor looms up as of far more importance than the millions of Russia, who are suffering under the present conditions. The welfare of the people is not the first consideration in the imperial message, as quoted, but the fate of the successor. When Democratic principles are better understood in Russia, we will hear something about the needs and rights of the common people.

It was the custom of Russian rulers in ancient times, to call representative assemblies whenever the state was menaced with dangers from within or without, with which the autocrats were unable to cope singlehanded. But when the same autocrats felt that they were strong enough to pilot the ship alone, the people were not consulted. For nearly two hundred years no Russian parliament has been called. The question now is whether the present czar will merely endeavor to strengthen his own weakened power by the aid of the assembled delegates. But whatever may be the intention of the ruler, the convening of this assembly is the beginning of a new era for Russia.

The make-up of the Duma is itself a signal victory for the people. The efforts of the government agents to intimidate the voters have been atrocious. It is asserted that eighty thousand persons have been arrested and imprisoned, and an additional 10,000 have been exiled to remote parts of Siberia, for exercising their rights of citizenship and working for Constitutional Democratic candidates. In 465 out of about 464 constituencies all public meetings and all election campaigns on behalf of the Constitutional Democratic candidates have been rigidly prohibited. The publication of more than 100 newspapers has been suspended for the duration of the elections, for the offense of supporting Constitutional Democratic candidates. More than one million copies of election manifestos have been confiscated and destroyed by the police. All this, it must be remembered, in spite of the czar's decree introducing freedom of speech and liberal rights of citizenship. And yet, the Duma is overwhelmingly Constitutional Democratic. That proves the determination of the people.

NOT ENTANGLING.

A correspondent of the New York Evening Post outlines a plan for the formation of what may be called an intellectual alliance between this country and Italy. It is patterned after the so-called American-French alliance. It comprises the exchange of popular lectures between this country and Italy; the establishment of Italian professorships in American universities and of American professorships in Italian universities; the establishment in every part of the United States of clubs for the cultivation of Italian literature and art; the exchange of students between Italian and American universities in such wise as would enable a student of either country to pursue courses in the institutions of the other, which, when properly certificated, should be recognized by the faculties at home; and the establishment of an Italian-American literary review, to be printed

chiefly in English, but also partly in Italian.

It is a good plan, and should meet with encouragement. Anything that tends to bring the nations of the earth nearer to each other, is in accord with the spirit of progress that is characteristic of our age and will prevail notwithstanding the opposing influences. Every people has something to learn from other civilized nations, and will benefit by the contact. Italy has much to learn from us, but in exchange that country can enrich us by the results of its long experience and training as manifested in its social structure, its arts and literature.

The earth is getting smaller, metaphorically speaking, every year. Already now, countries on either side of the globe are becoming near neighbors. Each is influenced by the events that shape the fate of the others. We are doubly interested in that which pertains to Italy, because of the great number of Italian immigrants that every year come to this country. Whatever will serve to a more speedy amalgamation of that useful element of our population, should be welcomed and encouraged, and an "alliance" such as that planned, would be a means to that end. It would not be an entangling alliance.

For Turkish troops Tabah is taboo.

The juvenile court commission is in a deep brown study.

The Standard Oil railroad relations are not poor relations.

The future alone can tell what's in the name of Goremykin.

Grapple grappled the Metropolitan Handicap with hoops of steel.

San Francisco's spring clean-up this year will be the greatest in her history.

Hobson says he doesn't want to be President. He couldn't if he wanted to be.

Evidently Mr. Cleveland believes there are many charity schemes that cover a multitude of sins.

Russia has just erected her first great milestone on the road to freedom and constitutional government.

Yale is to have a chair of forestry. The finest timber in the woods should be selected from which to make it.

A German aeronaut offers to cross the Atlantic in a balloon. Before he gets over he is liable to get the double cross.

Mr. Carnegie says there are only five great men in the world. Why doesn't he give us their names in reformed spelling?

E. H. Harriman has great faith in San Francisco. So have all Americans. "A city that is set upon a hill cannot be hid."

General Sikes says he does not see why New York aldermen should be paid a cent for salary. For appearance' sake if nothing else.

Maxim Gorky is resting in Staten Island. Why doesn't he go to Hoboken, that American paradise for Nihilists and Anarchists?

If Congress cannot divorce the railroads from the coal mining business, why not appeal to the South Dakota courts? They are great on divorces.

Dowie and Voliva have reached an agreement for the mutual control of the financial affairs of Zion City. And now what are they going to reach out after?

Had those Massachusetts legislators who say an attempt was made to bribe them been offered a thousand dollars instead of a hundred dollars apiece, would an investigation now have been won?

The non-union bands of Chicago have secured an injunction against the Federation of Musicians of that city, forbidding it to interfere with them. The federation should lose no time in climbing into the non-union band wagon.

Carlton Wilfred Billares, M. P., thinks the only hope for stopping the mad race for huge armaments is an Anglo-American alliance. If that is the only hope it can scarcely be realized so long as that Fawcett Address warning against entangling alliances remains in force.

ON THE EARTHQUAKE.

New York Evening Sun.
One of the points upon which Prof. Davis carefully insists is that the San Francisco earthquake was comparatively light, as earthquakes go. From the accounts that have reached us it is apparent that many of the better buildings stood the shock well, and that the destruction caused immediately by the movements of the earth were not so great as was at first supposed. To describe the coast of California as a dangerous place for human habitation strikes Prof. Davis as absurd. The region, he tells us, is not peculiarly unstable in the Himalaya mountains, for instance, earthquakes of far greater violence have occurred in recent years. The risk of living in such a region is less than in the neighborhood of volcanoes like Vesuvius, less even than in the prairie states where tornadoes are frequent, or coast towns occasionally visited by so-called "tidal" waves. In a word, he sees no reason in the world why San Francisco, with stronger buildings and better precautions against fire, should not rise up again as a great city.

OUR TRIUMPHANT ATHLETES.

New York Sun.
For the fourth time since the Olympic games were revived in 1896 the strong men of the United States have triumphed over the athletes of the rest of the world. The games ended yesterday in the Stadium at Athens and the team that displayed the shield of this nation for an athletic emblem carried off the greater part of the honors. In 1896 at Athens, in 1904 at St. Louis, and in 1906 at Athens once more, the United States has been triumphant. Perhaps it is cause for regret that the United States failed to carry away the trophy for the Marathon run. Anyhow, it fell to a neighbor of ours,

as Herring of the Dominion of Canada was the fastest man over the historic course.

PIE AND DOUGHNUTS.

New York Mail.
Newfangled breakfast foods and old-fashioned American pie and doughnuts met on the forensic battlefield in Congress yesterday, and it must be owned that, so far as oratorical advantage went, pie and doughnuts came out ahead. Representative Mann of Illinois, was the advocate of the breakfast cereals, and Representative Perkins of this State, member for the Rochester district, stepped into the circle as the protagonist of pie and doughnuts. "The founders of our country," Mr. Perkins declared, "lived on pie and doughnuts. They were men. If we follow in their footsteps we may yet accomplish something real good, as they did." Does science stand pat on the Perkins eloquence?

JUST FOR FUN.

Good Security.
Boston Post.
Lieut. Bevan of the Drake described at a dinner in New York an English millionaire.
"This man," he said, "never earned a penny in his life. He never lacked a penny. Yet he is as careful of every shilling as though it was his last."
"I once dined with him, and, as it was raining when I came to go, I hesitated a little while before the umbrella rack in the hall."
"I hate," I said, "to start out in this rain."
"Then I laid my hand on an umbrella."
"I don't like, either," I went on, "to borrow your umbrella."
"The millionaire seized upon my handsome malacca walking stick."
"Oh, take it," he said heartily. "Take it, my dear fellow, and I'll keep this stick as security."

Upper-Ten Child—"My papa is abroad. Is yours?" Lower-Ten Child—"Yes. Mine is at large again."—New York Weekly.

Mess Johnson—"Can you hate to see a woman's hands covered with rings?" Peter Persimmons—"Ah, suitably does. And as soon get hit with brass knuckles!"—Puck.

"This is the time of year," said the suburban citizen, "when I like to get out and dig up the ground." "So do I," answered Mr. Fooling. "That's the reason I am trying to play golf."—Washington Star.

"Why, Willie, what are you crying about?" "Cause I don't get no Saturday holiday like the other children does. Boo-hoo!" "But why don't you get out of school on Saturday?" "Cause I ain't old enough to go to school yet. Boo-hoo-hoo!"—Cleveland Leader.

"That rich Mr. Spooner is the most provoking thing!" He asked me if I was thirty-three. "And what did you say?" "I said, 'Mercy, no!' And he said he didn't think any woman should marry until she was thirty-three." "Gracious! What did you do then?" "I called after him that I was thirty-three my next birthday, but he didn't seem to hear me."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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