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COMMENTS

BY NOREN

Some friend sent me a copy of the San Francisco Star. This paper belongs in a class of which the Chicago Tribune is a conspicuous member.

For many years the Tribune was more or less of a free trade organ between campaigns.

It thus endeared itself to some extent to those who loved freedom. But no sooner had a protection campaign opened than it swung lustily over to the forces of corruption. Not to further protection, Oh No! It found side issues on which to hang an excuse to betray the people. It is so with the San Francisco Star. It thinks real well of Singletax between campaigns. But no sooner is the measure before the people in good earnest, than it bolts headlong into the camp of the anti-singletaxers. It is not a very influential paper and therefore can not do a great deal of harm. It is too old at the game to be really influential. Men instinctively hate a traitor, even those whom the traitor serves. The Star was for freedom, so it said, many years ago. Then came the Boer war and it in its time revealed many a wolf in sheep's clothing. One of the stripped wolves was the Star who elected to defend the tory brigands of England in their job of murdering the Boer republic. The Star's despicable work in this latest Singletax campaign in

California shows that it is the same old wolf.

I have seen a great many of the daily papers of the United States and it is my opinion that the Pittsburgh Press is the most perfect plute organ of them all. Its make-up is purposely designed to satisfy people who have had no time or money to cultivate the refinements of life. It is amazingly successful. It gathers the coin of big business advertisements while pulling the wool over their victims' eyes. If a race of people were given no other reading matter and were compelled to read the Pittsburgh Press they would speedily be reduced to such a state of mental incapacity that any tyrant could subdue them at will.

During a lifetime one meets many things of a repulsive nature; things that testify to the presence of depravity and sin. Yet in the worst cases one is sure to find a trace of beauty or a spark of the power of redemption. But in the Pittsburgh Press I am unable to discover the faintest indication that goodness exists on earth.

I have some very good friends, who do some very funny things that move us all to tears with merriment combined. I have been hoping they would themselves relate their odd experience, but since they won't, I will.

These friends of mine went up to Congress to get the Singletax recognized in the revenue bill. Being generous of mind they also included two of Singletax's step sisters, excess profit tax and the income tax. They printed a circular, put the three side by side on the front page and marched to Congress to fire their three guns:

Excess Profit Tax
Income Tax
Land Value Tax

Congress, recognizing their powerful armament of argument, capitulated—almost. Never was a victory more easily won than the one our friends have to their credit.

Said Congress: "Three things you want. We will concede to you the excess profit tax. That's concession number one. We will also concede to you the income tax. That's concession number two. And now, friends and petitioners we have given you more than we have given to any other body who petitioned us. We have conceded two thirds of what you

asked. Look about you and see what we have done for others. Some we refused to recognize. Some we granted a fifth of what they wanted. To others we have granted a quarter. Yet others a half. But to none save to you, our Singletax petitioners, have we been so liberal as to grant two thirds of what you asked."

Having heard this fair speech our petitioners departed for their homes. And thus was singletax recognized by Congress.

It is to be hoped that Wall Street's press agents in Japan are featuring our Neville Island gun plant, in a manner befitting the largest thing of its kind in the world. If the Japs are keen on having the next largest, they should hurry to Essen and dicker with the German Bolshaviki, who will own the Krupp establishment presently. It will be sold at a bargain, that's a cinch. The Japs could borrow the money in Wall Street to swing the deal. They have been good allies in this war and the Wall Street patriots would show the proper spirit of appreciation.

The desire expressed by President Wilson two years ago, of having the largest navy in the world, seems doomed to disappointment. England's navy is now three times as large as at the outbreak of the war. The race seems to be going hopelessly against us in that respect, unless we get a move on.

Some day people will realize that a limited democracy is no improvement upon a limited monarchy. Both are resting upon a shifting sand and constantly drifting towards one or the other of the ultimates; absolute one man power or unlimited democracy.

In an absolute one man monarchy, power is sometimes really exercised by the one who is supposed to possess it. In a limited democracy it is never exercised by those popularly believed to possess it but by others, who are hid.

This is the reason why it is so hard to effect reform through elected representatives. The representatives become either victims or favorites of those who really possess the power, economic power.

It looks as though those fourteen points were straw men, put up to be knocked down.

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Luke North must be wondering
why he ever switched the Singletax
train on to the war side track.

It seems people love consistency.
That's one explanation for electing the
Republicans who wanted war in the
first place.

If it wasn't for his great friend, Sam.
Gompers, King George would feel
awfully lonely since Tsar Nick has
become a fireman and Kaiser Bill
socially impossible.

I am sure Kaiser Bill will feel grate-
ful towards the National Labor Jour-
nal for falling in with the Wall Street
proposal to have the Allied armies
police Germany. By that means it is
hoped to keep the poor of Germany
from dividing the Kaiser's immense
landed estates. If the poor workers
ever get hold of those estates they will
never be under the necessity of join-
ing a Gompers labor union.

Mexico is quiet because Wall Street
has not yet decided just how and
where to open up hostilities.

All rumors about the bellicose at-
titude of Japan originates in Wall
Street. No Jap was ever aware of it.

Now since they are talking about
policing Europe you would think they
would look to Ireland for a supply of
bluecoats. But they won't; for the
sole and simple reason that conscrip-
tion doesn't work in Ireland.

Here are names of notable anti (?)
militarists who will consent to make
the large temporary army into a
permanent one: President Wilson,
Secretaries, Baker, Daniels and Lane.
McAdoo, Wilson, Houston, Lansing,
Burleson and the other one whose
name I forgot.

The fat pickings English imperial-
ists are accustomed to, is called to
mind by Sir Charles Eliot's appoint-
ment as high commissioner to Siberia.
This lordly pet for whom English la-
bor toil and sweat was once high
commissioner to British East Africa.
He then drew plunder in the guise of
a "salary" of \$20,000 a year. How
much Sir Charles draws as high com-
missioner to Siberia the news dispatch

does not say, but no doubt his "earning" capacity has increased somewhat as he got older. Who is really benefited by the "services" of Sir Charles in Siberia? Surely no plumber, or carpenter or shoemaker in either England or Siberia. Does his "services" add so much as a grain of corn to the world's sum of wealth? If Sir Charles died and nobody was appointed to take his place would any worker be poorer? To ask such questions is to call attention to the fact that Sir Charles is just a human sponge.

We are told England's government is democratic. I suppose its democracy consists in robbing all the workers of all they make and making no exception. And I suppose the distribution of the spoils is effected by some card index system tabulating those worthy to receive it because their hands are clean and their hearts are black. If Sir Charles and his ilk are not put to work to feed and clothe themselves England's terrible sacrifice in this war will have been in vain.

There is a limit to any man's earning capacity, but there is no limit to his capacity to receive ground rent.

Early election returns from California indicate that less than half the voters went to the polls. This seems to apply both to candidates for office and initiative measures. All amendments were defeated including the Singletax amendment. With about half the returns in, it appears that while the Singletax vote took a big drop as compared with its vote two years ago the anti-Singletax vote fell off still more.

The vote is so slow coming in as to indicate it is being tampered with, but if the percentage of the first half reported is maintained, the Singletax will this year have received about 37 out of each 100 votes cast as against 31 two years ago.

Will the Bolsheviks in Russia never learn that their government has been overthrown in New York?

What kind of an "All-Russian" assembly is that at Omsk, clamoring for American assistance to conquer Russia?

The National Labor Journal said it would be necessary for the Americans to police Germany to save that country from the revolution. Maybe the American boys over there will have something to say about that. Too bad that Gompers and his Pittsburgh messengers at the labor (?) temple weren't born in time to offer their services to George III. They might have defeated Washington and stopped the American revolution.

Someone should tell Lenine that if he would only organize the Czar's bonds and pay them, Wall Street would call him a statesman and Fifth Ave. would treat him as a social lion. At most people's door opportunity knocks but once. Wall street has kept opportunity at Lenine's house for a year and yet he heeds it not. He must be stone deaf to money talk. Imagine Rockefeller getting such a chance as that and not listening!

If some adventurers got possession of Hoboken they would naturally need a little assistance before they could conquer the rest of the United States. That seems to be the predicament of that "All-Russian" assembly at Omsk.

I see the Universal Military Training rats are making statistics favorable to their own method of destroying freedom, on the fact that the boys in camp who were well enough to drill didn't take influenza until they got sick.

Unless police duty in Russia on a large scale becomes imperative, it will be absolutely necessary to clean up Mexico.

Can't the National InSecurity League do something about the peaceful attitude of Japan? It is positively maddening.

Our military friends propose to punish China for minding her own business. That will be somewhat easier than it was to punish the Kaiser for not minding his.

The New York Times calls Swagar Sherley's defeat for re-election to Congress "A Public Misfortune." It won-

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ders why the Democrats of the Louisville, Kentucky, "district deserted a statesman who is an honor to it and to Congress." I looked up this statesman's right to the Times' warm approval. The Searchlight on Congress says: "Machine member; able reactionary." Home is a good place for Swagar Sherley, even if Wall street's kept papers must be disappointed.

When the Paris-London-New York bankers talk about the disbanded armies doing police duty in Russia, they are not thinking of policemen; they are thinking of collectors. It seems that Czar Nick put one over on them before he went home to his fathers.

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Aren't our boys in Vladivostock and Archangel a little too far from home?

It was well Ford was defeated for the Senate. The American people could really not afford to let a man of the caliber of Henry Ford lend respectability to that body. It is better to let Penrose's and Knox's fill it. Any movement of real benefit to that part of the human race living in the United States will spring from the masses who toil, and it can be neither seriously promoted or retarded by anything done, or left undone, by the United States Senate. A real live man who wishes his fellowmen well could not afford to waste his time there.

If the Senate and House were consolidated into one body, it would still be a useless and expensive body.

All laws should originate with petition from the people and voted upon by the people. Any law not worthy of that much attention is not worth passing. I do not believe there was ever any use for a representative legislative body. But if there was its usefulness is long past. Yet one horrible example does not suffice, we must have two. The people of Michigan acted wisely. They will not miss Newberry. They can well spare him to demonstrate the folly of maintaining a public body that should have been abolished a hundred years ago and that really never had any excuse for ever being established.

Ford's desire to be a Senator shows that human frailties inheres in the best men. It also illustrates the wisdom of democracy, in that the majority of the voters of Michigan would not let a man of Ford's size waste six years going through the antics necessary to be a part of a human windmill.

Such voters as acted from purely political motives had good reasons for not voting for Ford. President Wilson had been elected as a Democrat. And yet he has on all large issues acted contrary to the will of the people as expressed at that election. He has at no time tried to ascertain the people's will before acting. He hesitated not to call "wilfull" men who took the trouble to ascertain their constituent's will, and to vote accordingly.

Could men dissatisfied with such a policy consistently vote for Ford who promised to stand by the President?

Regardless of how meritorious Ford's claim to election might be otherwise the fact that he would support the President whose acts they disapproved, made it necessary to vote against Ford.

Anyone who thinks this election gave endorsement to the old Republican party policies, like the protective tariff swindle, is mistaken. The voters at this election merely took away power from those who had been elected as Democrats and had "wilfully" and repeatedly violated democratic principles.

The Probe at one dollar a year is a rather high-priced sheet. One can get ever so much more paper for that much invested in a daily. But the high price does not give me a swelled head. It is not a safe guide as to a paper's importance. Some sheets the size of the Probe, that give only news of horse races, sell for twenty-five cents a copy.

If you dislike to talk Singletax to your stubborn acquaintances, send them the Probe for a year. It will start them worrying about it.

It is hard to be a saint to a cheat. And when you tell a protectionist that the tariff is a swindle it doesn't make him feel good. But sooner or later he will begin to feel a little uneasy about being a protectionist. Secretly he hates to think that anybody should find him in company for which they hold such contempt. The Probe is not a painless instrument.

All our present governments are headed toward Bolshevism, but the politicians want to tarry on the road so long as possible, where the pickings are good for themselves.

There are many public men and many large employers of labor who are radical Singletaxers in private, strictly private. They nurse their knowledge much as a drunken man nurses his bottle, but they are not as liberal.

Many rich Singletaxers extended their business by a liberal use of money, but they think they can spread the Singletax by starving it.

Many a man was so in earnest about saving the world that he neglected his own business. That kind, we starve while living, and build monuments to, after they are dead.

To make the elections safe for Democracy the postmaster of Chicago held up the Socialist campaign papers and only let them go through after election. Will the president fire the postmaster? He will not!

Bolshevism is nothing to be afraid of. It aims sincerely to establish majority rule in all things.

At first it will succeed, too. For how long no one can tell. No matter how badly it turns out to be, if indeed it be bad, it will be better than the unjust minority rule to which all peo-

ples have been subject heretofore.

It is a question of how long democratic control will suffice to overcome the weakness inherent in collectivism.

People who speak of Bolshevism being corrupt are merely giving vent to their own ill will. It may fall to pieces through inability to direct all the divers affairs of men that it undertakes to direct, and from this cause it may fail quickly.

If it survives this, its first trial, and it is to be hoped it may, it will have shown, not what it could do but, what a lot of useless things it could undo.

If it succeeds at all it will rid the world of armies and navies and the expensive legislative machinery of which the people have lost control anyhow.

Singletaxers can well laugh at the white hysteria against Bolshevism, for it is nothing but fear of losing the spoils of wholesale robbery. We can all help the Bolsheviki lick the plutes and reduce them to ordinary dairy lunch-counter size.

Bolshevism or extreme Socialism is after all a passing phase. It is the end of a long road that in wisdom or folly man chose to travel.

Singletaxers have a clearly defined line drawn between the necessary and unnecessary acts of the public body or State, but no other group of people recognize this line.

Failure to recognize the line that marks the limit of common affairs, and overstepping it, leaves no logical stopping place short of an all-inclusive collectivist State. In an all-inclusive collectivist State there can of course be no room for a free man in the sense we understand the term free. But because mankind is ever careless of its rights, there will be plenty room for strong unscrupulous characters abusing their power. That such characters will then, as now, get the offices, is certain. But however good or however bad the elected managers may be, the inevitable break up of the collectivist State will not be on a question of merit. It is doomed because, like our present half-way state, it violates the fundamental law or rather the natural "right" of every man to do whatsoever he wills. However long it may seem, as measured in years, any "scheme" that violates this fundamental right is only temporary.

After the President had sent so many young radicals to Europe he was naturally licked in the congressional elections by the old Tories at home. And then there were not a few Democrats who thought more of George Washington's advice on European entanglements than of Wilson's.

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