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RAIL AND STEEL



An Anti-American Duet
The Golden Rule Upside Down
Who Killed Father

OR

How Did Uncle Sam Live As
Long As He Has?



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Mr. Howard Elliott in a scientific way tells about "Sixty Millions of people in the United States who are directly interested in the successful operation of the railroads—forty-one million of these being vitally interested in the successful operation of the Railroad."

The railroads of the United States are operating under a liberal government, thus leaving the successful and efficient operation entirely up to the railroad management, whose real power lies in the freedom accorded, and the abuse of which, operates against the "Peace and dignity of the nation" part of the time, and all of the time against the "General welfare of the people."

Better railroad service will not be had until the gingerbread tactics are eliminated from railroad operation, and the leach-string of Wall Street is severed with railroad management, and railroad presidents are allowed to give their attention to the operation of the railroad, and cease to operate in the capacity of a broker who compiles such data as shows the railroads financial grasp on the country, rather than efficient service rendered and practical improvements to date.

IN THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE WE READ—"ALL MEN ARE CREATED EQUAL, THAT THEY ARE ENDOWED BY THEIR CREATOR WITH CERTAIN INALIENABLE RIGHTS, THAT AMONG THESE ARE LIFE, LIBERTY, AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS" a portion of that two per cent of our people who own sixty-five per cent of the wealth, appear to find happiness in no other livelihood than seeking the other thirty-five per cent of the whole; and the people do not know when the next New Haven or Frisco fiasco will blend with its vital effect upon them.

WE READ FURTHER

“THAT TO SECURE THESE RIGHTS GOVERNMENTS ARE INSTITUTED AMONG MEN.”

In the way of variety and that we may not put all the rollers under one mahogany, or pull from the ties all the loose spikes at this time with our teeth, Mr. Carnegie's Company, in pursuit of happiness, sold defective gun forgings to the Government, and was found guilty of fraud, and “damages of \$600,000.00 was assessed against his Company; in further pursuit of his happiness and that he might retain same, it was compromised upon payment of \$140,000.00 although defective gun forgings cost the lives of 147 men and maimed 102 for life in nine years.”

WE READ FURTHER

“THAT WHENEVER ANY FORM OF GOVERNMENT BECOMES DESTRUCTIVE OF THESE ENDS, IT IS THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE TO ALTER OR ABOLISH IT.”

In further pursuit of this end, the war trust offers modern equipment and latest improvement abroad.

WE READ FURTHER

“THAT JUST POWERS ARE DERIVED FROM THE CONSENT OF THE GOVERNED;”

—NOW—

Are the creatures who operate these interests governed? It appears not; in which event it appears they are without a government, and without a country.

Out of deception and false patriotism arise the agonies of a nation.

Mr. Elliott says with a single exception of agriculture, there are more people interested in railroads than in any other single industry. How about the Clothing Industry? How about the Shoe & Boot Industry? Are not all the Boys interested in Red Topped Boots? How about the Hat Industry? And how about the Mining Industry which had to be developed before the railroads could be made a factor in our commercial life, or before the farmer could get his horse shod. The "Miner is the real Pioneer of civilization."

Does Mr. Elliott know there are people in the Fifth State in the Union who have reached three score and ten who never saw one of those dangerous railroad crossings or a train of cars? Yet prominent citizens of the county in which they lived.

May the field of tillage gain in favor over prestidigitation, and bring to the fold this army next in numbers, that it might behold a Glitter in reality -- the nourishing water that be-dews the green fields of life.

Numerous are the industries upon which the railroads are dependent; the railroads are a necessity in time of war, in time of peace their toll is heavy.

And while we are not all interested in the welfare of the railroads, we are all interested in the happiness of a free and liberal government; and it is through management only that we can hope to alleviate this great number of Forty Millions of our people, whose crimson dye and vitality shall serve, the "Trust" that claims them.

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