

and rejuvenated, the pedestal is fast approaching completion. Wall and Lombard blocks street comprise the elements of its essence and the time set for unveiling awaits the action of the grand old party whip. Sweet William Earl of Canton, assisted by Lord Hanna, governor general of the subjugated states of America will offer incense to the idol, and to her most gracious majesty Victoria, White Elephant, Queen of Great Britain and Ireland, Emperatrice of India, and other titles too numerous to mention. The music of course to be in harmony with the occasion, "God save the Queen." There is always hope for the man who can be taught what a fool he has been by one mistake, but nothing can make people go blind any quicker than by filling their eyes with gold dust. The greatest menace to individual and to true popular government that confronts us today is the concentration and accumulation of wealth in the hands of a few. Wealth is power. As to its political effects it may be said perhaps with too much truth that the legislative body at a capitol of our nation no longer represents the masses of our people but are pliant minions in the hands of the corporations that furnish the funds at the poles necessary for their election. Who controls our average congressmen? The money sharks and stock gamblers, the ring, the syndicate and the trust. Their vocation comes merely to be a piracy within the pale of the law. They stand in the lobby halls of our national capitols ready and willing like Esau of old to sell their birth right for a mess of pottage. Then again in our elections when the majority for the victorious party is not large the cry raised by the defeated minority is bribery and fraud and the ballot box, palladium of our liberties taints of political corruption and dishonor. What are the products of monopolies? echo answers, national dishonor, social disorder and industrial stagnation. They dominate all channels of activity, corrupt judges, control governments and legislators. They are despotic in spirit, tyrannical in method, openly hostile to liberty and free institutions and threatening menaces to the