

persuits of happiness and equality and equal opportunities under the law. The citizens who want the senate to accept the arbitration treaty with England, forget the history of this country and the teachings of early American statesmen, and the horrible policy that is surrounding this republic with British fortifications. In spite of the trap of the arbitration treaty England is still our enemy, she is most to be feared by us when presenting to us a contract binding us for five years a plausible contract skillfully drawn by her ablest lawyers and most skillful diplomats.

The treaty of arbitration as originally presented to the senate for ratification was a document inimical to the integrity, the interest and the honor of the United States. When laxity and rigorism in civil government have reached their uttermost extremes of abuse, they lead directly and certainly to the great social evils called anarchy and tyranny. Anarchy is a state of lawlessness in which the multitude is ruled by no authority, the public welfare is not effectually defended by any law and the worst social disorders are not repressed. Failure to enforce laws necessary for governing the country may sometimes arise from false conception and wrong application of clemency, by which justice is not only mitigated but its essence is destroyed. It may proceed in other cases from weakness of character in persons having either legislative or executive power. But in commonwealths and free governments a more ordinary and far more dangerous course for failure of the law is venality in the officers of government, for when the ministers of public authority are seduced by bribes and are thus made openly to circumvent the laws, their example will gradually but surely destroy that truth and justice among the people without which no form of government can long peacefully endure. Then public authority will favor the rich as evinent today, the laws like spider webs will hold the weak but the strong will break through them. If the masses of the people be poor and wretched while the wealth of the land has accumulated in the hands of a few,