

appeared in Harper's Magazine in the '90's, and which will be long remembered by those who appreciate spiritual analysis.

—That both Russia and Great Britain are crowding Persia and persist in denying her the simplest sovereign rights, is the complaint of W. Morgan Shuster, the American Treasurer-General of Persia. In replying to Mr. Shuster the London Times denies that Persia is independent, asserting that Great Britain and Russia exercise a control over that ancient nationality akin to that exercised by guardians over a minor. At the present moment though the ex-Shah and his hastily collected tribesmen have been overcome, the Persian government is struggling with a change of cabinet, Russia threatens to occupy two provinces of the North, and two regiments of Indian troops have been landed by the British at a southern port, nominally to guard British consulates in the south. [See current volume, page 1004.]

PRESS OPINIONS

The World-Movement for Democracy.

The Chicago Tribune (Rep.), Nov. 2.—In the future, when the political phenomena of this generation can be seen clearly, it is probable that the age will be conspicuous for its wonderful democratic movement. It will be remarkable not only because of the progress made by popular government but because of the general and sudden breakdown of autocracy. It is apparent even now that the old order has no stability and no strength. It has crumbled almost at the first attack, as if nothing but the shell were there; as if invisible or hidden forces had been at work on its vitals. Only in Russia has an autocracy maintained itself against a popular movement, and even there a policy of concession and compromise has been needed to preserve it. It has been almost as if the nations were responding with sudden enthusiasm to a fiery evangel of freedom. . . . The dust hardly settles on the ruins of one autocracy before the crack of another is heard. They have fallen like the walls of Jericho at the sound of the horn. The old order has not had the power to resist. Revolutionists have not been compelled to carry on long, uncertain, and desperate war to accomplish their ends. Absolutism, tyranny, and autocracy have been discovered to be without substance—to be mere shells with no body. . . . That so many nations in so few years have found liberalism and democracy so strong and successful and the old order so ineffective and weak indicates the progress of a world movement as remarkable as any of recorded history. Its effects can be observed even in the most democratic of countries. The revolutionizing of political methods in the United States and of governmental methods in Great Britain illustrates it—the demand for Direct Primaries, for the direct election of United States Senators, for the Referendum and the Initiative here, and the elimination of the House of Lords as an irresponsible and unresponsive legislative body there. To the historian who will survey this world movement for political freedom in the perspective

of time it may seem as remarkable a phenomenon as the crusades, as remarkable as the Renaissance, as remarkable as the great Fifteenth and Sixteenth century movement of exploration and conquest, and as the liberal movement of the latter part of the Eighteenth century.

RELATED THINGS

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OUR HEROES.

For The Public.

I wish I could write a great poem
That would set all hearts aglow
For the grandest cause and the greatest work
That mortals here can know:
The wiping out of Injustice,
That fiend that throttles and gags,
Making millionaires of some people
While others walk in rags—
Aye! flaunting their wealth ill-gotten
In the face of the starving throng
Till Justice cries out in anguish,
"How long, oh Lord, how long?"
How long shall the wicked triumph,
And the seats of the mighty stand?
Till Greed the hideous monster,
Despoiling our glorious land,
And the Special Privilege vampire
And all that go in its train
Shall be met, and fought, and vanquished
Till each and all are slain.
When thinking of heroes of battles
Think of our heroes dead;
They stand as great examples—
Our leader and those he led;
Not dead but only sleeping,
And when their Judge they see—
"What ye did for the least of my children,
Ye did it as unto Me."
O, Brothers, lift up your banners,
And in golden letters forge,
"We fight in the name of Justice,
In the name of Henry George."

ANNE W. RUST.

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THE UNITED LABOR PARTY.

Recollections, Twenty-five Years Afterward, of the
Political Party Out of Which Socialism and the
Singletax Came Into American Politics.

Written by Louis F. Post, for
The Public.

Third Part.

1. The Socialist Labor Party Within the United Labor Party.

As I explained in the Second Part of these recollections,* all thought about the Socialist element in the George campaign of 1886, and for a

*See The Public, current volume, page 1151.