

paper's noted opposition to their schemes for dominating the state. If the culprits are ever caught and examined it will likely turn out that they were merely hired tools who had nothing to do with revenge; if they had, it would have been on the person of their enemy that the blow would have fallen, not on a score of innocent people.

At whose door will the dastardly deed, then, be laid? What section of our Social system will be held responsible for bringing about such conditions?

These are some of the questions that will have to be answered ere long by some competent authority.

The vast amount of literature that has been produced and circulated of late years regarding Socialism, renders it all but impossible for the average reader or the busy man of affairs to keep pace with all that is transpiring from day to day in regard to its activity and extension in this country. It has been my aim to collect and arrange such information as will, at the least expense in time, enable the reader to meet and refute the stereotyped phrases, platitudes and general stock in trade; arguments of the Socialist organizer, or of Socialized international leaders.

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NOTE.—After the reference to the Los Angeles tragedy was in type I received a letter from Mr. H. G. Otis, president and manager of The Times, in which he says:

"You mention only obliquely what the deed actually was. It was the crime of the century and if mentioned at all should be spoken of in plain specific terms without squeemishness or obliquity."

Most readers will remember the published details of the tragedy of The Times building being blown up in the middle of the night, in October last, whereby the lives of twenty innocent people were sacrificed to gratify a devilish spirit of revenge for The Times' opposition to the Socialist and Trades and Labor Unions' combination schemes on the Pacific coast.

The verdict of the coroner's jury leaves not the possibility of a doubt as to the cause of the explosion. It was deliberately planned and executed and is, as Mr. Otis truly says, "the crime of the century."