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Chicago, May 23. — "Strawberry Shorty, Scranton, Pa." held high a cocktail glass in a banquet hall of the Windsor-Clifton last night and pledged the "Rocky Mountain Lemon." Near by "Bum Mitt Casey" vowed eternal hobo friendship to "Slim and Fat, the Traveling Twins." Around them, at other tables through the banquet hall, drank and ate 120 more prominent representatives of the "soldiers of misfortune"—the men whom the wanderlust has called to the life of the tramp. From the lodging-houses, the barrel-houses and the gutters gathered the guests, who were banqueted by the Brotherhood Welfare Association, just organized, which intends to find work for every man applying to it, be he hobo or ex-convict. The dinner was arranged to bring the tramps together and let them know of the existence of the association. And tramps attended—all sizes, ages and degrees. "Happy the Baby" was there—who just began his career as a hobo. There, too, was "Fred the Bum," who has been tramping forty years. Assemblage is Unique. Experts pronounced the assemblage the most representative gathering of tramps ever congregated on Chicago, outside a lodging-house or saloon. There were men there who have beaten their way in almost every country of the globe.

There were thieves, who told in speeches at the dinner of their thiev-ery, and ex-convicts, who made post-prandial remarks about their penitentiary experiences and explained how hobodom is the only field open to an ex-convict. There were men who told how they had tried to get work and failed, and there were men who told how they had never worked and didn't want to begin. But between them all—old and young, fat and lean, would-be workers and intentional shirkers—there was one bond in common. They were all tramps. It was a banquet sacred to the free-masonry of hobodom. The hobos made no preparation for the affair. They came just as they were when the invitation reached them, on sidewalk or in barrel-house. Come in Rags and Tatters. They came in blue shirts with collars, and in pink shirts without. They came in rags and they congregated in tatters. They came sober and they came drunk. And they all got the same warm welcome from Dr. Ben L. Reisman, the founder of the Welfare Association, and his assistants. The banquet, beyond the garb of the guests, was a formal affair. There was a printed menu card and a printed list of toasts. The tramps themselves supplied most of the speeches. They entertained one another with songs with recitations—some of original tramp verses—and with stories. Cock-tails and beer, cigars and cigarettes, aided the forward tramping of merriment. Matters were started by a prayer. "Amen!" said the hobos. The twelve waitresses entered. Each bore a tray. Cocktails were on them. In enticing groups of glasses. "Hooray!" pronounced hobodom. Then followed soup. The business of eating was on. Later, beer—in long glasses, and lots of them—held the center of the tables. When cigar and cigarette smoke be-

gan to rise, Toastmaster John H. Drake, in a dress suit, and who declared he used to be a tramp himself—arose, too. "Order," he said. "I want to make an announcement from Washington. Fat, known to all 'boas. He was to have been toastmaster, but he inter-viewed the police, and has left for St. Louis under a freight car. So I'll sub-stitute. The programme will now be-gin moving." Fourteen-Carat Misery. The tramps cheered, clinking beer glasses together in approbation. They cheered louder yet when "Gloomy Gus" was introduced to speak to the topic, "Fourteen-Carat Misery." With a broad smile showing above a collarless shirt, Gloomy spoke in this wise: "I can't get no work. They told me to wash windows, but I ain't able to hang five stories above the sidewalks on the end of a rope—am I, now?" "Of course, you ain't," thundered the chorus. "Well, there you are. Here's the dope as I see it: I'll work if I can. If I can't work, I'll beg." "If I can't get no money by begging why I'll—I'll—"

ISSUE AT HAGUE DRAGO DOCTRINE

Hints at Chances of War in Col-
lecting Debts From
Nations.

Washington, May 23. — We have heard a good deal about the Drago doctrine lately, and are likely to hear more in the future, because it is to be taken up at the approaching conference at The Hague, where the delegates from the United States are expected to of-fer it as a topic for discussion. It will, therefore, be interesting to know who Drago is and what is his doctrine. Luis M. Drago is a brilliant young lawyer of the Argentine Republic, who was minister of foreign affairs in that country in 1902, at the time when Great Britain, Germany and Italy at-tempted to collect certain claims of their citizens by forcible means from the Government of Venezuela. On Dec. 23 of that year Senator Drago sent a note to Mr. Garcia Merou, Argentine minister at Washington, which at-tracted a great deal of attention when it was published shortly after. Copies of this note were sent to all of the American republics and to the Euro-pean powers. Although the principles enunciated were not new and had been discussed for a century or more, they were so forcibly and so concisely ex-pressed that they have since been al-luded to as "the Drago doctrine," in which is very much broader. Senator Calvo was also an Argentine jurist who died at an advanced age about two years ago. He was Argen-tine minister to Germany, France and other countries; he was a voluminous writer upon international law and his commentaries, which fill several vol-umes, have been translated into sev-eral languages and are regarded as high authority among civilized nations. Senator Calvo takes the broad ground that no government has the right to use force to compel the payment of financial obligations. He condenses his theories in the following para-graph: "According to strict international right the recovery of debts does not justify de plano the armed interven-tion of governments; and, since Euro-pean states invariably follow this rule in their reciprocal relations, there is no reason why they should not also impose it upon themselves in their re-lations with nations of the new world." That, in short, is the Calvo doctrine. The Drago doctrine is not so broad and forbids the use of force to collect debts resulting from contracts, con-cessions, loans, etc. He argues that the capitalist who loans money to a government always takes into account the resources of a country, the securi-ty offered and its ability to pay. He goes to the business with his eyes open; he charges a heavy premium for the risks he assumes, and therefore has no right to complain or to appeal

to force in case the debtor is unable to pay or refuses to do so. In support of his contention Senor Drago quotes Alexander Hamilton, as follows: "Contracts between a nation and private individuals are obligatory, ac-cording to the conscience of the sov-ereign, and may not be the object of compelling force." He also appeals to the eleventh amendment to the con-stitution of the United States, which pro-vides that "The judicial power of the United States shall not be construed to extend to any suit in law or equity commenced or prosecuted against one of the United States by citizens of an-other state, or by citizens or by sub-jects of any foreign state." Senor Drago admitted that the pay-ment of its public debts, the amount of which may be determined by the tri-bunals of the country involved or by international arbitration, is absolutely binding upon a nation, but maintained that the debtor nation has a right to choose the manner and the time of payment since its national credit and national honor are involved. First-class Pianos to rent by the month or evening, from \$2 up, per month, and six months' rent applied on purchase price. Heintzman & Co., 217 Dundas, corner Clarence. 23-1f

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