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A Protest.

To the Editor of The Recorder.

Sir:—How can anyone who has the best interests of his country at heart fail to lodge a protest against the so-called "federal industrial commission," in its weak submission to the vagaries of its belligerent chairman, a belligerency more noted than ever within the last few days. When our honored president placed in power one whom he supposed ready to make an effort to distinguish between the right and wrong of questions that come up in the course of the commission's work, he could not have known that this chairman was a partisan of such violent type, that he hated wealth and all who owned property, and that he had formed an opinion beforehand, and was unable for this reason to see an inch beyond his nose, except under his own limitations, and in the direction of his own prejudgments, and was so blind that he seems to think the myopia exists in the eyes of others!

Well, it may be that our president did not know this at the time, but he has passed through a whole century of thought and action since, and may see with clearer vision, that if such things are permitted to be done in our own country, such injustice to all men of means, that they have to flee the country, it may require as strong and deep a protest as the one he has just sent to a belligerent nation from a neutral, for sooner or later there will be no men of wealth to carry on the material burdens of the United States government. Why should they remain in a land which renders abuse for every benefit bestowed?

The following thought is from the London Spectator: "Paradoxical as it may seem, the real economic hope of even the worker is in a greatly increased accumulation of capital. Capital, more capital, and yet more capital, should be the watchword. Instead of capital being the enemy, it is the friend. Instead of the worker wishing to see capital destroyed, it should be built up and increased." True words.

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