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EDITORIAL

LOUD CALLS FOR RIOT.

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JEROME, the “intrepid terror of corruption,” crawls and admits he can not proceed against the Ice Trust, all its rascalities notwithstanding.

The Ohio Attorney General “is forced” to let the Standard Oil criminals slip through his hands.

Paul Morton, ex-Cabinet officer, is promoted to a fat job and post of trust on the Insurance Companies immediately after he is exposed as violator of the law in the matter of rebates.

The State of Indiana stands or lies impotent to prosecute Taggart, despite his open violation of the anti-gambling laws in the French Lick.

Mayer, the Attorney General of the State of New York decides that election frauds become sacred matter, not to be looked into, once the fraudulently returned candidate has been seated.

The railroad rates act is found to be so full of holes that the railroad capitalists can drive a coach-and-four through it, with the consent and applause of their Government.

The gas companies have been ordered by law in New York to charge no more than 80 cents. The law is “hung up.”

The New York City grand jury declines to indict the thieving Insurance officers on the ground that if it did indict them it would have to indict “the leading officers of the leading financial institutions of the city and State.”

At Vincennes, Ind., two workingmen were killed and twenty others injured by the explosion of a boiler at the paper mills. The boiler was unfit for use and was kept in use in violation of the factory laws. But the lives of workingmen are cheaper than new boilers. So long as the boiler could hold together it was kept in operation to grind out dividends though the dividends were clotted with human gore.

At Greeley Center, Neb., the Burlington railroad applies the torch to two carloads of incriminating documents, thus covering a series of crimes with another crime—arson to obliterate fraud.

In Chattanooga, Tenn.—Sheriff J.T. Shipp is “counted in” and returned triumphantly elected on the strength of his record in favor of lynching.

The Poughkeepsie wreck of the New York Central, killing several people and injuring many more—a regulation happening on the road that furnishes Duchess Consuelo Vanderbilt with champagne and pate-de-fois-gras—is allowed to go unpunished and is hushed up by the capitalist press.

Despite the Court decision to the contrary, the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company insists upon charging two fares, and ordered its special constables to KILL any passenger who refuses to pay the double fare. Obedient to the order a girl is dumped into the canal and is drowned.

August Gillhaus, an organizer for the Socialist Labor Party, is summarily deported from the Cripple Creek District of Colorado and his property confiscated without process of law, and in defiance of Constitutional rights.

And all along Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone continue to languish in jail deprived of a speedy trial and of being confronted with their accusers, while these are carrying on the trial in their absence in the columns of the capitalist press.

These be loud calls for riot—for riot by the capitalist class; for riot to supplement capitalist economic plunder. Who but the class-consciously organized Working Class is there to quell the riot?

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