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“ORIGINAL ACCUMULATION.”

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IT would be a great comfort for the capitalist gentry, whom civilization is driving to run amuck, if the news from Chicago, concerning the indictment of the President of the Jury Commission and two others for conspiring to so manipulate the selection of Grand Jurors as to block the indictment of criminals, were to be looked upon as a mere outbreak of “political graft.” The Chicago affair is vastly more significant.

The gathering of “Original Accumulation” is the starting step of an advanced stage in Class Rule. The act has received the praises of the troubadours of feudal days, as “deeds of heroism,” and it is the theme of the sycophantic bards of the bourgeois, besides being the object of the admiration of the official professors of capitalist rule, as prowesses of “cleverness.” The Chicago affair helps to place the matter and its evolution in the right light.

“Original Accumulation” means “Original Plunder.” With the feudal lord, the plundering consisted in, arms in hand, thrusting the possessor out of his possession. With the bourgeois, the progress is also one of plunder, but by different methods. The goody-good, such as Carl Schurz, have criticized Marx for saying that Capital is born reeking with slime and blood from head to foot. Marx put it mildly.

The feudal lord displayed bravery in the acquisition of his “Original Accumulation.” The bourgeois may spill blood in the gathering of his “Original Accumulation,” but then it is the blood-spilling by the sneak. The leading bourgeois method is fraud. Witness the Chicago affair.

How could a Commissioner of Jurors “get there,” unless with capitalist support? How could he find his account in jury-picking unless his capitalist masters found their account in his doing so? Why should these find their account in such proceedings if they needed not to cover up their tracks? Finally, why should they

need to cover up their tracks if the open ways of their feudal predecessors, and not the slimy-secret ways of fraud were theirs? The question need but be asked to stand answered.

The Chicago affair is nothing exceptional to Chicago. The revelations made by the now ex-Police Commissioner of New York, Gen. Bingham, concerning the way in which criminals, ready to commit any crime for a couple of dollars, are shielded by powerful interests in this city, together with similar revelations from all the pace-setting centers of population, tell the same tale. The performance is general.

“Original Accumulation,” a product of valorous rowdyism under feudalism, degenerates, under capitalism, in cowardly fraud and crime.

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