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EDITORIAL

A Long-Needed Reform in Sight.

Originally a fair sample of nonsensical legislation, the Clayton Anti-trust bill has been changed by amendment into one of the wisest and most meritorious measures to come before this Congress. One amendment forbids the unreasonable classification of labor organizations and other unprivileged associations as trusts subject to prosecution under the Sherman law. Another amendment strikes a blow at government by injunction. It forbids enjoining by courts of peaceable and lawful acts usually authorized by labor organizations in the carrying on of strikes. It also provides for jury trials in cases of indirect contempt. The passage of the bill in this shape by the House marks another step toward real freedom. The long fight against judicial tyranny is at last bearing fruit. The enactment of this bill, as amended, into law will be one of the fine achievements of the present administration.

S. D.



A Recommendation to Help Privilege.

A strange inability to understand a simple question is betrayed by the Senate committee which recommended reference to arbitration of the Panama Tolls question. Evidently the majority of this committee wants to encourage the false view, that the question is one of treaty rights only. Much dust has, it is true, been stirred up over treaty rights. There has been a lot of demagoguery displayed, and contemptible appeals made to international prejudice in order to defeat the repeal. But the essential point is not any treaty with a foreign nation but the plain fact that the toll exemption is a disguised subsidy to certain ship owners. With this matter foreign treaties have nothing whatever to do. The arbitration proposition dodges the issue. It must be classed as a scheme to stir up more dust and to hide the predatory nature of the exemption. The Senators recommending it are working in behalf of Privilege. S. D.