

demolished; they have been fired upon, maimed, wounded, killed. Last Tuesday as the final outrage their tents have been set afire, and men, women, and children have been shot and burned to death. And the man who controls those coal fields presumes to justify those crimes against humanity by avowing that his purpose is to preserve individual liberty! The expression, individual liberty, is such bitter mockery in the coal fields of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company—such cruel satire when the only means by which they can maintain personal rights is denied them.



Another Hallucination Gone.

Record-Herald (Chicago), April 28.—Perhaps it is worth noticing that the Japanese-Mexican alliance has been lost just when it should have been found. What has become of "honest Japanese schoolboy" who was taking photographs of our military insides? What has become of the menacing Japanese fleets that were ready to destroy us? What has become of all the twaddle by which it was sought to persuade us that Japan was plotting with Mexico for our downfall? Since this wretchedly cheap stuff could be used now only as an exhibition of old and very dirty rags it is left in the junkshop. But if there are any intelligent people who have been deceived by the Japanese-Mexican alliance it is to be hoped that they are reflecting on the complete eclipse of "honest Japanese schoolboy" and the menacing fleets.



What the "Better Class" Wants.

Reedy's Mirror (St. Louis), April 17.—Dean C. Worcester, formerly Secretary of the Interior for the Philippines, and the author of two big and interesting volumes, "The Philippines, Past and Present" . . . is much perturbed. He says that the Wilson policy of giving the Filipinos a chance at self-government is going to prove a failure. The civil service there is going to smash. "The better class of Filipinos do not want self-government." Certainly not. The better class of people everywhere don't want anything other than what they've got; they've got everything good there is in the status quo. "The Filipinos who have large holdings are turning them into silver and burying it." Somebody must buy these holdings, and therefore have faith in the stability of government. "The better class of Filipinos would rather have the United States give them a form of good government than to have the country in the hands of a few politicians and professional revolutionists." This is the talk of a politician who has been ousted. And no professional revolutionists have been appointed to office under Governor General Harrison. "White men with ability are being replaced right and left by natives." The inference is that there are no natives with ability. There are natives of the Philippines more scholarly than Dean Worcester. Dean Worcester talks like a man who has at heart the interests of the corporations that have been exploiting the Philippines and Filipinos under Republican rule. His two big books are a special plea for Tory Democracy, privileged Democracy in the islands and his general attitude is like

that of his assertion that slavery flourishes in the islands, when the social and economic status he refers to is nothing but a system of indenture established there hundreds of years before the Yankees appeared.



Objectionable Philanthropy.

Reedy's Mirror (St. Louis), April 24.—Mr. Henry Ford, the motor man, . . . is a true philanthropist. . . . His workmen are finding out that Mr. Ford wants more than their work and time. They must live in houses to suit him. They must not take in boarders if they are married. If they are boarders they must be good boarders. They must keep good hours. They must not double up to save money. Of course they must not be "gay." They must live as Mr. Ford or his inspectors want them to live in every respect. He won't have anything going on in anybody's home that he doesn't approve of. If he finds anything wrong, they lose their jobs. Now, Mr. Ford means well. . . . But it is highly doubtful if he will gain his ends. For people who work for a man, sell him their labor. They do not sell him their liberty, their very souls. . . . They will want to live their own lives in their own way, not in Mr. Ford's way, good as the latter may seem. They will for the most part probably prefer more freedom even at lesser pay, to high pay and restricted liberty. And the trouble with philanthropists is just this: that they want to be good to us if we will be good in their particular and peculiar way. Mr. Ford's employes may like his wage scale, but they won't like it if it involves their submission to a system of snooping and spying and the methods of the social inquisition. . . . Oh, yes, Mr. Ford is a philanthropist of the purest water. That is to say he is a sort of velvet-gloved tyrant.



Going Ahead Backwards.

Daily News and Leader (London), April 6.—Two more German editors have now been sent to a fortress for injury to the Crown Prince's honor, which seems to be a plant of such sickly growth that it cannot be discussed in public; that is to say, while the plea that the trial should be conducted entirely in camera was rejected, the incriminating letter "from a sentimental school girl of high birth" was not allowed to shock the ears of the public. There have been few more outwardly remarkable and perhaps more inwardly significant changes during the Kaiser's reign than the increased liberty of the German Press. For the last few years—especially immediately after the publication of the famous "interview" in the "Daily Telegraph," the Socialist Press has been publishing with entire impunity cartoons which would have brought down on it instant and very severe reprisals a very few years earlier. The Crown Prince seems to have reverted to the earlier and worse tradition in its silliest and most offensive form. If he wished to attract the notice of the world in general to the well-merited ridicule of his own foolishness, he could scarcely have adopted a more successful expedient than this campaign of petty persecution. Doubtless he will grow wiser as he grows older; but it seems unnecessary