

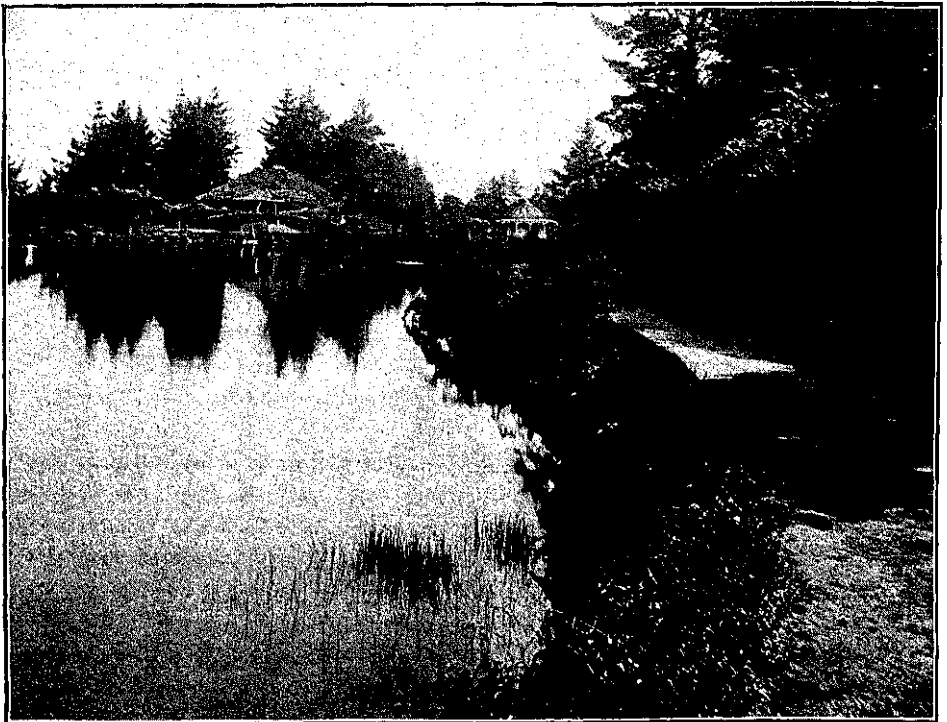
feeling of distrust and antagonism with which the working classes regard the growth of these great monopolies on the other side of the Pacific, or the fear and dread of other countries that these vultures will likewise build and breed there too.

Added to this indictment, their known control of the legislature and their frequent debasing of the judicature, and the case against gigantic accumulations of wealth in the hands of the few is complete.

Yet, as I have already stated, the Trust is inevitable: it is the ripe corn in the field of competition. It threatens us with political and economic serfdom. But of what use is repressive legislation against the rising torrent of inevitability? When a city is in

flames, fire must be fought with fire, and monopoly must be conquered by monopoly. Just as politically it was found that the cure for the tyranny of the few lay in the common sense of the many, so, economically, it will be found that the Trust can be made subservient to the community by belonging to the community. The problem before us is the problem of the democracy against absolutism; of the people against irresponsible masters; of "wealth against the commonwealth."

Financial consolidation can lead but to one goal—co-operation, the nationalization of industry, or it leads to a wilderness of human suffering and woe, dark with humanity's tears, denized by the spectres of hatred and revenge.



Cottier, photo.