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## CLEAR THE DECKS!

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**T**HIS must stop, or the country will soon be burning like a tinder box. Here is Representative De Armond of Missouri indulging in such firebrandism as this:

“Why not raise over in the Philippines, instead of seeking in other lands, the necessary quantum of barons and dukes and counts and other titled bipeds? By choice I say ‘raise’ when I might say ‘rear.’ Now, this would be a domestic industry against which, it seems to me, there ought to be no objection. There would be no trouble in negotiating with our home-made dukes, as with our plant established in the Philippines for turning out hombres with titles, we could fix our own schedules and ourselves determine what we shall pay for the privilege of exporting, in this instance to the Philippines, such of our daughters as we desire to part with, accompanied by a right handsome dot in the way of consideration for a title of nobility of some grade or another thus brought into the family.”

Can such tearing down of the reputation of our millionaire “saviors of the family” and their precious daughters, these modern Vestal Virgins, be tolerated?

But there is worse. Here is Representative James of Kentucky flinging this incandescent bomb right into the sanctum of capitalism:

“These fortunes have grown with such rapidity and to such an abnormal size that they are called by the President himself ‘swollen fortunes,’ though, perhaps, he might have more appropriately said **STOLEN FORTUNES.**”

If this is not the limit what is? No; it is not yet the limit. Just listen to Senator La Follette:

“Eight men rule the nation!”

Firebrandism can go no further. Besides, it is impudent. It appropriates the

Treasury funds, needed by the bankers, and spends it in printing such utterances in the official record of Congress!

This must stop.

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