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Fencing in the Earth.

In the Springfield, Mass., Republican, Moses Lyman tells, from investigation on the ground and interviews with lawyers, editors and citizens, the following story of fact concerning the treatment of Oliver Lamora by William Rockefeller. The story speaks for itself and needs no comment:

52,000 acres in Franklin county, New servants, employees and all other per-York, around the once prosperous little sons going with or under his instruc-village of Brandon. It is mostly wild tions, directions or request, be and each land from which the timber has been of them hereby is enjoyned and restrainstripped, the stumps, rocks and brush ed, during the pendency of this action remaining. He wanted Brandon, in order and until further action of this court, to round out his domain; so from time to time he has bought out the little plaintiff's said lands." homes of the village folks, torn down the buildings and burned up the rubbish, not even allowing those who asked for the old material to make firewood to take it away. Nothing was given and no favors were granted. He closed the streets as fast as he got rid of the houses, posted notices there and over his miles of territory that this was a private park, and warned the public not

to fish, hunt or trespass on his domain. Old Oliver Lamora, a civil war veterefused to sell his home. He caught trout, too, in the St. Regis River, state water, running through Rockefeller's lands, stocked with fish by the State of New York, and this added to the indignation of the baron. He keeps not only a force of workmen, but a band of guards, armed with Winchester rifles, who patrol the property and drive off men, women and children who have the boldness to set foot thereon. In one of his suits it was testified under oath by one of his employees that these guards one of his employees that these guards kept the public off as far as they were able to do so. They have driven Lamora away for fishing in the St. Regis river along the trails or roads that have been used by the public for a generation. Women and children found picking wild berries among the rocks and stumps have been cuffed away and their berries spilled on the ground. He has closed roads wherever he chose, and when citizens remonstrated, and declared it was zens remonstrated, and declared it was without right, his henchmen have replied: "Well, prove it, and let your lawyers get them opened again."

SYSTEMATIC PERSECUTION.

He sued Lamora for catching trout, and the jury found him not guilty. Rocinstructed the jury to find a verdict for vision of the products. a fine of \$25 for each violation, and there were three claimed; yet this jury gave Rockefeller damages of only six cants each, eighteen cents in all; but that

the poor veteran. Friends and neighbors, knowing that Lamora had done no wrong, and respecting him, and having intense and loyal sympathy in his brave fight against oppressive autocratic pow-er, subscribed from 25 cents to \$5 each to help him meet the unjust expenses heaped upon him. His lawyers served him without a cent of charge; and I am able to say that somebody offered them a tempting sum of money to desert the case, and leave the veteran without counsel or legal help. Word reached Lamora from the master of the wilder-ness that he had better get out of Bran-don or Rockefeller would "law him out." Lamora remained, and raised the price of his village home from \$1,500 to \$5,000, and the lord of the manor proceeded to make good his threat.

A RICH MAN'S GOVERNMENT.

He had induced his friend, the late Postmaster-General Payne, to close the post-office at Brandon, and have all the mail matter for the citizens thereabouts go to a little post-office at Bay Pond, three miler inside his private park, where his summer cottage is and where his dozen or so employees dwell. The citizens served at the Brandon post-office protested, and 75 signed a petition for the re-opening of that post-office. It went to Washington and was pigeonholed; the plutocrat and his little band of hired men were the most influential, and people outside the sacred domain had to tramp to Rockefeller's Bay Pond post-office to get their mail or do without it; though by going there they vio-lated his warning and became trespass-ers. A fine condition in this "land of the free "-a United States post-office three miles inside a private park to which citizens have access not by right, but by the grace of one William Rockefeller.

Lamora draws a pension from the United States government; and when this plutocrat found that he was "up against" a poor but defiant veteran, he again turned to the courts and found aid in them. Last January he secured an injunction against Lamora, by what kind of affidavits I will not say; but here is its sweeping command: "Ordered, that the defendant, Oliver Lamora, and each William Rockefeller has an estate of and every one of his associates, agents, from in any manner entering upon the

STARVATION BY INJUNCTION.

This was the plutocrat's victory, and it holds good to-day. Lamora cannot go or send for his mail, including his pension cheque, lest he be in contempt of court and liable to prompt imprisonment. This would get him out of Brandon, and this the Rockefeller gang has hoped for; but so far the veteran is out of jail. Last week I was informed by a friend of his that his own resources and those of his neighbors were about exhausted; he has ran, poor, friendless and independent, had no mail since January 4th, and unless he could get his pension, on which he depends mostly for a living, it would soon be "over the hills to the poorhouse."

I have here, as briefly as possible, shown how one hounds a poor old veteran who has done no wrong." The feudal system seems to have planted itself in Franklin county, New York, pretty successfully.

Helping Socialism.

It was the subservience of the courts of Russia to the nobility that did more than any other thing to make the people see the real character of the ruling class. And the same is now coming true in this country. People are fast losing all respect for the courts, for they decide always with the rich and the oppressors. It is a common thing to hear men say that courts are all right for the rich, but that a poor man has no show, no matter how good the case. The courts of Russia helped the revolutionists, and the courts of the United States are helping Socialism .- Appeal to Reason.

If all labor were directed into proper kefeller appealed, and four times the case went against him. Finally a judge in the appellate division of the court giving work to all and an equitable division of the court giving work to all an equitable division of the court giving work to all an equitable division of the court giving work to all an equitable division of the court giving work to all an equitable division of the court giving work to all an equitable division of the court giving work to all an equitable division of the court giving work to all an equitable division of the court giving work to all an equitable division of the court giving work to all an equitable division of the court giving work to all an equitable division of the court giving work to all an equitable division of the court giving work to all an equitable division of the court giving work to all an equitable division of the court giving work to all an equitable division of the court giving work to

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