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EDITORIAL

A POSTSCRIPT.

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A LITTLE over two months ago *The People* addressed an open letter to the Hon. GEORGE VON L. MEYER, Postmaster-General,¹ calling his attention—seeing he had started in to shut off from the mails Anarchist publications advocating murder, fire and blows—to three capitalist sheets that were doing that very thing, the Goldfield (Nev.) *Gossip*; the Hibbing (Minn.) *Mesaba Ore*; and the New York *Globe*. In this postscript the attention of the Postmaster-General is called to a fourth murder-preaching capitalist paper that freely circulates through the mail.

In the open letter above mentioned the names of the murder-preaching capitalist papers, the exact language they used, and the exact date of the respective issues were all respectfully submitted to the Postmaster-General. The same course is taken with this postscript.

The name of the paper is the Seattle *Daily Times*; the date of its issue is the 9th day of this month; the language it used—?

A man named Chester Thompson killed a Judge by the name of Emory in Seattle. The circumstances of the killing are given in detail in the paper. They certainly were atrocious. Thompson was tried in Tacoma on the ground that he could not get a fair trial in Seattle. Upon the testimony of a lot of “alleged expert medical men,” Thompson, who seems to be wealthy and influential, was acquitted by “reason of insanity.” He was thereupon consigned to an asylum for the insane. Within a year’s time Thompson was again brought before the Court with the prayer to be set free on the ground that he had recovered and was again a sane man. No objections were raised by the District Attorney; the jury accepted the testimony of the medical experts; Thompson was set free; and he announced his intention of

¹ [“An Open Letter to George L. Meyer, Postmaster General.” *Daily People*, April 5, 1908—R.B.]

returning to Seattle.

Thereupon, on June 9th, the Seattle *Daily Times* said:

“We don’t know whether Judge Emory has any real, live, burning friends in Seattle or not—but if he has, and that murderer Thompson shows his head in Seattle and LIVES TWENTY-FOUR HOURS, the friends of Emory will be denounced as cowards.”

The attention of the Postmaster-General is urgently called to this truly murder-preaching Anarchist publication.

Enjoying, as the Postmaster-General does, intimate official relations with no less a limb of “Law and Order” than Attorney-General Bonaparte, it is certain the Postmaster-General will not lack for statutes under which to prevent the Seattle *Daily Times* from spreading its Anarchistic tenets with the aid of the mail.

Zealous as the Postmaster-General is in suppressing crime-inciting publications, there should be no doubt that he will stir his stumps to prevent the Department which he graces from acting as a conduit for the circulation of murder-inciting sheets.

Perish the thought that so watchful an official objects to Anarchy only when it gores his ox, but winks at the deary when it gores other folks’ oxen!

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