

stroyed? With a clearer vision than many of our people, a leading London paper deploras the fact that this government has definitely abandoned the ideals set up by the founders of this republic, and it characterizes the new policy as "a curious outcome of one hundred and twenty years of triumphant democracy." It is no longer the shadow of imperialism that darkens the horizon. Imperialism is here. Names are nothing. We may continue to go through the form of electing a

president and congress, and flatter ourselves that in the people resides the power. The overthrow of the Roman republic came not when Caesar crossed the Rubicon and assumed the imperial purple, but when Rome embarked on a policy of conquest and ruled subject peoples by arbitrary power. Lincoln said that this nation could not exist half slave and half free. Neither can a republic exist part citizen and part subject.

The Fourth of July has had a glorious significance. The Declaration of Independence has been a continuous protest against despotism, and has voiced the hope of humanity for final deliverance from the thralldom of arbitrary power. How shall we answer it to the generations to come if we now abandon our glorious inheritance bequeathed to us from the fathers, for the sake of joining in the ignoble scramble of the nations for the waste places of the earth?

How to Catch Mosquitoes.

"But few persons know it, but it is a fact nevertheless, that a mosquito can be caught without any sort of trouble," said a gentleman who has always manifested a deep concern in anopholes, culex, and all the other winged pests belonging to the tribe. "It is the easiest thing in the world to do, and while the discovery may not solve the whole mosquito problem, and may have no particular bearing on the dissemination of germs by these flying peddlers, it will certainly console the fellow who lives in the mosquito belt to know that he can catch anopholes, culex or any of the others, just for the trying. Two things are absolutely necessary in order to make the capture. The mosquito must be allowed to light on one's body. Then he must be allowed to unsheath his labium, and begin his boring for oil, blood or whatever his appetite may crave. When the mosquito gets into this position he is absolutely at the mercy of the fellow whose corpules he is seeking to rifle. One may make a prisoner of the mosquito without stirring a

hand or moving a muscle. How? Simply quit breathing. Sit still and hold your breath. The mosquito, with all the force of his wings and legs could not break away from the spot where he had sunk his beak, and the only remaining thing to do would be to slip one's fingers up under his wings, get a good, firm grip on his back and then swat him in the head, or slay him in some other way. The method is very simple when we come to think of it. While we breathe, of course, the pores of the skin are kept open, if the body is in a normal condition. This condition, of course, is of great aid to the mosquito, although his lance is probably keen enough for him to break into a corpule without this assistance. When we stop breathing the pores close, the hole in which the mosquito has shoved its beak contracts, and it is impossible for him to break away. Simple, isn't it? Try it. It will work like a charm if you go about it in the right way, and besides it is good sport, even if one does have to give enough of one's blood for a mosquito's meal." —New Orleans Times-Democrat.

American Business Methods.

"When I come to London," said a leading American man of business, "I find your bankers and merchants stroll into their offices between 10 and 11 in the morning. I am at my desk at 7," said he, "and by noon I have completed fifty transactions by telephone." Telegrams, in fact, are no longer up to date in the United States, and few busy men ever use a pen except to sign their names. They do not even dictate their letters. They speak into a phonograph and have their message typewritten from the instrument. Life in the States is one perpetual whirl of telephones, telesems, phonographs, electric bells, motors, lifts and automatic instruments. To me such a life would not be worth living, and the mere sight of it is incompatible with continuous thought. But business seems to be done in that way. And I did not learn that the percentage of

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