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MR. BRYAN'S LETTERS

Mr. Bryan took passage on the Pacific Mail
steamship Manchuria, which sailed from San
Francisco September 27.

He will go to Japan via Honolulu. After a
few weeks in Japan he will proceed to China, the
Philippine Islands, India, Australia, New Zea-
land, Egypt, Palestine, Greece, Turkey, Italy,
Spain, Switzerland, Germany, France, Norway,
Sweden, Denmark, Russia, Holland and the Brit-
ish Isles.

The trip will occupy about one year, and the
readers of The Commoner will be able to follow
Mr. Bryan from the letters which will be pub-
lished in The Commoner from time to time.

Speaking of the Loomis-Bowen controversy,
the asphalt trust has not said a word lately.

Now that it is no longer "headquarters of the
nation" perhaps Oyster Bay will emulate the
clam.

The Washington Post says that Secretary
Shaw is airing his presidential boom. Hot air-
ing it, of course?

It is a mighty mean man who begrudges Mr
Thomas W. Lawson the nice little vindication
he is now wearing.

Hall Caine says he is not going to write a
book about American millionaires. That is good
news as far as it goes.

The press humorists will meet in Philadel-
phia next year. By that time "Boss" Durham
may be able to see the point.

Senator Foraker's ideas about rate making
were doubtless formed while assisting in draw-
ing up some republican tariff schedules.

There is no need to worry about those con-
victed Chicago packers not having enough money
left to purchase their winter supply of coal.

President McCall "thanks God" he did, and
a few men applaud him. Other men have been
sent to jail for misappropriating trust money.

Mr. McCall's solicitude for the widow and
orphans is truly "touching," whether the word
"touching" is used in its best or in its worst
sense.

It will be noted that Mr. Loomis is not the
first eminent gentleman connected with the pres-
ent administration who retired upon his vindic-
ation.

"Put your thoughts on the higher things of
life," says Mr. Rockefeller. Yes, and let Mr.
Rockefeller secure all the oil holes punched in
the lower.

President McCall declares he is not a million-
aire. Perhaps some determined defender of
"honour" is spending Mr. McCall's money unhe-
known to him.

The Argentine Republic has decided to adopt
a high protective tariff, and the decision has re-
sulted in making very angry a lot of American
manufacturers who insist on being protected to

the limit. The advocate of a high protective
tariff who exhibits incipient signs of consistency
lays his claims of being a protectionist open to
suspicion.

The Sioux City Journal says that "Mr. Mc-
Call must be credited with convictions." Yes, of
their kind. But there is one kind that has not
been rendered yet.

Mr. Taft is quite sure the Filipinos will not
be ready for independence for a generation. But
is Mr. Taft quite sure that we will have swiped
all they have by that time?

A lot of big corporations might find it pos-
sible to save a lot of money by merely obeying
the laws for a year or two, but it would be hard
on the professional lobbyists.

Mr. Hamilton denies that he spent that \$100,-
000 of New York Life insurance company money
to influence legislators. Perhaps he influenced
them before he got the money.

A lot of eminent financiers who were going
to prove Thomas W. Lawson a "vile prevarica-
tor," are entirely too busy defending their own
characters to attend to it just now.

Administration organs are bragging loudly
about the amount of money deposited in the
banks. But are idle freight cars in a railroad
terminal a sign of rushing business?

The gentlemen who were so wonderfully con-
siderate of the "widows and orphans" in No-
vember, 1896, seem to have lost all interest in
them before December of the same year.

The only ones who are surprised at the revel-
ations of corrupt use of trust funds to influence
elections are the gentlemen who so used them.
They had expected to keep it dark forever.

Senator Platt says he wants to die in the
harness, meaning that he will remain active in
business in politics. The senator has some ex-
press business in politics, it will be remembered.

Is it not a mistake to say that those Chicago
packers paid their fines? Would it not be better
to say that they advanced the money, pending
collection from the consumers of dressed meats?

A wire tapping gang in New York City re-
cently stole \$75,000 worth of electricity. We
may now expect one of the gang's leaders to
get up and "thank God" that he stood up for
the national honor in 1896.

There is no sentiment in the hearts of the
gentlemen in charge of the postoffice department;

"Tailholt"
Not
Carrollton

neither is there any music in
their souls. With owlsh wis-
dom and due disregard of pub-
lic feeling they have declared
"Tailholt" to be lacking in
euphony, therefore the postoffice of Tailholt, Ind.,
is no more. In its place we are to have Carroll-
ton. In the name of all lovers of real poetry,
The Commoner protests. When James Whitcomb
Riley wrote "The Little Town o' Tailholt" he
made that village famous, and he added to the
gaiety of nations. And now to have the sordid,
unpoetic, prosaic and unsentimental postoffice au-
thorities wipe the village from the map is too
much

Mr. Bowen's chief offense seems to have
been that he had the temerity to disclose the
shortcomings of a gentleman
who had secured the confidence
of the president. According to
the attitude of a majority of
the republican organs, Mr.

Where
Bowen Was
Wrong

Bowen should have remained silent and not made
public the actions of a republic official, because
that meant discrediting the president and the
party. This is the characteristic republican
view. President Roosevelt has not only been un-
fortunate in the selection of some of his friends,
but he has been doubly unfortunate in rushing
to their defense in spite of the manifest truth
of severe charges made against them.

Mr. Lawson is going to call a great conven-
tion of policyholders in life insurance companies,
and declares that before he gets
through with his disclosures
there will be from 100 to 150
big insurance men serving
from eight to fifty years in the
penitentiaries of the country. And people are
not pooh-poohing Mr. Lawson's assertion like

Lawson
Has a Huge
Scheme

they did a year ago. They couldn't believe he
was telling the truth when he started his story
of "Frenzied Finance" but the broadest assertions
that Mr. Lawson made about the methods of the
eminent financiers were narrow when compared
with the facts that have since developed. It
is probable that the eminent financiers them-
selves will hardly care to engage in any contro-
versy with Mr. Lawson at this stage of the
game.

Newspapers that have never given any par-
ticular thought to the matter of providing amuse-
ments for the thousands of
children in the tenements and
sweatshops of the great cities
are just now wonderfully in-
terested in providing amuse-

Home
Before All
Else

ments for the men engaged upon the Panama can-
nal. There are thousands of workingmen in
America who are barred from all healthy amuse-
ments by reason of onerous conditions forced
upon them. Why not give them some attention?
Factories and mines are full of little children
whose lives are being ruined. Why not some
show of newspaper interest in their welfare?
While we are building hotels and providing
amusements for the canal workers, why not do
a little in that line for the hundreds of thousands
of workers right here at home?

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