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### MR. BRYAN'S LETTERS

The first of Mr. Bryan's letters from abroad will appear in The Commoner about the middle of January and will be continued from week to week. These letters will embrace reports of his experiences in Japan, China, the Philippine Islands, India, Egypt, Palestine, Greece, Turkey, Italy, Spain, Switzerland, Germany, France, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Russia, Holland and the British Isles. The trip will occupy about one year.

Mr. McCurdy is out—but not so much as the policyholders.

The "leave to print" fraud should be abolished by congress.

If the vodka makers of Russia should go on strike it might help some.

Mr. Hughes also seems to be an expert in the science of mnemonics.

The "big stick" feature of the message is compressed into a willow twig space.

The year's football fatalities look like an account of a modern railroad wreck.

The exposure of the insurance grafters will go down in history as the "Haul of Fame."

Argument about a lockless canal may well wait until we are assured of a graftless canal.

President Roosevelt proposes, but Messrs. Elkins, Aldrich and Foraker expect to attend to the disposing.

Missouri's insurance commissioner is now proceeding to show Mr. McCall in the most approved Missouri manner.

Mr. McCall may take it in three steps if he so desires, but he would do well to step lively and prevent a shoving.

Platt and Depew still represent New York in the senate of the United States, but is New York really proud of it?

As Senator Elkins has not yet perfected his rate bill the senate does not know what it will do on that important matter.

Mr. Whitney of Massachusetts is convinced that he knows of one case wherein the president did not give a "square deal."

Mr. Carnegie continues to talk about the blessings of poverty, but he shows no desire for a share of the blessings.

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman has been summoned to form a cabinet for Great Britain. This should be a fine opportunity for some ambitious railway rebate fixer of the United Kingdom.

Several influential administration organs are paving the way for some nasty revelations concerning the campaign funds of their party. They

are trying to prepare the public mind—or dull the public conscience.

The steel trust has bought a lot of Mexican iron mines, and this is the first inkling that the tariff schedules on ores may be revised down a bit.

The trouble about "reformed football" will be that it will not attract those who dislike football, and will repel those who like the present style of game.

Samuel Untermyer says that industrial combinations have reached their limit. What he means is that the patience of the people has reached the limit.

If Mr. Eckles lands Mr. McCurdy's late job, and if Mr. Lawson gets enough proxies—under such circumstances the circus season will be double discounted.

The New York World insists that Mr. Jerome give the names of the "unfit judges." Is the World prepared to issue a 36-page supplement devoted wholly to one subject?

Mr. McCall says he does not believe that the policyholders in the New York Life want him to resign. Let him resign and then wait for the demands for his re-election.

All the wealth of advice about "do it early," has not had the effect of hurrying up a single Christmas shopper. But it has helped to fill space in the editorial columns.

It is reported that if Oklahoma and Indian Territory are admitted as one state one of the

senators will be a full-blood Creek Indian. This would not be entirely out of place, considering some of the black records and blue prospects of certain other senators.

Senator Patterson is a wealthy man, but it is doubtful if he has enough ready cash to pay for the contempt he feels for the supreme court that fined him.

The Kansas woman who seized a passenger coach and defied the officers of the law only served to recall to the public mind the fact that others have seized whole railroads and defied the entire public.

The Kansas City Journal says that Korea is assured a restoration of self-government when she gets powerful enough to lick Japan. We presume that the Journal is in favor of granting self-government to the Filipinos—under similar conditions.

Chairman Armstrong of the insurance investigation committee seems to lack both finesse and knowledge of character.

### Honesty is the Rule

He intimates that any other man similarly situated would have committed the same acts as those charged against the insurance officials. According to Chairman Armstrong men are only honest when they have no opportunity to profit by wrongdoing. Of course he is wrong. A majority of men—and a vast majority, too—are honest because they abhor dishonesty. They love right for right's sake. To believe that this is not true would be to admit that the world is growing worse instead of better, and that belief would take all the joy out of living.

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