

TALMAGE'S SERMON.

BANNERS HOISTED FOR GOD, SUNDAY'S SUBJECT.

From the Following Text: "In the Name of God We Will Set Up the Banner of Truth and Righteousness and Not of Avarice and Riches."—Psalm 20:5.



HATE war! In my boyhood we may have read the biography of Alexander or of some revolutionary hero until our young heart beat high and we wished we had been born over a hundred years ago, just for the glory of striking down a Hessian.

For rusty swords hung up on the rafters and bullets cut out of log houses in which they were lodged during the great strife we had unbounded admiration, or on some public day, clothed in our grandfather's soldierly accoutrements, we felt as grave as Garibaldi or Miltiades. We were wiser now, for we make a vast distinction between the poetry and the prose of war.

Again, it was the custom in ancient times, for the purpose of gathering armies, to lift an ensign on the top of some high hill, so that all who saw it would feel impelled to rally around it. In more modern times the same plan has been employed for the gathering of an army.

But there is now on the earth a kingdom which has set itself up for conflicts without number. In its march it tramples no grain fields, it sacks no cities, it impoverishes no treasuries, it fills no hospitals, it bereaves no families.

Every army has its ensigns. Long before the time when David wrote the text they were in use. The hosts of Israel displayed them. The tribe of Benjamin carried a flag with the inscription of a wolf.

There are non-professors who have a very correct idea of what Christians ought to be. You have seen members of the church who were as proud as Ahab and lied as badly as Ananias, and who were as foul hypocrites as Judas.

There are men now, as in Christ's time, possessed of seven devils. In some instances it seems as though at conversion only six of those evil spirits were cast out, while there remains still one in the heart, the devil of avarice, the devil of lust, or the devil of pride.

The church makes no assault upon the world. I do not believe that God ever made a better world than this. It is magnificent in its ruins. Let us stop talking so much against the world. God pronounced it very good at the beginning. Though a wandering child of God, I see in it yet the Great Father's lineaments.

Through his chariot wheels And bore him to his throne; Then swept their golden harps and sang, The glorious work is done.

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BETTER FOR SILVER.

REPUBLICAN PARTY WILL STAND BY THE METAL.

Interesting Views of European Bimetallists—Steady Growth of Sentiment in Favor of Action—The Only Hope of Silver.

(Washington Letter.) Friends of Bimetallism here are greatly encouraged by the activity of the republicans in favor of an international conference. The resolution authorizing President McKinley to appoint delegates to such a conference and to call it if necessary is being pressed for action in the house, and it is believed will pass that body before adjournment.

These statements which are of very recent production are especially interesting because they present a view of the situation in Europe as affected by the recent elections in the United States. It is evident from the statements of these three distinguished international bimetallists of Europe that there is a consensus of opinion among the friends of bimetallism in that part of the world that the result of the late election in the United States was decidedly advantageous to the prospects of international bimetallism.

There is a serious division apparent in the ranks of the People's party over the proposition made by some of the more advanced members of the organization to abandon the silver issue, which shipwrecked its hopes in the last campaign.

There were unmistakable signs of the decadence of the silver idea before the result of the election which showed an overwhelming popular sentiment against it. If the campaign of education resulted in nothing else, it at least made it apparent that there would be nothing gained by putting the nation upon a lower standard than those commercial nations with which the American people must do business, and there would be much lost.

The condition of agriculture in England has long been of a nature so disastrous, both to land-owners and leaseholders, as to produce among them a state of chronic discontent. Recently, however, affairs have gone from bad to worse and at the present time they are in a condition so hopeless that Lord Salisbury is reported to have declined to receive a deputation of farmers on the expressed ground that he knew of his own knowledge all they had to complain of, but could see no way of remedying the evils.

For Minister to Hawaii.

WASHINGTON, March 13.—It is understood that Mr. Irving B. Dudley of San Diego, Cal., is the choice of the California delegation for minister to Hawaii, and that his appointment has been practically agreed upon by President McKinley.

Mother McKinley Returns to Canton. WASHINGTON, March 13.—After a week's stay at the White House, Mother McKinley and Miss Helen McKinley, the President's sister, left the city last night for their home in Canton, Ohio. Captain Heistand escorted them.

RELIEF FOR MR. M'KINLEY.

The President Able to Do Some Work—The Cabinet Meeting. WASHINGTON, March 13.—As this was a cabinet day there was quiet about the White House during the forenoon, and for the first time the President was able to devote himself to the accumulation of routine business, the signing of papers, etc.

FOUR AMBASSADORSHIPS.

Hay Going to England, Porter to France, Merriam to Germany, Draper to Italy. WASHINGTON, March 13.—President McKinley's nominations of the four ambassadors, which have been anxiously awaited for some days, are likely to be sent to the Senate next Tuesday, and there is strong probability that the list will be as follows:

A General's Son Sent to Prison. LOS ANGELES, March 13.—Allen L. Alford, son of General Alford of Texas, has been convicted of forgery and sentenced to two years' imprisonment.

Telegraph and Telephone Taxation. TOPEKA, Kan., March 13.—The senate to-day passed the house bill providing for the assessment and taxation of telephone and telegraph companies.

Mr. Sherman's Confidential Clerk. WASHINGTON, March 13.—Secretary of State Sherman has appointed William B. Gaitre of Marietta, Ohio, as his confidential clerk. It has been filled heretofore by the detail of a civil service clerk. Mr. Gaitre was associated with President McKinley while he was governor of Ohio.

New Age of Consent Law. JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., March 13.—The Senate passed the House bill raising the age of consent to 21 years. The bill will go to the governor to-day, and will, it is said, be promptly signed by him.

IOWA PATENT OFFICE REPORT. DES MOINES, March 11.—Master Paul James, of Des Moines, has been granted a copyright for an amusing publication entitled "Paul James's Card Game and Instructions." E. W. K. asks: "Can a person patent a machine for making wire fence and sell county rights to use the machine and then invent and patent another machine for making the same kind of a fence and sell the right to the second patent to make the same fence in the same territory?" Answer: Improvements are always in order, and it has been said "The room for improvement is the largest room in the world." A person may invent and patent two distinct machines for making the same kind of a fence, and lawfully sell the right for each in the same place to different persons, so each purchaser has the right to make the fence in the same territory, provided there is no patent on the fence, or, if patented, each has bought a right to make such fence. Valuable information about obtaining, valuing and selling patents sent free to any address.

LIVE STOCK AND PRODUCE MARKET. Quotations From New York, Chicago, St. Louis, Omaha and Elsewhere.

Table with columns for Market, Price, and Quantity. Includes items like Butter, Eggs, Turkeys, etc.

NO REMEDY FOR FARMERS.

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