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Supremacy.

During the past ten years, under a constructive Republican policy, the United States has assumed a position In the Pacific Ocean which is destined to give her the bulk of the vast commerce of the countries situated on the greatest body of water on the globe.

Some of the things accomplished by the party of enlightened freedom and patriotism have been: The securing of the open door in China; the preservation of the integrity of the Chinese Empire; the acquisition of the Philippines; the establishment of coaling stations across the Pacific and finally the transfer of the American fleet of battleships from the Atlantic to the Pacific to modestly remind the Oriental nations that, having assumed the position of a world power in the Pacific, we are prepared to maintain it against all comers.

America and Japan in Pacific.

Two wars have caused the whole world to realize that the Pacific Ocean is to be the scene of the greatest human activities in the future. The war of the United States with Spain gave us possessions which bring us within speaking distance of Asia, and the Russo-Japanese war revealed Japan to the world as a powerful and progressive nation, whose future sphere of action would of necessity be within the boundaries of the ocean separating America from the Orient.

Taft a Constructive Statesman.

The Honorable William H. Taft has been one of the chief advisers and strongest advocates of the Republican administration policy during this formative and historic period. He has been a ploneer, not only along the lines of statecraft, which have had for their object the development of our western states, but he has given particular attention to the situation in the Orient with reference to the future commerce between those far away countries and the Pacific coast of America.

In his own inimitable way and uniting a unique personality with the highest authority as a diplomat, he poured oil on the troubled waters in Japan and changed the political storm there raging, into a placid sunshine of peace. In China he created such enthusiasm as the Orientals have never shown to any other visitor and left that empire with the belief on their part that the United States is not only ready to enter into commercial reciprocity, but to still stand as China's friend and lend

its influence to see that she gets justice from those who would violate her territorial integrity.

Taft and Oriental Trade.

In his Shanghai speech, addressing a body of influential merchants, diplowats and Chinese government officials, Mr. Taft spoke in part as follows: "We do not complain of loss of trade

that results from the employment of great enterprise, ingenuity or attention to the demands of the Chinese market, or the greater business acumen shown by our competitors. We would have the right to protest at being secluded from the trade of China by reason of our insistence of the policy of the Open Door. The acquiescence in this policy of all the nations interested has been so unhesitating and emphatic that it is hardly worth while to speculate upon the probable action of the United States in case the interests of American merchants are placed in jeopardy, and how far the United States would go in the protection of its Chinese trade, I cannot say. It is clear. however, that our merchants are being roused to the importance of the Chinese trade and they would view with deep concern any and all political ob-

stacles which menace that expansion. "This feeling is likely to find expression in the action of the American government. The United States and the other powers favor the open door, and if they are wise they will encourage the Empire to take long steps in administrative and governmental reform. the development of the resources of China, and the improvement of the welfare of the people. To do this would add to China's strength and position as a self-respecting government and aid her in preparing to resist possible foreign aggression in the seeking of undue and exclusive proprietary privileges. Thus no foreign aid will be required to enforce the open door and the policy of equal opportunity for all."

History Making Happenings.

During recent Republican administrations we have built up an export trade with the Far East of something like \$150,000,000 per year. We have landed an army on Chinese territory, and have been drawn willy-nilly into the vortex of the Far Eastern question. During the period policies have been formulated which have compelled us to take a hand in momentous negotiations. We have definitely enrolled the Far East among the objects of our commercial and diplomatic solicitude. Things have changed much during this ten years of Republi-

The United States has come into possession of the Philippines and all the political and strategical responsibilities entailed by this movement. The particlpation in, and suppression of, the Boxer rebellion, the expanding recognition of the supreme importance to the future of American trade, of the open door, the realization that, with the exception of Japan, no country is so well situated as the United States, industrially and geographically, to make the most and the best of the development of China. These and other events have transformed American indifference to the fortunes of the Far East into a real, live, tingling and vigilant concern.

It did not need the Chinese beycott of American goods, or the outbreak of the trouble with Japan over the immigration question, to convince an impartial onlooker that America's relations with the powers of the Far East would, before long, be more immediate, of greater moment and possibly of greater hazard than our relations with the powers of Europe. The American fleet has foreshadowed the systematic assertion of American power in the Pacific. American interests in that ocean, commercial, political and territorial, have been neglected far too long.

Father of the Philippines

Mr. Taft is in a sense the father of the Philippines. It has been his kindly, constructive statesman's hand that evolved order out of their original chaos. In his report submitted to Congress, as a result of his visit to the Philippines to be present at the opening of their first Assembly, be made four recommendations. First-action by Congress admitting to the United States Philippine products under such conditions that they would not interfere with American tobacco and sugar industries; second, the removal of restrictions as to acquiring mining claims and lands; third, further legislation authorizing the government to carry on an agricultural bank, which is now authorized only as a private enterprise; fourth, the repeal of the law applying to the Islands the coastwise laws of the United States.

Philosophy of Development.

Our nation has grown by obeying the instinct of development. We are to-day entitled to be called Greater America, but that greatness will be lost if we forget the political philosophy which has made us great-expansion of American thought, territory, mechanical skill, civilization and philosophy. This is an auspicious time for the creation and development of our export trade. The unexplored and undeveloped markets of Asia furnish the opportunity. All other fields have been occupied, and to attempt to wrest them from other nations would be of doubtful expediency. In the Orient the commercial possibilities

exceed the dreams of the optimist. Are the American people ready to abandon such a situation and leave it to the mercy of the Democratic party with its failure of fifty years looking at us from the past?

THE YOUNG REPUBLICAN. In a business sense the young voters who have come forward since 1904 have more at stake than any other class in tive lives are ahead. They have more years to live, and are now laying the foundations of their business careers. National policies and conditions are of the highest consequence to them. Perhaps they are farmers. If so, let them ask the older generation how farmers fared under the last Democratic administration. Let them take the market reports of to-day and compare them with the prices that prevalled when Mr. Bryan made his crusade for free silver and hurled defiance at President Cleveland because he stood by the gold standard. At the same time Bryan denounced the Republican party for its protectionist as well as sound money position. Perhaps the first voter is to engage in manufacturing or mining, as wage-earner or otherwise. Does he want his American rate of wages and the industry he chooses reasonably protected against foreign competition? If he does Mr. Bryan's leadership will take him in the opposite direction .--St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

The Tide of Prosperity. The tide of prosperity may ebb and flow, but the great waves of industrial wealth will continue to grow in volume with ever-increasing comfort and happiness to our contented people, who will soon number 100,000,000. And because of our intelligent and skillful labor, made so because of good wages and good living, we shall make better fabrics and build stronger structures-that in spite of their higher cost in the beginning will be cheaper in the end and will be wanted by the people in every corner of the earth. So that we shall capture the markets of the world in greater volume without ever sacri-

Hon. James S. Sherman. Henry Gassaway Davis, who was defeated with Parker four years ago, is wiser as well as older. He says he sees no hope for the Democracy, and thinks Parker is again wasting valuable time in making speeches.—St Louis Globe-Democrat.

of our national wealth and progress.

It is interesting to note to how great an extent Governor Hughes is commanding the support of Democrats in New York State.-Springfield Republi-

Anyway, Mr. Taft never tried to steal Mr. Bryan's government ownership reiment -Omaha Bee.

Moral of the Derby. It is, no doubt, sad to have to admit that British humanity obstinately declines to be cured of its love of horses and the backing thereof by any amount of experience. But the gambling instinct is ineradicable, and the most that wise legislation can do is to control it within such limits as circumstances may prove to be practicable.—Pall Mall Gazette.

Not Quite What She Meant. The young man who received the following note from his flancee would have been better pleased if she had employed a comma or two: "Jack Huggard called yesterday. Jack couldn't have heard of our engagement, for before leaving he proposed. told him I was sorry I was engaged to you."-Boston Transcript.

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SAYS WEALTH IS DISTRIBUTED. Chief Statistician of Census Bureau Writes on "The Assets of the

United States." The nation's wealth is not in the hands of a few, according to L. G. Powers, chief statistician of the census bureau at Washington.

Writing on "The Assets of the United States" in the September number of the American Journal of Sociology, issued recently from the University of Chicago press, Mr. Powers has the following to say of the concentration of wealth in America:

"If we start with the value of farms and other homes which are known to be owned by men of small possessions the savings bank deposits and other known possessions of those of moderate means, and then add the lowest popular estimates of the possessions of our millionaires, we have an aggregate far in excess of the census appraisal of national wealth, and the conclusion under such circumstances is irresistible either that the census estimates are ridiculously small or the popular estimates of the wealth of our millionaires are greatly exaggerated.

"The writer does not find any evidence that would justify either the statement that our national wealth is grossly understated or that our millionsires own so large a share of that wealth as to leave the great majority without

WHAT TAPT WILL DO.

Here is a positive declaration by William H. Taft which should reassure the friends of President Roosevelt:

"If elected I propose to devote all the ability that is in me to the constructive work of suggesting to Congress the means by which the Roosevelt policies shall be clinched."

Taft is making a good impression by his thoughtful speeches. Bryan is as clever and as interesting as ever-and as superficial .- Milwauke Evening Wis-

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The biggest of them are turned with a hand manipulated tool, but those ranging from six inches downward are turned each with a cutting tool baving an edge so formed that it turns the barrel all at once. They set a block of wood in the lathe and adjust the cutting tool and it turns the barrel into shape complete as quickly as a man turning with a hand tool could have turned one of the hoops on it; and on the smallest barrels one man can run three or four machines.

These little barrels are sold in the aggregate in great numbers, millions of them yearly. A single tack manufacturing concern buys them in carload lots, 2,000 gross, or 288,000 barrels at a time. Great numbers are used by confectioners, who fill them with candy, and they are used to contain a bottle of perfumery.

Many are sold to be given away at fairs or in other ways, being filled with a sample of a staple product of the region, perhaps of flour, or it might be of sugar. Many of them are made with a slot cut in one end, or head, through which coins can be dropped, the little barrels in this form being used for savings banks, or given out by Sunday school teachers to their pupils to make collections in for some specific purpose. Individual purchasers buy the little barrels to use for button boxes, and great numbers of them are sold for toys.

So in this country there are used millions of them annually, and for all the various uses to which the little barrels are put they are exported in large numbers to countries all over the

The Largest Clock. The largest clock in the world has recently been added to the wondrous sights of New York, the Giant City. While this clock—a real old-fashioned Seth Thomas, is a faithful timepiece to the people of New York, yet it is located on the factory of Colgate & Co. at Jersey City, N. J. In this it has the distinction of serving the people of two states. The tourist from across the ocean will find the hour of his return clearly set before him as he passes up the North river to his landdown-town section may peep out of the windows, across into another state, to learn when "quitting time" comes around.

The dial of this gigantic clock will be forty feet six inches in diameter, and will be made of yellow pine boards six inches wide, spaced three inches apart. The minute hand measures 20 feet from the end of the hub to the tip, and weighs, with the counter balance, 640 pounds. The hour hand is 15 feet in length and weighs 500 pounds without the counter balance. The numerals on the dial are five feet high and 30 inches wide. The speed of the hour hand measures three feet ten inches in width, while that of the minute hand is two feet eleven inches. The point of the minute hand travels every minute 23 inches, while in a week it covers three and two-thirds miles.—Bennett Chapple, in National Magazine.

French Fisticuffs. They were talking about the strange ight between Prince de Sagan and the

Castellane brothers. "The French," said an ethnologist, "lead the world in intelligence, and that is why, in fisticuffs, they lag at the world's tail end. For, the more intelligent we become, the more incapable we also become of physical

violence. "Hence the ludicrous oddity of French fighting, with its scratching, biting, beard pulling, pinching and

He laughed.

"There were two taximeter cabbles lawing one another last month as they trotted from the Ritz across the Place Vendome to the Rue de la "The first cabbie raised his whip

with a threatening gesture. "'Pig,' he shouted, 'not another word, or I'll give your fare a cut across the jaw!' "'Dare to touch him,' cried the

other, 'and I'll cut your fare's coat to ribbons with my whip lash!' "Then each began to slash the other's passenger furiously.

The Usual Treatment. "Look at that boy," I exclaimed. Sherlock Holmes' keen gaze followed my own.

The urchin now sketched in pencil on the drawing-room wall. Now he carved his name on the piano. Anon, laughing lightly, he spilled milk on a Louis Seize fauteuil.

"In heaven's name-" I cried. "Calm yourself, my dear Watson." Sherlock Holmes interrupted. "There is no need for interference here. Dc you not understand? That villa has been rented furnished for the season!"

Discarded City Buildings. Every year New York throws into the junk heap enough buildings to accommodate a small city, or a population of 50,000. In the last ten years there have been torn down enough buildings to house 500,000 persons.

Real Joy of Leisure. The real joy of leisure is known only to the people who have contracted the habit of work without becoming enslaved to the vice of overwork .-Henry Van Dyke.

Text from Brother Dickey. "It's one thing ter talk 'bout havin' de patience er Job, an' another ter suffer de misery dat made Job howl fer a hurricane ter blow him nuthin'!"-Atlanta Constitution.

Undisputable Truth. "There are lots of ways to get results," says the Philosopher of Jolly, "but after all, it's the red rag that always hits the bull's eye."

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eyes brightened as she answered: 'Mv victuals."

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