

bauchery of William IV and George IV, who immediately preceded Victoria, are but samples of the creatures who for four hundred years had infested Europe as sovereigns. By magnifying their military genius and eliminating entirely their personal life it has been possible to make a few of them presentable enough to be used for fixing the dates of the real events of their reigns. With one exception, every ruler in Europe today is respectable or acknowledges that it is respectable to appear so. This change was not wrought by statutes but by the force of character, influence and example of Victoria and Louise. Upon nearly every throne in Europe is found today the descendants of these two noble women. And with them has gone that beauty of moral integrity that graced for so many years the courts of England and Denmark. To them the world owes a greater debt than any glories of war or extended empire.

No infidel, from Bruno to Ingersoll, ever put the Christian church in such a terrible light as have its own dignitaries in this Chinese affair. There has never been one iota of the Christian spirit of charity and love exhibited. Not only is the evidence daily growing that ignorance, bigotry, and audacity of the missionaries caused the uprising, but the church has demanded blood and plunder. The unseemly scramble of politicians for office and their wrath when ousted is the only comparison to the hunt after soft foreign missions and the present disgraceful position of the church. All utterances show that lack of power is all that prevents a repetition in China of the barbarities that have always followed that power, in the history of the church. Were the followers of Confucius leading an aggressive proselyting campaign in this country would there not be danger of a "native uprising headed by the priests?" Has there not already been enough developed to explain why the Chinese and Japanese fail to appreciate the "beauties of the Christian religion?" With less than ten per cent of our own people attendants at church, with millions of actual unbelievers in its very fundamental doctrines it would appear that China might be left for a while until the United States is Christianized and the church turn its attention for a season to the contemplation of the character of Christ instead of its choir or the church debt.

The people are in favor of strong men for the United States senate but the politicians desire weak ones. Even the little state of Delaware, before it fell a prey to the dickering politicians of the republican brand had more influence in the councils of our nation than the whole territory west of the Missouri. After the conservative men of all parties rallied to the salvation of the state of Nebraska and pulled the republican party out of the populist slough of des-

pond it is a little annoying to find the politicians of that party now echoing every little populist yelp against men who have had ability to build up for themselves a business and a competency. Men who have shown that they have power and independence, are to be sacrificed for some nondescript who will barter his independence and the offices at his command for the nomination. He will afterwards cut in the United States senate the same figure as a booby at a country picnic. Men of the Quay and Clark order, who buy and sell other men, are a higher type than he who barter his independence to a ring of politicians that he may enjoy the emoluments of an office. If the mercy of the Almighty is capable of covering the sins of the republican party it will be because of their being at least the defenders of the business interests of the country. The party claims that by the fiat of high tariff it built up the railroads and all the giant industries of our nation. That but for them the plains of Nebraska today would be without the screech of the locomotive or the whirr of the twine binder. That the howl of the coyote would today reverberate where we hear the dying wail of the pop.

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