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EVERYTHING FOR BRYAN

Friends Rallying, Opponents Blundering and Bungling.

INDORSING THE PARAMOUNT ISSUE

More Trouble For McKinley In Chinese Affair—Will Administration Play Catpaw For Great Britain? Imperialism's Unpleasant Fruits. Real "Prosperity" Statistics.

[Special Washington Letter.]

The administration has been pretty well worried over the Chinese complication. The report that the allied forces reached Peking and rescued the foreign legations caused considerable satisfaction at the White House and relief to the country in general.

It remains to be seen whether McKinley will have wisdom enough to get our troops and citizens out of China promptly and close the incident. There is no doubt but the foreign powers intend to make this trouble an excuse for trying to get the Chinese government under their control. This will be a preliminary step to the partitioning of the country.

Great Britain is foremost in this scheme, and it will mark unusual discretion on the part of the administration if it refuses to pull chestnuts out of the fire for the British.

Still the fact that the campaign is on makes the administration very cautious. It took far more account of public sentiment in this trouble with China than it did in the Philippine matter. In the latter case there was no popular verdict to be faced at once.

Everything points to the election of Bryan, and one step in the direction of any entanglement with the foreign powers over the Chinese matter will lose McKinley countless votes.

The endorsement of Bryan by the anti-imperialist congress was a remarkable thing. The movement has been nonpartisan, and its leaders have been men prominently identified with the McKinley campaign of 1896.

Think of Carl Schurz and Bourke Cockran, who were the most effective orators the Republicans had in 1896, now openly for Bryan! Neither of these men has changed his views on the money question, but they realize that it is at this time a minor issue and they find themselves compelled to agree with Bryan and the Democratic platform on the paramount issue of imperialism.

When Dun and Bradstreet reluctantly admit from week to week that there is a widespread and deep industrial depression it is about time for the Republicans to call in their prosperity statistics.

Factories are overstocked and have shut down. This causes a lack of demand for raw materials. Workingmen and farmers find themselves unable to pay trust prices for the necessities of life. The shabby suit is made to last another season. The old shoes are replaced instead of a new pair being bought; hence the lack of demand for clothing and boots and shoes.

There is especial dullness in lumber and steel and iron. The great building trades lockout in Chicago accounts for a portion of that. Then, too, the farmers, with the prospect of a short crop, are not huddling barns nor using wire fencing. They cannot pay trust prices for such things, and, besides, they have understood for some time that trust prosperity meant their impoverishment.

For a comparatively new policy imperialism is already bearing unpleasant fruits. The people of Porto Rico are not prosperous under the extra constitutional corrupt government. Indeed they are begging for work that they may not starve. Cuba's industries have not been restored and our military regime has looted everything in sight. No wonder McKinley is willing to haul down the flag and leave the Cubans to their own devices.

It won't do to say that the Democrats are encouraging the Filipinos to revolt. The administration has had two clear years and unlimited resources. It has pursued a mistaken policy. As Bryan remarked recently, "Where is there a people fighting for freedom who look to the Republican party for sympathy?"

The window glass trust at its recent conference at Niagara Falls raised the price of window glass 15 per cent. Just previous to that it shut down several factories and left its workmen to face an indefinite period of idleness. Strange and marvelous are the ways of the trust. Presumably this advance in price was to make up for the campaign contribution which Mark Hanna demanded and got. If this industry had not been one of the pots under Republican protection there would have been no trust and no opportunity to raise prices until the western farmer has to board up the windows of his house when he can afford to build one because he simply cannot pay trust prices for the privilege of enjoying daylight and sunshine.

The wage workers are not deluded in the least by trust prosperity. They know that it is always at their expense, both in wages and cost of living. The census figures on wages are proving rather disappointing to Republicans. When the reductions from 1893 to 1896 are taken into the average, there is no advance on which to base a shout for prosperity. Many of the advances of the last two years are shown by the official reports of the American Federation of Labor to be simply restorations to the rate that prevailed in 1892. Workmen need fewer trust prices than for the necessities of life. The wage workers know that any degree of prosperity they ever attain comes in spite of and not because of Republican sympathy.

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WARNING TO YOUNG MEN.

Upon the Issues of This Campaign Hangs Their Future.

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The trusts, having found a faithful ally in modern Republicanism, have reached into every branch of industry and withdrawn the equal opportunities which spring from equal rights. With alarming suddenness they have entrenched themselves during the present administration. Either the people or the trusts must rule. And the rule of the people is not safe with the party which permits special interests to feed at the public crib. Now, what does the young man propose to do? Will he blow a tin horn, straddle a horse and in the garb of a buffoon ride to the polls and vote away the heritage of his fathers? Or will he exercise his mind, assert his manhood and vote, as a freeman should, for the maintenance of our institutions?

We know human nature, and we know that if this nation reaches a point where it is willing to deny the universal application of the principles set forth in the Declaration of Independence it will not be long till these principles will not be applied in our own country, and I want to warn those who tell me that the dollar of today is superior to the dollar of the Filipinos who are today saying that money is more important than man and that those only who have great wealth have sufficient stake to have a voice in the government here.—W. J. Bryan.

TROUBLESOME TEDDY.

Probability That Rough Riding Roosevelt Will Burchardize the Campaigns.

Second perhaps in importance to the repudiation of McKinley by the anti-imperialists—many of whom, as we have seen, are old time Republicans—is the repudiation of Roosevelt by the Republicans of Michigan. Rough Riding Teddy is billed to "positively" appear in his own original production in that state. Hence the revolt. The Michigan Republicans see that if they would save the state a desperate fight must be made. No extra loads can be carried. There are many Hollanders in the peninsula. They fear the Republican in war god candidate for vice president. They distrust him because of his illogical utterances and uncertain actions. Consequently Teddy must be kept out of Michigan. "Keep him in Vermont. Perhaps he won't succeed in losing us that," is the cry. It is evident that Roosevelt has become a serious problem with Republican leaders. They cannot keep him quiet and they dare not allow him to talk. He obstinately refuses to stay sleek.

The outcome will probably be that Teddy will prove the Burchard of this campaign, and that "Run, Romanism, Rebellion," will find a fitting parallel in "Rough Riding Roosevelt."

We are absolutely opposed to the policy of President McKinley which proposes to govern millions of men without their consent; which in Porto Rico establishes taxation without representation and government by the arbitrary will of a legislator unfettered by constitutional restraint, and in the Philippines proclaims a war of conquest and demands unconditional surrender from a people who are of a right free and independent. The struggle of men for freedom has ever been a struggle for constitutional liberty. There is no liberty if the citizen has no right which the legislature may not invade; if he may be taxed by the legislature in which he is not represented, or if he is not protected by fundamental law against the arbitrary action of executive power.—From Platform of Liberty Congress.

Garfield's Prophecy.

It is almost 20 years since President Garfield said: "I am persuaded that the next great question to be confronted will be that of corporations and their relation to the interests of the people and to national life. The fear is now entertained by many of our best men that the national and state legislatures, in creating these vast corporations, have evoked a spirit which may escape and defy control, and which may wield a power greater than legislatures themselves."

And it looks indeed as if this prophecy was coming true. A small number of moneyed men control about everything in the commercial, industrial and transportation businesses in the country. Prices are advanced or lowered, not to suit old time laws of supply and demand, but according to the avarice of those who own the trusts.

Our contention is that our government is built on the doctrine that all men are created equal. Destroy that doctrine and there is no foundation upon which a free government can be built. If all men are created equal, if they are endowed with inalienable rights, if governments are instituted among men and derive their just powers from the consent of the governed, then this nation has no more right as a nation to claim the ownership of 6,000,000 Filipinos than one man has a right to claim the ownership of another man.—W. J. Bryan.

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