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**An Eminent Man
Within Our Gates**

There is within our gates a man, who, in himself and the office he holds, is a very important factor in the industrial life of the nation. He is the Hon. C. P. Neill, United States Commissioner of Labor. Mr. Neill is here following a long cherished desire to visit Hawaii, and to see for himself, and at first hand, something of the conditions of labor and laborers in this territory, and, in degree, of the conditions of labor and laborers in the newly acquired tropical possessions of the United States. The importance of this matter is apparent. Complicated as were the problems with which the Bureau of Labor had to deal in the past, seeing that they involve the whole economics of industry and production, they were not so nearly so complicated as they have become since America started on her era of expansion, because the problem was confined to labor conditions in the temperate zone. But with the acquisition of large territory in the tropics, there is injected into the problem, another and a very formidable factor. The Bureau has now to deal with labor in the temperate zone, and labor in the tropics, and the problems that arise from the fact, that both being under the same nationality and government, political complications are added to economic ones.

It is therefore indicative of a broad consideration of the matters with which he has to deal that, Mr. Neill has come here. As was suggested by the Star some time ago, when it first announced that he would come here, it would be of inestimable good to this community if Mr. Neill could be induced to give one or more public addresses on the subject with which his department has to deal, while he is here. It is certain that Mr. Neill has much of value that he could say to us, and no doubt there would be an appreciative response to an announcement that he would make a public address.

Mr. Neill, as the head of the Department of Labor, followed a man whose reputation is world-wide. Carroll D. Wright, who for many years was the Commissioner of Labor, is recognized as an authority on the subject with which his department dealt, as a man broad and catholic in his views, kindly and generous in his sentiments, as an indefatigable investigator, and a man who has written much that has become a part of the classics of social economics.

Mr. Neill, Carroll D. Wright's successor, and the present Commissioner of Labor, has been long with the department, and when Mr. Wright resigned, to become president of a college, was looked on as his logical successor.

**The Rockefeller
Gift Of \$100,000**

There has been much in the periodical press of late of the controversy over the question whether the American Board of Commissioners of Foreign Missions should accept a gift of \$100,000 recently made or offered it to by John D. Rockefeller, of Standard Oil money. It was the American Board that sent the first missionaries to these islands and maintained them here for more than thirty years. The controversy has for this reason therefore, a peculiar interest to us. A definite statement of the cause and grounds of the controversy are therefore of special interest. They are set out in a recent number of the Literary Digest. The controversy arose as a result of a protest by Massachusetts Congregational ministers against the acceptance of the gift from Mr. Rockefeller. The reason for the protest appear in a petition addressed to the board and signed by the Rev. James S. Williamson, of Haverhill; the Rev. Dr. Reuben Thomas, of Brookline; the Rev. David Evans, of Cambridge; Mr. George P. Morris, of the Boston Congregationalist, and nearly forty others. This petition reads as follows (as given in the Boston Herald):

"The public prints of the week ending March 18, 1905, report a gift of \$100,000 to the foreign missionary society of the Congregational churches from Mr. John D. Rockefeller, the head of the Standard Oil Company. This company stands before the public under repeated and recent formidable indictments in specific terms for methods which are morally iniquitous and socially destructive. The church is the moral educator and leader of the people, and in order to fulfil this calling with freedom and effect it must stand entirely clear of any implication in the evil it is set to condemn. The acceptance of such a gift involves the constituents of the board in a relation implying honor toward the donor, and subjects the board to the charge of ignoring the moral issues involved.

"We, the undersigned, therefore protest against any action by which our church may even seem to be compromised, and we plead with the officers of the board to decline the gift of Mr. Rockefeller or to return it if it has been accepted."

Dr. Thomas declares that at the meeting at which the petition was drawn up the opinion seemed unanimous that the acceptance of Mr. Rockefeller's gift would be "a silent indorsement of a notorious individual way of making money by overriding law and crushing out individual competitors," and that "in the present state of public opinion religious societies ought not to be compromised." Mr. Williamson is quoted as saying:

"It is not the way of the Christian Church to convert the heathen with money robbed from the people. The Standard Oil Company is so conspicuous for its corrupt methods that the money offered can not be considered, and if it is soiled we do not want it. Mr. Rockefeller, in his social life among friends and neighbors, may be a very genial, companionable man. In the immediate circle of his family he may be faithful, pure, upright, and loving.

"But Mr. Rockefeller is president of a corporation which, in its business methods, stands condemned by the best thought of the republic as an enemy of its life. In commercial life he is a monstrosity, in civic life social dynamite.

"Until he repents sufficiently of the past by either reforming or leaving the said corporation and making restitution so far as that is possible, the Christian Church had better ask him to keep this money and allow the conversion of the heathen abroad to tarry till we can send the message of light and love by power not publicly convicted of crime."

**Japan Is
Prosperous**

In spite of the fact that the war that Japan is now waging against Russia is most costly and the financial integrity of the Japanese nation is likely to be tasked to the utmost before the conflict will have terminated, times are good in Japan. There has, strange to say, been a steady increase in the export trade of that nation. Naturally the import trade would have increased materially during the year 1904 owing to the heavy importation of material for conducting the war. As a matter of fact it is not unlikely that much of the war material imported into the country never passed through the custom house but was landed direct at the naval depots. The Yokohama Foreign Board of Trade has issued a very interesting

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report relative to this matter. The report shows in Yen, the Japanese basic coin equal to about 50 cents of American money, the amount of foreign exporting and importing done by Japan during four years. The tables are as follows:

	1904, Yen.	1903, Yen.
Total Exports	319,250,436	289,502,442
Total Exports from Yokohama	170,209,453	146,580,438
Total Imports	373,167,029	317,135,518
Total Imports to Yokohama	136,265,011	110,878,968
	1902, Yen.	1901, Yen.
Total Exports	258,303,065	252,949,543
Total Exports from Yokohama	139,015,675	133,825,517
Total Imports	371,731,258	255,816,645
Total Imports to Yokohama	89,292,205	88,528,419

The total value of the Foreign Trade of Japan in 1904 was Yen 690,417,465, in 1903 Yen 606,637,960, in 1902 Yen 530,034,325, and in 1901 Yen 508,166,188.

The customs receipts during 1904 exceeded those of the previous year by over four million yen. The figures for the past four years are: in 1904, Yen 21,230,242; in 1903, 17,047,890; in 1902, 15,313,072; in 1901, 15,122,616.

The Customs receipts for 1904 are shown to be much larger than those of former years. Of course this is an indication of the material imported for the government for war purposes. It is very probable that were the war materials to be eliminated the imports for 1904 would show a decrease. However the increase in exports is a gratifying condition to the Japanese and is an indication of increased wealth to the nation.

John Maguire may not have been commissioned by the labor organizations of Hawaii to say anything for them. But evidently had something important enough to say to get into the Associated Press cable dispatches.

The tears and grief over in the Advertiser office over any incidents that may interfere with the progress and success of the revival are really touching.

"By Gosh" said Hi Henry and then he wrote that 662 grains dispatch. But Hi is different from most sheriffs. You take them with one grain of salt but Hi you have to take with 662 grains.

By the time that the Russian workmen get through their May Day celebration the Czar may look as if they had crowned him Queen of the May with a crown of poison oak.

The Emperor William seems to have borrowed Teddy's Big Stick for Morocco.

There seems a strange shyness about announcing candidates for county office. Possibly when the question of financing the counties is settled, there will be more patriotism among the would-be

Classified Ads in Star.

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The press dispatches say that Gorky the Russian revolutionary author, shows no signs in prison of ill health. Nevertheless Russia is not a healthy place for an author.

That mysterious firing that the Dutch thought about a week ago, was a naval battle was probably Rojostevensky firing on some harmless Chinese fishing junks

CASTRO THE BUMPTIOUS.

As Castro doesn't want to be underhanded and take us at a disadvantage, he has decided to postpone his hostile invasion of the United States until after Roosevelt returns from his southwestern trip.—Hartford Times.

Maybe Castro will cunningly wait until we are engaged in war with Japan in defense of the Philippines before he marches up the Mississippi valley.—Atlanta Constitution.

Gen. Castro thinks Venezuela can whip the United States, and Gov. Hoch thinks Kansas can clean out the Standard Oil Company.—Chicago Tribune.

President Castro insists that he intends to uphold the dignity of both Venezuela and the United States, hence he cannot understand what all the quarrel is about. The Venezuelan president may be short on money and other things, but he is wealthy in what is known as nerve.—Galveston News.

It can now be officially announced that President Castro of Venezuela has abandoned the idea of invading the Mississippi valley. Possibly the fact that President Roosevelt will be down that way in April has had something to do with Castro's change of purpose.—St. Louis Star.

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