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helpless people. The Republican party, committed to imperialism and controlled by trusts, promoters and carpetbaggers, must be removed from power if this is to be done. The issue is plain before the American people. National honor demands the rebuke and punishment of the imperial freebooters.

TO SPEAKER HENDERSON.

It is well Speaker Henderson should understand that the people in the Louisiana Purchase States will hold him directly and personally to blame for the failure of the World's Fair bill if it is not put to a vote before this session of Congress adjourns. The blame will be put exactly where it belongs.

Speaker Henderson has not been a friend of the bill at any time. That has not been clear to the people at large, although those who were intimate with the situation in Washington have never been in doubt as to his hostility. Now that the bill is on the calendar of the House, it is no longer possible for the Speaker to pretend a friendliness he doesn't feel. If he refuses to allow a day for consideration everybody will know the part he has played.

The bill must pass at this session. To put off consideration until the next session is no less an act of hostility than the actual defeat of the bill. There will be no time to complete the work of organization and prepare the buildings and grounds for a great international exposition in 1903. If Congress delays legislation until 1901, no such enterprise could be carried out successfully in two years' time by any city of this or any other country. St. Louis will not undertake what no city is great enough to do properly in so limited a period.

Don't think, Mr. Henderson, that you can fool the people. This great project is in your hands. Deny the House a chance to vote on the bill at this session and you kill the bill. There will be no delegation from St. Louis offering at the doors of Congress during its second session. You must pass the World's Fair bill now or not at all.

NO LACK OF ISSUES.

"When the perpetrators of the Cuban Post Office frauds are punished, only one issue will remain to Democrats for the campaign and that is the surplus in the Treasury," says a Republican organ.

Such a condition would undoubtedly give satisfaction to the Republicans, but such a condition is far from being present or imminent. There are several issues which completely eclipse the Cuban Post Office frauds and the Treasury surplus.

There is the war in the Philippines which gives present indication of lasting for years to come unless the American people take its conduct out of the hands of the man who caused it and are committed to its prosecution. In connection with this serious issue is imperialism, the denial of the assertion in the Declaration of Independence that "Government derives its just powers from the consent of the governed."

There are the trusts, fostered by the protective tariff of the Republican party and contributing lavishly to the maintenance of that party in power.

Which is the tariff on Porto Rico, which is in force as banefully now as it ever was and which was put on Porto Rico in violation of the express provision of the United States Constitution that "All duties shall be uniform throughout the United States."

There is the pro-British attitude of the administration which aimed to allow Great Britain an equal voice in the control of the Nicaragua Canal by means of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty and which worked as hard as it could to help England destroy the independence and national life of the South African republics.

These issues strike at the innermost policy of the Republican party. They are not mere consurable incidents of government like the Alger embalmment scandal, the post office frauds and the Treasury surplus.

IT IS CONSISTENT.

No thoughtful and fair-minded student of existing conditions in this country will be disposed to deny the consistent appropriateness with which Senator Foraker of Ohio, the man who is to place Mr. McKinley in nomination before the Republican National Convention next month, was chosen to appear as chief counsel for the Tobacco Trust in a suit now being heard by the Ohio Supreme Court.

The suit is that which Attorney General Monnett of Ohio brought in his brave effort to restrict and regulate the trust evil in President McKinley's State, a crusade in which he incurred the crushing hostility of the President, the Standard Oil Company and the syndicate crowd in general. Senator Foraker was eloquent in claiming the Tobacco Trust's right to a monopoly of trade in Ohio. "We have reached the time," he said in the course of his argument, "when combinations of capital and aggregations of skill and ability have become an absolute necessity."

With equal eloquence and earnestness Senator Foraker will plead before the Republican National Convention in Philadelphia the surpassing right of William McKinley to a re-nomination at the hands of the Republican party. He will doubtless with his suit before both the Supreme Court of Ohio and the Republican National Convention in Philadelphia. And the victory in both cases will be a trust victory.

CAIRPFBAG LOGIC.

Senator Spooner of Wisconsin, the chosen defender of the President's Philippine policy, confessed in the course of the Senate debate last Thursday that he does not expect to live to see that day when the blessings of independence and self-government shall be conferred on the Philippines by the act of an American Congress.

According to Senator Spooner's amazing line of argument, this fact removes the issue of imperialism from the field of present-day politics in the United States. It places the Republican party in the attractive position of being earnestly desirous of granting national freedom to the people of the Philippines, but unable to carry out its wishes owing to the inability of the Philippines to govern themselves as the Republican party would like them to be governed. It hurts Senator Spooner to the quick that any colleague on the floor of the Senate should question the sincerity of the im-

perialist's motives in deciding to educate the Philippines for two of three generations before allowing them to realize their dreams of liberty.

Inasmuch as Admiral Dewey is on record as having declared the Philippines to be far more fit for self-government than are the Cubans, it is likely that Senator Spooner and his coadjutors of the imperialist school will find themselves unwilling to favor the removal of American troops from Cuba until the people of that island shall also have been trained up to the imperial standard of capacity for self-government. The argument is as good in one case as in the other—and the spoils are equally great in Cuba and the Philippines. Senator Spooner's argument cannot fall to commend itself to carpetbaggers of the type now "being cut out" by the means of the Havana postal station objection.

Under the guise of philanthropy it offers an opportunity for loot too great to be neglected.

WE LIKE THE COLONEL.

In asserting that The Republic entertains a special prejudice against Colonel Richard C. Kerens, that "he has his day after day," and that "it never misses an opportunity to publish falsehoods concerning him," the St. Joe Herald allows an impassioned imagination to modify color the facts in the case.

The Republic, far from cherishing a grudge against the Republican National Committee from Missouri, contains a special representative of a misguided party as one of the most reputable and likable of its ilk. It has not published falsehoods concerning Colonel Kerens in publishing the news of the recent action of the Republican State Convention held in Kansas City. It has not berated Colonel Kerens "day after day" in merely dwelling occasionally on the surface indications of the fact that a new deal seems to be on in Missouri Republicanism, and that Secretary of the Interior Hitchcock is the dealer.

If the Missouri delegation to the Philadelphia convention sees proper to re-elect Colonel Kerens to the office of National Committeeman, The Republic will be as delighted as is usually for a Democratic newspaper. It knows no Missouri Republican more worthy of the honor. It has, indeed, stated in editorial once or twice that there was some reason to believe that Colonel Kerens might not be re-elected, but this was no expression of ill-will. It was justified by facts that point to a pending change in Republican leadership in Missouri.

The Republic extends to the esteemed St. Joe Herald renewed assurances of its distinguished consideration for Colonel Kerens. The Colonel is a good man. He is so good, in fact, as to outclass his company for this reason being in danger of that reputation at the hands of his party which The Republic has of late pointed out as being ill-deserved.

Anonymous Inquirer: The "Peoria Observer" is not a piece of music written by a man named Peoria or by a resident of Peoria, nor is it a selection from an opera named Peoria. It is merely a suggestion of a change in the method of organizing the standing committees of the Presbyterian General Assembly, and got its name from the fact that it originated in the Peoria Presbytery.

"The States can settle the trust question. Wait till you see what Ohio does with it," was one of Representative Grosvenor's noteworthy utterances in Congress. Senator Foraker, in defending the Tobacco Trust in the courts of Ohio, seems to be carrying out Grosvenor's idea.

The chances are that President McKinley will not, during the 1900 campaign, deny himself to interviewers as he did during the 1896 campaign. His reply is too rich in matters that need explanation to make such a course attractive.

The McKinley administration has put the American nation on an equality with the French nation. In after years Americans will be able to refer to the customs and furnishings of "the days of the Empire" the same as the French.

Maybe the trouble with the St. Louis World's Fair bill is that its promise of general benefit to the people of fifteen States doesn't accord with the trust-driven Republican party's ideas of exclusiveness.

Senator Foraker's defense of the Tobacco Trust and his speech placing Mr. McKinley in nomination for the presidency will both be strong pleas for the continuance of the syndicate evil in power.

College seniors and sweet girl graduates may be safely counted on to make the best oratorical use of the fact that they now step into the great world just in time to solve a new century's problems.

It seems funny that Turkish Admiral Ahmed Fiasla should have mistaken the parading Mysia Shriners for Turks when all the world knows they're friendly Indians.

It's right discouraging for the administration specialists to probe the Havana postal scandal when the deeper they probe the worse the smell.

Will Cecil Rhodes's new mining enterprise in German Africa include the British flag among its most valuable commercial assets?

Admiral Dewey should send to Colonel Baden-Powell a certified list and description of the hidden perils that attend our hereship.

It begins to look now as if the joint action of the Powers will be necessary to give the knock-out blow to China's Boxers.

Talking about deeds of darkness, the Republicans of South Dakota sat up all night to nominate their State ticket.

IT IS IN THE SOUL.

"It is not the word that is all and word and gray. It is the soul that such a world day and gray. Day dawn as freshly now as that first day. When sea and sky and land were virgin new; The seasons in their beauty are as young; Undimmed the glory of the sun's face; The sweet stars are the same as when was sung Their primal anthem in the choir of space."

O'lockless souls, that all this beauty mine, I Save for that glimpse which glances through your children's eyes.

Can wealth or fame or power repay for this? Can this be the end of our life's quest? It is the soul that such a world day and gray. Of what avail, though all, perchance, are won, If that the world looks old and worn and gray To the sad victor who has seen the end?

RAYLEIGH D. BAUNDRELL.

FIGHT ON REPORT ON AMENDMENTS.

Dancing and Card Playing Will Be Discussed by Methodists To-Day.

NO RELIEF IS ANTICIPATED.

Majority and Minority Reports Agree to Retaining the Ban, but Disagree as to How It Shall Be Done.

GUESTS DISAPPOINTED. Weber & Field's Company Failed to Appear.

MRS. SHERIDAN REPLIES. Says General Manning's Statement Is Ridiculous.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE IGNORED. National Congress of Mothers Adjourned.

CRUSADE OF CLEANLINESS. Women of Cuyler Form an Organization.

MOROCCO'S SULTAN STIRRED. Intriguing Causes Him to Take Personal Charge.

GREAT INSURANCE FIGHT. Lloyds' Underwriters Sued for Gold "Commandeered."

FRANCE'S FRIENDLY ACT. Stops Gunpowder Which the Gaspardians Wanted.

MONARCHISM CONTRACT ANNULLMENT. Naval Bill Conference Disagree.

NO ARMY EFFICIENCY ACT. Executive Committee Engages Kansas City Headquarters.

POPULIST PLANS.

Child Instantly Killed.

TELLS WRECKMAN'S VIEWS.

Gen. Sikes Congratulates Americans on England's Friendship—Why We Can't Help Boers.

SAYS WE WILL GET CUBA.

President and Cabinet at the Army of the Potomac Reunion—Corner Stone of a Monument Laid.

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