

SUGGESTIONS

Concerning the Money Problem by Mr. C. C. Church.

ENGLAND NOT CREDITOR NATION

In a Commercial Sense—The United States Has That Honor—International Bimetallism Not the True Solution—A Pan-American Policy Suggested—Inconvertible Paper—Law of Supply and Demand.

To the Editor of the Intelligencer.

SIR,—In the late discussions of the money question, both in and out of Congress, we have heard a great deal about England being the "creditor nation" and thus able to reduce the rest of the world to slavery. No discrimination was made between the producing, industrial classes of that country and the shysters who manipulate gold bullion for their own interest exclusively. The great mass of the people of England feel the power of this class more than the American people do. The fact is, when we come to the people who form the English empire, they are the debtor classes. Commercially viewed, the United States is really the creditor nation. She supplies the food and raiment of the people of the civilized world. But for our agricultural productions starvation and nakedness would ensue to most of the European nations.

In the settlements between our own people and other nations the "balance" is nearly always in our favor. This "balance" is denominated in the English pound sterling, the inter-commercial common denominator of value, made so by the usage of the world from time immemorial. These "balances" are never settled in "coin." It is not money that nations use in their settlements one with the other, but gold bullion, put into the scales and weighed and determined by the "standard" of the English pound sterling; or by other commodities.

There can be no such thing as "money" in a "legal tender" between nations, except by international arrangement. "Money" is a "legal representative" of value, having no actual value in itself. "Money" by law must have certain qualities, or it cannot be money, viz: to pay debts; to exchange value; to denominate value; to accumulate interest. Gold bullion, a commodity, by the law of "natural selection" is the ultimate denominator of all value. It is not "money" in the accurate sense of that term. When we create the "federation of the world" with power to create "money" by legal enactment, "money," a legal representative of value for the payment of debts between nations, we can then talk about "money" in its broader meaning. This probably will come when the millennium comes. In the meantime, we can make a beginning by recalling Mr. Blaine's Pan-American congress, to settle the silver question among the peoples of the free Americas. The fact is, this "international arrangement," talked so much by some of the leaders of the Democratic party and of the Republican party, is a "make-shift." It will never amount to anything. If these pinchback financiers would dismiss all this international bimetallism talk and let gold bullion, denominated by the pound sterling, regulate the commercial intercourse between gold using nations, they are not far from establishing a true money system on the American continent. They would serve the people and do honor to themselves. Let gold be relegated to its proper place—the international common denominator of value, in which, in our dealings with other peoples who use gold as a so-called "standard"—being the creditor nation—we share such large benefits. People who use foreign money for their own private advantage, and who, to get this money, must of necessity deal with the shysters of gold bullion, must reap the harvest from the seed they sow in such uncongenial soil. These borrowers are the sufferers, and not the producers.

Let us have commercial reciprocity and silver "money" by "international agreement" in the free Americas. Let the silver dollar coined on an equality with gold, be the common denominator of value on the American continent; or its equivalent in silver bullion, upon which issue legal tender notes, which will be good for all transactions among the peoples of this continent. When the old world sees this object lesson doing the practical work of "money" among the American nations, then we may expect to receive the same consideration from across the Atlantic. The thing for the American people to do is to withdraw all connection with the usurious loaners of gold bullion in Europe and build up their own commercial credit, and that of the nations on the American continent.

The Republican party up to and including Mr. Blaine's acts of statesmanship, was the true American party, and if it expects to survive, will have to announce the broad and comprehensive policy laid down by Mr. Blaine for the unification of the nations on the American continent. This policy is distinctly American, looking to our home and the peoples on this continent, for our future prosperity.

Gold controls all countries outside of Mexico and South America, China and Japan. England, through her gold power, holds the trade of the nations because they have the golden calf. Silver ere long will assert itself as the leading coin-money between American nations. Mr. Blaine provided for this advance in the programme of the Pan-American congress, in 1889-90, in the following terse form.

"The adoption of a common silver coin to be issued by each government, the same to be legal tender in all commercial transactions between the citizens of all the American states."

The "coin" economists, may for a time, catch the attention of the small vendors of financial heresies, but when it comes to deal with the other national factors of our money system, it will require men of wisdom to dissipate many illusions. They will have to look at the facts as they exist, and gradually adjust our financial forces and bring them to a focus where science can deal with the knotty problem. When a proper adjustment is secured in the international market, not the few, we may then have the restoration of the coinage of gold and silver, supplemented by inconvertible legal tender notes to make up the deficit in quantity.

But the young "coin" orators and

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writers, including R. G. Horr, of the New York Tribune, who exclaim: "This inconvertible paper" has no "primary money" to stand upon. We reply, it needs none. The labor of this nation will "redeem" it by giving a "dollar" worth of labor to secure the "dollar" which the federal government has declared the denominator of value, and with it the wage-earner can purchase what he wants to the extent of the labor he has performed to secure the "dollar." Does the reader know that twenty-five per cent of the paper money of the world is "inconvertible paper," and yet it does all the work that "primary money" performs?

Our national bank currency was originally inconvertible paper, and is practically so to-day. The government could not "convert" it—if forced to do so—in gold. Why not meet our money requirements by truthful money instead of false, as we have it? If all of our paper money was made inconvertible and placed, as far as needed, in the use of the national banks, instead of the present national bank currency, the banks could increase their circulation; or they could have what they maintain as necessary—"a flexible currency." All they would have to do would be to deposit government bonds or other accepted securities, and draw the paper for their needs and wants. In this way our own banks could share the benefits which has been demonstrated, goes to the Rothschilds.

As the volume of gold and silver is coined in increasing quantities, let the government retire the inconvertible paper. We do not believe the hour will ever come when this will be necessary, but should it come, the general government has the remedy in its own hands of scientifically adjusting the quantity of money to the needs of the people, and thus at all times preserve its purchasing power.

There is an axiom that is fundamental and cannot be too often repeated, and that is, the material and form of money is a matter of indifference so long as the quantity is limited by law to the requirements of business, and so long as it has the authority of the sovereign power back of it. The men all scientific financial writers have agreed is unchangeable. So that it matters not what "gold-bugs" and young "coin" orators may teach, the plain man of common sense has here a fixed principle to determine and to settle the truth when he puts a limit to the aggregate amount of money in use. All things being equal, demand and supply govern the whole question. If the supply is equal to the demand, leading commodities remain uniform in their prices. When the money is not equal to the demand, prices fall; when in excess of the demand, prices rise and become unstable. A scientific principle of limitation is therefore the most important question to be considered in arriving at a true system of "sound money."

M. C. C. CHURCH, Parkerburg, W. Va., April 5, 1897.

CHRISTIANITY OF NATIONS

As Exemplified in Their Attitude Toward Cuba, Armenia and Crete.

Denver News of April 4: In considering some modern historical developments the thoughtful mind cannot avoid a wondering doubt as to the rightful claim of Christendom to its title. While no one will deny that every western nation has a goodly proportion of moderately devoted Christians among its people, no one could with much truth affirm that any one of these countries professes a government that is not a whole along Christian lines. The two most glaring examples of this lack of Christian action in the present decade, are, of course, Cuba and Turkey. In the first case Spain and America are most to blame; in the second, the "powers" of Europe, Turkey and the United States, are equally to blame. It is a disgrace to the religion of love. To be sure Englishmen and Frenchmen and others have held mass meetings and declared themselves violently in favor of aiding the Armenians and suppressing the Turk, while in America we have in favor of Cuba, but our governments go serenely on in a policy of cold-blooded and diplomatic self-interest. And when one plucky little nation, like Greece, makes an attempt to stand up for some of the down-trodden people in her neighborhood, the greater the United States and the other nations do not seem to be leaving ill enough alone. The question naturally arises, do no Christian-hearted men ever take public office? Are Christians confined to private citizens, or does the holding of governmental powers kill the Christianity in a man? In a nation such as this, where people are so ready to take the lead in that which the national policy is harsh or unworthy it still represents the will of the majority of the people. The Americas, both North and South, were colonized in the name of Christ, yet how many crimes against humanity have stained the history of each. In nineteen centuries the name of Christ has been made several long steps forward in humanitarian and religious development; that must be joyfully acknowledged. But nineteen centuries represent a large number of generations of men; roughly speaking, some fifty-eight of them. With the strong teachings of Christianity, each generation should be able to make at least one decent step in advance; but instead of accomplishing that, many a generation has used those very teachings to hold progress stationary or push it back. Our nineteenth century has accomplished several steps forward, besides performing some decided backward slides. At least we have abolished technical slavery throughout Christendom, but in America political corruption has grown so rapidly as to make good people almost despair of the future of the republic.

It is a thankless task to pick flaws and show up failures, but after honest consideration of international history of the last most eventful century, how can we of Christendom lay our claim to the beautiful name we must under? Until the Christian element of each country has the controlling power in the government we should not call ourselves Christian nations.

Money in California. Washington Post: "It makes a Californian feel odd to get a whole lot of paper money in his clothes, as he does on coming East," said Mr. E. W. Crenin, a prosperous merchant of San Francisco, at the Ebbitt.

"You see we are not used to bills at all out our way. Nothing circulates except coin—gold and silver—and about as much of one as the other. This is the first time I've ever been on the eastern side of the continent, and so when I got to Washington and began accumulating this paper currency it was a brand-new sensation. I suppose in a few weeks a man would get used to what we call rag money on the slope, but at first it is rather a nuisance to the fellow that is not acquainted with the stuff."

But though we have both metals, there is a dislike in certain circles to too much silver. A year or so ago my bank advised me that it would not take on deposit over \$300 per day of silver, and the order has never been recalled. Of course the white metal is not at all desirable as a limit on it is not attached to gold, and California is accurately described as a gold state.

Secured a Divorce.

LONDON, April 7.—In the divorce division of the high court of justice today, Mrs. Mildred Casbaro was granted a divorce from her husband on the ground of desertion and bigamy. An affidavit from the pastor of a German Lutheran church at Sacramento, Cal., proved that the respondent went through the form of marriage in 1891 with a girl named Schwartz.

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CONSULAR FEES

Secretary Olney's Order Unpopular With Applicants for Passes. WASHINGTON, April 8.—Considerable pressure is being brought to bear upon the President to secure a repeal of some consular regulations promulgated by Secretary Olney last October, which in effect largely curtail the fees which have been received by some consular officers. The order practically did away with the requirement in all cases of an oath to invoices by an exporter. The result was that many consuls who were in the habit of dividing fat fees with British commissioners empowered to administer such oaths lost these returns. They were in the eye of the department illegal in any sense, for they were not returned in the statements of fees required by statute and there was no warrant for the retention of any other class of fees. Now the applicants for the consular places have discovered that a large percentage of the returns of their prospective offices have been cut off by Secretary Olney's order, and so the places are less desirable. One British port the consular last year for one British port in such fees, which he cured nearly \$3,000 in such fees, which he pocketed. In addition the business of the exporters were seriously delayed by the necessity for appearing in the very limited hours set for the consuls for the reception of invoices and altogether the practice was regarded by Secretary Olney as improper.

EMBEZZLER CAUGHT

Window Glass Worker Run Down at Oakland, California.

OAKLAND, Cal., April 8.—John St. Peter, wanted in Pittsburgh for embezzlement of funds belonging to the Window Glass Workers Association, of which he was prospector and treasurer, has been arrested here. St. Peter arrived here just eight weeks ago, accompanied by his wife and little stepdaughter. He went under the name of John Michels for a time, but later took the name of John Thomas. He invested \$150 in an advertising scheme, but the venture proved a failure. He failed to find anything to do and for a month he and his family have been in destitute circumstances. They pawned everything they had and then appealed to the associated societies. St. Peter spent his last cent buying a ticket for San Francisco yesterday morning and after his arrest, Chief Lloyd had to provide food for his wife.

Iron and Steel Trade.

CHICAGO, April 8.—Late advices denote a continuance of the feeling of apprehension and uneasiness which has been apparent in the iron market for some time past. Observers of the trade at the principal centers concur in the opinion that the supreme court decision on the pooling of traffic has driven out of the rail market a number of railroads which had in contemplation earlier in the year extensive renewals of roadways. At present low rates rails are not profitable to the manufacturer, and so long as the question of railroad trusts remains open the companies cannot be tempted to buy upon any terms. Structural iron and steel display a little more animation and the extremely low prices now ruling may have the effect of stimulating consumption, at least temporarily. The demand for wire rods and nails continues very active and these varieties present a pleasing contrast to the stagnation prevalent in other branches of the industry. The uncertainty of the ore situation still creates uneasiness, notwithstanding reports of a deal between the rival interests which would at least secure stability of prices sufficiently long to enable the trade to recover from the blows it has received in the recent past. No early increase in prices is likely, as the pressure to unload stocks continues unabated.

Warships to Help Turks.

CANEA, Crete, April 8.—The foreign admirals have sent a warship to Kissamos, with instructions to assist the Turks in evacuating that place, the latter having declared it to be impossible to resist the insurgents.

The Fire which broke out yesterday near the cathedral in Candia, destroyed the residence of the bishop. The Greek quarter was saved by the Italian marines, who demolished a number of buildings in order to check the progress of the conflagration.

South-African Revolt.

LONDON, April 8.—A dispatch to the Times from Capetown says that the advices received there from Delagoa bay, announce that the country bordering on and across the Limpopo river forming for many miles the northwest and northern limit of the transvaal, is in open revolt. It is added that the situation is serious. Troops are leaving for Delagoa bay by the steamer Carnarvon. A further rising is expected in Maputaland.

Equitable Union Breaks.

JAMESTOWN, N. Y., April 8.—Albert Morgan, supreme president of the Equitable Aid Union, a fraternal insurance company, with headquarters at Columbus, Pa., and with a large membership in many states, acknowledged to the Associated Press to-day that there is no hope for the future of the union. A percentage will be paid on claims now due.

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In his sermon last night, Dr. Abbott said that the message of the Bible was that of a pure, simple religion, with one God who was righteous and who demanded of his children, righteousness and nothing else. He outlined the history of the Old Testament, and referred to a time in Palestine when the true understanding of the book and its message had given place to a formal traditionalism. Dr. Abbott said in part: "Then it was that a prophet arose who recurred to the simple fundamental principles of the Old Testament. Wherever the message of this book was taken there sprang up a new, strange light, new and strange to that people and that age. In four centuries, the orielhood, the temples and the philosophers of Paraganism had gone down before the simple message of this simple book. Twelve centuries passed away. Tradition again had taken control. Then a monkery a copy of this old book, and took its message to his heart, and began to consider how he could reconcile its message, with the traditions by which he was surrounded and enslaved. He could not reconcile them. In half a century the message of this book had spread over half of Europe. The eighteenth century dawned upon England. Again tradition had woven its cobweb over this book and over the light which this book had kindled. Revealed religion had died out of England almost entirely, and what men are pleased to call natural religion had taken its place. Then it was that one devoted high churchman in Oxford began to study this book. Because of what this book stirred in him and his friends of earnestness and sobriety they resolved to adopt some method in their work. Their fellow-students nicknamed them Methodists, and the nickname stuck and became a badge of honor. Wherever they went they carried the message of that message as the world has always answered to that message when it has been given undiluted, not hampered by tradition.

"Time fails to speak of preachers of righteousness since the days of Wesley and Whitfield. But every preacher, I think, who has been Protestant or Roman Catholic, whether he has been orthodox or heretical, whether he has been cultivated or uncultivated, every preacher who has produced a strong, permanent spiritual force in his age or generation has been a man who has gone back of the tradition, back of the ecclesiasticism, back of the commentaries, to the book, and gathered his message therefrom. "More than we have gained from all other literature we have gained from this. One testimony stands out from this book, and that is that God is all the writers of this book—and love binds us to Him and love binds us to one another. That is the message that has revolutionized the world. It is because Germany and England have accepted that message that they march toward the future. It is because Italy and Spain have turned deaf ears to that message that they have remained in the civilization and intellectual activity of the Middle Ages."

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