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A GREAT POLITICAL QUESTION.

If the Republican party, after the war, had tried to make itself acceptable to the white men of the Southern States, there would have been a more perfect union and no Solid South. In the early days the South had about as many Whigs as Democrats. Clay was a Whig leader and so were many who became only less famous than he. On general principles of government apart from those affecting race, the Southern Whigs were in sympathy with the new Republican party and today the Gulf States, especially Alabama, are as strongly protectionist as the Northern Atlantic States. There is also a strong sound money and expansionist element there; yet practically all of it votes the Democratic ticket in protest against the Republican policy of building up the political interests of the negro.

Politically a wiser plan would have been to leave the negro question in the hands of the Southern people. But during the reconstruction period the Republicans put the black man in power and by so doing nearly ruined the country and gave the Democracy a well-nigh perpetual lien on a great array of electoral votes. After the Federal troops were withdrawn from the polls, as they were some ten or twelve years after the war, the white men asserted their right, as the ruling class, to manage the politics of the various States. Then the Republicans flaunted the "bloody shirt" through several campaigns and hopelessly alienated even the men of the New South of whom so much was beginning to be heard.

Things quieted down in process of years and during McKinley's administration the strong racial prejudices of the South were treated, on the whole, respectfully with the result that the Solid South began to crumble. Then came the Booker Washington and Crum incidents of the Roosevelt administration—an assertion of social equality in the one instance and of political superiority in the other, with the result that the South will vote solidly for Parker and Davis. It has been made a sure thing for the enemy.

Is this good politics? Considering that the Northern States will hardly tolerate even a negro policeman, is not the attempt to put Southern States on a basis of racial equality, conceived in the spirit of persecution? Or is the effect not the same as if such were the spirit? It seems to us that, as the white man is the salvation of the South, his interests in politics should be consulted first; and if he objects to a negro postmaster or collector of customs, to treat that objection as final. No good American, in his heart, desires to see any part of the United States become less than a white man's country. As such it was organized by the fathers; as such it has progressed, and as such only can it triumph. By law and treaty and social custom the yellow race is debarred from citizenship; the red man has been held at arm's length; the black man was admitted to suffrage by a burst of fanaticism which the American people of all parties now regret. What he has of constitutional right cannot be taken from him by law but the South has hidden him to keep out of politics. Knowing as all do that he cannot be put into power again except by the use of troops, why should the President renew the irritation every now and then by encouraging the negro to hope that his day of triumph may come? It will never come. Fast as the negro population is increasing the white population is growing faster and while its majority lasts and grows it will rule. It cannot abdicate to Africa and only a fanatic could expect it to do so. As the custodian of American civilization, the white race must stand together and not permit its blood to be vitiated or its control to be divided.

The war will not be over until the white men of the North and the white men of the South become united in sympathy and in general aims; and that cannot come until Republican Presidents cease to encourage the negro in political hostility to the white southerner.

EMPERORS IN THE FIELD.

It is the usual thing for the Czar of Russia to go to the front in time of a great war. The first Alexander took the field against Napoleon and was near by when his double-eagles fell at Austerlitz and he personally made the Peace treaty of Tilsit. Alexander was succeeded by Nicholas I, who had slight military talent but in wars with Turkey, Poland and the Anglo-Franco-Turkish alliance he did the commander's part as well as he knew how. Alexander II, the next Czar, joined the army operating against Turkey and there received his baptism of fire. Alexander III, who came to the throne in 1881, had no war during his reign but had command of a corps in the Turkish war while he was the Czarevich. Now the

turn of his son, the Czar Nicholas II has come and he will probably appear soon in Manchuria to cheer the fighting forces.

Undoubtedly his presence in the field would do good, irrespective of any merit or demerit he might have as a soldier. He is the one man whom the Russian army desires to please. He is the chief dispenser of rewards and punishments. Under the imperial eye every officer and man may be expected to do his best, every administrator would strain his resources to meet the expectations of the crown and the visible friction between general officers would cease. On the whole the reinforcement of the Emperor in person, in the effect it would have on the morale of his army, is a force not to be lightly regarded.

It is not out of the question, if the Czar should appear in Manchuria, that he would be confronted by the Emperor of Japan. Mutsuhito was strongly tempted to take the field in 1894 and his ministers had trouble in dissuading him. There was no particular occasion then for him to go, for the war was not, like this one, an event of first importance. But things might change if Nicholas came to the front. Then indeed, the Japanese ruler would feel that duty imperatively called and the ministry might well pause before trying to deprive the cause of the tremendous impetus which the presence of the sovereign would bestow. Indeed the sight of their worshipped Emperor in Manchuria would act upon the inflamed patriotism of the Japanese as the appearance of the Sheik-ul-Islam with the unfurled green banner of a Holy War would upon the fanatical savagery of the Prophet's serried hosts. Perhaps, before long such a spectacle will be afforded.

GIANTS SOUGHT BY MIKADO.

Wants Them for Bodyguard and Tries to Rear Tall Men.

PARIS, Aug. 26.—A Tokio dispatch to the Rappel says the mikado long had the same mania for a bodyguard composed of giants as had Frederick the Great. As giants are scarce in Japan, the mikado years ago began to try to grow them by intermarrying Japanese with Europeans, and feeding the children by these unions on a special diet, consisting largely of meat. The mikado bitterly regretted that the war with Russia began before he had Go-liaths enough on hand to form his bodyguard.

A Cabman Baronet.

LONDON, Aug. 26.—The extinct baronetcy of the Tyrrels, formerly of Thornton Hall, Buckinghamshire, is claimed by a cabman named Benjamin Tyrrel. He also claims ownership of the Thornton Hall estates, which are nearly five miles square, and the Crakemarth Hall estate, near Otterbury, Staffordshire.

Tyrrel's claim rests on the contention that he is a direct descendant from John Tyrrel, a third son of Sir Thomas Tyrrel, who died in 1705. The cabman contends that the estates illegally passed into the possession of the Cavendish family through marriage with his own family.

He says he has been too poor to take action, but he now hopes to do what his ancestors failed to accomplish.

James for Roosevelt.

INDEPENDENCE, Mo., Aug. 26.—In a speech at the Quantrel reunion today Frank James, the former bandit, declared that he had been treated and honored like a man in Ohio and Pennsylvania and starved to death in his native state. He affirmed that he intended to vote for Roosevelt and down the line. James declared that he was a Republican, adding: "I do not care what you may say about me, boys, but I am guerrilla and a confederate till I die, and all I want you to do is to sound taps over my grave."

Cole Younger also was present, but declined to make an address, though repeatedly called upon.

Lipton Seeks Watson's Help.

GOUROCK, Aug. 26.—Sir Thomas Lipton is facing some difficulty in securing a designer for Shamrock IV. He opened negotiations with George L. Watson, but Mr. Watson replied that his health did not warrant his undertaking the strain of designing another challenger for the America's cup. Outside pressure was brought to bear, however, and Mr. Watson visited the Erin today for another conference with Sir Thomas. At the Clyde Yacht Club it was said that a definite order to design a challenger had again been urged on Mr. Watson, and that if he consents a formal challenge will immediately be issued.

Sale of Pope's Clothing.

ROME, Aug. 26.—The Vatican authorities have forbidden the nuns of the Order of Reparation to dispose of the pope's discarded clothing. Those sisters attend to Pius X's washing and mending and they were in the habit of selling discarded articles for the benefit of their order. Even the buttons from the papal cassock, neatly sewed on cardboard, with an appropriate inscription, formed material for the trade, which included hosiery and pieces of the most valuable wearing apparel. Each article was marked with the monastery seal. Many visitors to Rome thus have been enabled to take home personal souvenirs of the pope.

French Anglers Contest.

PARIS, Aug. 26.—Probably the greatest fishing contest ever held in France came off this week on the banks of the Seine, near Paris, when 2,000 Izaak Walton's assembled, at the invitation of a local newspaper, to try their luck and skill. The spectators numbered more than 10,000. About eighty pounds of fish were taken, the largest being a 13-ounce carp. An anglers' banquet and ball followed the contest.

MAY ALL LIVE A HUNDRED YEARS

LONDON, Aug. 26.—Length of human life, approximating the years enjoyed by the patriarchs of the later Moslem age, is predicted by Dr. Oliver Ferguson of Cheltenham, who, to say the least, is a pleasantly optimistic scientist.

He anticipates the happy time when all disease germs shall have gone the way of the extinct mammoth and the mastodon, of the "black death" and of the "sweating sickness."

Lecturing the other day at Oxford, Dr. Ferguson said that "for those happy people who shall be living a hundred years hence there probably no longer will be any dread of infection, for perhaps before then—thanks to radium and its congeners—we shall have exterminated all noxious bacteria, and our grandchildren, therefore all will live a hundred years or more."

According to Dr. Ferguson, up to the present time humanity has been born prematurely, and the last hundred years in science have been worth all the thousands that preceded them. In support of this argument he stated that within the last sixty years the average length of life has been extended by about a decade.

With the advance of medical science Dr. Ferguson conceives that there may be "no weaker organs in the human body hereafter." If that should be the case, to use his own words, "the last act (death) will consequently come to all quite suddenly and painlessly, when all our organs shall be equally worn out together, when all shall give and stop and crumble and dissolve together—just as it was with the celebrated 'one-hoss shay.'"

Commentators on the Cheltenham scientist's lecture assert that he would have illustrated his meaning more aptly by quoting Rider Haggard's description of the passing away of the mysterious "She" in that author's remarkable African romance.

JAPANESE POET ON THE MANCHURIA

Yone Noguchi, the Japan poet who is to pass through here on the Manchuria, enjoys a remarkable success as a poet in the English language. Columns might be filled with words of praise written about him by leading English and American critics. Yone Noguchi was a student at the University of California when his work first began to attract attention. Since the publication of his first volume of poems by a San Francisco publisher, his name has become known all over England and America.

The young poet is returning to his native land, which should surely be proud of him. He has not forgotten his country as is indeed shown by the first lines in his last book, just published:

Fuji Yama, Touched by thy divine breath, We return to the shape of God. Thy silence is Song, Thy song is the song of Heaven: Our land of fever and care Turns to a home of mellow-eyed ease— The home away from the land Where mortals are born only to die. We Japan daughters and sons Chanting of thy fair majesty, The pride of God, Seal our shadows in thy bosom— The balmy place of eternity, O white-faced wonder, O matchless sight, O Sublimity, O Beauty.

Some of the critics find in Noguchi a certain extravagance of expression and sometimes a straining after effect. But it is agreed by all that, young as he is and in spite of the difficulties of language, he has shown a wonderful delicacy and beauty in both expression and sentiment. Arrangements will be made to entertain the distinguished visitor while he is in Honolulu.—Hawaii Shimpo.

CHRISTIANIZING THE JAPANESE

Referring to the Advertiser's remarks about the Hawaii Shimpo's article on Missionary Work Among the Japanese, that paper says:

Only time, of course, can sustain or disprove the Advertiser's suggestions. "A process of the ages" is not something one man in a lifetime can observe, except it be a process of past ages. Yet it is worth while to note that one at least of the important causes of the Christianity's triumph in Rome is lacking in Japan, and that is persecution. It was largely the persecution and martyrdom of the early saints that spread Christianity. But for those terrible object lessons in devotion and faith, the world would have heard of Christ much more slowly,—we do not say if at all. In Japan there is no religious persecution and never will be, to make martyrs and magnets of the devotees of any sect. And if the assertion of the Advertiser be true, that instead of the furnishing sublime examples which turned conquered Rome, Christianity is acquiring in Japan the reputation of being the religion of cheats, surely it can have little progress. As for devotion to the Emperor, it will last as long as Japan has an emperor who even half deserves it as splendidly as does the present ruler. If he becomes Christian, Japan will probably follow to a very large extent, but it is that sort of "soul conviction" the missionaries are striving after?

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