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The Expert Patriot and Statesman. There is an assumption, peculiarly Bryanistic, in the democratic boast that the German Americans propose to vote for Bryan and against Mr. McKinley on account of expansion. A German-American a few days ago expressed himself with some warmth upon the subject. He said:

"I bitterly resent the claim of Mr. Bryan that the Germans are voted as a flock of sheep. I am an American citizen and will vote for the party of my choice the same as any other American. I am a republican and will vote that ticket—so will a great majority of Germans. There are a great many men who pretend to control the political affiliation of their fellow countrymen. They appeal to the ignorant alone and I have the utmost contempt for any man who would so demean and belittle his own race as to charge up against them such unfitness for citizenship."

The gentleman in question was hotly indignant, and not without good reason. Of course, among German democrats it is perfectly natural to insist that victory is theirs, and there is nothing to prevent them from appropriating everything in sight in the shape of votes; but the non-German democratic papers have laid so much stress on the 'solid German vote' being for Bryan, that resentment has been awakened among the intelligent who are not slow to discover the evil lurking behind such a movement. The weight of this claim of democracy rests upon the assumption "that most of the Germans in America quit the Fatherland to escape compulsory service," and for this reason it is urged that they are unlikely to vote for Mr. McKinley because his expansion policy might fasten upon the country the evils of militarism.

So shallow a claim ought not to deceive anyone. The democratic platform says:

"We oppose militarism. It means conquest abroad and oppression at home. It means the strong arm which has ever been fatal to free institutions. It is what millions of our citizens have fled from in Europe [this refers to the Germans.] It will impose upon our peace-loving people a large standing army, an unnecessary burden of taxation and a constant menace to their liberties."

In brief, if Mr. McKinley is re-elected, "intimidation and oppression at home" will follow, and "our peace loving people" will have imposed on them a large standing army and an unnecessary burden of taxation. But what will the "peace loving people" be doing all this time? Will they cower in unfrequented corners to dodge the press gang? Will they go in hiding or submissively walk up to the recruiting officer and submit their bodies as targets for rifle practice? What will the tax payer be doing? Will his "unnecessary burden of taxation" so weaken him that he will turn his purse and his stomach inside out at the sight of a tax collector? It is with this sort of stuff that democracy attempts to deceive. Every German-American in this land knows that compulsory military service would not last in free America for twenty-four hours. No administration would dream of attempting such a policy or anything that ever squinted that way. Bryan knows this. Everyone knows it. But Bryan's reputation as a prophet is fixed. During the last campaign he prophesied that prosperity would never again bless us unless silver were remonetized. A long list of doleful and depressing things were to be laded out to us if he was defeated. Yet a microscopic society charged with the duty would not be able to discover a single one of these portentous evils. We prophesied that Mr. McKinley's election would bring prosperity, and it came. Now the ingenious Mr. Bryan has conjured up another "rags-bottle-and-sacks man" who will eat bad little boys, if we don't vote against expansion and elect him president. Not one of his dreadful

calamities overtook us during the past two years, and not one of them will come browsing around during Mr. McKinley's next four years of office. The German-Americans are as a class level-headed, conservative men. Mere noise is not likely to frighten them nor lead them to lose sight of the promise of a debased currency held out by democracy. Whenever militarism makes its appearance in the United States, you may depend upon it that every level-headed man in the country, be he German or native-born, will vote to depose the party responsible for it. But as neither the Louisiana purchase, nor the acquisition of California, nor the purchase of Alaska with its colonial form of government, has brought the slightest sign of militarism, it would seem to be borrowing trouble to assume that the attitude toward the Philippines is going to bring it about.

Democracy's substitute for the expansion policy that "threatens" militarism is this: It proposes to abandon the Philippines entirely, give the Filipinos a form of government, independence, and then exercise a species of protectorate over them. The Filipinos are unfit for citizenship, yet they urge giving them a free and independent government and free holding ourselves ready to protect them in all cases. This policy would probably get us into a war that would require a standing army greater than would be required to govern a dozen Philippine archipelagoes.

It is worth while to investigate the ingenious, not to say contemptible manner in which Bryan has manufactured the "issues" of the coming campaign. During the past three years he has devoted himself exclusively to the task of trapping the administration. We all remember during the exciting hours preparatory to the Spanish war, leading democrats publicly announced that they favored the war because it would hurt the administration and help the democrats. The party has been busy attempting to "cash" this hope. When the treaty of Paris, that ceded Porto Rico and the Philippines, came up before the senate for ratification, the republican senators were by no means unanimous in its favor. The opposition to the treaty, led by Senator Hoar, might easily have defeated it had it not been for the strenuous efforts of Mr. Bryan. A two-thirds vote was necessary for a ratification. There were not enough republican votes to ratify. Bryan already saw that there was "politics" in having the treaty ratified. He became a radical "imperialist" and with secret but insistent zeal urged the democratic senators to sustain expansion and vote for the treaty. Seventeen democratic votes in favor of the treaty are credited to the personal influence of the "peerless statesman." The treaty carried and now William Jennings is declaring its pernicious and damnable operations to be the "paramount issue of the campaign." Senator Hoar of Massachusetts charges this duplicity up against Mr. Bryan, in good round English, and Mr. Bryan has not denied it. Senator Hoar says he will vote for Mr. McKinley because he "would rather vote for the man who supported the treaty believing it to be good, than to vote for the man who supported the treaty believing it to be bad." This is pretty hard on that "peerless statesman and most American American" who very modestly has twenty-two portraits of himself hung in his own sitting room at home.

Then take the question of trusts. The republicans introduced a proposed constitutional amendment for the regulation of trusts, during the last session. Again it was necessary to secure a two-thirds in the senate. But the democrats refused to support the measure and it was defeated. They did not antagonize the amendment because they thought it bad or inefficient, for it would have been most effective, but they refused to pass it "because they thought its author insincere."

Mr. Bryan was not in favor of the anti-trust amendment. He opposed it because he wanted to use it in the campaign, just as he wanted to use the treaty of Paris and expansion. So here we have the two paramount issues over which democracy shrieks and froths, both manufactured by democracy itself. Bryan did not want these issues settled; he would not have them settled. He would not permit the democrats in the senate to assist in their settlement. So whenever you hear the gentleman denounce "imperialism" remember his part in it; and whenever he denounces trusts remember the constitutional amendment he defeated.—San Francisco Wave.

The nominations made by both the county and state republicans are strong ones. Even as Whitman county has been redeemed from fusionism and political prostitution and incompetence, so will be Washington state in November. The names heading this column are those of men of solid worth, who are not compelled with each recurring campaign to get out search warrants to find the political name under which they will sail.

The Bryanite papers still talk of Mark Hanna as "boss." Those most persistent in the use of the term are the papers which referred to Mr. Bryan as "heroically resolute" when he thrust 16 to 1 down the throats of hundreds of resisting delegates at Kansas City.

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The Fool Killer is a decidedly appropriate name for the little boat in which a Chicago man the other day navigated the whirlpool rapids at Niagara. More by good luck than anything else he managed to make the perilous voyage without being killed, but it was none the less a foolish performance. That he was able to get through the rapids alive demonstrated nothing of value to the foolhardy navigator nor to the world at large. Evidently his voyage was not a pleasant one, for after getting to the shore he announced to the gaping crowd that had he realized its perils beforehand he would never have attempted the trip. The fact that he has escaped with his life, however, is almost certain to tempt some other reckless spirits to try to pilot another Fool Killer over the rapids.

It is stated in London that the Prince of Wales is determined to prevent the marriage of Lady Randolph Churchill and Lieutenant Cornwallis-West and was responsible for the issuance of the order packing the young officer off to join his regiment in South Africa, which caused the postponement of the ceremony set to occur early in July. It is further said that it is beginning to dawn upon the minds of Lady Churchill's friends that her youthful bridegroom elect is just a trifle too willing to let the prince arrange the obstacles.

The wars between the Spaniards and the Americans, the Britons and the Boers and the Chinese and the rest of the world have been great aids in the dissemination of geographical knowledge, though the tuition is somewhat expensive.

For lack of better campaign material, the democratic fusionists are putting in a great deal of time raising the figures by which they are to carry Washington. It is a harmless amusement which fools no one except, possibly, Chairman Hill of the late democratic county convention, who in strained voice announced that Missouri and Washington and hell are all to be carried by democracy—if the dear populists will only do the proper amount of democratic voting.

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