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Good Work in Cuba.
 The magnificent work which the United States has done for Cuba and for its people is becoming realized abroad. The London Times recently printed a lengthy article contrasting the conditions which prevail in Cuba today with those which existed at the time the United States intervened to put a stop to the intolerable misery under which the island was sinking. When the war with Spain ceased the inhabitants of the island were in the lowest depths of poverty and distress. Gaunt specters of starving humanity were met with in every district. All branches of industry were prostrated; the agricultural population had been driven from their homes, which were in ruins and were absolutely without means to resume the cultivation of the soil, for they had neither domestic animals, agricultural implements nor food to sustain them until they could make a crop. The assistance rendered by the government and the people of the United States judiciously distributed, enabled a start to be made.

Today, under two years of American government, the Times finds that the people of Cuba are on the high road to more prosperous times than they ever before experienced. There is no more poverty or distress among the inhabitants than might be found in any community under normal conditions. There is employment to be had for all, and fair wages to be gained with which to support life. After a hard struggle for more than two years, the reconstruction of agricultural industry has been achieved, and smiling fields are again to be seen where all was desolate only a short time ago. The educational system of the island, the Times considers worthy of especial comment. Facilities for education have been greatly extended, especially in the direction of primary instruction. The number of schools actually open to the public service was 3313 at the beginning of 1901, and several have been added since that date. The establishment of this school system, the Times recognizes, was entirely due to the United States military administration, and is not an expansion of any methods in vogue during the Spanish occupation of the island.

Taken with this, but not alluded to in the Times article, is the splendid work of sanitation which the United States has accomplished since its occupation of the island, during which time it has cleaned up the accumulated filth of generations, has nearly eradicated yellow fever, and has made Havana one of the cleanest and healthiest cities to be found in the tropics, a safe place of abode during all seasons for people of any race.

When the balance is finally struck it will be found that the services which the United States rendered to the Cubans in freeing them from Spain will be but one of the smallest items in the account. What has been done since is of infinitely more value. Had the administration acceded to the desires of a few of the radicals amongst the Cubans, who were egged on by certain political elements in this country, and withdrawn from the islands the instant that the Spanish sovereignty fell, it would have failed lamentably in the duty which it set out to accomplish. It has completed its task in a thorough manner. The new Cuban republic will come into existence under conditions, created by the American government and people, infinitely more favorable than accompanied the launching of any other government in recorded history. It will find law and order prevailing throughout the land; a revenue system equal to the amplest needs of government; a treasury well supplied; the work of reconstruction accomplished; the industries of the island restored and highly prosperous, splendid school and sanitary systems. All that is necessary is to continue to administer the affairs of the country along the lines already established, and its future safety and prosperity are assured. It is a wonderful story, after all; and history cannot furnish a parallel to the action of the United States towards Cuba and its people.

Anarchy and Yellow Journals.
 Looking back over the history of the past seven or eight years, the fact stands out that the yellow newspapers have been fanning the spirit of anarchy, says the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. Their business is to sell newspapers by methods of sensationalism and playing upon the basest passions of mankind. They receive as news a simple fact and proceed to surround it with a mass of glaring fiction and startling surmises. They represent the idea that government and the social system are diseased to the core, and that the yellow mission is to keep up and add to the fermentation until some other form of social adjustment is brought about. On June 1 last the New York Journal, published by a man of large wealth, who has daily

newspapers also in Chicago and San Francisco, and has talked of starting one in St. Louis, printed an editorial arguing that assassination had not only changed the history of the world, but altered it for the better. "Did not the murder of Lincoln," said the Journal, "uniting in sympathy and regret all good people in the north and the south, hasten the era of American good feeling, and perhaps prevent the renewal of fighting between brothers?" If that idea is not due to a demented brain it is the logic of the anarchist, who holds that stealthy murder is the weapon with which to improve social conditions and the world's political framework.

Another instance is called to mind in Philadelphia, where another yellow paper was the champion of Emma Goldman when the murderous she-wolf had arranged to deliver a harangue in that city. The police authorities interfered, and the paper referred to said: "The example of lawlessness being given by the police authorities is at once dangerous and disgraceful. Should force be met by force, the moral responsibility would rest upon the stupid despots of the city hall. The law should be brought to bear upon the lawless mayor and director of public safety." The yellow newspaper made the right of Emma Goldman to stand up before a crowd and incite to assassination greater than the right of the authorities, constituted by the people, to preserve public peace, order and human life. On the same occasion Emma Goldman complained that the constitution of the United States had been violated because she could not lash some Czolgosz in the crowd into shooting the president as he stood extending his hand to his fellow-citizens. Such is the interpretation of the national constitution by the fiend who is worse than Borgia, and the yellow papers that flock to her support.

The Goldmans, Mosts, Czolgoszes and the yellow papers have been playing into each other's hands. All alike denounce presidents as despots, imperialists, the tools of millionaires, the blood-suckers of honest toil. Emma Goldman made a previous speech in Philadelphia, in which she said: "My creed is that of force. I propose that a monster parade of the downtrodden workmen pass the houses of capitalists who rob them, and should this not have the desired effect, resort to force." She advised men who had nothing "to take the bread denied them by capital from the bakeshops and meat from the butchers. I believe that anarchy will govern in the end. We want a revolution in this country before it can prosper." When this demon appeared again in Philadelphia the authorities stopped her meeting, and for this act the yellow paper denounced the mayor as a lawless, stupid despot, and said he was provoking force as a reply to force. The yellow press in the United States is the main prop of the Goldmans and the Czolgoszes.

Already the yellow journals, under a pretense of friendship they do not feel, are beginning to stick their offensive personalities into the new administration's affairs. They do not accept the declaration of President Roosevelt that he is determined to continue the policy of his predecessor. In terms that, as yet, are respectful they assert that the present cabinet will not stay. They have selected successors to a number of them, and they have switched the rest around as befits their own ideas of what should be done. Thus they have tried to create turmoil in the cabinet, says the Tacoma Ledger. Happily the power of the yellow press has been broken. For the first time the noisome thing has been exposed. It is even now undergoing the process of castigation, and it writhes, sore but shameless. The members of the cabinet have all withstood its assaults. The president has been its victim, and without harm. He and his advisers will not be swerved from their purpose by these unclean meddlers. If the yellow fellows had left any sense of decency they would now be silent. They would not try to mix in the affairs of a public that has repudiated them and of public men who hold them in contempt.

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 Board Set a Higher Levy Than Last Year.

Olympia, Sept. 21.—Nominally the state board of equalization adjourned today at about noon. For the last few days extra clerks have been at work on the schedules in order that the board's work might be completed before the time allowed by law had expired. The board now claims that all its work is done, as only the clerical work remains to be finished.

Last year all the work had been done and all the schedules printed and proofs read by the clerk by the 22nd day, that being the time for which he was allowed salary. The schedules at the present time are incomplete and probably somewhat over half finished.

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The total valuation of all kinds of property in the state as equalized by the state board cannot be given, as the board has not completed this, so they can give out the figures, and consequently the total amount that will be raised by this levy must await the completion of the schedules. The railroads were equalized by this board at, first class, \$6,600 per mile; second, \$5,280; third, \$3,168; fourth, \$2,000; fifth, \$1,320; sixth, \$2,112. Horses, etc., are valued and equalized from \$20 to \$50, as against \$20 to \$30 last year. Sheep, \$2, against \$1.50; hogs, \$2, against \$2; wagons and carriages, \$25, against \$15; sewing and knitting machines, \$10, against \$5. The state board has added 5 per cent to the personal property total as equalized by each county board, including jewelry, merchandise, lumber, wood, money in bank, water mains, etc.

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