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United States still grows and darkens; our government is gathering soldiers and war ships in the Philippine Islands and the Chinese people are daily increasing in bitterness against the people of the United States. It is only possible that diplomacy may defer the rupture. Any days dispatches may tell of missionaries massacred or traders plundered. China has five times as many people as there are in the United States and if we war with them we will be at a disadvantage. The enormous expense of such a war will make it to our interest to bring it to a close as quickly as possible while the Chinese can accomplish their purpose as well by procastination if not better than with energetic war. What the Chinese people want is to sever all commercial relations and intercourse with us, unless we throw open our ports to them

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