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**AMERICAN CAPITALISTS ARE INVESTING IN IRELAND.**

The capitalization of the concerns in which J. P. Morgan & Co. are either directly or indirectly interested is \$6,448,500,000.

The oldest piece of writing in the world is on a fragment of a vase found at Nipur. It is an inscription in picture writing and dates 4500 years before Christ. The University of Pennsylvania has obtained it. Noah must have dropped it inadvertently out of the ark.

THANK God for an honest, brave lawyer! Justice Holmes, recently appointed to the supreme court of the United States, is reported to have asked in a recent decision, "What have we better than a blind guess to show that the criminal law in its present form does more good than harm?"

The decrease of 106 millions in the exports of 1902 as compared with the exports of 1901 and the increase of 80 millions in the imports for the same period is not being discussed much by republican leaders, but it ought to be considered by the rank and file. When the balance of trade in our favor is increasing the fact is proclaimed in big headlines and the republican party is given all the credit, but when the balance falls it seems to be a matter too insignificant to mention.

The table below gives the bank clearances for the week ending October 2d of Portland and Seattle and three business centers of the South, and their respective populations according to the census of 1900. The showing made is not flattering to the Pacific Northwest.

City	Clearings	Population
Portland	\$ 3,951,752	90,436
Seattle	4,251,183	80,071
Houston	16,713,000	44,033
Galveston	9,705,000	37,789
Savannah	4,074,000	54,244

THE statement that from January 1 to June 1 no less than 21,077 citizens of the United States settled in the province of Manitoba and adjacent territories is made by a writer in the Springfield (Mass.) republican. It is pointed out that 25,000,000 acres of land in the Canadian northwest are now owned by citizens of this country; 5,000,000 have been acquired during the present year, and about one-fifth of this area has been taken by bona fide settlers from the states. The remaining 4,000,000 acres have been sold to land companies who are reselling it at a profit to the tide of emigrants. It is said that from a single Iowa neighborhood 40 families have gone to this new territory within a few months.

WALTER WELLMAN, Washington correspondent of the Chicago-Record-Herald, writes: "It is agreed by leading financiers that if anything were to happen to knock the props from under the hundreds of millions of industrial bonds and stocks the most serious trouble would ensue." What kind of "props" do these concerns rest upon that these "props" are so frail that a revision of the tariff, to meet conditions which even many republican newspapers and leaders admit require, would result in "most serious trouble?" It is admitted by this republican correspondent that there has been a "dreadful orgy of stock watering." It is also declared that what Secretary of the Treasury Shaw calls "the mass of undigestible industrial securities" has "absorbed an alarming share of the people's savings." And yet in the face of these conditions nothing must be done to disturb the advantage which these water curing speculators enjoy through the favor of the republican party!

The permanent interests of the United States in the Panama canal will demand the utmost degree of security against the oft-recurring revolutions on the isthmus, and the question already pressing for action is, What will that form of security be? The Panama canal may prove a veritable Pandora's box of international complications. The Monroe doctrine may protect the republic of Columbia against European encroachments, but not against yankee expansion. It may not come to the latter, so far as the absorption of any South American republic by the United States is concerned, but an American protectorate over Colombia, or at least the isthmus, is one of the possibilities of the not distant future. Such a step is invited by the acquisition of the Panama canal, and such a step, once taken, invites more aggressive steps. Some new precedents are very likely to be established in our foreign relations as the result of isthmian interests. The development of the inevitable problem will be watched with interest.

A PECULIAR crisis is impending among Methodists of the United States, and the bishops and other officials are making extraordinary plans to meet it. Missionary operations of this church in China, India, Japan, Korea, the Philippines, Mexico, South America and Porto Rico have expanded so suddenly and to such magnitude that the annual income of \$1,250,000 of the missionary society is no longer adequate. During the past year a campaign has been in progress to increase the revenue to \$1,500,000 and it may be necessary to ask for \$2,000,000 soon. Additional field agents are at work in all parts of the United States trying to increase the missionary contributions. On October 22-24 a huge mass convention will be held in Gray's armory, Cleveland, O., for the purpose of giving added impetus to the movement. Arrangements have been made to accommodate 2500 delegates from Sunday schools, Epworth Leagues, Women's Missionary Societies, City Evangelical Unions, besides bishops, church editors, educators, presiding elders and pastors. Bishop Hartzell, who has returned from Africa, will make addresses at the convention and then in churches. Bishop Moore is homeward bound from China for the same purpose. Dr. C. W. Drees is raising a fund of \$50,000 for educational and mission work in Porto Rico.

**A COMPARISON.**

The present prosperity of the United States is assumed by many to be a matter of course. That the assumption is not logical and our circumstances could be the reverse of what they are we can easily see by comparing this country with Russia, which was at a period not far distant, for a semi-civilized state, at least, in a generally prosperous condition. Of the 130,000,000 inhabitants in the empire, 120,000,000 are peasants. Within 35 years, writes a recent publicist, this vast population of workers has lost not less than 35 per cent of its wealth and in the thickly peopled black-earth regions of Great Russia food production has decreased 44 per cent.

The arrears of taxes of the peasants have become a fabulous sum which they can never pay. For a quarter of a century they have been subject to economic decay. The birth rate of the Slavs has decreased at an alarming ratio. One year of famine after another is ruining their physique. The soil has been exhausted by wretched farming. Hosts of them have been compelled by want to sell their draft animals and, being hopelessly in debt, have become the slaves of money-lenders. For 20 years, the Russian government has done nothing to foster agriculture and it will not give private charity or enterprise a free hand to mitigate the ever increasing evil.

In fact, the well nigh boundless Russian empire, regardless of its practically unlimited undeveloped natural wealth, is yearly becoming more and more impoverished, and ruin seems the inevitable goal: not financial ruin, merely, but the slow yet sure dying out of a large part of her population. Russian statesmen who keep their eyes open admit that the situation is extremely grave. If the dirty, ignorant, bigoted, hungry millions rise in revolution, not all the soldiers of the empire will be able to stem the mighty storm.

Sociological conditions in the United States differ so greatly from those in Russia, that it does not seem possible our people could descend to the depths reached by the children of the "White Czar." But, notwithstanding, Russia teaches us the lesson that there is nothing necessarily in the nature of things to prevent a great nation from going rapidly down hill. There is no saving grace in mere bulk.

**Notice to Taxpayers and Property Owners.**

Notice is hereby given that the board of equalization of the county of Clackamas, State of Oregon, will for the week beginning Monday, October 13th, 1902, be in attendance at the office of the county clerk, in said county and state, for the purpose of publicly examining the assessment rolls of said county for the year 1902, and correcting all errors in valuation, description or qualities of lands, lots or other property. It is the duty of all persons interested to appear at the time and place herein mentioned, and call the attention of said board to any errors in assessment, or property not assessed, so that the same may be corrected in the manner provided by law.

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**The Potentiality Of the Blues**

By J. CARROLL BECKWITH,  
National Academician



BELIEVE IN THE POTENTIALITY OF THE "BLUES." I consider them a natural and necessary outlet for our overcharged natures and particularly salutary to those engaged in any form of art work.

WE ARE SO CONSTITUTED THAT FAILURE IS OFTTIMES NECESSARY TO SUCCESS.

The pendulum swings of its own momentum, and if we rise to heights of elation we must descend to depths of despondency, and, conversely, FROM A STATE OF DESPONDENCY WE REBOUND TO A TRUER AND SANER REALIZATION OF OUR SURROUNDINGS.

Some years ago I congratulated a French artist upon his recent success in the Paris salon and was surprised to hear him reply:

"I scarcely noticed that I had been successful. I have so schooled myself to resist these emotions that I have reached a condition where success no longer elates nor failure depresses."

Although at the moment I admired his philosophy and envied him his capacity for controlling his emotions, yet on second thought I realized that the vibratory quality of temperament which is so essential to the highest degree of happiness as well as to the highest degree of artistic achievement was being lost in this effort at negation in his emotions.

NOW, A MAN WILL COME OUT OF A FIT OF THE "BLUES" OVER FAILURE OFTEN TIMES VERY MUCH ENLIGHTENED AND MORE RESOLUTE THAN BEFORE. A well adjusted, normal temperament should enjoy elation and stoically endure depression.

If one strives to be well adjusted, these emotions should, to a degree, be governed by reason, and no excess in the indulgence of either should be permitted. But no artistic product can be obtained from a nature devoid of the emotional quality. In poetry, music, painting and sculpture it is imperatively essential and should not be discouraged.

I REITERATE THAT I BELIEVE IN THE POTENTIALITY OF THE "BLUES."

**Business Makes Business**

By LESLIE M. SHAW, Secretary of the Treasury

**B**USINESS depression dissipates both organized and unorganized capital. Enforced idleness means financial ruin to individuals, to business firms and to corporations both great and small. ON THE CONTRARY, BUSINESS PROSPERITY INSPIRES HOPEFULNESS.

It encourages the individual to reach out, to expand, to buy more land, more houses, more cattle, to erect more stores, build more shops and to embark in new enterprises. It leads to the organization of corporations. It inspires both dreams of great things and the consummation of gigantic enterprises. IT LEADS TO THE COMBINATION OF CAPITAL AND THE ORGANIZATION OF LABOR. Does any one suppose that the anthracite coal miners could be kept together if there were a million men out of employment and their families begging bread?

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