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SHALL THE CHINESE GO?

The difficulty which confronts the execution of the Geary registration law, namely the refusal of the Chinese to register, was not anticipated at the time the law was passed, and it has gotten Uncle Sam into a quandary. The law provides that those Chinese who do not register according to law, shall be deported. Only a small percentage of them have, up to the present time, complied with the provisions of the Geary act, for reasons which are not entirely clear.

The regulations as first promulgated provided for the payment of a fee by the applicant not exceed $1, which would be compensation for the collector of internal revenue. Before the registration began the secretary of the treasury decided that no fees should be exacted, and that the collector should be entitled to no extra compensation for his work. A hue and cry was then raised against furnishing photographs, the Chinese claiming that the government was gathering a collection that might be referred to as a "rogues' gallery." They also claimed that it was inconvenient to fuanish two witnesses. Secretary Carlisle in response to these objections presented by the Chinese ane their sympathizers instructed the collectors to discontinue the use of photographs and accept the testimony of one creditable witness. And still they do not register. About the only reason that the mass of Chinese have for not complying with the law is that they are commanded not to do so by the Chinese Six Companies. The best objection that the Six Companies can make is that the law is unconstitutional, but it is probably more profitable for them, in various ways, to oppose the law.

For the alleged purpose of bringing the matter before the supreme court the Six Companies have urged every Chinaman in the country to contribute one dollar. Having received a vast sum in this manner, they now demand five dollars from those who did not pay the dollar. A circular states that a failure to make payments according to demand, will be met by the refusal of certain papers issued by the Six Companies without which a Chinaman cannot return to China. The Six Companies have ample means of executing their decrees. Taking into consideration the Chinese population it may be seen that a vast sum of money will pass into the coffers of the tyee Chinamen. By the enforcement of the registration law the Six Companies would be deprived of the profits from the smuggling business, because no Chinaman would pay a high price to be illegally brought to this country when he would have no assurance of being able to remain. Through their numerous agents it is claimed they contract to land coolies for $500 each, while the actual expense does not exceed $150.

It would seem, now, that no Chinese will be sent out of the country until the supreme court shall decide the constitutionality of the law. Should the law be upheld we can scarcely hope that a wholesale deportation will even then take place.

In the press of important business which the present administration has to attend to, including the financial muddle, the annexation proposition, Chinese registration, etc., it should not lose sight of the tariff question. The country got worked up on this matter during the presidential campaign and business interests have been in suspense ever since the election of Cleveland. No person is receiving any benefit which might follow a readjustment and reduction of the tariff, while the capital of the country is shy of going into enterprises effected by the present schedule on account of the changes promised in the democratic platform. If there is to be a change let us have it; if not, say so. We need a settled financial policy, and a settled tariff policy of some kind more than the special form.

The historic old Liberty bell, which rang out independence July 4 1776, will have a triumphant progress from Philadelphia to Chicago. A special train will be provided free of cost by the Pennsylvania railroad company. The committee in charge of the precious relic have been begged by the mayors of various cities to stop long enough to allow fitting receptions to be given by the citizens. At Indianapolis it has been arranged that the school children shall parade and be given a sight of the bell.

GOVERNMENT FINANCES.

The condition of the government's finances remain in quite an unsettled condition, but on the whole, it seems rather more assuring. That there has been, and is now, cause for some alarm is generally admitted, but the best means of remedying the present condition of affairs is the point of difference. Gold has been flying the country at a rapid rate for some time, and many expected a financial panic when the gold reserve of $100,000,000 was reached and broken. The upper crust of the reserve was removed on the 21st, and scarcely a tremor of the expected financial earthquake was felt in the money centers of the country. To a correspondent Senator Chandler said:

"I can state the position I take in a single proposition, and that is that the secretary of the treasury ought to use the hundred millions of the reserve if it becomes necessary, and not issue any bonds until he is obliged to. That large fund was made to be used. That is what it is there for, and it should be called upon before any other steps are taken. The law requires national banks to retain 10 per cent of their earning for a surplus to be used in an emergency, and why should not the government resort to the same policy? I am afraid that gold will soon go to a premium, and the country be forced to a silver basis."

When asked what effect the financial situation would have upon the calling of an extra session, Mr. Chandler replied:

"That question can best be answered by the party in power. The question of an extra session depends entirely upon the present administration, whether it is broad and large in its contemplation of public affairs or small and inadequate, whether it shall prove strong and courageous. If it is strong and has the courage for which some people give it credit, Mr. Cleveland will call an extra session and repeal the of law 1890. Whether congress will or will not follow the advice of the president in this matter, he can at least place the responsibility upon congress. In my opinion Mr. Cleveland will surely go to ruin if he permits gold to go to a premium, rather than call an extra session."

The president is more confident. He says:

"The inclination on the part of the public to accept newspaper reports concerning the intentions of those charged with the management of our national finances seems to justify my emphatic contradiction of the statement that the redemption of any kind of treasury notes, except in gold, has at any time been determined upon, or contemplated by the secretary of the treasury, or any other member of the present administration. The president and his cabinet are absolutely harmonious in the determination to exercise every power conferred upon them to maintain the public credit, to keep the public faith and to preserve the parity between gold and silver and between all finance obligations of the government. While the law of 1890, forcing the purchase of a fixed amount of silver every month provides that the secretary of the treasury, in his discretion, may redeem in either gold or silver the treasury notes given in payment of silver purchases, yet the declaration of the policy of the government, to maintain the parity of the two metals, seems so clearly to regulate this discretion as to dictate their redemption in gold. Of course, perplexity and difficulties have grown out of an unfortunate financial policy which we found in vogue, and embarassments have arisen from ill-advised financial legislation confronting us at every turn, but with a cheerful confidence among the people and a patriotic disposition to cooperate, pending a legislative return to a better and sounder financial plan, the strong credit of the country is still unimpaired and the good sense of our people, which has never failed in the time of need, is at hand to save us from disaster."

MILLIONARE Barnes, of Lansing, who a few days ago did not owe a dollar in the world, is today likely to go broke. The embarassments of the Lansing Iron & Engine Works and the Lansing Lumber Co. have caused him to pay obligations aggregating $15,000, and to pledge the balance of his fortune for the payment of further liabilities exceeding over $700,000. He did this to save the credit and business honor of his son, O. F. Barnes.

IT is estimated that thirty thousand persons paid for admission to the world's fair grounds last Sunday. Inasmuch as the fair is not yet open, the Sunday closing obligation is not yet in force. The attendance served to illustrate what a hardship the closing of the gates on Sunday is going to be on the vast majority of the poor people who can ill afford a day off from their regular occupations.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, April 17th 1893.

Mr. Cleveland has certainly been unfortunate in the orders he has issued cancerning flags. People have not yet forgotten the howl of indignation that was raised during his first administration when he issued an order directing that the battle flags in the war department, which were captured during the civil war by union troops, should be returned to their original owners. That indignation was so universal, outside of the South, and even there the order was not generally favored, that the order was never carried into affect, and the captured flags are still in the war department. The indignation over his order to lower the American flag which Minister Stevens had raised over Hawaii months ago is even deeper and stronger than that aroused by the battle flag order, but as yet it isn't so loud here, at Washington, because, being an international question, prominent men hesitate to publicly speak their opinion about the lowering of the American flag—the first instance of the kind on record, and it is to be hoped the last—for fear that it may injure American interests. But privately, condemnation of the act is heard on every hand, and not a little of it comes from democrats. Even those democrats who tried to smooth the matter over and talk about its coming all right in the end admit their regret that the flag should have been lowered upon Mr. Cleveland's order and by a man who spent four of the best years of his life fighting to destroy that flag and all it represented. Perhaps the members of the administration are not familiar with a quotation from Hon. William Maxwell Evarts' "Our National Banner" which is echoed in the hearts of millions of American citizens, ready and willing to fight, and to die, if need be, for "Old Glory"—

"Let that banner wave forever,
May its lustrous stars fade never,
Till the stars pale on high;
While there's right the wrong defeating,
While there's hope in true hearts beating,
Truth and freedom shall not die."

Had the sailors on the U. S. S. Boston, now anchored in the harbor of Honolulu, felt disposed to sing the "Star Spangled Banner," after the humiliating episode of lowering the stars and stripes had occurred, they might fittingly have used a revised version of the familiar worcs, something like the following:

Oh, say, we can't see by the noon's bright light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, in the dim light,
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming,
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there:
Oh, say, the star-spangled banner doesn't wave;
It has been lowered by the band of a ——

Raising the constitution of the U. S. as a bar to prevent something they do not wish to have done is a very old trick with the democrats in congress, and yet it does seem surprising that they should be willing to go before the country with such a flimsy excuse for not being willing to have the charge of criminal embezzlement against Senator Roach investigated. The republican senators being a minority could not force the democrats to vote on Senator Hoar's resolution, before adjourning, but they could, and did, compel the democratic majority to put itself on record as being afraid to allow this investigation to be made, not because it would almost certainly have resulted in the expulsion of Roach, but because it would have laid bare the methods by which the election of Roach was secured, methods far from creditable. Republican senators are willing to let the matter go in that shape to the intelligent people of the country, for the present at least. They will bring the matter up again at the regular session of congress, when they hope to be able to compel the senate to take action.

Half of official Washington will go down to see the interesting international naval review in Hampton Roads, in which, thanks to a republican congress and the Harrison administration, the United States will make such a creditable showing.

The end of the extra session of the senate was very quiet, although there were several very stormy periods during its last days.

In suspending the further issue of gold certificates Secretary Carlisle was rather hasty. The law says they shall be suspended when the gold in the treasury falls below $100,000,000. This it has not yet done, although it may do so before the week ends.

Mrs. J. H. Parker, wife of the cashier of the First National bank of Baker City, Or., committed suicide by taking an overdose of morphine. Domestic infelicity was the cause of the suicide.

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Persons are compelled to lick their own postage stamps and envelopes; the postmaster cannot be compelled to do this.

Persons are earnestly requested not to send postal cards with money orders enclosed, as large sums are lost in that way.

Nitro glycerine must be forwarded at the aisk of the sender. If it should blow up in the postmaster's hand he cannot be held responsible.

When letters are received bearing no direction the persons for whom they are intended will please signify the fact to the postmaster that they may at once be forwarded.

As all postmasters are expert linguists the address may be written in Chinese or Choctaw.

It is unsafe to mail apple or fruit trees with the fruit on them.

It is earnestly requested that lovers writing to their girls will please confine their gushing rhapsodies to the inside of the envelope.

Ducks cannot be sent through the mail alive. The quacking would disturb the slumbers of the clerks on the postal cars.

When watches are sent through the mail, if the sender will put a notice on the outside, the postmasters will wind and keep it in running order.

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When you send a money order in a letter, always write full and explicit directions in the same letter, so that any person getting the letter can draw the money.

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