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THE INTELLIGENT FOREIGNER.

The United States has long become accustomed to having the measure of its lands, people and institutions taken by a foreigner in the course of a flight across the continent in one limited train and back in another.

But when a herr German doctor who claims five unbroken years of residence in this country contributes his observations, one looks for more of solemn, if ponderous, truth than humor so fantastic as to almost seem premeditated.

He prefaces his remarks by saying that Americans cannot endure a word of disparagement of themselves. He is mistaken. Such criticisms as his would be received not only complacently but with hilarious joy anywhere from Eastport to San Diego.

His first paragraph is certainly enough to make anyone sit up and take notice: "The mountains and rivers cannot compare either in number of size with their respective counterparts in Europe."

Now where do you suppose he spent those five years? Has he really gone home thinking of the tidy little foothills of the Apes or the Pyrenees as mountains without having seen the Rockies, or convinced that those pleasant creeks, the Rhine and the Danube, are Mississippi and Hudsons? That would be fun, indeed!

Again: "A number of the most valuable cereals, as well as other edible plants, the vine, etc., will either not grow there at all, or grow in very restricted quantities."

Shades of a grocer! What does the man mean by that? What cereal does this country not grow in quantities that would simply daze the European husbandman, and as for vines, he certainly never heard of California.

Passing to the population, he is even more amusing. "Whence," he asks, "comes the undeniable energy so characteristic of the people of the United States?"

The foreigner, he answers. The native American stock would not surpass the world in energy, if the immigrant from the world surpassed didn't come here and energize us. This theory is not only original but consecrates with genius.

Our women are running us by leaps and bounds. They rule by force, not tenderness.

"There is probably little exaggeration in saying that the burthen of latent contempt heaped by the gentry in England upon the middle class, is in America heaped by women upon man. In both cases we meet with the same passive acceptance, the same absence of all spirit of revolt."

Our men are sensation-ridden and unstable; without a well-balanced emotional life; lacking in completeness and, with the exception of high-strung New Englanders, of poorly developed individuality.

But in spite of all we may be saved. The Monroe doctrine may embroil us in a war with all Europe from which we may emerge sobered, chastened, enlightened by contact—even at 2000 years—with genuine civilization, and become a real nation.

Hoch der herr Doctor Reich!—Seattle P.-I.

THE HYDE PARK PROTEST.

London newspapers giving detailed reports of the recent mass meeting held in Hyde Park to protest against opening South Africa to Chinese labor show that the occasion was one of much more importance than appeared from the brief accounts given in the cable dispatches. The day was by no means pleasant for such a gathering, being cold and misty, but none the less, according to estimates of the Westminster Gazette, upward of 50,000 workmen marched in procession to the park from various quarters, while thousands of others join them there, so that when the bugle calls for order sounded fully 80,000 people were gathered around the 14 platforms from which addresses were to be made and resolutions moved.

Among the notable features of the demonstration were the sentiments emblazoned upon the numerous

banners carried in the parade. One bore the words: "Parliamentary Committee Trade Union Congress, organized to protest against slave labor. Another was inscribed: "Slavery abolished 1833, revived 1904, after the sacrifice of 52,000 men, women and children." Another bore the legend: "We demand work for starving white men in South Africa." A fourth demanded: "Are the mineowners to be permitted to paint South Africa all yellow?" Quite a number bore the inscription: "Freedom of labor. No slavery under the British flag."

The words of the banners were significant of the tone of the speeches that were to follow. From first to last, the efforts of all were directed toward arousing antagonism to the employment of Chinese in South Africa on the ground that it would mean a revival of slavery. The resolutions adopted declared: "This meeting, consisting of all classes of citizens of London, emphatically protests against the action of the government in granting permission to import into South Africa indentured Chinese labor under conditions of slavery, and calls upon them to protect this new colony from the greed of capitalists and the empire from degradation."

The orators fiercely scored every noted man who had voted in parliament for the Chinese bill. Even the archbishop of Canterbury was not spared. A reporter of the Daily News in describing the speech of John Burns, the famous labor leader, who was the bright particular star of the occasion, says of his references to the head of the church:

"As I come up Mr. Burns is dealing faithfully—very faithfully—with the archbishop of Canterbury. The crowd is reveling in the enjoyment of his fierce and telling but always just and human strokes. 'The archbishop must take a new title,' says Burns—'the chaplain to the Chinese compounds.' A roar from the crowd. 'He speaks of it as a "regrettable necessity." He was anticipated in that phrase by another great man—Charles Peace, the burglar-murderer. When Charles Peace was about to be condemned for his crimes he said to his counsel, "I repeat that I have never taken human life except from regrettable necessity." This time an immense roar swept the crowd as the point was accurately and carefully thrust home by quotations from a written paper. The roar was repeated again and again."

The opposition press of course promptly took up the voice of the protest of the workmen, and proceeded next morning to edit it with all the vigor at their command. It is quite likely, therefore, that the effect of the meeting will be to materially weaken the prestige of the government among the workmen of London and indeed throughout the kingdom. It is a formidable issue for the ministry to meet, inasmuch as it enables the opposition to appeal to such varied and potent sentiments as race prejudice against Chinese, the antagonism felt by large numbers of people to the schemes of the big mineowners of the Rand, and the high sentiment of indignation that exists among all classes against anything that even looks like a revival of slavery.—S. F. Call.

A recent cartoon in the Oregonian depicting the southern voter as a gross individual, roughly clad in long coat and huge sombrero, his face disfigured by a barbarous mustach and a whisky bottle conspicuously protruding from a pocket, is about as true to life as a howling redskin would be typical of Oregonians. In point of fact the southern states are peopled by the most genteel and virtuous class of citizens that the United States can produce, and the tendency of the northern press to exaggerate their defects and to ignore their characteristically fine bearing will certainly not tend to produce that harmony so essential to good government.

Fire came in such awful shape at St. Vincent's hospital, Indianapolis, that even a description of its work is almost unbearable. Among many third and fourth story patients an unusual number had recently undergone surgical operations. One unfortunate, just operated on for appendicitis, ran down four flights of stairs to the street. For the perfection of modern hospitals it might be suggested that the more helpless be housed on the ground floor.

King Edward has given something more than a hint to the English court set that he wants them to pay their debts. If this keeps up it will not be worth while to belong to the nobility.

Ambassador Porter is far from enthusiastic over the proposition to name him as the republican candidate for governor of New York. He is not ambitious to star in the role of a sacrifice.

An earthquake has just been experienced at Paapeete, Tahiti, which shook all the books out of the shelves. It is well that false teeth are not fashionable with the natives of that place.

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