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EX-SENATOR MITCHELL holds the "best hand in republican politics in Oregon just now, and he knows perfectly well how to play it with skill and result.

The letter of W. J. Bryan, in which he called attention to the injustice of the republicans in promising independence to the Cubans while leading the Filipinos to think they are to remain vassals, has attracted wide attention.

The American people agree with Mr. Bryan in his contention that the rights of the Filipinos and rights of the Cubans are identical. Under the American flag all men should be considered equal.

Flesh should not be made of one man or set of men and fowl of another.

George S. Boutwell, of Massachusetts, president of the anti-imperialist league, says the United States has no authority whatever to be in China. Let us reverse the situation.

Would we allow foreign troops in our own country? Meanwhile the Chinese minister remains at his post in Washington. It is the imperialistic policy of the McKinley administration which is entangling us more and more all the time with foreign countries, against which the "father of our country" warned us.

It has been asserted that the democratic party would be supported by the Germans in the presidential campaign this year. There are evidences of the truth of this assertion. The North American Turner Bund, a powerful national body of Germans devoted to athletics rather than to the study of politics, protests against the policy of conquest of this government and against every attempt toward expanding the domain of the United States by force.

It condemns "every effort to extend the blessings of civilization with sword and gun as one based upon hypocrisy and greed for gain," and it recognizes "the right of all people to defend with arms their liberty and independence." This action of these sturdy Germans has given alarm to the republican leaders.

The Chicago Record calls attention to the fact that the marines of the thirty-one ships of war of all nations now in Chinese waters have a big job cut out for them if they undertake to protect all the foreigners in China. As a matter of fact they cannot do it, and Russia is the only country with necessary military force on call that can effectively deal with the situation.

Before Germany, France, England or America could send a sufficient military force to Pekin the missionaries and all other foreigners would probably share the fate of the Christians in Armenia five or six years ago. The jealousy of the powers should not now stay the hand of Russia so far as actual protection of foreigners is concerned. Otherwise the blood shed will be upon their heads.

The republican national platform promises to the people of the Philippines "the largest measure of self-government consistent with their welfare and our duties." The New York World says Abraham Lincoln disposed of this specious plea, used in his time, as it has been in every time, by the apologists of government without the consent of the governed. In the course of one of Lincoln's famous speeches, replying to Douglas, the first republican president said: "These arguments that are made, that the inferior race are to be treated with as much allowance as they are capable of enjoying; that as much is to be done for them as their condition will allow—that are these arguments? They are the arguments that kings have made for enslaving the people in all ages of the world. You will find that all the arguments in favor of kingcraft

were of this class; that they always bestraddled the necks of the people, not that they wanted to do it, but because the people were better off for being ridden. Turn it whatever way you will, whether it come from the mouth of a king, an excuse for enslaving the people of the country, or from the mouth of men of one race for enslaving the men of another, it is all the same old serpent." This clearly and emphatically has Abraham Lincoln bequeathed to us his judgment on the Philippine policy of William McKinley and it is surprising that the party which stood back of Lincoln should stand back of McKinley with any number of liberty loving Americans supporting it.

CHINA AND THE MISSIONARIES.

Among the secret papers of the state department is a report made by Courtney Hixson, who was consul to Fuchau, China, under the Cleveland administration, and which report was not printed and given publicity on account of the plain language used by the consul touching the cowardly conduct of England's minister and consuls during the massacre of the missionaries in China in 1895.

Not only did Consul Hixson handle the English foreign officials without gloves, but in this report he took occasion to say that the massacre was simply the beginning of the final wiping out of every missionary in China and that when this step was taken other so-called civilized nations would stand back and wait for the United States to take the initiative.

The consul also had a word or two to say relative to forcing upon China missionaries who wished to preach the gospel in that country.

As stated in this report was never printed. It did not please the president, nor was it along the lines of policy adopted by the secretary of state, but the present heathenish and barbarous outbreak in China is evidence that Consul Hixson was eminently correct in his prediction.

In this report Consul Hixson said that the integrity of our country depended upon ourselves, and not upon other nations; that the consular courts should be given more power—power to mete out summary justice. He reached this conclusion after his experience in bringing to justice—single handed and alone—twenty or more Chinese, who had massacred men, women and children. Among these there were no Americans killed, but several were wounded. They were England's subjects, and yet English representatives in China made no effort whatever to compel the Chinese government to protect their people.

The fearful massacre at Hwasian was reported to our Minister Deuby on August 5, and he at once instructed Consul Hixson to begin an investigation immediately. On the 17th, Consul Hixson named a board of investigation. On this board he attempted to get English consuls, but they declined to serve, notwithstanding that it was their missionaries who had been killed and their homes burned.

China refused to go into the inquiry, after parrying until the 10th, when Consul Hixson announced that he would not be thwarted, and he began the work himself, warning the Chinese authorities that if he was interfered with there would be all kinds of trouble. He also took occasion to pay his compliments to England's representatives in language that was vigorous if not choice.

The massacre was not without previous warning, according to the report, and our consul realize that he was taking desperate chances in going into the inquiry with both England's and China's officials against him. Rev. Robert Stewart had notified England that he believed that there was impending danger at Kuehng that matters were in a disturbed condition, and that Christians were menaced at the hands of the Vegetarians. The English government made not the slightest effort to have the Chinese government protect these missionaries, and Rev. Mr. Stewart, his wife, his sister Miss Lucy, Miss Bessie Newcombe, Miss Elsie Marshall, Miss Mary Ann Christiansa Gordon, Elinor Saunders, Elizabeth Mand Saunders and several others were slain by the Vegetarians.

When Consul Hixson was ordered by the minister at Pekin to proceed to the scene of the outrage and institute an inquiry, he asked for and received a Chinese escort. Of this escort Hixson acknowledged that he was doubtful, knowing that they would attempt to shield their own. He says he was determined to hold them down, and, in his own words, "I told this escort that it was determined at any cost to see justice done, and that if I discovered on their part the least indication or evidence of treachery I would use my brace of pistols with telling effect."

At Hwasian he gathered the most positive evidence against the actual perpetrators and their advisors and leaders. He did not stop at this but secured incriminating evidence showing complicity on the part of the Chinese officials.

To the consul's mind it was clear that the Chinese officials knew that the wholesale massacre was to take

place, and they were cognizant of it weeks before it actually occurred. As has always been true, the mandarins were the instigators of the foul crimes, and after the massacre, and while the victory's troops were at the scene under orders, they looted what was left of the missionaries' houses. It was then from these facts the clear intention of the Chinese to drive out all missionaries from that country, and it was also evident that the ex-Viceroy, Lin Pin Chang, was among the leaders.

So successfully and fearlessly did Consul Hixson conduct his investigation that on the 7th of November—three months after the massacre was reported—he had the leaders behind him. It was the voice and demand of the Chinese that the execution should be private, but Consul Hixson entered a protest and said that he desired the execution to be as public as possible, that it might be the means of being an object lesson to the others in this class of Chinese. When the Chinese realize they had a stern man, representing a powerful nation, to deal with, they acquiesced in his wishes and on the day of the execution more than twenty thousand Chinese were present as witnesses.

After the leaders had been put to death and the consul returned to his home in Fuchau, the English consul attempted to explain his reluctance in going into the inquiry, but so clearly had that official shown the white feather that Hixson declined to have further relations with him. English representatives had declined to go beyond absolute necessity or what they were forced to.

The United States consul said that sympathy which costs nothing but words is of a cheap grade, and that the British nation would not deplete its exchequer in any manner toward sustaining its honor so long as other nations would take the initiative.

Consul Hixson did not hesitate to say that there was a treachery among the Chinese, and that the English minister was strong and active in their creed than the Chinese; that any amount of labor bestowed upon them with a view to their conversion is lost. One hundred thousand missionaries sent to China would amount to nothing, and these missionaries might as well preach to the rocks of Mr. Leatham or establish grist mills and expect to grind out converted Chinese.

Mr. Hixson is now first lieutenant of the Thirty-second Infantry, United States Volunteers, stationed at Manila, and would not doubt like to be among the boys who are sent to China.

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