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The little brown men of Japan have taken up some of the white man's burden in China.

The missionaries in China have accomplished considerable more harm than good, but doubtless the work of the missionaries there would bear fruit if it were continued. The trouble lies in continuing it.

The United States is a member of the firm of Powers & Co. Uncle Sam appears to be the company. Washington's warning is no longer accepted as such by those who "rule" in Washington.

The Chicago Times-Herald approves W. J. Bryan for consistently and resolutely being in favor of bold and explicit statements of principle and purpose. It says, in the words of Governor Roosevelt, "the people are entitled to plainness on the disputed questions of the day."

In seventeen months the whole import trade of Manila (Philippines) has been $5,901,453. Of this the Yankee share is $567,266. The public revenue to accrue to America from it is $777,904. Not counting the blood, the Philippine war has already cost us $400,000,000. The conflict's present cost is over $1,000,000 a day.

The commercial travelers in the east, or rather the majority of them, are said to be in favor of Bryan for president on the ground that they believe he is sincere in his opposition to the trusts and trust methods. There appears to be no lack of confidence in every quarter and section in Bryan's honesty of purpose. An honest man is still the noblest work of God!

The position of the populists in this campaign was briefly stated the other day by Gov. Lee of South Dakota in a letter which has been made public. "We believe," he said, "that anti-expansion is the issue nearest and most important. The money question and the trust question can be settled at any time, but imperialism is an immediate issue and must be met at once."

Abram S. Hewett, a gold democrat, of New York City complains most bitterly because the government, by retaining the duty of forty cents a ton on iron ore, is making a present to Carnegie's steel trust, whose works turn out half of the steel made in the United States, of $10,000 a day. It is asserted that the Carnegie company made a profit of $40,000,000 in one year on $25,000,000 capital. The tariff breeds trusts.

There is talk in New York of nominating Ex-Speaker Reed for governor of the Empire state on the repblican ticket. The republicans cannot nominate a brainier man. Czar Reed has more than his share of gray matter, but the republicans in power at this time do not desire him in such a big office as that of governor of New York. It is our humble opinion that Thomas Brackett Reed will never be given the nomination.

The British war office has lately reported that the total loss of its armies in the Boer war number 48,640. This includes those killed in action, died of wounds, missing and prisoners, died of disease and invalided home. Truly John Bull is paying that price which, as Oom Paul said, would "startle the world," for the pleasure of crushing the South African republics; and despite the aid he has received from McKinley and Hay the struggle is not yet over.

The tin plate trust, which used to be the pet boast of the McKinley campaigners, and still is to some of them, as a "creation of the protection policy," shows but an indifferent article of gratitude to its creator. The trust's recent discharge of 35,000 employes is a poor return for the years of benefit which enabled it to assume the position of a "robber baron" toward the American people. Coming at this stage of the proceedings, with the campaign about to be opened, such action can scarcely fail to have a debilitating effect on the "prosperity" record.

The election of George E. Chamberlain to the office of prosecuting attorney in Portland promises to bear fruit to the taxpayers. Already Mr. Chamberlain has begun to uncover the work of the fee grabber and to promote good government economically administered. If Mr. Chamberlain is given proper support and is thus encouraged to keep up the good work there will be other democrats elected to office to serve the people in Portland and the state. Mr. Chamberlain promises to be the nest egg of the democracy in Oregon. It is gratifying to have even one officeholder consider a public office a public trust and conduct it accordingly with force and result.

ASCENDENCY IN COMMERCE.

Carroll D. Wright, United States commissioner of labor, deals in figures, and his conclusions are reached after due consideration of these things which are popularly supposed not to lie. When he treats of the industrial and commercial ascendency of the United States—as he does in the current Century—he gets his facts from cold statistics and his assertions may be accepted as incontrovertible.

The industrial ascendency of this country has been assured so long that Mr. Wright merely refers to it in beginning his paper as a proper way of leading up to a consideration of the commercial status of America. According to careful estimates our production of manufactured goods the present year will reach at least the value of $12,000,500,000. This sum is considered to be at least $450,000,000 in excess of the manufactured products of the United Kingdom and Germany, the chief competitors of the United States. In the iron market this country is now easily supreme, and in the great field of agriculture ascendency has long been accorded to the United States. On this point Mr. Wright says:

"There is not so much variation in the productivity in manufactures as in agriculture, but, still, in the use of machinery it is great enough to give ascendency to this country. In the United States it is 1,940 foot-tons per inhabitant, in Great Britain 1,470, in Germany 902, in France 910, in Austria 560, and in Italy 380. In these statements we find the basis for the phenomenal commercial expansion of the last few years."

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It is only natural, when looking at the industrial lead of the United States, that Mr. Wright should consider also the question as to whether commercial ascendency has been reached or is in sight. "To secure commercial ascendency," he says, "the exports of a country must be greater than those of any other country; for the total exports of a country indicate its true position in commerce, as they usually consist of surplus products." Following this is a table giving the actual exports of the country, Great Britain and Germany for the year ending Dec. 31, 1899. This shows that the exports from Great Britain were slightly in excess of those from the United States but taking the domestic exports from this country for the year ending March 31, 1900, it is found they were $1,309,142,217. British statistics for the same date are not at hand, but as British exports have not been increasing of late very rapidly, "it is safe to conclude that at the present time the exports of the United States exceeded those of any other country in the world."

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This increase has been rapid. "It was not till 1873 that our total domestic exports reached the half-billion mark; they have never fallen below that since, except in the year 1875, when the decrease was less than $1,000,000. The billion mark was reached in 1892, but not again until 1897. Now, as we have seen, the figure is $1,309,142,217. While our exports have been constantly increasing, our imports have not increased."

The reverse of this is true of other countries. The exports of British produce from the United Kingdom are no greater today than they were a dozen years ago, while her imports have increased. The trade of this country has not only marvelously grown in the older markets of the world, but it has become a power to be seriously reckoned with in new markets, particularly in the Orient. And this expansion is not likely to pass away or cease, for it has been based on the superior quality of the goods sent out as well as upon opportunities from natural sources and other conditions of the United States to supply them. "The enormous increase in the export of breadstuffs proves that the United States is the bakery of the world," and if its export coal trade continues to grow as at present it is likely to keep most of the world's ovens supplied with fuel. "These considerations must convince the American public that this country is in no danger of either a food or a fuel famine, for our supply of fuel is estimated to be equal to the demand for at least 1,000 years"—a long enough time to persuade those now living not to worry overmuch.

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Mr. Wright gives what would seem a reasonable explanation of why there has been a decrease in the carrying of American commerce in American vessels. He says: "American capital has been more profitably invested in the production and sale of goods than in the foreign express business, and whenever the time comes that capital invested in the carrying trade is more profitable than in the production of goods, then the American marine service will extend its influence over the seas." This is common sense. If American capitalists could see good profit in carrying commerce to foreign lands they would soon have ships on every sea and in every port of the world. And when they do see this, as Mr. Wright says, they will quite naturally and without straining, solve the problem of a dominant American merchant marine.

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Mr. Wright points out that the carrying trade of a country is not its commerce. "The capacity to sell surplus goods is the true indication of its efficiency and energy." In such a position he does not hesitate to place the United States, and, thus he does not worry because the bulk of this country's foreign trade is carried in ships which do not fly the Stars and Stripes. But he also warns against too optimistic a view of present prosperity. Industrial depressions and financial crisis abroad must be reckoned with, and they will prevent increase in the future being uniform. Still it is noted that in former depressions abroad this country has ably held its own, and from this he argues well for the years to come. Generally the world-wide celebrity, and the American stamp indicates a superior quality and excellence in a large number of articles exported.

"Blunders will occur," concludes Mr Wright, "combinations of circumstances and conditions will interfere at times, but, taking a broad view, it is to be admitted that the United States is now entering upon a period not only of industrial but of commercial ascendency. Both labor and capital are interested in this ascendency, and, with reasonable and sensible legislation, there should be no check beyond temporary interference in the growth of our foreign trade."

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