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Ex-Governor Lind of Minnesota, says the McKinley administration favors regulars to volunteers because the latter carry a conscience as well as a gun.

The bees in the United States are keeping up their reputation for being busy. They made \$20,000,000 worth of honey during the last year.

The Pendleton Street Fair and Harvest Carnival promises to be a great success. It will attract a great number of people to Pendleton and they will be entertained.

David B. Hill has tendered his services to the national and state committees to make a thorough canvass of Indiana in the interest of the presidential and state ticket. Dave Hill is not "sulking" this year. He is full of fight and will lend strength to the democratic cause.

According to a recent report there are in Germany 861 schools and institutes giving instruction in manual training, and they have under their control as many as 1514 workshops. Such figures explain the wonderful success Germany has had of recent years in competing for the world's commerce, and show other people what they will have to do in order to keep up with the procession.

B. B. Odell, a well known republican leader in New York, who is prominently mentioned as a candidate for governor in the empire state, has become rich by following no business but politics. It is a sign that republican politics pays those who engage in it and make a business of it. One of the evils from which the country suffers is that of professional politics, in which men engage purely for the money there is in it.

A few days ago James J. Hill and party traveled from Buffalo to Duluth in that railroad magnate's new private steam yacht the "Magnate." On the trip the yacht passed the "J. J. Hill," a big, nine hundred ton freighter. The captain of the "Magnate" did the proper thing. He saluted and fired a gun. This had the very opposite of the intended effect—for instead of answering, the fellows on the "J. J. Hill" acted like frightened men. These American sailors are unused to making much to do about nothing. Of course, Jim Hill, the railroad king, should be noticed when the vessels of his fleet pass one another.

The republicans appear to have no appetite for the question of trusts and monopolies. They do not desire to discuss the Philippine war, either in its moral, economical or political aspect. They want to discuss the money issue, although they have claimed for several years that it has been settled for good and all. If they can make the voters believe in their contention regarding money, the campaigning will be easy and the campaign fund will be ample to meet their needs. The republicans are not ascertain of victory in November as they profess to believe. There is many a slip 'twixt the cup and the lip.

General Diaz was recently elected for a sixth term of the presidency of Mexico, which will make a continuous service of twenty-four years. The republic of Mexico, is both peaceful and prosperous. Its industrial progress under Diaz exceeds that of any country in the world. They are attached to the ways of peace, love their freedom and have learned the value of law and order. All this they have done for themselves. Maximilian came from the outside to offer them a stable government, and they shot him. Since

then they have governed themselves. The population is only 12,491,573, two-thirds of whom are illiterate. They have not even been sent to our universities at our expense to learn the superiority of our civilization. They have just stayed at home and enjoyed liberty, while developing their own country. Eighty per cent of them are of mixed or mongrel blood. Sixty-three languages are spoken among them and 35 per cent of them are of pure Indian blood. The pure Spanish blood among them is in a very small minority, and is supposed to be but little qualified for self-government. Yet Mexico presents a condition that commands the respect of the civilized world and promises to be an illumination to the countries of Central and South America which may study her ways and be wise. And our own imperialists should bear Mexico in mind when undertaking to deny self-government to the Philippines and the Porto Ricans. The truth is, that it is a mighty poor stick of a man who cannot or will not govern himself better and more economically than someone else can govern him.

### SHALL WE FORSAKE OUR TRADITIONS

There is no reason to doubt that the result of the imperialistic doctrine in America would differ from the English result. We cannot build on any other conclusion. The policy to be pursued is the same. The pathway of the crown is the same skill-trower's desert, no matter where it leads, or who follows it. The environment must be right, to make it a success, and no other fruit can grow upon the old trunk than has grown upon it for lo, these many years.

American imperialism in the Philippines will be an exact prototype of the English article in India and Africa. For our ideas and schooling on the question are founded upon English methods. We are her student, her follower, her imitator and our life will be brought to it by her model. We will crawl into her iron-bound ideal, and no matter for lost liberties, for retrogression, for stagnation of the intellect of the masses, for the utter loss of that strong democratic spirit which gave us birth, we will wear her robe and crown.

She cannot muster soldiers fast enough to meet the demands of her policy. She cannot tax the toiler strong enough to equalize the enormous drain of the military department. From every quarter of the globe comes the cry for a rich slice of territory from Venezuela, as an object lesson to all weaker nations, that they may stand in awe of her shadow. She has crushed India. She has left the populace bereft of mind, soul, ambition or life, and now to swell the military revenue she has taken away their bread. A million starving Sepoys weigh nothing when placed in the balance against the loss of one battle for the forces of imperialism. And yet, this is Christian civilization. And we go with open eyes into the same fatal pathway.

It is doubtful if the harvest in India has ever been inadequate to feed the entire population of the country. And yet, two months ago the press stated that 600,000 people were starving in India. That the death rate in the famine belt was appalling, that the spread of the cruel doctrine in Africa, which had pauperized and ruined the fertile Indian provinces. It caused the people of America to feel the starving victims of English greed in one quarter of the world, while England was reducing the sum of human freedom and human happiness in another.

And why this sudden silence on the Indian famine? Has it been overcome so quickly? Hardly. But there is an imperialist ticket in the field in our country, and it would not make it stronger in the minds of thinking men, to show the cruel result of imperialism in India, during the campaign. Men with unprejudiced minds might draw conclusions from the magnitude of the English failure to provide bread for its subjects, that would be detrimental to this policy at home. That is why silence reigns, and for no other reason.

By all rules of logic, we will soon stand where the other nations stand now, if we follow their steps and think their thoughts. We will send the

flower of our youth to Luzon, to Samoa, to Hawaii, to Porto Rico and Cuba, to protect the interests of vast syndicates which will be in possession of all the valuable resources of these distant countries. Commerce follows the flag, and commerce today, means the massing of the business of the country into a few hands as possible. We have an assurance that the American officials in Cuba or Porto Rico will be any more honest than the English officials in India. The postoffice frauds which have occurred so soon after our occupation of Havana, give evidence that the inclination of the official thief only awaits the opportunity.

Too soon the spirit of the republic will pass away, and the government of the few, by the few and for the few will reign instead. The fatal policy which has made England, France, Italy, Germany and Russia a few, supported by peasants and non-producing aristocrats, will make of the United States the same thing. It is logic that it must be true. We can't reap a harvest different from the seed we sow. The slimmer of war will soon disappear. Its delusory reality will soon strike home to the hearts of those whose family altars must be made recruiting stations for the demon of empire. BERT HUFFMAN.

### "HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF."

Hearst's Chicago American: Before the French revolution, which cut off so many heads and did so much good, the ordinary Frenchman had the right to live and die and hurry up about it. He had no other right to speak of. All rights belonged to the nobleman. The peasant worked for the nobleman all day, and at night, if the frogs were troublesome, making too much noise in the pond near the nobleman's chateau, the peasants took turns sitting up to keep the frogs quiet. They stood on the edge of the pond with long tails flogging the water and frightening the frogs into silence.

After awhile the peasants got tired of frightening frogs. They followed educated leaders of the Danton, Marat, Robespierre stamp, instead of frightening frogs frightened noblemen effectually.

But as Eve remarked to Adam when little Abel got the mumps just as Cain had had them: "History repeats itself." Here comes a serious news dispatch from Washington which shows our own John Hay figuring as the French nobleman. The English sparrow takes the place of the French frog, which is highly appropriate in view of the secretary of state's English affiliations. Mr. Hay has a pretty good house on Lafayette square, opposite the White House. He goes to bed early, with his sharp-toed patent leather "pumps" under the bed and his fancy silk stockings turned inside out neatly by his conscientious valet.

Mr. Hay sleeps long and peacefully, for he is rich, thanks to his father-in-law, and he is great, thanks to McKinley, who made him secretary of state because Hay helped pay McKinley's Canton debts.

You would think that John Hay should be perfectly happy, but he isn't. In the morning, when the sun rises so early, the sparrows rise also, and, with no respect for John Hay, they begin housekeeping at once. They chatter and flutter outside his windows. They fight and they go courting in the vines that ornament his house. They make a noise, they wake him up before he has had a chance to sleep eleven hours.

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Come with the rain, for the summer is over! Come, for the old earth's breast is dry; Sprinkle the glad drops down through the clover.

Waken the children of storm in the sky! We are weary of sunshine, heat and roses; Weary of sleepless nights and days, Give us a breath that is fresh and cheery— Give us Autumn with clouds in a haze!

Swing, O breeze, on your coolness race— Speed the day when winds will close! Shrink in the woods like the battle horn! Scatter the gold leaf down the valleys.

Lay it softly on corn and grain— Toss the willow's white berries as gossamer; Piping in chorus their golden strains, Scatter the leaves of the leafless poplar; Scatter from the aspens her breath of sleep— Toss to the winds what is left of August.

And come with Autumn, and storms that sweep— Come with the rust and come with the gold leaf. Lay on the mountain your robe of brown— Come with a host that will conquer Autumn. And tumble her person of BERT HUFFMAN. Kamela, Oregon, August 12, 1900.

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