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Far above the excited crowd a young woman clung, trembling, to a window-sill. Beautiful she was, even in the habiliments of midnight, says the New York World.

The flames rolled on. Ominous volumes of smoke belched from the windows about and, climbing up the walls of the doomed structure, darkened the heavens above.

Still the young woman maintained her grasp and hung suspended five hundred feet in midair.

"Help! Help!" she cried at last. But, though the street below was thronged with firemen who wore medals for bravery, not one moved towards the girl. Such an act would have been suicidal.

"What shall I do?" again shrieked the girl, as the forked flames licked the coping just above her head.

"Hold on! Don't jump! Wait awhile!" cried a loud voice from the street. It was then that a young man was seen pushing his way through the crowd. He wore a small, dark mustache and seemed scarcely more than a stripling. In his teeth he clinched a cigarette.

When he had reached a position directly under the young woman he exclaimed:

"Let go your hold and drop!" She obeyed his command and the crowd shot awestricken. Like a comet she shot earthward.

Landing directly upon the young man's head, she rebounded several feet into the crowd and was caught by a policeman.

"Are you hurt?" inquired the young man, anxiously.

"Not on my bit," she replied.

"Ha, ha!" he ejaculated: "I was always famous for having anything but a hard head." And the crowd cheered him to the echo.

A GIANT FIREFLY.

Used by the Savages of the West Indies as an Illuminator.

The great firefly—elater noctilucens—is an inhabitant of the savannahs of most of the warmer parts of America and the West India Islands. It is said to attain a length of eleven and a half inches. In the gloom of night, says All the Year Round, these flies are extremely luminous, and the effect is brilliant. The light chiefly proceeds from four parts, namely, from two glandular spots behind the eyes, and one under each wing. They have the power to cut off the light at will, in which case the glandular spots become perfectly opaque. The light of this wonderful insect by itself is such that if the creature be held in the palm of the hand, print or manuscript is as easily read as by a candle. The aboriginal natives cage these creatures and make use of them, it is alleged, as lanterns. Ladies adorn themselves with this electric luminary.

It is related of Don Domingo Conde, of Colombia, that he would appear on the evening promenade with a large firefly ornamenting the buckle of his broad hat, while a band of smaller luminous insects surrounded it. The same Spaniard lighted his palace with fireflies in silver cages. The display must have been enchanting, for at one time the light is ruddy, then there is a change to golden yellow. It is stated that when the Spaniards were about to land one of their expeditions against Mexico, a panic was caused by these luminaries. The host of flitting lights on land was supposed to be an indication of the enemy's approach.

When the English were attacking the West India Islands the fireflies were taken to be a Spanish army advancing with burning matches against them, and the upshot was a hasty retreat to the ships.

YANKEES FULL OF CURIOSITY.

Visitors to War Ships Show the Great National Characteristic.

Whenever a ship of the United States is anchored in an American harbor, says the Washington Star, the officers are sure that they will have to serve the purpose of the curiosity seekers.

"The great American public," said one of Uncle Sam's noble seamen the other day, "is fully aware that it owns its share of a battle ship or a gunboat, and it intends to have the worth of its money when an opportunity offers." It is claimed by the officers that they desire to see a man-of-war to wander over the ship and see what it is like, but they do object to the curiosity of some persons who insist in coming into the wardrobe and going through their cabinets and all their private effects, as if they owned those articles as well as the ship. San Diego, Cal., is said to be the place most abhorred by officers on account of curiosity seekers. One of them said that a man could not lie down in his cabin and get the sleep necessary to stand watch without being roused out with the exclamation: "Why, here's one of 'em, and he's asleep. Come and look, girls."

At other times the crowd would gather around the skylight over the wardrobe and watch the officers at meals, making such comments as they chose on the appearance of the men and what they were eating, as if they had been a part of a menagerie that had just been fed. "Save us from riding at anchor at San Diego," say the officers who have been there.

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REPUBLICAN PLATFORM.

Full Text of the Declaration of Principles.

The Republicans of the United States, assembled by their representatives in national convention, appealing for popular and historical justification of their claims to the matchless achievements of 30 years of Republican rule, earnestly and confidently address themselves to the awakened intelligence, experience and conscience of their countrymen in the following declaration of facts and principles:

For the first time since the civil war the American people have witnessed the calamitous consequences of full and unrestricted Democratic control of the government. It has been a record of unparalleled incapacity, dishonesty and disaster. In administrative management it has ruthlessly sacrificed indispensable revenue, entailed an increasing deficit, asked ordinary current expenses with borrowed money, piled up the public debt by \$262,000,000 in time of peace, forced an adverse balance of trade, kept perpetual menace hanging over the redemption fund, pawned American credit to alien syndicates and reversed all the measures and results of successful Republican rule. In the broad effect of its policy it has precipitated panic, blighted industry and trade with prolonged depression, closed factories, reduced work and wages, halted enterprise and crippled American production while stimulating foreign production for the American market. Every consideration of public safety and individual interest demands that the government shall be rescued from the hands of those who have shown themselves incapable to conduct it without disaster at home and dishonor abroad, and shall be restored to the party which for 30 years administered it with unequalled success and prosperity; and in this connection we heartily endorse the wisdom, patriotism and success of the administration of President Harrison.

THE FINANCIAL PLAN.

The republican party is unreservedly for sound money. It caused the enactment of the law providing for the resumption of specie payments in 1873; since then every dollar has been as good as gold.

We are unalterably opposed to every measure calculated to debase our currency or impair the credit of our country.

We are, therefore, opposed to the free coinage of silver, except by international agreement with the leading commercial nations of the world, which we pledge ourselves to promote, and until such an agreement can be obtained, the existing gold standard must be preserved. All of our silver and paper currency now in circulation must be maintained at a parity with gold, and we favor all measures designed to maintain inviolable the obligations of the United States and all our money, whether coin or paper, at the present standard—the standard of the most enlightened nations of the earth.

AS TO PENSIONS.

The veterans of the Union armies deserve and should receive fair treatment and generous recognition. Whenever practicable they should be given preference in the matter of employment and they are entitled to the enactment of such laws as are best calculated to secure the fulfillment of pledges made to them in the dark days of the country's peril. We denounce the practice in the pension bureau, so recklessly and unjustly carried on by the present administration, of reducing pensions and arbitrarily dropping names from the roll as deserving the severest condemnation of the American people.

OUR FOREIGN POLICY.

Our foreign policy should be at all times firm, vigorous and dignified, and all our interests in the western hemisphere carefully watched and guarded. The Hawaiian Islands should be controlled by the United States, and no foreign power should be permitted to interfere with them; the Nicaragua canal should be built, owned and operated by the United States; and by the purchase of the Danish islands we should secure a proper and much needed station in the West Indies.

The massacres in Armenia have aroused the deep sympathy and just indignation of the American people, and we believe the United States should exercise all the influence it can properly exert to bring these atrocities to an end. In Turkey American residents have been exposed to the gravest dangers and American property destroyed. There and everywhere American citizens and American property must be absolutely protected at all hazards and at any cost.

MONROE DOCTRINE.

We reassert the Monroe doctrine in its fullest extent and we reaffirm the right of the United States to give the doctrine effect by responding to the appeals of any American state or friendly intervention in case of European encroachment.

We shall not be interfered with and shall not interfere with the existing possessions of any European power in this hemisphere, but those possessions must not, on any pretext, be extended. We hope to look forward to the eventual withdrawal of European powers from this hemisphere and to the ultimate union of all English speaking parts of the continent by free consent of its inhabitants.

CUBAN RESOLUTION.

From the hour of achieving their own independence, the people of the United States have regarded with sympathy the struggles of other American people to free themselves from European domination. We watch with deep and abiding interest the heroic battle of the Cuban patriots against cruelty and oppression; and our best hopes go out for the full success of their determined contest for

SUGAR.

We condemn the present administration for not keeping faith with the sugar producers of this country. The Republican party favors such protection as will lead to the production on American soil of all sugar which American people use and for which they pay other countries more than \$100,000,000 annually.

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liberty. The government of Spain having lost control of Cuba and being unable to protect the property or lives of resident American citizens or to comply with its treaty obligations, we believe the government of the United States should actively use its influence and good offices to restore peace and give independence to the island.

THE NAVY.

The peace and security of the republic and the maintenance of its rightful influence among the nations of the earth demand a naval power commensurate with its position and responsibility. We, therefore, favor continued enlargement of the navy and complete system of harbor and seacoast defenses.

FOREIGN IMMIGRATION.

For the protection of the quality of our American citizenship and of wages of our workmen against the fatal competition of low priced labor, we demand that the immigration laws be thoroughly enforced and so extended as to exclude from entrance to the United States those who can neither read nor write.

CIVIL SERVICE.

The civil service law was placed on the statute books by the republican party, which has always sustained it, and we renew our repeated declarations that it shall be thoroughly and honestly enforced and extended wherever practicable.

FREE BALLOT.

We demand that every citizen of the United States shall be allowed to cast a free and unrestricted ballot, and such ballot shall be counted and returned as cast.

LYNCHING.

We proclaim our unqualified condemnation of the uncivilized and barbarous practice known as lynching or killing of human beings suspected or charged with crime, without process of law.

NATIONAL ARBITRATION.

We favor the creation of a national board of arbitration to settle and adjust the differences which may arise between employers and employed engaged in interstate commerce.

HOMESTEADS.

We believe in the immediate return to the free homestead policy of the Republican party, and urge the passage by congress of the satisfactory free homestead measure which has already passed the house and is now pending in the senate.

TERRITORIES.

We favor the admission of the remaining territories at the earliest practicable date, having due regard to the interest of the territories and the United States. All federal officers appointed for territories should be selected from bona fide residents thereof, and the right of self-government should be accorded as far as practicable. We believe the citizens of Alaska should have representation in the congress of the United States to the end that needed legislation may be intelligently enacted.

TEMPERANCE.

We sympathize with all wise and legitimate efforts to lessen and prevent the evils of intemperance and promote morality.

RIGHTS OF WOMEN.

The Republican party is mindful of the rights of women. Protection of American industries includes equal opportunities, equal pay for equal work and protection to the home. We favor the admission of women to wider spheres of usefulness and welcome their co-operation in regaining the country from Democratic and Populist mismanagement and misrule.

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