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## CRUCIFIED BY SAVAGES.

The Excruciating Experience of a German Adventurer.

He Ventures Among the Bloodthirsty Singphos of Burmah and is Nailed Through the Hands and Feet to a Cross.

A short time ago William Bredemeyer, a Prussian by birth and a mining expert by profession, died in Tacoma. He was a quiet, unobtrusive sort of a chap, says the San Francisco Examiner, and considered by those who knew him to be an everyday citizen of the commonplace type. He died of paralysis of the feet, orthodox way, but when the undertakers began to prepare his body for burial they found a most curious scar upon his right hand. At one time there had been a hole made by some sort of sharp instrument in the palm, going in at one side and coming out at the other. There was some speculation in regard to its origin, when suddenly one of the undertakers' assistants uttered an exclamation of astonishment and held up the deceased's left hand. There was a precisely identical scar upon that also. Men do not generally have bullet holes through both hands, and Bredemeyer had also similar scars upon each foot. The right hand scar was not as long as the left hand only by an inch. Both were between the bones of the thumb and forefinger, in the thickest part of the palm. The left hand scar was two and one-half inches long, and on both sides of the hands the scars set out like mountain ranges, compared with the size of the hands, the serrated top ridges of the ugly marks being white and smooth, like snow-capped peaks. They were exactly like the marks of crucifixion, and little wonder, for crucified Bredemeyer had been, although he had never told the story to anyone, and the fact was unknown until Bredemeyer's record of his own life was found among his papers after his death.

Bredemeyer was a graduate of the university of Bonn and had qualified as a member of the Prussian pioneer engineer corps. That was in 1872. The next year he entered the Dutch-India service as a mining engineer and expert, and advanced step by step in his chosen profession until 1888, when the king of Burmah made him chief engineer of the famous ruby mines in the northern part of the country. Bredemeyer had headquarters at Medea, in the ruby mine district, where big sphinxes are also found. The mines are jealously guarded and all the precious stones belong to the king. From the ruby and sapphire harvest the king realizes from fifty thousand to seventy-five thousand dollars a year. North of Medea, in the lofty mountains, there were some ruby mines which the king had not prospected for various reasons. No white man had ever ventured into the mountains of the north, among the half-civilized Singphos, who, while partially recognizing the authority of the king, were unkindly and barbaric. Thither the king sent Bredemeyer.

His advent was the signal for great excitement among the Singphos. They had never seen a white man, and, notwithstanding Bredemeyer announced his mission under authority of the king, the Singphos were not satisfied. They decided to expel the white man if he did not flee the country. A handful of soldiers were with Bredemeyer, perhaps fifty in all, but then there were three million five hundred thousand inhabitants. Bredemeyer refused to leave the country until he had carried out the orders of the king. The Singphos declared war. Bredemeyer's soldiers went into ambush, only to surrender the mining expert when the natives swarmed down upon them. While soldiers were searching about for reinforcements the natives nailed Bredemeyer to a cross made of two pieces of native oil wood. Before the brutal work of nailing Bredemeyer to the cross was finished he became partially unconscious. The shock was almost fatal. The last thing he distinctly remembered was the swarming Singphos, looking like devils, with their flat faces, broad skulls, straight black hair, deep brown skins. When Bredemeyer had been nailed to the cross the end nearest his feet was fastened to the ground. At that instant the soldiers returned with reinforcements and routed the natives. Bredemeyer was carried back to Medea. The crucifixion occurred about noon. At noon the next day his wounds were dressed. The rainy season had not set in and it was very warm and under the unfortunate conditions it was feared gangrene would set in. He was cared for tenderly and under directions from the king and being accustomed to great hardships he sprang fully recovered, but never again ventured into the land of the Singphos.

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**Preventing seasickness.**  
The captain of a steamer that plies along the New England coast and was passing one of the rugged, lonely islands off the Maine shore, pointed to an enormous flock of gulls that whitened the rocks, the surface of the sea, and the branches of the cedars that cling to the hard soil. "There," said he, "what do you think of that? And yet if you turn to a book on natural history they'll tell you that gulls won't perch on trees. Some fool sailors believe that the petrels, or Mother Carey's chickens, never alight even on the water, but are always on the wing. They don't use their eyes. And some of those scientific fellows are as bad as the sailors."

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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, dishonor and disaster. In administrative management it has ruthlessly sacrificed indispensable revenue, entailed an increasing deficit, eked out 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 enterprises 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 TARIFF.

We renew and emphasize our allegiance to the policy of protection as the bulwark of American industrial independence and the foundation of American development and prosperity. This true American policy taxes foreign products and encourages home industry and puts the burden of revenue on foreign goods; it secures the American market for the American producer; it upholds the American standard of wages for the American workman; it puts the factory by the side of the farm, and makes the American farmer less dependent on foreign demand and price; it diffuses general thrift, and founds the strength of all on the strength of each. In its reasonable application it is just, fair and impartial, equally opposed to foreign control and domestic monopoly; to sectional discrimination and individual favoritism. We denounce the present Democratic tariff as sectional, injurious to public credit and destructive to business enterprise. We demand such equitable tariff on foreign imports which come into competition with American products as will not only furnish adequate revenue for the necessary expenses of the government, but will protect American labor from the degradation to the wage level of other lands.

We are not pledged to any particular schedules. The question of rates is a practical question to be governed by conditions of the time and of production. The ruling and uncompromising principle is the protection and development of American labor and industry. The country demands a right settlement and then it wants rest.

### ON RECIPROcity.

We believe the repeal of the reciprocity arrangements negotiated by the last Republican administration was a national calamity and we demand their renewal and extension on such terms as will equitize our trade with other nations, remove restrictions which now obstruct the sale of American products in ports of other countries, and secure enlarged markets for the products of our farms, forests and factories.

Protection and reciprocity are twin measures of Republican policy, and go hand in hand. Democratic rule has recklessly struck down both, and both must be re-established; protection for what we produce; free admission for the necessities of life which we do not produce; reciprocal agreement of mutual interests which gain open markets in return for our open markets to others. Protection builds up domestic industry and trade, and secures our own market for ourselves; reciprocity builds up foreign trade and finds an outlet for our surplus.

### 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.

### WOOL AND WOOLENS.

To all our products, to those of mine and field as well as those of the shop and factory; to hemp, to wool, to the product of the great industry husbandry, as well as to finished woollens of the mill, we promise most ample protection.

### MERCHANT MARINE.

We favor restoring the early American policy of discriminating duties for the upbuilding of our merchant marine and the protection of our shipping interests in the foreign carrying trade, to American ships—the product of American labor employed in American shipyards, sailing under the Stars and Stripes, and manned, officered and owned by Americans—may regain the carrying of our foreign commerce.

### 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 1879; 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 role 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.

### MOROSE 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 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 hopefully 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

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 declaration 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 the 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 rescuing the country from Democratic and Populist mismanagement and misrule. Such are the principles and policies of the republican party. By these principles we will abide, and these policies we will put into execution. We ask for them the considerate judgment of the American people. Confident alike in the history of our great party and in the justice of our cause we present our platform and our candidates in the full assurance that the election will bring victory to the Republican party and prosperity to the people of the United States.

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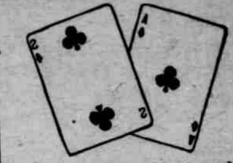
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