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America and Japan in Pacific.

Two wars have caused the whole world to realize that the Pacific Ocean is to be the scene of the greatest human activities in the future. The war of the United States with Spain gave us possessions which bring us within speaking distance of Asia, and the Russo-Japanese war revealed Japan to the world as a powerful and progressive nation, whose future sphere of action would of necessity be within the boundaries of the ocean separating America from the Orient.

Taft a Constructive Statesman.

The Honorable William H. Taft has been one of the chief advisers and strongest advocates of the Republican administration policy during this formative and historic period. He has been a pioneer, not only along the lines of statecraft, which have had for their object the development of our western states, but he has given particular attention to the situation in the Orient with reference to the future commerce between those far away countries and the Pacific coast of America. In his own inimitable way and untinged by a unique personality with the highest authority as a diplomat, he poured oil on the troubled waters in Japan and changed the political storm there raging into a placid sunshine of peace. In China he created such enthusiasm as the Orientals have never shown to any other visitor and left that empire with the belief on their part that the United States is not only ready to enter into commercial reciprocity, but to still stand as China's friend and lend its influence to see that she gets justice from those who would violate her territorial integrity.

Taft and Oriental Trade.

In his Shanghai speech, addressing a body of influential merchants, diplomats and Chinese government officials Mr. Taft spoke in part as follows:

"We do not complain of loss of trade that results from the employment of great enterprise, ingenuity or attention to the demands of the Chinese market, or the greater business acumen shown by our competitors. We would have the right to protest at being secluded from the trade of China by reason of our insistence of the policy of the Open Door. The acquiescence in this policy of all the nations interested has been so unhesitating and emphatic that it is hardly worth while to speculate upon the probable action of the United States in case the interests of American merchants are placed in jeopardy, and how far the United States would go in the protection of its Chinese trade. I cannot say. It is clear, however, that our merchants are being roused to the importance of the Chinese trade and they would view with deep concern any and all political obstacles which menace that expansion. "This feeling is likely to find expression in the action of the American government. The United States and the other powers favor the open door, and if they are wise they will encourage the Empire to take long steps in administrative and governmental reform, the development of the resources of China, and the improvement of the welfare of the people. To do this would add to China's strength and position as a self-respecting government and aid her in preparing to resist possible foreign aggression in the seeking of undue and exclusive proprietary privileges. Thus no foreign aid will be required to enforce the open door and the policy of equal opportunity for all."

History Making Happenings.

During recent Republican administrations we have built up an export trade with the Far East of something like \$150,000,000 per year. We have landed an army on Chinese territory, and have been drawn willy-nilly into the vortex of the Far Eastern question. During the period policies have been formulated which have compelled us to take a hand in momentous negotiations. We have definitely enrolled the Far East among the objects of our commercial and diplomatic solicitude. Things have changed much during this ten years of Republican rule.

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The United States has come into possession of the Philippines and all the political and strategical responsibilities entailed by this movement. The participation in, and suppression of, the Boxer rebellion, the expanding recognition of the supreme importance to the future of American trade, of the open door, the realization that, with the exception of Japan, no country is so well situated as the United States, industrially and geographically, to make the most and the best of the development of China. These and other events have transformed American indifference to the fortunes of the Far East into a real, live, tingling and vigilant concern.

Logical Commercial Events.

It did not need the Chinese boycott of American goods, or the outbreak of the trouble with Japan over the immigration question, to convince an impartial onlooker that America's relations with the powers of the Far East would, before long, be more immediate, of greater moment and possibly of greater hazard than our relations with the powers of Europe. The American fleet has foreshadowed the systematic assertion of American power in the Pacific. American interests in that ocean, commercial, political and territorial, have been neglected far too long.

Father of the Philippines.

Mr. Taft is in a sense the father of the Philippines. It has been his kindly, constructive statesman's hand that evolved order out of their original chaos. In his report submitted to Congress, as a result of his visit to the Philippines to be present at the opening of their first Assembly, he made four recommendations. First—action by Congress admitting to the United States Philippine products under such conditions that they would not interfere with American tobacco and sugar industries; second, the removal of restrictions as to acquiring mining claims and lands; third, further legislation authorizing the government to carry on an agricultural bank, which is now authorized only as a private enterprise; fourth, the repeal of the law applying to the Islands the coastwise laws of the United States.

Philosophy of Development.

Our nation has grown by obeying the instinct of development. We are to-day entitled to be called Greater America, but that greatness will be lost if we forget the political philosophy which has made us great—expansion of American thought, territory, mechanical skill, civilization and philosophy. This is an auspicious time for the creation and development of our export trade. The unexplored and undeveloped markets of Asia furnish the opportunity. All other fields have been occupied, and to attempt to wrest them from other nations would be of doubtful expediency. In the Orient the commercial possibilities exceed the dreams of the optimist.

Are the American people ready to abandon such a situation and leave it to the mercy of the Democratic party with its failure of fifty years looking at us from the past?

THE YOUNG REPUBLICAN.

In a business sense the young voters who have come forward since 1904 have more at stake than any other class in rendering a right decision. Their active lives are ahead. They have more years to live, and are now laying the foundations of their business careers. National policies and conditions are of the highest consequence to them. Perhaps they are farmers. If so, let them ask the older generation how farmers fared under the last Democratic administration. Let them take the market reports of to-day and compare them with the prices that prevailed when Mr. Bryan made his crusade for free silver and hurled defiance at President Cleveland because he stood by the gold standard. At the same time Bryan denounced the Republican party for its protectionist as well as sound money position. Perhaps the first voter is to engage in manufacturing or mining, as wage-earner or otherwise. Does he want his American rate of wages and the industry he chooses reasonably protected against foreign competition? If he does Mr. Bryan's leadership will take him in the opposite direction.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

The Tide of Prosperity.

The tide of prosperity may ebb and flow, but the great waves of industrial wealth will continue to grow in volume with ever-increasing comfort and happiness to our contented people, who will soon number 100,000,000. And because of our intelligent and skillful labor, made so because of good wages and good living, we shall make better fabrics and build stronger structures—that in spite of their higher cost in the beginning will be cheaper in the end and will be wanted by the people in every corner of the earth. So that we shall capture the markets of the world in greater volume without ever sacrificing our home market, the foundation of our national wealth and progress.—Hon. James S. Sherman.

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