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AS TO "MUTTERINGS."

What the People of the West Have to Learn from Japan.

(S. F. Chronicle.)

When the President of the United States, in a formal message to congress, steps out of the line of his duty to make a bitter attack on the morality of a great state, a great city and a great class, at one time, he has done mischief which it will take many a day to repair. Especially is this true when, in his indictment, he states what documents before him must have shown to be untrue and other things, which, if true in fact, are false in spirit. In assailing our legislation and its enforcement in regard to the segregation of Orientals in our public schools as a "wicked absurdity" he attacks the morality of a great state and a great city. In saying that "the overwhelming mass of our people cherish a lively regard and respect for the people of Japan," but here and there a most unworthy feeling has manifested itself toward the Japanese—a feeling that has been shown in shutting them out from the common schools of San Francisco," he combines one direct untruth with a half truth that Japanese have been excluded from our public schools. It is true that our people have a lively respect for Japanese in Japan, and that there is no objection to their settlement here in communities where they have not yet settled. Where, however, they are domiciled in large numbers there is a universal protest against their presence from all except employers who value profit more than decency.

When he speaks of "mutterings against them in one or two places because of their efficiency as laborers," he evidently has in mind the protest of our workmen and small traders against being crowded out of employment by a race with a low standard of life, and his choice of the term "mutterings" in that connection, and the whole spirit of the sentence, is evidence of a feeling of contempt and hatred existing in his mind against his own fellow countrymen for their many attempt to defend their civilization. The labor unions of this city are far from recognizing the Chronicle as their "organ" or as a journal anxious to secure their favor by upholding them when in the wrong, but in this defense of the vital elements of our civilization the labor men have our most hearty sympathy. In so far as they are leaders in demanding exclusion of oriental coolies they are fighting in demanding exclusion of all classes of society. But when the President speaks of "mutterings" against them "because of their efficiency as workers," he states what the slightest inquiry would have shown him to be grossly untrue. Japanese coolies are not effective laborers and nobody will have them at any price if he can get others, because they are truculent, tricky and utterly unreliable. The case against Japanese laborers have never been fully exploited in the press of this state, because there is no wish to disturb the sensibilities of the Japanese

government. That government, however, fully understands their characteristics, and in dealing with them in public employment takes care not to be victimized by them. It is the belief of Californians that the Japanese government, if properly approached, will give full recognition to the essential differences between the two races and concur in the wisdom of preventing settlement side by side of the Asiatic and American competing for the same work. Our feeling is not against Japan, but against an unpatriotic President who unites with aliens to break down the civilization of his own countrymen.

But when the President says that we have "as much to learn from Japan as Japan has to learn from us," he says that which is not true except in respect to effectiveness of organization, secrecy in planning, scientific alertness and promptness to strike when ready and not until then. In all this, and in the general intellectual acuteness of the higher classes, the spirit of nationality among all, and the extreme vigor of commercial competition, none will be more prompt to feel and express admiration than the people of this state. Beyond that what the President says is not true, unless, as perhaps the tone of his message justifies us in assuming, the President desires to see the traditions of American family life supplanted by the family in which the man is the master and the woman the slave, who does not even eat until her lord has finished; Japanese family and commercial morality—or want of it—substituted for the customs of decent American society, and independent and prosperous American workmen replaced by Japanese coolies huddled in bunkhouses and living on rice.

The Child Labor Problem.

Cincinnati, Dec. 13.—The annual convention of the National Child Labor association, which commenced here today was a notable one. When Dr. A. H. Frieberg called the meeting to order in the convention hall of the Hotel Havlin there were over four thousand persons present. Every state in the union sent delegates. Governor Harris of Ohio and Major Dempsey of this city in brief addresses welcomed the delegates. Dr. Felix Adler, chairman of the National Child Labor committee, said the suppression of child labor was the most important the country had to deal with. Among the speakers were Gov. J. W. Folk of Missouri; Gov. Charles Deneen of Illinois; Charles P. Neil, United States commissioner of labor; Senator Beveridge of Indiana; John Mitchell, president of the National Mine Workers; President Nicholas Murray Buttes of Columbia university; President C. W. Dabney of the University of Cincinnati, and Jane Adams of Hull house, Chicago. In the course of an interesting address Dr. Lyndsay, professor of sociology in the University of Pennsylvania, laid great stress on the terrible injury child labor was working in this country. He stated that according to the United States census of 1900 there were 1,750,178 children over 10 years of age and under 16 engaged in gainful occupations. Since that time he claims that the number has increased to 2,000,000. The manufacturers of the country, he said, will assist in the abolition of child labor, for they recognize that the problem of what the country is going to do with millions of children in dangerous occupations of life, health, and education, growth and morals is a very serious one. Prof. R. S. McLendy stated that an urgent call for the organization of the national committee came from the south, which was the greatest sufferer, but Georgia was the last state to pass a law prohibiting child labor. The law passed, however, he was sorry to say, did not go far enough to suit those interested in the matter. Governor Folk's statement that President Roosevelt was giving the association his active co-operation elicited prolonged applause. The Hon. J. H. Morgan, inspector of workshops and factories, said the labor unions everywhere were energetic allies. Dr. Felix Adler, who is leader of the Society for Ethical Culture, and professor of social and political ethics in Columbia university, delivered the annual address. His subject was "The Child in History." "The Evils of Child Labor and the Power of the Public to Prevent Them" was the subject of an extremely interesting address by Governor Folk of Missouri. The governor of Illinois spoke on the same subject. Resolutions were adopted calling on the government to totally abolish child labor. The convention will sit until Saturday night.

Entertainments at White House. Washington, Dec. 13.—There was a fully attended cabinet at the White House today. This is the first of a series of entertainments, which will extend to February 7, which Mrs. Roosevelt has planned. On the latter date the army and navy reception will bring the season of entertaining at the executive mansion to a close. Following the first cabinet dinner of the winter the schedule of White House entertainments is announced as follows: January 1, New Year's reception; January 3, diplomatic reception; January 10, diplomatic dinner; January 17, judicial reception; January 24, supreme court dinner; January 31, congressional reception.

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Long Tennessee Fight. For 20 years W. L. Rawls of Bells, Tenn., fought nasal catarrh. He writes: "The swelling and soreness inside my nose was fearful, till I began applying Bucklen's Arnica Salve to the sore surface; this caused the soreness and swelling to disappear, never to return." Best salve in existence; 25c at J. C. Perry's druggist.

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Boston Woman to Become a Countess. Boston, Mass., Dec. 13.—The engagement has been announced of Miss Cornelia Thayer, daughter of Mr. Nathaniel Thayer, a well known banker, and Count Von Moltke, a Danish nobleman and a connection of the late General Von Moltke, the famous German warrior. Miss Thayer is well known in this city as a philanthropist, her especial work being amongst the children of the poor. She has taken almost entire charge of the little convalescents at the children's hospital of which her grandfather, Nathaniel Thayer, was one of the founders. Count Moltke is in the diplomatic service. The wedding takes place in January.

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COMPANIES ORGANIZE. Articles of Incorporation Granted Enterprises Backed by Oregon Capital. Articles of incorporation were filed in the department of the secretary of state today as follows: Hood River Fruit Growers' Supply Company, of Hood River; \$5000; C. Dethman, C. D. Wadsworth, Seneca F. Fouts, incorporators. Wallamette Valley Chautauqua Association; Oregon City; \$5000; J. T. Apperson, H. E. Cross, George A. Steel, Geo. A. Harding, W. A. Huntley, A. F. Parker and C. H. Dye, incorporators. Nehalem Investment Company, of Waterlawn, Wisconsin; \$100,000; president, C. C. Baker, Oregon resident agent. Clearwater Valley Railroad Company; J. P. O'Brien H. S. Sterling, H. F. Conner and Williams Crooks stockholders; decreased its capital stock from \$3,000,000 to \$100,000, and its amount of shares from 30,000 to 1000, of which J. P. O'Brien owns 997.

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