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FIT TO SURVIVE.

We have always maintained that religious liberty is essential to the material prosperity, power and influence of a nation. No country that keeps its citizens in intellectual slavery, can attain that knowledge and spiritual strength without which there can be no progress. No country on earth in which bigotry is permitted to dominate can hold its own continually. The fall of Egypt, of Assyria, of Babylonia, of Palestine, can be dated from the acts of persecution that soil their records. Even Imperial Rome was not quite ready for destruction, until its emperors had stained their hands with the blood of martyrs. As long as Rome was tolerant it was victorious and prosperous; it undertook to remove the "stone that the builders rejected," and it fell and was broken to pieces.

The present struggle between Japan and Russia is also between a nation enjoying religious liberty and one developed in the mist of bigotry. Russia is closed to outside religious influences, and barely tolerates the Catholics, Lutherans, Moslems, adherents, and other dissenters within her vast boundaries. She prohibits her "orthodox" subjects to join any other church, and she persecutes with ruthless hand Armenians and Jews. She would in a similar way persecute Catholics and Lutherans, if the latter had not strong supporters in nations with armies and navies at their command. Russia is the land of bigotry.

Japan is different. That country has a constitution according to which "Japanese subjects shall, within limits not prejudicial to peace and order, and not antagonistic to their duties as subjects, enjoy freedom of religious belief." And this constitutional declaration is rooted in the sentiments of the people and its leaders. Marquis Ito, a great authority on such matters is quoted thus:

"To force upon a nation a particular form of belief by the establishment of a state religion is very injurious to the natural intellectual development of the people, and is prejudicial to the progress of science (knowledge) by free competition. No country, therefore, possessed by reason of its political authority the right or capacity to render an oppressive measure touching abstract questions of religious faith."

To judge from this, Japan is practically as free, in this respect, as the United States. If any importance attaches to the doctrine of the survival of the fittest, it is evident that Japan, and not Russia, is the fittest. No nation that stands for the enslavement of the human soul, and the perpetration of darkness can be called fit to survive.

COUNSEL TO KILL.

Reference was made in these columns the other day to a rumor to the effect that a negro society, with the object of committing wholesale murder, had been formed in the South. We did not take any stock in that "Black Hand" story. The colored people of this country are not murderous. But the frequent lynchings and the barbarous outrages committed by white mobs, have had the effect of inspiring at least one colored editor to write what may be called an incendiary article, since he counsels his brethren to resist arrest, and "die fighting." The article, as quoted from the St. Luke's Herald, Richmond, is as follows:

"The burning of two negro men at Statesboro, Ga., last week does not shock us. It is, to be sure, a shocking sight, but now on arising each morning, we simply look to see how many negro men, women and children, the brave (?) Christian (?) white men of the South have murdered. We have no comment to make. The whole South is being Mississippiized. When a negro is arrested, he might just as well, my better, fight the officer who comes to arrest him and kill him and get killed in return as to be locked up and die like a rat in a trap.

"It is better to die fighting. It is less painful than to be saturated with oil, placed upon a woodpile, set on fire, burned to death—and then have your bones sent by express to the president of the United States with the polite message: 'You won't have a chance to eat with these two niggers.'"

While some of the Southern papers see fit to denounce the murders, we have not seen one which calls upon the Governor of Georgia to arrest the murderers and bring them before the law."

lutionary advice. But is it greatly to wonder at? Is it not always a fact that lawlessness breeds lawlessness, just as poisonous mosquitoes multiply in stagnant pools?

OFF IN A TANGENT.

There is a paper published at Bountiful called "The Clipper." The title is appropriate. In its issue of Friday last it had something original. That is why it was called to our attention. The article is a complaint because the Deseret News announced the publication of a paper at the capital of Davis county, and stated that "Farmington has no public journal." The Clipper takes that as a personal affront, and is also offended because we said that place "needs a live newspaper to advocate its local interests." Well, is the Clipper published at Farmington? It announces its office as at Bountiful. What is the matter then? If Farmington has a "live journal" of its own, will that imply that the Clipper is a dead journal? Because we said a good word for the Argus, is that saying anything against the Clipper? But the latter claims to have a circulation in each town of Davis county. What of that? So does the Deseret News, and a larger circulation there than any other newspaper. Does it argue because we commended the new paper that we reflected on our own? Pahaw! If the Clipper is so jealous of the Argus before it appears, what will it do when it enters the journalistic field and makes its influence felt throughout Davis county? Don't be too ready to take offense when none is meant, neighbor, and don't be so silly as to show anger at a supposed rival. There ought to be room enough for all in so prosperous a community as that in Davis county.

THE ARMENIAN QUESTION.

It appears that the Armenians are again in "revolt" at Van, and that they are offering successful resistance to the Turkish troops. At Constantinople the organization of an army corps is considered inevitable, which announcement, however, may be only a notice to the world that another massacre on a large scale is contemplated. The Turkish policy toward the Armenians is one of extermination. It is the old policy of Pharaoh towards the descendants of Abraham, abjuring in Egypt. Only the Turks, at regular intervals, do away with a sufficient number of grown persons, to limit the increase, while the Egyptian tyrants, with the same end in view, commanded the murder of the infants. And when a massacre is due, notice is always given out that the Armenians are in "revolt."

The Armenians are, in a way, under the protection of the powers that constituted the Berlin conference. These guaranteed religious freedom and fair treatment. Often have they appealed to one or more powers for protection, but always in vain. The jealousy between the powers prevented any of them from taking effective measures in behalf of the oppressed race. This is no longer the case. With Russia engaged in Manchuria, Great Britain could conveniently take up the Turkish question for settlement, if there were a desire to do so and right the wrongs that have been perpetrated in that part of the world for centuries. The Turkish question could be as conveniently handled now as is the Tibetan question. For Russia has enough to do now, without watching Turkey, should another massacre occur, the Macedonian cry will again arise from Asia Minor, and there will be no excuse for the Berlin signatory powers to shirk their responsibility toward the Armenians.

Great Britain ought to take the initiative in the matter as in everything that tends to the liberation and enlightenment of the human race.

HOW IT WAS DONE.

The Nampa, Idaho, Herald, a non-Mormon paper, has the following pertinent paragraph on the peculiar movement in that State:

"The anti-Mormon resolutions, as originally reported to the Democratic convention at Lewiston condemned the crime of adultery, as well as that of polygamy. During the night DuBois, Plummer and others got together and decided to strike out the word 'adultery,' and thus the high moral purity was reached."

Now it is known who worked the change, the reason why it was made is strikingly apparent.

OUR JEWISH POPULATION.

According to statistics now published the Jewish population in the United States is estimated at 1,127,268. Only Russia and Austria-Hungary are credited with a larger population of Hebrew origin. The figures are: Russia, 5,188,401 Jews; Austria-Hungary, 2,071,254; Germany, 586,948; Turkey, 350,000; the British empire, 274,614; Abyssinia, 120,000; and France, 80,000 on the continent and 102,132 in Algeria and Tunis. The total number of Jews in the world is put at 10,671,832, Canada and British Columbia. It is pointed out, have attracted but a small Jewish immigration, there being but 25,000 Jews in them now.

In Palestine there are estimated to be 78,000 Jews, according to a calculation made for the "Verrein fuer Judische Statistik." Thus two states in the Union, New York and Pennsylvania, have a greater Jewish population than the "Promised Land." The immigration figures for 1903 show that in 1902-03, 58,079 Jews entered the port of New York, of whom 30,538 were Russians, 18,118 Austrians, 8,314 Rumanians, 527 Germans, 271 Turks, 233 English, 25 Dutch, 28 French, 12 Swedes, 5 Scotch and 5 South Americans.

The growth of the Jewish population in this country is shown as follows:

"In 1815 Mordecai M. Noah estimated the Jewish population of this country at 3,000. In 1845 it was estimated at 50,000, or 25,000 more than in 1840, and in 1880 it was figured to be 250,257, and the enormous rate of increase which has resulted in the present population shows no signs of abatement."

Iver forever.

A man is known by the umbrellas he keeps.

Today the watchword is, "Remember Maine."

Peace hath her victories as well as the Japanese.

Every American-born boy is a presidential possibility.

Kuropatkin's true policy is to retire early and avoid the rush.

Kuropatkin ceases from his labors and the Japs do follow him.

How can the chauffeurs of the swell set at Newport help being fast?

Some people think that sitting on the fence is independence in politics.

Possibly vacations do not pay but there is no denying that they cost.

La Follette is not Peck's bad boy, but he serves the purpose equally well.

Why refer to your wife as the better half when she is generally the whole thing?

It is the first week of work after a summer's rest that makes galled jades of people.

The cool Indian Summer air is more pleasant and invigorating than the air of prosperity.

Johnson spoke better than he knew when he said, "Patricism is the last refuge of a scoundrel."

Bishop Potter may have a cocktail named after himself, but never a cigar, the true test of fame.

It will take a pretty active and disastrous football season to equal the casualty record of Liao Yang.

Shrewd-A political term meaning the power to do dirty things in a manner that they shall not be discovered.

"How to serve green corn," is the title of an article in an exchange. How green corn serves you, is the real question.

The manager of the Yale dining hall is named Smoke. Smoke is generally a waiter instead of a manager at a refectory.

Baron Rothschild has just paid five thousand dollars for two Arctic deas. These are not the wicked deas whom no man pursues.

Can Mr. Donnelly or anyone else point out one good result arising from the butchers' strike? If he can a hundred evils can be pointed out for each doubtful good.

One half of the militiamen who took part in the military maneuvers at Gainesville, Va., were too badly upset, owing to sore feet, to participate in the last day's review. This would go to show that they are tenderfoot.

According to a statement made by two negroes arrested at Athens, Ga., a "Be fore the Day club," composed of fifteen negroes from Kinney section, Clark county, has marked out six prominent white men for death. These six white men have the historic mark of Cain on them.

LIAO YANG COMMENTS.

Topeka Herald.

Winter is coming on rapidly—so rapidly that it will limit the fighting in Manchuria to a few weeks, at most. The Russians can hope to gain nothing whatever more than they now have before nature puts a close to operations for the year. With Kuropatkin's army crushed and defeated on the northern border of Manchuria and the other Russian army beleaguered and in imminent danger of capture at Port Arthur, Japan appears to have carried out completely its plan to drive the Russians from Korea and Manchuria and establish itself as dictator in these territories.

Springfield Republican.

The heroic and stubborn resistance of the Russian garrison at Port Arthur remains the brightest phase of the Russo-Japanese campaign. The Japanese appear to have made no progress recently in carrying the works of assault. Gen. Kuropatkin's defeat at Liao Yang will be hard for the Port Arthur garrison to bear, for doubtless Gen. Stoessel has never abandoned his close to Kuropatkin right he is able to force the raising of the siege.

New York Evening Sun.

It is apparent that even if he extricates himself from the peril of overwhelming disaster the Manchurian campaign is over for this year. If he could not make a stand at Liao Yang he will not be able to hold his own at Mukden, and he must fall back, fighting as he goes, along the railroad to Harbin, 400 miles away, there to go into winter quarters with the remnants of his beaten army.

New York Evening Mail.

The fall of Port Arthur, when it comes, must follow this great reverse in Manchuria, raise the question in the czar's mind whether it is not better to make peace now than to wait till northern Manchuria too is lost.

Binghampton Press.

The evacuation of Mukden by the Russians means the end of the present campaign, and the evacuation of Manchuria by the czar's soldiers. They have been outgeneraled and outfought at every stage of the game—and Japan has another army at home of the same breed as the victorious men of Manchuria.

New York American.

It looked dark for Russia the night after Boreddo. It is a gloomy prospect Russia faces today. But the Slav has been fighting for a thousand years. At first his struggle was for existence. Then it was for conquest. His day of doom is not yet here. A nation whose steady growth has been over a period of ten centuries will not perish in a day.

London News.

Russia is at her worst in the far east at the present moment. The poorest troops in her empire are representing her there. She is face to face with a middle-aged profound that it is little short of madness. There was nothing in readiness for a great struggle when the first gun spoke, and the panther-like swiftness of the Japanese has given them scant time or opportunity to prepare for the contest. But, even in spite of this, Russia is not beaten. She is not even shaken so far. Would Britain

have been beaten if the Boers had looted home their victories of the first six months, if they had taken Lady-smith, buried Buller back on Durban, then have enveloped Cape Colony and hoisted their flag on Table Mountain? You know, and I know, that we should not have been vanquished, in the long run, because it was the defects, the disasters, the humiliations that awoke the savage in us and made us as a great power, relentless and determined to win at all hazards.

SOCIALISM AND TRUSTS.

Chicago Record-Herald.

Emile Vandervelde, a socialist leader of Belgium, who is paying a visit to this country, is quoted as follows: "Strikes, of which you seem to have so many, and the trusts, which I hear so many persons speaking of as a menace to the country's future, are only stepping stones in the development of socialism, and should be accepted philosophically." He insists it is said, that trusts should be fostered rather than attacked, and that in due time the people will reap the benefit of the organizing ability of the trust managers.

Springfield Republican.

The international socialist congress at Paris, which ended last week, adopted a resolution condemning hostility to trusts which the European socialists, equally with their American brethren, regard as working out short cuts toward the regime of state-owned industry. Here is where socialism and plutocracy stand together. Undoubtedly these great combinations of capital are doing most effective work in creating radical sentiment and they are further rendering assistance to socialism in forwarding that consolidation in industry, which is essential to any comprehensive scheme of state ownership. But meantime it will have to be said that the substantial benefits of the trust regime flow pretty generally toward the plutocracy.

IN THE INTEREST OF PEACE.

Springfield Republican.

The international Peace congress will hold its thirteenth session in Boston, during the first week of October, as before stated. The fact that more than 70 delegates from other countries are already announced to come shows that this congress is regarded abroad as of great interest, so great that many think it will be the most influential ever held. It is probable that twice that number will be present, and that the promoters here are warranted in their thought that "the time is ripe for a work of education on peaceful and fraternal policies along vastly broader lines and with a scale commensurate with the evils to be overthrown." In the very long, when one of the worst wars is yet in its dire destructive progress, this requires faith to say, but the fact that there is courage to believe it is an omen of success.

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