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THE BURNING QUESTION.

To reason with people who believe in Anarchy, which means the absence of government and involves endeavors to destroy government, seems to be labor in vain, for such persons are so unreasonable that they cannot perceive the evil and absurdity of such ideas as they entertain. But it seems that they might learn by experience if not by reflection, that their own protection, and their very existence, depends upon the power of government. Also that the assassination of kings, emperors and presidents does not and cannot effect the end they have in view.

When the wretched murderer Czolgosz killed the noble President of the United States, nothing was accomplished in aid of Anarchy. The government was not in the least affected, the presidential office remained, the vacancy occasioned was immediately filled, and the cause which the blood-guilty wretch imagined he was serving was not helped in the least, but was held in greater detestation than ever by sane people because of the inexcusable deed.

When a monarch is slain by a similar crime, the next moment his place is filled by the hereditary successor. The cry, "The King is dead," is coupled with that of, "Long live the King." The throne is not vacant, the crown is not without a head to wear it. In spite of all the plots, conspiracies and assassinations by the reckless Anarchists and other regicides. Their folly is equal to their sin. It is without sense as it is without excuse.

When the anger of the American people was aroused to the point of fury against the murderer of President McKinley, it was the shield of government that kept him from destruction. It was the same as to Emma Goldman, the preacher of Anarchy, and the suspects who were arrested charged with conspiracy. The very power they seek to destroy is their only guard and protection from popular wrath and threatened death. Without it, their lives would not be worth a withered leaf.

It is a pity that Anarchists could not be made to dwell together on some island, uninhabited by others, where they could demonstrate to themselves the beauties of their theory. If all the wild declamations against government were put together where no rule of any kind existed, what a pretty kettle of fish there would be for a fry! The strong preying on the weak, the passionate acting without restraint, the bloodthirsty free to use weapons of destruction, no restriction upon speech or act of any sort or kind, liberty carried to its utmost extreme and sure to destroy itself in its exercise.

When reason, forbearance, persuasion and gentle means prove a failure against this horrible heresy, force will have to be employed for its suppression. The craziest notions may be held in theory and advocated in word, but as soon as murderous and destructive doctrines break out into overt acts, the law may step in and its strong hand grasp the offender. Legislation may and should be extended to the very limit of constitutional power, against the great evil that confronts this nation and all the governments of the world.

The proper line need not be overstepped. It would be unwise and dangerous to interfere with that freedom of thought and speech, which is guaranteed in this land of liberty to every individual. But such measures ought to be taken as will protect society and every citizen and especially those public officers who are chosen by the people to act for them in government, and who by reason of the responsibilities placed upon them by the citizens, are exposed to the heinous plots of cranks and half-crazed zealots and the murderous assaults of brooding assassins.

A "CHRISTIAN" BUDGET.

A religious paper called The Christian Budget, published in London by Rev. Elias Hooking as editor, in a recent issue has an article on "Mormonism." It is illustrated with a cut of an alleged photograph of President Lorenzo Snow and his five wives and forty-nine children, which it is stated was taken in August, 1898, and "by no means included all of his wives and children." It is further alleged that the President has "been married to several women since the Mormon swore to abandon polygamy."

The cut, which has appeared in several papers, is a very poor reproduction of a photograph taken more than seventeen years ago, on the occasion of the celebration of President Snow's seventieth birthday. A family gathering was held at Brigham City, and some of the President's sons and daughters with a number of their children, formed a group which was photographed. It was composed of but a portion of the family, the grandchild being the most conspicuous figure in the picture.

A sectarian preacher of this city obtained a copy of this photograph, and

fabricated the story which was published in New York, and has found its way to London, and has been reproduced in The Christian (?) Budget. It is used for rank deception and probably the publisher, in this instance, is deceived as well as being a deceiver of others. The story of the picture and of the newly married wives is about as true as the pretended account of "Mormon Proselytism," the whole forming a "budget" of silly falsehood.

A tale of woe as to "the Mormon methods to win converts," is told on the authority of Rev. Robert S. Sample, D. D., and a pretty sample it is of religious ranting for the purpose of arousing anti-Mormon prejudice. Summarized, it is that the preacher, while on a tour of Scandinavia and the Rhineland, heard an Elder give an address in the Market place (town not named, county not named, Elder's cognomen not given) in which he offered to converts who would go with him to his beautiful country, "the most sacred spot on earth," one hundred and sixty acres of land with a clear title, more fertile than any in the valley of the Rhine, and promised a man who took up the offer, that he would pay all the traveling expenses of himself and family to Utah.

Months later the same Sample says he was in Logan, Utah, when the train came in with the converts, who were housed and cared for, and the Elder duly presented the deed for the land, "one hundred and sixty acres not far from Logan." But "the poor man" was required to sign a note for the full value of the land, the expenses of his transportation, with interest, all to be paid in annual installments, with a covenant to pay one tenth of all the products of the soil during his lifetime. The convert was astounded, but had to submit in the hope that "some time he would obtain a little relief from his bondage."

It is unnecessary to say to people here or anywhere else where the truth is known, that no such transaction ever occurred. But people in London are not familiar with affairs in this state, nor with the tenets and methods of the "Mormons." So we will state that, in the first place the Church has no land to give away or promise to anybody, and in the second place, missionaries are sent to preach the Gospel abroad, but not to make promises or hold out inducements to people to emigrate. Land in Utah has to be purchased from the government, or from persons who have obtained a government title, just as in any other part of the United States.

Neither the Rev. R. S. Sample, D. D., nor any other professed Christian preacher or layman, ever heard a "Mormon" Elder make such an agreement as he says he heard somewhere in Europe, or that which he states he heard in Logan, Utah. It is even a worse untruth than the photographic deception, and causes astonishment that any minister of any sect in Christendom would manufacture it even in order to vilify the "Mormons." But it is only one out of numerous instances in which these hiring latter-day Pharisees have concocted stories without the least foundation in truth, and as stupid and unreasonable as Sample's.

The Christian Budget says: "This is a representative case." It is, but not in the sense it wishes to convey. It is representative of the methods by which false teachers and religious deceivers, seek to prevent inquiring souls from receiving the truth revealed from heaven in this dispensation. But such despicable attempts usually defeat their own purpose, by arousing investigation which exposes their folly and wickedness, and ultimately aids in the spread of "Mormonism." We hope it will prove so in the present instance.

TWO SUGGESTIONS.

Among the many suggestions made for effective warfare in this country against Anarchism, none is more to the point than the demand for a speedy, non-sensational trial and prompt disposal of the assassin, Czolgosz. It should not take many minutes to find an impartial, competent jury in his case. Nor should it be difficult to secure testimony. All the legal rights that are his should be given to him, but there should be no unnecessary delays, no spectacular performances, and no trifling with technicalities. His case should be disposed of with all the speed the careful manipulation of the machinery of justice will permit.

The reason is obvious. To characters of his type, murderers of presidents and rulers, appear as heroes. Their unspeakable crimes appear as means whereby the murderers become martyrs to a noble cause. These perverted views are but strengthened by spectacular displays in which they form the central figures. There should be no such. They should be convicted, and disposed of as are pestiferous nuisances, effectively but without display or ostentation. The public is not interested in how they look, what they say, or think. What the people want to know is that justice is done, in accordance with the demands of law.

Another suggestion is that what is known as yellow journalism be suppressed. That is perhaps a natural desire, because it is now felt that Anarchists find justification for their views and deeds in the malicious and senseless criticisms of government officials such as journalism indulges in, for party purposes, or for the still lower purpose of profiting financially by catering to a depraved taste. But this is a less practical suggestion. That blot on the American press cannot be wiped out by law without interference with the higher interests that demand free speech in a free country. Censorship is not a part of American institutions. Still, there is a remedy. Public opinion has it in its power to pull the fangs out of venomous journalism. Those that conduct it, do so for the gain there is in it. When the reading public become so enlightened that they refuse to pollute their homes with the moral corruption it conveys, it will be no more. Let the public more generally demand truth, fairness and justice in the press, and a gentlemanly conduct even of controversies, and there will be no "yellow journalism." Before the light of day the specters of night flee to their own dark recesses.

CUBAN CONDITIONS.

A correspondent of the London Times has studied the present Cuban conditions, and given his views to that paper. They are not without interest to the American public. He thinks that in some respects these conditions are not materially improved since the Spanish rule ended, while in other particulars there is a vast improvement. He finds, for instance, that in the administration of justice much corruption still exists, and that robbery is frequent in the interior. The police is not able to protect life and property. It is believed, however, that although there still is some lawlessness, the reports are highly colored, for political effects.

There is another side to the picture. The writer in the Times says that Cuba today is on the high road to a prosperity such as she never enjoyed under Spanish rule. With work and a good wage for all, there is absolutely no distress among the population of more than 1,600,000. Agriculture has been reconstructed—a hard struggle, often with meager funds, but the result is almost past belief. The sugar crop this year will reach 600,000 tons, and next year 900,000 tons will be harvested.

It is further stated that in fruit and vegetable growing Cuba is rapidly regaining her old ascendancy. Large cargoes of bananas and pineapples are dispatched to the American market, and the area of orange culture is extending. The mining industry in Santiago was never so flourishing, 60,000 tons of hematite ore, which shows 45 per cent of metal, is being shipped monthly, and the mines are giving steady employment to 4,000 men. There is work for as many more.

There is still some smoldering opposition to the Platt amendment, but the correspondent believes that the solid advantages to Cuba—protection from all foreign aggression and preservation of internal order—far outweigh the slight hurt inflicted upon Cuban pride, and that the restriction in regard to the issue of loans is of the utmost importance. It means, he says, that Cuban credit will stand high at home and abroad; for no bonds can be emitted by the government without the approval of the United States authorities, and this is, in reality, little short of a guarantee of solvency for such indebtedness.

It is evident from the bright picture of Cuban prosperity, that there can be no serious corruption in the judiciary, nor any great amount of brigandage in the country. Only where life and property are safe, and where justice is impartially and effectively administered, can material prosperity exist.

WORDS OF WISDOM.

Some time ago President Roosevelt, then Vice President, while in Chicago, was invited to speak in one of the churches there. The following paragraphs are quoted from his address:

"No man, not the best of you lives out the best that he learns in his church. If he but tries to follow the word, to do it, he has accomplished much. But to hear it only and then fall short of practice, is worse than folly."

"The happy children are the ones who obey. I am sorry for the household where the parents are not the companions of their children."

"It is all right to drive the evil spirit out. The evil spirit will come back again unless there is constant exercise to keep it out. There is not one of us who practices religion as he should, and we need to be ever alert to live up to biblical ideals."

"Work in this world in material things so that everything you do is done thoroughly. I remember Ruskin's assertion that you could tell when a man is a good worker if he works for the sake of the work of the sake of the fee. If a man's only idea in doing a job is to do as little as he can and get paid for it he will not be much of a success. Every man should get justice for himself, but first be sure he does justice to others."

"The man who does ordinary work well is doing it for the Lord. I don't like to see a slack man in any line of work. If a man is slack in business relations you can not draw upon him heavily in spiritual contests."

"With sweetness we must have strength. We must have power to do work under discouragements. If under strain you lay down you are weak, but if you push on you will come out ahead in life. But remember, in all this, that we have not to do our duty to our neighbor as well as to ourselves. In standing up for our rights we should not trample on the rights of others."

"Herodism does not consist of striking deeds alone. It is in the little things of daily life that the noblest heroism is proved. A man might perform one famous, gallant deed and yet be a coward in the worse sense. The greatest heroes are those who, without the aid of men, but by their own thoughts and deeds, though small by the popular measure are mighty and unselfish in the eyes of God."

"There are black hours for all of us—hours when in despair, disheartened and alone so far as mortal companionship goes, we feel that the future holds nothing but bitterness. Then is when we should arise, shake off the lethargy of hopelessness and resolutely wrest success from failure. Do your full duty all the time, flag not in a just fight and the losing side will not be yours."

When the time comes to elect his successor, Senator Wellington of Maryland will undoubtedly meet his Waterloo.

According to the Paris Matin the feminine of Boer is Boerine. It certainly sounds better than Boeress. Yes, they do these things better in France.

The enactment now of drastic laws to prevent the immigration of Anarchists to our country would be very much like locking the stable after the horse is gone.

It is said (only said) that a woman cannot keep a secret. It is a good thing sometimes for it was a woman who gave the Chicago police the "tip" as to where Emma Goldman was.

Glasgow has presented the freedom of the city to Andrew Carnegie. Previous to receiving the gift of the freedom of the city he had made a gift of two and a half million dollars to the city university.

It seems to be in order now for the medical profession to offer criticism on the conduct of President McKinley's case. It is so much easier to criticize what is done than to do the proper

thing. Could those who offer criticism have done any better than those whom they criticize? Possibly they could, but who can tell?

It was fit and proper that the Elks' carnival should be postponed until after the funeral of President McKinley, and the public will appreciate the action of the managers. No injury will result to the success of the carnival from this postponement. There is a time for mourning and a time for rejoicing, and now is the time for mourning.

The great steel strike is settled, or so it is said. What has been gained by the men it is hard to see. In reality the object was to dictate to the mills what labor they should employ. It was an absolute denial of the right of the mills to employ any but union labor. The demand was arbitrary and tyrannical. In the field of labor the rights of the non-union man are coequal with those of the union man. As it has been ordained that man must earn his bread by the sweat of his brow so he must be protected in that right. The Mine Workers of America would deny him this right unless he becomes part of them. His rights are eternal, their organization but of a day.

It is the custom to speak of the office of Vice President as a secondary one in every sense of the word, and it is referred to in the lightest terms. Prominent men who have presidential aspirations generally deem it to be beneath their worth and dignity to accept a nomination to it. It is beneath the dignity of no American citizen and only the very best men should be named to it. President Roosevelt was much averse to accepting a vice presidential nomination. Had he not done so he probably never would have been President. Had not Webster declined to be a vice presidential candidate he would have been President. It is an office second only to that of President and in quite a number of instances has led to the presidency. Let no man despise it.

The news from Wall street is most assuring. The climax in the country's great misfortune has been passed, and no crisis in financial matters has resulted. This is a fortunate thing, and scarcely to have been expected under the circumstances. It shows as nothing else could how deep and solid are the foundations of the country's prosperity. It may be doubted if the finances of any other country could have withstood, successfully, so great a shock. No doubt much of the renewed confidence is due to President Roosevelt's declaration of his purpose to continue President McKinley's policies. The state of the markets of the country is most satisfactory and is a matter of congratulation.

EMMA GOLDMAN.

San Francisco Call.
Among the letters of Emma Goldman found by the police is one in which she complains that Prince Krapotkin received \$150 for a series of lectures in New York while she has to lecture on the streets and content herself with such petty contributions as the crowds give her. Her complaint is not without justification. Why should society applaud in a prince that which it condemns in a poverty-stricken woman? Why should the law tolerate Krapotkin any more than Goldman?

San Francisco Chronicle.
There should be no mawkish pity for the Goldman woman as she shrinks and cowers before the law which she has defied. She has placed herself outside the pale of the law, but upon the first scent of danger she flies to the shelter of its protection and calls for her quibbling lawyers to invoke all its technicalities. No one who reads the frothings of the Goldman woman doubts that she is more responsible for the assault on the President than the poor tool who fired the shot. All the probabilities are in favor of the belief that she and others constituting a "group" directly conspired for the commission of the definite crime. In any event her known guilt is quite sufficient to merit any possible punishment, whether the actual conspiracy to murder can be proved or not, and whatever can be done with her and her companions without ourselves violating our own law should be done.

Cleveland Plain Dealer.
There will be general satisfaction at the news that Emma Goldman, the instigator of such criminal acts as that of Czolgosz, has been arrested. There will be added satisfaction were there an assurance that a law can be found to meet her case. There can be no question as to the tendency of her teachings. The admission of Czolgosz settles that. It may, however, not be easy to establish her direct connection with the particular crime of which she stands charged. Now that the police have her in their keeping they will be likely to hold on to her until the matter is thoroughly sifted.

Chicago News.

If it be asked, then, what is it that makes this otherwise sane and well-behaved person take up with the long-explored nonsense of the "philosophical" anarchist and look with indifference upon such fiendish crimes as those of Bred, Luchet and Czolgosz, the answer must be sought in that total lack of a capacity for disciplined thought which is the characteristic sign of the theoretical anarchist everywhere. Without that capacity or without the ability to take a sane point of view and perceive what is sound thought in others one may read widely and acquire plenty of facts and still be ignorant. This ignorance being of the worst sort, Miss Goldman, like the theorists of her kind everywhere, probably knows at once both too little and too much. If she had read less the fatuous ideas of half-baked theorists might never have come within her notice. If she knew more she would see their hopeless folly and the outrageous and criminal character of the deeds to which they lead.

Chicago Record-Herald.
Emma Goldman might be reached through the particular speech which is said to have fired the infernal Czolgosz material, but the general charge of anarchy may be made to cover altogether too much ground, and as repressive laws are passed as a result of the present excitement it is hoped that they will be framed with a very jealous eye to the principles of civil liberty. As the New York Evening Post says: "If we cannot deal with anarchism and anarchists without having an attack of national hysteria, without overturning our constitutional prohibition of cruel and unusual punishment, and without lynching every man whose tongue is set on fire of hell, this republic is a failure."

New York World.
The arrest of the Virago Goldman is justified by the admission of Czolgosz

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that he was her "disciple," and by her own rapid utterances. It is possible that the police have evidence of her closer connection with the crime of the would-be assassin. Incidents to crime and violence have no claim upon toleration.

Milwaukee Wisconsin.

Miss Goldman has a good deal to account for. She has frequently made incendiary remarks in public addresses, and her recent movements from place to place where anarchist groups exist, and the fact that she met and spoke to Czolgosz, as well as his declaration that her utterances inspired him to slay the President, form a chain of circumstantial evidence that makes everyone glad she is under lock and key, where, if wanted, she can be readily found. On the other hand, it must be admitted that it is contrary to the general nature of women to get up plots to kill for the furtherance of an abstract principle. Murderers are usually moved by personal hatred.

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