

Champ Clark's Letter

The Roosevelt-Hanna Contests—Hannas Must Fall—How Our Bill American Labor

[Special Washington Letter]

It is a pretty fight as it stands—that is, the fight between Colonel Roosevelt and Senator Hanna for the Republican nomination for president. They are leaving no stone unturned, no card unplayed, no trick untried. Recently Senator Mark attended the good roads convention at Charlottesville, Va., near Monticello, where rests the greatest statesman that ever lived, the profoundest philosopher that ever devoted his life to politics, the chief priest, apostle and prophet of civil liberty, Thomas Jefferson, and even there the Oldian received an ovation which Jenkins describes with rapture. More recently Teddy "swung round the circle," a section of it at least, by visiting Charleston, S. C., where he was received in ovation—several in fact—which threw Jenkins into fits of ecstasy and which perhaps also threw Marcus Alonzo into a fit of the blues. Both those illustrious statesmen know how to play to the galleries, whoop up his jollie and cause a beating of the tom-toms. It is youthful enthusiasm and military glamour versus perfect organization and an abundance of the news of war. The country will hold its breath while these famous gladiators wrestle—and some man like Senator Spooner of Wisconsin or Senator Fairbanks of Indiana or Uncle Shady M. Culion of Illinois will walk away with the prize. The Democrats and the country have nothing to lose by reason of the bitterness which the Roosevelt-Hanna contest will arouse within the G. O. P. for the more bitterly Republicans fight each other, even unto the death, the better off the Democrats and the country will be. So "on with the dance" of war, war to the knife and the knife to the hilt, between Mark and Hanna!

Good, God, I wish you!

It is given out now that our imperial embassy, consisting of Whitelaw Reid et al., to the coronation of King Edward VII, will have to go down into their own pockets and pay their own expenses. And it is well. After all it seems that there is such a thing as a robust American sentiment in this country which must be needed. No doubt when this idiotic junket was arranged it was thought by those who arranged it that the American taxpayers would throw high their sweat caps in air and gladly get out their weasel skins and furnish the wherewithal to pay the fiddler for our "blooming aristocracy," but instead of doing that they sliced and spiced and used language about the administration not fit to be put in a model "Letter Writer For Young Ladies Boarding Schools." So Messrs. Reid et al. will enjoy the luxury of footing their own bills. No man in either branch of congress will have the gall to rise in his place and move that their expenses be paid out of the public treasury.

Without being egotistical, I can fairly claim part of the credit at least for this saving to the taxpayers, for on Jan. 20 I started the first inquiry on the subject and said inter alia: "So far as I am concerned I will never vote one cent to pay any man's expenses to go to England or elsewhere to help crown a king." We were out of the coronation business July 4, 1776, and are not yet ready to return to that unnatural and un-American habit."

For saying that and a few more things in the same that all the funkified editors in the land jumped on me. Now they can jump off again. It is a ten to one shot that President Roosevelt regrets that he ever appointed the embassy and would gladly be rid of the whole thing, for he must realize by this time that by appointing it he played directly into the hands of Senator Marcus A. Hanna as a Republican presidential candidate; not that Mark is opposed to funkism, but because he possesses the acumen to know that the American people are. His henchmen will play the embassy card for all it is worth in the death struggle with Colonel Roosevelt for the presidential nomination.

Plain Duty.

It is the plain duty of President Roosevelt to send Mr. Attorney General Knox hot foot after the beef trust. It is an octopus and no mistake. Any concern which deliberately and solely for its own behoof puts up meat 3 and 4 cents per pound without the shadow of excuse ought to be ruthlessly brushed out of existence. Its action in arbitrarily increasing the price of an article of diet of prime necessity to 77,000,000 people by one-fourth is simply brutal. It means that millions of people will have to go without meat. If a trust so enormous in its operations and so aboveboard in its robberies cannot be bottled, we had as well quit jabbering about trusts and confess that we are utterly impotent in the presence of these huge modern monsters.

And this rise in price of meat is nobody any good except the trusts. Farmers and stock raisers are not the gainers by one penny, for, while the trust arbitrarily fixes the price for the consumer at one end of the line, it arbitrarily fixes the price for the stock raiser and dealer at the other. It has its traps set like the nigger's celebrated coontrap to "kotch 'em both cummin' an' gwine." If President Roosevelt will send Mr. Knox after this trust and break up millions of people will bless his name forever and forever; but if he doesn't do so, possessing the power,

leafed to end it again in the laborers of America. Our retention of the Philippines means a reduction of wages to the Asiatic level. That is one of the main reasons why I was opposed to acquiring them. *Simeon L. Tamm* dead against keeping them.

That is longer, we keep them the harder it will be to get rid of them is a proposition to be argued. *George H. Parker* Let no man hug to his breast the delusion that Americans can work only as unskilled laborers. There is evidence in the case daily confirming the theory. They have the initiative, energy, courage, and soon learn to do anything that we do. Consequently they will not day compete with unskilled laborers, but also with those of all degrees of skill even unto the highest.

The cry once rang along the Pacific coast, "The Chinese must go!" Some day the laborers of America will raise the cry, "The Philippines must go!"

The policy of Chinese exclusion is bottomed on the instinct of self preservation, the supreme law of nature. It is not a mere technological scheme to exclude any party or for any man. It is a philosophical and patriotic movement, growing out of facts that can be neither denied, bluffed, obscured nor blunted out of the way. It not only goes to the root of our institutions, but it lays hold of the foundations of Caucasian civilization on this continent.

A Racial Question

It is larger a racial question, and it is the paramount issue. Shall the white man continue to dominate the western hemisphere or shall he be placed in the process of ultimate extinction and be supplanted by the yellow man? It is utterly futile to vaunt our superiority and vaingloriously assert that in free competition with the Chinese in any field of physical endeavor we shall triumph, for it is not true. *Goyasen* That our great physical prowess in the Philippines, tested that Chinese can live on 3 cents per day—not only live but flourish like a tree—*John W. Parker* and, as far as we know, support the government, general, etc., that myriads of Chinese can be supported by the yellow man! It is also true that the Chinese are most expert in the difficult art of marinating his diet to the minimum.

Thousands of years ago, for instance

the Egyptians used to embalm the bodies of their dead kings and nobility

so perfectly that the bodies are in wonderful preservation today, as may be seen at the British museum.

Clever as we are in this age, we cannot do the same.

The valuable secret is lost and

modern science cannot recover the lost knowledge.

We can, of course, and we do embalm bodies, but only for temporary preservation and, comparatively speaking, in a most unsatisfactory manner.

Bodies which are embalmed now

days will not be preserved for more than a few days at most.

Very many of the bodies Egyptian embalmed before the birth of Christ are still

perfect that the lines of their faces are

still as clearly marked as when they were first embalmed.

Sheffield turns out the finest, hardest

and most perfect steel the world produces, but even Sheffield cannot produce a sword blade to compare with those the Saracens made and used hundreds of years ago, and the Saracens never possessed the machinery we have had the advantage of knowing so much about metals as we are supposed to know. A huge fortune await the man who discloses the secret which enabled the Saracens to make sword blades so keen and hard that they could cut in two most of the swords used today.

The American labor produced the wealth of the country, a wealth that is too vast to be comprehended by the mathematics of the business mind, a wealth so tremendous that it exceeds the wondrous tale of Alroy or any story out of the "Arabian Nights." We all take pride in the fact that American laborers are the best in the world, the best clothed, the best fed, the best housed, the most public spirited, and the most ambitious laborers on the face of the earth. For one I am unutterably opposed to anything that deprives them of single comfort or that will in any manner reduce their standard of living. That will lower them in the scale of civilization even in the estimation of a half-starved man. The estimation test would end in a survival of the whitest. It is written, "The laboring multitude of this world are the slaves to the wealthy, who have been born rich and those who have been born there since and those who may be born hereafter."

Being a member of the foreign affairs committee, which reported the bill, I helped force it into the bill, and in discussing the bill in the house, deemed it a good opportunity to argue the relation of American labor to the Philippines, and inter alia:

The question of Chinese exclusion has for more than a quarter of a century been one of extreme difficulty, taxing to the utmost the ingenuity of the congress and the thought of the country to devise a solution which will exclude the Chinese from the mainland with our laborers and at the same time retain and increase our trade with China.

Within the last five years both the Chinese and the Chinese of the situation have been multiplied, first by a decision of the supreme court of the United States, coming from any of the insular possessions of the United States shall be prohibited, and the prohibition shall apply to all Chinese laborers, as well those who are in such insular possessions at the time of the annexation thereof reported by the United States to those who have been born there since and those who may be born there hereafter.

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More Scandals.

On a celebrated occasion Daniel Webster gave utterance to the famous saying, "Murder will out!" So it appears will seal swindling practiced thereby. In 1888 and 1890 Democrats declared truthfully that there had been wicked and wanton waste of the public money, scandalous robbery, and criminal favoritism in buying and fitting up transports for service in the Cuban and Philippine wars, for let it never be forgotten that there were two wars, one of which is still running. The Republicans held up their hands in protestation, solemnly raised them to heaven unctuously thanking God that they are not as other people, and vociferously declared that the charges were Democratic lies. Well, the elections are over, and now it appears from belated official reports—delayed intentionally—that the Democrats were right and that the Republicans were doing the lying. The Washington Post prefaced a long article on the subject with the following heading, which tell the whole ugly story briefly: "Ugly Facts Are Out; Scandal in Transport Service Now Before Congress; Action of Extravagance; Many Thousands Wasted in Buying Up the Army Vessels; Public Funds Dissipated by Incompetent if Not Dishonest Hands Under Pressure of Moving Large Bodies of Metal Materials Purchased and Fat Contracts Awarded Regardless of Cost to the Government."

What a pity it is that the Democrats did not elect the house of the Fifty-ninth congress in November, 1898! Had we done so we would have set off root investigations to have unearthed what Americans will deliberately determine to subject American laborers to death dealing competition with the cheap labor of the earth.

At this late day is a little of the truth coming out. We would have got it all.

The Same Cast of Characters.

There is no cast of characters in

which they are consistent, they stand by their verbal leaders whatever may betide. Should they elect the next house, of which they now have very poor prospects, the same individuals will play the principal roles. General Grover Norquist has just been renominated, the opposition to Speaker Henderson for re-election has petered out, "Uncle Joe" Cannon, chairman of appropriations; Hon. Sereno E. Payne, chairman of ways and means; Colonel William Peter Hepburn, chairman of interstate and foreign commerce, and Hon. John Dalzell, one of the three cars, will all be re-nominated without opposition. These are the men who run things with a high hand. Individual they are amiable gentlemen, but they are "so in their ways," and there can be no reform while they dominate the house.

If we do not speedily unload these accursed islands, the date is not far distant when all of us emulating laborers of the land, in a roar of soul exclaim, "Who will deliver us from the body of the death?" Should it be decided that the free colonization of the inhabitants of the Philippines cannot be restrained the yellow flood will pour in and utterly submerge us all.

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SOME LOST SECRETS WHEN IN RALEIGH STOP AT HOTEL DORSEY

FAMOUS PROCESSES THAT WERE KNOWN TO THE ANCIENTS

OF ANCIENT AND MODERN TIMES

HIGHLY IMPOSSIBLE ELEMENT OF THE GREEKS AND ROMANS.

TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE MARVELS OF SCIENCE AND THE STRIDES WE HAVE MADE IN ALMOST EVERY BRANCH OF KNOWLEDGE DURING THE LAST 200 OR 300 YEARS, IT SEEMS EXCEEDINGLY STRANGE THAT OUR FOREFATHERS WERE ABLE TO DO THAT WE NOW FIND WELL KNOWN.

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