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COMMERCIALISM RENNING RIOT

We have had our ages of gold, silver, iron, brass, etc., and now we have what might be called the commercial age. Commercialism is, as Poulteney Bigelow says, "running riot," not only in this, but in other countries.

This country was the last of the great powers to be carried away by the lust for grab and gain, but we are in it now about as deeply and apparently as hopelessly as any of them.

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tion. That is a kind of commercialism that sacrifices national honor and national faith and is too dearly purchased whatever the commercialism might bring. That kind of commercialism not only hurts our reputation as a just and upright people, but it is demoralizing, for it begets a widespread spirit of greed that seeks wealth without being scrupulous as to the means of acquiring it, and it demoralizes legislators who make the laws and makes them the agents or the purchased tools of the interests seeking their services.

As a result we have class legislation, favoring combines and schemers who study plans for enriching themselves at the expense of others through the legislation which they inspire, dictate or buy. As an illustration, we have class-favoring tariff legislation, the expansion policy, which is for the benefit of the few, while the many are plundered for the few, and the few combined and acting together, draw together by the cohesive power of the dollar, rule the many with despotic power, and exact tribute that would revolutionize a kingdom.

There are some people who fancy that taking the oath of allegiance by Aguirre, and his apparently sincere efforts to bring peace to the Philippines will settle the problem. But this, even if Aguirre's influence should bring about the laying down of arms, will not be all, for there are other new and troublesome questions to be solved, after the shooting ceases.

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WHEN THE CURTAIN FALLS. JOSIAH WINK. When the curtain drops. And the music stops. Then the flare of the footlights fades away!

A Positive Woman. A woman has a right to be positive on matters which are matters of personal knowledge and experience. Every woman who has used Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is positive as to its wonderful curative value.

THE GRAB GAME IN AFRICA. Under the pretense of spreading civilization and Christianity the leading European nations have worked Africa as one open field.

The estimate of the Times of the area of Africa, exclusive of all the islands, except Madagascar, is 11,500,000 square miles. Of this area France holds 8,804,974 square miles, including 1,892,000 square miles of the Desert of Sahara.

SUNDAY SERVICES. Services in St. John's church to day at 7:45 and 11 A. M. and 5:30 P. M. St. Paul's Episcopal church.

SUNDAY SELECTIONS. When a church becomes a playhouse its steeple will not save it. The real character of a man is found out by his amusements.

THE CIGARETTE AS A CIVILIZER. Some people are not aware of the part the cigarette is playing as a civilizer in pagan lands. The part it is playing in China was thus told by a missionary in a discourse in Charlotte a few days ago:

DR. PIERCE'S GOLDEN DISCOVERY FOR THE BLOOD, LIVER, LUNGS. A poor man in New York who had a wife and children, and strength to do, but no employment, hit upon the plan of trying a plaster upon his breast with the inscription upon it: "I Want Work."

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PERUNA I can recommend as a very good medicine. It is an excellent strengthening tonic, and it is also an efficacious cure for the almost universal complaint of catarrh.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE. Mount Olive Advertiser: At the general election in Enfield 218 votes were cast for the school and only three votes against the same.

BY RIVER AND RAIL. Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

FINANCIAL MARKETS. By Telegram to the Morning Star. NEW YORK, April 27.

HAIGHT & FREESE CO. ESTABLISHED 1890. 53 BROADWAY, NEW YORK.

WINKLINGS. Suffering Language—"It is dreadful how people misuse the words 'awfully' and 'dreadfully'."

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FOREIGN. PORT-AU-PRINCE.—Schr. Mark Gray, 41,328 feet white pine lumber.

PRODUCE MARKETS. By Telegram to the Morning Star.

WILMINGTON MARKET. (Quoted officially at the closing by the Produce Exchange, Wilmington, N. C., April 27.)

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