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INDEPENDENT IN FACT.

How many nations on earth are independent? Is Japan, which was forced by Russia to give up conquered territory? Is China, which has been forced by Germany and France to surrender territorial rights? Is Turkey which had her victorious forces arrested by the dictation of European powers? Is Austria or Italy, which have been persuaded that dependence upon an alliance was necessary to their welfare? Is Germany, Russia or France, of which not one dares to move without asking the wishes of the others? Truly, the independent nations are not many. The entangling alliances against which Washington warned his countrymen are indeed painful limitations of action for many European Powers, made necessary in their belief by constant exposure of their territory and the homes and workshops of their people to invasion by powerful armies having only an imaginary boundary to cross. No such supposed necessity has led the United States ever to restrict its freedom of action, nor does there exist any Power which could hope for success in an invasion of this country. The ability of the Republic to place and maintain 3,000,000 soldiers in line for defence or for retributory attack makes this nation more independent on land than any other.

This is not an empty phrase. Even Great Britain is aware that a war which the two English speaking nations are far from desiring might alter the map of this continent. France and Germany have possessions, on this side of the ocean and in distant seas. Even Russia, so long called impregnable, could be shut out from future access to Pacific waters by a controversy with the United States. Her power is great, but that fraction of it which could be moved thousands of miles by one line of road across Siberia is not great. Threatening none of these Powers, anxious to preserve ancient friendship with them all, the republic has a peculiar independence because it cannot be successfully assailed, except so far as assault by sea can inflict injury to its ports. But behind its coast lines the vast area never touched by hostile foot, crowded with thriving industries and peaceful homes, all secure against attack and capable of commanding the wealth of the world, would still remain after any invasion.

Independence requires food, iron and coal. The coal supplies which no foreign power can touch are inexhaustible. The iron supplies already producing more than those of any other nation, are not improbably smaller than those still developed. The food supplies have nearly eighty millions of people more liberally than those of any other great nation are fed, and yet have spared for the needs of other countries more than four hundred million bushels of wheat and corn during the last year, and made this country creditor of the world to the extent of over five millions of dollars on merchandise and specie account. How long other nations would continue able to obtain supplies of food, if engaged in contest with the world's greatest food producer, and with the ocean swept by its commerce destroyers, this nation sincerely desires never to learn by practi-

cal trial.

But independence on land, independence in industries, in resources for war and in food for peace, render this nation peculiarly independent of foreign dictation from every quarter. The men who have taken a part of the Ladrones and have landed at Manila will not be withdrawn, it may be said with certainty, at the demand or desire of any power on earth excepting the free and independent people of the United States. Pursuing no aggressive schemes, seeking no new responsibilities, acting ever within their rights as a peaceful member of the family of nations, they are also strong enough to take from any aggressor something, and to keep whatever they may hold it wise and right to keep.—N. Y. Tribune.

PRESIDENT'S PROCLAMATION.

President McKinley, on the night of July 6th, issued the following proclamation to the American people:

To the People of the United States of America:

At this time when to the yet fresh remembrance of the unprecedented success which attended the operations of the United States fleet in the bay of Manila on the first day of May, last, are added the tidings of the no less glorious achievements of the naval and military arms of our beloved country at Santiago de Cuba it is fitting that we should pause and staying the feeling of exultation that so naturally attends great deeds wrought by our countrymen in our country's cause, should reverently bow before the throne of divine grace and give devout praise to God, who holdeth the nation in the hollow of His hand, and worketh upon them the marvels of His high will, and who has thus far vouchsafed to us the light of His face and led our brave soldiers and seamen to victory.

I therefore ask the people of the United States upon next assembling for divine worship in their respective places of meeting to offer thanksgiving to Almighty God, who in his inscrutable ways now leading our hosts upon the waters to unscathed triumph, now guiding them in a strange land through the dread shadows of death to success, even though at a fearful cost, now bearing them without accident or loss to far distant climes, has watched over our cause and brought nearer the success of the right and the attainment of just and honorable peace.

With the nation's thanks let there be mingled the nation's prayers that our gallant sons may be shielded from harm alike on the battlefield and in the clash of fleets, and be spared the scourge of suffering and disease while they are striving to uphold their country's honor; and with all let the nation's heart be stilled with holy awe at the thought of the noble men who have perished as heroes die, and be filled with compassionate sympathy for all those who suffer bereavement, or undue sickness, wounds and bonds, by reason of the awful struggle. And above all, let us pray with earnest fervor, that He, the dispenser of all good, may speedily remove from us the untold afflictions of war and bring to our dear land the blessings of restored peace and to all the domain now ravaged by the cruel strife, the priceless boon of security and tranquility.

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But men are slow to believe that overwork sometimes kills; a man hates to admit that his health ever needs any particular care. He feels miserable and "out of sorts" but tries to "bluff it off" until he gets flat on his back, unable to do a stroke of work. He becomes obliged to spend no end of money for doctors and even at that can hardly save his life.

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PENNSYLVANIA DEMOCRATS REJECT SILVER AND BRYAN.

The Democrats of Pennsylvania held their State convention on June 29th and nominated a State ticket. The convention was dominated by the friends of William J. Bryan, led by Colonel James M. Guffey, of Pittsburg. Notwithstanding this fact, an effort to insert a plank reaffirming the Chicago platform was defeated, as was one indorsing Bryan, the controlling influence in the convention fearing to risk the issue.

Although his defeat for the head of the ticket was certain, Judge Gordon of Philadelphia, remained in the fight to the finish. About the only brilliant effort of the day was made in his behalf by Michael J. Ryan of Philadelphia. While he was speaking the convention showed some signs of being stampeded by his eloquence, and the hopes of Gordon leaders were raised high by the opportunity that came to them immediately after Mr. Ryan's speech.

The vote on the adoption of the silver plank was taken at this time and the Gordon leaders passed the word around to support the

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tion. Nearly all of that element voted "Aye," and the Guffeyites, who are also regarded as the Bryanites of the party, were put in the strange position of voting against their ideal. They stuck boldly to their position, however, and prevented the reaffirmation of the principles of the principles of the Chicago convention. This they were bound to do to carry out their determination to fight the campaign solely on State issues. Aside from a brief paragraph supporting the Government in its position in the war with Spain, the platform relates entirely to alleged Republican misrule in the state, and the steps that should be taken to produce a change.

RICHEST NATION ON EARTH.

Mr. Michael G. Mulhall, the noted English statistician, is clearly of the opinion that no other nation compares with ours in all the essential elements that go to make up aggregate wealth. He also notes the fact that while the most of European countries have attained their growth, the United States is apparently on the threshold of an industrial development which it has never dreamed of before. Mr. Mulhall submits a table of estimates, as being the result of a careful and comprehensive investigation into the sources of of national wealth in the several countries and the United States leads by over 22 billions. These computations are based upon values as shown by real estate records, buildings, merchandise and railways, as well as the circulating medium in each nation.—Baltimore Record.

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