

# Democratic Watchman

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## England's Crime.

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In view of England's course in allowing millions of her subjects to starve while she is carrying on a war of "criminal aggression," the religious people of the world should send in a protest that would compel her to listen. The Christian Herald makes an impassioned appeal for aid to save India's starving millions. It gives horrible pictures, showing the effects of the starvation, and says: "Two cents a day will support one life; one dollar will save a life for two months; two dollars will save a life until harvest; ten dollars will save a whole family from death; fifty dollars would save five families; one hundred dollars would save a small community."

The Philadelphia North American, ever ready to see the wrongs and inconsistencies in such matters, very pertinently says:

"God forbid that we should do anything to check for one instant the flow of American benevolence toward a tortured people betrayed in their desperate need by their rightful protectors. But it is impossible to read this appeal without reflecting on the responsibilities of those who have made it necessary.

"India is a part of the British empire. The British government is spending \$500,000,000 to subjugate a little group of farmers just outside of its dominions while its own subjects are dying by millions for lack of the assistance which it is amply able to furnish. Turing The Christian Herald's table into another shape, we may say:

"Two rifle cartridges a day will support one life.

"One six pounder shell will save a life for two months.

"One twelve pounder shell will save a life until harvest.

"One pair of cavalry boots will save a man, wife and child until the next crop is gathered.

"One minute's discharge of a Maxim gun would save a whole family from death.

"The cost of the war for one second will save ten lives for four months.

"Two rifles will save them and afford them the comfort of blankets during the rainy and cold season.

"The cost of firing one shot from a

six inch gun would save five millions. "One scrub baggage train horse would save a small community. "One-fifth of the cost of attempting to conquer the Boers would save the entire fifty millions of England's starving subjects in India.

"The rescue of these lives is simply a matter of money. There is food enough in India. All that is necessary is the means of buying it. "The cable operates quickly," says The Christian Herald, "and your contribution today may save scores, hundreds, yes, thousands of lives tomorrow." The cable would operate just as quickly at the command of the British government as at that of benevolent Americans. If it be true that every one of us who contributes two dollars saves the life of some wretched Hindoo who would die but for that succor, then every human being in India who perishes for lack of such assistance is murdered by the government that is abundantly able to supply it, but prefers to devote the price of ten Hindoo lives per second to the extinction of republicanism in South Africa. That is 'the price that staggers humanity.'"

### A Shock From Iowa.

Nowhere will the conduct of the Iowa house of representatives produce so great a shock as in Pennsylvania. We actually see a branch of a state legislature overwhelmingly Republican pronouncing against a policy to which the party in congress has committed itself. Every member of congress from Iowa voted for the Porto Rico tariff bill and the speaker of the house, an Iowan, did all he could for the measure. Yet the Republicans of a branch of the Iowa legislature by unanimous vote adopt a resolution declaring for free trade with the island.

Fancy such independence in the legislature of Pennsylvania, if you can. Or supposing the impossible to happen, and the house at Harrisburg arrogating to itself the right to think and express its thought in such fashion—picture to yourself the horror of the machine. We should hear from Mr. Quay that the world was about to come to an end, and that every follower of Mr. Quay, after recovering his breath, would rend the skies with loyal shouts in denunciation of treason and insurgency so hideous.

Iowa takes the manifestation of its house's temerity with miraculous calmness. As yet we have seen no intimation from that state that the house has covered itself with everlasting infamy by daring to speak its honest mind. It even seems to be taken for granted out there that it is not revolutionary and indecent for a legislature to own itself instead of being owned by a boss.—Philadelphia North American.

"If to think as I do in regard to the interpretation of the constitution; in regard to the mandates of the moral law or the law of nations, to which all men and all nations must render obe-

dience; in regard to the policies which are wisest for the conduct of the state, or in regard to those facts of recent history in the light of which we have acted or are to act hereafter, be treason, then Washington was a traitor; then Jefferson was a traitor; then Jackson was a traitor; then Franklin was a traitor; then Sumner was a traitor; then Lincoln was a traitor; then Webster was a traitor; then Clay was a traitor; then Corwin was a traitor; then Kent was a traitor; then Seward was a traitor; then McKinley, within two years, was a traitor; then the supreme court of the United States has been in the past a nest and hotbed of treason; then the people of the United States, for more than a century, have been traitors to their flag and their constitution."—U. S. Senator George F. Hoar.

Teddy Roosevelt does not want the vice presidency. Of course not. But then Teddy Roosevelt was never yet caught running away from an office—unless there was another office 'n sight.—St. Louis Republic.

In this matter of recognizing polygamy President McKinley is for once consistent. He has given his official sanction to this practice in Sulu and is equally liberal with regard to it in Utah.—Chicago Democrat.

Has none of the Republican managers in Kentucky any knowledge of the mysterious Brutus who came out of the mountains to assassinate Goebel? Or are they all 'honorable men?'—St. Louis Post Dispatch.

Porto Rico under the American flag will enjoy the same privileges and the same immunities as the citizens of the United States and territories of the Union.—From General Miles' proclamation on invading the island.

I believe that the Porto Rican tariff bill is clearly unconstitutional and violates all our agreements with and pledges to the Porto Ricans. If I were in the senate I should certainly vote against it.—Ex-Senator Edmunds.

Hon. William McKinley in the Philippines and the Marquis of Salisbury in South Africa are the twin evangels of Anglo-Saxon civilization, and civilization of that type is not concerned with past pledges. It is out for the stuff.—Chicago Chronicle.

Presently McKinley ought to give more attention to the Porto Rican papers. They are telling the truth in a frank, manly way, and are making Americans who are not "in politics" and not dependent upon campaign contributions blush with shame at the injustice of which Porto Ricans are the victims.—Baltimore Sun.

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