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It begins to look a little as if British backbone had dominated the Chinese situation and kept Europe out of a tremendous war. Nerve in a good cause always pays.

The Mayor's Message.

While the message of the mayor submitted to council last evening contains no new thoughts, it is nevertheless a well-drawn repetition of needed counsel.

The modest claim that "when the number of its policemen and its area and population are considered together, Scranton shows forth as the best governed city and the freest from crime and disorder in the nation" may not be accepted unreservedly, but it cannot be disputed that the city's police force is too small. It indeed is "false economy" to stint our growing city in the machinery required for the adequate protection of its citizens.

The mayor's remarks touching the inadequacy of the appropriations now made for street cleaning and the handicap which this puts upon the city's sanitary condition and general appearance can be endorsed without qualification. Good as is the present management of this department it is practically powerless by reason of lack of funds to do what every sensible citizen knows should be done to cleanse and improve the public thoroughfares.

In the matter of a new bond issue the suggestion that council await the result of the operation of the new assessment is undoubtedly wise. That a new bond issue may become necessary in the course of time is a fact pretty generally conceded, but it would obviously be unbusiness-like to push it before there was a clear understanding of the revenue possibilities of the revised assessment.

The monetary commission recommends a re-affirmation that the United States favors the gold standard. It can have its way if it will carry next fall's election and control the presidency in 1900.

The Ohio Fight.

There is one phase of the Ohio senatorial fight which it seems to us ought to be better understood. That is its bearing upon the national administration and upon Republicanism generally. To begin with, it is necessary to understand that the feeling against Mark Hanna in Ohio is not confined to the politicians who have been embittered against him. It exists in measurable degree from lake to river among the masses, and especially among the farmers and the members of the labor organizations. It existed before Mr. Hanna became a national character, but it has naturally been intensified since his appearance in the national arena as the Warwick of the present administration.

This feeling prevails also in Washington. Mr. Hanna by nature is positive, energetic, self-confident and not at all given to conciliation. He has been credited with a proprietary interest in the administration, and while this idea insults the president, yet Mr. Hanna's attitude and manners have not tended to allay it.

The Call of Humanity. According to the official report issued by the Bishop of Havana, since the war began in Cuba 500,000 persons, or five times the population of Scranton, have been buried in the parishes under his jurisdiction. Consular reports to the government of the United States indicate that almost as many more are on the verge of death from starvation. Spain being powerless to afford adequate relief.

It is not now Hanna versus Hanna's foes but decency against treason. In response to criticisms which have been passed upon the president's exercise of the pardoning power the statement is made by authority that in the first ten months of his administration he extended executive clemency to only 97 persons, as compared with 220 pardons issued during the corresponding period of the Cleveland administration. In every instance President McKinley has acted upon the recommendation of the trial judge and the district attorney connected with the prosecution, and after independent investigation. It is not likely that serious censure can follow such a course.

administration. But injury alone can come from treachery, and as treachery has now flaunted its effrontery in the face of the Republicanism of the entire nation, the only thing to do is to smother it, if possible, or if not, to go down bravely in the battle against it.

Look to the Primaries. We understand there is some fear among the Republicans of Luzerne county that an attempt will be made by certain influences to secure the election in that county of delegates to the state convention who, while pledged to support Mr. Leisenring for governor on a complimentary ballot if his name shall go before the convention, will in reality hold together in the matter of second choice with a view to delivering themselves to the highest bidder. Indeed, it is intimated that a programme has already been arranged involving a prospective deal with Senator Andrews in behalf of Colonel Stone, who seems to figure in most politicians' minds as the likeliest man with whom to open "practical" negotiations at this time.

For the truth of these rumors we do not vouch, nor would we mention them at all were it not for the fact that how the Stone campaign has been run to date such as to inspire confidence in its management. But whether this report be true or false, it in any event behooves the intelligent Republicanism of Luzerne county to make itself felt at the coming primaries. The fact that these primaries have been called months earlier than there was any necessity for is a challenge to decent Republicans which should promptly be accepted.

It is often easier to "get in the swim" than to swim against the current. Snow shovels and snow scrapers are more necessary to Scranton than park improvements just at present. "Amerigo Rounder" ought to cheer Mayor Bailey up.

Ajaceuch's Advice.

Country ministers and newspaper men will do well to examine hundred dollar bills that they may have in their possession. Dangerous counterfeiters of this denomination have been discovered.

No Ill-Will for British Kinsmen

THE PHILADELPHIA LEDGER. The London Times, in its commentary on the review of the internal history of the United States in the manner following: "The passage of the Dingley bill, the triumph of Tammany Hall and the steady growth of a desire for a strong navy. The latter agitation finds its excuse in Cuba and Hawaii, but the appointment of advocates of the new policy make no secret that it is against England and not Spain or Japan that the main effort is to be directed." During recent years, though often bluntly and brusquely critical of American men and affairs, the Times has exhibited no radically unfriendly feeling toward us; but great champions of British policy and sentiment has, upon occasions, actually evinced a disposition, after a somewhat clumsy fashion, to be conciliatory. If not cordial in its treatment of this country, its people and their policies.

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On Thursday, Dec. 30, the San Francisco Chronicle issued a twenty-four page Klondike edition, devoted mainly to a description of routes and to a general exploitation of the new gold region. As an illustration of journalistic enterprise this edition stands out prominently and creditably. It could be wished, however, that more effort were put forth by the newspapers to check the mad rush to Alaska and less to accelerate it. What is needed most are a few anti-Klondike editions.

It cannot be said that American memories are tenacious of wrongs done by England; that Americans are resentful, or hungry and thirst for revenge, or desire a strong navy with which to fight their British kin. They have not cherished the many causes of quarrel which England has given them; they have been not only patient but forbearing regarding them, but they have commonly forgotten or generously ignored them. We do not desire ships of war to put in array against a British navy. We want an armed contention with England. We want only peace, good will, and justice—so far as ships are concerned. At present the United States has no quarrel with England. The Venezuela affair was the last danger signal of possible or probable strife, and that passed when Lord Salisbury conceded the integrity of the American claim for the recognition by England of our unalterable national faith—the inviolability of the Monroe doctrine.

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urgent troops calls loudly to American benevolence for charitable intervention, and it will be a stain on American honor if the repeated calls of the president for aid shall not elicit a widespread and generous response.

If the plot hatched out by McLean and Meyers and carried into effect by Bushnell and Curtis succeeds, Mr. Foraker must bear the burden of the offense and stand before the country as the personification of unmanly jealousy, dishonesty and cowardice.—Chicago Times-Herald.

Just let the administration organs undertake to browbeat and insult General Foraker to the point where he cannot longer endure their abuse in patience, and you will see the Hon. Marcus A. Hanna knocked so high in Ohio that there will afterward be no identification of the fragments. Remember that.

The announced visit to this country of General William Booth presages, we dare say, another period of the washing of the soiled linen of the Booth family in the press of this country—unless, indeed, the patient American public for once gets tired.

After the San Francisco pervert, Durrant, is hanged it is devoutly to be hoped that the reading public will get a chance to dismiss his name and all recollection of his disgusting deeds from its mind.

Another ambitious effort to "elevate the stage" has just come to grief in New York. Evidently the only way to accomplish this desirable result is to introduce greater common sense in the audience.

"In politics," once said Senator Quay, "no man is entitled to what he cannot get." The application of this doctrine to the Ohio situation would provide cold comfort for Brother Hanna.

Mr. Hanna will not retire until he has to; but this can scarcely be called news.

TOLD BY THE STARS.

Daily Horoscope Drawn by Ajaceuch, The Tribune Astrologer. Astrological cast: 4:54 a. m., for Friday, Jan. 7, 1898.

A child born on this day will be surprised to find that the recent flood of Chinese war news has not revived the "yellow vest" craze.

Erasable fluid is already in demand among the fellows who put their New Year resolutions in writing.

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MAJOR PENMAN'S APPOINTMENT.

Washington Dispatch, Philadelphia Record. Congressman Connell's influence with Senator Quay is generally believed to be altogether responsible for the surprising news that gives Pennsylvania today by the nomination of former Congressman Fred C. Leonard, of Potter county, for the marshaling of the Western district of Pennsylvania, and the nomination of Major T. F. Penman, of Scranton, for the internal revenue collectorship of the Twelfth district. Mr. Leonard had been slated for the collectorship by Senator Quay, but Congressman Connell got here last night, accompanied by his own candidate for the place, Major Penman, and once sought an interview with the senator. The congressman urged very strongly the claims of Major Penman for the collectorship, and told the senator that if he did not get it he would not have the congressman's support for the marshaling, which was understood to be the original application. This arrangement was made and the nomination went in today accordingly.

FROM THE SCRANTON TIMES.

The appointment of Major Penman shows beyond question that Mr. Connell has much influence with the powers that be at Washington. To secure the second appointment of a Scrantonian and of the same man for collector is no small victory. In the two Democratic administrations under the rule of Harry and James Wilson we did not succeed in having a collector appointed from Scranton. The first collector came from Stroudsburg and the second, who abandoned his post to give him the place, came from Bloomsburg. There is no doubt of the competency of Major Penman to perform the duties of the office to which he has been chosen.

FROM THE WILKES-BARRE NEWS-DEALER.

When there is anything good going on here they carry off the internal revenue collectorship again. This is the second time they have got it within eight years. It would only have been fair had Wilkes-Barre secured the prize this year, but alas, it was not to be our good fortune. If the man from Coudersport or some other back woods district had only carried off the prize our feelings would not have been hurt so bad.

FROM THE SCRANTON TRUTH.

Major T. F. Penman's appointment as collector of internal revenue for this district fills an important office with a competent official. The appointment is a good one from every point of view.

A SONG OF THE ROAD.

The gauger walked with willing foot, And the gauger played the flute; And what should Master Gauger play But over the hills and far away?

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Mother Country should not have upheld the Dominion in the pelagic destruction of the seals. Not only justice and wisdom, but humanity demanded that pelagic sealing should cease. As Canada would not recognize the potency of any of these claims England also refused to recognize them, upon the ground, evidently, that whatever Canada did was right. Americans have believed, and do still believe, that in this matter England has not shown generous evaluation of spirit of neighborliness or friendliness toward us. On the contrary, it is believed that she has shown a spirit not only unneighborly and unfriendly but also an unbecoming contended on this side of the Atlantic that Canadian policy, approved by the Mother Country, is alone responsible. The antagonistic part of the English statesmen in office, and Englishmen in and out of office, played against us when the nation was engaged in a desperate struggle for its very existence, was played long ago. England's unjustifiable thrusting upon us of the war of 1812 happened while England was engaged in a struggle against American independence in altogether too remote to have left behind any real resentment. The Colonies fought and won, and winning was content to have no other memory of the quarrel than that, and the supreme justice and heroism of it.

The truth is that Americans deprecate strained relations with England; not only have they no purpose to build a strong navy with which to wage war against her, but they desire only the most peaceful and cordial relations with her. That England reciprocates the really friendly feelings of the great intelligent masses of this country for her, or the very common desire that there shall be only friendly relations between the two nations, is extremely doubtful. When Canada by its aggressive and overbearing conduct and manner has taken advantage of our former weakness, Pennsylvania and other States have promptly supported her province in its ill doing; and hence, American anger has often been aroused and the warmth of American sentiment chilled. Whatever the mutual relations of the two countries are, or whatever the American feeling toward England may be, they will not be improved by English upholding Canadian aggressiveness, Canadian piracy among our seal herds, Canadian commercial discriminations and acts of general unfriendliness and unneighborliness. Indeed, if the United States shall ever desire a strong navy to stand against that of England, the wish will have its origin and development not in England's, but in Canada's offences.

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