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They may be able to lead Colonel Roosevelt to the vice presidential trough but they have no assurance that they can make him drink. A

Foosevelt refusal means business.

The Crawford System on Trial.

ROM THE standpoint of the party's welfare it may well be hoped that the optimistic

view of the Crawford county of those appalling phenomena which primary system held by Mr Chittenden will be vindicated by longer experience. The system undoubtedly has its advantages. Chief among these is that it permits all who wish to run for public office to do so, openly and above board, and deprives those who run and lose of the chance to secure of the New York Sun reproduced on an audience by alleging unfair practices. Such allegations may be made: in the light of human nature they are to be expected; but, of course, they lose practical force in view of the clrcumstance that the primary was as open to the defeated candidates as to the ones who won.

But while conceding this advantage, bilities of discord in matters of deit cannot be overlooked that the new tall; but so far from tending toward system has its disadvantages, also, a great war, we opine that the feliowship and mutual sharing of danforemost among which is the necessity it creates of putting candidates gers and troubles in a Chinese law through the ordeal of two long and and order campaign would tend in expensive campaigns in a community where as a rule one is generally for a broader cosmopolitanism among enough to satisfy the temperate appetite. This would not be so bad if the powers and enabling the various cabienemy had to do the same thing. As nets of Europe to discover through a matter of fact, with the Democracy closer acquaintance how many of their spared this necessity and free to past differences nave been artificial frame a ticket calculated to take ad- and unnecessary. vantage of any geographical gaps in

It seems to us that any other hythe direct primary nominations, the pothesis would be equivalent to as-

of trying to get rid of him is to that it will be gradual and sure. anocuver for his nomination for the vice-presidency, under the representa-It was hoped that the Philadelphia tion that public sentiment imperiously newspapers controlled by the Wanademands it; when, as a matter of fact, maker influence would have the comthe public sentiment which is intellinon decency to suspend their daily gent and reflective does not demand such a nomigation at such a time and

washing of factional linen in public during the period of the presence in for such a purpose, but on the other Philadelphia of the Republican nahand joins with the governor himself tional delegates, who are not concerned in resisting and resenting it. therein; but evidently the hope is vain. The position of the Pennsylvania

lelegation will be disclosed at today's aucus. It cannot safely be assumed in advance. But no matter what Pennsylvania may do, the influences which will control the vice-presidential nomination are not subject to stampede and the choice will come as a result of well matured conviction and not in any surge of excitement.

The charge is made that in the mats nearly a million and a half of lives ter of the Chinese crisis the adminissaved for one day. Unhappily the ecotration at Washington is wobbling. If nomic conditions in India are such it should act prematurely the charge that those now in need of food must would be made that it was playing be supplied, not for a day merely, but tingo for political effect. No course for months, first until nature shall could avert criticism from those anxprove kind in the matter of crops; and ious to criticise. But the public is not then until those who have been greatly taking stock in these compaign howls. educed by the famine have been nour-It has learned to have full confidence ished sufficiently to enable them to

in the man at the helm.

An International Task.

O NECESSITY exists for a must be met if civilization is to avert war among the European disgrace powers over the question of

The Committee of One Hundred begs protecting treaty rights and is to say that it will furnish illusputting down disorder in China; the trated circulars, subscription forms, problem in its immediate aspects is collection cards, contribution envelsimply one of quick police action in pes, etc., without charge and expressthe behalf of humanity. Despite the ge free, to churches, Sunday schools, speculation of newspaper writers upon oung people's societies, King's Daughthe possibilities of friction in carryers, lodges, committees, etc., engaged ing through an international concert n Indian famine relief, and that it of foreign action in China, we predict will be glad to correspond with all that such a concert will be in effect who are interested. This committee is

tual and harmonious operation within wholly and freely at the service of all t few hours if it does not already engaged in this work; therefore, no exist. Public opinion as educated in one should hesitate to ask co-operathis age would not permit a cabinet tion. The committee has created at in Europe to hesitate a moment at a Bombay the Americo-Indian relief ommittee to receive and distribute its funds. The chairman is the United States consul at Bombay, Hon. William H. Fee; its executive secretary is Robert A. Hume, a distinguished missionary, and the remainder of the committee is composed of eminent busi-

ness men of Bombay, both European into a row among themselves serious vain.

international war. The execution o We sometimes wonder if Timothy any large programme by co-ordinat Woodruff has been getting his money's ulies or agents is fraught with possiworth.



Progress of Indian Relief.

remains no room for doubt that the task of subjugating China has now been im-British

tenative agreement for sending a joint

THE RUSSIAN BUGBEAR.

WHO STARTED THE BOW?

meteoric there is no reason to doubt the settlement of this question, but it is per-fectly understood that any such thing is out of

he question. Apart from this consideration, therefore, England, like the Continental powers, would be glad if the United States would keep hands off. Of course, if the United States adopted a policy of

inaction, her interests would receive scant con-sideration in any future deal made in China. Promises of the open doer are excellent things when interpreted in generous good faith, but nothing is easier in practice than to keep to the letter of such an agreement and destroy the substance. It is a simple truth to say, therefore, mored hundred thousand is a strong incentithat the diplomatic world puts a .ow value on the assurances recently given the United States

by certain countries. What Europe does ask of America in the pres-ent grave crisis in the world's affairs is this, that she make up her mind and refrain from wobbling afterward. That its voice may now be most potent, let America insist that China shall be muched for TITHIN THE first five weeks of its existence the New York Committee of One Hundred on ndian famine relief has received in

most potent, let America insist that China shall be punished for her grave violation of interna-tional law, let America contribute her full share of men and means for this purpose, and let her at the same time demand the limitation of China's punishment to military, without political, penalties and a general concert of the powers would be well with sement noney contributions \$72,225.76, of which \$70,000 has been cabled to India. If every five cents sent to the famine would be well nigh assured. Independent action by the United States against districts saves a life, as is said, this

China in the present situation in Europe is re-garded as absolutely impossible. Limited or par-tial American co-operation in dealing with the crises can be scarcely tolerated. The United States must use all their available resources in the Far East as freely as all the other powers will do or keep aloof altogether from concerted action with the powers.

MISSIONARY PROBLEM.

There is little disposition in Europe to analyze the local causes of the Boxer uprising. Otherwise the missionary question would become prominent support themselves. It is a gigantic It is so generally assumed that political intrigue is at the bottom of the trouble, that a basis of task put upon the benevolence of civilpermanent anti-foreign prejudice is ignored. There is no doubt, however, that the hatred of missionaries has been intensified recently. ization and for that very reason it

Along this line it is carious that rumors were ulation in diplomatic quarters a few days ago that the Russian government had made inquiries as to the possibility of Europe and Ameri-ca permitting the Chinese government to place certain restrictions on the immigration of missionaries, such as confining their labors to the treaty ports. According to the current report, the British government has already given its emphatic intimation that the scheme would meet with its strenuous opposition, and nobody here doubts that the United States, the country next interested in missions, would take a similar un-compromising attitude.

But diplomatists do not believe that the mistionary question is seriously responsible for the present crisis, except as it is one of the underying prejudices of the Chinese mind which has been played upon for ulterior ends. The sole question at the outset is whether civilization can administer a stinging blow to the barbarism of Asia without breaking the peace of all Chrisating its essential virtues.

It is a curious demonstration of how small the world has grown, and of how interwoven are all its affairs, that today's rumors that President Kruger is at last ready to surrender should have an important bearing, and a peaceful one, on the great issue which the cha celleries of Europe must decide within the next few hours.

IN DEFENSE OF THE CRAWFORD SYSTEM.

Editor of The Tribune-

Sir: As several guotations and editorials in your paper leave the impression in the minds of your readers that the Crawford county system is a failure, will you kindly permit the review of the case by one who was an early advocate of this system to present the opposite side and prevent what is in his eyes a relapse into the bar-barism of the delegate system? The tendency toward the reference of all nominations to the individual voter is becoming widespread. All through the citics of New York state and through the

cities of the central west and northwest it is being adopted as the nearest to the ideal--the town meeting system. Even rotten old Mississippi, after throwing out all its black Republican voters, opens its caucuses to all nominations and iot only chooses its senators by the individual vote, but even now is submitting the planks of its party platform in the primary. It seems to me that in the face of all this a return to the delegate system would be against the best reason

It cannot be claimed that as a method of party organization the Crawford county system is failure. When adopted the city government was completely in Democratic hands. The county government was half lost and the remnant saved by a compromise. The Democratic party was united and triumphant and the Republican party disgraced and broken into fighting factions. Two years of the Crawford system have given us

and experience of the country.



the principle is all right, but it must be adapte to suit the conditions existing here. It ough America. Prices the lowough possible to do this without entirely elimin est, guarantee perfect at NUBS OF KNOWLEDGE.

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a placed at 3,000. An aparatus has been devised for automatic ally photographing people as they enter shope

and other places. The Philippine islands have taken \$777,320 mer-chandise from the United States thus far this

year, against \$84,856 last year. Baltimore is said to contain the largest negro sepulation of any city in the world. The comin population of any city in the world. The comin census is expected to show at least 125,000. Kruger pennics are being purchased as source nirs throughout Cape Colony, it being assures that no more of them will be coined after the

Var. The tallest and largest chimney south of New Connell Co. York is now being constructed for the use of the United States bureau of printing and engraving. When completed it will be 223 fee

high. The great industry of tinning-in housewives are now taking special interest-was known as long ago as the days of Pompeii, and our system is practically the same as was used at that time.

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time when the cable is hourly telling of foreigners tortured and slaughtered by a Chinese mob. Like a great fire or cyclone, the Boxer uprising is one force, for the moment, a sinking of the conventional distinctions and appeal imperiously to those primal instincts that humanity holds in common.

and American, a number of mission-Nor do we feel inclined to accep aries, and Chandavakar, a Hindoo the pessimistic view, so vividly pre nost highly esteemed by the people of sented in the London correspondence India at large both native and European. In other words, its machinery this page, that in the performance of this joint police duty for civilization the European powers are likely to get



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for conveying relief to places where most needed is effective and expeditious. Those who give will not give in

directly the opposite direction, making W HETHER THE MORE sensational reports London Letter in Yesterday's Sun. the military forces of the co-operating from the Far East are true or false, there

osed on the civilized world and must be as-umed instantly and systematically. The true nature of the situation was fully realized by Lord Salisbury two days ago when he summoned today's special cabinet meeting to decide on the policy. The ominous truth is likewise

odds are unequal and in any but a presidential year they will call for in- Christendom are the forces of mischief pal actors in the great drama about to be creased endeavor on the part of Republicans if party supremacy is to be If that hypothesis were correct on any maintained. Even with a presidential campaign to assist in strengthening it would require civilization to shut party lines, we are convinced that up shop and confess itself worsted. But there will be plenty of work for every we know that civilization is doing loyal Republican between this and nothing of the kind; that, far from be an easy problem if each power had men election day.

However, before passing final judgment it will be well to await the sys- to her strength presented in this tem's further trial. We are not mak- Boxer uprising will give her merely ing war upon it The comments an urgent opportunity to make in one made or quoted have been simply for hold move a grand clearance of obstathe purpose of bringing to the public's cles in a field where she has most attention how the system is viewed to do. The task is international, but from different standpoints. If it the nation which lags is the nation should in time work out a bettered that will lose. Self-interest as well as condition of local politics, all will ben- humanity calls for swift agreement efit from its continuance; if not, the party has a ready remedy at command.

The honors paid to General Otis at home offset a great deal of newspaper criticism at long range.

No Roosevelt Stampede.

TE VENTURE to say that there is not a Republican in the country who

glad to have the vice-presidential nomination go to Governor Roosevelt guerilla fighters. Within the past ten if it could go to him honorably and with his free consent. His hold upon representing the most distinguished the esteem of the people is exceeded by that of no other young man in public either surrendered or been captured, life; and the enthusiasm which his candidacy would inspire in consequence of arms. In the same period as many its appeal to the young men of the nation would undoubtedly add life, and dispersed with such heavy loss as color and fervor to the campaign. He is pre-eminently the tye of man whose to American control. candidacy would be effective in stimulating the picturesqueness of a political sistent with the assertion of General contest, nor is he to be regarded as Otis that for years to come a large lacking in the more substantial qualities desirable in high office. His career has been one of clean, manly and well-rounded development. He is today unquestionably the coming man in national politics; a man strong and wholesome and invigorating along their first introduction to orderly govevery line of his contact with the activities of his generation.

But the real friends of Governor Roosevelt concur in his belief that the present is not the time nor is the vicepresidency the place for changing the current of his political career. Those who are the instigators of the projected stampede to Roosevelt are not his closest friends nor can we believe that they are actuated wholly by motives of unselfish regard for the party welfare. They are trying to use Roosevelt as a pawn in a game of political manipulation. Platt does not want Roosevelt at Albany. The corporations dits would suffice to terrorize the do not want him there. Neither can use him as they would like to use the long the chaos which it is our plain chief executive of New York state. duty to remedy. Fortunately our army Rut neither dares to take open posi-tion against him, for both know that on such an issue Roosevelt, acting in self-defense, would carry the people its performance; and while the prog-

suming that the governing forces of and evil instead of the forces of good. large or permanent scale, the logic of it, she is making very evident progress all over the world, and the challenge

England would have to send men from India and South Africa, and France and Germany from home, if each country contributed an equal con-tingent. The only country which has a large force close at hand and ready to act immediately is the one power which, rightly or wrongly, is under the gravest suspicion in regard to the causes of the present crisis and which stands to gain a long-cherished ambition if she is able to control its development.

and concerted action.

Will Russia consent to forego any individual and disproportionate advantages no matter how large Platt and Quay will find Mark a part she may take in the subjugation of China? Hanna a hard man to trip.

In the Philippines.

SENERAL OTIS' assertion that organized resistance in the Philippines has ceased is onfirmed by the almost dally announcement of the surrender of once prominent Filipino officers with with his chiefs and with the foreign office to

would not be personally small detachments of armed followers which he is accredited. The whole problem, let me repeat, would be who have tired of the luckless role of simple and local as regards the international politics if Russia were eliminated or if her good faith were beyond suspicion. No other power days as many as five native generals, seeks territorial aggrandizement in China or any thing beyond the recognition and protection of foreign rights in the empire. It is Russia's well remnants of Aguinaldo's army, have mown desire to acquire Pekin, in Northern and with them more than 1,000 small China, in addition to Manchuria, coupled with the fact that the officially incited disturbance mes at the latest possible moment before Great small commands have been overtaken Britain is freed from her entanglements in South Africa, that brings the czar's government under to end their effectiveness as menaces natural suspicion.

This state of facts is entirely con-There have been many direct insinuations of Russian intrigue in connection with the Boxer rising in the recent despatches from China, but nothing tangible is forthcoming. It is incredible that any mind in Russia could deliberately in-cite the massacre of foreigners in China, such as military force will be needed in the Philippines as an army of occupation. is now reported to be taking place. What is suggested treely, even in friendly circles in Paris, This would be true in any territory inhabited by 1,200 different tribes and suggested freely, even in resonance anti-foreign de-is that Russia connived at some anti-foreign de-monstration, which was not designed to be seriracial offshoots just emerging from a nonstration, which was not designed to be seri-ous beyond an opportunity for independent Rus-slan action with her large forces-available at Port Arthur. If there is any truth in these sur mises, it is now certain that the game has got beyond Russies control. condition of insurrection and receiving ernment. It would be true in Penn-

sylvania if Pennsylvania were popubeyond Russian control. No great power, not even the United States, which have been spoken of in rather contemptulated as Luzon is populated. It does not mean that a state of war exists, ous terms in Europe during the past few days, will fail to join in the sternest punitive measures but that the disturbance and unsettlement of the people is such that only if today's despatches from the seat of disturbance prove true. Russia, therefore, will not be permitted to act alone in any event and no oppor-tunity will be allowed her to gain any great political advantage from the situation. For inarmy acting as a police force can the discordant elements be held under conance, if it be true that the German minister has sen killed, Germany will begin a war on China se moment the fact is authenticated. The altrol until the institutions of civil government can take root in the soil and develop the strength of self-support. ernative, therefore, of concerted action by all be powers is a general scramble, which would be If such an army police force were not on hand to overawe the lawless elealmost certain to produce ruptures between thos engaged in the rival games of grab. ments, a very few brigands and ban-THE AMERICAN ATTITUDE. It is necessary to speak in plain language about peaceably disposed natives and pro-

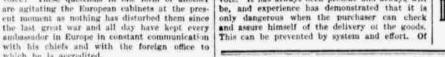
the American attitude as viewed from the Euro-pean standpoint. It should be said at the outet that Europe does not desire to induce the ing. Even England has no strong wishes in the matter unless, indeed, the United States should with bim. The one convenient way ress foward pacification will not be enter into a complete partnership with her for

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Petersburg governments, which will be the princi executive control of the city, won the battles of the county and school board fights with scare money enough to pay the return judges, and The question of the moment is, and the peace today offers the people the strongest ticket from a political point of view that has ever been conworld is involved in its answer, Can the expeditructed and one that would have been imposs tionary force to Pekin be extended to the operato frame in the days of the quarreling bosses. I think experience has demonstrated that all the tion of the great punitive army which must now subdue China? The issue, unfortunately, is not people have more sense that some of the people and that the united party that is now lining up as simple as it seems at first glance. It would for the presidential campaign faced by a broker and torn Democracy, justifies entirely the faith of those of us who advocated the Crawford syshave the United States in the Philippines, but tem.

It may be claimed that a portion of the primary vote is illegitimate. This is probably so, but when compared with the McKinley vote scarcely 5 per cent., and this is hardly surprising when at an important election, with all the safeguards of law, probably more than 10 per cent, of the vote in this city is unqualified and filegal. As to the quality of the nominees, I consider it demonstrated that a notoriously corconnect it demonstrated that a monotoxicy cor-rupt man cannot be elected, while the most radical reformer is apt to meet public approval. The actual working of the system seems to be that the candidate having the confidence and most shill of the specific and there are the the The point to be settled before any genuine armony of the powers is possible in simply this: good will of the people can register and then Furthermore, will she undertake the task in hear-ty co-operation with all the other forces available sit on the back porch and smoke until election day and win, while the candidate who is little as a strictly military matter, leaving all politi-cal questions to be decided at a future confer-ence wherein she will have only a proportionate voice! These questions in one form or another voice. It has always been present and always will





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