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Fourth District-P. A. PHILBIN The sultan is being made to understand that the collector will call about once a month until the Armenian bill has been settled.

Why the Powers Rush.

OME IDEA of the immensity of the Chinese problem in its larger bearings is to be had in the fact that throughout the Chinese empire the population per square mile averages 292 while the population of the United States is only 21.3 per square mile. In only two small sections of the United States, Rhode Island and the District of Columbia, is the density of population comparable with that which prevalls throughout China's more than a million and a quarter square miles. Here is a fourth of the population of the world that is likely soon to be a charge on the hands of a few great powers, all of whom, excepting Germany and Japan, have plenty to do to look after the interests already in their keeping without needing this new glant contract to keep them busy.

If the present uprising in China, which is now confined to the interior of the northern provinces, shall become general, as it may become if the allied powers do not swiftly place an overpowering force of soldlers into the heart of the zone of disturbance, the natural cohesiveness of this great mass of humanity, even though poorly equipped to resist armed attack by modern armies, would present a political problem taking ages to solve. The Chinaman in peace is inoffensive and easy to control; but when inflamed by race cries and superstitions, he has to be literally overborne, and where is the army large enough to reduce to subjection 400,000,000 orientals who live mostly away from railroads and whose country is almost totally deficient in the conveniences regulatte in successful military movements? No wonder the powers are bending every energy to hasten troops to the front in time to localize the danger and put it out before the whole empire is ablaze.

Whoever it was that started the mischief will have much to answer for even though it should soon be checked. Widow O'Leary's cow that burned Chicago will not be a circumstance in comparison.

B. Hill for vice-president on the ticket with Bryan would strengthen the ticket. But what a come-down it would mean for David B.

An Unique Complaint,

appearance earlier in the gamethat the administration at Wash-

to shoot and kill citizens of those countries or any pretext whatever. Is it any less an act of war to send an armed force into China simply because that unfortunate country may not at the moment be in a position to resent it? And an act of war done deliberately by the presideat is a declaration of war so far as he can ever the statistician speaks of crime make it. In other words, it is a usurjution of a he includes all classes of punishable prerogative of congress. This is not a question of the duty and purpose of the United States to protect and defend its citizens in their rights wherever they may be. That we shall do always to the uttermost, but we shall first ascertain in a legal and orderly way that the rights of our citizens have been violated or are seriously men

Germany American consulates should der and arson. Yet as such widely dibe attacked by a violent mob which vergent offences are punishable they the local authorities could not or are all included in the aggregate of resident in those countries should, what classes of offences have multi- presidency. over a widespread area and to plied in number before we can estinumerous instances killed; and if posable with reference to any of those in Central and South American counthere has never, to our knowledge, been a man in the White House cowardly enough to shirk such a duty the moment its full gravity was appre-

official advices of our consuls in China, that the rights of our citzens in that unfortunate country have been both menaced and violated; and the legality although in a crisis where haste means lives saved and delay means anarchy and bloodshed, the question of dignity is not the uppermost factor to be considered.

Usually the complaint is that our authorities are too deliberate. It is novelty to hear the criticism that in contributing to the extinguishment of an international conflagration they have been too swift.

Mr. Towne, the proposed Populistic vice presidential running mate for Colonel Bryan, is prepared to take any sort of a hint to quit the race.

The Aspect of Seriousness.

UCH THE wisest conclusion which William Jennings Bryan has yet reached is his reported decision not to make a rear platform campaign tour of the country but to reserve his oratorical energies for the York, Philadelphia and one or two other large cities, and for the welcoming of such delegations as may visit him at his home in Lincoln, Neb.

Precedent is unfavorable to the sucess of the presidential candidate who hippodromes throughout the country. This style of campaigning defeated Blaine in 1884 and it had its effect in helping to defeat Bryan four years ago, No doubt it increased Bryan's personal following, as it did Blaine's Very likely it was instrumental in side-tracking all competition for the Democratic nomination this year. The hurrah boy method is effective with perhaps 75 per cent, of the membership of a party, but something more is necessary to gain the support of the remaining 25 per cent., together with that of the large and gradually increasing independent element which wields the balance of power in presidential elections.

The office of president of the United States is associated in the minds of most Americans with a certain idea of dignity and reserve power which is inompatible with the spectacle of a candidate rushing for the office like the star man on a foot ball team striving to score a touchdown. It is an office which likes to have the appearance of seeking the man; at least, the man who gets it must not overdo himself in his anxiety to succeed. If Colonel Bryan an put aside the role of stump speaker ong enough to create the impression that since 1896 he has outgrown boy orator ways and assumed an aspect of seriousness his strength as a candidate will be materially enhanced. It remains to be seen whether he can do

The dynamite fire eracker is to be banished from Boston during the coming Fourth of July celebration. This is at least one Boston reform that is worthy of general adoption.

Is Crime Increasing?

RGUMENTS that it' is and that it isn't abound; the reader of sociological literature has the privilege of paying his money and taking his choice. But in the July Forum Professor Falkner of the University of Pennsylvania offers some deductions bearing on the subject which are encouraging, to say the least. For example:

In 1890 the federal census recorded Massachusetts; but state documents show that in that year only 12 persons were committed for homicide the other 74 having been committed in previous years and held over. In other words, the crimes punished in the year numbered only about one-seventh of the Undoubtedly the nomination of David | prisoners confined for the crime. "If," says Professor Falkner, "this proportion holds good for the United States at large, our 7,386 homicides confined in 1890 represent only about 1,053 crimes punished in the census year," T WAS NOT to be expected-on in 100,000 in Germany and England, ber) was declared vice president. In the contrary, we looked for its From this and similar processes of case of a tie, the house of represencensus reports, the professor deduces ington could take steps to safeguard that the proposition of Lombroso, if no person had a majority the house or rescue imperilled American interests David A. Wells, Colonel Boles and in China without drawing the fire of other penologists who affirm that crime est on the list. In case of a tie for political criticism. But we were hardly is alarmingly on the increase rests, as vice president, after the choosing of a prepared for the idiotic form which to homicide, upon misapprehension in president, the senate was empowered that criticism has taken as illustrated that it fails to give due weight to the to choose the vice president. in the appended excerpt from the Phil- fact that with the gradual substitution of term and life sentences for No one will say that it would not be an act the death penalty the number of prisoof war were the United States to send an armed ners would of necessity increase faster than the population.

There is, the professor goes on to offences. Those who use the statistics of crime frequently overlook this important fact, and often ascribe to the they do not contain. No one would aced and then we shall proceed to their vin-dication in the same dignified and lawful manner. or throwing waste paper in the street class violations of bicycle ordinances If in Russia, France, England or in the same moral category with murconsiderable numbers, be threat- mate the moral significance of the ened with torture and death and in changes which may have occurred."

In 1879 the number of commitments there should be present, not far off, of all kinds in Massachusetts was 539 an American naval force or American for each 100,000 of the population; in troops or both, do you suppose it 1882, 1238 and from that it rose grad- president to serve. There is, however, would not be the duty of the presi- ually to 1564 in 1889 but since then dent of the United States to order there has been no year in which it was these forces at once to land and to as large as between 1882 and 1889. In undertake the work of rescue? Such Pennsylvania the commitments at five a contingency, of course, is not sup- year periods have been; 1209 per 100,-000 in 1875; 1028 in 1880; 1150 in 1885; countries; but it has frequently arisen 1001 in 1890 and 1156 in 1895. In Michigan the commitments were 502 per 100,- stant's notice. He should also serve as tries, and we are proud to say that 000 in '875 and 739 in 1897 but there acting president during the temporary was no regular and steady increase. Professor Falkner assures us that a of government, whenever commissioned diligent scarch among the records of

lation. Nor have crimes of violence increased. In 1880 in Massachusetts there were 94 crimes against the person for each 100,000 of population; the of the steps taken to vindicate them succeeding figures run: 1885, 97; 1890, is unassailable. Nor do we think that \$2; 1835, 77; 1896, 76; 1897, 73; 1898, 69. In there has been any lack of dignity, Ohio the figures were: 1885, 54; 1890, 51; 1895, 46. In Michigan, what are called "high crimes" were recorded in the ratio of 111 to every 100,000 of population in 1875 and in 1897 the ratio was only 91. Similar study of the statistics of petty crime shows that the apparent increase largely resolves itself into a closer police restriction than was formerly in vogue. In conclusion

we are told: "Crime, in the broadest sense, including all offences punished by law, has probably increased slightly in the last 25 years. On the other hand, crime in its deeper moral sense, has decreased. Changes in our environment, not changes in our moral standards, have multiplied minor offences. The increase of crime which our modern life reveals is thus a social and not a moral phenomenon,

Some of the "anti" organs are violently critical because the government yacht Mayflower has been fitted up delivery of a few set speeches in New luxuriantly for the use of Governor Allen, of Porto Rico. The same complaint was heard when our transport service was improved so as to enable our soldiers to travel the ocean in safety and comfort. But these organs would complain just as vociferously if he opposite policy were to be pursued Reputable Americans have no fault to find. They are willing that good service should have the benefit of good accommodations and appreciative recognition. They do not hanker after a tobo regime,

A Russian financier who has been studying American banking operations during the past few months confesses to astonishment at their magnitude and growth. "I was prepared," he says, "to see large business transactions in a country where commercial development has reached so high a point as it has here, and I may add that I am not unfamiliar with large operations in my own country, but the magnitude of the operations carried on in New York fairly surprised me." American expansion ere long will cause a lot of surprising.

For several years past the Chinese roops that were so easily put to flight by the army of Japan have been under the tuition of Russian officers who have drilled them in many of the effective movements of modern warfare. with the yellow warriors has demonapt pupils and that their instruction will prove expensive for the instruct-

The "George Washington" of the Boxers seems to be a trifle more modest in revealing his identity than was the lliustrious Aguinaldo.

Admiral Kempff now has an opporunity to Deweyize his reputation.

The weather is vindicating the orignal sun spot man.

To Reclaim the Vice Presidency

the Philadelphia Ledger. THE regret expressed in many quar-

ters that a man of Governor Roosevelt's energy and usefulness should be buried in the office of vice president for four years suggests two \$6 homicides among the prisoners of thoughts-one, that Mr. Roosevelt is not the kind of man to remain buried, even though the office may carry with it no authority; the other, that the office of vice president ought to be made by law something very different from what it is. The original plan of electing the president and vice president shows that the framers of the constitution expected the electors to choose men for vice presidents fully capable of discharging the duties of president. Each elector was authorized to vote for two candidates, and the one receiving the larger number of votes was declared president, and a ratio to the population not quite 2 the one receiving the next higher numin 100,000 as compared with nearly 5 ber (if a majority of the whole numlooking behind the figures shown in tatives was empowered to select the president from the persons having an chose the president from the five high-

There was no trouble about the first or second elections, when Washington & was chosen president and Adams vice president; but at the third election Adams, Pederalist, was elected president, and Jefferson, Democrat (old show, similar unreliability in many of name Republican), vice president. At the statistics purporting to show the the fourth election a grave danger apprevalence of minor crimes. "When- peared. Party lines were more sharply drawn, with the result that Jefferson and Burr, Democrats (old name Republicans), had an equal number of votes. The election was thrown into the house, and there the Federalists tried to elect Burr over Jefferson. The figures an ethical significance which attempt failed, but led to a revision of the constitution, and the adoption of the present rule for separate votes for the office of president and vice president. But this rule embodied in the constitution has led to another evil. Too little attention is given to the vice presidential office, which has neither power nor patronage, and inferior men would not control, and Americans crime. We must," he tells us, "know are frequently selected for the vice

The sole duty of the vice president under the constitution is to preside over the senate, where he has no vote, except in a case of tie; except that he is to act as president in case of the death, resignation or inability of the the best of reasons why the vice president should be an active executive officer. He should attend all cabinet meetings; be recognized as a presidential adviser, and thus be kept thoroughly familiar with the operations of the administration, and ready to take the place of the president on an inabsence of the president from the seat thus to act by the president. It would such states as keep accurate records itself amended so as to enlarge the of criminal phenomena affords no duties of the vice president in some We have already ascertained in a proof of a general crime movement such manner; but, in the absence of le al and orderly way, namely, by the which is growing faster than the popu- any law upon the subject, there is

YOUNGEST POLITICIAN.



nothing to prevent the president from inaugurating a reform. He could, at least, invite the vice president to attend the meetings of his cabinet, and thus obtain the advantage of his personal advice, while at the same time keeping him informed of the policy and aims of the administration.

The vice presidency, under such an enlargement of the duties of the office, would gain in dignity and importance; but it would probably be found im practicable to thus associate the president and vice president under the present system of four year terms, with the possibilities of a second term, which the president always wants. When the powers of the vice president are increased the presidential term should be extended to six years, and then become his natural successor, trained for the office by six years of observation, if not experience. Roosevelt would be an excellent subject with whom to try the experiment of cabi-The first encounter of the allied forces | net consultation before making any change in the law. But no one need strated that the Chinese have been feel any concern about Roosevelt getting buried alive at Washington. He may have to sit still during the few hours he actually presides over the senate, but during all the other hours, not required for rest or recreation, he may be relied upon to keep moving.

COLONEL WATTERSON'S TRIB-UTE TO COLONEL ROOSEVELT.

From the Louisville Courier-Journal, June 22. Theodore Roosevelt! He brings to the ticket ust the things that McKinley cannot give it. He is in every way McKinley's complement-in age, in temperament, in record, in influence, age, in temperament, in record, in influence. He will supply the magnetism and inspire the ardor necessary to a burrah campaign. He will light the torches and wave the flags. But he will do much more than that. He will attract a inks for itself, which rebels against boss rul which recognizes and admires brains, courage and integrity. There is no man in the country who has a larger following among this class than Roosevelt, and it is a class which is daily grow-ing atronger and more assertive in the affairs

But Roosevelt's strength will be even greater among the young men, among the full-bloode Americans of action and progress, who belies in fighting when fighting is necessary, and who, however proudly they may look back on their cuntry's past, look forward to its future even

Truly the Republicans are fortunate in having to hold up his hands when they most need sup port, and to assume, when he drops the reins party leadership in the widening horizon of the new century. It is a bold and picturesque figure the young governor makes as he advances to the side of the chieftain who is closing his public career. Youthful, well-balanced; a gentleman, a cowpuncher; a man of letters, a man of action; a clear-headed politician, a dashing soldier, he has the respect of those to whom ability, both mental and physical appeals, and he has the admiration of those whom accomplishment, whether in the field of politics, arms or literature, impresses. He is today the most hopeful figure in the Republican party. He has the confidence of the anti-machine men, and ye he bosses the bosses. Better than all, he is shown throughout his public work that he has a deep insight into the vital elements of democracy, that he has a firm grip on the principle which must guide an enduring republic, that he is through and through a sound, self-reliant and igorous American.

His commission, undoubtedly against his wishes and against his systematic and stronous campaign to heat himself, was an unprecedent

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pediency. It throws the young governor into the campaign with an impetus that will unques-tionably add much mementum to the tieset. Democrate should note and consider. Nothing is to be gained by closing the eyes to the

strength of a foe. FOR PARTY REGULARITY. Philadelphia Dispatch in the New York Son. Just before starting for his home in Cleveland, Senator Hanna made a call upon State Senator Magee, of Pittsburg, and remained in conference with him for more than an bour. Senator Hanna asked Magee how many Republicans went into the caucus for United States senator at Harrisburg last January; how the vote stood, and the names of the senators and members of the house who went into that caucus and then refused to vote for the candidate of the caucus. National Chairman Hanna asked Magee if he believed there would be a repetition of that action ne January when the legislature convenes for the election of a senator, and the Ohio senator cleary manifested his surprise when Magee flippantiy nformed him he thought there would be. Senator Hanna, after hearing all the facts in

the case, told Mages that the spontaneous and so decidedly marked demonstration for Schator Quay on the part of delegates and people to the national convention from every state in the union and the unity of the Pennsylvania delegation in supporting Senator Quay was a revelation to him, and that he desired to say to Senator Magee, so that he could communicate it to those who after taking part in a Republican caucur refused to be bound by its action, that the ad-ministration desired party regularity; that the rational committee would put its seal of con-demnation upon all such proceedings as that which characterized the caucus of the Pennsyl vania legislature last winter. Schater Hanna es pecially warned Senator Magee against enter ing into "fusion" schemes for the election of "insurgent" members of the legislature of Penr sylvania, as he feared it might not only lose a Republican senator, but might result in the defeat of probably four or five Republican consmen in the state. From this time forth during the next four

ears regularity of party usage will prevai with the Republicans of Pennsylvania, as Sena tor Hanna's parting injunction to Magee was "There must be no sulking in Pennsylvania du ing this campaign."

A QUEER NOTION.

From the New York Sun.

It is a queer notion of the anti-imperialists that voters can be scarce) out of favoring the retention of the Philippines because America commerce in the east and thereby American in dustries and labor are to be benefited.

TO "TEDDY."

[The following, contributed to the Cincinnati Commercial-Tribune by Harry B. Ellard, of Stir-rup Ranch, Colorado, may not amount to much as poetry, but it is a pretty good harbinger of what the campaign will be like from a literary standpoint.] Now, doff your hats to Teddy, boys, for he's the

the incumbent made ineligible for re-election. The vice president would His life has been a triumph since its starting first began; His pluck and spirit in the days he roamed

upon the range. Has builded up a character no circumstance can change.

From a cowboy on the "round-up" to the gov

ernor of his state, We've always found a man in him that's strictly up to date; As a daring "bronco buster," or a colonel in command, We'll greet him with McKinley with an open,

hearty hand. He served his country nobly, and fired his faithful boys With patriotic valor, amid the cannon's noise; And, as they to him were loyal, in battle's

fierce array, So will the voters prove to be upon election day. low doff your hats to Teddy, boys, the man with grit and nerve. In every office that he fills, the people will be

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