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The report that 20,000,000 of people are starving in Russia, where women sell the hair from their heads for small sums to devour food, where famished children devour rags and earth, where whole villages are reduced to poverty, is indeed a terrible incident in this wonderful year, but the fact that in New York 150,000 people go to bed every night guests of charity, not knowing where a morning meal is to come from, with nothing whatever to do, hope even being dead, is a much greater factor in the problem of life to-day.—*Ev.*

In an article published in another column the Philadelphia Record says it would be a matter of serious consideration as to which candidate it would support in the event of Hill and Harrison being the nominees for President. The Record is not such a high-bred partisan paper that it is going to support any man whom the Democratic machine thrusts upon it. The candidate must fulfill the necessary requirements, that is more than Hill or any of his faction can do. The Record has taken a bold stand, but it is not alone in its fight against Hillism.

Over in Monroe county, which is usually good for 2500 Democratic majority, another paper has joined the rapidly increasing army of tariff reform advocates. The Stroudsburg Times was for nearly four years run as an independent journal, but in the last issue it openly proclaims itself a devotee of Jeffersonian Democracy, and promises to do all in its power to abolish the system of corruption and extravagance which has contaminated the government under Republican rule. The Times is an influential paper in Monroe county, and if every Republican there is not converted by next November it will not be the fault of Editor Hughes.

In a speech made at the Home Market Club's dinner in Boston, Senator Hoar opposed the demand for the removal of the duty on bituminous coal, by asserting that "American coal of better quality can be laid down in Boston far cheaper than that from Nova Scotia." There is another club in Massachusetts which annoys statesmen by questions. This Question Club some time ago addressed to Senator Hoar a letter, in which this remark was quoted, and the Senator was asked whether he believed that the duty on bituminous coal was operative, and, if so, upon what ground he would object to the removal of it. We understand that the Senator has not yet found time to answer these questions, which were respectfully brought to his attention at the suggestion of many of his constituents.

There is but little doubt that the people are with Grover Cleveland and not with the combine opposing him, but the people do not always have their own way in national conventions. Even when instructed to vote for some particular candidate, delegates are prone to do as they please and they generally are pleased to act in accordance with the wishes of the politicians. Peculiar influences are brought to bear which convince them that the people at home are mistaken and that it will be expedient to make the candidate of the politicians their own. But the politicians may be reminded of this one fact: They are able, perhaps, to force Cleveland off the track and force their party to accept another standard-bearer of their own choosing, but they are not able to dictate how the people shall vote at the polls.

Since the Chilean war scare has blown over the public has had an opportunity to review in a quiet manner the series of events that led to the jingoism and bluster of the Republican administration in its dealings with the South American Republic. If the leading newspapers of the country can be relied upon to express the judgment of the people in the matter, it would seem that the actions of Harrison and his cabinet are worthy of the most severe condemnation. By magnifying trivial disputes with a nation that had just went through a terrible war inside its own borders, the administration thought to add fame and glory to its record by thrashing the little country, and if Americans were men that could be led by braggarts like Benjamin B. the navy and army would now be engaged in the work. But the sham patriotism and false cry of "Defend the flag" came from a source that has neither the respect or confidence of the public, and the second-term card has fallen flat. A man who would try to involve his country in such a war for the sake of personal ambition is not a good citizen, even though he is President of the United States.

The editors of the Beaver Star, who were convicted last week by a packed jury and a partisan judge for libeling Matt Quay, have been sentenced to six months' imprisonment and a fine of \$600 and costs. The sentence is a severe one, but not severe enough to frighten the average editor of an independent newspaper, and the battle against Quayism will continue as before.

## Hillism or Democracy.

When, in 1884, in answer to the cry of "Turn the rascals out," Grover Cleveland was elected President he took the people at their word. Acting upon the idea that a public office was a public trust, Mr. Cleveland sought to give the country a Democratic administration based upon the principle of the greatest good to the greatest number. To the extent of his opportunity and knowledge he appointed fit men for office. He was sometimes misled by his advisers and party associates, and he made some mistakes. But he never persisted in the mistakes; and he went out of office trying into retirement with him the respect of all parties.

But while Mr. Cleveland attached one meaning to the cry of "Turn the rascals out," there was another meaning in the minds of some of his political supporters. The Democrats who are Democrats for what they can make out of Democracy wanted one set of rascals turned out in order to make room for another set of rascals. This is what is meant by "the rascals out." This is Hillism. It covers the ground of grievance which Hill, Gorman, Bruce and other disciples of the spoils system bring against the Cleveland administration. It is the excuse which makes Mr. Hill his own candidate for the Presidency, against the admitted judgment and desire of the mass of the Democratic party.

The attempt to impose Mr. Hill upon his party by a forced march, as indicated by the premature call of the Convention to send a Hill delegation from New York to Chicago, precipitates upon the Democracy of the country the necessity of a protest. The friends of Mr. Cleveland are entitled to insist that he shall have fair play in New York. The party elsewhere will not be dragged into the support of a candidate whose fealty to Tariff Reform is measured by his proposition to repeal the McKinley act, restoring as far as it would be possible to do so a renewal of the fight for tariff reduction without the excess of redundant revenue which compelled even the Republican party to a course of pretended retrenchment. Mr. Hill's advocacy of free silver coinage is equally repugnant to the better opinion of his party. The loss of his nomination would lose to the Democracy the support of every Northern State. It is only inspired by a rampant demagog— the attempt to profit by the mistakes or delusions of those who seek to push to the front a question not to be safely or properly determined by the vote or voice of any one nation. More than all, the attempt of Mr. Hill to force himself upon his party should be everywhere and at all times resented. The Democracy should be free to take the pick of its men without any impertinent machine interference. Much as we disapprove of Republican methods of administration, if reduced to a choice between Harrison and Hill it would be a matter of little consideration whether it would not be better to take straight Republicanism rather than spurious Democracy.—*Philadelphia Record.*

Our distinguished contemporary, the Hon. M. S. Quay, appears to be hunting for a small game this winter seeking vindication in the Pennsylvania courts because of insignificant charges against him while the New York World invites him to sue for damages on account of great and serious accusations. It is very much like charging a tiger to go at a rabbit. When the senator gets his gun to go a hunting he ought to load it for bear, not for sparrows. The Pittsburgh and Beaver newspapers, which Mr. Quay has sued for criminal libel, did not say anything particularly bad or amazing about him. They intimated that Quay was acquainted with Bardsley and once received a check from him in the course of some rather indefinite "business." The World charged him with nearly every crime in the calendar, and then thought him with tears in his eyes to sue for damages. If Quay is out for a vindication that will be of service, one that may amount to a certificate of character, why don't he skip the Beaver Star and the Post and collar the New York World in earnest. This thing of getting out a howitzer to shoot a chipmunk is not real sportmanship.—*Washington Post.*

In one respect only is Wilkes-Barre in advance of us, and that is in liberality of religious opinion. The Monday Methodist ministers' meeting in that city was addressed by Rabbi Josephson on "The Present Aspect of Judaism." Those present were greatly pleased with the address and gave the young rabbi a sincere vote of thanks. They decided to invite still wider exposition of views on religious subjects, and will in the near future extend a similar invitation to some Catholic priest. These Monday meetings of the Methodist ministers are becoming an institution in different localities, and are stimulating broader thought and deeper research into many vital topics. It is praiseworthy to notice that prejudices and narrow-mindedness are disappearing in many directions, and the actions of the Methodist clergy in this progressive line is to be commended.—*Seranton Times.*

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