

of a nation in acquiring and governing territory.

The Chinese upheaval is lightly touched upon, and with reference to Cuba the platform asserts that the nation's pledge is being kept. The state administration as well as the national is applauded, and the tax crusade of Mayor Johnson, of Cleveland, is noticed in these terms:

We favor such revision of the tax laws of the state as will require all classes of property to bear their equal and just share of taxation and we recommend the creation of such machinery for fixing and equalizing valuations as will be adequate at all times to correct error and take notice of changes in value. During the last ten years the general assembly has increased the revenues of the state by forms of taxation other than by levies upon real and personal property. We favor further legislation in this direction, to the end that the burden of taxation upon property may be lessened, and we denounce as unjust any scheme which aims to cast the entire burden of taxation upon real estate.

Finally, the two senators, Hanna and Foraker, are proudly described as "able in debate and wise in counsel," and the latter is nominated for reelection. The clause making this nomination is as follows:

Senator Foraker has rendered splendid and conspicuous service in our country during his term in the United States senate and we heartily indorse him for a second term.

#### NEWS NOTES.

—The international vegetarian congress opened in London on the 25th.

—A cloudburst in the Pocahontas coal fields of West Virginia on the 23d destroyed a vast amount of property and 50 lives.

—Earl Russell, grandson of the former premier of England, has been indicted for bigamy and will be tried by the house of lords.

—By injecting oxygen in its natural state, a Belgian physician claims to make almost instant cures of boils, abscesses and anthrax.

—Hoshi Toru, the Japanese statesman who formerly represented Japan at Washington, was murdered on the 21st in Tokio. The motive of the murder was political.

—Gen. Maximo Gómez, the famous Cuban general, accompanied by Senor Gonzales, secretary to Gov. Gen. Wood, left Havana secretly on the 26th for New York by way of Florida.

—The supreme court of Tennessee decided on the 20th, two judges dissenting, that women cannot be ad-

mitted to the bar in Tennessee, because lawyers are officers of the court and the state constitution forbids women from holding office.

—On the 25th the Leipziger bank at Berlin suspended payment, owing to the suspension of the "Dresden Credit Anstalt." The liabilities are estimated at \$17,000,000 to \$18,000,000, and the assets at \$9,600,000. The bank's shares had been quoted the day before at 140. This is the largest of a series of German bank failures.

—Adelbert Hay, son of Secretary Hay, and recently U. S. consul at Pretoria, was found dead on the sidewalk in front of the New Haven House, New Haven, Conn., at 2:30 in the morning of the 23d. He had fallen from a window of the hotel, where he was a guest while attending the Yale commencement, having retired to his room an hour and a half before. Mr. Hay was 26 years old.

## MISCELLANY

### IN SOUTH AFRICA.

London, June 17.—Replying to questions in the house of commons to-day. Mr. Brodric, the war secretary, said there were 40,229 persons in the "concentration camps" of the Transvaal and Orange River Colony. The deaths in these camps for the month of May numbered 98 men and women and 318 children.—Daily Paper.

### For The Public.

It hath not been the use of British men  
To war with children. See you not, my lords,

My lords and commons, how these figures read

To every man who is not blinded by  
The lust of conquest and the gleam of gold?  
Is this the England ye have vaunted of,  
Which led the world to liberty and right,  
Whose laws dealt equal justice unto each,  
Whose very flag gave freedom to the slave—

A symbol of their brightest, fullest hopes  
To the oppressed and wronged, a safe retreat

To hunted patriots, saying unto kings  
And tyrants, in their wrath: "Ye strike not here;

Beneath these folds is refuge unto all?"

Can this be England, driving from their homes

Women and children, making of sheltering walls

Fire blackened ruins, rooting out the crops,  
Killing the cattle, burning fruitful farms  
And villages, and leaving in her track  
A wilderness? Can this be England? Oh,  
'Tis thus the savage, mad with homicide,  
Drunken with human blood, exterminates  
All that his arm can reach, man, woman,  
child,

Until a hostile tribe is blotted out.  
Beware! Beware! Such wrongs pass not unseen

By the clear eye of God; each deed writes down,

In the dread judgment book, a darker fate,  
And a more terrible punishment to come.

BERTRAND SHADWELL.

### MAYOR JOHNSON ON GOV. PIN-GREE.

A telegram from Tom L. Johnson to a Detroit paper.

My deep sympathies are with Pingree's family in their loss. I will miss him greatly. From opponents we became friends; he won me to his side of many public questions and I am proud to say that the last few years he has counted me among his personal friends.

The people of Detroit have lost their greatest champion and safest adviser. I know of no one to take his place as a progressive leader of the state, but the fact most to be regretted is the loss of the example that he set of rugged courage and incorruptible fidelity to duty as he saw it; an example that public officials should emulate, for I consider Gov. Pingree's public career as a striking illustration of what a great and truly good man can do in the interest of the plain people. Each of his successive victories showed greater strength than the one before and proved how little public men should fear organized privilege when they really deserve the confidence of the communities in which they live.

There never was a time when Gov. Pingree could have been bought or frightened out of doing what he conceived to be right. The country needs the inspiration of such a career.

### AMERICAN IMPERIALISM.

Extracts from Editorial in London Daily News of May 29.

The supreme court of the United States has legalized American imperialism. It is a momentous decision, the most momentous, perhaps, that the famous tribunal has ever been called upon to make. An absolutely unchangeable constitution is an impossibility, and, rigid, as it is, and bulwarked with all conceivable safeguards, Americans have seen theirs change and develop by amendment, interpretation and the subtle growth of custom. But that it could ever be extended to embrace imperialism, to sanction colonies, and to throw its shield over the conversion of a republic into an empire, is something, we venture to say, that its framers would have laughed at as incredible. However, the thing is done. The constitution, it is now decreed, does not follow the flag. Territories and states are not the only form of government the constitution permits. The supreme court has pronounced in effect, if not in words, that, so far