

England perfectly understand the situation and appreciate the danger, while the capitalists are watching with intense interest and ill-concealed exultation the successful issue of the experiments at present on foot. The ultimate tendency must be to exclude white labour from the market altogether; but the matter cannot end here. As the Chinese become naturalized and domesticated on this continent their saving propensities will soon place in their hands the control of a large amount of capital, and this means the exclusion of the Caucasian capitalist from the sphere of his present operations as well as his employee. The superior intelligence of the European races ought to be more than a match for Oriental encroachments; but we must remember that all the selfish intelligence of one class of whites is at present employed in driving out the other, and when their own day of evil comes they will have nowhere to turn for support or assistance against a monster which they themselves have cherished and fostered till neither force nor ingenuity any longer avails for its control. Of all the Mongolian and Turanian hordes which have swept over civilized countries during the whole course of history, none ever exercised so great power or worked to so much advantage as this; and the danger to civilization is all the greater since it has for its ally all the selfish intelligence and power of the most intelligent and powerful class, and because its operations are so insidious that it makes hosts of friends even among well-meaning persons by the aid of one or other of a variety of plausible pleas.

What, then, is to be the solution of this Chinese problem? Are the Orientals to be allowed to pour into America, to drive out the white labourer by competition, to lower the standard of living and increase the population in a corresponding ratio, and to be the means of deteriorating physically, mentally and morally, the superior races with which they must in the long run be intermingled? Or are steps to be taken, in view of impending danger, to check the movement while such a course is still possible? Appealing to the enlightened patriotism, or even the enlightened self-interest of employers would be futile; for experience warns us that capital recognizes, as a rule, no motive but selfish cupidity, some would-be-reformers of the method of Political Economy to the contrary notwithstanding. It would be contrary to all our knowledge of human nature and the results of keen competition, to suppose that any employer of labour would continue to employ