

### WHAT WILL BE THE EFFECT?

Unless all prophets are at fault, there will be trouble with China over the Geary law. China is a big nation and is not filled with fools or cowards. General Grant recognized the prime minister of China as the best and wisest statesman on earth. The indignities heaped upon the citizens of China for political effect can have but one result, and that is the severance of all relations with that country. Should this be done at once it will mean rioting and bloodshed in the interior of China, and many American citizens will be killed by mobs. That there was danger of American mobs killing Chinamen in the West was recognized by the president when he sent to the governors of those states the request that they exercise more than ordinary care to preserve the peace.

There is more than a possibility of war between the two nations as one result of this law, and while we Americans believe that we are the greatest people on earth, it must be remembered that China is rather large also, and is probably the best equipped nation on earth when it comes to fighting on land or on sea. While we could undoubtedly win in the end, there would be a long and tedious war, with much damage done to our Pacific possessions before the empire could be brought to submission. The president and his cabinet recognize the gravity of the situation and will do all in their power to ward off the trouble, but unless congress takes proper action at its next session great injury will be done to two prosperous nations.