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THE San Francisco, Cal., *Coast Seamen's Journal* is the "Official Paper of the International Seamen's Union of America." Who is the editor of that trades and labor paper?—W. Macarthur.

Who is it that is screaming through the columns of that *Coast Seamen's Journal* for the exclusion of the Chinese, "in the interest of the American workingmen"?—W. Macarthur.

In Congress, there is pending a huge raid on the Federal Treasury. The name of the scheme is the "Ship Subsidy Bill." The argument in its behalf is that American shipping cannot compete with European shipping because of the greater cost of its operation. Among the items of "greater cost" given is the fare of the American sailor. Speaking on this subject, Senator Frye of Maine said:

"I do not believe that Senators have ever looked at the law which we passed two or three years ago as to the food sailors shall be supplied with on shipboard. WHY, IT IS UP ALMOST TO THE MENU OF DELMONICO'S." (*Con. Record*, Dec. 4, 1900, p. 53).

Upon the strength of this "Delmonico menu," to which the American sailor is said to be treated, a coterie of ship owners want the United States to place millions in their hands to recoup them for the expenditure, among other things, of such sumptuous fare to the sailors. Who is the central figure of that ship-owners' coterie, and leader in this double swindle,—the contemplated raid on the Treasury, and the false pretence that our sailors' hard tack fare is "up almost to the Delmonicos menu"?—Mark A. Hanna.

Twelve "labor leaders"—that is to say, twelve leading officers of Trades Unions in the land—, have made common cause with the twenty-four leading Trust magnates, including their clerical and law appendages,—that is to say, with twenty-

four arch-representatives of the arch fleecers and degraders of the working class—, and have organized themselves into the “Industrial Peace Commission.” Who is the President, and who is one of those twelve labor leaders in that monumental attempt to rope in the American working class; hand them over, tied hand and foot, to the gentle mercies of their implacable fleecers; and aid these capitalists in veiling the decline of the American workingman coolie-ward? The President is the said Mark A. Hanna; one of the said twelve labor leaders is,—who?

The said Macarthur.

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