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SPAIN'S SALE TO GERMANY. Spain has sold to Germany the Caroline, Pelew and Ladrones Islands in the mid-Pacific, retaining only a few coaling stations and right of entry into harbors of refuge in certain cases.

She gets a good price for the last of her possessions in the Western Hemisphere—indeed, any price would have been a good price, for the simple reason that Spain has neither the military strength nor financial resources to longer maintain control of these distant possessions.

They had, in her present condition, proved to her a source of irritation and heavy cost. As long as she held the Philippines she could afford to dominate the lesser groups, but with the loss of her greater holdings these lesser ones became burdens.

In the Ladrones group we have one island, Guam—the largest and probably the most valuable. It lies at the extreme southern extremity of the group, and over against it on the southwest is the northernmost of the Caroline archipelago.

So far as our occupancy of Guam is concerned, then, it is flanked north and south by the islands of Germany. Just how this will affect us remains to be seen. We have, happily, on the east and north the greatest and most valuable of all mid-Pacific possessions—Hawaii—the nearness of which gives us a high class base for operations in case of trouble of the very greatest value and importance.

On the far southeast we have the Philippines, the chief island of which we certainly will fortify and maintain as a base also. So it would seem that we need never have fear of trouble with Germany on account of her purchase because of any new strength they will give her.

None of the Caroline, the Pelews or Ladrones can afford support independently to any large military body, nor, indeed, for any great naval force. At best they afford safe harbors, coaling stations and spots that may be stocked; but none of them produce to the extent that will render them independent of the home government in great military operations. But it is very different in our case. Both Hawaii and Luzon are sufficient as territories to enable us to operate from them quite independently of the continent for a very long period of years.

These conditions, therefore, tell for us rather than for trouble between the German empire and the United States. Indeed, Germany may be said to be more exposed to us by reason of her acquisitions, since in case of war her new groups would be easily open to assault and possible seizure by our naval forces. But Germany gains by having two new mid-Pacific stations of large extent, though on scattered islands. She becomes now an important factor in international questions relating to the mid and South Pacific Ocean. She is more closely related to us in waters which wash our shores and those of South America.

We will, therefore, have closer relations with her both governmental and commercial, but there is nothing to indicate that such relations will be broken by war because of the new transfer by Spain to Germany. In the case of Spain, she is rid of territory that had become burdensome to her. She puts a neat sum into her treasury, which surely needed it, and she is free to give more attention to the quickening of the resources and industries of the peninsula home.

The new Spanish Minister has been received at the White House and the State Department, and most cordially. Our Minister to Spain has been received at Madrid, diplomatic relations are once more established between the two nations and the state of peace between the two is in full effect. We look forward to the new situation being better than the old. Two nations which have had a vigorous "scrap," felt the strength of one another, and "had it out" are apt to have for one another

profounder respect than before the difficulty, and to come closer together in consequence.

A TRIUMPH OF JUSTICE IN FRANCE

The judgment has been rendered that there shall be revision in the Dreyfus case, and a new court-martial has been ordered. The unhappy and innocent officer will now be immediately returned from the island prison to his native land, and when the new trial takes place it will be a pro forma affair, and acquittal will be the outcome of but a brief session of the new military court.

The case will go down in history as a remarkable one, because it came so very near bringing about a revolution in France. It is now clearly established that Dreyfus was not the author of the bordereau, a letter with several notes of revelation of military modifications and changes in the French military system, supposed to have been addressed to the Ministry of some foreign Power. Esterhazy now confesses that he wrote the document, and adds that he did so by direction of his superior officer, Sandherr, who was a bitter enemy of Dreyfus. The other documentary evidence upon which Dreyfus was convicted consisted of anonymous letters, which it is now admitted were never shown or communicated to him, nor was his counsel permitted to inspect them.

Beyond these things nothing was proved against the unfortunate Captain, who was selected as the victim of unparalleled conspiracy to create in the minds of Frenchmen the idea that the army was especially watchful over the interests of the country, while the civil power was negligent and inefficient, and that schemes were afoot to give foreign Powers superior knowledge of the internal military affairs of France. For a time it succeeded, and militarism was practically dominant in France, and went so far as to dictate to the courts, defy the civil tribunals, and arouse the people to an intense pitch of excitement against the Semites, who were denounced as the enemies of the nation.

This threatened to bring on a revolution, and thus the stability of the Government was threatened. The Government proved weak and fearful, and permitted the injustice to be done which it is now clearly shown it must have known all along was cruel and groundless. The only comforting reflections concerning the whole affair are that courts in the end recovered themselves, and that the French public appears to be quick to rectify the wrong that has been done. Instead of being stubborn and continuing its mad shout of down with the Jews and live the army, it has become sensible of the grievous error committed, and is to-day filling the air with vivas for justice and the civil courts, and scornful cries against the military heads who plotted and permitted the infamy that followed the selection of Captain Dreyfus to be the sacrifice of its famous crime.

The French people certainly are volatile, easy to arouse, quick to anger and hasty in judgment. But they prove now that they are quite as quick to right wrong and to confess error. The revision of public feeling is so complete, say the correspondents, that it takes the form of open expression of condemnation of the military chieftains, and of officials of former Cabinets who were in one way or another parties to the shame. While the army will continue to be the pride of the French, it is safe to say that its domination will not be so complete as heretofore. It will not attempt again for a long time to override the civil courts, and to cow public opinion, so coarsely at least as in the last three years during the Dreyfus excitement.

In short, France has passed through the trial that tested the stability of her courts as against distinct assaults made by the military power upon their jurisdiction. For it has proved equal to taking a victim from the army, and affording a military citizen the justice of a new trial before a court-martial in another jurisdiction.

Machine and Hand Work. It is unfair to make comparisons without duly considering surroundings and history. The state of the machine tool art, like other industries in America and Europe, has been mainly shaped by economic conditions. What those conditions are, and how they have operated, it is beyond the scope of this article to discuss. It is sufficient to state that in America the tendency is to reduce all production to machine operations. In European countries the tendency is to employ machinery as an assistant to production, and to rely on skillful hand labor to complete, and in some cases to produce outright, the object of work. The consequence is that we find in America the highest skill and talent devoted to the production of machinery on which the article is made, and in Europe the highest skill devoted to the production of the article itself. As far as talent is concerned there is as much on one side of the Atlantic as on the other; it is simply progressing on different lines.—H. F. L. Orcutt, in the Engineering Magazine.

Eugene Field's Personality. It was no uncommon sight in Chicago to see tall, ungainly men with the mischievous eyes surrounded by troops of children to whom he would tell strange stories and quaint rhymes. Indeed, the story is told that on his own marriage morning, when the bride party arrived at the church, they found no groom there to meet him. After waiting some time they sent a friend to look him up, and sure enough, a few blocks from the church he was found down on his knees on the pavement settling a dispute some street boys had raised over their marbles. When reminded of the more urgent duties awaiting him, he left them with a merry smile and proceeded to the church. His idiosyncrasies have been talked of far and wide, and his queer denials, the walls of which were lined with dolls and mechanical toys, is known to all who know him.—Self-Culture.

Poker has been forbidden in Virginia, on the ground that it is a game of chance.

VOICE OF THE PRESS.

EXTRACTS FROM EDITORIAL EXPRESSIONS.

State and Coast Opinions on Subjects of Living News Interest.

Fresno Republican: The situation in the Philippines is more discouraging and distressing now than it has been at any time since the beginning of the hostilities between Americans and Filipinos.—Los Angeles Herald.

It is nothing of the sort, and the "Herald" would not think so nor say so except that it is looking for a chance to criticize the Administration. It is a shame that questions of war are not above considerations of politics, and it seems that the many who wish to take of a war situation is the hopeful one, and the only intelligent view to take of the Philippine situation is an extremely hopeful one. Pessimism is bad sense, and if the "Herald" and its partisans did but know it, bad politics, too.

San Jose Herald: A contemporary finds that ballot machines have not yet come into general use in this State because the politicians do not want them. That is the best reason why they should be adopted, and there is little doubt that they will come into use before long. The experiments being tried with them in various places are so satisfactory that they will win their way despite the politicians. We are not sure that the politicians will make any fight to the finish against the machines. If they prevent one side from queering the ballot or the count, they equally prevent the other. Besides it is a fact that the manipulation of the ballot box will sound well, though, unfortunately, common enough, is not done to so great an extent as might be supposed from charges bandied about at election times.

President Kellogg. Oakland Tribune: The State University's treatment of its late President, Martin Kellogg, calls to mind the famous song about the man who, being like the Regents wondrous wise, jumped into a bramble bush and scratched out both his eyes, and when he found his eyes were out, he jumped into the bramble bush and scratched them in again. That was a college song, by the way, which may account for its practical popularity with the Regents.

Canada's Demand. Yreks Journal: Canada demands Pyramid harbor from the United States in Alaska, and the United States absolutely refuses to grant the claims of the Dominion. Sir Julian Pauncefote, the English Minister, proposed a separate arbitration on the boundary question, which was about to be favorably considered by the President of the United States. Just as the acceptance was about to be given the officials at Washington were surprised to have presented what they regarded as an extraordinary condition which Canada imposed in connection with the arbitration. This condition was that the United States should give up a strip of territory on the Lynn Canal, without reference to the general conclusions reached by the tribunal of arbitration. This port and strip of territory on the coast would have carried the back country leading to the interior. This condition was formally proposed and was about to be accepted, caused not only surprise but some indignation among the officials. It was decided not to accept this condition, and a peremptory refusal was given to the proposition.

Americans Must Stand Fast. Los Angeles Times: The mutilation of our dead by the Filipino goes the lie to the Atkinsonian kickers who have been yawning about the civilized character of Aguinaldo and his savage forces. These conditions, however, part of the natives in the Philippines gives abundant evidence that they must be warred against precisely as we fought with the Apaches, and that those savage monsters are no more competent to govern than was Geronimo and his leaves in Florida, as guarded by American soldiers in Florida. To talk about a truce with rebels who cut out the hearts of the enemy they have slain in battle is monstrous! The Philippines must go on until the half-naked and half-baked natives are taught the authority of the American Government and the methods of civilization. To compromise would be a craven act. The situation is serious, but the American people have surmounted far greater obstacles than one that confronts them in the islands of Luzon, and no man who understands the American temper can have any doubts as to the final result. It should be the part of citizens at home to refrain from giving aid and comfort to the enemy, and to keep their tongues from criticizing the conduct of the war with the rebels, but every man under the flag should be found standing together for the demonstration of American authority in the land that is as much ours as the States in New York and Massachusetts. He who lifts his voice against the Government in this hour is a dastard and a traitor!

The Men With Dewey. Stockton Independent: But with Dewey at Manila were some 1,200 or 1,500 officers and men in the service of the United States who made victory possible. Their prizes have not been sung, except in an indefinite way, as the "men with Dewey." The average intelligent reader cannot name a dozen of them without prompting. No magnificent homes, no monuments, no loving care has been proposed for their benefit or in their honor. Few of them have been promoted, few are provided against a future of possible want. When these men return to America and witness the emulation of a hero-crazed people to give credit and do honor to Dewey, and fail to observe any recognition of their individual merits or deeds, not even of their personality, is it not possible that some little bitterness may steal into their hearts, that emotional patriotism makes gratitude so partial, being in the main, a case of injustice to be done to many? The history of the Manila battle has not been written yet. Largely the injustice and errors of the present will be corrected by time, so far as credit and honors are concerned. But the awards of tardy history will not bring revenue and livelihood to the men behind the guns. Could not the country well pause now to consider what might be done for the relief and present reward of the men who fought with Dewey?

Public Morals. Tulare Register: The Louisville "Courier-Journal" in its editorial on a former manner to a lamentable fact. It is that the standard of public morals is not only as high as it ought to be, but not equal. Crimes against the virtue of women are swiftly punished everywhere, but crimes against life, which ought to be punished with the same severity are difficult of punishment. And the "Courier-Journal" might have added that horse stealing ranks in the public mind with ravishing and murder with petty larceny. The average man is a good deal less concerned with the angels' law than is not crowned with much glory or a very high sense of the fitness of things.

Labor Shortage. Stockton Mail: The remedy for scarcity of labor in seed and harvest time is to operate farms so as to employ a certain amount of men steadily; and that is the only profitable way of farming. Should the present scarcity of labor and the suggestion to fill the San Joaquin Valley with the negro off-scourings of the South arouse our farmers to consideration of aid and action upon this fact they will remember that in 1896 there were 1,800,000 men of labor with pleasure and always think of Mr. Corcoran with gratitude.

The Life of a Turkish Farmer. Inured as he has been to a struggling existence, it has the effect of making him a good deal more contented. In place of a neat farmstead we find a hovel constructed of sundried mud bricks. This one-roomed hovel, without any windows (the only light and air admitted comes down the chimney), serves for the family's residence. Adjoining this we find a cellar, a building which serves to house his live stock. All the surroundings are dirt and untidiness. In the place of a garden we see heaps of manure. The walls round the premises are studded over with bunches of dried figs, and the process of drying for the winter is going on. Frugality is a great characteristic of the Turkish farmer, and it is owing to this that he has been able to take out a miserable existence. His tastes are simple and his requirements few. He produces everything for his sustenance at a little cost, and he has a cellar, a building which serves to house his live stock. 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