

Good News for Volunteers.
All the volunteer regiments now serving in Cuba are to be mustered out before the 1st of May, according to the War Department officials. While this is not officially announced it is said to have been decided upon by the President and the Secretary of War. The plan is to have all the volunteers out of Cuba by the beginning of the dreaded rainy season.

Horse Meat for Soldiers.
The latest development in the beef scandal is an apparently well grounded suspicion that a part of the alleged canned roast beef which was issued to the troops during the Cuban and Porto Rican campaigns was not roast beef, but boiled horse.

A description of horse meat furnished by Dr. Salmon, Chief of the Bureau of Animal Industry of the Department of Agriculture, agrees with the description of some of the canned meat issued by the Commissary Department during the late war.

A Mistake of the German Government.

The earnest desire of the German Government to remove all and everything, right or wrong, that has been used by our bought up Know-Nothing Jingos to stir up animosities between the two countries, such as the withdrawal of Admiral Diederich and Dr. Rafael, has not quieted those enemies of the Germans, but rather strengthened them in their lies and attacks. They now charge that by those removals Germany has acknowledged that it had been in the wrong, in spite of its own denial and the protests of Minister Bulow, and that their former lies and false assertions have been based on truth and undeniable facts, when it is well known that this is not the case.

The German Government unintentionally has placed the German-Americans thereby in a false position. The latter make no concessions to those miserable lying Know-Nothings. They also have better means and in fact are better able than the German Government to quiet and silence those enemies. They have the ballot, and there is no doubt that the Republican Administration and its Know-Nothing followers and liars will, at the next election, be defeated and ousted from power. That is the meaning of the unanimous indignation of the German-American press, Republican and Democrat; for there could be no other if they are not to stultify themselves. And that in this case they will not, and cannot, do. They will punish the Republican party for all those outrages.

Encouraging Signs.

The increase in the wages of cotton mill operatives in several Massachusetts towns has been a godsend to thousands of people. The rise comes at a time when the laboring class affected by it will feel its benefits exceedingly, for they had been having a very severe time to make a support during a prolonged interval of depression. This may be taken as an indication that the reaction has set in and that henceforth better times in the textile industries of New England are assured. Nearly all the manufacturers of fabrics in that section have suffered, particularly from Southern competition and partly from lack of demand for their goods. In the future the cotton goods business will be divided pretty equally between the Northern and Southern States, the South producing the bulk of the coarser goods and the North confining itself to the finer grades, though it cannot always hope to have a monopoly of them.

Virginia Will Refuse.

It is announced that Senator McMillan's proposition for the enlargement of the District of Columbia will be submitted to the next General Assembly of Virginia. Senator McMillan hopes to get Virginia to cede back to the United States a part of the land on the other side of the Potomac, including Arlington, which the United States retroceded to Virginia in 1846, and which prior to that time had been embraced in the District. Originally the District consisted of 100 square miles of territory, made up of cessions from Virginia and Maryland. The Virginia cession included the city of Alexandria and the Maryland cession the city of Georgetown. It is not probable, according to the Richmond Dispatch, that in the Virginia Legislature Senator McMillan's proposition will get much further than the introduction stage.

Insanity in Kansas.

In Prohibition Kansas it is reported that insanity is on the increase to an alarming extent. In fact, there are no less than ten bills in the Legislature providing for the maintenance of additional State insane asylums. The State treasury now pays each year to the various counties more than \$200,000 for the care of destitute insane persons for whom there is no room in the overcrowded State charitable institutions. The Prohibition party hasn't anything to boast of in this state of affairs. There are now two State insane asylums, with a probability of another one being added, which with 2,000 insane persons maintained at State expense outside of the asylums, show pretty conclusively that Prohibition as a measure for the improvement of humanity is a farce and a humbug.

The Money Side of the Bargain.

The expense of Philippine occupation to the United States Government is now at the rate of from \$10,000,000 to \$15,000,000 a year and is increasing, while the Agricultural Department has just issued a report showing that the total import trade of the islands for a dozen years past has averaged only \$17,000,000 a year. If we should get the whole trade and make the handsome profit of 20 per cent. on it, the gain of \$3,400,000 would cost an expenditure of four times that amount. But we should not, of course, get the whole trade. How far is our present course in the islands calculated to create a market for American wares outside of the powder and bullets we are paying for ourselves?

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According to the estimates of Mr. Cannon, chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations, there will be a deficit of \$60,000,000 during the remaining four months of the present fiscal year. The estimate of the deficit for the fiscal year 1900 is \$100,000,000 as a minimum.

The net available cash balance in the Treasury on March 1 was \$269,624,471. Unless there are more bond issues or new taxes the deficits must be met with this money.

Therefore unless the Congress shall lay more taxes next winter or Mr. McKinley issue more bonds the net available cash balance in the Treasury on July 1, 1900, will be about \$109,000,000.

And this includes the \$100,000,000 of gold reserve. It is not necessary to enlarge upon the meaning of such a condition of the national finances. The people still keenly remember the results of narrow margins about the gold reserve in Mr. Cleveland's Administration.

It is too late now for any retrenchments that would materially change these figures. There are only three ways of escape from a greatly depleted gold reserve and all its consequences while the Presidential campaign of 1900 is on: 1. More taxes laid by the Congress next winter. 2. A large bond issue next spring. 3. A radical reform of the currency that will abolish the necessity of maintaining a gold reserve.

The Burden of Japan.

There is a nint for Washington in the news from Japan that the progressive and ambitious people of that new empire have been forced by the burden of debt, expenses and taxes to cry halt to the imperial policy of expansion and military armament.

Among all the wonderful chapters of the history of the nineteenth century one of the most wonderful is the story of the transformation of Japan from a hermit nation to a modern world power. No nation has ever given higher proof of intelligence and capacity, and the success of the new movement has been enough to feed and foster the fires of jingoism and to encourage dreams of ambition on the part of the Japanese.

But after a career of dazzling triumph the bills are coming in. Modern war is a costly luxury even to the victor; modern armies and navies are expensive and somebody must pay for them. In Japan the land owner and the cultivator are finding out that the bill is too big. They are protesting and demanding a decrease of the armaments.

This Japanese case is the third reported instance within as many days of an open quarrel between "Glory" and taxes. Our Congress put off settlement, England is talking of settlement by laying a tax on bread. Japan alone has taken the prudent course of retrenchment.

THEATRICAL.

MANFIELD AT THE COLUMBIA. During his engagement Mr. Mansfield will not present any other play than "Cyrano de Bergerac," in which character he has created a sensation. He has framed this personation with a production that is spoken of as being artistically and pictorially more elaborate and sumptuous than any ever before given a play. Some idea of the scale of Mr. Mansfield's artistic enterprise may be gathered from the consideration of the fact that there are in his travelling company nearly 150 people; that the scenery and furniture and baggage occupy over four baggage coaches. Mr. Mansfield and his organization travel everywhere by special train. Everywhere that he has presented his latest creation he has met with a success greater than any ever accorded him of any other artist.

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Mr. James Whitcomb Riley's appearance here is announced for next Monday at the Grand Opera House and the requests for seats that have already come in guarantee that his audience will be as mixed in station and as appreciative—and as large—then as ever before. The programme to be offered will consist of selections from the poet's tales and ballads divided into four varieties, the first of these being entitled "Annals of the Poor," the second "Hoosier Verse," the third "Character Sketches," and the last, "Rhymes of Childhood."

The farce comedy "McFadden's Row of Flats," will be seen at the Academy of Music for one week, commencing Monday evening, March 13, and including the usual matinees. The theme of the play is taken from the caricatures of R. F. Outcault, and the dramatization was made by that able journalist, E. W. Townsend, widely known as the creator of the world famed "Chimmie Fadden." The copyright of "McFadden's Row of Flats" is the property of the New York Journal, in which the series of cartoons appeared. The play will introduce all the characters known to the readers of that paper, especially "The Yellow Kid" whose pranks and precocity have been the delight of both old and young. In presenting "McFadden's Row of Flats" for public approbation the management has given every attention to the scenery in order to present a stage picture in accord with the New York Journal's cartoons, which have been so eagerly looked for. The city has been explored to obtain the rags and tatters of the characters, and the bureau of dramatic talent searched for players capable to sustain the parts to be played.

Next week's attraction at the National Theatre will be James K. Hackett, the young romantic actor who appeared at this same playhouse earlier this season in "The Tree of Knowledge." Mr. Hackett and his company were received with much praise on his former visit to Washington, although he was not at that time well equipped in the matter of plays. Since "Rupert of Hentzau" has been the chief vehicle for his tour, he has done a very large business and is playing many return dates with this latest romance of Anthony Hope's. "Rupert of Hentzau" is a companion play to Mr. Hope's other Romantic romance "The Prisoner of Zenda," and deals mainly with the same scenes, localities and characters. It is the first of Mr. Hope's to receive production in America before being done abroad and it bids fair to be as great a money maker as the "Zenda" play. Mr. Hackett's appearances in "The Private Secretary" in which he played the part originated by William Gillette; as the Count de Neipperg in "Madam Sans Gene" and with the Lyceum Theatre Company of New York, as well as in "The Tree of Knowledge" have won him many admirers who will be glad to see him in a play in which he has full scope for his undoubted ability. The star plays the dual role of King Rudolph V of Ruritania and the young Englishman Rassendyll, in which he was so successful in the revival of the "Prisoner of Zenda" at the New York Lyceum. The action in "Rupert" takes place three years after the ending of "Zenda," and Rassendyll is still the hero in the continuation of Mr. Hope's story. One of the remarkable things about this dual role is the rapidity with which the actor portraying it is obliged to make changes of costume. No less than ten changes occur in the four acts of the play and Mr. Hackett has become so proficient in making them, that his audiences experience difficulty in believing that one player is appearing as the King and Rassendyll. Daniel Frohman has greatly strengthened Mr. Hackett's company for the new play and it contains fully twice as many members as when last seen in Washington. Mr. Hackett's chief support—the Queen Elizabeth—Miss Jobyna Howland, who has been called the "Gibson Girl." She is the original of Gibson's pictures of Flavia in the Hope book. Others in the cast will be Lancel Ambar, Arthur Hoops, Geo. W. Lynch, Theodore Roberts and Sidney Price.

"The Three Dragons" comes direct from its engagement at the Broadway Theatre, New York, to the Lafayette Square next Monday. In "The Three Dragons" Messrs. Smith and De Koven have eschewed romantic opera for the more popular fin de siecle comic opera. Their efforts at fun making seem to have been altogether successful. It is claimed that the libretto of the new work produces more laughs than any work of a similar nature since "Ermione." The company includes Jerome Sykes and Richard F. Carroll, a pair of comedians hard to duplicate. Their opposite personalities and diverse methods make their work all the more effective. But the lyrical part of the organization has not been sacrificed to the comic. Mr. Joseph O'Mara, a magnetic young Irishman, with the voice of a thrush, in the cast, as is also W. H. Clark, a basso of exceptional merit.

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