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Later From Manila.

As later reports of the Mount Dajo engagement between Moro outlaws and United States troops come over the cable the gross injustice perpetrated by those who denounced the American soldiers for alleged cruelties in action becomes more and more apparent.

Further investigation shows that many women and children were saved in the attack against Moro outlaws on Mount Dajo.

The attack was delayed eight months, while Governor Scott was endeavoring to persuade the outlaws to surrender.

The reports of company and troop commanders to Major-General Wood show that every effort was made to save women and children.

Since the wiping out of the band of outlaws the officers of our troops have been congratulated and thanked by the Sultan and principal dattos for quieting the district and making possible the cultivation of the fields.

A splendid record is that of the latest maligned of the United States army!

A Great Political Discovery.

The apostles of a new political dispensation have been so busy for several weeks declaring the crimes and follies of the United States Congress are getting on bravely.

As a result of several weeks of patient, industrious and perhaps painful investigation, Mr. STEFFENS has reached the conclusion that the Congress is not a localized cancer slowly but surely eating out our national life.

He admits that the Senate needs reforming, but he finds that "to bawl at the Senate is like baying at the moon."

That is a capital suggestion, and we hope it may sink deeply into the souls of the bawlers. Let them turn and storm the great centre of corruption to which this mighty discoverer calls attention.

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The Situation in South Africa.

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voters in all the districts of the Transvaal has not yet been ascertained, because the revising officers have not yet completed their work.

It appears that in the Witwatersrand district, where almost all the important gold mines are situated, the voters constitute 35 per cent. of the total white population.

On the other hand, in the Zoutpansberg district only 25 per cent. and in the Rustenburg district but 20 per cent. of the total white population are voters.

The difference is due to the fact that among the Boer inhabitants of the rural districts early marriages and large families are the rule, whereas the population of the industrial and urban districts includes a disproportionate number of young unmarried men.

There is a good deal to be said on the other side, however. The Boers, in their public meetings and through their newspapers, point out that not only in the United States but in almost all countries of Continental Europe which possess parliamentary institutions the seats in the popular branch of the national legislature are apportioned not according to the number of voters but according to population.

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Mr. ESSELEN, who like ex-General BOTHA is likely to have much influence with the Bannerman Government, proposes a compromise. The Boers will accept, he says, an electoral law by which seats would be distributed according to voters, provided the suffrage shall be given to all white persons above twenty-one years of age, including women as well as men.

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going to please our public. There is a great difference in the taste of our audiences and those of the European countries.

It is at least an advantage for the manager, and in a smaller degree for the public, that these newcomers are not engaged for the entire season.

Famous foreign singers have hitherto been averse to coming here for brief engagements because of the long journey and the time lost in Europe when they were not engaged for a entire season at the opera house.

Mr. CONRIED knows that a number of these stars practically confine their profits to this country, and either sing a few performances or rest entirely when they do not return to the opera house.

Some of them never attempt to appear anywhere else. Taking advantage of this knowledge, Mr. CONRIED is able to put into operation in our opera house a rule that has long worked well abroad.

Senator Nelson on Calls. The Hon. KNUTE NELSON, a Senator in Congress from Minnesota, brought his manuscript speech on railway rate regulation to this extraordinary close:

"The House, in closer and more immediate touch with public sentiment, because they often and more directly have to 'go to the country' than the members of this body, have with great unanimity responded to the call of the President and the call of the country.

The respective courses of the House and the Senate on the Standard bill are a sarcastic commentary on Mr. NELSON'S theory that there is a freer circulation of popular air in the former than in the latter.

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whom there is some sweetness in the world besides sugar, other productions in the garden of the Lord besides tobacco, and other administrative principles in God's government besides tariff-men with statesmanly souls.

Sweet men, with statesmanly souls! There is only one such man in this town. It is the angelic doctor himself.

I am typical of a very large body of citizens—SUN.

New York has nearly 10,000 policemen now, and the city is the largest in the world. It is in the classic language of Mr. DUBOIS, as quoted in the *Monthly Weather Review*, the business of insuring property against destruction by tornadoes is being reduced to a more scientific basis and is at present rapidly growing.

Only Missouri requires separate reports on this class of insurance, and as most of the business is carried by companies dealing in other kinds of risks it is impossible to tell how much tornado insurance is now written. From the best data at hand it is estimated that \$50,000,000 annually is not an overestimate.

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A St. Petersburg correspondent of the *Times* of London furnishes statistics which throw light on the Russian Government's present activity in the way of repression. In the month ending February 17, 78 newspapers were suspended and 78 editors punished. A state of siege was proclaimed in 62 places, and a minor state of siege in 54.

Other rules are gradually being evolved for the safe conduct of the business. The opinion is growing that risks should be well scattered across the wind lines rather than along them, and it is well established that most tornadoes move from southwest to northeast.

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TORNADO INSURANCE.

The South has already suffered this year from one very destructive tornado, but the season for these storms is still before us. They are most frequent in the spring and summer months, and about 65 per cent. of them occur between April and August.

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BOOST FOR BRACKETT'S BOOM.

Saratoga County Republican Convention Names Him for Governor. BALLSTON, March 19.—Senator Edgar T. Brackett was hailed as the next Governor of the State at the Saratoga county Republican convention here this afternoon.

Senator Brackett thanked the convention for the honor which it should be deemed many wrongs which now exist would be righted. Senator Brackett was accorded the privilege of naming the delegates to the State convention and chose the following: William W. Worden, Harvey J. Donaldson, George E. Whitney, James B. McKain, Elmer E. Baker, Bartlett B. Orpin, Louis B. Hildreth, Deane D. Wood, W. J. Dodge, Frederick W. Kavanaugh.

The convention nominated the following county ticket: Member of Assembly, George B. Whitney; County Engineer, W. J. Dodge; Judge, Nash Hookwood of Saratoga; Sheriff, John Bradley, Jr. of Stillwater; County Treasurer, John K. Walbridge of Saratoga; Superintendent of the Poor, Samuel W. Pearce.

A LESSON FROM RUSSIA.

Relations of Civilization, Political Conservatism and Selfishness Illustrated. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN:—The course which events in Russia have taken since the Government was overthrown is the lesson of the revolutionary element should be a lesson to those who thought that the walls of Jericho of the Muscovite autocracy would fall at the mere shouting of the social revolutionaries.

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NO HEARING FOR PRINTERS.

Methodist Conference Refuses to Listen to Criticism of Book Concern's Management. NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., March 19.—The printers' troubles, which have involved for some time the Methodist Book Concern in New York, occupied a good part of the session to-day of the Methodist conference. Only the book concern's side was presented.

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COTTON CULTURE ABROAD.

In German East Africa and Togo and in Abyssinia and Portuguese East Africa. WASHINGTON, March 19.—Consul Harris of Chemnitz says that the latest reports on the growth of cotton in German East Africa and Togo show that the attempt to grow this important product have probably passed the experimental stage.

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