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Honest Confession Good for the Party.

The Porto Rican tariff question is far and away the most important question now before Congress. In fact, with but one exception, it is the only important question left for that body to consider. The currency question has been disposed of, and satisfactorily to the country. As far as the Senate is concerned Hawaii has been accorded generous treatment. Nothing is demanded in the case of Cuba, where good progress is recorded. Military authority in the Philippines will of course, for the present, continue to be maintained. Bills are in final shape and awaiting advancement. The Nicaragua canal bill needs attention, and will probably receive it. This brings us therefore to Porto Rico, and to what should be done for that island. What shall the harvest be?

Scandalous Hospital Management.

Last Wednesday night a decently dressed man presented himself at the Emergency Hospital in this city and asked for medical treatment. He was very ill. He returned feeble answers to questions, gave a name and address, and then sank so rapidly that his death occurred in less than twenty-four hours. A brief telephone message was sent to the police of one of the precincts, asking for information as to a man living at a given address. There was no mention of a death, or serious illness, in the police files. No man of the name furnished, indeed found no house at the address and so reported to the hospital.

The Doctrine of Ignorance.

The Rev. Sheldon declares that the ideal of a Christian newspaper is one that prints only that which is regarded by the paternal director as being good for the moral welfare of his flock—that is to say, his readers. Therefore he prints no newspaper in existence were to run upon his plan would the world commit fewer murders, or wage fewer wars, or perpetrate fewer scandals? The answer is to be found in history, the record of the time when there were no newspapers at all, no telegraph wires, when "news" traveled by carrier, and when there was none of what this ultra-reformer styles the contagion of evil thought. There were rough times then, and wars, and scandals, and generally unwholesome conditions. It was a black time, when the public conscience was lax, when public opinion had no force in adjusting affairs and could exert no influence over morals, when government was corrupt and unchecked, when injustice was rampant and vice rampant. Was that a better world than this? Were those more Christian times than these? And yet this would-be demonstrator of the vice of the news would have us believe that a newspaper without absolute freedom is a cure for the evils and the misfortunes can bring about a regeneration of the whole human family. The newspaper reader who is prevented from knowing wherein the world needs relief, who cannot find the raw spots that need purifying is himself a useless member of society and his mission is far from Christianizing.

There are people who resent constant change in the manner of stopping street cars in spite of the fact that it really makes no difference to anybody except the motor-men and, incidentally, the public.

The Filipino soldiers are at least barred from getting excursion rates when they take a jaunt into Manila.

The Delagoa Bay Award Promised. Ever since the outbreak of the Boer war interest has centered on the prospect that the Delagoa bay arbitrators would soon announce their decision on the claims pending before them. It was evident that strong political influences were at work stealthily to secure a postponement of the declaration of this verdict, for it has for a long time been accepted that England has a strong chance to secure the possession of Delagoa bay as a result of the award. Portugal is in no condition to stand the heavy drain upon her treasury sure to result from the award, if it be in favor of the claimants, as it is expected to be. With a bankrupt debtor at her mercy and England desirous chiefly of a land and water grant necessary to secure the control of the whole South African coast, it is accepted as certain that the government at London would eagerly agree upon a compensation in kind to take the place of a money payment. Or it is believed that some adjustment could be effected whereby Delagoa would be sold to Portugal as security for the liquidation of the public bonds. The McMurdo claims, amounting to almost as much as the English might readily be merged in the English lien on Portugal's property. It is understood that England would gladly undertake to satisfy the McMurdo claims with a view to strengthening her hold upon the government at Lisbon.

At the same time it is believed that Russia, France and perhaps Germany stand ready to guarantee to Portugal sufficient financial support to enable her to pay the Delagoa bay claims in full, thus ensuring

England out of her long-cherished control of the bay. This, however, is but a matter of speculation and gossip and may be un-announced—it is now expected by the first of May—much of the urgent English need for the control of the bay will doubtless have passed through the solution of the chief problems of the Boer campaign. During the early winter England was in the sorest straits because of the neutral control of the bay. Its possession would have been worth many millions of pounds to her. But now, with the Boer armies retreating and the British armies victorious, and the Boers throwing down their arms by deaths and regiments, the military need is not so pressing. Nevertheless, Delagoa bay remains and will continue to be of the utmost strategic and political as well as commercial importance in the control of South Africa, and it is to be assumed that England will never relinquish her claims to the bay or would in fact be willing to have the bay. A very pretty game of world politics is thus being played out just now, with the arbitrators in this celebrated case as the pawns and the powers of Europe as the players. The stake is large. Should England whip the Boers and take over the two republics as colonies or dependencies, she would control the interior of South Africa from the Cape to Lake Tanganyika, while with Delagoa bay in her possession she will have a naval base which will give her sea control of the coast to the southern limits of German East Africa.

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thoroughly every few days. In winter the snows are few and far between. It should be possible without extravagant cost to remove all of the snow after each storm within a very few hours. In the more northern cities this is obviously impossible, for the lack of a single fall of snow would cost many hundreds of thousands of dollars, and would require steady repetition throughout the winter. But here, where the chances for sleighing are slight, there is but little reason why the asphalt should not be bared by shovels whenever snow occurs, thus adding unacceptably to the comfort of the people and materially lessening the percentage of sickness and death. These considerations should be taken into account by the Senate in its work on the District bill, and no time is better than the present, in the light of this striking object lesson.

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