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Force for the Philippines. This morning's news from Manila indicates an indisposition on the part of Aguinaldo's army to accept the conditions imposed by the President's proclamation.

At this moment it looks as though it will be necessary to employ force to disarm the Filipinos. In the light of the President's proclamation there can be no defense of the attitude of Aguinaldo's army.

The concern known as the Associated Charities of the District has long been a subject of suspicion to people who had the interests of Washington's poor most thoroughly at heart.

Great Britain has been compelled to add five hundred divisions to the nearly twenty thousand killed at Omdurman. In the administration of Egypt for the benefit of the natives and mankind, it has been the duty of the English to destroy, as far as possible, the followers of outlaws.

It is apparent that the Administration is unable to prevent the appointment of a Congressional committee to investigate the beef and other army scandals. In the interest of the nation, the army and trust, we have only the Inspector General to rely upon.

The public will take it for granted that all the staff officers under the authority of the Secretary of War will testify that the canned beef which the soldiers could not eat was as delicious as fresh porthouse steak.

The Philippines are very unreasonable people if they prefer fighting to living at peace under the conditions announced by General Otis in the form of the proclamation of the President.

GENERAL POLITICAL GOSSIP

Mr. Choate and Mr. Reid.—The friends of Joseph H. Choate, of New York, were disappointed because his name was not sent to the Senate yesterday to be ambassador to England.

West Virginia's Senatorial Fight.—The struggle for Senator Charles J. Faulkner's seat in West Virginia will open next week in earnest; in fact, it has been going on for some little time.

Friends of McKinley Against Quay.—The Washington Administration is taking a hand in the Senatorial fight in Pennsylvania, and that its influence is being exerted in a particular manner.

Commissioner Procter Indorses Roosevelt.—The remarks of Gov. Roosevelt of New York, concerning civil service reform, have aroused the interest of the Civil Service Commission here.

Associated Charities.—Your prompt, generous, and timely assistance in the case of the unfortunate Mrs. Evans, deserves and has the thanks of not only all the poor, but also the generous citizens of Washington.

Spain's Lost Empire.—A single year will be likely to make Cuba blossom and fruit as never before, and her growth in the development of most substantial wealth will be unexampled.

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THE ANGLIO-VENEZUELAN COURT OF ARBITRATION

Another International Conference in Which America is Indirectly Involved.—Another important international conference in which the United States is indirectly involved will shortly assemble in Paris.

The British case embraces eleven large volumes, one atlas and a number of detached maps, while the arguments on behalf of the Venezuelans are contained in three atlases.

Senor Andrade will remain in Washington but a short time, when he will start for Paris to attend the meeting of the Boundary Commission.

Const Defense Cannon Being Fitted With Telescopes.—The War Department has ordered that all the heavy guns of the United States be fitted with telescopic sights.

Plucky Girl's Feat.—The girl on the horse's back was Miss Virginia Gibson, of Aldine, and the women in the carriage were her mother and a friend from Rahway.

Gold in the Goose Crop.—Supposed to Have Come From the Binghamton, N. Y., Jan. 6.—The gold craze has struck East Meridith, in Delaware County.

Action in the Living Present.—Our "action" news of the day are destined according to rules laid down by men long dead.

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DESOLATION AND RUIN OF A LOVELY COUNTRY

Ravage and Wrecked Cuba.—Senator Daniel Tells of the Island's First Needs—Charity to Succor Starving Multitudes.—New York, Jan. 6.—The Journal of this city, publishes the following dispatch from Havana.

The city of Havana is beautiful. It shows everywhere refinement, taste, culture and civilization, in many respects of a high order.

There is no word that can adequately portray the utter desolation of the poor. The faces of hundreds of women and children are marked with despair.

The scene at the palace and in Havana on January 1 was the most impressive and thrilling civic spectacle I have ever witnessed.

Gov. Atkinson's Message.—Various Recommendations.—The Governor of West Virginia has completed his first message to the legislature.

Former Illinois Governor's Effort to Defeat Mayor Harrison.—Chicago, Jan. 6.—The defeat at Springfield of former Gov. Altgeld's friends in the formation of the new Democratic State committee.

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NORWAY PREPARES FOR WAR WITH SWEDEN

Buying Arms in America.—No Fling of Her Own, and Longs to End the Irksome Scandinavian Union.—Christiania, Jan. 4.—The evening papers report that Mr. T. A. Darling, president of the company which erected the battery of 16-inch dynamite guns at Sæby Hook.

In case of a war with Sweden, the equipment of the principal ports with dynamite guns such as are now stationed at Sæby Hook would make Norway independent.

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Current Humor.—The Wheelman's Friend.—"The wheelman all voted for him." "Verily, he is the author of the law for bidding anybody to walk on the street faster than two miles an hour."

Self-Persuasion.—"Just hear Hawkins yelling every few minutes that he is a Christian." "Yes, he is a Christian, but he is almost believes it himself."

An Ardent Lover.—"What prevented you from marrying Miss Timmons?" "I wrote her a proposal which she never received."

A Young Civic.—"Well, Freddie," said Mrs. Seagrack, "did you get what you expected on the Christmas tree?" "No, sir," replied Freddie, "politely but gloomily."

The Logical Sequence.—"In London they call a shoe a shoe, don't they?" "Yes." "And an elevator is a lift, isn't it?" "Yes."

NOTES OF THE DAY

The late Mrs. Martha Davidson of Lebanon, Ind., spent the first 3000 of thread in the first mill on this side of the Atlantic.

The Tyrol had an extraordinarily mild Autumn. On November 15 flowers were blooming, and ripe strawberries were picked under the vines.

Russia has been pleasantly surprised by a school of fish growing the Academy of Science to make preparations for a fitting celebration of the hundredth anniversary of the poet Pushkin's birth.

Of the 1,172 steam and sailing craft from foreign and domestic ports which entered New York Harbor in November there was not a single steamer.

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The following incident is related in the "Life of Henry Morley." On a railway journey Morley had for a companion an old gentleman who had been trying to make himself understood by the aid of a somewhat deflated air cushion.

Much favorable comment is being made upon the recommendation of Secretary Long that the Department of the Interior should be kept at sea without the necessity of searching a dockyard at frequent intervals.

The Princess Beatrice is known to be an excellent pianist. She is said to play the accompaniment at a private social reception given by Mrs. Blanche Marchesi before the queen at Balmoral.