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which was recommended by the jury, was not visited upon Spido. The London newspapers very justly denounce the trial and its result as a farce and an outrage on society.

The refusal of the Kaiser to ask Russia, at England's request, to allow Japan to assume the task of restoring order in China, on behalf of the powers, is evidence that there is still a danger spot in the international relations of the concert states.

It is hard to believe that Russia is inclined to play the dog-in-the-manger. Perhaps now that the horrible trial is seeping out from Pekin, the Kaiser's objection to letting Japan play a leading role in the drama of vengeance may disappear.

The merit system is to be adopted in the Philippines, and Mr. Kiggins, Chairman of the Board of Examiners under the Civil Service Commission, will go out to organize it. There will not be much work connected with this mission, as the merit system in the colonies will not be in evidence until November, although it may after the Fourth of March, 1901.

Secretary Root proposes to have another lining on the Army reorganization question. He is determined, among other things, upon securing that no reform which would abate some of the evils of the present unscientific system, perhaps he may be strong enough to carry his point in Congress next winter; but it is also possible that the staff baronies may be too much for him again.

Princess David, leader of the Hawaiian delegation to the Kansas City Convention, may probably be safely classed as an anti-expansionist in principle. Expansion has done him out of a throne. It was not much of a one, but still it was a throne. He may not feel sore about the matter, but nobody would expect him to be enthusiastic.

Chinese War Talk Produces a Summons. CHICAGO, July 6.—Governor Roosevelt's call for war with China brought him yesterday an urgent invitation to see Hanna and President McKinley. He received the call of a brief telegram, almost an order, asking his presence for a consultation. He went to Cleveland last night, saw the Republican boss early today, and will proceed to Canton for a heart-to-heart talk with the President.

As we have often said before, the most vulnerable spot in the Republican armor is the trusts. Hanna is a trust magnate himself, and an outspoken champion of his fellow-magnates. The organization would greatly like to keep them in the dark during this campaign, and they themselves would be highly gratified if they could escape notice.

Pekin's Nameless Horror. The whole civilized world is waiting in pained suspense for the tale of sickening horror which, it is thoroughly believed, awaits it. The horrible scenes that accompanied the butchery of the foreign ministers, their wives, and children, and the other legation people in Pekin on June 20 or 21, are the talk of the native quarter in Shanghai.

What is reported to have happened cannot be more than hinted at in print. It is enough to freeze the blood. Outrage and tortures of hellish ingenuity are the crimes committed against defenseless women and children that the Chinese are whispering about. The pity of it is that there is no present way to avenge them. The country between Tientsin and the capital has been flooded by cutting the Grand Canal, so that it would be impracticable for an army, with artillery and transport to advance before September.

Military preparations will have to be upon a scale much greater than had been contemplated up to within the past few days. The legation massacre will render it necessary for each one of the states affronted to dispatch a much larger force to China than was thought of a week or so ago. Even the United States will be compelled to make more of a showing in the primitive operations than the Administration has considered necessary.

It will be at least three weeks before the international forces will be numerous enough to do more than hold Taku, unless Russia should consent to let Japan throw in the seventy thousand troops she has ready. As for Tientsin, the news is of the most depressing character. Yesterday the Chinese finally carried and destroyed the Put-He bridge, which cuts the communications of the garrison with Taku.

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A Rough and Ready Style. Colonel Roosevelt, it is to be observed, prefers all his speeches with the announcement that he does not purpose to talk politics, after which he has done in the past. The Republican party is the author of all the good fortune that has befallen the nation, and the Democratic party is responsible for the bad, and Colonel Roosevelt is quite right in maintaining that this is not a political issue.

For the People to Choose. (From the St. Louis Republic.) The American people have now seated a politician in their national history whose most definitely choice between continued allegiance to the faith of their fathers and a decisive and deliberate renunciation of that faith for the sake of the people.

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KANSAS CITY GOSSIP.

KANSAS CITY, July 6.—Thomas J. L. Bullington, one of the Cherokee Indians, so tall that he looks over the heads of the crowds in the hotel lobbies, swarthy and muscular, is a typical representative of the progressive members of his race in Washington during the sessions of Congress, where he has been often sent to represent the interests of his tribe.

In the excitement of the week the police have dealt kindly with those who like speculative games and devices. Spindle machines compose the most active type of gambling, and in some places card shooting and other dice games have been played with impunity. Slot machines which play in money, and which the police have suppressed on more than one occasion, have found a place in every saloon and cigar store in Kansas City and are meeting with a hearty patronage.

Richard Croker sat on the front row of the New York delegation's seats, immediately in front of the chairman's platform, yesterday afternoon, and in the first instance was forced into an impromptu reception by the crowds that pushed forward to see him. Mr. Croker arose from his chair and shook hands with the general in his greeting to the admiring throng.

George W. Peck, of "Peck's Bad Boy" fame, and ex-Governor of Wisconsin, is one of the delegates from the Fourth Wisconsin district. His greatest grievance regarding him as a humorist, and refused to take him seriously, while as a matter of fact Governor Peck is a level-headed, practical man.

Dr. A. M. Crow, of Kansas City, took care to keep away from the hotel lobbies at Ann Arbor, where he was expected to appear. He was seen in the city at Ann Arbor, where he was expected to appear. He was seen in the city at Ann Arbor, where he was expected to appear.

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OPINIONS ON THE PLATFORM.

KANSAS CITY, July 6.—The following opinions on the National Democratic platform have been expressed by the leaders: David R. Hill: "The action of the Convention on Platform was a disappointment to the conservative portion of the Convention. The reiteration of the financial plank of 1896 was carried in the committee by only two majority, in which there were five Territories which have no votes at all election.

Richard Croker: "The platform is all right. It is splendid. I have not studied it carefully, but I read every word of it as Senator Tillman read it. It suits me; it is his strongest point, and I believe it will suit all Democrats. It is good enough for all to stand upon. I could not say more if I could. As for Bryan, he is going to win. We will carry New York State for him surely, and I predict now that he will be elected President of the United States."

John P. Altgeld: "I regard the platform as the strongest ever submitted in this country. We have started a tidal wave of Americanism, which will sweep from ocean to ocean. With the idea of November re-election in mind, the platform is a masterpiece of statesmanship. It will pass from America forever."

Senator Daniel: "The platform will be the bond which will reunite the Democracy of the country. It will prove satisfactory to Democrats of whatever opinion on an existing issue. It is strong and very strong and will meet with approval everywhere."

George Fred Williams: "There is no protesting voice against the platform and no objection to Bryan. There will be no substitution of the silver plank, but it is evident to everybody that the great menace of the times is the imperialistic policy of the present Administration. I think the party will do much stronger everywhere for the action of the Committee on Resolutions. All who rely, and of necessity must rely, on Bryan for leadership will admit his superiority and insuperable qualities as a leader, and they are fortunate to be able to put him in command on the platform that was agreed to."

D. L. Metcalf: "The platform is entirely satisfactory to me. Bryan's friends. The Convention has acceded to the candidate's desire for a specific reiteration of the 16 to 1 plank of 1896 in its declaration of principles, and the declaration has placed the party on record as having the courage of its convictions and as refusing to take a step backward or to repudiate any of the principles on which it stands. I fought the battles of the past four years for the platform of 1896. The statement that imperialism is the paramount question in this campaign is simply a statement of the facts. It is an operation against the dignity of the money question. The platform seems to be well received, and the Convention proceedings were full of promise of victory."

Senator Tillman: "All the bitterness, if there is any, has passed away. I think there was more earnestness than ever in the debate between Knox and Bryan, though there was some vitriol in the language used by some of the speakers. We have given our affirmation friends a bridge on which to cross all differences as they come along. Mark Hanna and McKinley must look out. Complete harmony now prevails and everybody is happy."

Augustus Van Wyck: "Although we were beaten regarding the 16 to 1 plank, I am much gratified at the concession made by the conservative members of the Committee on Resolutions. The fact that we declared imperialism the paramount issue of the approaching campaign and announced that the Democracy was not opposed to territorial expansion was especially gratifying. I was particularly interested in having the distinction drawn between imperialism and expansion. The platform in this regard is very good, that the financial plank might be overlooked by those not in sympathy with it, as the silver question cannot be made an issue and is only an academic topic for more than four years to come."

The Washington Boer Fund. (Mixed Tommy Up.) Wounded Tommy (wounded home)—Yes, I tell you, it ain't exactly a bed of roses sleeping on the hard wood of the Boer fund. I tell you, it ain't exactly a bed of roses sleeping on the hard wood of the Boer fund.

A Literal View of It. (From Tit-Bits.) "Teacher—John, what are your boots made of?" "Teacher—John, what are your boots made of?"

A Boarding-House Joke. (From Judge.) First Boarder—I see that you have just burned a spiritualist medium at the stake down in Georgia. Second Boarder—Yes, that is what you might call a slab-side medium.

The Real Friend. (From Punch.) Jack (with cigarette)—Barrick is a terrible cigarette fiend. Jack (in surprise)—Why, I never knew her smoking. Jack (he sneezes); he's forever telling other people how harmful they are.

Force of Habit. (From Harper's Bazar.) First Dear Mother—We all have our troubles. Second Dear Mother—That's so. Klave to me my wife's hands so won't talk in her sleep.

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CONGRER'S WORK IN CHINA.

The present dreadful conditions in China furnish a striking contrast to those which Minister Conger found less than a year ago when he made a trip to the various American Consulates throughout the Empire.

The gunboats Princeton and Monocacy, on that occasion, were placed at Mr. Conger's disposal by the Navy Department and their commanders were directed to obey his orders during his tour.

On August 16 the Princeton proceeded from Shanghai to receive the Minister as a passenger at Taku, where ceremonies were observed on the 17th. The Minister's visits were exchanged with Chinese officials. Leaving Taku, the party sailed for Newchwang, arriving there on August 20. Three days were spent at this port, where the Minister made a number of official calls, and inspected several American and other foreign mercantile vessels.

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NOTES OF THE DAY.

The Yaqui Indians are largely employed in the mines. They make excellent miners, are industrious and good workers.

A graver's life was excised in South Africa by the belief lodged in a pack of cards that he had in the pocket the church's membership of 8,000 and a Sunday school of about the same number.

Recent experiments by Monsieur Janet show that the temperature of the carbon filament in an electric lamp is between 2,000 and 3,000 degrees Fahrenheit.

New Zealand is exporting large quantities of frozen meat to the London market. It is a novel sort of mystery, but is said to meet with considerable success.

It is estimated that the average stipend of an American pastor in the large American cities does not exceed \$2,000, while in the country \$800 is an outside figure.

Pawnbrokers in England are not allowed to take as pledges the Victoria Cross. It is illegal either to pawn the cross or to accept it as security for money loaned.

About 400 tons have recently been added to the heating capacity of Bethany Church, Philadelphia. The church has a membership of 8,000 and a Sunday school of about the same number.

Countess Louise Erdoy, who recently died in Vienna, was a perfect Latin scholar. She was a complete master of the language, and her grasp on life was so to see the Latin tongue once more the international means of intercourse.

There are now 1,500 telegraph offices in Japan proper and 112 in Formosa, while there are 14,000 miles of line in service. During 1899 there were carried 224,000 foreign or international messages, and 15,775,023 domestic messages.

The largest artificial harbor in the world is now being built at Stettin, in Germany. A Yaku shipbuilding firm for the Norddeutsche Lloyd service from Bremen to New York. Their length will be 100 feet, horsepower about 40,000, speed 27 1/2 knots.

The Eighteenth Hussars, a British regiment serving in South Africa, is now known among soldiers in that region as "Krugger's Own." This nickname is given in honor of the gold mine which became the life of its men made captive by the Boers.

At one time there was a royal cat catcher at the British court. He was dressed in a gold and green livery, upon which were the words "Red catcatcher to His Majesty." His attendants were ferrets and cats, and he was always seen with a ferret and a cat.

The price of rice is advancing owing to the disturbance in China. If the fact will have any weight in obliterating the habit of despising brutal animals with the exception of the dog, it is upon their wedding trip, the circumstance will not be without some slight compensation.

King Humbert, of Italy, intends to visit several of the royal palaces in the Kingdom of about \$4,000,000, is not sufficient to maintain them in proper style. He will dispose of about a half a million of the land, and the surplus will be used to rebuild the Quirinal in Rome.

The healthiest spot in the whole world is Annonay, a French village, containing forty people. Twenty-eight of the inhabitants are over eighty years of age, and the remainder are all over sixty. There are no graves in the local cemetery, and the oldest inhabitant cannot remember seeing a funeral.

Frederick Winkelman, who has been blind all his life, was last week selected by the New York City board of education to deliver lectures on music to the schools. He has a command of the piano, and is twenty-four years old and an excellent musician. His skill as a pianist being especially remarkable, he has been invited to give several recitals.

Chicago capitalists have made some heavy land deals in the Yazoo-Mississippi delta during the past ten days. Their purchase amounts to more than 200,000 acres, and for which they are said to have paid an average of \$100 per acre. Some of these lands would not have brought 50 cents an acre.

A company formed by English and American capitalists is about to build the largest woolmill plant in the world at Grand Falls, New Brunswick. The works are to cost \$6,000,000, and they will employ 1,000 men. The plant will produce 200,000 tons of wool annually, and will be the largest of its kind in the world.