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of jubilee honors, the Conservatives scooped nearly everything. That was pretty rough on the Liberals, but it puzzles you to know why our Republican friends should work themselves up into a "bumble-bee state" over the Queen's following a Republican precedent. We should rather have thought that they would have felicitated themselves upon being able to chronicle a royal endorsement of Republican methods and ideas.

THE LIBBY PRISON FARE.

The Libby-Prison War Museum has proved a failure in Chicago, and is to be or already has been abandoned. In Chicago there are hundreds of thousands of people who know nothing of the late war. Most of these were born in foreign lands, and have never concerned themselves about the gigantic struggle that took place between the North and the South. And of the northern residents there, many now have trade relations with the South, and are quite willing to let by-gones be by-gones. Others still, moved by the only goodness of heart, have frowned down from the first the attempt to make the ghosts of the war walk the earth again in the Libby Museum. Then, there are in the Windy City many southerners who know that the story of Libby-Hating, as retailed for the benefit of South-going folk, is a monumental fake. All these have been obstacles to the success of "the enterprise."

The celebrity the vendors of slander would attach to the Libby Prison is that it is, or was, a building in which Federal prisoners were inhumanly treated, and where many became martyrs for the cause of Cuffy and the Union. Similar lies have, of course, been told about our "prison-pens" at Belle Isle, Salisbury, and Andersonville, but the Libby has been seized upon and adopted as the type of them all. Desires of reviving the unhappy memories of the war, and making money out of it, are the motives that have led to the Libby building. This they took down, brick by brick, and removed by rail to Chicago. There the building was re-erected, and converted into a war museum. But it never was much of a success. From the start it was regarded as a "fake" enterprise, and it is now to be abandoned. A suggestion has been made that the building be removed to Washington, but we would hardly think the capital city would care to encourage that idea.

That the men confined in the Libby suffered much, we have no doubt. It could not be expected that we would give our prisoners better food than our fighting men had. That we couldn't do, and did not attempt. But the people of this generation ought to know that in the northern military prisons, in sight of barns bursting with grain and cattle numbered by thousands, often our Confederates were driven to the necessity of catching rats and feeding upon them. There are here in Richmond living witnesses of the truth of this statement. We had to give short rations to the prisoners held by us, but in northern prisons it was done, not through necessity, but through revenge. Moreover, not the Confederates, but the Federals, through General Grant, stopped the exchange of prisoners.

We hear a good deal nowadays about the doings of the Spaniards in Cuba, but let it not be forgotten that the refusal of the United States to continue the exchange of prisoners cost the lives of more men than all the wars in Cuba have ever cost, or could cost were they continued ten years longer. Furthermore, towards the close of our war, when our soldiers had not even enough corn-bread to fill their stomachs, our government begged the Federal Government to send them away without exchanges. Yet, it was two or three months before this humane offer was accepted. The establishment of the Libby-Prison Military Museum was an effort to perpetuate the slanders against the South respecting the treatment of prisoners. That it has failed, is to the credit of the rest of the world. But Chicago ought to rid the world of the building, and wash its hands clean of the whole undertaking. There's nothing but unhappy memories connected with it, and, rightly understood, there isn't the least bit of capital to be made for the North out of its history.

HAWAII.

A Washington special to the New York Herald opens with the declaration that any "aggressive interference on the part of Japan will result in the landing of blue-jackets and marines and the hoisting of the American flag over the Hawaiian Islands, with or without the ratification of the pending annexation treaty." Further on, the same special says, in support of this declaration, that after the receipt of the last mail advices from Hawaii there was a conference between the State and the Navy Department, that resulted in instructions being given the American Minister and the American naval commander at Hawaii, "which contemplates the landing of marines and the hoisting of the American flag over the government buildings in Honolulu on the first sign of interference by any foreign nation."

If not, why not? It has for many years been a distinct and well understood feature of our policy that no foreign nation would be allowed to take possession of Hawaii. Consequently, if Japan, or any other foreign Power, should attempt to annex the islands, there would be nothing left for us to do but hoist our flag over them and then them ourselves. All the same, we do not think that the flag act will be done soon in Honolulu, either on account of another Power's threatening to possess the group, or in the way of annexing the big sugar plantations under a treaty. Japan's attitude of swelled-head will hardly surmount insanity—and it would be insanity in her to provoke the United States to try conclusions with her, while it is pretty evident that the annexation treaty, which was concocted simply in the hope of lubricating the tariff machinery, will be allowed to take a long sleep.

We would not be construed as predicting that Hawaiian annexation will not become an accomplished fact some of these days, or as expressing here an opinion as to its advisability or unadvisability. But we are satisfied that all the present ado in the matter amounts to nothing. The jingoism that Japan's bluster has stirred up is harmless midsummer madness, and the annexation treaty is regarded by many of the most pronounced supporters of annexation as a political trick. Neither is likely to change in the very near future the status of the islands or our relations with them.

The notes of the Powers are still being discounted, it appears, at the bank on the Golden Horn.

HANNA AS AN ADVISER.

It seems to be an open secret that Mark Hanna is the influence that is urging President McKinley to transmit to Congress at its present session a banking and currency message, despite the advice to the contrary of other Republican leaders in the Senate. Mark is said to have taken the position that the public and private pledges of Mr. McKinley in favor of currency legislation should be kept by the administration's distinctly outlining a definite policy on the subject. The President, he argues, we are told, should vindicate himself by letting the people understand what is the purpose of the administration and its advisers touching the great question of banking and currency reform, be the chances that that question would now be turned down in the Senate never so great.

FAILED TO IDENTIFY HIM.

A Protest Against a Change of Railway Agents. ALEXANDRIA, VA., July 13.—(Special.)—Mrs. Moody, of Alexandria county, visited the jail to-day, but failed to identify Richard Clemens, the negro now under arrest as her assailant. The attempted assault upon Mrs. Moody occurred in the early part of June, and has not yet been found of the unknown negro, whom Mrs. Moody describes as resembling Clemens in many particulars. The prisoner will be held, however, for an attempted assault upon two colored girls on Sunday morning last, and will be given a speedy trial. The Business-Men's League and the citizens of Alexandria generally will enter a strong protest with the officers of the Southern Railway Company against the removal of Mrs. James S. Douglas, the former agent here of that company, and the appointment of an out-of-town man to his place. The new agent has already taken charge of the office here, but an effort will be made to have Mrs. Douglas replaced. If this cannot be done, some other Alexandrian will be urged for the position. Petitions to this effect will be circulated in a day or two, and a committee of representatives will call on the Board of Directors in Washington and urge a reconsideration of their action.

Wed in Hampton.

HAMPTON, VA., July 13.—(Special.)—Mr. C. E. Cheyne, a popular young photographer, and Miss Louise Couch, were married in St. John's church at 5 o'clock this afternoon. Rev. Mr. Bryan officiating. The church was prettily decorated for the occasion, and a large number of citizens were present. George A. Ovedorf, of Staunton, was best man, and Miss John of Norfolk, maid of honor. W. G. Burgess, W. D. Mullen, H. G. Parker, and Dudley R. Cowles acted as ushers. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Cheyne left on an excursion to northern tour, and will visit Canada, the former home of the groom, ere they return.

Convicted of Arson.

WYTHEVILLE, VA., July 13.—(Special.)—In the County Court this afternoon Judge George H. Fudge, of Marion, presiding, Lafayette Waller was found guilty of burning the electric-power building and separation-house of the Wytheville Lead and Zinc Mines Company at Austinville, in this county, in February last, and was sentenced to the penitentiary for four years. The property burned was valued at \$10,000.

Artful Audacity.

(Indianapolis Journal.) "So Boraks is going to marry that aged Murre girl, is he?" "Yes, and the funny part of it is that he told her he wanted to marry her on account of her fortune."

Incorrect Imputation.

(Indianapolis Journal.) "Dear," said the Senator's wife, "the papers are accusing you of letting the stock market influence your vote. It's not true, is it?" "No," roared the statesman, as he pounded the table with his fist. "All I have done in that direction was to allow my vote to influence my dealings in the stock market."

A Five-Act Tragedy.

(Pick-Me-Up.) I. Jones poisoned his wife's cat. II. He professes deep sorrow at its disappearance. III. He offers a \$10 reward for its recovery. IV. Numerous animals are brought for inspection. V. Mrs. Jones identifies one.

An Indorsement.

(Washington Star.) "Do you regard that politician as a reliable man?" inquired Senator Sorghum's friend. "Reliable?" echoed the Senator. "I should say so. If that man were to give me a tip on the market, I'd back it with my last dollar!"

Strangle.

(Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.) "Yes," said the young wife, sadly, "I am satisfied that he doesn't love me any more." "Isn't it strange to find satisfaction in anything like that?" asked her dearest girl friend.

Would Not Need Her.

(Judge.) Old Millwrens: You want my daughter, do you? Tell me the winner of the suburban race, and I may have her. Jack Plunger: Hum! If I knew that I wouldn't want her.

A Charrade.

(For the Dispatch.) When the pennants of old Ironsides Defiant kissed the breeze, When Nelson in his honest pride, Our fondly loved ones perish, My FIRST inspired their jolly tars, With more of trepidation Than the old Ironsides' tars, And Faith entreat itself to know 'Tis not of chance—but God.

Senator Daniel's Patriotism.

(Danville Register.) United States Senator John W. Daniel delivered the leading speech Monday at the Fourth-of-July celebration of the National Association of Democratic Clubs of the District. In his speech on this occasion Senator Daniel placed patriotism above politics, and in this respect he set a laudable example to some of his enthusiastic admirers, who talk more like politicians than patriots. Not only did the speaker recognize the fact that there are good men in all parties, but at this Democratic party gathering he had the courage to pay a tribute of admiration to a Republican President. In his review of national conditions he soared far above the petty, puny pessimism that is the enthusiastic Democrats parade in the mistaken belief that party fealty requires it. In his address Senator Daniel said that on such a day he did not intend to sit down in a corner and complain because things are not better than they are. If the benefits we are to be thankful for should be counted we would see that things are not half as bad as they might be. He then paid a tribute to President McKinley and Vice-President Hobart, and said that the fact that on this day the chief of the nation had thrown aside all the honors of his office and