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EXPLODED SHELLS.

"I brought the Commission here," said Delegate Wilcox in his speeches to the Home Rulers. This argument was happily branded by the chairman of the Commission, Senator Mitchell, who said before leaving that Mr. Wilcox had nothing to do with the coming of that body. Since then Wilcox and the Commission have had little connection in his public harangues.

"The lepers are horribly treated at the Settlement," declared Wilcox. The answer to this libel came from the lepers themselves in the form of a memorial in which seven hundred and fifty of them said they were "happy and contented under the present regime" and had nothing important to complain of.

"I mean to give every Hawaiian a free homestead of forty acres." Now comes the Wilcox homestead bill with provisions which show that land taken up by Hawaiians and other citizens will cost them, in cash, labor and improvements, nearly \$50 per acre.

"I want to see an Hawaiian admiral in command of the Pacific fleet." Yet the only young man Wilcox has sent to Annapolis is a white boy from Connecticut whose father, a naval man, was temporarily stationed here.

"I have plenty of friends in Congress; there's Delegate Flynn of Oklahoma." When Flynn came here he was asked what he thought of Wilcox and his characteristic answer was: "Wilcox? Oh he's a lobster."

THE NEXT GRAND JURY.

Public interest in the next grand jury is taking a form which will make it necessary for any judge, who cares to keep popular respect, to draw the jurors by lot. It may be taken for granted that powerful influences will be set at work to "fix" the jury beforehand, particularly so that those whose I O U's were given to B. H. Wright in return for public money and those who helped Wm. Harrison Wright get away from the consequences of his felony, may not be indicted or exposed. Under the bailiff system instituted by the Home Rule Legislature at the instigation of a political judge, it is now easy and safe to pick a jury. In fact the first jury drawn under the bailiff act was expressly organized to put Governor Dole and some of his friends in a hole. Given the services on the bench of a judge who has a mind to keep too much from getting out, and it may be conceded that the investigation of the recent scandals will amount to nothing.

But if the Territorial court having the next grand jury to form will follow the practice of the Federal court and draw a jury at random from a list of two or three hundred taxpayers, the public will feel reasonably sure of an honest and fair examination. That is what the people want and if the matter is left to them they will get it.

NEED OF SHIPS.

The London Spectator justly says: "The power on which the Monroe doctrine must primarily rest is sea power. If the European states know that America has sea power enough to enforce the Monroe doctrine it will be scrupulously respected. The moment they see the doctrine is based only on paper it will be disregarded. To make the doctrine effective America must build a fleet unquestionably stronger than that of France or Germany. She need not trouble to outbuild us, as we need merely agree to, but may be said to be passive supporters of the Monroe doctrine."

These are words of truth and soberness and they come at an opportune time. They should have special weight with the naval committees of Congress, which seem to have made up their minds, after seeing how difficult it was in the war game for the North Atlantic fleet to guard one hundred miles of coast, that the country has enough ships to guard 3000 miles and take care of the Monroe doctrine besides.

When one considers what a vast area of firewood there is in the East, in the form of standing timber, the complaints from there of empty stoves, owing to the coal strike, seem a trifle superfluous.

GRILLING VISITORS.

Between the yellow newspapers and the ultra tariff regulations, the foreign tourist, distinguished or otherwise, is fast getting a distaste for American travel. The case of Prince Boris is a strong indictment of the yellow press. In a sense this Russian grand duke was a guest of the country and he was entitled to every consideration from his hosts. He came with the consent of his cousin, the Czar, and was officially received by the President. His government had intervened to aid ours in a crisis of our destinies and there had been a traditional friendship between them. Yet from the day of his landing in the United States, reporters dogged his footsteps and the baser creatures of the craft listened at the keyholes of his doors and peered over the transoms. Boris is a young man on his travels and he went to see the sights, good, bad and indifferent. There were times, perhaps, when he drank more than was good for him; but he had a right to think that his hosts would not describe his adventures to the world the next morning through columns of lurid romancing and hold him up to the ridicule of the crowd and to the contempt of good men and women. Yet that is what happened, and the Prince has now left the country feeling quite ready to throw his influence against America and Americans wherever he may go. Probably it will be a long time before the United States sees another princely visitor.

The tariff regulations as they affect the identification of first-class passengers, are also annoying to tourists. We find an apt illustration of it in the News Letter as follows: A well known member of the British Parliament, Mr. Alfred Davis, arrived at New York a few days ago, on a tour of observation and pleasure. Happily, his amiability is such that the English caricaturists have given him the name of "Pickwick Redivivus." But his normal equanimity was severely strained by his first American experience. His replies to the impertinent catechism thrust into his hands by the immigration officers furnish the best possible commentary on the idiosyncrasy with which we receive visitors. The idea of asking a member of Parliament "whether he could read and write" seemed funny to Mr. Davis. He wrote on the blank "this is a specimen of my handwriting," and left them to judge. As to his final destination in the United States he wrote: "None. Will shortly return to England." Then he was asked: "Who paid your passage?" He wrote: "Knowing nobody anxious to pay it, I paid it myself." Then came the question: "Have you ever been in prison?" Mr. Davis says that, having inspected prisons without number, he answered "Yes." "Then you can't land," replied an officer brusquely. Mr. Davis was detained for some time, but subsequently met an officer of superior rank, who deigned to listen to his defense, and set him free.

These things account, in a measure, for the fact that, notwithstanding what the United States has to show, but a small part of the \$150,000,000 annually spent by American tourists in Europe comes back to us at the hands of foreign tourists. We have managed, with great care, to make the country so unpopular that not even Niagara, and the Yellowstone Park and Yosemite and the splendid civilization of the East, can overcome the annoyance of foreigners at our methods. It is a poor policy but Americans seem to be wedded to it.

Some of that "latest news" by cable from Fanning Island under date of October 5, had a rather ancient and fishlike smell. One of the dispatches read as follows: VANCOUVER, Oct. 5.—Sir Frederick Abel is dead.

A New York Semi-Weekly Tribune of September 26, arriving here the day after the cable news was received, contained the following:

The death of Sir Frederick Abel has removed an important figure from the band of learned men who give their talents and science to the service of war. For thirty-four years he was chemist to the British War Office. The standard gunpowder of the British military services was invented and patented by Sir Frederick in conjunction with Professor Dewar, and named "cordite." It is the best of all smokeless powders. It was the outcome of a special committee appointed, with Sir Frederick Abel as president, to examine into the question of smokeless powders in 1888, the government of the time having just then discovered that Great Britain was the only country of importance which still contemplated using "black" powder in a war.

Deep-sea sailing vessels which, in the old whaling days, crowded the harbor so that one might almost cross it from deck to deck and which, within two years, have made the waterfront a busy scene, may be rarities here before many months go by. Steamers with low freights have driven some away, direct loading at other islands has diverted some, and now the oil fuel boom has cut down the coal fleet which was wont to discharge cargo at Honolulu. The change is bound to make considerable difference in labor and business conditions here.

Both the Oregon and New York and possibly another German cruiser will soon stop at Honolulu. When the cable comes this port may expect such visitors to call often and stay long.

THE SERVANT PROBLEM.

The Asiatic servant question is coming into prominence all over the Far East where foreign communities reside. In considering the situation in the Philippines, the Manila Times declares for registration as a means of establishing the repute and qualifications of household workers and yard boys and checking the tendency of servants to migrate, without other cause than caprice, from one family to another and to accept jobs which they are unable to fill. At Hongkong the registration system is popular but the government for some reason or other is against it. The Hongkong Weekly Press says that in Rangoon the servant question has become such a burden that the Municipal Commissioners have drafted a remedial bill with the following clauses: (a) Rendering the registration of domestic servants compulsory, and prohibiting the employment as a domestic servant of any person who is not so registered. (b) Requiring employers and domestic servants to give such things as may be necessary or advisable for carrying out or rendering effective such registration. (c) Appointing and defining the powers and duties of Registrars and other officers for carrying out and rendering effective such registration. (d) Providing for the keeping, maintaining, inspection and production of registers and books in such manner and with such particulars as may be necessary or advisable for carrying out or rendering effective such registration. (e) Providing penalties not exceeding a fine of Rs. 250 and imprisonment either simple or rigorous for the breach of any of such rules, and (f) generally for rendering such registration effective and complete. In such rules the words domestic servants shall mean and include servants of all descriptions usually employed in or about the house, kitchen, stables and garden of an employer.

In Colombo, Ceylon, where compulsory registration has been in successful operation for some time, the cost in connection with it amounts to about only \$60 gold per month. The number of servants registered in Colombo from January, 1872, to the end of December, 1901, was 33,760. The number of new registrations last year was 1,203. There is no difference made whether the employer of a domestic servant is a European or a native. The establishment, which is immediately under the control of the Superintendent of Police, consists of 1 registrar at \$355 gold per annum, 1 female clerk at \$80 gold per annum, 2 male clerks at \$60 each, 1 male clerk at \$55 and 1 office orderly at \$80 per annum.

The story spread among native voters on one of the other islands where Wilcox is visiting, that Prince Kuhio has been jailed by the United States' government for presuming to criticize the Delegate, shows that Wilcox's tongue has not lost its fine Italian crook.

As a Home Rule boomer Admiral Beckley must have given up the hope of getting any future promotion from the Republicans.

The party which will have its chief innings on election day is the surprise party.

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