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Historical Repetition. Even the perfunctory plan of a currency commission to consider the financial question has been abandoned for this session of the Congress.

That is in entire harmony with political precedents. Mr. McKinley, having been elected distinctly upon the money issue, kindly ignores it and plunges the country into a tariff agitation.

A Very Remote Danger. Under the terms of the official notice of the blockade of Crete, issued on Saturday by the British government, only vessels of the six naval powers will be allowed to land cargoes at the island.

Without pretending to know what President McKinley or Secretary Sherman may think about the matter, and judging only from fact and precedent, the probability would seem to be that the notice, and the incidental closing of Cretan waters and ports to the flag of the United States, will be eminently satisfactory.

The fact upon which we rely is the high degree of improbability that any vessel flying the Stars and Stripes is at all likely to be caught anywhere in the Mediterranean or Aegean seas. A steam yacht or a sailing vessel of some one or more of our trust or money-lending magnates, might possibly wonder that far; but even that is problematical in view of the distance from Monte Carlo. Republican privateers have preserved us from more than a remote risk of getting into trouble through having ships on any of the world's waters.

The precedent for taking such, or any, foreign snub is found in the universal practice of our State Department for some years past to let other countries do anything they liked to our interests or our people without raising a sound in protest.

Pecksniff, the Immortal. Considered in the abstract, it may be a very pleasant and instructive thing to think that the Government of the United States is walking in the flowery paths of peace, and determined never, under any circumstance, to give offense to other nations, that is, because of any national objections we may entertain about their policies of practices, based merely upon sentimental or humanitarian considerations.

It has been found that organ in a peculiar, but, possibly, comprehensible way, and the effect has been to raise a fierce and hysterical array of petitioners for holy arbitration with England, coincidentally with a calm, sweet acquiescence in the butchery of helpless women and children in Cuba.

So it appears that the American conscience will not tolerate interference with the sportive torturing and murdering amusements of our international friends, because that would be mere sentiment, and opposed to the highest conceptions of our duty toward amiable tyrants and despots, with whom we live under the blessings of peace and in the hope of arbitration.

But when the financial or commercial equation gets in its work, we, or one great political party of us, think and act quite differently. As why should not the party in question? It is consistently without sentiment, and, in practical effect, without humanity. It is cheerfully willing to add heavy loads to the backs of our own people that monopolists and corrupt jobbers may be rewarded for party contributions.

The Kludges Journal, of Berlin, observes of the Dingley destructive tariff measure: "If this bill becomes law, Europe, and especially Germany, will feel it to be an intentional blow in the face. A large part of our exports is thereby prohibited, and another part is rendered extremely difficult. Many of our industries will be forced to completely reorganize their system of production, raise the quality of their goods, and specialize. This will require a period of experiment and delay. In the meanwhile much of the ex-manufacture and industry will be lost."

Clerical Assistance for Autocrats. In view of recent talk about making Dr. Talmage chaplain of the Senate, we should hesitate to mention anybody else for that place; but as regards the House, there can be no improvement in directing the attention of Speaker Reed to the claims and intrinsic merit of a revered gentleman out West, who has had ex-

perience in the line, and demonstrated a high regard for the opportunities and harmonies of the position. The name of the clergyman in question is Jones, and for some time he has been acting chaplain of the senate of Oklahoma. The peculiar beauty of this gentleman's administration is that he gives thanks and invokes Divine blessings on every thing the senate does, no matter what. Mr. Reed could appreciate and love a chaplain like that. One day Brother Jones thanked the Lord that the senate had been inspired with wisdom to make an order not to employ any female clerks. On the same date this action was reconsidered and several ladies were appointed to positions. This did not phase the chaplain in the least. His prayer on the following morning blessed the Lord "that senators had been divinely led to see in error of their ways and mercifully helped to make amends in securing the services of these excellent and efficient sisters."

Sugar-Coated Poison. As long as a fighting chance exists it is to be hoped that Senators opposed to the suspected hidden purposes of the arbitration treaty will not cease to insist upon an amendment clearly excepting from its operation all questions arising under any application of the Monroe doctrine or affecting our ability to build and control the Nicaragua Canal.

In its latest form, as reported by Senator Davis, some objections to the original draft have been removed. The proposition to have first submitted to the Senate any question which the Executive may desire to present for arbitration is intrinsically a good one. The treaty-making power of the Senate never should be abridged. Being as full as it is, and the Senate as full of patriotism and wisdom, we fail to see the necessity for this sentimental tit of international hypocrisy.

Senator Stewart was doubtless right in the opinion that this or any other treaty could be ignored by Great Britain whenever imperial interests should render that course profitable. If, as we presume, Senator Davis and others of the Foreign Affairs Committee believe, the poison has been carefully washed off from this British draft, the instrument will then become of small value to the other high contracting party, and so, having made it as harmless as an international dove, we do not think that the Marquis of Salisbury would mind much if it were now appropriately housed in a pigeon hole.

Perhaps that would be the wisest disposition of the matter. The London National Review has frankly declared that the treaty, with the Monroe doctrine and the canal specifically excepted, would be "an arbitration treaty with all the arbitration left out."

Statements like that ought to serve as a warning. If the latest ex-President of the United States is not too angry with the press of this country to eschew newspapers altogether, he will read of the small but significant constitutional revolution that has occurred in the Transvaal republic with sentiments of agonized envy. It is probable that he has heard of the distinguished personal president of the Boer country, who once was entitled to be called his "great and good friend," and who is autocratic and pig-headed enough to have been his brother. However that may be, the South African gentleman in question, Mr. Kruger, familiarly called "Oom Paul," has scored an executive triumph over a co-ordinate branch of his government that even exceeds the best thing in the same line achieved during the Cleveland dictatorship.

The Transvaal High Court of Judicature, which answers to our Supreme Court, was presumptuous enough to declare unconstitutional some of the laws passed by the Boer congress which President Kruger had on, and completely in, his hands. Upon this he at once proceeded to protect the executive and legislative power by having a law enacted, interesting and unique enough to justify reproduction of its chief features.

Article 1. As long as the people, to the satisfaction of the First Volksraad, do not intimate that they desire to alter the existing conditions, the existing and still to be promulgated laws and Volksraad resolutions shall be acknowledged and respected. The law of the Volksraad in accordance with article 80 of the constitution of 1866, and the bench will not have the power to refuse to apply a law of Volksraad resolution because that law or resolution, in the opinion of the judges, is contrary to law or unconstitutional in its contents. The judicature shall not have the right to arrogate to themselves the power to annul or to declare void any law or resolution of the Volksraad.

Article 2. The judges, the landrosts and other members of the judicature shall in no case before taking office, take the following oath: "I swear and solemnly swear fealty to the people and the laws of the republic, and in my position to act justly, irreprehensibly and in accordance with the laws and Volksraad resolutions, and to the best of my ability, not to arrogate to myself the power to annul or to declare void any law or resolution of the Volksraad, and to receive no favor or gift from any person when I consider that it gives with a view of influencing me and my judgment, outside of my position of judge to obey the law, and to execute the same."

Article 3. The judge who does not act in accordance with article 1 of this law shall be considered as having made himself guilty of breach of office as intended in article 80 of the constitution of 1866.

Article 4. His honor, the state president is hereby empowered, to ask the president of the bench, and the bench, whether they consider it to be in accordance with their oath to pronounce judgment according to the existing and to be promulgated laws and Volksraad resolutions, and to direct the bench to disregard the same, and to direct the bench to disregard the same, and to direct the bench to disregard the same.

Rev. Patrick O'Hare's Jubilee. New York, March 21.—At the third and last day of the celebration of the silver jubilee of the Rev. Patrick P. O'Hare, rector of St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church, Greenpoint, today, Archbishop Martinelli, the papal delegate, presided at the ceremonies in the church.

The Bostonians at Savannah. Savannah, Ga., March 21.—The Bostonians arrived here tonight and will begin practice tomorrow. Long and Yeager joined the team from the West. The Bostonians will remain three weeks and will play Baltimore and Pittsburg here.

The Body of Gen. Fullerton. Cumberland, Md., March 21.—The most extraordinary efforts were made today to find the body of Gen. J. S. Fullerton, of St. Louis, who was killed in the railroad accident near Oakland yesterday, but met with no success.

Slidridge Gone to Naples. Rome, March 21.—Rear Admiral Slidridge, commanding the American Mediterranean squadron, has left this city and gone to Naples. The pope will tomorrow receive a deputation from the American cruiser Cincinnati.

Death of John Biddup Martin. London, March 21.—John Biddup Martin, a well-known banker of this city, who married Mrs. Victoria C. Woodhull, died from pneumonia yesterday at Las Palmas, Grand Canary.

Convicted of Murder. Jury Finds That Charles O. Kaiser Killed His Wife. Norristown, Pa., March 21.—Charles O. Kaiser, jr., sat with bowed head in his cell this morning a convicted murderer. After an eleven days' trial a jury had found him guilty of the killing of his wife on a lonely road near Bridgeport on October 28 last.

Preparing for War. Bulgaria Makes a Big Purchase of Krupp Artillery. Sofia, March 21.—The government of Bulgaria has contracted with the German gun-making house of Krupp for the early delivery of ninety pieces of field artillery.

Many Killed by the Storm. Jackson, Miss., March 21.—Additional particulars of the great storm show it to have been general all over the south half of Mississippi. At Bogalusa, in this county, C. W. Hill was killed and his wife badly injured. At Martin, forty-nine south-west of here, a negro was lifted clear off the ground and blown 300 yards into a tree top, several bones being broken. Two of the best farm residences in Rankin county, twenty miles southeast of here, were destroyed and the families injured.

Killed by Falling Tree. Montgomery, Ala., March 21.—At Mountain Creek, a station a few miles north of Montgomery, on the Louisville and Nashville Railway, Friday, two daughters, aged thirteen and sixteen, of James H. Moore, were instantly killed by a falling tree. The elder girl was at the spring when the storm came upon her, and her sister started to her with an umbrella. Just as they met the tree was blown down, crushing them both to death.

A Sea Captain Injured. New Brunswick, N. J., March 21.—Richard Wallace, captain of the freight steamer Elkos, of the Clyde Line, plying between New York and Philadelphia, fell backward from the upper deck of his vessel, striking the string-piece of the dock and rebounded into the water. He was rescued by one of the crew of the Elkos. His spine was injured, and it is thought that he sustained a fracture of the skull.

A Handsome Residence Burned. Savannah, Ga., March 21.—The handsome residence of Rev. Charles H. Strong, at Beaulieu, a suburb of Savannah, was burned at 5 o'clock this morning. The residence was built by Major J. L. H. H. and is said to have cost about \$50,000. It was purchased at about \$12,000 by Mr. Strong and was insured for that amount. The fire is said to have been incendiary origin.

Death of A. H. Curdick, Pa., March 21.—P. A. A. H. Curdick, president of the Harrisburg and Potomac Railroad, now the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad, and who was founder and operator of the large iron works at Bolling Springs, and one of the leading business men of the State, died at Newville this evening, aged about eighty years.

Captured by Storm. Madrid, March 21.—An official report from Manila states that a Spanish frigate commanded by Gen. Olaguer has captured by assault an entrenched position of the insurgents at Montalban. According to the report the Spanish losses numbered 300 killed, while the insurgents lost only two killed and eighteen wounded.

Scot Out of Prison. Havana, March 21.—Charles Scott, the American who was arrested on February 9 on the charge of having Cuban postage stamps in his possession, was released today, the court having dismissed the charge against him. He is being held at the United States on the steamer sailing Wednesday.

The Dramatists Celebrate. New York, March 21.—The Dramatists Club of this city celebrated the passage of the anti-pirate amendment to the copyright law by the last Congress by tendering a dinner last night to those most prominently connected with the passage of the measure.

Must Don the German Cockade. Berlin, March 21.—Emperor William has issued a general order that the army shall henceforth don the German cockade which the sovereigns of the federal states have also bestowed upon their troops, as a visible injunction to defend Germany's greatness.

Assassins to Be Executed. Santa Fe, N. M., March 21.—The four Borgia assassins will be executed on Tuesday. All arrangements have been made to put into effect the death sentence. No interference is expected from the President.

The Puritan Inquiry. New York, March 21.—The court of inquiry appointed to investigate the alleged inefficiency of the engines, boilers, and auxiliary machinery of the monitor Puritan contained in the harbor yesterday. Morning and afternoon sessions were held behind closed doors.

Wants Another Railroad. Galveston, Tex., March 21.—President Huntington and a number of prominent officials of the Southern Pacific Railroad spent about two hours yesterday examining the terminal facilities of the Galveston, La Porte, and Houston Railway.

No Passengers on the Utrecht. London, March 21.—A dispatch from Brest, France, says that there were no passengers on the Dutch mail steamer Utrecht, which is supposed to have foundered in the vicinity of Ushant. The crew of the steamer numbered thirty-six.

Death of Journalist Riordan. Charleston, S. C., March 21.—Benjamin Riordan, former editor of the Charleston Journal, but recently living in New York, died at his residence in the metropolis on Sunday, March 21.

Men's Souls God's Jewels. Religion the Brightest. "Crystals Can Not Equal It." At the First Presbyterian Church yesterday Rev. T. De Witt Talmage delivered a sermon upon the subject: "Crystals, Taking for his text, 'The Crystal Cannot Equal It,' Job, xxxiv:17. He said in part: 'Many of the precious stones of the Bible have come to prompt recognition, but for the present I take up the less valuable crystal. Job, in my text, compares saving wisdom with a specimen of topaz. But Job makes an intelligent comparison—looks at religion and then looks at the crystal, and pronounces the former as of far superior value to the latter, exclaiming in the words of my text, 'The crystal cannot equal it.' 'Now, it is not a part of my sermon, design to depreciate the crystal. But I want to show you that religion is right. In the first place I remark that religion is superior to the crystal in exactness. Again, I remark that religion is superior to the crystal in transparency. I remark again that religion surpasses the crystal in its beauty. The lump of crystal is not under the magnifying glass of the crystallographer and he sees in it indescribable beauty. The fact is that crystal is so beautiful that I can think of but one thing in all the universe that is so beautiful, and that is the religion of the Bible. People talk much about their crown and not enough about their crown. Do you know the Bible mentions a crown but twenty-seven times, while it mentions a crown eighty times? 'Again, religion is superior to the crystal in its transformations. But I tell you in the Gospel of the Son of God there is a more wonderful transformation. 'What' say you, 'Will God wear jewelry?' If He wanted it He could make the stars of heaven His belt. But He does not want that adornment. He will not have that jewelry. When God wants jewelry He comes down and digs it out of the depths and darkness of sin. These souls are all crystallizations of mercy.'

A Divine Architect. Archbishop Ireland Defends the Christian Theory of the Universe. Archbishop Ireland, the eloquent prelate of the West, delivered a very scholarly sermon before a crowded congregation yesterday morning at St. Patrick's Church. The sermon was based on fourteenth to twenty-eighth verses of the ninth chapter of St. Luke, and was devoted to the proof of the Christian theory of the creation of the supernatural, and the order of the universe. He made an argument to show the insufficiency of the grounds for a disbelief in the supernatural, and in general defended the teachings of Revelation and the existence of a divine architect and ruler.

A Tragedy at Danville. Mr. Littlejohn Dead and His Wife and W. C. Williams Injured. Richmond, Va., March 21.—A Louisville special to the Dispatch says: A distressing tragedy occurred here yesterday, as a result of which J. R. Littlejohn's dead and his wife has a broken arm and is otherwise seriously injured. Littlejohn, a middle-aged white man, kept a small grocery store on the corner of Floyd and Upper streets. Just about noon yesterday, without warning, he attacked his wife with a stout hickory cane, badly cutting and bruising her about the head and body and breaking her left arm before neighbors, attracted by her cries, could interfere.

He Told the Police of the Dunn Kidnapping Plot. Houston, Tex., March 21.—Sole Edet, the man who told the police of the plot to kidnap eight-year-old Annie Dunn, claiming detectives had tried to get him into the plot, was arrested for complicity last night, by the sheriff, the chief of police having refused to make the arrest. Edet still says he is innocent.

Disabled at Sea. New York, March 21.—The Cunard Line steamer Campania which arrived here last evening from Liverpool via Queenstown, reports that on March 18, in latitude 42 1/2, longitude 17, she was struck by a three-masted steamer having a red funnel and black top, probably the steamer Missouri, from Swansea for Philadelphia, to which she was bound. The steamer was apparently bearing up for Halifax, as the Missouri's steering gear appeared to be disabled.

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New Percale Blouses, in neat checks and stripes; also navy blue and white; full shape; wide sailor collars. Sizes 3 to 5. 50c each. "Mother's Friend" Waists, unadorned percale; for boys' roughwear. The strongest waist made; patent waistband. Sizes 4 to 14. 50c each.

Girls' New Clothing. We are now showing the new spring goods, garments of a high character—handsome, bright, and most desirable styles—and call attention to the following special values:

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Misses' Reefer Jackets, of fine all-wood navy blue cloth; double-breasted; Empire back; broad sailor collar; handsomely trimmed with white braid. Sizes 4 to 14. Each. \$5.00

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