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MAKE IT A RUSH ORDER.

If the cable reports are to be relied upon, Venezuela needs to be looked after and the job should be taken in hand at once with all possible firmness and dispatch. It should be treated as a "rush order" so that for the next six months the popular complexion will be "What happened to Venezuela?"

There is an end to human forbearance. Uncle Sam has coddled and petted the so-called republics down in Spanish America for the greater part of a century. He was fond of them because they called themselves republics, though in fact they never got beyond government by revolution, and their whole history is merely a constant alternation from despotic dictatorships to bloody anarchy.

But Uncle Sam loved them just the same, because like himself they bore the name of republic and he looked after them and tried to dress them up and keep them straight so that they might be a credit to the name of republic. But his efforts have done mighty little good. They have constantly disgraced the institutions for which he stands in the eyes of the world.

Yet, where would they be without him? If they had not found protection under the benign shadow of Uncle Sam's coat-tails, their turbulent little cockpit and harpener governments would have come to an inglorious end long ago.

And now they are raising a big howl to form an alliance against the aggression of the United States and to deprive us entirely of their commerce which is already mainly in European hands. The horse they are climbing on to is entirely too high for them, and Uncle Sam had better yank them down to where they belong. It's all right to be magnanimous, but there is a limit.

It seems that in Venezuela they have started a revolution for the express purpose of driving out the Americans who are in business there. The cable dispatches assert that the Americans there are in immediate danger of life and property, and they ask for a cruiser to protect them. If such really is the situation, send a cruiser by all means, send several of them with a few of our biggest and swiftest battleships thrown in and teach those Spanish-American freebooters a lesson that will stay with them until the "leopard changes his spots."

THE CUDAHY KIDNAPING.

The Cudahy kidnaping case is more incredible in its details than even many of the fantastic stories which find their way into print. It possesses all the melodramatic qualities which distinguish the most extravagant of the fiction of that general character. The abduction was accomplished skillfully and the blackmail made effective in such manner as leaves little doubt that at least one of the participants was a man of much shrewdness and of considerable experience in criminal operations of one kind or another.

The course pursued by the father of the abducted boy shows his good sense as well as his devotion. To have taken any other position would have been to seriously endanger the boy's life. The threat of blinding which was made was evidently not a mere idle suggestion. It would probably have been carried out had the money not been forthcoming, or were any visible effort made to secure the arrest of the criminals.

The arrest of an extensive reward for the arrest of the perpetrators of the crime is in line with the good sense shown throughout. The chance of discovery will be greatly increased by the offer; the boy's safety has been secured, and there will be ample time in which to carry on police operations looking to the arrest and conviction of these daring criminals. The fact that one of them found himself unable to control his love of liquor at a most critical stage in the effectation of the crime, combined with the information which the young man was able to secure through his drunken garrulity, appears in itself to offer a fairly good prospect of capture and punishment.

The police force of Omaha has a splendid opportunity to distinguish itself. The crime was committed in the heart of the city. It was a peculiarly daring operation. There are traces enough of the criminals to encourage the best efforts that can be put forward; while the reward offered is so large as to make its acquisition justify the hardest and most prolonged work on the part of the skilled men for its acquisition.

If the perpetrators of this crime remain undiscovered it is almost certain that it will be repeated, and that the safety of the members of the household of every man of wealth in the country is endangered; while with prompt capture and punishment a summary end will be brought to that particular form of crime.

Great enterprises are carried on nowadays without much attention. The other day four "saddles" of steel, weighing thirty-six tons each, were hoisted 230 feet above the surface of the river to fit into their places in the new Brooklyn

and New York bridge. The new bridge, in some respects more noteworthy than the old one, proceeds toward completion almost unheeded.

CONSTITUTION AND FLAG.

At length the United States supreme court is to decide whether the constitution follows the flag; whether Porto Rico and the Philippines are entitled to the constitutional guarantees; whether the government is bound by the constitution in governing the island possessions, and whether this island empire after acquisition from Spain is part of the United States or still a foreign country. For a week the case has been exhaustively argued before the court. Court decisions and the nation's history have been ransacked for precedents of law and executive policy. Inasmuch as the two cases before the court involve the question of national revenue and taxation, the court according to custom is expected to transmit as early and prompt a decision as its deliberations will permit; so that within a few months the great constitutional issues which for two years have agitated the legal and political thought of the country will in all probability be settled so far as concerns the determination of the highest judicial tribunal of the land.

Two cases are before the court for joint consideration, both involving the application of the tariff laws; one appealing against the payment of tariff duties on goods imported from Porto Rico, and the other on goods imported from the Philippines. The argument of appellants from the rulings of the custom house and the lower court, is substantially as follows: First—Congress derives all its powers from the constitution, and cannot make laws for any country where the constitution is not in force. Unless the constitution extends to Porto Rico and the Philippines, congress has no authority there.

Second—By ratification of the treaty Porto Rico and the Philippines became part of the United States and entitled to the constitutional guarantees, among which are freedom of trade and uniform taxation throughout the United States.

Third—The tariff law of 1897, as stated in the enacting clause, operates only against "articles imported from foreign countries"; and Porto Rico and the Philippines, since the ratification of the treaty, April 11, 1899, have not been foreign countries, but part of the territory of the United States.

Fourth—Congress derives its power to enact tariff laws from article I, section 8, of the constitution, which provides that "all duties, imposts and excises shall be uniform throughout the United States."

It is now nearly fifty years since the United States supreme court decided the almost parallel case of California, at that time recently acquired by conquest and treaty from Mexico and governed under a territorial regime not unlike that of Louisiana and Porto Rico. The court in that case (Cross vs. Harrison, 16 How.) 165, 191-200 decided: First, that "by the ratification of the treaty California became a part of the United States"; second, "the constitution of the United States extends to California"; and third, that California under the constitution became subject to the provision, "that all duties, imposts, and excises shall be uniform throughout the United States."

A Missouri paper in commenting on Mr. Cleveland's plan to reorganize the Democratic party, says: "For president in 1904, Andrew Jackson, of Tennessee. We've got to get back to the old landmarks or we are wiped out."

There will be lots of Christmas doings this year from all appearances and reports. The stores never displayed a greater variety of things for gifts, and large sales are reported.

Mrs. Carrie Catherine Catt, president of the National Woman's Suffrage association, thinks that before the year 2000 there will be a woman president.

If the supreme court decides that the constitution follows the flag to the Philippines, the president's expressed opinion as to our duties to the Leathen and colonization will probably change—there won't be any more in it.

"The Debutante"—a parody on "The Queen"—has made its appearance. The first verse is as follows: "Have you got the jellies made, Mother? Are the sandwiches a bit? Are the salads wrought and the wine all bought?"

For the splurge on New Year's day? You more splendid than I will be, wise be. It is an awful thing for a great party like the Republican party to up and leave a great man like Charlie Towne.

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United States themselves and to meet the conditions existing upon this continent, or to assert against the United States any legal right whatever not found in the treaty." Substantially, this position taken by Secretary Root was adopted by the Republican majority of the house and senate committees in the Porto Rican tariff fight and became the fighting ground of the administration supporters of the bill.

Such are the issues involved in the discussion opened on Monday before the highest judicial tribunal of the land. Does the constitution follow the flag? Are the new possessions part of the republic? Are they bound and privileged by the constitution? Are the people of the ceded islands entitled to the constitutional guarantees? Can they assert a right under the constitution? Is the government bound by the constitution in ruling them, or is its power absolute and unlimited? In other words, are we to have one republic under one constitution, one people and one country; or, are we to have a country part republic under the constitution, and part colony under the absolute sovereign power of an imperial power in Washington? Are we to have the flag of the constitution here, and the flag of absolute sovereignty there? Are we to become part citizens and part subjects, part commonwealths and part colonies? Is the government bound by the constitution on the continent only, and elsewhere limited only by its own power and greed?

We shall know within a few months. The forthcoming decision will be more fraught with good or ill for the republic and have more to do with its future destiny, perhaps, than any other handed down by the supreme court since its establishment a century ago; for the issues involved lie at the foundation of republican government.

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AT THE THEATERS

METROPOLITAN. "Shore Acres," that beautiful drama of rustic New England life, will close a brief, but successful, engagement at the Metropolitan opera house with a popular performance tonight, and a final performance tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock p. m. Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock p. m. Tickets for the matinee will be given a handsome Christmas present.

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PERTINENT OR PARTLY SO.

The authorities of Charleston, S. C., poured 1,400 barrels of impurities into the sewers Friday, and yesterday the sewer departments was besieged with applications for employment.

If it is true that the emperor of China has embraced Christianity, ethical lecturer and diplomat Wu Ting Fang will doubtless be hailed and have his head cropped close to his ear bone.

A prisoner arrested here spells Illinois with a smile. "That was enough in the English in the eye of the Chicago man who swore out the complaint."

A Baltimore firm claims to have cornered the turkey market, but the Elks and Palatin commandery propose to go ahead with their turkey feasts next Tuesday, anyway.

There are only two conclusions. Young Cudahy was not worth \$25,000 to his captors, and John Townley's dog must be worth more than \$25 to whoever has him.

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Thomas Yould, being duly sworn, deposes and says: I am an employe exclusively of the St. Paul Dispatch, in the capacity of foreman of press room. The press work of the St. Paul Globe is regularly done by said Dispatch under contract. The numbers of the respective day's circulation of said Globe, as set out in the above affidavit of Ernest P. Hopwood, exactly agree with the respective numbers ordered to be printed by said Globe; and in every case a slightly larger number was actually printed and delivered to the mailing department of said Globe.

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FURTHER PROOF IS READY.

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WILL CALL ON CRIPPLES

SANTA CLAUS HAS PROMISED NOT TO LEAVE THEM OUT. The coming Christmas promises to be a happy one for the little cripples of the city hospital. Many generous people in St. Paul and a number from outside the city have contributed toys or money to make the holidays merry for the little unfortunates, and there is the same pleasant thrill of expectancy in the air at the cripples' ward that there is in any of the homes throughout the city.

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