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AMERICA RESENTS IT.

We thank those two members of the United States senate, one a Republican and one a Democrat, who, rising superior to the trammels of party, denounced on the floor of the upper house of congress the infamous action of the administration with reference to Panama.

Down on the isthmus way are the aggressors. Without the shadow of excuse we have insulted and outraged and robbed a friendly nation. This is not a party question or a commercial question, but a question of national honor.

GETTING BACK AT THE DEAD. Eighty coffins containing the remains of as many individuals who hoped to escape the evils of life in Chicago by dying, are unburied in the Windy City by reason of the strike of the hack and hearse drivers.

Having been chidden mildly by Mr. Hoar it is up to our heroic young president to sacrifice a few Colombians to appease the wrath of that wing of his party that likes not the turning of the Republican car of progress into a juggernaut.

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PERSONAL MENTION. Windsor—W. E. Stone and wife, Minneapolis; D. H. McMillan, Langdon; H. C. Chose, Caledonia; Mrs. Allen, Bismarck; H. A. Morris, Le Sueur; Mrs. D. H. Brobeck, Long Prairie.

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of its senses, or that the midnight agreement between Secretary Hay and the adventurers and boodlers calling themselves the Panama government will ever be ratified.

Dr. John Dill Robinson, who is opposed to bathing on hygienic grounds, is ill. And the other doctors propose to add insult to injury by scrubbing him to the end that his pulse may be taken. After all it is the better policy not to hold too strictly to any belief except that which can only be proved by dead men.

A GRATIFYING AGREEMENT. The administration and the country are to be congratulated upon the final agreement reached as to the purchase of the friars' lands in the Philippines.

We desire to accord the heartiest praise to anything done at home or abroad, by whatever party, that is in the interest of national honor and progress. We think that this arrangement comes fully under such description.

For the conclusion of this negotiation, that has been proceeding now for years, we believe that we are indebted principally to the ability, fairness and diplomatic skill of Gov. Taft. He is the one conspicuous and striking figure of our presence in the Philippines. He is the one instance of real greatness that the Spanish war has fostered and brought to its best.

Deliberations regarding the friars' lands have been marked by courtesy, consideration and fairness on both sides. The authorities in charge have been willing to meet our views, and our government has been willing to deal more than generously with the interests of the religious orders in the islands.

The affair was of such magnitude, however, that not all its details could be arrived at without an infinite amount of inquiry and adjustment. It was necessary, to the satisfaction of the Filipinos themselves, that the power formerly possessed over their lands and lives by the religious orders that had become repugnant to them should be ended.

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That sturdy Republican Judge Collins is a good deal of a bourbon in that he has so little disposition to resign and has no idea of simplifying the situation by dying.

WHAT HANNA'S RETIREMENT MEANS. There is every reason to believe that Gov. Crane, of Massachusetts, will be given the management of the Roosevelt campaign for the presidential nomination, and it is very certain that Senator Hanna will not build the bridges over which the president will have to travel in his progress.

The retirement of Hanna—which was forecasted distinctly in The Globe's Washington special of Dec. 5—augurs badly for the Roosevelt campaign. The choice of Crane as his successor does not qualify the augury. Crane is not a large figure in national politics. He knows nothing, by experience, of the people of the West. He is essentially an Eastern man and his sympathies and experiences are hedged by the limitations of a man who has lived within the boundaries of Massachusetts all his life.

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Contemporary Comment

Good Prospects on the Farm.

No interest in the country has a brighter outlook than that of agriculture. It is only within the last twenty years that farming has been conducted upon anything like a scientific basis. Formerly the squatter on the plains enabled to maintain a precarious existence by the proper rotations of crops or of the replenishment of the hidden springs of production; now, by the aid of agricutural colleges in nearly every state of the Union, by the operation of the efficient department of agriculture at Washington and the application of modern farm machinery, the farmer is enabled to produce his grains from the soil.—San Francisco Call.

An Improbable yarn.

The story that Senator Hanna has picked out Secretary Hay as a presidential candidate is a most improbable of the stories that have grown out of the fact that the Ohio senator would rather have some one else than Mr. Roosevelt as his opponent. He would have answered that never was a politician, strictly speaking. He is not known to have any following, and he has identified himself so closely with the Roosevelt administration that it would be impossible to point a contrast between him and the president.—Philadelphia Record.

The Art of Growing Young.

To retain the spirit of youth while age weakens the body is a splendid thing. There are those of whom we say "he never grows old." Their hair grows white, their faces wrinkle, and their shoulders bend, but in heart they are young. If "their strength is labor and sorrow," their lively interest in the things that concern those of their own age, their vigor and energy of thought, their tenderness and inmost thoughts may be of the past, but they live in the present.—Springfield Union.

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"Fiscalitis" an Ailment.

It has been discovered, apropos of Mr. Chamberlain's disturbance, that "fiscalitis" is a disease that flourished in England as far back as the fourteenth century, only the tax that was then imposed upon the poor, and a broken head to the maker of them.—New York World.

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What the Editors Say

Recent heavy transactions have been carried on without the intervening force of P. Morgan, and the oil king, John D. Rockefeller, is now supreme. If anyone can see anything to rejoice in over this change of masters, we certainly cannot. For a cold-blooded, unfeeling despot who wrings his millions from the poor of the world as remorselessly as the vampire draws blood from the human body, commend us to Rockefeller, extending philanthropy, he raises the price of petroleum products every time he makes a gift to a college or other deserving object. His benevolence makes one smile. It is like "stealing the liver of heaven to serve the devil."—Le Sueur Sentinel.

Now if the Republican party of this state will believe, Shovlin and every other man connected with grafts and steals, all will be forgiven. Our party has an abundance of honorable and capable gentlemen who can fill every office with credit to themselves and honor to the voters who place them there. It is time the Republican party purged itself of a certain gang of hangers-on if it would retain the respect of the people.—Blue Earth Post.

The result of the postoffice investigation would seem to knock the proposition completely from under the argument for government ownership of railways. If so much "graft" could obtain in this department of the government what would be the result if the government took the running of the railways of the country? This disclosure will, doubtless, put a few ideas into the head of those who would be reformers.—Renoville Star-Farmer.

It is now in order for the man who has always had a hankering to occupy the governor's chair to come forward and declare his candidacy, and take off his coat and hustle for the nomination—on the party ticket which has heretofore carried its candidate to success. While but one man can be chosen, there is no reason why you should not be a candidate if you have an "itching for office."—The Graphic Sentinel.

No one will deny but that Judge Collins as governor would be a formidable candidate for United States senator and so long as the present senators are silent as to his candidacy it may be taken as a fact that they do not approve of his nomination. There is certainly as much honor in the office of the supreme court as there is in that of governor, which at best is of short duration and long retirement.—Crocketon Times.

Mr. Martin, of the state board of control, is considering the advisability of resigning from the board to manage Judge Collins' campaign for the gubernatorial nomination. There is no need of his resigning. He should stay on the board as it has proven a very successful electioneering ring machine for Gov. Van Sant and doubtless will for Judge Collins.—Fairbank Pilot.

It is rumored that S. W. Leavitt contemplates resigning his position as a member of the state board of control. If Mr. Leavitt should resign there would not be enough of the board left to swear by the interests of the state. Fact, but the party to swear to would still be left.—Freeborn County Standard.

The old fashioned spelling match is being revived in the schools of Wadena county and matches between the various schools are being planned. This is but one of several "old fashioned" ideas that might be revived with great profit in all our schools.—Breckenridge Telegram.

Wallace B. Douglas will walk off with the supreme judge appointment; he's one of the state administration gang, and the delegations waiting on the governor in the interests of others are wasting their breath.—Anoka Union.

Among the Merrymakers

Boy on to His Job. A doctor tells a good story in connection with a lad who until recently was in his employ. It was part of his duty to answer the surgery bell and usher the patients into the consulting room. One morning there presented himself at the surgery door a young fellow with whom Button was on speaking terms.

Polar Explorer. First Arctic Explorer (sticking his head out of sleeping bag)—Say, Bill, how cold is it? Second Explorer—That's all right, but it's not so cold as it was when you were in the sun. Third Explorer—What's all that racket? Second Explorer—That's the Eskimo Outing club giving a lawn fete.—Chicago Tribune.

Upon the Ottoman. They were upon the ottoman. When Johnnie Jones and Jennie Smith were sitting upon the ottoman, they were upon the ottoman. And sat thus far apart.

A Good Reason. An Irishman ordered corned beef and spinach in a restaurant on Christmas day. He ate up the corned beef first and the spinach afterward, another diner, who evidently knew him, asked for explanation. "It's to keep the green above the red," replied the Irishman.—New York Times.

A Friendly Suggestion. "I'm at a loss to know what to make of my only son," said the trust magnate. "He seems to have no brains for business." "Permit me to hand you a suggestion," replied the merchant prince. "Make a society leader in the Philadelphia Inquirer."

Too Rich to Be Cross-Eyed. "Tate—Oh, no, Miss Mintner is not cross-eyed, but she is only affected by strabismus." "Tate—Well, what's the difference, pray?" "Tate—Man alive! Aren't you aware that Miss Mintner's father is a rich man?"—Boston Transcript.

The Turk's Prayer. A Turk named Abdullah Ben Skarem Had twenty-four wives in his harem. When his Arab steed died, he cried, "Mighty Allah! he cried." "Take some of my wives, I can spare 'em."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Carefully Compared. "Don't you think your personal business is responsible for a great deal of loss in your official capacity?" "My dear sir," answered Senator Sorghum, "I have always found that it is easier to lose time than it is to lose money."—Washington Star.

At St. Paul Theaters

A matinee today at 2:30 and a performance tonight will close a most successful engagement at the Metropolitan of William H. Crane in "The Spenders."

The sale of seats opens Monday morning for the engagement of De Wolf Hopper in "Mr. Pickwick" at the Metropolitan the last three days of next week with the usual Christmas matinee and a special matinee on Christmas.

The return of Tim Murphy to the Metropolitan opera house on Sunday, Dec. 20, at the Grand today, at 2:30, in a new play and in role quite different from anything he has ever before attempted. The play is called "The Man From Missouri," and it was written by E. E. Ross and George V. Hobart.

Low Temperature Stimulates

Sales and Collections Are Reported Better.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade tomorrow will say: Business is decidedly better than at any recent date, and the improvement is not confined to activity in holiday goods, although the best reports come from the clothing and lower temperature not only stimulates sales, but jobbers are receiving supplementary orders for reasonable goods and collections are more prompt. Building permits issued during November exceeded the same month last year, railway tonnage is heavy and several manufacturing branches are starting idle machinery. On the other hand, there is no improvement of the situation in the cotton industry and fuel producers are restricting output.

At last it is possible to chronicle a substantial advance in quotations of cotton goods, although the market is still far below a parity with current prices for the raw material. Purchases are still restricted to immediate requirements. There is no improvement in woolen goods. New England shoe shops have so many orders for delivery next month that only a small percentage will close during the usual two weeks' holiday. Leather is firm and active, while another general advance in hides is recorded.

Failures this week numbered 329 in the United States, against 287 last year and in Canada 20, compared with 16 a year ago.

Trust Companies Consolidate.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 18.—The Cleveland Trust company has purchased the business and good will of the Central Trust company. The Cleveland Trust company now has \$4,000 depositors and \$18,000,000 in deposits.

BANK CLEARINGS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—The following table, compiled by Bradstreet, shows the bank clearings at the principal cities for the week ended Dec. 17, with the percentage of increase or decrease as compared with the corresponding week last year:

Table with columns for City, Inc., and Dec. 1902. Includes New York, Chicago, Boston, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Pittsburgh, San Francisco, Baltimore, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Minneapolis, New Orleans, Detroit, Louisville, Omaha, Milwaukee, Providence, Buffalo, Indianapolis, Los Angeles, St. Joseph, Denver, Seattle, Washington, Salt Lake City, Portland, Des Moines, Spokane, Sioux City, Tacoma, Topeka, Davenport, Helena, Fargo, N. D., Sioux Falls, S. D., Houston, Galveston, Totals, U. S., Outside N. Y.

GEN. MERRIAM IS ASKED TO EXPLAIN

And He Denies Having Said Wood Lowers Moral Standing of Army.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 18.—Secretary Root today requested Brig. Gen. H. C. Merriam, retired, to inform the department if he was quoted correctly in an interview with the Daily News yesterday, in which he is made to say that the president's appointment of Leonard Wood to be major general is generally unpopular with army men, and that such appointments tend to unsettle the army and injure its morale. The general was asked to make such explanation as he may deem proper.

DENVER, Col., Dec. 18.—Gen. H. C. Merriam today denied having ever said that the appointment of Gen. Wood would lower the moral standing of the army.

"I can only say," added the general, "that in the published interview my words were greatly enlarged on, and I was accredited with making an unadvised remark, which would not only be detrimental to myself, but to the army."

THIS FLYING MACHINE ACTUALLY FLIES

Invention of Ohio Man Sails Against a Twenty-one Mile Wind.

KITTYHAWK, N. C., Dec. 18.—A successful trial of a flying machine is made yesterday near here by Wilbur and Orville Wright, of Dayton, Ohio. The machine flew for three miles in the face of a wind blowing at the registered velocity of twenty-one miles an hour and then gracefully descended to earth at the spot selected by the man in the navigator's car as a suitable landing place. The machine has no rudder attachment, but gets its force from propellers worked by a small engine.

Preparatory to its flight the machine was placed upon a platform, two kite-tyrants. This platform was built on a high sand hill, and when all was in readiness, the fastening to the machine was released and it started down an incline. The navigator, Wilbur Wright, then started a small gasoline engine, which worked the propellers. When the end of the incline was reached the machine gradually arose until it obtained an altitude of sixty feet. In the face of the strong wind blowing it maintained an even speed of eight miles an hour.

The area of the box kite has been adhered to in the basic formation of the flying machine. A huge framework of light timbers 33 feet wide, 5 feet deep and 5 feet across the top forms the machine proper. This is covered with a tough, but light canvas. In the center is the navigator's car and suspended just below the bottom plan is a small gasoline engine which furnishes the motive power for the propelling and elevating wheels. There are two six-blade propellers, one arranged just below the frame so as to exert an upward force when in motion, and the other extends horizontally to the rear from the center of the car, furnishing the forward impetus. Protruding from the center of the car is a high fan-shaped rudder of canvas, stretched upon a frame of wood. This rudder is controlled by the navigator and may be moved to each side, raised or lowered.

DOCTOR CATCHES JUMPING GIRLS

They Leap From Fifth Story and Two Will Probably Die.