

## PRESS COMMENTS.

Public Opinion From the Four Quarters  
of the American Nation, as  
Indicated by the Press.

## Cubans as Citizens.

New York Times.

General Lawton continues to follow the alarming policy which he adopted when he first took control of things at Santiago—the policy of conciliation and courtesy towards these deplorable creatures, the Cubans. Not content with giving offices to some of them and work to others, he has now permitted General Garcia, accompanied by his staff and an escort of 200 cavalymen, to enter the city! If we can trust the cable dispatches nothing very terrible has resulted; the inhabitants of the city expressed what sounded like joy at the sight of the rebel leader, and his followers, at last reports, had done no slaughtering or looting, while Garcia himself had committed no crime more serious than the making of a speech giving the United States full credit for the liberation of Cuba from her oppressors.

All this is most confusing to the mind. We know that the rebels are all bandits, but somehow they now act and talk a good deal like patriots and men of common sense—all of them, that is, whose words and conduct can fairly be taken as representatives of the Cuban people. Does General Lawton realize that his course is the exact antithesis of General Shafter's, and that his neglect to come to speedy grief is causing much woe both in and out of Administration circles?

## What Red Tape Is.

Syracuse Journal (Rep.)

What is red tape? An excuse for the non-payment of the soldiers answers the question. According to article 8,776, 421, men on furlough shall not be paid without first conforming to article 904, 552, and obtaining a special commission to sit upon their cases and present it to the Secretary of War, who shall issue the necessary instructions as per rule 18,240, to a returning board, before which the candidate will appear and give testimony, after which the regimental officers are authorized to let him have his \$2. If the man is not on furlough, but is let off or kicked out, he cannot have any money, in accordance with article 328,006, unless the reasons for his discharge are engrossed in full on the discharge papers and duplicates sent to the brigade, division and corps headquarters, the Pension Office, the Paymaster's Office, the Bureau of Army Statistics, the Medical Department and the Secretary of War. That is red tape.

Boston Transcript.

Li Hung Chang will not be downed for long at a time while either he or the Empress Dowager are above ground.

## Women in the War.

City of Mexico Herald.

The masculine mismanagement in the War Department has been splendidly offset by the volunteer work of the women of the Red Cross and of the many aid societies. It is a noteworthy fact that the women showed a remark-

able talent for organization; their supplies were of the best, and when the bunglers did not interfere, they placed their medicines and delicacies where they were needed.

The heroism of the women nurses matched the wonderful valor of the soldiers. When one pictures to himself the reeking field hospital, smelling of blood, a human abattoir and the young nurses at their work, conquering their natural aversion to their self-imposed tasks by mere force of will power, going out at intervals to let the rain of heavenly pity fall from their eyes, while invoking the help of God to continue their work, and retiring at night (when they could) worn out with the dreadful scenes of the day, it makes one thankful that one-half the world are women.

Women from the homes of people of moderate means, refined and educated, the wives of high officials in the army and in civil life, have literally given themselves to their country's service. Some have died in the midst of their labors and have been buried, as was fitting, with military honors. The American woman looms up grandly, and she is worthy of the adoration of her countrymen. A nation that has such women is going to live, for it has humanizing work to do in a cruel and barbaric world.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

American geography classes of the future will have an easy time in describing the productions of the United States. "Almost everything" will cover the subject.

## Profanity and Golf.

New York Tribune.

Profanity and golf are not inevitable yoke-fellows, though complaint is made that they trot in harness together more frequently than they ought to do. A category of non-profane golfers, expletives, sanctioned by professors of morality and swearing, might relieve the situation, which stands in urgent need of amelioration.

## Revenue From Cuba.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Spain will miss the annual revenue of \$25,000,000 heretofore drawn from the island of Cuba. The loss will be still more keenly felt when the revenue is doubled under an intelligent rule of the territory.

## Pinegre is a Local Issue.

Providence Journal.

It is mildly amusing to hear the Michigan Republicans endorsing Governor Pinegre's ideas as sound Republican doctrine. The fact seems to be that, for the present at least, the party that hopes to win in that state must make Pinegre's ideas its own.

## A Striking Contrast.

Philadelphia Record.

As disclosed by inquiry at the Navy Department, there have been absolutely no complaints to the Secretary of the Navy from any quarter of the failure of department officers to supply the naval forces with either men, transportation, clothing, food, medicines or whatever else was needed at any time during the progress of the recent war.

When it is considered that the number of enlisted men in the navy was suddenly increased from about 10,000 to nearly 30,000; that the naval militia from seventeen states were called into requisition, and that over 100 vessels of all types and classes were added to the navy within a period of ten weeks' time, the efficient working of the Naval Supply Departments seems all the more surprising. To the public it has appeared all the more noteworthy on account of the extraordinary and practically confessed inadequacy and incompetency of the War Office in dealing with a supply problem of greater magnitude, it is true, than that which confronted the naval officials, but equally susceptible of successful solution.

## The Kaiser's Egotism.

Philadelphia Record.

"I, as Lord and King of this land" is the Kaiser's latest egotistic epigram; and it indicates that Wilhelm still feels his oats in spite of the fact that so simple a thing as a horse recently caused His Majesty to tumble to himself, and incidentally into the gutter.

## Our Demands on Spain.

New York Sun.

We presume, from the steps that have been taken to reduce the Navy and to muster out the greater part of the volunteers, that our Government has made up its mind concerning the means by which it hopes to secure the ultimate assent of Spain to the demands made by our Commissioners, and it may have received a secret intimation that the means will prove effective. What the terms of the final arrangement contemplated are we shall know in due time, and they will, doubtless, prove acceptable to the American people, if they assure to us the acquisition of the Philippines and the desirable stations between San Francisco and Manila.

## The British Ambassador.

Philadelphia Ledger.

Sir Julian Pauncefote is "persona grata" in the widest sense of the term to this country, and it feels nothing but gratification at the news that his term of service as Ambassador at Washington has been extended until next April. He has conducted the important affairs of his office with dignity and discretion, carefully preserving British rights, but doing so in such a way as not to offend the feelings of the nation to which he is accredited. Let us hope that the extension of his term may enable him to see the negotiations with Canada brought to a mutually satisfactory conclusion.

## Tribute to Miss Davis.

New York World.

"Winnie" Davis was beloved of all Southerners, as a woman peculiarly representing their region, its civilization and its culture. But she was not less beloved by all those who had the privilege of knowing her at the North, where her name had come to represent the restoration, the good will, the truly national feeling which in this new war of ours has found so fitting an expression in the fighting of Southerner and Northerner side by side—in the heroic touching of elbows between men born under the palmetto and men born under the pine.

## Letter From Manila.

MANILA, Aug. 25th, 1898.—My dear parents: I received your letter this week. We are getting along nicely, and have good quarters. We are quartered in San Sebastian convent, which we took possession of. Our battle occurred on the 13th of August. The Olympia, Baltimore and Petrel silenced the land batteries with the aid of the Utah Artillery.

The First Colorado was the first regiment to enter the city. Our band played "Yankee Doodle" and that made our men wild, and they charged the Spanish trenches with a yell that was enough to scare the enemy, if nothing else. We did not lose a man, but several were wounded. The Spaniards left their guns on the field and ran for their lives. They say that "los Americanos son muy tiranos y muy buenos tiradores." A Spanish officer said that if one of the men lifted his head in the trenches he would drop dead, so accurate was our firing.

I am well and getting along nicely, and I think we will leave soon.

Hoping you are all well, I remain yours as ever. WM. W. CURTIS.

## A Narrow Escape.

Thankful words written by Mrs. Ada E. Hart, of Groton, S. D. "Was taken with a bad cold which settled on my lungs; cough set in and finally terminated in consumption. Four doctors gave me up, saying I could live but a short time. I gave myself up to my Savior, determined if I could not stay with my friends on earth, I would meet my absent ones above. My husband was advised to get Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, coughs and colds. I gave it a trial, took in all eight bottles. It has cured me, and thank God I am now a well and healthy woman." Trial bottles free at Murphy-Van Patten Drug Co. and Browne, Manzaneros Co. Regular size 50c and \$1.00. Guaranteed or price refunded.

## MARKETS.

## Cattle and sheep.

CHICAGO, Oct. 5.—Cattle—Receipts 15,500; slow; best steady, others weak; heaves, \$4.00 @ \$5.75; cows and heifers, \$2.00 @ \$4.70; Texas steers, \$3.10 @ \$3.90; westerns, \$3.60 @ \$4.50; stockers and feeders, \$3.30 @ \$4.60.  
Sheep—Receipts, 17,000; market, steady; natives, \$2.90 @ \$4.60; westerns, \$3.50 @ \$4.45; lambs, \$3.75 @ \$6.00.

## Kansas City Stock.

KANSAS CITY, Oct. 5.—Cattle—Receipts, 11,000; best firm, others slow; lower; native steers, \$3.75 @ \$3.85; Texas steers, \$2.85 @ \$4.50; Texas cows, \$2.25 @ \$3.35; native cows and heifers, \$2.00 @ \$4.65; stockers and feeders, \$3.00 @ \$5.25; bulls, \$2.50 @ \$3.25.  
Sheep—Receipts, 3,000; firm; lambs, \$4.00 @ \$5.15; muttons, \$3.50 @ \$4.40.

## Chicago Grain.

CHICAGO, Oct. 5.—Wheat—Oct., 62½; Dec., 62½.  
Corn—Oct., 29½; Dec., 29½.  
Oats—Oct., 21½; Dec., 21½.

## Money Market.

NEW YORK, Oct. 5.—Money on call nominally 2½ per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 3½ @ 4½ per cent.

## Metal Market.

NEW YORK, Oct. 5.—Silver, 60; Lead, \$3.80; Copper, 11.

Cleanse the liver and bowels, and regulate the system by using Prickley Ash Bitters. It creates and sustains energy. Sold by Murphy-Van Patten Drug Co.