

## THE DEMOCRATIC PROGRAMME

**A Prejudged Preamble.**  
The aim is to unseat Mr. Via, the Republican, who was listed by secretary of state Dawson, and Mr. Davis, resolution had a preamble in which was a

Senators Frye, Hale and others spoke in opposition to the motion. Senators Davis, Frye and Gray, all members of the peace commission, united in saying that their experience in formulating the treaty had convinced them that much would come up in considering the senate which should not be given to the public. Their united verdict had an immediate effect upon other senators, and it soon became evident that the chances of success of the Berry amendment had been considerably impaired.

General Egan began by calling attention to General Miles' appointment of Major John D. Black, a civilian, as his chief of staff and said that this was largely responsible for the trouble that followed. He said Major Black had furnished \$5,000 before starting for Porto Rico and that he had apparently not known enough to provide himself a check book and had not left his signature with the secretary of the treasury nor made any other preparation for availing himself of the funds at his command. There were no experienced disbursing officers in the column who had in the aggregate over \$100,000 in their possession and yet General Miles had complained that there were no paymasters in the island where the soldiers had no money with which to buy food for themselves. General Miles

mean corruption, because it was 'a pretence of experiment, he says, not even intended to be for furnishing it as an experiment, but to mislead it under the 'pretence of an experiment. This is a serious charge, should not it be made by any man lightly nor without ample evidence to support it. Taking the statement in the sense that was probably intended the sense that will be accepted by the country at large, the second statement of the press almost wholly of the United States, accepted it—indeed some of it has been accepted of it called for my dismissal from the army and my court martial—I answer that it was not furnished under the pretence of experiment, nor even as an experiment, and when General Sherman charges that it was furnished as 'a pretence of an experiment' he lies in his throat, he lies in his heels, he lies in every hair of his head and every pore of his body, he lies wilfully, deliberately, intentionally and maliciously. If his statement is true that this was furnished under 'pretence of an experi-

from Rotterdam.  
**QUEENSTOWN**—Arrived; Majestic,  
 from New York.

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**Weather Forecast for To-day.**  
*For West Virginia, Western Pennsylvania  
 and Ohio, rain; brisk southeasterly  
 winds.*

Asked if German military men who had seen the run of events at Manila held the same opinion as that of Dewey, Major Von Sonnenberg replied they did.

"The question was asked: 'What are going to be the future relations of Germany and the United States in regard to the possessions in the Eastern archipelago?'" Major Von Sonnenberg replied.

"German and American interests throughout the world run along parallel lines, and parallel lines, you know, never meet. I do not see how any ill-feeling can arise between the two great peoples."

Questioned about the attitude of the native Filipinos towards the United States, Major Von Sonnenberg was emphatic.

"The Filipinos will fight," he said, "and you are then what the world is. I believe they will not lay down their arms until they get self government."