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To prevent their inspection in the courts, the Standard Oil Trust has burned its books.

ON JANUARY 1st the stars and stripes will float over a free Cuba, and there will be such a jubilee as the island will not soon forget.

The death rate in Havana is said to be 183 in every thousand. Uncle Sam's scavengers will have work to do in Havana after January 1st.

Hobson was kissed 163 times by the Chicago girls, and 207 times by the ladies of Kansas City. Hobson may have gone down in the Merrimack, but he rises to the occasion of the merry snack.

The deadly sixshooter is too much in evidence in Texas, killings are becoming too frequent of late, and something will have to be done, or Judge Lynch will have to step in, and exercise his functions. The next legislature ought to take up this matter, and amend the old law, or enact a new one.

It is some talk of paying two of the Peris peace commissioners, Day and Reid, \$100,000 each for their services on the commission. Shafter of Washington and Jefferson, will ye not rise up from your graves, and tell us where we are at? Two hundred thousand dollars of the people's money at one fell swoop. The poor and neglected private soldier, who made the peace possible, gets \$15 per month, and starvation rations.

Aguinaldo and the Philippines.

Advises from the Philippines are very far from encouraging. It looks a good deal as if the cession of these islands by Spain would not, by any means, give us possession of them.

Aguinaldo, the insurgent leader, who was the first to incite the natives to take up arms against Spain, has still to be dealt with, and from all accounts he is a very ugly customer.

He desires to have the Philippines free and self governing. He does not wish to have interference by any foreign power, and looks with disfavor on the idea of the islands passing into our hands. He has but a very hazy idea of the sort of government he wants for the Philippines, but whatever it is he intends being at the head.

He is causing a good deal of anxiety to General Otis and Admiral Dewey, by refusing to disband his men, or allow them to lay down their arms. The chances are, that when the peace treaty is ratified, and the Philippines have passed into our hands, we may have to fight this sturdy rebel before we can possess ourselves of our new territory.

In addition to keeping his followers armed, Aguinaldo is also giving considerable trouble by persistently refusing to give up the Spanish prisoners he holds.

Among these prisoners, in addition to the officers and soldiers of the Spanish army, there are a number of priests and nuns who were captured by the insurgents. General Otis has again and again tried to make Aguinaldo understand the necessity for giving these people up, but so far the rebel leader has only shown a very ugly spirit, and refused to grant the request.

It is reported that even Admiral Dewey is rather doubtful of the possibility of making Aguinaldo listen to reason, and fears that we may have more fighting to do before we can make him submit to the authority of the United States.—The Universe.

The negro Dancy, who raped a little 14-year-old colored girl near Sweet Home last week, was brought to town and jailed by Deputy J. A. Richardson Monday afternoon. Dancy enticed the girl from home and kept her away for twenty-four hours. The girl's tender age makes the offense rape.—Halleysville Herald.

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