

NEWS OF THE WEEK

A Weekly Resume of the Really Vital News by the Editor

The house passed the bill reducing the Philippine tariff to 25 per cent of Dingley rates, but it will never get through the senate. Aldrich left orders to that effect before he started for Europe. We cut off the Spanish trade with those islands and then refused to let them trade with us unless they paid the exorbitant rates in the Dingley bill. The ethics in that is purely socialistic and in accordance with Mr. Ghent's philosophy.

A parcels post treaty or agreement has just been concluded between this country and Great Britain and merchandise can now be sent to that country through the mails for 12 cents a pound up to four pounds. Similar treaties have been made with Germany, Belgium, China, Japan and several other countries. The express companies did not see fit to prevent this sort of parcels post business and so it went through, but Tom Platt sees to it that none of that sort of thing is allowed in this country. It costs a great deal more to send a parcel from Lincoln to Omaha than it does to send it from Lincoln to London, Paris or Dublin. A little populism would be just as good in the postal service as it would have been in Elgin, Ill., where the city council in one night stole a great lighting plant and handed it over to a private corporation.

The federal grand jury at Montgomery, Ala., has indicted many prominent citizens for keeping persons in peonage and for whitecapping. Among them was Sim D. May, sheriff of Greshaw county, who disappeared several weeks ago. In some cases white men were held in peonage by white men and negroes by negroes. That return to slavery is what Mr. Ghent and Bellamy would call "ativism," but what economic force conditioned the action of that grand jury to indict many prominent citizens, does not appear on the surface of the report.

The original bill to prevent horse race gambling and pool selling was stolen from the files of the Missouri legislature. A new bill was introduced and passed immediately by the house. There seems to be more thieves, gamblers, bribe-givers and toughs around the different legislatures now in session than one could find at the worst horse race track in the country. From California to Indiana, such characters are as thick as flies on a lump of sugar in midsummer and they are found alike among the members, the employees and the lobbyists.

In the raid on trusts attention is being paid to the tobacco trust. It has run along lines parallel with the oil trust. Before the trust got in its deadly work tobacco was sold by ordinary commission merchants and the farmers received 15 to 20 cents a pound for it. Since the trust drove the commission merchants out, the farmer gets only 5 and 6 cents a pound. The low rate for leaf tobacco scarcely pays the labor for raising it and leaves nothing at all for capital invested in a farm.

The tenor of the dispatches from Russia during the week was to the effect that war is to go on and on forever. That is, the Russians say they will never talk peace until they have gained "one signal victory over the Japanese."

A recent writer on Christian missions says that protestants have succeeded in converting some Jews, but that every Jewish convert has cost \$40,000 in cash. He don't believe that Jewish converts are worth that much on the average and advocates stopping the attempt to convert them.

The New York policemen have long been considered the greatest and most efficient body of grafters on the face of the earth, but they are now pointing to the fact that there are more indictments outstanding against the small number of United States senators than against the many thousand policemen of the great city. They claim that if the same proportion of policemen were indicted that there would be several hundred of them under bonds, whereas there are now only three. There are a greater proportion of United States senators under indict-

ment than in any other organized body in this country, or for that matter, any other country.

Some of the correspondents say that the situation in Warsaw, Poland, which almost reaches a stage of civil war, has gained its impetus from the fact that the police are practically on a strike themselves. They get only \$6 a month and have demanded \$12.50, the same that the police receive in St. Petersburg. It was deemed by the government impossible to entertain the demand that a conquered Polish subject should receive the magnificent sum of \$12.50 a month for acting as policeman. The police of St. Petersburg are loyal Russians, the pick of the whole empire, and for the Polish police to demand the same pay was deemed impertinent. Then there was trouble.

Judge Gilbert in his testimony before an Illinois legislative committee, said: "The members of the Chicago bar are in the habit of sending judges of the courts free railroad passes before trying cases and then go out and prosecute some poor little jury briber." But then a pass is only a "courtesy" you know.

Canada becomes nearer and nearer to a free and independent nation as the years go by. Not long ago she told the mother country that she no longer needed any British soldiers within her dominions and the permanent withdrawal of the British garrisons from the fortresses at Halifax and Esquimaux has been accomplished so quietly that North America as a whole has been scarcely conscious of the fact. It means, however, that for the first time in centuries the British soldier has left our continent entirely to its own military devices, and this has a historical significance which does not escape the attention of those who have in mind the part the British soldier has played in America. For the first time since the English colonists organized government here, there is not a British soldier on this continent.

The municipal convention of Chicago of the democratic party nominated Judge Dunne unanimously for mayor on a platform that demands that "the people assert their rights and proceed to bring about municipal ownership and operation of gas plants, electric light plants and telephone systems and that the legislature give the city necessary power to carry out this policy." The republican party can not claim all the honor that comes from adopting populist principles, even if half a dozen republican legislatures were the first to go over.

Comerford, the man expelled from the Illinois legislature has returned to Springfield with a lot of evidence which he wants to present to the grand jury to prove his charges of boodling against the members. He says he has positive evidence that \$68,000 was sent to Springfield for that purpose.

The price of meat at retail and cattle on the hoof, remains the same as it was before the supreme court rendered its decision against the meat trust. It seems that injunctions, even when ordered by the highest courts, have no terrors for trusts. They were intended for effective use only in labor troubles.

The interstate commerce commission has brought in another indictment against the Southern Pacific and Santa Fe. It says that those roads have been violating the law in regard to the shipment of California fruits. But those roads are not in the least disturbed. They know that Morton is in the cabinet and Elkins is chairman of the railroad committee in the senate.

The Dixon county, Nebraska, Old Guards are going to have a big round up some time during March. Since populism shows a tendency to sweep everything before it in the whole country, the prospect is that there will be a large attendance.

Members of congress in the last few weeks have been making trouble for beef trust, the tobacco trust, the Standard oil trust and last week one of them got up enough courage to attack by resolution one branch of the steel trust. A preamble to the resolution recites that September 6, 1901, the at-

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