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A MATTER FOR CONGRESS.

The attorney general of the United States has decided that the War Department cannot grant franchises in Porto Rico. Three applications for franchises had been made to the department, one covering a grant for a railway, one for water power and the other for the erection of a dock and a pier.

The granting of franchises is clearly a legislative and not an executive power. Of course this applies also to the Philippines, the status of which is precisely the same as that of Porto Rico, but it has no application to Cuba, since the United States is simply in occupation of the island and has no sovereign rights there.

Undoubtedly congress will be urged to consider the question of franchises in Porto Rico and the Philippines very early in the session, as it is a matter of no small importance from a practical point of view.

The fact that the president of the Argentine Republic has gone on a visit to the presidents of Uruguay and Brazil is heralded as indicating a movement for an alliance of those republics and Chili against the United States.

It was stated a few days ago that the report excited only derision in the diplomatic circles of the southern republics at Washington and there certainly seems no reason why it should be given any credence.

Unquestionably there are a great many people in South America, including some in public life, who do not feel friendly to the United States.

The utterance attributed to Admiral Dewey in regard to Germany and the United States appears to have pleased Englishmen, though why they should find gratification in contemplating a possible rupture of friendly relations between this country and Germany it is difficult to understand.

Whether or not Dewey was correctly quoted, it can be confidently affirmed that the possibility of war between the United States and Germany is extremely remote.

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There appears, then, to be nothing to warrant the thought of war between Germany and the United States, but on the contrary the very best reasons for believing that the friendship between the two countries will grow stronger.

The possibility of a war with Great Britain is not more remote than is the possibility of hostilities with Germany.

In the campaign which is about to be opened Omaha and Douglas county will be the pivot upon which will hinge the redemption of the state from popocratic rule.

More bones of prehistoric beasts have been dug out of the fossil fields of Wyoming. This is another industry that must be added to those for which Wyoming has become noted.

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The popocratic thimblebrippers have announced through their official organ that all arrangements for the three-ring circus, which is to take place in this city August 22, have been completed.

The United States is not the only country in which combinations of capital, commonly called trusts, are a source of trouble.

The American people will not ignore the fact that there is such a thing as yellow press censorship.

So Senator-elect W. A. Clark is not sure about Bryan's nomination and not sure about silver.

Others to Digest First. The South American republics are said to be afraid that the United States wish to gobble them up.

Jingoes Have Their Hands Full. Springfield (Mass.) Republican. It now becomes a moral obligation upon the United States, according to the political philosophy of an imperialist friend in the northern part of this state...

Remedy for Kentucky Fends. Kansas City Star. The proposition to enlist the persons engaged in the Kentucky mountain feuds in the army is an excellent one.

One Result of the Peace Conference. Philadelphia North American. Aside from the general effect of the thought and feeling of the world—which effect may be deep or shallow, lasting or transient, but in any case good—the gathering has been serviceable in giving the United States a timely opportunity to reaffirm the vitality of the Monroe doctrine.

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OTHER LANDS THAN OURS.

In European diplomatic and journalistic circles the suspicion now seems to be pretty general that the so-called conspiracy to assassinate ex-King Milan of Serbia was organized by that unscrupulous intriguer himself for the sake of making a case against his political foes.

The Giornale di Sicilia, the most important Sicilian newspaper, published recently an article written from Tripoli, in which it described the efforts of the French in those regions, which sooner or later, it is said, will bring the territory under the French flag.

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would be. No matter what steps might have been taken to relieve the situation the transition from a debased to a sound currency in a dense, ignorant and almost bankrupt population must have been severe.

In India the burden was greater by reason of the outbreak of plague and the failure of crops. The people blamed one on the other, and all on each, and declining or being unable to reason out the situation, grewullen and rebellious and gave the local officials and the home government a good many uneasy quarters of an hour.

There are two lessons to be drawn from the rehabilitation of India. One is that any of the silver republics of America can change to a gold basis without any of the disasters which have attended them.

Washington Star: "What's that new boarder's business?" inquired the neighbor. "I dunno," answered Farmer Courtwell. "He's coming to see me."

Indianapolis Journal: "Heaven will be a very jonesome place to a good many of us," said an old farmer who had been told that he would be a millionaire.

Detroit Free Press: "How do you suppose the horse feels toward the automobile?" "Well, about the same way the mosquito feels toward the kissing bug."

Somerville Journal: "All the neighbors are glad when the small boy who is taking the lessons gets beyond the five-ring exercises and into his 'first piece.'"

The Pies That Mother Made. Chicago News. The apple pie that mother made when I was a boy, I don't remember any more.

A SINCERE UTTERANCE. W. J. Lampton in New York Sun. By Jerry. I don't know where I'm at, I don't know where I'm at, I don't know where I'm at.

China, which has always been called a "hermit nation," is by no means so exclusive, especially in the middle kingdom, as it is commonly supposed to be.

Prince Pak Yang Hjo seems to be the stormy petrel in Korean politics. Reports just received from the "Hermit Kingdom" tell of a recent series of dynamite explosions in Seoul, supposed to have been the work of a band of conspirators headed by Prince Pak, who for the last ten years has been keeping up a Korean government in a state of prostration.

INDIA ON A GOLD BASIS. Main Prop Knocked Out Under the Scheme of the Bimetallists. Baltimore American. The British government has sent orders to India for the establishment of the gold standard.

Bargain Hunters.

The advantage that we offer now to September 1, to our customers, of low prices on men's and boys' light weight clothing, is worth while investigating.

Our \$5 suits for \$2.50—\$7.50 suits for \$3.75—\$10 suits for \$5. This is a sample of what we are doing this month.

Our loss your chance and this is our loss. Meanwhile don't overlook our furnishing and hat departments. You will find the best seasonal goods in each department, with a saving of money, too.

