VITAL ASPECT OF THE PUERTO RICAN QUESTION.

How American Wage Earners World He Affected by the Competition of Low Paid and Half-Civilized Workers from Our New Possessions.

Although occupying in the columns of the Congressional Record scarcely more than one-tenth of the space-commonly taken up by statesmen desirous of disseminating their views through the medium of the government printing office, the speech of Congressman Grosvenor of Ohio on the Puerto Rican question, delivered in the National House of Representatives on the 28th of February, 1900, is among the most important of all the speeches made on this subject in either branch of Congress-more important than all the rest of the speeches put together, we had almost said. The strength of Mr. Grosvenor's presentment of the real factors of the Puerto Rican problem its truth, solid, vital truth.

the sight of any bird," began Mr. Gros- specter of free silver has been laid Mr. venor, aptly taking from Holy Writ a Bryan has shown even to his most quotation that should put to shame a | zealous adherents in the past that he considerable number of Republican is not the man for the hour. No matspeakers and writers who have deliberately walked into the net spread out in plain sight before their open eyes | ministration and a Republican conand have been awkwardly flopping gress are forcing upon the nation, his around in it now some two months. It was a net spread by the enemies of American liberty and American labor; a net spread by prototypes of those who in 1860 forced upon the country the dangerous issue of intrenching human slavery into the territories on the principle that 'the constitution of its Kansas City next July; nothing is own force carries slavery into any or all of the territories of the United States," a net spread by free traders the campaign? Probably not. Its with the design of advancing their fa- hatred of Republican doctrines and *orite dogma of cheapening Ameri- policies is too strong for that. Rather can labor and American manhood; a than abate one jot of its unreasoning net spread to embarrass and defeat the hostility to what it calls "the perni-Republican party at the polls this clous policy of protection" the Record

speakers who enlarge upon the cruel- the prediction. ty of the 15 per cent tariff proposition and who discourse so eloquently upon what they designate the right of the instantly enter upon the enjoyment of all the rights enjoyed by the people of the states of the union, the real pursight had not been more apparent; strange that they should not see, what | war. Mr. Grosvenor so forcibly points out, at the polls."

The telling points which bristle in the speech of Mr. Grosvenor may thus be briefly stated:

1. The question whether "the constitution followed the flag" into Puerto Rico, and if into Puerto Rico then of necessity into the Philippnes, for you cannot separate the two propositions.

2. If the affirmative of these propositions be true, the cheap, degraded labor of the Sulus, the Tagals, the Filipinos and the horde of Asiatics which we took unto ourselves when we took the mines and mills, for you cannot legally will and at what price he will.

2. That the entire volume of Puerto all tariffs on these commodities.

bring that about the whole Democratic | this incident in their hats. party of the United States, and all their coagitators and co-operators have heaven help them, they are either in the markets of the world. Export of launched their boat in support of a the pay of foreign steamship lines or principle that will bring to the labor | else members of that sincere but melsections of the United States millions ancholy group who were born with the upon millions of half-dressed vaga- belief that their country is something bonds to cut down the price of wages." of which to be ashamed.-Boston Truly and well it is urged by Mr. Grosvenor that if the question had stood alone, and had not carried with it a much bigger, broader and more portentous question, nobody would have been seriously or permanently disgruntled if aboslute free trade had been granted to Puerto Rico and the people of that island would have been granted, without much opposition, the boon of unrestricted commercial intercourse through legislative enactment by a Republican Congress; but not, mark you, in pursuance of the false and dangerous doctrine that "the constitution follows the flag."

It was in the interest of American abor that Mr. Grosvenor made his powerful speech of February 28. No one has yet answered that speech; no one has yet shown, and no one can show, how the Republican party could have squared itself with the labor interests of the United States if it had walked into the Bourbon free trade net so artfully spread for the purposes of the campaign of 1900.

Only Stoolpigeons.

the trust question in relation to the much smaller than the fifteen per cent toria. The place is lighted with a Puerto Rican tariff bill was made by of the Dingley duties provided for in | fine installment of arc lamps, which at Congressman Cannon of Illinois, on the House bill, brings the whole ques- night time, as they shine through the the floor of the House. He charged tion back very close to the president's foliage, irresistibly suggest the boulethat both the tobacco and sugar stored original proposition for free trade vards of Paris and Brussels. Some of fere with any treaty port or any vested in Puerto Rico are owned by the sugar with the island. Such a tariff ar- the buildings at Pretoria are truly interest within any so-called 'sphere of and tobacco trusts. They have put rangement would be practically forward some natives as stoolpigeons | equivalent to free trade and yet would to beg for free trade, so that, while retain the vital principle for which the the Democrats cried out against the Republican party contends, that the

are shouting out at the tops of their of congress .- Denver Times. voices for free trade with Puerto Rico they are but acting directly in the interests of the tobacco and sugar trusts, who hope and pray for such free trade since they own the sugar and tobacco amount paid on imports from Puerto that have been stored up in Puerto Rico during the past eighteen months. Rican warehouses. There is something The United States passed it over to inches wide, one foot six inches deep, for all intelligent men to ponder over, her "for the use and benefit of the in half an hour. This affords shelter

trust maker of the age, ex-Gowernor which produces the least friction and nated sugar and tobacco trusts! Salt Lake Tribune. Shades of Thomas Jefferson!-Youngstown (Ohio) Telegram.

A PREDICTION.

Free-Traders Will Accept Bryanism for the Sake of Overthrowing

Protection. The Philadelphia Record is one among the few Democratic newspapers which indulge in the vain delusion that it is yet possible to prevent the nomination of Mr. Bryan as the Democratic presidential candidate this year. Reviewing the platform just adopted by the Nebraska Democracy in state convention-a platform which undoubtedly was submitted to and approved by Mr. Bryan prior to its adoption-the Record says:

"The Democrats have before them an opportunity and a problem which require a statesman of high ability and courage, capable of leading the govlies in its brevity, its directness, its ernment in constitutional paths. By simplicity of statement, and above all his Populist platform and his speech menacing the people with a new "Surely in vain the net is spread in greenback agitation just when the ter how sound may be his views upon the great issue which a Republican adidentification with the worst monetary heresies and humbugs, including greenbackery, has inspired a distrust of him which cannot be overcome in the pivotal states that will decide the

And yet William Jennings Bryan will be the Democratic nominee at surer than that. Will the Philadelphia Record refuse to support him in will most likely accept Bryanism and It is strange indeed that in the all the rest of the Democratic freeminds of those Republican writers and | trade press of the United States, Mark

OUR OPPORTUNITY.

people of all our new possessions to It Only We Had the Yankee Ships to Take Advantage of It.

Dispatches have been received at the "that behind it all is simply the stalk- | State | Department from Ambassador ing of the Democratic purpose, mani- | Choate which state that British vessels fested at the very outset to drive the | are not permitted to take goods for Republicans of this country into a po- | the enemy's territory, and there are attion where they could destroy them | no other vessels running between East London and Lourenzo Marquez.

merchant marine in those waters is from the United States in February, confined to one or two sailing vessels that occasionally appear there. Amand discharged there, it would be dif- more than \$34,000,000 worth, and it is

thing. No one will blame her in time amount to more than \$400,000,000 in every possible manner. She builds must be impressive to every student petition with American labor in our her own ships, subsidizes them and of our industrial enterprises, and of controls not only the vessels for the remarkable success that attends prevent a full fledged American citi- transports or auxiliary cruisers in the effort to extend sales into foreign zen from offering his labor where he time of war, but can put an embargo countries. It is only necessary to reif she likes, upon their cargoes.

Rican sugar and tobacco now awaiting United States. Of course it hurts any tions of manufactured commodities transport to the American market has nation that has to do business under amounted to less than \$200,000,000 long since passed out of the hands of a foreign flag. The fanatics who are worth. By far the greater percentage the native producers and into the opposing Senator Frye's shipping bill, of increase in our foreign sales of tands of trusts and speculators who as they opposed the making of steel manufactures has taken place since alone would profit by the removal of rails, as they opposed the making of the Dingley protective act gave such tin plate, as they opposed the building encouragement to American indus-"That is all there is of it," says Con- of the navy, as they opposed resistance tries, as not only to enable them to gressman Grosvenor, "and in order to to Secession, would do well to paste hold the domestic market, but to so

They will not, of course, because, Commercial Bulletin.

WILL NOT BE FOOLED AGAIN.



Would Retain the Principle.

The decision of the Senate Republican Steering Committee to further amend the Puerto Rican tariff bill by striking out entirely the provision requiring the payment of duties upon American goods imported into this laid out in straight lines. There is Italy and Japan. The object was to The most significant statement of country to a merely nominal rate. trusts, they would be voted for them. | constitution does not apply to the In other words, while the Democrats | new territory without specific action

The Best Way.

'The government has just paid over to Puerto Rico \$2,095,455.88, the and Mr. Bryan would do well to give | island." The proposed tariff is sim- for one rank of kneeling men.

it more than a passing glance. The ply a proposition to raise revenue for Democratic party, which, by the way, the island, "for the use and benefit" sheltered and honored the greatest of the people of that island in a way Roswell P. Flower of New York, act- which would save the taxpayers of ing as the stoolpigeon of the abomi- the United States just that amount.

FAULT FINDING MERELY.

Unworthy attitude of Democrats in the Puerto Rican Matter.

Observe the nature of the Democratic assaults upon the proposed action of congress relative to Puerto Mow keenly and with what wrath-

fuiness they jump upon the tariff provision of the bill passed by the house of representatives. With what an assumption of righteous indignation they seek to tear to tatters the legislation which is engaging the attention of congress, and how painstaking in their efforts to worry the majority.

When you have waded through the bitter denunciations with which they have made the circumambient atmosphere look blue, do you not recognize the familiar and ever-scolding voice? It is the old, wrangling, vitupera-

tive objector, who is always pulling down and never building up. The democratic wail is that a tariff should not be imposed upon Puerto Rico. Where in all the denunciation of that measure is there a suggestion of anything constructive in its place? Grant that there should be no per-

manent tariff wall between Puerto Rice and the United States, and no Republican claims that there should be, what do these Democratic saviors of their country offer in its place? There is crying necessity for provision of some sort for the relief of the stormswept, Spain-ridden islanders, but the only idea that has secured absolute possession of our Democratic critics is that a tariff restriction is horrible.

They have only traveled one segment of the circle and imagine that they have been clear around.

The party that seeks to feel its way toward constructive legislation for our new island possession, the party that has the courage to march along untrodden paths and blaze away, is denounced by a party that is paralyzed with fear over the necessity for posi-

Grant that the Republican party is meeting with difficulty in all at once striking upon the absolutely correct en's name where would we be if the The cheerful condition of a foreign | does not suggest, of the party that (Cal.) Express.

> INTERNATIONAL TRADE. Exports of Manufactures This Year Will

Amount to More Than \$400,000,000 The fact that there was an increase of more than \$10,000,000 worth in the The representation of the American exports of manufactured commodities compared with the exports of like commodities in February of last year, is bassador Choate, it is to be noted, says the most striking fact in connection there are no vessels other than British | with the international trade in which plying between East London and this country was interested during Lourenzo Marquez, so that, even if that month. The February exports of goods could be sent to East London | manufactures this year aggregated fleux to transport them to Lourenzo estimated that according to the present outlook our total sales of manu-England has done a very sensible factured good for the current year will of war for harassing her antagonists worth. These are striking figures, and mark, in this connection, that four Of course, such action hurts the years ago our total annual exportareduce the cost of production on many lines as to make them competitors in manufactures in 1899 were more than double those of 1890.

Will Charge It to Protection. A Scotch linen manufacturer writes to this country that linen yarns have advanced fifty per cent., coal 200 per cent and bleaching and wages fifteen per cent. And yet when linens are advanced about thirty-three per cent, some of the Democratic papers will be charging it up to the trusts or protection.-Hamilton (Mo.) Hamiltonian.

Our Level-Headed Country.

Excitable editors who are retiring President McKinley because of the little Puerto Rican muddle forget that the country loves prosperity.-Kansas City (Mo.) Journal.

Pretoria is thirty-seven miles from Jonannesburg, in an upland valley. surrounded by the Witwatersberg hills, about 4,500 feet above the level of the sea. The town nestles among hedges palatial. First among them comes the "Raadzaal," or government buildings. They have a frontage of 175 feet wide, a depth of 220 feet and a height of 125 feet from the ground up to the winged figure of Liberty which surmounts the principal dome.

Excavating Trenches. On active service each soldier armed with pick and shovel is expected to excavate five feet of trench, two feet six PAYNE ON TARIFF.

LEGISLATION NEEDED FOR IN-SULAR POSSESSIONS.

Wisconsin Republican Talks of the Tremendous and Lasting Consequence of the Constitutional Question Involved-Follows Lincoln and Webster.

Hon. Henry C. Payne of Ohio, the Wisconsin member of the Republican national committee, has been in Los the Los Angeles Times, of which Gen. Harrison Gray Otis is president and general manager. Speaking of the Puerto Rican question, Mr. Payne

dence, I find, in the ability and good interest' now held or that may here- war. Great Britain alone is capable after 4 o'clock, and when father came president and the Republican majority other powers concerned." in congress will do what is right by Puerto Rico. President McKinley's Germany, but after some preliminary 300,000 people, what will be the case just lie down and die unless they were declaration in his message that it was correspondence, on Feb. 19 the follow- when the number is greater?" 'our plain duty' to have free and un- ing most satisfactory answer was relimited trade with Puerto Rico was an ceived from that government: attractive program and met with a the line of setting forth a principle, of departing in the future from this withdrawal of that shipping has least | ride the range to see how the other new possessions shall not hold the same relations to the country as do the territories that have become incorporated and are incipient states. I think the more thoughtful people of the country are opposed to any plan to bring these islands in as integral parts of the nation. Call it what you please, we must come down to colonial policy of some form. There is great anxiety on the part of the administration to get started right in this matter. Certain newspapers declared that the president's change of front was due to the pressure of the tobacco and sugar interests. That charge seems to me ridiculous in view of the fact that policy to pursue, in view of the new | these interests want absolute free questions that confront us, in heav- trade with Puerto Rico. I was born and brought up in Massachusetts, and solution of these questions were in the | I always believed in Daniel Webster's hands of the party that objects but | interpretation of the constitution, instead of that of Mr. Calhoun. Some commerce carried almost exclusively looks down and does not look up, of Republican newspapers seem inclined pose of the net spread in their plain under foreign flags is emphasized by the party that fears to go forward and to line up with Mr. Calhoun and the England's last move in the Transvaal dares not go back?-Los Angeles Dred Scot decision, in considering this Puerto Rican matter, shouting that 'the constitution follows the flag'; but I believe the country can more safely follow the teachings of Abraham Lincoln and Daniel Webster. Underneath the trifling tariff charges proposed. there lies this old constitutional question, which is of tremendous and lasting consequence. You remember that John C. Calhoun and the champions of slavery maintained that the constitution went with the flag into all ter- the traditional relations of friendship and in the exports the increase is ritory acquired by the United States, existing between the two countries." and therefore the slaveholder had the right to carry his slaves and keep brief. It was received Dec. 16 last furnished employment in manufacturthem in any territory. This view was from M. Delcasse, the minister for for- ing to Europeans, they were content. maintained by the infamous Dred eign affairs, by Ambassador Porter, But now, when we rival them in the Scot decision of the United States and is as follows: Supreme court, to the effect that the United States can acquire territory the chamber on the 24th of November | nations of Europe will not stand idly only for the purpose of forming states, last, and which I have had occasion to by and see themselves denuded of their and that all acquisitions must be treat- recall to you since then, show clearly foreign markets. They will commer- him in a threatening manner, exed as integral parts of the union. the sentiments of the government of cially combat our progress until they claimed in a high-pitched stage whis-Webster and Lincoln took the opposite | the republic. view that new territory, acquired in one way or another, is not an integral part of the union till it has been duly incorporated, and until then the government has constitutional power to regulate its affairs. Here is the real issue involved in all this Puerto Rican discussion, and I firmly believe the thinking people of this country, after careful consideration, will prefer to follow Lincoln and Webster, whom history has vindicated, rather than Douglas and Calhoun. This little flurry about Puerto Rico will soon be over. It will not affect the result of the presidential election. The administration stands well with the people. It has fulfilled its pledges to them, and more, too. On the money question it has done better than it promised. It has builded better than the Republican platform. It has restored confidence

TRADE EXPANSION TO CHINA.

an administration will be sustained."

and has revived business to the ex-

tent that we have more prosperity

even than we had in 1892, which was

high tide. I cannot doubt that such

Successful Termination of the Negotiations Undertaken by President Mc-Kinley with Foreign Countries.

The correspondence between the United States and foreign governments that led to pledges from the powers of Europe to maintain the "open door" in China shows in detail the steps that were taken on the part of this government. The language of the initial notes indicates that each was framed to fit the supposed attitude of the power addressed, and that the negotiations were skillfully planned and executed is proven by the tenor of the replies and

by the successful outcome. The correspondence extended from of roses, which grow everywhere in September 6 last to the 20th of March, wild profusion. Lines of willow trees the last date marking the successful and blue gums border the hedges, and completion of the undertaking. The streams of clear water flow down the | nations addressed by the United States sides of the broad streets, which are were Great Britain, Germany, Russia, quite a continental air about Pre- obtain from each of the various powers claiming "spheres of interest" in China a declaration substantially to the following effect:

> "(1) That it shall in nowise interinterest' or leased territory it may in the west should recall the fact that have in China.

"(2) That the Chinese treaty tariff of Ohio and Kentucky last year. of the time being shall apply to all merchandise landed or shipped to all such ports as are within such 'spheres of interest' (unless they be 'free ports'), no matter to what nationality it may belong, and that duties so leviable shall be collected by the Chinese at home the year around.

government. "(3) That it will levy no higher harbor dues on vessels of another nationality frequenting any port in such ho do for a running mate for Mr. 'sphere' than shall be levied on ves- Bryan? Gov. Steunenberg is not a he can continue to smile and smile sels of its own nationality, and no wabbler.

higher railroad charges over lines built, controlled or operated within its citizens or subjects of other nationalities transported through such 'sphere' than shall be levied on similar mer-

Choate in the following language:

Angeles where he was interviewed by your excellency that her majesty's gov- for commercial advancement.

agreement made upon these lines, by war. which the same rights are reciprocally | Our war with Spain has caused this

sian note closed as follows:

ican government, especially as it at- moment too soon. taches the highest value to anything that may strengthen and consolidate derfully. The increase in our exports,

China, and, with the quite natural be had to less peaceful methods to to it, equal treatment to the citizens | bility. We cannot permit this condition tariffs on railways."

ANTI-EXPANSION VIEWS.

The Stay-at-Homes Seem to Think

They Know It All. Arthur Hugh Frazier, late of the United States Volunteer Signal Corps. who has returned from duty in the Philippines, quotes the remark of ex-Gov. Boutwell that the "Filipinos can manage a bank or run a laundry with element in its proper defense. Dea certainty of success that cannot be velopment is uncertain, lacking the foretold of any other people, whether proper defense. A merchant shipping English or American," and says of it: | is essential to our proper commercial "An ex-soldier feels tempted to rub expansion. Its production and mainhis eyes and wonder where these com- tenance is possible if congress does its mercial paladins concealed themselves | duty. The knowledge that this counduring his sojourn in their midst." He goes on to say that the soldiers | freight charges to foreign ships each whose time in the Philippines has ex- year, when the money could as easily has a displacement of 9,210 tons, armor pired returned home with the "im- be paid to our own shipowners, proper- of 41/2 inches of iron, an armament of pression that the able-bodied workers, ly protected by our government, is 320 muzzle loading guns and with enthe trusted confidential clerks and humiliating and galling. We are not gines of 5,300 norse power is rated at bank tellers, were Chinese; the mer- lacking in anything necessary for the a speed of 141/2 knots. Till this year chants and planters Spanish, English | construction, ownership and operation | she was included in the British navy or German; leaving to the natives un- of a merchant marine equal to all of list of armored battleships, though disputed sway in the hack-driving our national needs. We are only lack- Brassey's Annual excluded her. Peobusiness and similar intellectual pur- ing in congressional legislation that ple in England are wondering whether suits." But what is the opinion of will cause the creation of such a many more such relics are still inthese returned soldiers worth? Has marine.

who has? The Labor Delegate. The labor strike is comparatively a new thing in the south. But the walking delegate follows prosperity and the strike on the Southern railway is in-

Poor Missionary Work. Those persons who are in doubt concerning Mr. Bryan's missionary work Mr. Bryan swung through the states wabbler. Perhaps the Democrats will

dicative of his progress in that section.

South Dakota's Honor. It will be quite a heroic thing for one state to do, but South Dakota

thinks enough of the honor of the

country to keep Mr. Pettigrew right

To Steady the Ticket. How would Gov. Steunenberg of IdaTROOP TRANSPORTS.

'sphere' on merchandise belonging to British-Boer War Shows Need of Merchant Ships.

The Boer-British war has demonstrated to every nation the necessity sheep ranch covering fifty miles of chandise belonging to its own nation- of merchant ships for transport serv- California mountains. They run it ality transported over equal dis- ice, making each nation feel keenly both mentally and physically. Both that to the extent it lacks in merchant the financial and out-of-door work On Nov. 30, 1899, a month after the shipping it lacks in an essential of nather they do themselves, and it is a success. date of the note, a formal answer was tional defense. They will certainly says the Louisville Courier-Journal. received from the British government, apply themselves as a consequence to "How did I come to begin this sort addressed to United States Minister the creation and maintenance of a of life?" Gussie said, as we sat on the home-built and manned shipping, first steps. "Well, it was five years ago, "I have much pleasure in informing for the national defense, and second, when wool first went so low. Before

ernment will be prepared to make a The total population of the two that he could only afford to pay one declaration in the sense desired by South African republics does not ex- Indian. I was at home for my Christyour government in regard to the ceed 300,000, and yet 750,000 tons of mas vacation. It began snowing, and leased territory of Wei-hai-Wei, and British shipping have been and still it snowed all day and all night and all territory in China which may here- are employed in transporting 250,000 was still snowing when father and "It is a momentous question, but the after be acquired by Great Britain, by British soldiers, their accoutrements Sam were out trying to get the sheep great body of the people has confi- lease or otherwise, and all 'spheres of and supplies of all kinds to the seat of in. They did not come to dinner till faith of the administration and is after be held by her in China, provided of producing a merchant shipping in he was so tired he could hardly get resting confident in the belief that the that similar declaration is made by equal to such an emergency. The great off his horse. About 700 sheep were in powers are saying to themselves, "If the snow down in the gulch back of Some opposition was feared from this be so when pitted against only the Chinese mountain. They would

The Philippine islands contain to help get those sheep in. I said, and nearly 8,000,000 people. Cuba contains just made father let me. We worked "I have the honor to inform your 1,573,000. With a general revolt in in the snow till every sheep was out sympathetic response. But it is the excellency, repeating the statements any of them, our need of merchant and safe. They were wet and chilled. president's' duty to change his mind, already made verbally, as follows: As ships for transport and other service and we had to keep them moving till just as it is any other mans, when he recognized by the government of the auxiliary to naval and military opera- they got some life into them. It was sees, after a careful study of a ques- United States of Amercia, according to tions would several times over exceed nearly daylight when we went home. tion, that another policy is demanded your excellency's note referred to our present supply. Were we to en- and mother was waiting, asleep in her by wisdom and justice. The fact is above, the imperial government has, gage 750,000 tons of our merchant ship- rocking chair, with lots of hot coffee that the president and nearly all his from the beginning, not only asserted, ping for such purposes not a ton would and a blazing fire in the ktichen stove. advisers in Washington, a great ma- but also practically carried out to the be left in its present employment. It Such a sight as I was! Every time I jority of the Republican senators and fullest extent, in its Chinese posses- is impossible for this country to do jumped off that horse I caught my representatives, arrived at the con- sions, absolute equality of treatment what Great Britain has done, simply skirt, and it was torn from too to clusion that the first legislation with of all nations with regard to trade, because we have permitted foreigners bottom and off the band, and I was regard to our insular possessions, if navigation and commerce. The impe- -chiefly Britons-to absorb the bulk wet to my neck. When I woke up next we may call them such, should be in rial government entertains no thought of our ocean carrying, so that her morning father was getting ready to and that principle should be that these principle, which at once excludes any affected her maritime interests. The sheep had stood the storm. You know, prejudicial or disadvantageous com- cost of ocean transportation has risen, he was an old man, past 60, and it was mercial treatment of the citizens of the however, 30 per cent as a consequence. at least thirty miles' hard riding. I United States of America, so long as | Since this country pays \$200,000,000 a | it is not forced to do so, on account of year in ocean transportation, that in- have been doing it ever since. I don't considerations of reciprocity, by a di- crease if continued for only one year vergence from it by other governments. | means that the British-Boer war will If, therefore, the other powers inter- cost the United States \$60,000,000 in ested in the industrial development of extra ocean transportation charges, the Chinese empire are willing to rec- the bulk of which goes to British shipognize the same principles, this can owners. It is easily possible that the only be desired by the imperial govern- increase in ocean transportation ment, which in this case upon being charges levied upon the commerce of requested will gladly be ready to par- other nations, will reimburse Great ticipate with the United States of Britain, through her shipowners, for America and the other powers in an the entire cost of the British-Boer

> country to create a fleet of magnificent the government. It is used to supfact that the settlement of the collec- | ly inadequate for our needs in any tion of customs belonged to China her- great war, while we have nothing upon self, and that the Russian government | which to fall back-nothing commenhad no intention of claiming privileges | surate with our needs. Moreover, it for its subjects that were denied to for- is but one year in ten, at most, that we eigners-this, however, being on the are at war; during that time our merunderstanding that other powers would chant ships should be employed in make a similar declaration. The Rus- | carrying merchandise, rather than in being in immediate readiness for "With the conviction that this reply transport service. But to have the is such as to satisfy the inquiry made ships available we must encourage in the aforementioned note, the im- their construction by effective legislaperial government is happy to have tion, and congress has not begun the complied with the wishes of the Amer- | broad consideration of this subject one

> Our foreign trade is increasing wonwholly in manufactures. When our The French note was exceedingly great trade was in raw products which world's markets in manufactures then "The declarations which I made in our real serious danger threatens. The see how futile such opposition is; "It desires throughout the whole of and then, we may be sure, resort will reservation that all the powers inter- stifle our growing trade. Without ested give an assurance of their will- | merchant ships of our own we are at ingness to act likewise, is ready to ap- | the mercy of our great commercial ply in the territories which are leased | rivals. This robs our progress of staand subjects of all nations, especially | tion to exist a moment longer than is in the matter of custom duties and necessary to secure the adoption of navigation dues, as well as transporta- such legislation as will inaugurate a new departure. We must have an American-built merchant marine. It the Macabebes as soldiers, and he will must be owned and manned by Ameri- urge the formation of a cavalry regicans. That shipping must be adequate | ment. The Macabebes, he says, are to all our commercial needs. Only the personification of loyalty to their pendent and properly re-enforced in campaign was there so much as a sus-

a naval sense. try is paying out \$200,000,000 in ocean

not Erving Winslow, the secretary of | The people are beginning to realize the Anti-Imperialistic League, laid their maritime dependence upon other down the broad general principle that | nations, and to understand that proa man who has never been in the gressive commercial development so Philippines is a far better judge of the dependent is impossible. There are condition of things there than a man | many indications that congress is awakening to the situation. But it should not only understand what is needed-it should supply it. Nor! should political considerations prevent such legislation at this session. It can be done at this session, and it should be.

> A Sop to the Wabblers. The Hon. Robert E. Pattison, who has been mentioned in connection with the Democratic vice-presidential nomination, is accused of being a political

bling vote this year. On the Suspect List. man who engineered the conspiracy moment, and then he was astonished against Silver Dick Bland in 1896 and to hear a bright little fellow shout:

he occupies a place on Mr. Bryan's sus- | "Eighty!" pect list this year. He Can Smile. As to the Hon. Arthur Pue Gorman,

and he a Democrat still.

TWÓ GIRLS RUN A RANCH.

Oo Both the Out-of-Door and Financial Work. Gussie and Louise Lamm run a

that father had three men, and after driven out. 'Father, I am going down put on his clothes and went, and I think it is half as hard as mother's work, and I know there is not one thing about it which hurts any girl, and we like it, don't we. Lie hen?"

HOUSE INDULGES IN FUN. Originated with the Member Who De-

fied the Mace.

The grand sacred mace of the house of representatives is a gilded standard crowned by an American eagle, supposed to symbolize the authority of press any disturbance beyond the control of the speaker, and when held before obstreperous members its effect upon such belligerents is in most cases. wonderful, says the St. Louis Republic. One of these few exceptions, however, brought forth a most amusing remark from the bearer of the mace, Col. Ike Hill, a veteran official of the bouse. and then sergeant-at-arms a remark which convulsed those within earshot. A lively exchange of personalities was taking place between two members, one of whom was particularly boisterous and noisy. After commanding him to sit down, which he refused to do. the speaker pounded fiercely with his gavel and ordered the sergeant-atarms to preserve order. Holding the mace aloft and with grave and dignifled mien he slowly walked up to the offending member and held the sacred symbol before him. The member, however, still refused to be seated, much to Col. Ike's irritation. Finally he could stand the suspense no longer. and, pointing the eagle-topped staff at per: "I'll peck you if you don't sit

Macabebes Are Loyal.

Capt. Matthew A. Batson, the originator of the now celebrated Batson's Macabebe scouts, who played so important a part in the recent campaign in northern Luzon, is at his home, in Newark, N. J., on sick leave, nursing a wounded foot. He is most enthusiastic in his commendation of then shall we be commercially inde- officers, and never during the entire picion of anything akin to disloyalty. Possessing of ourselves the means In entering towns he was always carefor our commercial development, we ful to give them specific orders not to also become possessed of an essential loot, and he never heard of a case of disobedience of this order.

The Iron-Clad Warrior.

England has struck off the Warrior. the first British ironclad, from the roll of vessels in active and effective service. The Warrior was launched in 1860 and completed the next year. She cluded in the effective list.

Paris a City of Palaces.

Paris is a veritable city of palaces, and most of the public buildings if not really palaces are modeled after such. The Palace of the Elysee is the town residence of the French president, and is splendidly furnished and decorated. It was built at the beginning of the 18th century for the Count of Evreux, and was afterward in the hands of Mme de Pompadour, the Duchess of Bourbon and Napoleon I. and III. Its large gardens stretch to the Champs

Elysees.

Mathematics in Music. A teacher of music in one of the public schools of the south desired to impress the pupils with the meaning of do well to throw a sop to their wab- the signs "f" and "ff" in a song they were about to sing. After explaining that "f" meant forte, he said: "Now, children if 'f' means forte, what does Ex-Gov. Stone of Missouri is the 'ff' mean?" Silence reigned for a

A Pronounced Insult.

Maud-I can't understand how Gladys ever became engaged to young Softleigh, he's such an apology for a man. Ethel-I suppose she had to acept the apology.