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DEAZ should have no trouble in suppressing revolutionists since there is a surplus of \$22,000,000, in the national treasury.

It will be a long time before Teddy forgets "Dear Marie." And only think of it, she is the aunt of the president's son-in-law.

WHY waste so much time on the matter of tax upon income and inheritance, so long as you are without an income and expect no inheritance?

A MESSAGE every week day certainly entitles the president—and the public—to a rest on Sunday. Here's hoping that every day will be Sunday by and by!

AFTER the first of the year we will have nothing but "pure whiskey," at least that is what the pure food commission says. This suggests the query: "Is even pure whiskey a food?"

LADY MORTIMER DURAND'S reference to Mrs. Roosevelt's obligatory 5-o'clock teas as departures at the "republican court" lends royal significance to the president's centralization scheme.

WITH Kentucky counties going "dry," one after another, on the liquor question the Bourbon commonwealth may soon have nothing left of her former prestige but fair women and fast horses.

It is a good thing, perhaps, that Governor Mickey's pardoning power is not curtailed to two weeks to come. There is danger that he will liberate about all the worst thugs in the state penitentiary.

It has been suggested that a bill be passed by the legislature this winter prohibiting non-residents from enjoining the collection of taxes. This, it is thought, would cure the railroad tax-dodging.

THE Storer-Roosevelt episode has produced a most unpleasant impression and one that, in our judgment, will not readily be dissipated. Mr. Roosevelt's intemperate denial is ineffective and leaves all the graver elements in the case unanswered, or, at best, ignored.

THE Christmas mails have never before been so heavily burdened, and though they have made the holidays the season of the very hardest work for the men who assort and carry the mails, the work has been done in the best Christmas spirit.

THE deathly silence that has prevailed in Nebraska since it was understood that Norris Brown will in all probability be chosen to succeed Senator Millard, has been broken by the gentleman himself, who wants to organize both houses of the legislature so that it won't, by any chance, break away from him.

A GOOD edict comes from Judge Sutton of Omaha. He declares that no boy or girl under the age of sixteen years will be permitted to work in a store during the holiday shopping season. He says they must cease to work and go to school where they belong. He sends officers throughout Omaha among the factories and children found working under that age are sent home or to school.

OUR Lincoln friends are now busy figuring how big an appropriation they can get out of the state for the 1907-1908 period. They are wanting several thousand dollars more for state fair purposes. If we remember correctly, there was a big balance left this year after paying all expenses. Why should Lincoln always be carrying its hat around for state help to institutions that ought to be and are self-sustaining?

THE President says he would like to have had the power to put the negro mutineers to death. This is Russianization instead of centralization.

THOSE "doubting Thomases" scored in the canal message are in imminent danger of receiving presidential appointments in the Ananias Club.

THE president is going gunning in Virginia for small game during the holidays. Perhaps he will have more luck than he did with big game in Washington.

THE senate orders presidential messages to be printed in normal spelling. This is a rap over the knuckles for those who try to mutilate our mother tongue.

THE president is evidently determined that the Japanese in this country shall be well educated, since he considers them better workmen than the whites.

THIS is the week in which to purchase your Christmas presents, and the advertising columns of this paper will indicate to you where you can get what you want to the best advantage.

FOR the year 1906 agriculture furnished 56 per cent of all the exports from the United States. And our farmers did not realize one cent by reason of our tariff system. So long as they support that inimical system they should not complain of their lot.

MANY of our local exchanges came to us in the past few days with beautiful Christmas editions. We commend the enterprise of the publishers as well as that of the merchants whose liberal patronage enables the papers to make a big showing for their home town.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S special message on the agitation growing out of the establishment and maintenance by San Francisco of separate schools for Japanese residents is by all odds the most dangerous and revolutionary that has ever come out of the White House. It is revolutionary because in it the president bullies the Californians and threatens them with all sorts of evil things which the constitution and the laws of the United States give him no power to do unto them. The founders of our government made it plain that the federal government has no control whatever over the institutions and internal affairs of the states. There was not a man in the convention of 1787 who would not have been shocked by the claim now advanced by Mr. Roosevelt that rights strongly safeguarded by the constitution could be taken away by any treaty made only by the president and the senate.

AN investigation into the coal famine that has existed in various parts of the country has shown that it was not for the lack of cars but rather a lack of motive power that has made it impossible to handle the freight. It appears from reports that there are hundreds of cars standing idle in the yards at Kansas City and other terminal points which cannot be sent out to the country for lack of engines. It also seems that a great many cars at starting points are left standing, loaded and ready to go forward, but there are no engines to take them. Certainly the business of the country has outgrown the facilities of the transportation companies.

SECRETARY GEORGE D. BENNETT of the state board of equalization and assessment is sending out sample property schedule blanks to county clerks for the year 1907. They are made out according to the new form prepared by Mr. Bennett, which lists automobiles, harness and saddles, cream separators and jewelry in separate classes by themselves. He believes that this will add a considerable amount to text year's assessment. The number of items on the schedule is eighty-six, the same as heretofore, some of the less important ones being taken off or bunched together to make room for the new property classes.

Makes a Difference

Leslie's Weekly.

Considerably different face is put upon the exclusion of Japanese from San Francisco schools when it is known that those excluded are said to be principally grown men. In the east, as well as in the west, and in the case of pupils of the same race, such separation is enforced. Even the most enthusiastic advocates of racial equity cannot find fault with the objection of parents to having their children of tender years closely associated in school with adult pupils of an entirely alien civilization. If, as reported, there are separate schools for these adult Japanese, the sensibilities of their government should not be wounded by the San Franciscans' policy of segregation; but we still fail to see the appropriateness or justice of barring Japanese children from attendance at the ordinary public schools. Certainly, if the excuse offered is not disingenuous, it should be possible to discriminate between Japanese adults and children, so as to avoid all grounds of complaint on either side.

THE Lincoln Star says that State Superintendent McBrien has solved another free high school law for submission to the next legislature and he hopes it will have a better reception in the hands of the supreme court than that of its three predecessors, which have been declared unconstitutional because they called for double taxation, in the opinion of the court. The proposed law calls for the tuition of the pupils admitted into high schools free of charge to be paid from the accumulations of interest from the permanent school fund. The bill calls for a "more equitable distribution of the interest accruing from the investment of the permanent school fund."

CONGRESSMAN M. P. KINKAID wrote a letter from Washington to his nephew in Denver, in which he spoke a few words complementary to that city. In return, one of the Denver newspapers "plays up" Mr. Kinkaid as the man who "thrice defeated Bryan." Inasmuch as Kinkaid ever ran against Bryan for any office in his life, and as McKinley is the only man who ever defeated Bryan even twice, the Denver paper has certainly made a discovery that is all its own.

THE president's fantastic notions of his powers under the constitution have carried him too far along the dangerous road of centralization and political revolution. It is necessary for the welfare of the country and the perpetuity of its institutions that he be brought up with a round turn before he goes further. The fight upon which he is entering with congress is tolerably certain to end in that way.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S defiance of congress "to the point of impeachment" is nothing but a "bluff." He knows that he is safe on that score. Before the government under the present constitution was twenty years old this check upon misconduct on the part of executive, civil and judicial officers was tested to the limit and found to be a failure.

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ROOT ASKED TO ACT

Prominent New Yorkers Urge Uncle Sam to Move in the Congo Matter.

LEOPOLD IS SHARPLY INDICTED

Abuses That Have Been Discovered by the King's Own Commission—No Reform in Sight Yet.

New York, Dec. 23.—A letter signed by J. Pierpont Morgan, Dr. Lyman Abbott and other prominent citizens of New York has been addressed to Secretary of State Root directing his attention to conditions in the Congo Free State, where, it is asserted, "flagrant



Inhumanity exists," and urging him on behalf of the people of the United States to use the "moral support" of the United States government to correct the abuses the Congo natives are alleged to be suffering from. The communication is as follows:

Condemned by His Own Board.
"Over a year has passed since the report of the commissioners chosen by the chief executive and virtual owner of the Congo to investigate conditions in that state was published. In spite of their natural desire to give all possible credit to their sovereign the commissioners felt constrained to report the existence of measures and practices of flagrant inhumanity. Among these measures and practices are the following:

- Things That Are Unrighteous.**
"(1)—The exaction of a labor tax so oppressive that many natives on whom it falls have little if any freedom.
"(2)—Appropriation of land to such an extent that the natives are practically prisoners within their own territory.
"(3)—The employment under authority of the government of sentries of cruel, brutish blacks, chosen from hostile tribes, who murder, pillage and rape the people for whose protection the government is avowedly established.
"(4)—The abuse of the natives by white representatives of officially recognized companies.
"(5)—The binding of little children to years of labor at uncertain wages by contracts they do not understand, and even more serious maltreatment of children supposedly under the immediate care of the government.
"(6)—Great injustice in the administration of the courts, so that the natives dread the name of Boma, the place where the judicial system is centralized.
"(7)—The sending out of punitive expeditions, not for the purpose of establishing peace and order but for the purpose of terrifying the natives into paying a tax, which, as administered, even the commissioners regard as inhuman."

NOT REMEDYING THE EVILS
Powers, Therefore, Should Secure Action in the Matter.

The letter then proceeds as follows: "It is to be remembered that these are not charges brought against the Congo government, but findings of the commission which was appointed by the chief executive of the government to investigate and report on the facts. Acting upon these findings a second commission, also appointed by the king, has recommended measures of reform. No steps have been taken to adopt them. There is no evidence that the Congo government is undertaking seriously to remedy these evils. The powers which created the Congo government have clearly a right to call that government to account.

"Inasmuch as the United States gave its moral support to the establishment of the Congo government it is justified in giving its moral support to any undertaking to secure conditions in the Congo that will not disgrace civilization. We wish to assure you that for any measure you may adopt in order to give the Powers such moral support of the United States you will have earnest and urgent approval."
The letter is signed by Rev. Messrs. Lyman Abbott, Henry Mottet, Wilford L. Robbins, George William Knox, Charles H. Parkhurst, John P. Peters, William R. Richards, Anson P. Atterbury, Percy S. Grant, and Messrs. William Jay Schieffelin, William H. Douglas, Chas. A. Schieren, Spencer Trask, George Haven Putnam, Everett P. Wheeler, Robert C. Ogden, J. Pierpont Morgan, D. Willis James, R. Fulton Cutting, J. Cleveland Cady and W. J. Havemeyer.

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If Senator Foraker is playing personal politics in his caustic attacks upon President Roosevelt the motive behind them is considerably broader than the desire to have the support of the Ohio delegation in the republican national convention of 1908. As a candidate for the presidential nomination of his party, Mr. Foraker would want, of course, the support of republican delegations from the southern states and in the election he would, if nominated, need the negro vote in all the debatable state, reaching across the country from New York to Colorado. If this is what he is bidding for in his defense of the men whom the president has denounced as mutineers and murderers, he is simply following the familiar lines pursued by all previous republican aspirants to the presidency since the death of Abraham Lincoln.

THE people of Plattsmouth enjoyed the usual Christmas festivities. The day was propitious for outdoor exercise, and people promenaded the streets equal to September weather. There were a number of family reunions; in fact, they were so numerous as to make it impossible for the Journal to give an extended notice. Not wishing to show partiality to any, we omit the publication of them entirely. It is not necessary to remark that the home-comers were made to feel that "Let it ever be so humble, there's no place like home," at Yuletide.

A NEWSPAPER asks: "Does it pay to be beautiful?" We have a very near and a very dear friend who thinks that it does.

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