AGUINALDO WILL NOT HEED.

A Filipino General Beheaded for Advising Peace.

The Insurgent Leader Will Not Permit Suggestions of Cossation of Hostilities -Weskness in the Robel Ranks-Impressed by American Kindness.

MANILA, March 21.-It is reported on hitherto reliable authority that Aguinaldo is taking extreme measures to suppress signs calculated to cause a cessation of hostilities. Twelve adherents of the cause of independence, residents of Manila, have been condemned to death because they were advising surrender. All loyal Fillpinos have been called upon to perform "the national service" of assassinating

Last Friday General Lagarda visited Malolos to advise Aguinaldo to quit. He argued with the insurgent leader and attempted to convince him of the folly of his persistence in the face of overwhelming odds. Aguinaldo was furious at the advice and ordered General Lagarda to be killed immediately. The general was promptly beheaded.

Many prisoners represent that the Filipino soldiers are weakening. The generous treatment that the Americans administer to the native prisoners and wounded seems to influence the insurgent army powerfully. In the opinion of the Americans, however, the Filipino leaders will continue to provoke fighting just as long as they can retain their hold upon their followers, because they have everything to gain and nothing to

The enemy has twice as many men on their firing lines as they have arms, and the fact that so few arms are captured by the Americans is because the guns of the wounded Filipinos and many of those who surrender, are spirited away.

DARK NEWS FROM HONG KONG

Some Officials in Manila Think 10,000

Reinforcements Are Needed. Hong Kong, March 21.—A correspondent of the Associated Press at Manila says: "An army has seldom operated under harder conditions than have been encountered by the American 'flying brigade.' The country the American troops have traversed is intersected with lagoons, narrow and unfordable rivers and bamboos so thick that the enemy can not be seen 100 feet distant. During the charges the Americans were ignorant as to whether they were attacking 100 or 1,000 rebels. The Filipinos were unexpectedly flerce at Cainta. Had it not been for the fact that the American line was thin, the enfilleding fire clear and able manner. In regard to would have slaughtered many of our upon socialism. I have to say that I feel

"One of the prisoners captured by the Americans says the Filipino leaders boast that they can continue such a war for years, depending upon the American forces being weakened daily by twenty men killed, wounded or invalided.

"Some of the high officials here think that 10,000 reinforcements are needed, as the troops now on this island are hardly more than required to maintain a line around Manila and STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, police the city.

"Considerable rain has fallen already and it seems that the season for rains is beginning prematurely. It is CHENEY & Co., doing business in the city possible that when the steady rains of Tolede, County and state aforesaid, begin our troops will have to be with- and that said firm will pay the sum of drawn to permanent barracks, which ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and may enable the rebels to return to every case of catarrh that cannot be their old positions.

"The Americans have refrained from destroying the buildings in the country swept by General Wheaton. Sentries have been stationed at every store in Pasig, but the soldiers are bringing in loads of loot from dwell-

TO HALVE EXPRESS RATES.

Missourt's House Engrosses a Bill to

Cat Charges in Two.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., March 21. The House engrossed the express bill by Myers of Bollinger. It cuts express rates in two. The following rates are established: For packages weight ten pounds or less, fifteen cents; for packages weighing more than ten pounds and not exceeding fifty, forty-five cents; for packages weighing more than fifty pounds and not exceeding seventy-five, fifty-five cents; for packages weighing more than seventy-five pounds and not exceeding 100, seventy-five cents, and for all packages weighing more than 100 pounds, at the rate of seventy-five cents per 100 pounds. It provides that no express company shall charge a greater price than thirty-five cents per 100 pounds for transporting fruits, vegetable or berries when packed in crates, boxes or baskets, from any point in this state to any other point n this state.

These rates apply in Missouri regardless of distance, but an increase of one third in the rate is permitted where goods must be transferred from one company to another in transit.

THE SAME CONSULS TO SPAIN

Procedure McKinter Expects to Heapaint Officiale When Peace Is a Fost. Washington, March 21 .- In view of Washington, March 21.—In view of the early exchange of retifications of the treaty of peace with Spain, the state department will make immediate arrangements for reopening its consulates in that country. It is the understanding here that the President will reappoint practically all of the officials who were withdrawn upon outbreak of war.

ECONOMIC DISCUSSION.

From the numerous letters received since this economic discussion was begun in the Independent, we are led to believe that it has proved very interesting to many thousands of readers. The fol-MORE CONDEMNED TO DEATH, lowing letter is in the right tone and is as far from the kind of socialism that the editor of the Independent opposes as the poles are apart.

The writer says that populism and socialism have many things in common. Both populists and republicans believe in a republican form of government, but that is no reason why populists should give aid and comfort to the republican party.

Employment for all at eight hours day would bring no relief if the control of money was left in the bands of the Rothschilds syndicate. They could just as easily make slaves of us then as now.

Populism is represented by its national platform; and not by what individual populists may believe. Socialism is represented by the platform of the social labor party and not by what individuals believe. It is the socialism of that platform that the Independent fights.

The public ownership of railroads, telegraphs, etc., is not socialism, nor is the public ownership of anything else where the workers are hired and paid a stipulated salary which becomes their own private property.

The trouble in this country at the present time is the concentration of all wealth in few hands. That wealth can be plans. equitably distributed by controling the volume of money.

The Independent does not think that it wastes any ammunition when it points out the effort to organize a party, called the social labor party, in every state of the union, the object of which is to draw votes from the populist party and thus help plutocracy to rule this country. The tenents of the social labor party are not populism. What individuals, who may call themselves socialists, may believe is altogether another matter. Editor Independent:

I have followed with interest the dis-

cussion in your paper upon this subject and will say that I don't agree with you or Mr. Wilbur F. Bryant.

We find when we study social problems that our social body is diseased and a remedy is needed to effect a cure.

What kind of medicine we shall use we can't agree upon. In years gone by the proper remedy was supposed to be tariff. But farmers and laborers through discussions in their organ'zations soon arrived at the conclusion that other remedies were necessary. The remedies agreed upon by populists are too well known to be repeated here. The difference between populism and socialism has been explained by Mr. Amos Black in that you are doing the members of that party a great injustice. Populists and socialists hold many views in common and many who do their own thinking believe that they ought to vote the same

ticket.

A rising scale of prices may tend to keep the trusts in check or even destroy OF THE ESTATE ... A scientific money system properly ap-

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Some people believe that higner prices resulting from free coinage of both metals would bring about a cemand for more shoes, more clothes, more houses to be built and so forth, thus giving em-plopment to all and at better wages. This, however, is a little uncertain and many are doubtful as to whether the de stred result will fully obtain. Socialists believe that the eight hour law can better be depended on to bring about the desired effect—employment for all.

Socialists, like populists, do their own thinking and hardly two think alike, and no writer can be taken as authority as representing populism or socialism in every respect. Populists as a rule believe that education is a good thing but s lew dispense with that necessity rather than pay the tax. Some socialists may

than pay the tax. Some socialists may advocate a division of property and the everything in common plan, but they are few and in the minority.

Meanwhile let us not condemn this theory, perhaps some day when our so-social system is thoroughly reorganized that it would work to satisfaction just like our educational system today. The man who pays a \$100 school tax receives only the same benefits as the man who pays one dollar or less. The high the war, navy and agricultural depart-school law passed this winter is taking ments. A considerable addition was another step in the same direction, made to this mileage in order to connamely: That we shall not only have the high schools but that these schools shall be within reach of the poor-government ownership of railroads, telegraph and telephone lines are socialistic

Equal rights before the law and special privileges to none will hardly fill the bill and we must accept socialism to such an extent that those who are less favored with intelligence can successfully compete with those of great brain power, or those who are weak can make as comfortable a living as the strong, or so that those who are poor shall not suffer from oppression by the rich. Special legislation for the weak and the poor is needed against the strong and wealthy. A government that permits one man to hold and own the oil lands, another to monopolize the railroads, another the land and so on until a small majority of the people own nearly all the property of the nation, and the great majority paying large parts of their earnings year after year to enrich those few, is not a satisfactory government, and some radical remedies are needed besides money legislation. If socialism does not exactly suit our taste let us not condemn it anyhow. Socialism enacted into law step by step, I believe would be a great blessing to humanity. When get ready to pray I will try to counteract Mr. Bryant's prayers and say: "God de liver us from this terrible scourg-," namely: Competition.

No. Mr. Editor, do not waste your at the goldbugs and pirates, and let us sale of the cable.'
extend our right hand of fellowship to What right has our socialist brethren.

I do not write this to cast any reflecnd only wish th full of men like you.

MATT STERCP. Gresham, Neb., March 15, 1899.

Meaning of "Expansion." An administration organ is authorit, for the statement that American capital is rushing into Cuba and that "the syndicates are forming to control this. that and the other industry." After enumerating a formidable list of industries that the syndicates have now or soon will have under absolute control. the organ continues "The latest effort is to secure control of the tobacco factories, along with great areas of tobacco lands." Here we have the meat in the cocoanut This is the true meaning and purpose of the so called "expansion" home, the trusts are reaching out for fresh fields to conquer Cuba. Porto Rico and the Philippines will soon be within their grasp Labor is unorganized and dirt cheap in all the islands. and there is nothing to prevent the manipulators of the trusts doing with it | Catalogue and due as they will When they realize the ef- bill for 25 cents free fects of competition with the products of this class of lator. American workingmen will learn that there is nothing in this expansion bumbug for them .-Journal of Knights of Labor.

AIDS TO MONOPOLY.

Sow the Government Establishes Successes For Corporations.

Officials of the United States govern ment are now engaged in putting in working order and operating the telegraph lines left on their hands in Cuba and Porto Rico. These lines were all the property of Spain and come to us among the other fruits of victory New lines connecting all important points on the islands are also projected, and they will soon be constructed and in operation for military and other purposes None of these lines will pay running expenses, to say nothing of the first cost of their construction, for many years to come, if they are ever to be profitable. but as a means of securing quick communication they are necessary and will have to be built

General Greely, chief signal officer of the army, has dispatched a large force of officers and men to the Philippines to lay an extensive system of cables between the principal islands of the archipelago. This will be a laborious and expensive undertaking and financially the work will be almost a dead loss but under existing conditions, as in Cuba and Porto Rico, it will have to be done regardless of cost

It may not be generally known that the government still owns and operates a good many miles of telegraph wire in our own country in connection with the war, navy and agricultural departnect the fortifications along the Atlantic seaboard during the late war. These lines are all in sections to which the private telegraph monopolists would not extend their wires, because the business would be conducted at a loss. As soon, however, as the prospect of profits ap pears in sight, the government retires from the business and the monopolists take possession. It is very kind of the government to thus pamper private monopoly, besides paying the latter more than fair tolis for an inferior service and selling out costly equipments at rates below the prices usually paid for old iron

As pertinent to this subject, we quote the following, which was recently sent from the city to the Fall River (Mass.)

Herald "A Washington special says that the government contemplates offering for sale the cable between Wood's Holl. Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket. This line has been maintained by the government for 12 years. Since the erection of the line several commercial companies have been in the field as rivals and are now established on a per manent basis. In pursuance of a policy of the government to withdraw from fields covered by private companies Congressman Greene has been asked to learn whether any objection is likely to ammunition on the socialists but fire it be raised in the district concerning the

What right has the government, after going to the expense of establishing tions, on the contrary. I realize the good that you and Mr. Bryant have done for to retire from the field in favor of a prithe latter th'nk the lines likely to pay? Will a similar policy prevail in the future in our new dependencies, which are now being connected telegraphically at a very great cost?

Congress should look into this matter without delay. If it has heretofore been and is now the policy of the government to build and equip costly telegraph systems and then band them over to corporations for a mere song, it is high time the country was made aware of the fact .- Journal of the Knights of Labor

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Taxation of Franchises.

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"The value of a franchise is greater or less according to the growth of the community, and is created by the public. These values furnish a natural and legitimate source from which the public revenue should be taken Why should the state raise the taxes neces sary for its support by taxing labor products and in the vain attempt to reach personal property when there is a public fund in existence, created by the public and justly theirs, in the hands of private corporations untaxed?

"By what principle of justice are these vast public values donated to private corporations for their private advantage when our people are over burdened with the taxes now laid upox them ?

This is Tough.

The Lawyers' union some time ago found Judge Dellenbaugh and Senator Burke guilty of fleecing clients, and now the circuit court has expelled them from the union, which means that they can no longer work at their trade. The crime that Dellenbaugh and Burke were guilty of was not of robbery, but of being found out, and if the latter cannot secure an injunction somehow they will be foolish if they do not combine and work some scheme to expel the whole union, for they are no worse than their persecutors - Cleveland Citizen.

From Colorado's Governor.

The voice that intones the litany is the same that commands a rise in the price of grain when hunger is abroad. The pen that signs a check for the erection of a church or a library is the same that approves the vonchers of the lobbyist. The hand that gives freely to the cause of temperance in New York is the hand that regulates the output of the Kentucky distilleries. The influence that deplores the decadence of public morality is frequently the same which tempts the public servant to his down fall. - Governor Thomas

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