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M'KINLEY'S WAR.

Imperialism if Preceded in Will Land us in a Hell From Which no Nation Ever Returns.

Editor Independent:

As the oldest settler and one of workers first and last for the people party, I rise to inform Anglo-Saxon C. E. Bullock that when the government carries on a foreign war the people have a right to know what the mission and purpose of the war is.

Now comes the trouble. The Philippines by imperial christians, by Jesuit priests and friars. The people of the islands believed, and had a right to believe, that we would grant them independence and liberty for which they had long been contending.

All the knowledge of the Philippine islands comes to me from the history written by Murat Halstead. It seems to be full and honest in its statements of facts.

What are the Philippines? They are the richest piece of soil and climate that have been at hazard in the world for many years—one that would be seized if it could be done without war, by any of the great nations other than our own without hesitation.

Notwithstanding this prophesy the conflict is on—a good sample of the imperialists who follow Halstead—and the following is like unto it:

"With the bulk of the North American continent bulging into both the great oceans, it was foreordained since the beginning, when God created the earth that we, the possessors of this imperial American nation should be a great Asiatic power."

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great income flowing to our shores. If we are to become robbers, it is well to count the cost. It will take at least two years of war and cost \$1,000,000,000, more or less, after which an enemy forever to watch and control.

But appropriations, bonds, taxation and damnation are the cardinal principles of the republican party. That is evident in the national river and harbor bill. It may be well doubted under such circumstances whether Nebraska will be able to keep honest self government and educate its people.

Misogeneration always will upset foreordination and even the long established order or nature itself, when applied to the mixing of different nations, black and white. We don't want any more of it.

There is a good reason why Canada is free and is not afraid of the American boys who live alongside and are citizens of a great republic. Any criminal aggression or benevolent assimilation on the part of either would be stopped in short order.

The work assigned to Aguinaldo was well and effectually done. But when Gen. Merritt arrived in Manila with a commission in his pocket as governor general of the provinces the services of Aguinaldo were no longer desired.

Expansion on our own continent with the consent of the governed would be justifiable under all circumstances and conditions, but when we go beyond such lines, following after destiny and foreordination it will be going after strange gods, and will land us in a hell from which no nation ever returns.

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THE HANNA CARTOONS

Homer Davenport the great cartoonist in an article in the New York Journal after telling how to make an effective cartoon makes the following remarks:

If a cartoonist would have drawn Senator Hanna with simply big ears, and instead of dollar signs on his clothes, would have put cheese, sandwiches and rolls, the senator would have laughed his sides out, thinking the man who drew it the greatest humorist, baring Alger, of his time, and would likely have invited him with the President to take a rest at his summer home in Georgia.

Hanna and his relative (Tom Platt) do not suffer because they are drawn too coarse-looking, neither do they care particularly about the size of his ears or how small his eyes are drawn down, but to put the dollar mark on his clothes burns like so many branding irons, and when the blacksnake is in his hand, carelessly falling over the head of a skull marked "Labor," Hanna and the president and men who know him from childhood draw long breaths and take a drive in the open air.

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Market report

Chicago cash prices for grain April 20, 1899. No. 2 red wheat 75 @ 76, No. 2 hard wheat 74 @ 75, No. 3 spring wheat 66 @ 67, No. 2 hard wheat 65 @ 67, No. 2 cash corn 34 @ 34 1/2, No. 2 yellow corn 34 @ 34 1/2, No. 2 white oats 27 @ 27, No. 2 white oats 30 @ 30 1/2, No. 3 white oats 29 @ 30.

CATTLE. South Omaha, April 27. Beef steers, \$4.20 to \$5.15. Stockers and feeders, 3.00 to 5.00. Stock cows and heifers, 2.70 to 4.20. HOGS. Medium to heavy, \$3.65 to \$3.70.

There has been a street car strike in Wheeling, West Virginia lasting several days of which the plutocratic press has said nothing. Judge Jackson, who is famous for his sympathy for capitalists, has been issuing injunctions by the wholesale against every body and every thing.

NEBRASKA MORTGAGE RECORD

Official Figures from all Counties in the State Except Banner.

The mortgage record for the state, as compiled by the labor bureau, from all the counties save Banner, shows that during the last six months of 1898 there were 6,411 farm mortgages filed, the total amount being \$7,003,268.46. There were 8,758 satisfied, amounting to \$9,197,147.84. The town and city mortgages filed amounted to \$1,008,343.00, while the releases amounted to \$3,625,290.64, or almost double the filings.

A comparative table of the real estate mortgage figures for the past seven years would be as follows:

Filed. Released. 1892..... \$38,847,633 \$31,912,307 1893..... 34,601,318 26,178,745 1894..... 31,690,054 26,438,090 1895..... 25,753,364 23,648,917 1896..... 16,474,606 18,213,382 1897..... 15,630,721 22,215,759 1898..... 21,303,855 27,498,076

Accidentally Kills His Friend.

At Omaha Fred Smith, a bartender, accidentally shot and fatally wounded his friend, A. J. Robertson. Smith had taken the cartridges out of a 28-caliber and handed it to another man who wanted to look at it. After doing so, the fellow replaced the cartridges in the gun and handed it back to Smith, who had not observed that the man had reloaded the gun. Just at this time Robinson stepped up to the bar and Smith, thinking the gun empty, pointed it at Robinson and told him to throw up his hands, at the same time pulling the trigger. The ball struck Robinson in the abdomen, and he died shortly afterwards.

The board of educational lands and funds has closed negotiations for \$22,000 worth of 4 per cent refunding bonds, issued by Valley county. The old bonds were held by New York dealers, but the state will get the new bonds at par. This is the first purchase by the board of county bonds in a long time, such bonds being very scarce in the market.

John C. Sprecher, who used to be editor of the Schuyler Quill, has been appointed deputy oil inspector for the Third congressional district.

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WHAT THE LATE WAR SHOWED.

NEW YORK, April 27.—Captain Coghlan of the cruiser Raleigh has an article in the Independent on "English Good Will," in which he says the war showed all European nations except England were unfriendly to America. He declares that the Germans did not "mean fight." Captain Coghlan says:

"So far as action can be taken as a criterion of thoughts and feelings, the English during the war with Spain were with us heart and soul.

"When we got word to leave Hong Kong and attack the enemy, the news spread about through the various clubs and excited divers sentiments. It was supposed the defenses of Manila were very formidable; that the channel was heavily mined; the forts manned by an active and intelligent garrison, furnished with all the implements for detecting the presence of an enemy and making him regret his intrusion.

"The Spanish fleet on paper appeared to be as strong as our own, and, altogether, the attack on Manila looked like an exceedingly hard proposition. So much was this the case that Prince Henry of Prussia felt sorry for us. He did not exactly say so, but you could see it in his manner and his look when heard that we had to go.

"By Jove! You fellows are to have the first chance, after all."

"After the battle of Manila and all throughout the operations there, the action of the English fleet showed that they were heartily with us. And the English residents of Manila, we found, were more enthusiastically our friends than even their compatriots in Hong Kong. This attitude seemed all the more pronounced by contrast with the attitude of some of the other nations.

"I do not know whether Admiral Chichester told Admiral von Diederichs that no one but Dewey knew what the British fleet would do in case Manila was bombarded. That was the rumor, at any rate.

"But the Germans certainly did give us some anxiety, while the attitude of the English certainly saved us from much trouble. I do not, however, believe that the Germans meant fight. The French ships were polite enough, but the French papers in Asia simply frothed at the mouth when they spoke of us. They did nothing but blackguard us after the battle of Manila, calling us bullies, out-throats, robbers. Previous to the battle of Manila we had been cowards and men without discipline, who would be very easily put to rout by the Spaniards. The Japanese seemed to be very friendly."

Of the homeward trip of the Raleigh, Captain Coghlan writes that the American sailors were everywhere received and treated with the greatest kindness, especially by British officers.

Describing the reception of his vessels at Bermuda, Captain Coghlan says: "At Bermuda it was the same story, the English were more than kind. Vice Admiral Fisher placed everything in the islands at our disposal. He said that if we would like to dock our vessel, the dock was ours. He said that he was about to dock one of the English vessels, but if we only said the word he would order her held back and give us preference. We, however, though very much gratified, were obliged to decline the offer, as we desired to proceed immediately to New York.

"The East is big with the coming of great events. I believe that China will soon be going to pieces, and that it is our duty to ourselves to be on the spot and protect our own interests. We must stand shoulder to shoulder with England. We understand each other, we speak a common language, we have common interests, and we know that nowhere else in the world can we find such a staunch ally. Our possession of the Philippines and our interests in China make us one of the great figures of the situation, and I believe that we must prepare to meet our responsibilities. Combined with Great Britain and probably with Japan we can tranquilly await the bursting of the tempest."

Effect of the Rise in Copper. BIRMINGHAM, England, April 27.—The enormous rise in the price of copper is playing havoc with the leading industries in the midlands. At Ky-bachy batches of hundreds of men have been discharged since the rise in the price of metal began, and now instead of 4,000 men only 2,000 are at work there. The government has decided not to give any more orders for cartridge shells while the present prices prevail, and orders have been issued stopping all the work possible. The electrical fitting firms are also losing business for the same reason.

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