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Rejected manuscripts will not be

without the loss of a man, a wagon or a gun. But Lord Bobs call it a "rout."

The news from Washington is to the frequent consultation these days and that Coal Oil Johnny will attend the

liberty wherever it went. Now they say that it only carries trade and what liberty is left is confined to the 45 states. Oh! for some vast wilderness where we could go and hide our shame from the gaze of mankind.

Mark Hanna says that thirty labor aders have protested to him against free trade with Porto Rico. We say to him what we said to the Wharton Barker bolters from the national committee when they claimed to have a majority: discovered that it was not a prescription "Please give us their names."

The people of Porto Rico are in the utmost distress. Now come the trusts and say we demand our tribute from that island, and the congress, the president and all the republican gang in the

an account of the British defuncts. Having lost twelve regiments of soldiers and a good many guns, he doubtless figures that the lists of dead if allowed to be sent, would be injurious to the ad- moment his party is mentioned. His ministration.

drouth and times were hard the rail- matter, who does not belong to his party of debt. Let the mullet heads go into roads raised their rates because there is wilfully engaged in some horrible con- big speculations. When the collapse was so little to do, and now that the spiracy to bring ruin and general suffercrops are abundant they raise them ing upon this nation. He so firmly months, let them go into bankrupcy. again because the operating expenses believes in his delusion that there is no And after that take to counting ties. have increased. If any one objects, a use to try to reason with him. The best federal judge steps in with an injuction. way to quiet him is, as in other forms It is an unlimited issue of paper by the There you have it.

cials were human. Per contra, we suppose that if Rosewater and other republicans were elected, we would be relieved scription, "half devil and half child?"

The republicans have enacted tariffs for labor, for infant industries and for numerous other things and reasons. will swear to the genuineness of this last of the most extravagant kind. motive. It is only for sweet charity.

The sight of this great nation of 70,-000,000 people which by the might of its Porto Rico for the benefit of a couple rook trusts is one of the military power is taxing the little island gs ever written on the pages of history. But just wait a while. That chapter shall be erased. The christian people of this nation will right that wrong.

defeated the proposition. Now Lord particularly fine appropriativeness from 8. Article I. an English general who is engaged in de- "The congress shall have power to lay sent-up for six years. stroying two republics.

what's the use to talk about it?

THE NEW DOCTRINE.

surprise to the people living in New Arizona. Mexico, Arizona and Oklahoma to United States, have no rights guaranteed to them under the constitution, lished all around the borders of these respondents of a great daily in answer Hanna. to a question on the subject replied:

"I would say that under the interpretation given to the constitution by the committee of ways and means in its recent report accompanying the Porto Rican tariff bill, the District of Columbia, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arizona and Alaska are not parts of the The Boers retired from Bloomfontein United States any more than Porto Rico eithout the loss of a man, a wagon or a and the Philippine islands, and that congress has a right to impose customs duties upon merchandise shipped be-In other words, according to the comeffect that Nebraska's Coal Oil Johnny mittee's reasoning, congress can estab-Oklahoma and collect duties upon goods hipped between Texas and Kansas and that territory under the same constitu-Nebraska republican convention after tional authority that allows a tariff upon commerce between New York and Porto We used to say that the flag carried signed by Representatives Payne of New York, Dalzell of Pennsylvania, Hopkins of Illinois, Grosvenor of Ohio, Russell of Connecticut, Dolliver of Iowa, Steele of Indiana, Tawney of Minnesota and Long of Kansas.

## PARTISAN INSANÎTY.

A Lincoln physician handed the editor of the Independent a card on which was scribbled, what at first seemed a lot hieroglyphics like those to be found 'on prescriptions. After long study it was and as near as could be made out it read as follows:

"You have given to your readers several apt phrases that are coming into common use, one, the phrase, 'mullet head,' which is used to describe a stupid partisan follower. I see in some of your of it in every town in the United States house except three, tumbled over each later issues that you have coined the that can get the use of \$25,000 for a few phrase, 'partisan insanity.' You will days and \$6,900 permanently! A bank confer a favor upon the profession if you Lord Bobs always has time to count will give an exact description of the that amount. Take \$25,000 and invest the Boer dead, but he is too busy to send symptoms of this disease, which I for it in bonds. Go down to Washington one, have no doubt not only exists and get the \$25,000 back. Twenty-five but is becoming very prevalent."

the excitement the patient exhibits the ties who loaned the use of it for a few delusions seem to be permanent. At all times he is firmly of the belief that When the crops failed by reason of the any man, or woman either for that of insanity, to pretend to agree with him. Any effort to get him to reason The Omaha Bee thinks that the Inde- only increases his excitement, which is pendent made a damaging admission always to be avoided when dealing with of the constitution of the United States when it said that the present state offi- persons afflicted with any sort of insane says: "No tax or duty shall be laid on

delusions. affliction is the belief of the patient that upon goods going to Porto Rico they of having human beings to rule over us. his party is sort of personality, a mater- simply tramped that part of the consti-Would they come under Kipling's de- ial entity, that this personality is en- tution under the feet and McKinley dowed with all the virtues and is so said he would sign the bill. If they are infallibly wise, that any criticism of its not anarchists then there never were leading men or the policies that it adopts, almost throws him into spasms. Sometimes he becomes so excited that Now they say they are going to impose he makes assaults upon the persons, a tariff on Porto Rico for sweet charity's whom he, in his delusions, thinks are sake. There is no other way to relieve opposed to his party, but more often he full valuation of all the property on the the suffering poor. Every mullet head simply indulges in fierce denunciations

There are many other symptoms of this sort of insanity which might be enumerated, but the above are the most common ones, and will enable any sane making a wrong diagnosis.

WRECK OF THE REPUBLIC.

From what source does congress derive its power to impose taxes and col- tiary while he controls the pardoning lect duties and imposts? From the con- power, no matter what crime he has When it was proposed at the peace stitution. If that power was not dele- committed. The names of the bankers congress at the Hague that dum-dum gated to it by the constitution, it could be has pardoned would fill half a colbullets should be interdicted, England do none of these things. To that, any umn of this paper. The last one that man of a sound mind will assent. What he let out was William Steele, the cash-Bobs sends a wailing protest every day against the Boers whom he accuses of using them. Such protests come with taxes, duties and imposts? It is section less than a soon as the treaty was accused but a soon as the treaty was adopted they ment to general. Let any person with the too general. Let any person with the most perfect eyesight go to a special nounced, and as soon as the treaty was style of the art. An "Old Populist" like traveling optician and his eyes will need the most perfect eyesight go to a special nounced, and as soon as the treaty was style of the art. An "Old Populist" like traveling optician and his eyes will need the most perfect eyesight go to a special nounced, and as soon as the treaty was style of the art. An "Old Populist" like traveling optician and his eyes will need the most perfect eyesight go to a special nounced, and as soon as the treaty was style of the art. An "Old Populist" like traveling optician and his eyes will need the most perfect eyesight go to a special nounced, and as soon as the treaty was style of the art. An "Old Populist" like traveling optician and his eyes will need the most perfect eyesight go to a special nounced, and as soon as the treaty was style of the art.

and collect taxes, duties, imposts and excise, to pay the debts and provide for

The republican majority in congress that imposes duties which are not un- best weapons in the fight against the is kicking out elected members every iform is in contradiction of the consti- despotism that the leaders of the repubstic majority. And the republican throw of the constitution. It is revolu- could be quoted against the Declaration disgrace to the Sultan of Sulu. They in the fashion of the plutocrats.

repeatedly declared is as much a part It will perhaps be something of a of the United States as New Mexico or

As the Independent has said time learn that they are not citizens of the and again, despotism in this republic advances step by step. If the constitution can be violated in one section it but are "subjects" whom congress can can be violated in all sections. We no tax as it pleases. We may soon look longer have a constitutional governfor a line of custom houses to be estab | ment, but simply a congressional despotism, tempered only by the will of the territories, where all sorts of manu- protected interests, trusts and banks. factured goods can go in free, but That is the wreck of the glorious reevery thing that comes out must pay public that Washington established and heavy duties. This is no fancy or which has been the hope of the world. dream. It is just what the friends of It has been wrecked by the republican the administration say. One of the cor- party under the leadership of Mark

WILDEST WILDCATTING. The printing presses have started in Washington and reams of paper monev are being run off while the express companies are loaded down with packages of paper money being sent to the national banks all over the country. is announced that five of the national banks of Omaha have decided to take tween those territories and the states. out additional circulation, as allowed by the new currency measure, and have taken steps to secure or have already secured the bonds required as a deposit to secure the currency. The First National intends to take out \$200,000 in addition to the amount it now has, which will give it \$650,000. The Omaha national expects to add \$100,000 to its present circulation of \$500,000. The United states national has secured bonds so take out \$100,000, and the merchants', the Nebraska, and the Union National banks have the matter under advisement.

> The same thing will be done here in Lincoln and every where else. This scheme goes John Law and South Sea bubble one better for Law had behind his floods of paper money land, while these national bankers have nothing but a scheme for endless bond issues, that is more paper behind the tons of paper that is flying on the wings of the wind out of the issue bureau at Washington.

Over half a million of paper money with which to flood the little city of Omaha! Think of it! More of it in Lincoln. More of issue can be opened anywhere with percent of it must be kept as a resesve One of the symptoms of this disease is and the rest can be returned to the pardays for the purpose of establishing a national bank.

Now is the time for the pops to get out of debt. As prices begin to rise get out comes, and it will not be delayed many

We know now what "sound money is." national banks.

Paragraph 5, section 9, of article one er has made any such statement." articles from any state." When the re-Another symptom of this deplorable publican house imposed export duties such creatures.

The taxes proposed upon the people of Porto Rico in the bill submitted in the senate is equal to four per cent upon the ism, double distilled, what is it? These taxes go for the most part to pay the baggers that McKinley will send to the island in payment for party work. Some man to detect the individuals who are of the most disgraceful of republican so afflicted without much danger of heelers are in those islands now. Nebraska has furnished not a few.

> McKinley is still determined that no banker shall long remain in the peniten-

GETTING THEIR BOODLE-

receiving the boodle which congress has there would be a famine such as in the Mark Hanna and McKinley. A Wash- large districts in India and China." Imington dispatch says:

er of the currency's office is sending new currency to national banks at the rate of more than a million dollars a day and will continue to do so until the cept three and taxed these poor, starvfull amount to which the banks are entitled under the new law has been furished. The new act permits the banks to take out circulation to the par value of these bonds, thus entitling them to mile off. about \$24,000,000 in excess of that they have heretofore enjoyed."

Here is a gift to the national banks of \$24,000,000 to begin with. The bankers take this money and forthwith proceed to loan it to the distressed people at high rate of interest and from it receive a permanent income on which they can live fat and continue to lord it over u as they have in the past. It is a gift They make no return for it at all. bankers are made a privileged class They can live without toil. They do not have to face the storms of winter or en dure the heat of summer. The govern ment prints money and givesit to them They can loan it out, go to Europe and live at the fashionable watering place while the mullet heads toil raising corn cattle and hogs to pay interest. They like that way, these mullet heads. They will continue to vote for it as long they live. They have a sort of inward consciousness that they are inferior be ings and it is their destiny to toil for th bankers. They make no complaint.

But this \$24,000,000 is only the begin ning of the boodle that this republican congress has voted to the bankers. There is a great deal more of the same sort to come. This \$24,000,000 is only the fortaste of the good things that McKinley and Mark Hanna have laid up for them.

ALWAYS PERFIDY

One can be sure that when the pres ent leaders of the republican party make a public declaration in favor of any one policy they intend always to adopt and enforce something diametrically opposed to it, When for years they declared for to and did establish the gold standard as soon as they were in power. When impose a tariff. When they intended to make the Philippines a subject colony they all declared that they were for self government in those islands. When the Senator Forker said:

"I do not understand anybody to be proposing to take the Philippine islands with the idea and view of permanently holding them and denying to the people stand that anybody wants to do that. I

Senator Lodge said: "Suppose we ratify the treaty. Th islands pass from the possession of Spain into our possession without committing us to any policy. I believe we shall have the wisdom not to attempt to incorporate those islands with our body did. It is now looked upon as an expolitic or make their inhabitants a par of our citizenship. I believe we shall have the wisdom, the self-restraint, and the ability to restore peace and order in those islands and give their people the opportunity for self-government." Even Nebraska's Coal Oil Johnny

stepped to the floor of the senate and r

"I am unalterably opposed to any de-parture from the declared policy of the island. If that is not Spanish despot- fathers, which would start this republic, for the first time, upon a career of conquest and dominion, utterly at varience enormous salaries of republican carpet destiny of our republican government." Senator Wellington declared:

"Now we have them, it does not fo low that we are committed to a colonial policy or to a violation of those great principles of liberty and self-government ideals if our own free institutions are to east of all, can afford to trample on its deals. I have no fear that it will do so. "I assure you, with some knowledge of committed to no policy calculated to discourage, much less strike down, the aspirations of liberty-loving people all ov-

Not one of these men ever intended to caped conviction while the cashier was their might and main to make the Phil- anything of the sort. Such an edition After all it is the poets who are the time and again, does not in the least dis- we hope the "Old Populists" of the state swallowed to pounds then, notwithstand-The Cramps are building a big ship the common defense and general wel- true statesmen. It is in their words turb their following. When the leaders will reflect that we have no fund to draw for Russia. They got the contract be- fare of the United States, but all du- that legislators speak in every time of shouted for free trade in Porto Rico, upon and must rely wholly upon the cause they could do the work cheaper, ties, imposts and excises shall be uni- stress. Whenever liberty is threatened they shouted for it. When the leaders money that comes in upon subscriptions and make a profit, than any European form throughout the United States." and advancing despotism terrifies the faced about. every mullet head faced and the advertising that we get to pay another step up the money stair, but firm was able to do it. Now comes Mark There can be nothing more clearly hearts of the people, all men, and especiation and the advertising that we get to pay another step up the money stair, but they are not at the top yet, by any Hanna and wants congress to grant enor- stated than that. The words "United ally statesmen, turn to the poets fos ed for self government in the Philip- That being the case we will not try to means. Bryan's mouth scared them off mous subsidies to ship builders so they States" is the name given to our great language to express the hopes and pines, every mullet head was for self- compete with this new thing called can compete with the "pauper labor of republic which is composed of states aspirations of the people. The Congress- government. When the senators were "True Populism" but fight away as we Europe." Such a proposition—but then and territories. Duties imposed by ional Record these days is filled with for conquest and subject colonies, so have been fighting for the last ten years. congress must be uniform throughout poetry. It is in the words of the poets were they. Can anything but partisan From the way the old subscribers have

dailies continue to talk about Goebleism in Kentuckey! If the worst that is charged in Kentuckey were true, it would not compare with the rough shod despotism of the republican majority in congress.

The republican majority in constitution and the enduring principles of the propose to tax those starving people \$3, to find pendence or the principles of the propose to tax those starving people \$3, to find pendence or the principles of the propose to tax those starving people \$3, to find pendence or the principles of the constitution. All the poetry that lives of the republican orators are very fond of saying "you can't legislate value into find the republican majority in constitution. All the poetry that lives of the republican orators are very fond of saying "you can't legislate value into find the republican majority in constitution. All the poetry that lives of the republican orators are very fond the majority in constitution. All the poetry that lives of the republican orators are very fond of saying "you can't legislate value into find the republican majority in constitution. All the poetry that lives of the republican orators are very fond the republican orators are very fond of saying "you can't legislate value into find the republican majority in the banks that run the banks that run the propose to tax those starving people \$3, that is forbidden to constitution. All the poetry that lives of the republican orators are very fond the republican orators are very fond the republican orators are very fond of saying "you can't legislate value into find the republican orators are very fond the republican orators are very fond the republican orators are very fond of the greenbacks through from the days of the troubadours to the soil that time and of course the banks will be re-chartered for that length of time.

It was just such an act as that the propose to tax those starving people \$3, the republican orators are very fond in the republican orators are very fond the republican orators are very fond the republican

agine the horrible greed of the trusts "The division of issue of the comptrol- that swooped down on congress, knocked over the president and the whole republican membership of the house exley rates to fill their swelling coffers! If that isn't hell, then hell is not half a

> One of the means of subverting and annulling the constitution invented by the republican ways and means committee is the declaration that: "The general and plenary powers of congress had been modified by treaty stipulations." So it seems that McKinley can appoint four or five trusty pets as commission and they can go and make a treaty with Great Britain or any other power that will take from congress itr power to legislate for the interests of the American people. This is treason worse than that of Benedict Arnold.

The old argument that a national debt s a national blessing is beginning to appear again in the eastern dailies. Having provided for a perpetual national perforce make a kind of a defense. In is certainly a very great blessing. It legislative body on earth that equals in keeps the people toiling so continuously villainy this horrible piece of robbery to pay the interest that they have not entitled "an act to define and fix the

According to Lodge, Hanna, McKinley Some of the items will be given next and company, the constitution reads something like this: We the people ordain this constitution for the purpose of establishing a government that shall Farmers Party-Cows and Hens-Bixorganize great armies, build a big navy and then go about all over the world hunting up people who are not capable of self-government, offer to govern them according to the highest style of the art, the farmers party and the McKinley and if they resist and fire upon the flag, party may just as well be styled the fight them until the last traitor is hung and set up a stable government. After that we will put a tariff on the goods the president and the ways and means that they manufacture and make them committee declared for free trade with admit our goods free. This is the provi-Porto Rico, they forth with proceeded to dence of God and the destiny of this nation.

The editor has received a letter in which the writer, a farmer, says: "I treaty with Spain was up in the senate, wish you would publish in the Independent all the decisions of the supreme court regarding the supremacy of the constitution in the territories." These decisions, and they are all one way. there the right to have a government of would fill 30 or 40 columns of this paper. their own, if they are capable of it and We print the first one delivered by Chief want to establish it. I do not under-Justice Marshall in another column. havenot heard of anybody who wants to do But how do we know that the supreme that. The President of the United States court will not turn around and reverse But how do we know that the supreme does not, and no senator in this Chamb- all those decisions at their next session just as they did in the income tax case? The decisions of the supreme court must be obeyed until they are reversed, but all thinking men have lost all respect for the court and their opinions do not influence the action of men as they once tremely partisan body whose sympathies are all with plutocracy.

That bill taxing Porto Rico was passed against the recommendation of Brigadier-General Davis against the protest of the delegates from Porto Rico, against the recommendation of Elihu Root, the distinguished and able republican secreting purposes. The dividend on Bryan upon, Whatever there may be in that, tary of war, and against the recommendation of William McKinley, the president of the United States, and against the original recommendation of the chairman of the committee on ways and means. Now let some old pop farmer sit down and work out by the rule of three the following problem. If two which must always remain American trusts can knock out the president, the secretary of war, a brigadier general and endure. No country, and this country the ways and means committee in the a great blessing to the common people first round, what can the 3,000 trusts do when they all strip for a fight at one whereof I speak, that the President is and the same time? Send the answer to the editor of the chess column.

The "True Populist" sent out an edition last week of 30,000 copies, printed ippines a subject colony of the United printed on that kind of paper, would States. This sort of perfidy, committed well nigh wreck the establishment. But deal so with medicine. Tons are now these states and territories. Any law that those who love liberty find their insanity account for such insane doings? been out working for new subscriptions, we are inclined to think that they like The savage barbarity of the republican | the "old populist" anyway and will stick week and seating republicans in their tution. It is an abrogation of that in- lican party would fasten upon this party in its proposed dealings with the to it notwithstanding the inducements places to strengthen their weak imperial- strument. Such an act is the over- country. No poet ever wrote a line that little island of Porto Rico would be a held out to patronize a paper gotten up us for at least thirty years. The new

inhabitants, and Gen. Davis in his offi- they think it is their interest to do so, The national bankers are in extraordi- cial report says: "I can only give food but of late they talk after another fashnary good humor these days. They are for the hungry. Should the supply fail, ion. Harvey, Fisk and Sons have recently issued a circular telling how conlegislated to them for their support of past has swept over and depopulated gress has legislated additional value into government bonds. It is one of the regular Wall street circulars issued to their customers. In speaking of the gold bill they say:

"Among its other attractive features the bill provides for the issue of 2 per cent thirty-year gold bonds, the reduc-tion of one-half per cent per annum in the tax on circulation where secured by these bonds, the issue of notes to the full face value of the bonds deposited, and the right to increase circulation at any time, by the repeal of the restriction which has heretofore prevented its increase until the expiration of six months from the last decrease in circulation.

"Many banks have already increased their holdings of the old issues which are to be refunded into the new 2 per cents, and while there has been a material advance in the prices of all gov ernment bon ds during the last few days, they are still obtainable at prices making the new twos very attractive as a basis for circulation. At present prices ed to govern themselves if that question every dollar invested in circulation will realize over 20 per cent per annum. In no other way can such rates of interest absolutely free from risk, be secured and it behooves the banks to act promptly in order to secure the full advantages of the transaction.

So the bankers are to make 20 per cent profit out of the legislation that they have put through congress! This is not the statement of a wild-eyed pop debt in the recent gold bill, they must It is the statement of a conservative New York firm. There has never been the eyes of a plutocrat, a national debt an act of any congress, parliament or time to get together and talk about reform standard of value, maintain the parity and make themselves annoying to the of all forms of money issued or coined in aristocrats. In the last five years the the United States and for other purnational debt has increased \$462,000,000. poses." The other purposes were robbery and extortion.

## HARDY'S COLUMN

by-Fusion-Thurston and Oil-Fads-Another Turn-Referendum.

The Bryan party may well be styled bankers party. The rich men are near-the Philippines next year, for the arm ly all in the republican party, especially that we sent a year ago will be practicis it so through the east.

The cows and the hens,
Are the farmers friends;
The pigs and the calves,
Work only to the halves;
The fruit and bees
Work only to please.

Bixby offers himself a live sacrifice on the alter of his party, for legislator. in other words wish the same office would run after us too. Wouldn't we have fun in country school houses kiss-ing the babies and talking about the old flag. I'd promise not to say a word about the declaration or constitution for I know that would mar the harmony of any political honeymoon. Then it would break all the fun in the middle for one of us to get left. We would agree on one thing, that Lincoln must have a senator. He could vote for Thompson and if Hanna counts Bryan out again I would vote for him. I wouldn't object to voting for Bix himself, wash the republican mud off and he would be all right. If we could both get there, wouldn't we that nearly a year ago the readers of rip things up the back.

Fusion has fused again and that wit-h out melting, in fact we were all one Bryan lump to start with. To have mentioned any other name would have shook the political universe. He is a probably be the only power that would candidate with nothing to explain, cov-er up or whitewash. He is so clean and go to press it is approunced that Russia well known that a lie will not stick to him. In regard to his opponent there will be no need of lying about him for stock is increasing every day. could not help pitying the meanest man living with Mark Hanna tied around his neck. More men, women and child-ren have seen and heard Wm. J. Bryan than any other man who ever stepped foot on American soil and none but the thieves, millionaires, trusts and corporations can find a word of fault with him.

John Thurston's plea before the court for the oil trust, was that the trust was gard to Porto Rico has resulted in putting down the price of oil. the price of oil is forty, or fifty per cent higher than it was five years ago, and twenty millions have just been handed out as dividend on stock in one lump.

It looks, from a level stand point, that the fad of wearing glasses is becoming costing twenty-five dollars. Ten young people wear glasses now where there was one fifty years ago. And it is a good ing the general adoption of the Homeopathic system.

The eastern plutocrats have taken ing their whole litter. If they carry planting new crops are sugar and tobacthis fall's election they will finish up the co. Spain has forbidden them by her litter next congress, which will be to make the government redeem all the bank bills, that are issued, in gold, just as they now do the greenbacks.

tney have got the banks hitched on to bonds that are to be issued are to run that time and of course the banks will

start a chain on the banks. Just present a few millions of bank bills for redemption and we will soon hear a squeak **非洲**拉拉斯斯拉克

Referendum means the refering of government matters to a vote of the people by ballot. Switzerland is said to the home of the referendum, but has been from the start, one of the methods of procedure in our govern-ment, to a limited extent. Our present national constitution was refered to the colonial or state legislatures and canno be amended now only by such reference. The same is true of our state constitutions with one exception. The change of state capital and county seat most states must be referred to a vote of the people. School district debts can-not be incurred only by vote of the people. What we want is more of this referendum. Let the laws of congress and of our state legislature be submitted to a vote of the people. The silver dollar never would have been dropped by vote of the people. The war with the Filipinos would have been voted down two to one if the question had been submitted to a vote, and the war would be stopped now and the islanders allowcould be submitted. When a question of any kind is submitted to a fair vote of the people and a majority vote either way, the vote should make it a part of our constitutional law and the courts should be made to respect it as such.

The initiative means the starting of petitioning for a law. Here we will have more difficulty. It would not do to put through levery notion of a single man. It should take a certain per cent of the voters to initiate a law.

## News of the Week

The principal item of news from the Philippines, this week, was the longest list of died from disease, killed and wounded that has ever been received in any one week since the war began, The other news was to the effect that the Filipinos were organizing their forces in various parts of Luzon, and that the city of Manila was no longer regarded as safe. It is said that the insurgent leaders hold meetings constantly in the city and that practically the whole population are in sympathy with them. The prospect is that war will be waged during the coming rainy season by the Filipinos with more vigor than ever before. The result of it all is that we will have to send another army to ally annihilated by that time. Let the fathers and mothers be prepared to send more of their sons to Luzon's slaughter pen for the benefit of the syndicates and lovers of empire.

There are rumors that Russia is about to interfere in the South African war Wish to gracious we could run right The Czar has been assembling for along behind him for the same office, or months a vast army on the borders of the English possessions in India. There are now assembled over 150,000 troops and more are on their way. This mobolization of troops is not for

The readers of this paper have been kept posted on this matter, but the poor mullet heads have seem never to have heard of it until the middle of this week. One of their leading men came to the editor of the Independent and asked to be informed on the matter. He was told this paper were informed of the situation and from week to week the developements had been reported until twe weeks ago it was announced in the news of the week" that Russia would go to press it is announced that Russia, in conjunction with France, is about to issue a note on the subject and that the one thing is certain, that Russia has not transported 150,000 troops and camped them before the "gate to India" just for the fun of it.

The revolt that has occured throughout the whole United States against the nhuman and despotic policy adopted by the house of representatives in rein a halt being called by the republican leaders and the bill has been laid on the shelf in the senate for the present. Meantime starvation, disease and death increases in poor Porto Rico. The inhabitants are meeting and sending the most pathetic and piteous petitions to the government of the United States to please not starve them to death. A cartoon in one of the eastern papers illustrated the condition most admirably. It was a picture of McKinley and Weyler. Weyler was saying: "I almost starved the people who were at war against my government, but you are starving those who never raised a hand against you."

The substance of the whole matter is this: The principal products of Porto Rico and which must be sold to get money to live on and pay the cost of tariffs to sell in that country and Mc-Kinley through the war department has forbidden by high tariffs to sell in the United States. Now comes the republi-The republican gold bugs now think can house of representatives and by a law continues this discrimination. They don't want charity. They want the right to sell the products of the soil