Francisco Perez," said Captain Villar. Senorita Inez Carajo. "You must die. Those are our orders." Just then voices were beard at a little the insurgent, "thank heaven that we distance, and a moment later four came in time!" Spanish soldiers appeared from one eFie of the camp, leading between them a prisoner, and Quin, as he saw his own cost and beimet, uttered a cry of you left a spy came in and told to of a

co Perez, not L."

and confronted with Quin flatly deuled taken." the latter's assertion.

"I never any the fellow before," he said caimly. "He lies, senor captain. It is I who am an Englishman, returning alone from a disastrous expedition my way to Manila when your soldiers stances." arrested me. I demand my liberty." Captain Villar shrugged his shoulders

"One of you," he replied, "is undoubtedly Perez.

"There he stands, wearing my clothing." Quin cried in a ringing voice. "Liar," replied the impostor. "You

are the rebel leader. I am the Englishman, Matthew Quin." "That is say name, you scoundrel!"

Captain Villar exchanged a meaning glance with his lieutenant.

"It is the first time the name has been mentioned," he said eagerly. "I now know how to set. Several months ame, ewing to a report from a Spanish spy in London, I was instructed to watch for an Englishman, Matthew Quin, who estensibly left Manila on a hunring expedition, but whose real purpose was to convey arms to the in-Burgents."

"Then you were wrongly informed," erled Quin. "My expedition had nothfing to do with the rebels, and I can prove it if you send me to Manila."

"That is quite unnecessary," said Captain Villar. "One of you is certainly Francisco Perez, and the other is an English filibuster. It makes no difference which is which. My orders are plain, and you will die together. I

Both prisoners began to protest, but they were allenced by brutal blows on the face. Then their wrists were tied behind them, and they were led apart under strong guard. Perez-there was no doubt of his identity-accepted the situation with apparent fortitude. Quin also centized that there was no hope. and he bore up as well as he could under this terrible stroke of fate. He felt' less resentment toward his fellow captive since he now knew that the faise denunciation from the Spanish spy in London would by itself have doomed him to death. He could understand the temper of the Spaniards with the American fleet lying off Manila.

The ten minutes of grace sped quickby by. Captain Villar, who had been eguferring duletly with his officers. andleniv lifted his hand and gave an order. "Quin and Perez were placed side by side against one of the buts facing a firing squad of ten men.

"You are brave fellows," said the emptain, "and I will spare you the indignity of being blindfolded. I regret that I cannot offer you the services of

Quin tried to speak, but his line seemed glued together. He saw the soldiers examining their muskets. He looked at the green foliage of the jungle, spinshed with the rays of the aftermoon sun. He tried to realize that he was about to die; that in a minute more he would be a bleeding corpse. "I am innocent?" he cried hoarsely.

Captain Viliar, "Attention, men! Make

shouting, and from the edge of the forest to one side was poured a rattling volley. Captalu Villar clutched at his breast and fell. As quickly three of



"We meet again, senorita," he replied.

low by the hit.

Then with a wilder burst of yells a dezen swartly rebels, led by a womandressed somewhat like a vivandiere, " ing as they run. The Spanlards, be- "Private Smith in the Philippines," and confabs of his party he swaggers like stated, all along the line despite the lieving that a large force of insurgents a copy of "Imperialism, Extracts from the typical swashbuckler. A Republic- fact that the committee on public was upon them, did not attempt to lectures and speeches of Hon. W. J. an congressman told me recently with buildings and grounds have held back make a stand. With cries of alarm, Bryan," send in a club of 5 campaign great glee how Mark disposed of Gov- all matters before them and the comthey fied and sought shelter in the forest, leaving nine sead behind them.

The research did not pursue. They cents for each. fined Perez's arms, revealed to Quin's everybody" ON PAGE 2.

Read the premium offers in article expedition to the interior, concluding entitled "Premiums for Everybody." his story with the adventure with the We are pleased to send them in exchange boar and the forcible exchange of cloth- for clubs of new subscriptions. I'ts the

"You are a cunning liar, but you are amazed glance the beautiful face of

"My dear one," she cried, embracing

"But-but I don't understand it," stammered Perez.

"It is very simple, Francisco. After safer way to reach the coast. He de-"That is the man," he cried excitedly, clared, moreover, that a Spanish out-"who compelled me to change clothing post guarded the road you intended to at the point of a pistol. He is Francis take. So we marched hurriedly to warn you, and by chance we learned The prisoner when brought forward from a native that you had been COMMISSIONS THE LATEST FAD.

> With that the brave girl turned to Quin and released his arms. With a cry of surprise, she recognized him.

"You senor?" "We meet again, senorita," he reto the interior of the island. I was on plied, "but under different circum-

> "Ah, yes! And you wonder what it means, do you not? I will tell you. This man," pointing to Perez, "is my husband. I loved him long before that night in January. He was present at the ball, and the fact was discovered To save him, I denounced you as the rebel leader, believing that no barm could come of it. Meanwhile, in the confusion, Francisco easily escaped. He wore the uniform of a Spanish offi- realm when first uttered.

"Senor, what can I say to express my grief?" he said earnestly. "Had I known that it was you who unwittingaided me to escape from General Augustine's house, I swear that I would have died rather than trick you commissions. as I did today. Can you forgive me?"

'And i also ask pardon, senor," pleaded the lovely girl, whose costume annum as a starter to go gallivanting in nowise detracted from her charms. "To you I owe my happiness-my husband, Francisco."

"All's well that ends well," Quin replied grimly. "But we had a mighty

close shave of it."

Perez burriedly explained. Senor Quin. But we must hasten, for there are other Spanish outposts in the vicinity, a strong cordon of them, our best to evade them."

rebels. No time was lost in delay. They lingered only long enough to rifle the camp and the dead soldiers of arms and ammunition, and then they set off toward the sea, which was about two leagues distant. By constant vigilance and cunning detours they passed undetected through the cordon of troops. But when they were near their goal they had the misfortune to stumble on the picket of an unsuspected outpost.

The alarm was given, and a hot pursuit was made. Fortunately the coast was near and it was quite dark. The fugitives reached the west shore of the bay of Manila and took a couple of boats which had been hidden in the vicinity by preconceived arrangement. As they put out they were fired on by their pursuers, who had been close behind them, and for a time the situation was critical. But an American cruiser flashed her great searchlight shoreward, took in the situation and sent a couple of shells among the Spaniards. the government what it owes, and with who retreated in panic to the shelter of effrontery that is sublime it proffers a the forest. The insurgents pulled on paltry \$800,000 in full settlement. Inaboard the flagship of the fleet, where gress has just passed a bill creating the "Silence" rang the stern voice of they were eagerly welcomed and were inevitable commission and gives the given an opportunity that same night commission carte blanche to settle on of relating their adventures to Admiral any terms it sees fit!

> matter of personal concern, left the road is easily worth the debt and clamnext day in the admiral's dispatch boat for Hongkong, whence he sailed shortly afterward for England. As for the exciting events that took place subsequently in the Philippines and the part the gallant Francisco Perez and his taxpayers of the land like such a caper beautiful wife played in them, these as that? Why should a private citizen things are now matters of history and have to pay his debts and why do subare as such known to the reader.

### Intense Interest

We invite our friends to assist in increasing the circulation of the Independent. Thanks to the energetic assistance of many of them our list has been tried and always found on the side somewhere, but Tillman retorted fero- are withheld for the next session. port. It will battle for the success of the deadly bullets flew, and the Span- the leader and the triumph of the prinish soldiers, unable to see their foes, ciples so necessary for their welfare. claimed, "I appeal to the senator, as I "And I call attention also to the coniness increases the independent will be well as brave he could not resist to the legislative, executive and judiimproved as it has been improved in the Mark's piteous wail and let up on him. | cial appropriations. These items could past. Send in as many new subscribers

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ran straight to the prisoners, and the See list of premiums and full particuwoman, as she cut the cords that con- lars in article entitled "Premiums for told the tale, to prevent the administra- sideration at this session.

A Veritable Riot of Extravagance.

PUBLIC BOLDLY PLUNDERED

Shameless Republican Maladministration.

Scheme to Send a Junket to China Temporarily Checked-Railroad to Escape Payment of Debt-Senator Leader Doesn't Want Roosevelt on the National Ticket-How Hanna over." Had Fun With McKinley's Cabinet.

[Special Washington Letter.] "There is something rotten in the state of Denmark!" Hamlet's declaration has been familiar to the ears of men for more than two centuries and a half. It is as applicable today here in Washington as it was in the Donish

It really appears that the Republic-Perez, who had been listening, grasp- ans tried during the closing days of the first session of the Fifty-sixth congress to see how much of maladministration his cold business way disappoints both they could achieve.

Their chief fad at present is to create all sorts of useless and extravagant

Inter alia they had a bill to create a commission at a cost of \$75,000 per over China and Japan to learn trade conditions and necessities, the identical work for which the Philadelphia commercial museums are maintained at an annual expense of \$200,000 to the peo-The danger was by no means over, as ple. When John Sharp Williams and myself fought it for that reason and "We are all going to the coast now to other reasons on the floor of the house, communicate with the American fleet," Mr. Chairman Hepburn of Iowa said. "and you shall go with us, brought all his parliamentary resources to bear in order to force it through the house, but we managed to block his and assuredly they will endeavor to game temporarily and prevented its capture our little band. But we will do passage at the long session. We couldn't kill it. The best we could do Quin, knowing that he could look for was to knock it back to its place on the no mercy from the Spaniards, readily calendar. He is certain to bring it up consented to take his chances with the at the short session and may or may not pass it. As the Philadelphia museums are already doing the work, this commission's chief object appears to be to furnish fat, desirable, easy jobs to three commissioners at a salary for each of \$5,000 a year and expenses and to a lot of hangers on salaries and perquisites galore. The government has about as much use for that commission as a wagon has for five wheels or a dog

Plan to Rob the People.

The truth is that the government is becoming topheavy with superfluous and wasteful commissions.

Another example. The Sioux City and Pacific is one of the numerous railroads subsidized by the government. It owes the United States \$4,-200,000. It pays 4 or 5 per cent dividends, but claims to be too poor to pay with thankful hearts and were soon stead of foreclosing and selling it con-

Senator Harris of Kansas, who helped build the Pacific railroads, says the ored in the senate to compel it to pay ir full, but the Republicans laughed to rob the government of part or all of the debt of \$4,200,000. How do the sidized railroads escape paying theirs?

Senator Mark Hanna took it into his noddle the other day that he was a debater and would with debaters stand. space of about three minutes, when ed his mind of that hallucination at at arms Mark in agony of soul ex- included in the fiscal year 1901.

The Republican Swashbuckler. tion from taking him vi et armis and The exhibit when carefully studied tion with it and boldly took his stand

fastening him to the tale of the McKinley presidential kite for the purpose. as the colonel-governor-autobiographer thought, of saving McKinley from defeat. But this Republican congressman put a different color on the whole story. "The truth is," quoth he, "that Roosevelt really wants the vice presidantial nomination, but wants to give the performance the appearance of forcing him. So Teddy came down to see the bigwigs in general and Mark in particular. So he broached the question to Hanna, who replied: 'I believe I have heard your candidacy quietly mentioned in a timorous way by a few persons, but the matter is not taken seriously. Your name would add no strength to the ticket. True, I believe you were mixed up somehow in the Spanish war, but that affair was so insignificant that it has passed from the public mind and is completely forgotten. Your career as governor of New York has not strengthened you in the public mind, and your candidacy is an impossibility.' Consequently," continued the congressman, "Teddy re-Tillman a Rare Fighter-G. O. P. turned to his own bailiwick crestfallen. chapfallen, sick at heart and sore all

Now, unless this Republican congressman was fibbing-a by no means improbable thing-what must have been the state of mind of Thomas C. Platt, senator and "easy boss," when he heard of it I leave to the imagination of others to determine, for Platt only tolerated Teddy in 1898 because of his fresh military laurels, and his feverish dream ever since has been to shunt him out of the way of a second nomination for governor by shoving him on to the presidential ticket as tailpiece, but now comes Mark and in Tom and Teddy. Too bad! Too bad! A Contagious Disease.

It is also said that Mark poked some

very savage jokes at certain of the cabinet members at a political dinner by saying: "This vice presidential disease is more contagious than the smallpox or black plague and is about to break up the cabinet. They've nearly all got it and got it bad. Now, there's Hay. He wants it, but everybody knows he's an Englishman and was never naturalized and therefore is not eligible. Postmaster General Smith is eration. True, nobody believes that department, and people would shake their heads. As for Secretary Long, we are certain to carry Massachusetts

-that is, if we are certain of carrying anything-and his treatment of Admiral Schley in that Sampson controversy has rendered him persona non grata, as the diplomats call it, to the public. He won't begin to do." By the time Mark got through with the cabinet ministers he had bowled them all out in his jocular way.

Republican Appropriations.

According to the statement of Hon. Leonidas F. Livingston of Georgia, the is: ranking Democrat on the committee on appropriations, the grand total of appropriations for the session of congress just closed is the enormous sum of \$515,845,194.57 technically and 879,-729,476.89 really. Colonel Livingston is a capable and exceedingly conservative man. His statement can be implicitly relied upon. As it will be of service to editors and campaign speakers I give it entire. Here it is verbatim:

"Mr. Speaker, in submitting a statement of the appropriations made at 2 this session of the Fifty-sixth congress I beg to call to the attention of the house and the country the fact that notwithstanding the enormous appropriations for 1900 on account of the Spanish-Cuban war the army and navy appropriations for this session are \$50,000,000 in excess of those of the last session.

"The statement I submit shows also that in every department of the government, beginning with the agricultural and ending with the permanent appropriations, we have increased at this last session. And when to the aggregate we add the amounts that should have been appropriated at this session. but which have been deferred for no good reason or at least for reasons that need explanation on the part of those in control-amounts which must be appropriated at the second session of this congress, such as that necessary to complete the Nicaragua canal, the bill having passed the house carrying authorization of an expenditure of He kept that idea in his noggin for the \$141,000,000, and also that usually appropriated for rivers and harbors, \$16,-Senator Benjamin R. Tillman disabus- 000,000, and for public buildings and grounds, \$3,000,000, and for outstandonce and forever. Armor plate was ing claims estimated at \$10,000,000-if, been growing rapidly. Nothing more the theme, and it cannot be mentioned I say, we add \$170,000,000 to the sum thoroughly demonstrates the intense in- on Capitol hill without it being almost stated in the table, \$709,729,476.89, we terest the people are taking to secure necessary for the police to send in a would have a grand total of \$879,729,the election of Mr. Bryan to the presi- riot call. On that particular subject 476.89 for this session alone. And thus dency. For years the Independent has Tillman is the boss rioter. Mark the total shown in the exhibit is not been a staunch supporter of the noble thought to squelch Tillman by quoting quite complete or fair considering that leader of the common people. It has the testimony of some eminent jobber such large amounts that must be met

of right. It leads in the battle in Ne clously: "It shows how unscrupulous "I submit that to be fair we should brasks this year. It fully appreciates men get to be when they get to be mil- let each fiscal year take care of all the loyal support it has received from lionaires through trusts. They not on- necessary appropriations and not units readers, and realizes its responsibili- ly get to be liars, but thieves also." load this year on the fiscal year 1902 ties to the people who gave that sup. After two or three more short passages things that should be provided for and

for the moment forgotten, crouched support, and as the circulation and bus- chance." As Tillman is generous as propriations for pensions and likewise the sum of \$120,000,000 to be expended trol of paper circulating medium in the hands of throughout a term of years." not have been affected to any great ex-But if Mark is a mere punching bag tent by the Spanish-Cuban war. It old and familiar adage. Up to four broke impetuously into the camp. fir. Trusts and Imperialism," a copy of "Coin on Money for senators in debate in the private shows indeed an increase, as before years ago Hon. Richard Franklin Petticents each. They're good books all of when that redoubtable soldier, states- ters before them with two or three ex- tne people, and when the Republican them. The retail price is twenty-five man, orator and autobiographer visited ceptions, and all accounts and claims party basely and wickedly surrendered Washington lately, as the newspapers have been practically barred from con- to the money trust and every other

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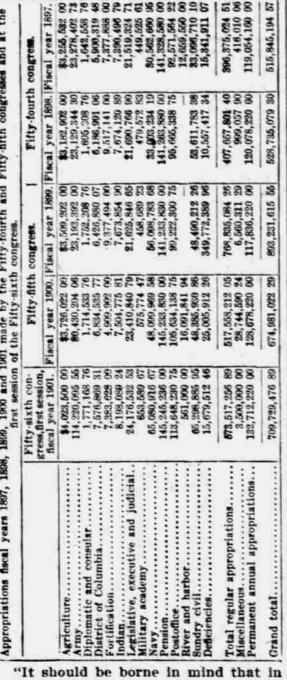
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the case of the above noted appropriations for the navy the authorization of ever. the eight new warships-two battleships, three armored cruisers and three protected cruisers-involves an ultimate expenditure for construction, armor and armament of something like \$56,000,000, not one dollar of which is now appropriated for and does not fig-

"The dominant party attempted to commit this congress at this session and will doubtless renew their efforts enunciated upon the free and equal coinage of at the coming session to commit the silver and gold at the established ratio of 16 to 1. government to what is known as the and we denounce as unwise and dangerous in the became panic stricken Quin and Perez. We invite our friends to continue their am a tyro here, to give me half a stant and gradual increase in the ap-

> An Unintentional Compliment, "Honor to whom honor is due" is an

grew, senior senator from South Dakota, was a prime favorite with Republican magnates. Now he is their bete noire. Wherefore? Because Pettigrew was a man of the people, in sympathy with species of trust he severed his connec-

and of popular rights. He has waged thieves and jobbers until he has become persona non grata to such Republican bosses as Mark Hanna and Senator Tom Carter of Montana. But Pettigrew is not afraid of the whole gang of swashbucklers and freebooters and lays on and spares not these handlers of Republican campaign corruption funds. What's more, he is more than a match for any of his enemies single handed and fights them in a bunch, invariably inflicting upon them more punishment than he receives. During the session just closed he has been particularly active and aggressive and has stewed them in their own fat on divers occasions. In spite of abuse and persecution he has kept up the fight, and it is only the simple truth to state that within the last year he has given Mark Hanna and his gang of political cutthroats more trouble and caused them more loss of sleep than any other man in public life.

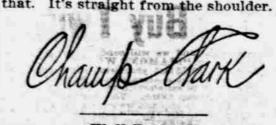
A strange thing happened in the Washington Post one day recently. That great paper is not enamored of Senator Pettigrew, but it unwittingly paid him a handsome and merited compliment. I have always understood and do now believe that 2 plus 2 make 4. On that day The Post had an elaborate editorial explaining who and what the Chinese Boxers are, lauding them as great patriots fighting for all the heart holds dear, just as we would do under similar circumstances. Then in an editorial squib in another column it declared that Senator Pettigrew is the chief American Boxer. Now, on the mathematical principle above stated if The Post did not prove Pettigrew to be the chief American patriot then words have no significance whatso-

Missouri to the Front.

God bless the Missouri Democrats. They are the salt of the earth. Others may dawdle, beat about the bush and try to ride two horses going in opposite directions, but the Missourians will not. They keep the faith. In their ure in the navy item, but must be met | Kansas City platform adopted June 6 they say:

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