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We can see no good resulting from the labors of labor commissioner. There is no danger of children being compelled to work beyond their strength, in fact there are thousands and tens of thousands who do not work enough. There is just as much need of a merchants' or lawyers' commission.

We like the plan for the management of the Milford home and the home for the friendless suggested by our new governor and if he would include the Geneva home it would be still better. No man of common sense will deny that women can manage those three institutions better than men; and if two or three competent lady teachers were put into the Kearney school they would have a telling effect upon the atmosphere of that institution. If we could have a board of control of all the state institutions, as they have in Iowa, it would be still better. It is well known that ladies can manage bad boys better than men.

We hope this legislature will hit upon some method of making the holders of bonds, mortgages, notes and warrants pay their share of the taxes. Every such obligation collectable, interest or principle, in this state should be taxed here. It will make no difference with the mortgage holder in New York whether he pays his taxes there or here. Missouri and California have it fixed so the mortgage-holder, no matter where he lives, has to pay his proportionate share of the taxes levied against the property on which he holds a mortgage. Surely this is just. A mortgage or note made now is not collectable by law unless the government tax has been paid, in the use of stamps. Why not make such a state law requiring all obligations to be listed for assessment in order to be collectable by law.

News of the Week

Any one who read The Independent during the campaign will know what congress has done. It informed its readers some months in advance what congress would do when it assembled and congress forthwith proceeded to do it as soon as called to order. The house passed a bill creating a great standing army of 96,000 men. It did it under the old Reed rules which practically suppress discussion. There will be lots of speeches printed in the Congressional Record which will begin with these words: "The house being in committee of the whole on the state of the union, and having under consideration the bill (S. 4300) to increase the efficiency of the military establishment of the United States, Mr. ——— said." But all that is a plain case of lying. Mr. ——— never said anything. He wrote out the speech and handed it to the reporters and in due course of time it appeared in the Congressional Record.

A few short addresses were permitted before the army bill was passed and a few remarks were made under the five-minute rule and that was all. As before arranged by the advance agents of plutocracy, the policy of the United States was changed—perhaps for all coming time, or until a revolution goes roaring through the land—that has made this nation a beacon light for all lovers of liberty of every race and nation. The republican farmer will hereafter carry a soldier on his back as he plants his corn and sows his wheat, for 96,000 men is only a starter in this scheme of government by force instead of government by consent.

In the senate the other part of the program was carried out as was foretold in these columns, and Senator Frye brought forth Mark Hanna's subsidy bill, appropriating $9,000,000 annually for thirty years to a privileged steamship line, making $270,000,000 that will be taxed out of the people during less than one life time for the special benefit of less than a dozen men who are all millionaires already. It is to be hoped that there will be no growling and no factious opposition. The republican farmers all voted to have the privilege of presenting to Mark Hanna and his conferees cattle, hogs, corn and wheat enough to bring in the gold standard markets during the next thirty years the sum of $270,000,000. Some of them will be rotting in their graves before it is all paid, but the babes of today will be strong after awhile and they can work on until it is all paid. If the price of these products go down, they can furnish more of them. The subsidy is not to be paid in bushels or pounds, but in dollars. If the bushels and pounds buy less dollars, that will please them all the more, for they don't want any "cheap dollars," and "fifty-cent dollars." They want the dollars that is to pay that subsidy to be "the best money in the world."

Every man of common sense knows that all the talk about "our flag floating on every sea," "regaining our place in the commerce of the world," and other such pretty phrases, is simply the patter of the green-goods man and the talk of the distressed miner with the gold brick. Our shipyards are now executing orders for millions of dollars' worth of ships because they can be built cheaper in American yards than anywhere else in the world. While American mechanics get more per day—thanks to the labor unions—than those in foreign lands, it is a fact undisputed by any reputable authority, that the labor cost of American products is less than the labor cost in any foreign land. Some of our bright, energetic American mechanics will produce twice as much in the same number of hours that any foreign worker will. It is all the patter of the confidence man. He who is taken in by it is not very wise. The subsidy bill simply means a gift of $270,000,000 to a dozen millionaires, who have contributed to the election of McKinley.

The news from China is filtering through little by little. It does not come as one would expect from the newspaper correspondents. The military censor keeps his eye on them and they have become as superfluous as a fifth wheel to a wagon. The news comes in private letters, some of which gets into the papers. Robert Coleman, who was professor of surgery in the Chinese Imperial university for a long time, has been telling some very plain truths. He knew, from the position that he occupied, what was going on in China and made faithful reports to the ministers in Pekin, but they would pay no attention. He accuses the ministers, especially Sir Claude McDonald and Minister Conger, of incompetency. He declares that they would take no precautions, would not even lay in supplies of provisions, though urged to do so by all those who knew what was going on among the Chinese and says if it had not been for the missionaries who sought shelter in the legations, and who went to work in spite of orders to fortify and get supplies, that there would not one of them been left alive. Of them he says:

"The American missionaries no sooner arrived than they formed committees on fortification, sanitation, food, etc., and set actively to work. And to them belongs, as every one agrees, the credit of placing the legation in a defensible condition. To Mr. F. D. Gamewell of the American Methodist mission, more than to any other one man, is due the success that has attended our defense."

After the fighting began, he gives the credit to Lieutenant Squires, who formerly belonged to the 7th cavalry and resigned to enter the diplomatic service. The ministers ignored Squires' advice, just as they did that of every practical military man and long residents in China, but he, too, though from his military training one would hardly have expected it, made preparations for defense without the knowledge of Conger. The last time this writer saw Lieutenant Squires was in the month of January. The 7th cavalry was camped near an Indian agency on the open prairie, with 3,000 hostile Indian warriors on a line of hills, not far distant and in plain sight. The lieutenant had on a pair of tight-fitting cavalry boots. The weather was very cold and he was jumping up and down trying to keep his feet from freezing.

The most surprising news that comes from China, and it comes from several different sources, is that the British minister was one of the most conspicuous looters in all China. One writer says that Sir Claude must have secured nearly a million dollars' worth of loot. Unstinted praise is still bestowed upon the Japanese. They were the most orderly, the best fighters, the most merciful of all the invaders. One writer declares that they double-quicked for fourteen miles at a rate that would have exhausted any American regiment that ever bore arms, if it had undertaken to have kept up the gait for five miles. Another writer says that these "heathen" were shining examples in discipline and cleanliness to every soldier in the Christian armies.

The negotiations are dragging their slow length along without anything definite being arrived at. It begins to look as though the powers did not want to arrive at any conclusion. It is said that the extreme demands of Germany which were for an indemnity of $600,000,000 and the death of all the ruling princes of the empire, have been laid on the table and a more moderate course will be pursued. But what the powers intend to do, no one knows. Many begin to believe that there are secret negotiations going on among them for a partition of the empire among the powers. If anything of that sort is on, we can all be sure that McKinley will be in it up to his eyes.

There was a little scene in the house when it assembled to begin this session, that represents the "grab all there is in sight" idea of the republican gentlemen who are sent to Washington to make laws. To let up on a salary to be paid by taxation, even for a very few weeks is a very grevious thing to them. The certificate of James P. Connor read, "To succeed Jonathan P. Dolliver, resigned, to take effect on the first Monday in December, A. D., 1900." Mr. Bailey of Texas remarked: "The more I reflect upon it the more I am convinced that the credentials of the gentleman elected to succeed Mr. Dolliver are not in a form which can be accepted by the house. The credentials on their face show that this gentleman was elected to fill a vacancy that had not occurred when the election was held. Mr. Dolliver's resignation having been tendered to the governor to take effect the first Monday of December. Without any careful examination of the question, my impression is distinct that the courts have held more than once that a resignation to take effect at some future day is not a resignation at all, but merely a notice of an intention to resign. If that is true, then Mr. Dolliver had not resigned his seat as a member of this house when the governor of Iowa ordered that election."

Of course the object of Senator Dolliver was to fix his resignation so that he could draw two salaries from the time that he gave notice of his resignation until congress should meet, one as representative and the other as senator, for his salary as senator would begin from the date of his appointment. It was announced in the papers that Bailey's objection was finally withdrawn and Dolliver will therefore get his two salaries.

The imperialist senators are finding a great many places "where the constitution don't apply." The other day Senator Hale tried to sneak a bill through the senate which he said "is important for the operations of the navy department and to which there is no objection." While it was being read, it caught the ear of Senator Vest. It provided for the conviction of persons tried by court martial without being confronted by witness who testified against them. Senator Vest instantly denounced it as unconstitutional. Senator Hale replied: "The committee considered that and did not believe that courts-martial came under the constitution." That brought Senator Morgan to his feet and he said: "The constitutional provision is necessary in every one of the judicial tribunals of the United States, and more eminently so in courts-martial. Courts-martial should know that they are subject to the provisions of the constitution of the United States, and that those provisions cannot be violated."

The bill was finally wholly changed by amendments and then passed, but it shows the tendency of the imperialists to "get outside of the constitution," which has been the preserver of the liberties of the people for more than a hundred years. They began the game of "outside the constitution" with Porto Rico and the Philippines, but that won't be the end of it, if the supreme court sustains them. If it does, it will not be long until everything will be outside of the constitution that interferes with the military or the greed of plutocracy.

The newspapers announce that the cabinet meeting of December 12 was devoted to the question of silver coinage. The proposition which seems to have met with favor by the administration is to purchase silver bullion at the present market price and coin it into distinctive dollars having a gold value of about 50 cents each. These gentlemen who have talked so long and so loud about "a fifty-cent silver dollar," when no man ever saw one, seems now determined to make one. But if they go to purchasing silver in the open market, it will not remain a "fifty-cent" dollar very long for silver will begin to rise the moment the immense amount that has been held by the government has been coined and the authorities go out into the market to buy silver.

Some time ago there was no end of talk about the "one tribe insurrection" in the Philippines. The whole trouble, we were told, was caused by the Tagalogs, a tribe inhabiting part of the island of Luzon. If the wicked Tagalogs could be persuaded to keep still the remainder of the population—four-fifths of the whole of it—would be delighted and gladly welcome American rule. There isn't any more of that kind of talk now. We haven't any doubt that most of it was made in good faith and that a great many good people viewed with alarm the possibility of turning the peaceful majority of the Filipinos over to the insurrectionary and blood-thirsty Tagalog minority, but the truth is that practically all the inhabitants of the Philippines are participants in the war. The best authority for this statement is the official report of General MacArthur, the commander of our armies.

That statement has been backed up by every private letter and public interview that has recently appeared. The truth about the matter is what The Independent has been saying for the last two years—the whole population of the Philippines are hostile to the United States and they want to be a free and independent nation. Don't abuse the poor fellows who believed Otis' reports that "the war is over," and McKinley's assertions that there was only one small tribe in insurrection. They did not read The Independent and therefore failed to get the news.

The attention of the whole world is still centered upon the South African peasant, Oom Paul Kruger. He is the central figure in the moving panorama of mankind. Czars, emperors, kings, queens and presidents hold no such place in the thought of the world as does Paul Kruger. Why? Because he represents in his person the bravest fight ever made during the century for liberty. He stands as the impregnable wall against the advance of imperialism. With his sorrows the people sympathize. His tears represent the heartache of lovers of liberty everywhere. The people continue to tender him ovations, but the governments turn away, some with scorn, some with contempt and some with regret. Yet there stands Kruger, the hero of the age. He may be killed, but he can never be conquered. His words still are: "We will never surrender."

The German Kaiser has positively refused to receive him. The degenerate king who reigns in the once famous city of Rome sends a message little short of insulting. The weakling King of Portugal, subsidized with English gold, takes the occasion to extend extravagant greetings of friendship to his enemy. But Kruger heeds them not. Queen Wilhelmina gave him a private audience and although her little government could not lend him active assistance now, she hoped it might in the future. But France! Liberty-loving France! The nation that aided us when we, like Kruger, were fighting England for our lives and our native land, speaks out both by her people and her government. The following cablegram tells what France has done for Kruger and republican government:

In the chamber of deputies, M. Denys Cochin, conservative, presented an interpellation as to the intention of the government regarding arbitration in favor of the Boers.

The minister of foreign affairs, M. Delcasse, replied that there was no use in opening a debate on the subject, as in foreign policy especially such discussions were useless and often dangerous.

M. Denys Cochin then withdrew his interpellation and proposed the following motion, which was adopted unanimously amid cheers:

"The chamber of deputies, on the occasion of the arrival of the president of the Transvaal in France, is happy to address to him a sincere expression of its respectful sympathy."

Immediately after the vote a delegation proceeded to the Hotel Scribe and communicated the resolution to Mr. Kruger.

What does this government do? Under the rule of imperialism it stands as dumb as an oyster. It is a new thing. Heretofore whether those struggling for liberty were Greeks, Hungarians, Poles, Armenians or any other race, this government spoke for liberty. Now it cannot speak. Why? The Philippines! That is why.

The British government is having no easy time of it. The assault made upon it by the liberals has been terrific. Public opinion in England is beginning to be aroused. So severe has been the denunciation that it is said that orders have been issued to Kitchener to stop his wholesale murdering and farm burning. The attack on the government came from many directions. It was pointed out that one-fifth of the whole cabinet were members of Lord Salisbury's family. It was charged that Chamberlain was fattening on a war that he himself had brought about and in support of the charge it was pointed out that Chamberlain held 5,000 shares and other members of his family 67,000 shares in the Birmingham trust, which in turn was a shareowner in the Tubes limited, making £10,000 ($50,000) a year out of government contracts. It was asserted also that Mr. Chamberlain and his relatives held shares worth from £150,000 to £250,000 in Elliott's Metal company, contractors to the admiralty, and shares valued at £250,000 in Kynoch's Dynamite company, contractors to the war office. It will be seen that imperialism in England is very like unto the article of the same name that we have in this country. There is money in it for the contractors and those on the inside. However the British parliament would hardly vote $270,000,000 to a set of favorites, as is likely will be done by our congress in ship subsidies.

Another list of eighteen dead soldiers was received from General MacArthur the beginning of the week and another transport arrived at San Francisco with 369 sick and discharged soldiers, besides the bodies of twelve more who died on the passage.

The chief clerks of the house and senate have furnished the members of those bodies an estimate of the "necessary" appropriations for this year. It foots up the enormous sum of $743,374,804, as follows: Agriculture, $4,669,506; army, $113,019,044; diplomatic and consular, $1,897,638; District of Columbia, $9,080,703; fortifications, $12,461,193; Indians, $9,250,751; legislative, etc., $25,399,509; military academy, $1,045,750; navy, $87,172,430; pensions, $145,345,230; postoffice, $121,267,349; river and harbor, $25,130,000; sundry civil, $63,378,113; permanent annual appropriations, $124,358,220.

The censorship is of full force and effect in the house. The legislative, judicial and executive appropriation bill, disposing of taxpayers' money to the amount of $24,496,308, was put through, and less than ten minutes was allowed for debate. Such action as that twenty years ago would have created a revolution and any member of congress having had a hand in it would not have been elected upon his return home as road supervisor in any road district in the United States. In these sordid days of imperialism it excites no comment whatever.

McKinley is determined to reward Bynum for his treachery. He has now offered him the commissionership to high-salaried sinecure. His appointment was confirmed by the senate. If the speech made by Conkling on rewarding treachery was at hand, it would be appropriate for some of the big dailies to print it as a comment on this appointment.

From all that has appeared in the various reports from China, The Independent is convinced that General Chaffee is a credit to the American name and to the traditions of the old army. The barbarism of the foreign troops in China has been appalling. General Chaffee was so wrought up that he wrote a very vigorous letter to Count Waldersee, the German commander-in-chief. That general refused to receive it and returned it. It appears that General Chaffee did use some pretty vigorous language in protesting against the thieving and looting of the foreign troops. What particularly hurt the feeling of Waldersee was a pointed reference by General Chaffee to the fact that this disgraceful and unmilitary practice of looting was being indulged in, not by the men who did the fighting and opened the way to Pekin, but by the late comers who had borne none of the brunt of conflict and hardship. Waldersee himself did not reach Pekin until long after the expeditionary force had occupied the town.

Dispatches from Ireland are to the effect that a great convention has been held in Dublin. All the Irish members of the British parliament were present and it was called the Irish parliament. The Irish members did not attend the last session of the British parliament and this assemblage has a sinister look. John Dillon, amid cheers, proposed a resolution to the effect that the South African war was entered upon in pursuance of a conspiracy to deprive two free nations of their liberty in the interest of capitalists and mine owners. He read letters from Boer generals giving instances of the alleged brutality of British soldiers in South Africa and also the death notice of a Boer boy of eight years in the camp at Port Elizabeth, whose father had refused to surrender and whose home was blown up with dynamite. According to the notice the child and his mother were deported hundreds of miles and fed upon pea soup. Their death, Mr. Dillon described as cowardly murder. The resolution was adopted unanimously and a copy of it sent to Kruger and the Dutch government.

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Remember, the Belt we are offering you for only $6.66 is our No. 4 Dr. Horne's New Improved Regular $20.00 Combination Belt for men or women. It is adjustable and can be worn by any member of the family. Suspensory free with every male Belt. It is the best Belt we manufacture; in fact, the Best on Earth, and we make no exception to this statement. We have sold hundreds, yes, thousands of them, up to $40.00. There is not a family but what should have one of these Belts, as it is the best and cheapest doctor, and you do not have to go out of the house to get it. It will last you for years with proper care, and will save itself in doctor bills ten times over. These Electric Belts have cured thousands and will cure you if you will only give it a trial, as the many testimonials which we publish in our catalogue will prove.

YOU RUN NO RISK IN DEALING WITH US.

We do not ask you to send any money in advance. If you want one of these belts we are perfectly willing to send it to your nearest express office, C. O. D., so that you can see and examine it free of any cost, just the same as if you came into our office or go into any store, and if you are perfectly satisfied with it, pay the express agent the price of the Belt and express charges and take it; otherwise it will be returned to us. Can any fairer offer be made you than this? We are the only manufacturers of Electric Belts who send Belts C. O. D., without asking one cent in advance. If you wish to send cash with order we will prepay all express charges and guarantee the Belt to be exactly as represented, or forfeit $100.00.

WE HAVE NOW OFFERED YOU AN OPPORTUNITY OF YOUR LIFE

and if you do not accept it you may be sorry for it, as we shall never again offer this Belt at such a price. It seems needless to say that we are sustaining a loss on every Belt we sell at the above price, but it is cheaper to introduce them in new localities in this way than to send traveling men to do it for us. If you want one of these Belts

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and send to us with your waist measure in inches. Don't delay. Order today if possible, otherwise you may forget it.

DR. HORNE ELECTRIC BELT & TRUSS CO.
DEPT. L, CHICAGO, ILL., U.S.A.

P. S.—If you have no use for an Electric Belt please hand or mail this advertisement to some one that you know, who is not enjoying good health. By doing this you will favor them and us. We want a good agent in every locality to whom we can give steady employment. We only employ those who have used our Belts and can speak of their merits from personal experience.

REFERENCES—As to our reliability we refer to any Express Company, any Bank in Chicago, and the many thousands all over the United States who have used our Electric Belts and Appliances during the past 20 years.

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THOUSANDS OF PERSONS CURED ANNUALLY BY OUR BELTS