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mian canal. Money spent down in those two little Spanish republics will give better results perhaps than if spent anywhere else. "The longer this delay lasts the stronger will become these railroad interests, as half a dozen large companies have projected lines to Pacific coast ports, and would like to control the freight traffic both ways, as well as the movements of troops." The Independent has not the faintest hope that this corporation-elected republican congress will pass a bill to build a canal across the isthmus. Senator Morgan has spent his time for the last ten years trying to get such a bill passed and to do it has mortgaged his soul to the leaders of the republican party for the promise of their assistance, but when his monument is erected, there will be no canal across the isthmus. The railroads don't want it and therefore it cannot be.

BUILDING USELESS WARSHIPS.

The building of costly warships under the present conditions, and especially by a government situated as the United States is situated, is simply throwing money in the sea. Every nation on earth is at present building submarine boats. All tests show that they are absolutely safe; that they can go long distances under the water; that they are practicable in every way. The largest armor clad warships in the world would be perfectly helpless before one of them. France has six already in service, the United States has two and is building several others. They will be a perfect protection to our coasts, and unless we are to engage in wars of conquest across the seas the warships we now have are more than sufficient for all our needs. In war the submarine will find a most important field. Then she promises to revolutionize, or at least to seriously affect, conditions that have existed since the first fleet of skin boats was sent into action by prehistoric man. Heretofore it has been possible to combat every fighting machine on the water with another machine of similar construction. No matter how big the ironclad might grow, it was always possible to meet her on even ground, or superior ground if the other side built a little larger. The submarine is unique in that no machine exists with which it is possible to fight her. When she goes out on the offensive the only thing the enemy can do is to run. It is impossible to send anything against her, even another submarine. In the air or on the surface, the most formidable weapon of offence may be met and combated. But under the surface of the water you cannot see. This precludes any measures of protection.

Those being the facts, what sense is there in continuing the building of warships that cost five or six millions of dollars each which would be defenseless before one of these cheap submarine torpedo boats, which come upon her unseen and sink her with one shot, just as the Maine was sunk? With a couple of Holland submarine boats in each of our harbors no hostile warship would dare come within twenty miles. They would be a perfect defense against the largest navy in the world, and unless we intend to go permanently into the war of conquest business, what use will we have for immense squadrons of armour clad warships?

HARDY'S COLUMN

One Assessor—More Salary—Pest House—Tallow Butter—Creamery Trust—To Starve—Harrison a Traitor—Don't See It—The Canal Won't Go—Fifty-cent Republican Dollars—Split Hairs.

One assessor for a whole county would be much the best. Pay him by the year and let him ride through the county back and forth, pick up the sales made and price per acre; in that way we can get an assessment of fair valuation all over the county. As it is now every precinct and ward assessor tries to get his territory down regardless of comparative value.

The great concern of all the office-holders is how to make the present legislature raise their fees and salaries. The sheriffs of the state have just held a large meeting and it would seem the only question up was how to pocket more money from the taxpayers. Every office-holder wants more pay and less work. Why don't they strike and let us have a fresh set who are willing to work for ten times what they can get to work on a farm. Every amendment to city charters will provide for more officers, more taxes and more bonded debt.

Why should the people of Lincoln kick so about the location of a pest house. They have one in the center of the city of Rochester, N. Y. and in the center of a large hospital. There are no side doors or windows, but is lighted and entered from the top. It is where they treat all classes of contagious diseases. Pure air is let in by ventilators at the bottom and the warm, impure air is let out at the top. The warm air rises and fresh air takes its place and no spread of the diseases. Better treat the disease out a little than free for all in the center of the city as last winter.

Another big fuss is cropping out over the use of sweet tallow in place of poor butter. No wonder, for good tallow salted a little is much better than poor butter. Butter men don't seem to want the tallow colored. Then why not put on the same penalty for coloring creamery butter and leave them both in the natural color. Butter is higher any way than any other farm product. Eight pounds for a bushel of wheat used to be the ratio when we milked morning and evening. What difference does it make to the farmer—he furnishes the tallow and butter both. Why not stamp each roll table tallow and sell it as such?

It is the creamery men who are making the fuss about tallow butter and not the farmers. They are all in a trust and forcing the price up thirty or forty cents a pound. They howl about adulteration. Our government adulterates her gold coin and enriches her copper coin. There is not one-fourth the copper in a penny there used to be. The more sweet tallow you mix with poor butter the better, like gold in a penny. We happened to go through the back yard of a creamery a few months ago and saw nearly a score of empty barrels that looked as though they had once contained tallow. A little tallow in summer butter makes it stand up better and in no way lessens the value.

The alarm that was sounded, not long ago, that the food product of the earth would soon fall short of supplying the increasing population of the world. Another economist asserts that the nuts alone, produced at the present time, will feed three times the population now on the earth. It would be good horse sense to plant nut trees in place of elm and cottonwood.

Ex-President Harrison is now a traitor to the republican party because he will not swallow every new infernal doctrine hatched out by the millionaires and trusts. He occupies about the same relation to the rotten old McKinley party that Bryan does to the rotten old Cleveland party. A loyal republican is expected to stand up for everything the republicans ever did and for every new thing they want to do.

Why don't the republican papers say something about the rotten republican city rule of Philadelphia. Their mouths are wide open against New York and Chicago, but the facts about the three cities are proof they are all three as rotten as a pumpkin that has lain in the field all winter.

Our congressmen can make all the blow and bluster, over the treaties and location of the isthmian canal, they choose, but the canal will not be touched for at least four years. Every railroad corporation is against it and they are one of the three powers that elected McKinley and his congress. The other two, banks and trusts, will not dare to run over their third brother. Everything that is being done and said is for the purpose of fooling the people.

Now the plutocrats talk of making a fifty-cent dollar for use in the islands. The Filipinos like a Mexican dollar just as well as an American dollar, so an imitation must be made. Mexico can't make them fast enough for half the world. She is producing more silver than ever before, but still cannot fill the demand. The Mexican dollar will buy just about as much property in the island as it ever would and it is so in one-half of the world.

There seems to be much hair-splitting in the United States supreme court just now and all for the benefit of the sugar, tobacco and liquor interest. The court will undoubtedly decide, as it always has, in favor of the biggest pile of money. The declaration and the constitution will be declared void so far as holding the states under any obligations to fairness and justice towards the islanders. We can levy a high protective tariff upon their goods when brought here, we can go over to their country, but we can prohibit their coming here; we can establish saloons, polygamy and slavery among them, or any other institution out of which we can make money and there is no restraining power. In other words the islanders have no rights the white man is bound to respect. The treaty with Spain, on its face, shows that we do not intend to give the Filipinos the same rights of life, liberty and the pursuits of happiness that we claim for ourselves. According to the treaty, we cannot protect them by a tariff, for Spain is to have the same trade privileges as we have. In other words those nine millions of people are to be our slaves. McKinley, his congress and his party will say amen, it's what we want.

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News of the Week

The magnificent fighting and unparalleled generalship of Dewet still continues to be an astonishment to the whole world. Nearly every day some further victory of the Boers is recorded. There is no longer any doubt but that some thousands of the Dutch in Cape Colony have joined his forces and the question with England is no longer whether the Transvaal republic and Orange Free State shall be annexed to the English dominions, but whether England will have any possessions left in South Africa at all. Kitchener has not succeeded in driving the invading force out of Natal and Cape Colony, but on the contrary the invading bodies of Boers are reported as advancing in every direction. Some very important posts have been captured and many prisoners, as well as large amounts of war material and subsistance stores. The London papers are demanding that at least 50,000 cavalry shall be shipped to South Africa immediately.

It was announced in London that a body of New Zealand Moaris, the most blood-thirsty fighters on earth, were to be sent to help the English kill the Christian Dutch burghers. The very announcement sent a thrill of horror through all Christendom. In Cape Colony it was said if that were done, no power on earth could hold in leash the black savages of that continent and the result would be a slaughter and devastation that would probably leave it an uninhabited country. This announcement was perhaps thrown out as a feeler, for it has since been declared that the Moaris will not be sent.

What is going on in China is left for the most part to the imagination of the people. The first dispatches said that Li Hung Chang and Prince Ching, after receiving the note of the powers, while not positively refusing to accede to the terms demanded, asked that they be modified. Since that time dispatches have been published saying that they accepted the terms by authority of the emperor, and the Chinese court would soon return to Pekin. How much truth there is in all that we will have to wait to know. One thing is certain. There is a terrible famine raging in North China in the region of the country invaded by foreign troops. The stories of the suffering of the people are almost too horible for belief. It is said that human flesh is offered for sale in the markets. The Russian and American officers are distributing immense amounts of rice to the starving people.

It seems that this country has gone into the business of buying human beings as a permanent policy. It was announced in the papers of Copenhagen that the United States had offered the Danish government 12,000,000 kroner ($3,240,000) for the Danish Antilles. We first bought 10,000,000 Filipinos at $2.50 per head and now we are going to buy some Danes and Negroes for a little higher price. The unalienable rights of man—life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness—are things not recognized by this administration. They belonged to the old foggy days of Washington and Jefferson, and this mighty nation under the leadership of Mark Hanna, count them as things of the dead past and say: Let the dead bury the dead. We have found a more excellent way.

The financial wave of trouble that wrecked three banks in Germany reached London last week and fourteen brokers went into bankruptcy in one day. Things financial were in very feverish condition last week both in London and Berlin. What the outcome will be nobody knows. The last panic we had started over there and that is the way the next panic will start.

That Wall street felt pretty uneasy at the turn affairs had taken in London and Berlin was apparent. The financial writers all began to point out why it was impossible for the disturbance to reach this side of the sea, their chief reason being that a few financiers now really controlled affairs in this country and the millionaires would see to it that the panic did not reach the United States. As these millionaires can always say with St. Paul, "The life that I now live is by faith," most of their wealth being in stocks and bonds in which the people must have "faith" or they would vanish, it can be seen that things are not as stable as they might be. One of these writers says: "Wall street is full of rumors of impending deals. Hints are heard of extraordinary possibilities Consolidation projects bigger than any hitherto heard are under discussion in quarters where ordinarily idle gossip is not indulged in." That is to say, the "universal trust" is near at hand and when its organization is accomplished, there will be no more panics and bank failures, for half a dozen financiers will have the world by the tail and swing as it pleases them.

Lord Dufferin, who used to be governor of Canada, was the head of the London and Globe Finance Co. that failed last week. A whole lot more of lords and dukes were on the board of directors. The London dailies denounce it as another Hooley affair. Within half an hour after the failure of this concern was announced, fourteen other firms threw up and went into bankruptcy. Thousands of people are rendered pennyless. It is a strange thing that the London dailies never know anything about these Hooley schemes with lords and dukes for directors until they "bust."

A newspaper man of Washington writes The Independent that many of the conservative old senators were struck dumb with astonishment when they learned that McKinley had authorized the signing of the joint note to China. One of them expressed himself in the following words: "Does the president comprehend the import of what he has done? He has affixed the signature of the United States to an "irrevocable' document. He has made the United States the party to a contract involving war. Does he think that China, with 4,000,000 of people, will for a moment seriously contemplate the effacement of her nationality? Has McKinley made a treaty with all the civilized powers and bound the United States to a new line of policy without ever consulting the United States senate, which, under the constitution, is the real treaty making power? What meat has this Caesar fed upon that he has suddenly grown so great? Is he the unfettered autocrat of 76,000,000 people? Mind you, the senate will have something to say about this matter unless the majority has concluded to abrogate in favor of the ruling executive."

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This letter also contains the following paragraph: "The best of all is, however, that the English have to ask for passes from the Boers field cornets to travel safely with their ambulances. All trains get held up. The Boers lately captured five trains filled with ammunition and provisions; the English all made hands up. All bridges from Malalane to Waterfall Onder are blown up and washed away, and only one wooden bridge is standing where the De Kaap River goes into the Crocodile River. But this bridge also will soon go to blazes."

The news from the Philippines during the week consisted of a very long list of killed and wounded and the following item from San Francisco: "The army transport Grant arrived today from Manila, bringing a large passenger list and over 300 bodies of soldiers, ninety-six of whom had died of smallpox." What is all this for? A pint of glory badly off color, and a million and a half of trade. The following table shows the imports into Manila and the countries from which they were received during the last year: Hong Kong, $7,777,715; England, $3,703,759; Spain, $2,026,483; East Indies, $1,845,016; United States, $1,643,846; Germany, $1,196,119; France, $479,699; Australia, $528,103.

The Cudahy abduction case still holds a prominent place in public interest. There seems to be no doubt that Pat Crowe, a notorious criminal, was the man who put up the job and executed it. Friends of his, and without doubt accomplices, have been sending letters to Mr. Cudahy threatening to kidnap other of his children and to commit murder if he does not withdraw the reward of $25,000 which he offered for the capture of the criminals. The mayor of Omaha has advised that the city offer a reward of the same amount and allow Mr. Cudahy to withdraw his. Mr. Cudahy has so far refused to withdraw. The sending of the threatening letters is an offense against the laws of the United States. It seems that the detective forces of the general government, and of the city of Omaha and the Pinkerton force which are all spurred on by the great reward offered, now that the criminal is known, should be able to capture him. If they do not, it will be an example of very great inefficiency. All sorts of rumors continue to be published. Pat Crowe's brother has been arrested, the pony that the bandit rode has been identified, and that is about all that has been accomplished.

The boards of trade in London, New York and Chicago were astounded upon receiving a cablegram from Dr. Martin Garcia Merou, the minister of agriculture of the Argentine republic, saying that he estimates that there will be 1,700,000 tons of wheat available for export this season. He says also that the corn crop is good. If such an amount is for export there, it means lower prices in this country.

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