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known that one other, Andries Wessels, was a member of the Orange Free State and of the laws of the republic in which President Steyn is regarded by the fighting burghers as chief executive, while British sovereignty is not recognized by them. President Steyn is with Dewet and there is little doubt that these burghers were tried under the laws of the Orange Free State and lawfully executed.

The Boer forces in the South African republic and the Orange Free State, including the invaders of Cape Colony, number over 25,000 men, strong, liberty-loving patriots. Born hunters and trained marksmen, they are admirably fitted by long training to carry on the guerrilla warfare which has so sorely crippled the British army.

They have so far succeeded in obtaining by capture a large portion of their supplies from the British. General Christian Dewet, that greatest cavalry leader of modern times, in one raid captured \$25,000 in gold and 130,000 khaki uniforms--enough to last the army four years. He has also captured over 100,000 horses and 6,000 prisoners. He and his forces alone have inflicted on the British losses of over \$2,500,000.

The Boers are very mobile and have advanced to within two days' march of 180 miles of Cape Town. Most of the burghers have two horses--many of them three--enabling them to make rapid marches and quick retreats. The British march wearily about the country with their guns drawn by slow moving oxen, loaded down with camp equipment and loot. The Boers have abundance of provisions, guns and ammunition and when short of these important implements it is only necessary to capture an outpost or provision train and help themselves. In the beginning of the war the Boers were armed with Maxter rifles using plain bullets, but now they have the Blain-Lee-Metford rifles using a dum dum bullet, all of which have been captured from the British and bear the arrow mark of "Woodwich." From the foregoing it can be readily understood why the Boers can continue the war indefinitely, regardless of the number of British troops sent against them.

The Boer total losses in killed and dying from wounds in battle have not exceeded 1,500, but the loss in property and the impoverishment of the people has been very great. Thousands of women and children are left in a state of destitution and hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth will be required to render them effective aid.

The war has cost Great Britain \$600,000,000 in gold, a sum twice greater than the entire value of the republic, if sold to the highest bidder, and over 100,000 of its troops have been rendered hors de combat. During the last one or two months the British have been compelled to act almost entirely on the defensive. The war is costing Great Britain at the present time over \$1,000,000 a day to support the troops in the field and the Boer prisoners at St. Helena island and other points.

The failure of the British arms to open the Kimberly and Johannesburg mines has deprived British stockholders of the dividends on securities listed at \$50,000,000 and has reduced the output of diamonds and gold \$24,000,000 and has added \$90,000,000 to the taxation of Great Britain and Ireland. These tremendous sums subtracted from British resources have resulted in the impairment of the val-

ues of many kinds of securities dealt in by London stock brokers and are the superintending causes of numerous bankruptcies in British financial circles.

This state of affairs has been brought about in England by putting a money grubber in charge of the national policy. Joe Chamberlain is the counterpart of Mark Hanna in this country and each of them have been engaged in forcing the same national policy upon both countries. While our war has been just as unholly upon the Filipinos as the British war upon the Boers, it has not been quite so costly. If we had Boers to fight instead of Filipinos, we should be dashing on to destruction at the same rate that England is. Our war is costly enough in both men and money, but it would be ten times more so if a Filipino could shoot as straight as a Boer and had a Dewet to command them. There is no telling when such a general will develop among the insurgents and when he will have the sacred mission confided to her and maintain her true dignity and grandeur, setting her feet upon the shining pathway which leads to the sunlit summits of the olive mountains and taking abundant care that every man creature beneath her starry flag, of every color and condition, is as secure of liberty, of justice and of peace as in the republic of God.

The great blanket dailies are becoming more useless every day. A Sunday edition of one of them weighs a man down, but the contents is a hodge podge of stuff, ninety per cent of which the average man will be much better off if he leaves it unread. Their head lines are sometimes printed in type two inches long. Their articles are cut up into squares and run from page to page in such a bewildering manner that it takes minutes to make the connections. When the editors find the connection generally has papers scattered all over the room. After he has found it there is nothing of value in it. The editorial matter is mere twaddle and gossip. Their reports of national legislation and the doings of congress are considered by the editors themselves to be of no importance and are stuck away in some inconspicuous place. Their reports of a prize fight will occupy a whole page. A divorce case is treated in the same way except that an immense amount of space is given to illustrations. According to the editor of a modern daily, a woman who sues for a divorce is always beautiful and always wears a low-necked dress. If it were not that the Independent had other means of getting news than what is published in the dailies, its readers would remain in profound ignorance of current events of importance. As a promoter of ignorance, the modern daily is without a peer. As a means of wasting time, its equal was never known before in all the history of the world. For multiplying mule heads it is the best scheme that the plutocrats ever invented.

It is said that Davidson's "Book of Kings" being sold in large quantities in London. That is a volume printed some years ago and was meant for the English radicals. It gives the true lineage of the then Prince of Wales, now Edward VII. The present king can trace his ancestors back to William the Conqueror, who was the illegitimate son of Robert the Devil, whose father was a Duke of Normandy.

The house and senate at Washington held a joint session on the 4th of February to celebrate the centennial of the appointment of John Marshall as chief justice of the supreme court. Chief Justice Fuller made the principal address. That was an honor be-

longing to his office, but a good many who heard him eulogize John Marshall must have thought of the incongruity of the thing. While he praised Marshall for the wisdom of his decisions--decisions which in a great measure settled the form of the government under which we live, he did not tell his audience of jurists, senators and representatives, that he had taken it upon himself to reverse one of the most important decisions ever rendered by John Marshall--one of more importance to the common people than any other--and change the tendency of the government from the course in which John Marshall started it. The recent income tax decision was not mentioned.

Wayne McVeigh was the other orator of the occasion. His whole speech will commend itself to every reformer and lover of liberty in the land. Among other things he said: "America and her true mission in the world, as in the old, is what a great prelate of the Catholic church has recently declared to be: 'To stand fast by Christ and His gospel; to cultivate not the Moslem virtues of war, of slaughter, of rapine and of conquest, but the Christian virtues of self-denial and kindness and brotherly love, and that it is our mission, not to harm, but to help to a better life every fellow creature of whatever color and however weak or lowly; and that we may some day hear the benediction: "Inasmuch as ye did it to one of the least of these My brother ye did it unto Me."'

"When we come at last to believe that the true mission of nations as of men is to promote righteousness on earth; that conferring liberty is better for the world than any other; that love is more elevating than hatred; that peace is nobler than war; that the humblest human life is sacred; that the humblest human right should be respected; and it is only by recognizing these truths which are the basis of the true civilization that our beloved country can worthily discharge the sacred mission confided to her and maintain her true dignity and grandeur, setting her feet upon the shining pathway which leads to the sunlit summits of the olive mountains and taking abundant care that every man creature beneath her starry flag, of every color and condition, is as secure of liberty, of justice and of peace as in the republic of God."

The decision of the supreme court is still awaited with the greatest anxiety by the specialists in Washington. Every word that the judges say in private conversation is weighed and commented upon that can in the remotest way give an indication of what their decision will be. Justice Harlan made a speech in replying to a toast at the Loyal Legion which many have taken as indicating what the decision will be. Several members of congress were present and Representative Moody of Massachusetts took down his words. Among other things he said: "The fathers never intended that this government should ever exert any power or authority over any part of the earth's surface free from the letter and the spirit of the constitution."

Another sentence in Judge Harlan's speech was: "Our government was founded upon the rights of man; founded upon the theory that man had rights as a man. If we enter into this world power business upon any other theory, we enter it for evil and not for good."

The late decision of the supreme court in regard to Cuba is making the imperialists lots of trouble. That decision declares without equivocation or evasion that Cuba is a foreign country. When their constitutional convention adjourned and the constitution was finished, it is said that the president to the president and by him to congress. What the president or congress can do to a constitution of a foreign country is something that no pop can find out and they don't seem to know themselves. One of the senators suggests that the Cuban constitution should contain propositions like the following:

- 1. A permanent naval base for the United States.
2. The right permanently to maintain military garrisons in the island.
3. Control by the United States of all the public debts and credits of Cuba.
4. The right of this country to control all foreign treaties made in Cuba.
The question will immediately suggest itself to your mind: "How much of a foreign country would Cuba be after those propositions were inserted in the constitution?"

The news from China is to the effect that the worst famine in the history of the world is prevailing in the northern provinces. This has been mentioned before in The Independent, but the great dailies do not seem to have anything to say about it. The famine has been produced by the many expeditions sent out by Waldereese, the German commander. It is the result of the "Christian invasion." Some of the private letters say that the inhabitants are eating each other, that husbands are selling their wives, and mothers their children. While the "Christian nations" have produced the horrible conditions, none of them, except the czar, is doing anything to relieve the distress. He has sent large amounts of food and clothing for distribution, and is withdrawing his troops as fast as possible.

The gold bug editors are beginning to poke fun at the democratic editors who are in the majority in the independent since the election. The independent has been pointing out this cowardice, but it is about the only reform paper that has had a word to say. The Brooklyn Eagle scores them after the following fashion: "A bill has been reported out of the committee recommending congress to enact that the secretary of the treasury shall, on demand, redeem silver dollars in gold coin. We have awaited an expected outburst of horror from the advocates of the 'money of primary redemption' to this emphatic subordination of silver to gold. So far, we have waited in vain, and the silence leaves us wondering if all the ranting and shrieking of recent years; all that fury of two presidential campaigns;

all the agony over the 'crime of 1873' was not, after all, only the hollow pretense of politicians grasping for a plausible issue."

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HARDY'S COLUMN

Republican Split--War in Kansas--Black Spots in Victoria's Reign.

It looks as though the republicans in Nebraska will have to split again. The new gold republicans and silver republicans. The next slide will take the name of Thompson republicans. Why don't they get together in caucus and first resolve not to vote for any one who has been voted for, and second, the two new men who received the most votes on the first ballot should be nominated. There are plenty of new men better than any that have been talked of. Rip your party up the back; we are tickled over it.

The woman's war on the saloon is still raging in Kansas. If the men were kicked about by drunken wives as much as the wives are by drunken husbands, they would join the women in making the saloonkeeper obey the law. The women have the constitution and the law on their side just as much as in killing mad dogs. They are man creatures beneath that every man's right to be as good as any other man. There are plenty of new men better than any that have been talked of. Rip your party up the back; we are tickled over it.

After the death of a neighbor or a private individual it is but proper that we mention only his good qualities and meritorious deeds; but not so with a queen or empress, who has ruled the most powerful nation on earth for sixty years. The bad things she has done and the wrongs she has perpetrated should be mentioned; to be avoided in the future. There are several black spots in Queen Victoria's reign.

To start with, there was the opium war with China. A more unjust and inhuman war was never fought, the Philippine war alone excepted. The Chinese emperor knew that opium was working a great injury to his people and he demanded that the United States should prohibit the landing of opium in any of his harbors. The English could collect the revenue from the East Indies in opium easier than in anything else and must have the Chinese market to sell it in; so war was declared and Chinese cities were bombarded. The cargo of opium was granted and the war ended. This was in 1839. In 1840 the second mean thing was done, that of bombarding of Acre to stop the Egyptians fighting the Turks.

In 1846 the potato crop failed in Ireland and it was reported that a hundred thousand people starved. The same year England took a hundred millions of dollars from Ireland in taxes and rental money. Shipload after shipload of provisions were given by Americans or many more would have starved. General Wadsworth, who was killed in the battle of the Marston, was the cargo of potatoes. This calamity resulted in the repeal of the protective tariff and the levy of an income tax. The policy of England since has been to sell where you can get the highest price and buy where you can buy cheapest. In 1857 the Sepoys rose in rebellion against the British and the British fathers in 1776, but were overpowered and hundreds of prisoners tied to mouths of cannon and blown to pieces.

The Crimean war was a very unjust war on the part of England and France. The Dardanelles was Russia's only way out in the winter and she destroyed it. Turkey was a very poor country and a fort to protect her front door as England protected the straits of Gibraltar. England and France joined Turkey in the war because they did not want Russia to command the entrance to the Black sea, as England commanded the entrance to the Mediterranean. The war lasted from 1853 to 1855 and ended in a draw game. Russia since built a railroad to the Pacific and the Yellow sea, so she is now able to protect herself, any time of year. The English, French and Turks lost a hundred thousand men and the trade of Turkey went very much for a decrease in debts. The Russians loss has never been known. Since then Russia and Turkey have had another war and the Russian army fought its way through Turkey in Europe up within sight of Constantinople, but a line of English battle ships filled the straits and Russia was forced to turn back. There are some things about the South African war that are equally revolting. The plea of uncivilized savage does not hold against the Dutch farmers. We hope the war will end as the revolutionary war ended in this country.

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SENATOR VEST'S SPEECH

In an Attack Upon Hanna's Bill He Discusses Some General Principles.

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The principle of protection is as immoral as the slave trade and based exactly upon the same principles is acknowledged by every economist in the whole world. Slavery is taking the fruits of the toil of producers and giving them to those who never earned them and "protection" is exactly the same thing. Senator Vest tells how they originated together and were propagated by a compromise between the New England states and the south. One got "protection" and the other the extension of the slave trade. The following extract from the speech of Senator Vest is commended to the subscribers to The Independent for careful reading.

Repeat the navigation laws in such a contingency, and you could buy a merchant marine for one-third what it would cost to construct it. We could name our own price. They would be glad to let us have their ships and to see the flag of the United States placed at their mastheads. The thing would occur, except in a much larger degree, that was cited as existing by the senator from Ohio (Mr. Hanna) at the commencement of our civil war, when 630,000 tons of our wooden ships in the foreign trade were sold to foreigners at whatever they would pay for them. Nine-tenths of the merchant marine of Germany and England would be for sale. But the navigation laws will never be repealed as long as New England dominates the politics and policy of the United States. Mr. President, the navigation laws are a relic of barbarism.

Mr. Hanna: May I ask the senator from Missouri a question? Mr. Vest: Certainly. Mr. Hanna: During that interim has there never been a time when the democratic party in power could have repealed those laws, had they so desired?

Mr. Vest: Never, sir; never, never. Mr. Hanna: Was there any time when they had the executive and control in both branches of congress? Mr. Vest: Yes, Mr. President; and there never was a time when certain democratic senators from the seaboard states did not vote with the republicans on this question. My personal experience indicates the truth of what I state. Unfortunately this question has been determined by local interests, very much as General Hancock once said about the tariff, that it is a local question. Never has there been a time when the democratic party in power could have passed through the committee on commerce a bill for the repeal of these outrageous navigation laws.

The whole tariff interests and influences of the country were arrayed in behalf of them. The tariff system drove back the Indians, took their lands and sold many of their chiefs into slavery in the West Indies. Then they pursued with great profit the African slave trade, and finally, in a war waged against the people to whom they had sold their negroes, after they had found them unprofitable, they had government contracts which filled every savings bank in New England, until now they are the most powerful and the rich, relatively, of all the sections of this country.

I am not attacking the people of New England. I admire them; I admire their courage, their sagacity, their aggressiveness. With a sterile soil and an inhospitable climate they filled every savings bank in New England, until now they are the most powerful and the rich, relatively, of all the sections of this country. I am not attacking the people of New England. I admire them; I admire their courage, their sagacity, their aggressiveness. With a sterile soil and an inhospitable climate they filled every savings bank in New England, until now they are the most powerful and the rich, relatively, of all the sections of this country.

It appears that in the convention of 1787 there were two propositions pending at the same time. One was to insert a clause in the constitution requiring a two-thirds vote of each house of congress to enact navigation laws. The other was a proposition to extend the African slave trade to 1800. When these propositions came up for consideration Governor Morris moved to refer them to a special committee of one from each state in order, as he expressed it, that a compromise or adjustment might be made, mutually satisfactory to both sections. The motion prevailed, and three days afterwards the special committee reported, striking out the clause requiring a two-thirds vote of each house of congress to enact navigation laws, and extending the African slave trade to 1804.

The people of New England were anxious for navigation laws, because the fast clipper ships, and the business was exceedingly profitable. The southern states--Georgia and the two Carolinas--were anxious to extend the African slave trade, because the culture of cotton was becoming very profitable and they wanted more negro labor. New England had sold her negroes to the south, but there were not enough of them.

When the report was made to the convention General Pinckney of South Carolina moved an amendment, extending the slave trade to 1808. Madison and Mason of Virginia vehemently denounced the proposition, declaring that it was an insult to the humanity and intelligence of the American people. The vote was taken, each state casting one vote. I should have stated that when Pinckney made the motion he was seconded by Gorham of Massachusetts. The vote was taken, and all the New England states, with New York, Maryland, Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina voted in the affirmative, while Virginia, Pennsylvania, Delaware and New Jersey voted in the negative. ex-Senator Edwards and his speech delivered some years ago before the Home Market club of Boston that distinguished senator declared that if he had the power he would not allow another pound of foreign goods to come into this country to compete with the product of American manufacturers, and he has no doubt today that but for the profit of the export trade he and a majority of his col-

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I hope I may be pardoned for quoting what a very eminent son of Massachusetts once said, the Hon. William M. Everts, who remarked in a public speech that the Pilgrim Fathers landed on Plymouth Rock, fell on their knees, and then fell on the aborigines. (Laughter.) New England is properly named, and I do not say it in any iminical feeling to her people. Old England, a little island up in the fogs and mists of the northern ocean, controls the literature, finance and commerce of the world. New England, six small states, a majority of them not so large as counties in Missouri, controls the politics of the whole United States. There is no measure before the senate or the other branch of congress in which New England does not receive the largest share of the government bounty.

Take this bill, Mr. President, and look at its provisions and you will read between the lines that it is a New England bill. Its chief sponsor is my friend, the junior senator from Maine (Mr. Frye), who has given his life to the work of Virginia vehemence and his opposition to free ships. The navigation laws are today as dear to the people of New England as when they wanted a monopoly of constructing wooden ships. This bill was drawn by the most astute New England lawyer, and it has been drawn by Gorham of Massachusetts. The vote was taken, and all the New England states, with New York, Maryland, Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina voted in the affirmative, while Virginia, Pennsylvania, Delaware and New Jersey voted in the negative.

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