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Recounting the fact that not long since the fire insurance companies of the United States have been boasting that their aggregate capital is about one billion dollars, the Southern Mercury makess ome pertinent inquiries as to why the recent losses of about $13,000,000 should terrify them so much. The Mercury assumes that 10 per cent is their annual profit, and says that the loss of thirteen millions is only 13 per cent of their profits.

"What is the matter? What is the cause of this panic and terror among them at comparatively so small a loss? The answer is easy. It is owing to the fictitious value of their assets. These consist, for the most part, of heavily watered stocks, on which spot cash cannot be realized. These stocks are quoted at money values in the reports; but, in fact, it is not money value, but only the scale at which they can be exchanged for other stocks. Just as the people are made to believe that the three billions of bank paper afloat is 'just as good as gold,' though there are only 112 millions of gold in the general fund of the treasury with which to redeem it, so the people believe that the fire insurance companies have a billion of money on hand to pay all losses!

"But the people must learn wisdom by sad experience. They will learn in no other way; and a calamity is a blessing in disguise, however badly it may hurt.

"If the people are capable of learning anything from the most palpable of facts, they will see that it is not only expedient, but absolutely necessary that the state should do the business of both fire and life insurance. After a man has paid heavy premiums for life insurance for many years, his family has a good chance of losing all by the failure of the company, which may result from a number of causes, one of which is the inability of the company to raise money on the watered stocks in which it has invested.

"With state insurance, this nightmare will no longer haunt the dreams of the policy holder. The payment will be certain; the premium at least one-third less; one thousand citizens would be benefitted where one insurance agent would be damaged; taxation would be reduced, and the state would receive a revenue."

News of the Week

"'Tis an Anglo-American compact,
An alliance of friendship, they say,
Yes, a union of tyrants and traitors,
A union to rob and betray.

As the Eagle soars best when at freedom,
Unshackled it rides toward the sky;
So the Stars and the Stripes shine the brighter,
When alone, like the Eagle, they fly."

Imperialism and government by injunction do not seem to be so popular in Iowa as one would expect when the republican majority is remembered. Perhaps the legislators have heard something on those subjects lately that inclines them to be cautious. A vote on the resolution favoring opposition to injunctions and imperialism was only lost by 49 to 40 in the legislature the other day.

The chief products of New Jersey are trusts and mosquitoes. Both of them are rapacious blood-suckers, but the other day the legislature of that state appropriated $10,000 to exterminate the mosquitoes and then went on encouraging the trusts. Why a body of sane men will act that way is one thing that no pop can find out.

Altogether the house of commons has made war appropriations amounting to $704,948,300, and even this enormous sum does not adequately represent the actual expense which has been incurred. By March 31, the end of the fiscal year, the toal cost of the war will have amounted to $844,784,500.

Soon after the president ordered the attorney general to commence proceedings against the Northern Pacific merger, J. Pierpont Morgan and a score or so of magnates went to Washington and were frequently at the White house. What were they there for? It is constantly asserted that they brought all their power to bear to induce the president to stop the prosecution. If that was what they were there for, they, as far as all appearances go, met with a flat refusal. We shall have to wait and see how much prosecuting Mr. Knox will do.

The senate modified the treason laws that the Taft commission had enacted in the Philippines. It was rather too large a dose of imperialism to be taken just before a congressional election and the republican senators saw the point. But if we are to govern the Philippines by force, those laws were the right sort. No half way measures will answer when a nation starts on that course.

The great state of New York after having taken about everything else that belonged to the Indians has at last lawed them out of their sacred wapum belts and those relics will hereafter be stored in the museum of the university of the state of New York.

The stolid patience with which the American people will allow natural rights to be trampled under foot has had another demonstration in an occurrence reported in the papers last week. If there is any fundamental right at all to which an American citizen is entitled it is to a speedy trial in both criminal and civil cases. There was a bond swindle attempted to be perpetrated on a large number of farmers in Illinois some thirty years ago and they appealed to the courts, which they support from their own hard earnings, for justice. It took the courts a whole generation to decide the case. All the judges before whom the case was heard in its trials through the United States circuit court are now dead, and the same is true of two of the judges who heard it in the circuit court of appeals. All of the original counsel for the bondholders are dead, and all the original counsel for the land owners, under the bill filed in 1878, are dead except David T. Littler. All of the original defendants are dead except George W. Jones, late clerk of the appellate court.

The attempt of the plutocrats to repeal the Bucklin law in Colorado which gives home rule in taxation and an opportunity to introduce the Australian and New Zealand land tax has come to grief. The rich have dictated the tax laws of this country and the result is that the poor have to pay most of the taxes. What other result could have been expected?

It appears that the president is earnest about fighting the trusts. Corporations in California whose combined capital is close to the $1,000,000,000 mark, and who are alleged to be operating in restraint of trade, contrary to the terms of the Sherman anti-trust law, are to be proceeded against by the government. Joseph H. Call, federal attorney, who has prosecuted the suits involving the Southern Pacific and Atlantic and Pacific land grants, has been instructed by President Roosevelt to institute the proposed new litigation. The new suits are to be filed in the United States circuit court in San Francisco. Corporations to be affected in the proposed new litigation will include, it is said, the Southern Pacific and Santa Fe systems, and the Western Union Telegraph company.

The ship subsidy bill will hold the floor in the senate until disposed of. "Brer Rabbit has been lying low" for three months. Now watch him and see what he will do.

The New York Sun which has flopped about from democracy to republicanism until no one has any confidence it has changed editors again. The Dana family is now entirely out of it and one Laffan is editor.

Ex-Governor Hogg of Texas is a sensible old-fashioned farmer who has become a millionaire several times over during the last two years by the discovery of oil on his land. He went to London on business and Choate, thinking that as Hogg was now a multi-millionaire, he must be presented to the king. If Hogg had gone to London three years ago, Choate would never have dreamed of presenting him. However, all the arrangements were made and the governor was informed how he must dress and act when in the presence of His Awful Majesty, King Edward VII. He was told among other things that he must wear knee breeches. When Hogg heard that, he replied: "Never! If I cannot appear in the ordinary evening dress of an American citizen I will not appear at all. A pretty sight I would look rigged up in those gewgaws. I have not the faintest idea of trying to revolutionize or even criticising English customs, but blamed if I'll wear another country's uniform, no, not even for the sake of meeting the king."

The senate seems more determined than ever to close the markets of the world to the American farmer. No reciprocity treaty has a ghost of a chance in that body with the exception of the one proposed with Cuba, and that only on account of the secret treaty that was made to get the Platt amendment through the Cuban constitutional convention.

When it was announced that Prince Henry had requested that while in Chicago he should always be addressed in English, the inhabitants—that is those belonging to the plutocratic set who alone were to be allowed to speak to him—all started out to buy spelling books and grammars that they might brush up in English enough not to disgrace themselves.

Not a daily in the land has made a single remark or indulged in any reflections upon the sale of Lincoln's birthplace except the Chicago Record-Herald. In the "funny man's" column of that paper the following was discovered: "Abraham Lincoln's birthplace is for sale. The taxes have not been paid on it lately, and the sheriff of the county in which the spot is located announces publicly that it is to be auctioned off to the highest bidder. It may not be generally known that Abraham Lincoln, who had no title, was born near Hodgenville in the state of Kentucky. If Mr. Lincoln had been a prince his birthplace would doubtless have been purchased and provided with proper protection by some one of our rich men long ago. If he had been a duke or a marquis or a count, we may be quite sure that some loyal and patriotic captain of industry would ere this have invested a few hundred dollars in the historic spot that is now to be put up at sheriff's sale because nobody seems to be willing to pay the taxes on it. But Lincoln was only a great American—a mere man who made himself sublime instead of being born to a title. Therefore, what's the use bothering over his birthplace?"

All the great metropolitan organs have printed from 20 to 40 or more pages every day for the last week concerning Prince Henry's visit. He has travelled from New York through the south and west and north to St. Louis, Chicago and Milwaukee. On the whole he has conducted himself in a very democratic way for a prince of the royal blood and has made friends wherever he has gone.

Thieving is such a confirmed habit among the rich that when they were admitted as guests aboard the emperor's yacht Hohenzollern in New York harbor, they stole plates and saucers and ruined valuable tapestries by cutting pieces from them to keep as souvenirs. Of course the common herd was not allowed aboard at all.

The truth about affairs in South Africa seems to be that the English have suffered a series of defeats of greater magnitude than any that has befallen them since they began the war on the Boers. In sending word of the battle at Vondonop, Lord Kitchener at first only reported that the Boers had captured a train of empty wagons. A little later he sent word of some insignificant losses. The matter was brought up in parliament and fuller particulars were demanded After that the details of the fight were given out little by little. Finally casualties to the extent of 632 killed and wounded on the British side were reported, and the loss of two guns. The British to save their own reputation now admit that the Boers proved themselves the greatest fighters on earth and charged the British columns with magnificent courage and bravery. They say that all the noted Boer commanders were on the field and that General De Wett was wounded in the arm. Furthermore they declare that the Boer privates treated the wounded shamefully until Dellary arrived, when he put a stop to it, but as soon as his back was turned they began it over again. (Mind all this comes from British sources.)

Another story is to the effect that General Botha was captured by a sudden assault upon a small contingent of Boers. The general took his place in the line among the others and as none of the Boer commandants wear any uniform, dressing in ordinary citizens' clothes like the men in the line, the captors had no idea that Botha was in their catch. It was not long before Botha organized a mutiny among the prisoners, scattered the guards and got away. Some British officers have been ordered court-martialed on account of this.

Another story is to the effect that a very serious complication with Austria has arisen, so serious that every precaution is taken from having it mentioned in parliament or the press. It appears from what has leaked out that there is a large force of Austrians among the Boers and that some of the Austrian officers have retaliated upon the British for the shooting of Commandant Scheepers, by shooting some British officers.

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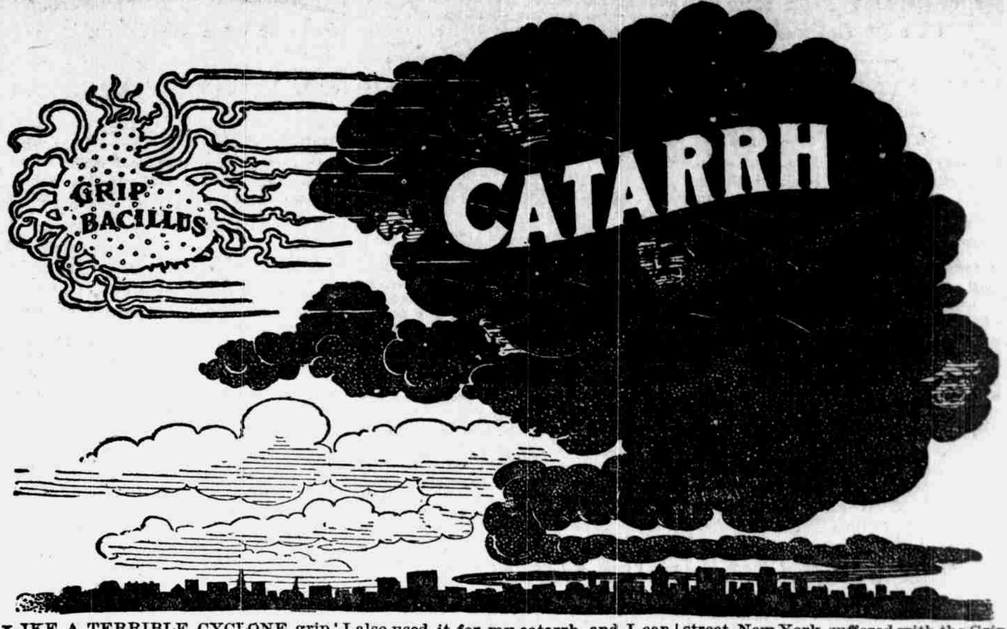

LIKE A TERRIBLE CYCLONE grip bacillus has passed over our country, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, leaving behind it a dark cloud of anguish and despair.

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A multitude of catarrh victims will spring up in the trail of the awful epidemic of grip that has just passed over our fair country.

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Hon. Joseph B. Crowley, Congressman from Illinois, writes from the National Hotel, Washington, D. C., as follows:

"After giving Peruna a fair trial I can cheerfully recommend your remedy to anyone suffering with coughs, colds, la grippe and all catarrhal complaints."—J. B. Crowley.

Hon. George H. White, Congressman from North Carolina, writes:

"I am more than satisfied with Peruna, and find it to be an excellent remedy for the grip and catarrh. I have used it in my family, and they all join me in recommending it as an excellent remedy."—George H. White.

Hon. J. P. Megrew, Superintendent U. S. Capital Police Force, of Washington, D. C., says:

"Having suffered from the grip, I was advised by a friend to use your Peruna. I also used it for my catarrh, and I can now cheerfully recommend your remedy to anyone who is suffering from the grip and catarrh."—J. P. Megrew.

Miss Anna Russell, Past Worthy Counselor, Loyd Mystic Legion, 293 Endicott Building, St. Paul, Minn., writes:

"For years I have unfortunately found my system in a peculiarly receptive condition for catarrh when I was exposed in any way to inclement weather. At those times I would be severely afflicted with la grippe and its unpleasant consequences.

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Miss Emily Milburne, President of the Westside Young Woman's Club, No. 152 West Congress street, Chicago, Ill., writes of several members of the club of which she is president, who have had the Grip and have been quickly restored to health by Peruna.

Mr. Nicolas F. Rossiter, of 463 Norwood avenue, Cleveland, O., had a severe attack of the Grip, was very sick and under the physician's care. He, like many others, passed the acute stage but did not receive strength. Peruna not only quickly restored him to his former health, but to much better health than he has had for years. He gives Peruna all the praise.

Hon. Max J. Porges, Alderman of the Eighth District, residing at 36 Rivington street, New York, suffered with the Grip, two bottles of Peruna cured him. He also writes that he knows a large number of people who have been cured of the Grip by Peruna.

Hon. Charles W. Culkin, Alderman of the Seventh Assembly District of the Borough of Manhattan, residing at 45 Eighth avenue, New York, writes that he was laid up several days with the Grip. On the fifth day he was advised to try Peruna. He did so and found himself better within twenty-four hours. This remedy soon restored him to his usual vigorous health.

Mr. Martin Edwards, President of the County Clare Men's Benefit Society, 522 West Forty-Ninth street, New York, writes that he was cured of the Grip by a short course of treatment with Peruna.

Miss Blanche Dumont, President of the Athenia Club, 4110 Aldrich avenue North, Camden Place, Minneapolis, Minn., says she was cured of the Grip. Nothing helped her until she tried Peruna. Felt better next day after beginning its use. Was able to be out of bed the third day. She also tells of others who were cured by Peruna.

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Hardy's Column

Why allow all the other corporations to "merge" and not the railroads? One president can manage five railroads just as well as one and thus save four high salaries.

Why do the republicans in congress tramp under foot President McKinley's last speech on the tariff? His recommendations should be respected or else less respect shown toward him. How inconsistent to call a man a great statesman and then spit on his statesmanship.

It is a good thing to change party control every two or four years. Let the incoming party rip the outgoing party open on the back. There was good grounds for ripping six years ago and two years ago and the ground for ripping next year has already been discovered.

Is it right to tax counterfeit tallow and not tax counterfeit butter? Why is it not as much of a crime to color one as the other? Poor rancid butter is gathered from all parts, sweetened by chemicals and mixed with fresh butter and fresh tallow and sold for gilt edged butter. No test or examination is allowed. There are lots of empty tallow barrels in our creamery back yards.

Why the farmers should favor the taxing of tallow butter we cannot see for they produce the tallow as well as the butter. Double the price of tallow and the farmer will make more than to add four cents to the price of butter. Tallow is just as healthy and nutritious as butter and has been selling for four to five cents. Why not fix it up and sell it for table tallow and print the name on every roll or cake.

If our tongue and pen are not equal to any assaulting tongue or pen we will curl up. We do not believe in resorting to the use of the fist or gun. The president and congress can hardly be too severe on the South Carolina senators, who used their fists.

Three hundred or more United States office seekers will be sent to the three islands bought of Denmark and probably ten or fifteen thousand soldiers and three or four big warships. The officers will be life officers, of course, and their pay will be double what the same officers get at home. Life office is a step toward born royalty. The next amendment to the civil service will be that the eldest son or near relative must hold the office when the father dies.

The republican press and many of the leading party politicians of Nebraska are acting wisely in condemning the action of their governor and state treasurer. It is the only way of saving the hide of their party. To justify what has been done and nominate the same men again this fall would tear the party all in pieces. A large number of them have sense enough to see what is needed. That was why Treasurer Gage was kicked out of office. His action in selling the old custom house in New York, the way he did, made it necessary to condemn what he did and him, too, in order to save the party. Gage did many other mean things, though they were considered honorable in a Jew.

The other day we gave King Ed as cousin of Prince Hank, but he is uncle. Queen Victoria was mother of Ed and grandmother of Hank. We do not think congress is justified in appropriating so much money in honor of royalty. When King Ed, then Prince of Wales, visited America they did not appropriate a cent to pay the fiddler, who fiddled at the balls where he danced with American girls. Neither did they ever appropriate a cent before to pay Americans for witnessing the crowning of a king. It shows that the power at Washington is more and more in love with born royalty. If the same party and same kind of men continues in power they will depend upon King Ed to tell them what kind of laws to pass and who must be crowned president. If John should pitch into South America or Mexico and give Sam half they would fight together. There are few or no millionaires in Mexico and what is the use in having such a government? Take from the common people and make millionaires is the highest type of civilization. Draw the blood of the self-supporting farmer and pump it into the veins of royalty, weaken one and strengthen the other. That is the present American policy.

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Mr. McCulloch Comments on our Shameful Treatment of the Filipinos

Editor Independent: I entirely agree with The Independent in politics, as I have fought along those lines more than 20 years and know something of the sacrifice The Independent makes in taking up the battle of the common people—the great masses—also the uphill fight against such terrible odds, doing battle for the unappreciative millions almost alone. Arrayed against it are the millionaires, the aristocracies, the combinations, the smaller capitalists and most professional men, besides the army and navy. Surely it requires patriotism, love of country, of people and home, coupled with that sense of honor and right which, ever present with the fathers of this country, stimulated them on to the greatest achievements in the world's history. . . . Why are we found crushing the life and brain out of this young and rising infant republic in the Philippine islands? Had we proved to be what we pretended to be for over a century and a quarter, would we not have been found taking this young republic by the hand, raising it to its feet and starting it out in the world, with our help and blessing, saying to the rest of the earth, "hands off?" Here would have been a "world power" worthy of the approval of God and man while the ages rolled on. Those Filipinos would have loved and extolled us in the generations to come. They would have gladly granted us all the commercial and naval privileges that we could desire. Then the weaker and oppressed nations of earth would take courage, saying, Here is a nation that we can tie to—a true republic in sympathy with the oppressed of all the earth. Then the nations of the old world would not have to speculate as to where the United States stands when the rights and lives of weaker powers are endangered. But instead of adhering to the principles of the fathers of our country and the doctrines we have preached, we have proved ourselves the greatest hypocrites and deceivers of earth, incurring the hatred and curses of the Filipinos unto the fourth and fifth generations and arousing suspicion against us in the weaker republics. As we are out on the warpath, in the land-grab game of the monarchies of the old world, there is little hope for republics.

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