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News of the Week

According to the cablegrams the cholera is spreading rapidly in the Philippines and is unusually fatal. The victims already run up into the hundreds.

So far, the cablegrams do not announce that any Filipino has been supposed to testify of cruelty and violation of the laws of war in any of the numerous court martials which have been called for the trial of officers.

The meat trust is proving to be the most far reaching criminal combination ever organized. It has control of nearly every branch of the food supply. It is selling spring chickens at 24 cents a pound. They are last year's crop kept over in cold storage. The Chicago papers say that there are thousands of families in that city without meat of any kind. Rosewater's advice to the working was when beef got high to eat chickens. Tough old hens were selling at 18 cents a pound.

During all the last winter members of the minority in congress have been introducing bills to take the tariff off from meat and cattle. The three Moguls would not let one of them reach a discussion. Meantime the meat trust has been piling up millions upon millions out of the suffering and hunger of the people. But Mark said there were no trusts and Mark is the infallible truth teller of the powers that be. So we suppose that we have just been dreaming, meat is not beyond the reach of the poor and all the dinner pails are full.

Secretary Root finds himself in hot water. The attempted suppression of the report of Major Gardener the truth of which has been established by the evidence given in the recent court martials, and the other evidence that is coming to light has fixed in the public mind the belief that there has been a studied attempt to censor the news in the war department. The readers of this paper have known that all the time, but the millions who read only the great dailies were astonished. Root's ideas of government belong to the past when it was thought to be a dangerous thing to let the people know what was going on. Some of the moss has been scraped off his eyes and he finds himself the storm center of criticism, not by democrats only, but also by many who have been his supporters. A military censorship in these days can delay the publication of news, but it cannot suppress it altogether.

The Chicago Chronicle "is one great paper." After the overwhelming vote in favor of municipal ownership of the street railways it gravely announced: "Not one voter in 10,000 supposed that the city could or would buy and operate street car lines." That is the character of the editorial writing that every one expects to see in a goldbug democratic paper and their expectations never fail of realization.

An article recently appeared in the Eastern papers from a pen of an Englishman, in which he calls the house of lords "a gilded temple of barbarism" and speaks of "the tawdry rags of imperialistic honor." Among other passages is the following: "The government here has stuffed itself so full with lies for so long that it does not even know what sort of conces-

sion it must make in order to get a general Boer surrender. As yet it is not prepared to grant amnesty to rebels, genuine self-government to the two Boer states at a fixed date, and to recall Milner—all of them essential to any real settlement, even of a temporary nature. Even it had the grace to go as far as this or farther, few who are acquainted with the personality of the Boer leaders believe that Steyn and De Wet will lay down their arms."

The same writer describing a scene in the house of lords, which he says is mainly composed of "ground landlords, brewers, bankers, law-lords and bishops" when he listened to a speech by Lord Coleridge, recently chief justice of England, concerning the declaration of martial law in Cape Colony and the substitution of court martials for the regular courts. This order Lord Coleridge said "had cancelled the ordinary liberties of British subjects, secured by Magna Charta and the Petition of Rights, by denying local courts the right to question the jurisdiction of military courts." The effect of this speech upon the "gilded barbarians" is described by this writer as follows: "It was one of the finest displays of impassioned argument, firm, concise, logical exposition, vitalized by concrete instances, to which I have ever listened—but it did not even raise a ripple of interest in the stolid, stall-fed, well-groomed figures that faced the orator. To Americans it may not appear strange, perhaps, that this little sacred caste should be indifferent to the common weal."

That is a very good description of our own house of lords. One cannot go into the senate of the United States and hear an eloquent and passionate appeal for the Declaration of Independence and the inalienable rights of man, and the same scene will meet his gaze. A few sleepy looking senators—pickets of plutocracy on guard to see that the minority do not gain an advantage—will be loling in their seats, paying no attention and caring nothing for the arguments adduced, and "not a ripple will be raised on the face of the stall-fed, well-groomed figures that face the orator." Imperialism is always the same thing and produces the same results everywhere.

There seems to be a doubleback action to this Philippine business. Major Waller threw the responsibility upon General Smith and General Smith says that the order to make Samar "a howling wilderness" came from Secretary Root. There is a hot box, or several of them in the war department machinery.

President Ingalls of the Big Four railroad has been talking treason in Chicago. He said: "Trade always follows cheapness and facilities of communication." That is less majestic to the great lights of the republican party. They have always told us that "trade follows the flag," and that nearness of markets, the wants of the people, their ability to buy, and cheapness of goods had nothing to do with it. It just followed the flag and that was all there was to it. If we put our flag up in the tropics, ships would come flocking in, loaded with goods and that the people would buy and buy as long as the flag floated there. That's what they said and every good mullah head is bound to believe it. Ingalls is a "copperhead" and a "traitor." The P street idiot should give him a dressing down.

In an imperial government, such as

England and the United States have lately become, there is no safety for the government of men at all. Judge Grossup has taken the right to tax from the state government and placed in the hands of a master in chancery appointed by himself, which is a supreme act of despotism. The power to tax is the fundamental groundwork of every kind and sort of sovereignty. When the federal courts take that away from states, they take all the reasonable rights of man. In England the right of trial by jury has been abolished by imperial edicts in nine counties in Ireland. When the secretary responsible for this was questioned in the house of commons he had to acknowledge that there was less crime in Ireland than in any other country in all Europe. It was a clear case of imperialism just like the laws passed in the Philippines which sought "to give the authority of the president of the United States" he enacted: "With this sentence starting them in the face, the editors of the great dailies continue to talk about "American law in the Philippines."

Tariffs were up for discussion in the German parliament the other day. It appears that the German manufacturers who have excessive tariff protection are doing just the same thing that the trusts are doing here. They are selling their goods much cheaper to foreigners than they are sold to their own people. One speaker declared that the steel manufacturers had sold steel so much cheaper to Holland that they had destroyed the business of Germany and on a river in Germany every day a running was built in Holland. He attributed much distress in Germany to this fact. It seems that the Germans are coming to their senses. They have been tariff mad for the last fifteen years. Another speaker advocated an international council of all manufacturing nations and the making of treaties to prevent manufacturers of all nations from selling goods cheaper to foreigners than they sold them at home. It begins to look as if after a few years more of this tariff madness, that mankind will get back to common sense again. Another speaker in the Reichstag advocated putting a practically prohibitive tariff on all those kinds of goods that come from America and make their way to the United States by reciprocity. The latter policies The Independent has for a long time declared would be adopted by most of the European nations, if we continued our tariff at the present high point.

From Frank Carpenter's recent letters it seems that there is slavery all over the Philippines and Christians as well as Mohammedans own, buy and sell slaves. The constitution declares that neither slavery nor involuntary servitude shall exist in any place over which the United States has jurisdiction, but the constitution was thrown to the winds when the clique of republican politicians in Washington resolved to buy the Philippines and go into the colony business. They never asked the consent of the people—the question was never submitted to them at all. Those politicians went ahead on their own motion. Notwithstanding the failure of every socialist enterprise ever attempted in the United States, Walter Vrooman, the papers say, is going to make another venture of that kind near Kansas City. Wayland says, "once a socialist always a socialist" and that seems to be true. The failure of all their attempts, has no effect. At any time they are ready to begin again and dream their dreams over. Even Wayland himself could not make socialism succeed and Ruskin colony which he founded has joined the innumerable host of like ventures that has gone before.

President Ingalls of the Big Four railroad surely is a copperhead and a traitor. There cannot be any doubt on that subject. In his recent speech in Chicago he said: "Neither do I care to maintain a kindergarten in the Philippines for the education of eight millions of orientals. Rather I say, keep the hands of foreign nations off

furnish the transportation, furnish the ships, furnish the money and the banking facilities for their trade, and we will have commercial annexation without the danger of political annexation." At Troy, Kansas, there is an independent packing house, not connected in any way with the trust. In that town beef retails at from 2 to 5 cents a pound less than the trust prices. Just across the river round steak from the packing houses sells at 20 cents a pound, in Troy the price is fifteen. The owners of the independent packing house say they are making as much money as they ever did. Yet the great packing houses say there is no trust and the high price of meat is the fault of the farmer. It is said that the extreme high prices quoted for cattle at Chicago, was for trust owned stock raised on the trust ranches. A convention has been called by the Bryan democrats to meet in New York city for the purpose of nominating a full state ticket. They call themselves "Liberal Democrats" and declare they will have none of Dave Hill.

The indications for sometime have been that there will be serious trouble in Ireland. Last night in the house of commons John Redmond, the Irish nationalist leader, speaking of the crimes act proclamation issued recently by Earl Cadogan, the lord lieutenant of Ireland, said an infamous conspiracy was on foot in England to foment crime in Ireland where none existed. Mr. Redmond and John Dillon have sent a joint cablegram to Ex-Congressman John C. Finerty of Chicago appealing for American sympathy and support in the struggle against coercion. The names of Burkett and Mercer of Nebraska appear among the "insurgent" republicans who helped break the power of the machine on the Cuban bill.

Hardy's Column

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