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It has been demonstrated in Manila that deportation follows the truth.

Mrs. Carrie Nation might take a new motto: Beyond the Kansas (Sc) Alps lies Iowa.

It will be noted that when a man does not want to respect a law he begins to insist that it is a failure.

If the worst comes to the worst the promoters of the subsidy steal might get upon the retired list of the navy.

When Mr. Hanna is through with his crutches he should loan them to his crippled and ailing shipping subsidy job.

If the ship-subsidy bill does not pass it may be necessary to have a special session of congress to consider the Cuban question.

China might hasten the departure of the "powers" by proving that there is nothing more left in the shape of rich pickings.

If Mr. Carnegie really intends to die poor he will have to give away money faster or secure some means of living about 3,000 years.

The democratic senator or congressman who is deluded into supporting the subsidy steal will have a difficult time proving his democracy.

A collar and cuff trust is among the latest. Some of these days the American people will take up and collar the trusts and cuff them severely.

It is meet and proper that the promoters of the shipping subsidy steal should favor night sessions. Night is the favorite time of the hold-up men.

John Barrett, former United States minister to Siam, who devoted his efforts in the last campaign to assuring the American people that the Filipinos are not fitted for self-government,

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is now delivering speeches and writing articles in defense of the ship-subsidy bill. Is Mr. Barrett an authority or merely a star member of Mr. Hanna's literary bureau?

Congress is considering the matter of organizing a "National Standardizing Bureau." If organized properly it will probably be run with Standard oil.

Let it be cheerfully admitted that the subsidy bill has done some good. While it is under consideration the senate is not making any armor plate contracts.

By sending a few more newspaper men to Guam General MacArthur will succeed in making that island far superior to the military station at Manila in point of brains.

Senator Beveridge is too candid a man to make a suitable presidential candidate on the republican ticket. To be eligible he should believe in imperialism, but not admit it.

Illinois need not feel puffed up because she has within her borders a set of rascals known as the "Invincible" thieves. A careful study of our big trusts will demonstrate that the organization is national.

The men who are loudest in demanding a subsidy for ship-owners would be the first to object to a subsidy for the owners of farm wagons. Yet there would be few ships to subsidize were it not for the farm wagons.

At all times and under all circumstances the editors and correspondents in Manila must understand that truth is "a menace to the military situation" and punishable by deportation. Those responsible for the situation will take no chances.

A large number of gentlemen who appeared at banquets on February 12 and talked about the patriotism and wisdom of Abraham Lincoln claim to be thorough patriots and altogether wise for promoting the very principles that Abraham Lincoln denounced.

The Morgan-Rockefeller-Harriman railroad syndicate is prepared to show the evils that would follow the control of all the railroads by the government. The first evil they would point out is that of having such an immense power given into the hands of a few.

Senator Jones, of Arkansas, describes the ship-subsidy bill as "a jimmy with which it is proposed to break into the United States treasury." Senator Jones has a habit of calling things by their right names, and on this occasion he did not change his habit.

It seems that after all Mr. Roberts, director of the mint, is not infallible when it comes to figures relating to the gold supply. Mr. Maurice L. Muhleman, who is himself something of an authority on figures, has discovered a serious error in the government figures relating to the supply of gold. Mr. Muhleman claims that there has been duplication in the foreign gold, coin imported being registered on arrival at the custom house and then re-registered when minted into

United States coin. Mr. Muhleman has traced these errors up to the year 1898 and he estimates that the gold stock has in this manner been exaggerated to the extent of \$125,000,000.

The women of Massachusetts are demanding a law permitting women commissioners to perform the marriage ceremony. As about half of the people married are women, why not?

Word comes from Japan that an oil monopoly is being formed over there. Our enterprising and imitative little neighbor in the Orient seems disposed to copy our faults as well as our virtues.

As an illustration that the wheat and the tares still grow close together, it may be remarked that St. Valentine's Day, which gave bashful lovers a chance to write messages too affectionate for the tongue, also gave enemies a chance to hurl abuse at each other by use of the cartoonists' art.

Charleston, S. C., is planning to have an exposition just after the Buffalo Exposition closes. It is a good idea. Expositions are excellent educational institutions and since the attendance is largely from the neighboring states it is necessary to have these expositions in all parts of the country.

If the administration will set about doing its plain duty—not the Porto Rican brand—to the Cubans there will be no necessity for "instructions," "commissions," "ultimatums," and all that sort of thing. The plain duty of the administration is to keep the solemn pledge made to the Cubans.

Congressman Babcock, of Wisconsin, has introduced a bill to place upon the free list the various imported articles which come into competition with the products of the new steel combine. But the attention of the republican party is too much absorbed with the ship-subsidy steal to give any time to those who are the victims of both steals.

The Chicago Tribune is now quite certain that the government would be ruined by the passage of the shipping subsidy bill. But it will be remembered that the Chicago Tribune thought the same thing concerning the Porto Rican tariff law until the administration mind changer came around. The mind changer seems to be due for another visit to the Tribune office.

An American manufacturer ships his goods to Europe, paying ocean freights and insurance, and undersells the European manufacturer. Then he turns around and sells the same goods to American consumers at an advance over the price to the foreigner because he is "protected" against competition with the foreign made goods. And there are several millions of people who have never been able to realize how they have been imposed upon.

It is manifestly unjust to General Merriam to ignore him in the army promotions after he carried out the schemes of the men responsible for the administration. While General Merriam did not endear himself to the hearts of the American people by his administration at Wardner, he deserves some recognition from the administra-