

Republicanism In France and America. Le Siecle, the great Paris newspaper that has persistently championed the cause of Great

Britain in its fight against the South African Republics, has failed and will be sold at auction. The editor of the paper declares that its policy was repugnant to French sentiment and failed to find sufficient support to make it pay.

There are within the United States a number of newspapers that openly espoused Great Britain's cause, and yet these newspapers are prosperous. Can it be possible that republicanism in France is stronger than republicanism in America?

Mayor Johnson Takes a Good Beginning. Tom L. Johnson, the new Mayor of Cleveland has begun the discharge of his duties in a business like way. He ordered an intoxicated office seeker from the city hall and announced that drunken men need not apply to him for place in the public service. He insists that every city employe shall give value received to the city. He proposes to establish a 3 cent fare on the car lines of Cleveland. He has also secured a copy of the tax valuations and is now engaged in obtaining the actual money value of all corporations doing business in Cleveland. He will then demand that these corporations be made to pay taxes according to the value of their property exactly as is required of the individual citizen. Mayor Johnson has started out well. He is an able and conscientious man and the students of municipal government are warranted in expecting some very practical reforms under his administration.

Representative American Woman. At the unveiling of the monument to General John A. Logan, the widow of that famous soldier and statesman met with a cordial reception. Mrs. Logan is 63 years of age, and while not in the best of health, she insisted on attending the ceremonies. Mary Logan occupies a very high place in the affections of the American people. She is an accomplished woman, who, while keeping informed on public affairs, was devoted to her home, her husband and her children. The veterans of the civil war who fought under General Logan have a deep and abiding affection for her and she has on many occasions demonstrated that that love was reciprocated. It would be difficult to find a more thoroughly representative American woman. It is to be hoped she will be spared for many years.

Why Mr. Knox Was Appointed. "Why was Mr. Knox appointed to the office of Attorney General" is the very pertinent question presented by the New York World. The World observes that Mr. Knox has no public record, has made no public speeches, has given no public service, and has done no service for the republican party. "The theory and the practice, the precedents of politics and of parties," says the World, "require that members of the cabinet shall be representative men in the party sense, representative

men in the political sense—representative of some principle, of some policy, of some interest."

Then the World inquires "what interest, what principle can Knox represent unless it is the interests of the trusts and corporations,—unless it is the principle of their protection, their security, their immunity?"

The World has given the answer to its own question. The interest is the interest of the trusts and the corporations; the principle is the protection, the security and the immunity of the trusts and corporations that provided the fat for the republican campaign committee, and now insist upon controlling the law department of the administration.

Who is on DeWet's Side? A London dispatch says that General DeWet's intellect has been weakened to the extent

that he is not responsible for his actions, and that he has lost his influence over his forces who are rapidly deserting him.

When the London literary bureau sent out this dispatch, it overlooked a point or two. If we are to believe this statement, then the fact does not advance the credit of the British soldier. If DeWet is insane, if his influence with his men has been destroyed, and his forces are rapidly forsaking him, how does it happen that he is yet able to hold his own against Kitchener and his legions?

How does it happen that the trained soldiery of Great Britain, the well paid and well fed generals of the King cannot prevail against a hapless, deserted and insane warrior?

Somebody must yet be true to DeWet, else he could not fight as he is fighting today.

Can it be possible that in this instance God is not on the side of the strongest battalion?

Plague for Man and Beast. In Michigan, the authorities are fighting a case that resembles the description of the "bubonic plague." The dispatches also bring the intelligence that Secretary of Agriculture Wilson is taking precaution to prevent the introduction of "rinderpest" into the United States and Hawaii. Rinderpest is a plague peculiar to oriental countries. Its ravages are directed towards bovine animals, and in Africa where this disease has visited it has killed about 90 per cent of the cattle. It is reported that rinderpest has broken out in the Philippines, and Secretary Wilson hopes to prevent the introduction of the disease in Hawaii and the United States, but is fearful lest it may be brought with the animals carried on the government transports.

There are many disadvantages connected with a policy of imperialism. The people of the United States have been singularly free from epidemic diseases affecting man and beast. This has been so because whatever diseases we have had to deal with were known to us and understood by us. But if, in addition to the other enormous expenditures in treasure and in blood involved in the policy of imperialism, we are to be confronted with the "bubonic plague" among our men, and the "rinderpest"

among our cattle, we will at a very early day be brought to a realization of the enormous responsibility we have assumed and the serious perils we have voluntarily brought upon ourselves.

Endorsing the Witness. The St. Louis Globe Democrat prints a dispatch from St. Paul to the effect that Editor Rice was refused a hearing at an Anti-Imperialistic meeting because he said he "could tell only the truth."

It is fortunate for Mr. Rice that telling the truth is not an offense in the states. It has not been forgotten, however, that because Mr. Rice "could tell only the truth" at Manila he was deported from the Philippines and sent back to the United States by way of punishment for his offense and to prevent future dereliction in that line.

As a matter of fact men who object to imperialism do not want Mr. Rice or any other man to tell anything but the truth. If he can say anything to the American people to the advantage of the administrations Philippine policy he should lose no time in saying it. But if the administration press persists in parading Mr. Rice as an eminent truth teller when he upholds the policy of imperialism, the administration press shall not denounce Mr. Rice as a cheap liar when he says he was sent out of the Philippines because he exposed the dishonest work of an administration representative and would not agree to close his eyes to iniquities in the future.

The World Does Move. Those who are inclined to be pessimistic will find encouragement in the proceedings of the various legislatures. The resolutions passed even by republican legislatures in favor of electing senators by the people, the bills referring to the initiative and referendum, honest primaries and more just taxation, all these indicate the force and progress of public opinion. Probably no better illustration can be found than that presented by the Minnesota legislature.

The bill taxing railroads upon their gross earnings has passed the senate of that state in spite of the protests of the railroad attorneys. The Minneapolis Journal, a republican paper, calls attention to the fact that a similar bill was rejected two years ago, whereas it passed this year by a vote of fifty-three to eight. Of course in all such legislation some allowance must be made for the fact that some votes are cast for the bill which might be cast against it if a few votes would change the result, but the majority in this case was so large as to give positive proof that there is an awakening among the people.

The Supreme court of the United States has decided that a divorce is not good unless one of the parties is a bona fide resident of the state in which it is granted. This is not only a righteous ruling, but one conducive to morality. Some of the states have made their divorce laws so lax as to reflect upon the intelligence and character of the state