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The river and harbor bill covers a multitude of jobs.

Kitchener should learn to beware of the rebound of his "Boer traps."

Of course Mr. Ivey will not be allowed to cast any cloud upon the coronation fetes.

Lord Roseberry seems to have placed himself in a regular Congressman Babcockish position.

The trust promoters should not neglect the splendid opportunity afforded by the floods in the east.

The reciprocity that is acceptable to the tariff barons will not be acceptable to the people at large.

The Kitchener traps seem to yield nothing but women, children and non-combatant steers and sheep.

General Funston's talk about hanging may be an index to some methods in vogue in the Philippines.

Each day reveals some new complication in the Panama canal project. But that is just what it was sprung for.

It is to be hoped that Prince Henry saw enough people to convince him that the Monroe doctrine ought not to be molested.

On coronation day those who desire to honor the king may resurrect the bike trousers laid away when bicycling ceased to be a fad.

Secretary Long will be the next to retire. Mr. Roosevelt said he would keep Mr. McKinley's cabinet officers, and he has—kept them going.

Quite naturally all republican financial measures contemplate giving the banks increased control of the money supply of the country.

Senator Tillman might have replied as the Quaker did: "My friend, I have not enough confidence in thee to believe what thou sayest."

The ship subsidy bill has the right of way in the senate. Senators who stand for the interests of the whole people should side track it.

Perhaps the recent floods in the east were due to the stock manipulators squeezing out a lot of water preparatory to another great financial coup.

The ship subsidy bill is merely to provide for hiring men to invest their capital in a business they know to be profitable. It is a tax upon the many for the benefit of the few.

The taxpayers of Philadelphia should follow the example of the taxpayers of Pittsburg. Pittsburg taxpayers managed to break loose from the habit of voting for "gang republicans."

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The administration organs are explaining slavery in the Philippines. The explanation departments of the administration are kept working double shifts.

The Minneapolis Times is demanding that the Great Northern railway be made to pay its taxes. Is the Times beginning to turn traitor to "vested rights?"

Having given the Filipinos a 25 per cent tariff reduction the administration will naturally expect the "rebels" to remain away from the suburbs of Manila.

Mr. Taft is also explaining what a harmless sort of thing the slavery existing in Sulu is. The Sulu slavery question requires a terrific lot of explanation.

Perhaps you have noticed that Mr. Hill is not worrying half so much about the instructions to Mr. Knox as he did about the appeal to the supreme court.

The Boer war has cost Great Britain \$700,000,000 and 100,000 men to date. Paul Kruger may be short on administration sympathy, but he is long on prophecy.

Of course the president could not lend encouragement to the Boer envoys while those American mules were afloat between New Orleans and a British port.

As duelling is still fashionable in Europe, possibly the president withdrew the invitation because Senator Tillman did not issue a challenge to his colleague.

While waiting for Russia to retire from Manchuria the other European nations should equip themselves with a few tons of entertaining literature. It will be a long wait.

The republican newspaper publishers who demand a reduction in the tariff on news print and the abolition of the tariff on wood pulp should now begin the task of explaining.

Why did Mr. McAllister make his resolution so indefinite? When he defends it before the voters he will have to be more specific and then he will learn that man is born unto trouble.

The republicans seem to think that Senator Tillman was guilty of a much graver offense than Senator McLaurin, but they do not seem to investigate the charges made against the latter.

Stamped mules first conveyed to Kitchener the tidings that a British convoy of 600 men had been wiped out by the Boers. The mule system of information seems peculiarly British these days.

A British ship carrying 1,000 American horses for the use of the British troops in South Africa sailed recently from an American port. That is neutrality as interpreted by the present administration.

The McAllister resolution suggests that "sectional estrangements should be no more," and yet the whole resolution is an appeal for the drawing of lines according to sections rather than according to principles.

The Illinois commissioners to the pan-American exposition have covered back into the state treasury nearly 20 per cent of the state's appropriation. This is calculated to wring the hearts of the gentlemen who will spend the secret fund money in kow-towing before King Edward.

The Philadelphia Times is showing symptoms of political reason. It admits that the republicans of Pennsylvania will not nominate a good man for governor and is demanding that lovers of decency rally to the support of a good democrat. If that is good sense in Pennsylvania, why would it not be good sense in other states?

Talk of reciprocity never brings a protest from the tariff protected trusts, but the moment it is suggested that the tariff be reduced on articles manufactured in this country and sold at a lower price abroad than at home, the trusts begin to squeal like a pig under a gate—or rather like two or three pigs under as many gates.

It appears that Mr. Roosevelt's Minneapolis speech was uttered in his capacity as a literary man. The literary Mr. Roosevelt is quite a different individual from the chief executive, Mr. Roosevelt.

The republican senators are indignant because Senator Tillman struck another senator, but these same republicans continue to strike at the Declaration of Independence and pummel the constitution.

"Spain seems to have sold us a robust slavery problem in the Philippines!" shrieks the Kansas City Journal in two-line pica type and red ink. Somebody must have disturbed the Journal's restful slumbers.

Mr. Hill should take notice that the democrats who help to achieve democratic victory never parade behind brass bands to republican headquarters for the purpose of pledging support to republican nominees.

On February 22 the Washington Times printed the picture of a handsome young lady and labeled it, "A descendent of the first president." Doubtless the young lady has torn the family record out of the family Bible.

A battle between the Philippine constabulary and 80 well armed insurgents took place within ten miles of Manila on March 3. This should spur Mr. Taft to again arise and assure us that the islands are pacified.

The Chicago Record-Herald is doing considerable weeping over the woeful mistakes of the republican leaders. But the Record-Herald will repair its "weepery" in time to support those same leaders and their policies in 1904.

Governor Taft admits that there are 300,000 slaves in the Philippines, and that no effort has been made to free them. Perhaps some of the republican organs will tell us what Abraham Lincoln would say about this if he were alive.

In mentioning the cost of the Boer and Philippine wars the gentlemen who insist on prosecuting them to the bitter end always lay emphasis upon the dollars and whisper low when mentioning the lives of the soldiers.

The Washington Post says that the Dutch in South Africa are "the last remaining champions of human liberty in the world." These words would not have been true if uttered before the lust of conquest seized this republic.

The beet sugar business of this country amounts to about \$5,000,000 annually. To protect this, congress is willing to perpetrate injustice, tax millions of consumers and ignore popular demand. Of course it is a republican congress.

We are assured that Great Britain will not press the Alaskan boundary question. Of course not. Great Britain is afraid she might lose all that Mr. John Hay conceded in the "modus vivendi." Mr. Hay is a very generous gentleman.

Prince Henry made a favorable impression on those who met him. Some liked him because of his royal blood and others, knowing that he ought not to be blamed for his birth, liked him in spite of the fact that his brother is an emperor.

Rev. A. L. Woodward of Tallahassee, Fla., has an autograph letter written to his grandfather by Andrew Jackson. It enclosed a lock of Jackson's hair, sent "by request." Mr. Woodward also has an autograph letter from Martin Van Buren. These interesting relics are for sale.

February 25, 1902, total British loss, 50 killed, 122 wounded, captured 642. But the British war office held back the news until Kitchener could report the capture of a handful of Boers and a few thousand head of cattle. The British war office has a decidedly Manilaish way of handling the news.

The New York Central engineer who ran into another train and killed seventeen people has been indicted for murder because he could not see in the dark. The directors who compelled him to run in the dark have been exonerated. Perhaps Miss Justice formed her decision in the smoke and fog of the tunnel.