

Referring to the report that King Edward will give a dinner to half a million poor persons in London as a feature of the celebration following the coronation ceremonies, the New York World hits the nail on the head when it says: "After the pageant and the rejoicing are over it might be well for the king to give serious consideration, if he is capable of it, to the question why there are 500,000 persons in London so poor as to be glad of a dinner from the royal bounty."

Striking the Nail on the Head.

No one will sympathize with Terrence V. Powderly in his dismissal from the position of the commissioner general of immigration. Mr. Powderly's acceptance of that position was a disappointment to many men who had come to admire him because they believed him to be a true friend of the laboring men. And now that he has been thrown overboard by the politicians to whom he can no longer render substantial service, he finds himself without any sympathizers and dependent upon the melancholy reflection that he sold his birthright for a mess of pottage.

Where is the Recompense?

The Minneapolis Journal says: "The fact that Lukban was captured by native scouts under the command of Lieutenant Stribler shows how well American soldiers are learning the game of fighting natives in the Philippines." The logic of the imperialistic organs is something wonderful to behold. They tell us that the natives of the Philippines are savages, barbarians, heathens and blood-thirsty head-hunters, and in the same breath boast that we are violating the articles of civilized warfare by enlisting the aid of these same barbarians. The logic of the imperialistic organs may be depended upon to answer itself.

Weird Logic of the Imperialists.

"Lack of professional qualifications" is given as a reason why Gunner Joseph Hill of the training ship Pensacola should not have a commission. Gunner Hill, who is a survivor of the Maine disaster, was examined for a commission and duly notified that he had passed with credit the mental, moral and physical examinations, but this was followed by the further information that his application for a commission had been rejected on the ground that he lacked "professional qualifications." With the case of Gunner Morgan fresh in mind it will be easy to understand that Gunner Hill was turned down because he does not know how to lead the german, pour pink tea or dance attendance on society butterflies.

Naval Snobbery Still Rampant.

A London cablegram, under date of March 15, to the New York World says: "The latest returned South African hero is Sergeant Paish, of the Glamorganshire militia. He hanged with his own hands four Boers accused of breaking their parole, a punishment which in itself is a breach of civilized usages. What specially aroused Anglo admiration was Paish's description of the 'pretty scene' created by the wife of one of his victims when she saw him practising the hanging beforehand with an old anvil. This practice was carried on in a public place so the women could not fall to see." If reports are true, there have been many "pretty scenes" in South Africa similar to the one described by this British officer. It is strange, however, that a civilized people could tolerate the public recital of these "pretty scenes" or could regard as a hero a man who had made extraordinary efforts to inflict grief upon women

"Pretty Scene" in South Africa.

whose burden was already too heavy. As the truth concerning the South African war begins to leak out, the world begins to suspect that the methods employed by the British against the Boers are in keeping with the methods employed by the British of the time of George III. against the American colonists.

In the house of commons a member charged that the war secretary had piegon-holed evidence showing that the losses on transports of every column in South Africa amounted to from \$350,000 to \$500,000. Another member charged that widespread corruption in the horse purchases for Great Britain had been disclosed in almost every country on the globe. If the British ministry would pay to the dishonest contractors, purchasing agents and other men high in authority who are insisting upon carrying the South African war to a finish one-half the attention they accord to the patriotic Englishmen who are pleading for peace in behalf of humanity and civilization, the load upon the British taxpayer would not be quite so enormous as it is.

Great Britain's Big Load.

Newspaper dispatches from Ohio say that republican politicians in that state have organized a presidential boom for Mr. Hanna. Recently Senator Foraker of Ohio declared himself in favor of Mr. Roosevelt's nomination and the relations between Foraker and Hanna are such as to justify the suspicion that Mr. Foraker would be greatly grieved if Mr. Hanna secured the republican nomination. Many people believe that Mr. Roosevelt's friends already recognize that the president must wage a contest with Mr. Hanna for the republican nomination in 1904. Whatever opinion one may have as to the propriety of trying to make a president out of Mark Hanna, it must be conceded that Mr. Hanna is perhaps the best representative of the present day policies of the republican party that could be found anywhere in the public life of this country.

Mr. Hanna's Presidential Boom.

The postmaster at Syracuse is evidently a level-headed man. Recently a number of letter carriers in Syracuse have been bitten by savage dogs. Complaints made by the letter carriers to the owners of the dogs failed to bring results and the Syracuse postmaster issued a statement that carriers were not required to run the risk of being bitten by vicious dogs in delivering mail matter. The postmaster therefore directed "persons keeping such dogs must call at the postoffice for their mail. If they wish it delivered at their houses they must render it safe for the carrier to approach their premises." It is safe to say that the owners of savage dogs in Syracuse will not be long in choosing between the convenience of having their mail delivered and the questionable pleasure of maintaining on their premises snarling canines.

A Level-Headed Nasby.

The six republican senators who voted against the ship subsidy bill are receiving congratulations from their constituents. And these congratulations are deserved, because they did what, under the circumstances, must be regarded as a brave act when they cast their votes against the measure, which unquestionably had the indorsement of their party machine. And yet some criticism of the course of these senators is not out of place when it is remembered that they voted with Mr. Hanna and his associate "patriot" in defeating nearly every amendment offered by the democrats, and thus helped the managers of the bill to the extent of permitting it to go to passage practically in the

"Squared Their Conscience."

form desired by Mr. Hanna. The Washington correspondent of the Chicago Record-Herald, writing of these senators, said: "Having refused to aid the democrats in perfecting or improving the bill, they squared their consciences by voting against the bill itself, but there were not enough of them to do any harm and the bill went through so nicely that Senators Hanna and Frye were much elated over their victory, the more pleasant because it comes after a campaign of three or four years and after the bitter disappointment of the last session."

In the house of lords recently, Lord Salisbury was called upon to defend martial law in Cape Colony. Lord Coleridge, liberal, asserted that martial law was imposed in a number of places in South Africa where there was no resistance to British authority. Salisbury replied that there was "plenty of armed resistance in Cape Colony to fully justify the application of martial law." It has long been suspected that Cape Colony was a hotbed of Boer sympathizers and it cannot be doubted by observing men that if the time ever comes when an uprising in Cape Colony will be of material benefit to the Boers, the uprising will take place. And when it is remembered that the British forces must thus keep one eye on the active Boer opposition and another eye on their presumably loyal colonies, in spite of the proud boasts of the British ministry, there is yet need for all the skill and energy which the British forces may summon to their aid in the South African situation.

Uprising in Cape Colony.

The Washington Post has made a discovery—or thinks it has, which is quite enough for the Post. It asserts that Mr. Bryan seeks to make the election of senators by popular vote a "campaign issue." Nothing could be further from the truth. A majority of the American people demand that the constitution be so amended as to permit the election of senators by popular vote, and The Commoner is but giving voice to this popular demand when it calls upon the senate to accede to the will of the people. It is true that the democratic party was the first to incorporate into a national platform the demand for popular election of senators, but that demand only voiced a well-nigh universal sentiment that had been ignored by republican leaders. Two republican congresses have declared for the reform. There are some things that stand apart from politics as that word is usually interpreted, and the election of senators by direct vote is one of them. The republicans will make it a campaign issue if they defeat the resolution in the senate.

Not a Campaign Issue.

It is significant that the hope of preventing the passage of the ship subsidy bill by the house at this session rests upon the fact that the congressional elections are at hand. It is pointed out that Speaker Henderson, who, of course, will be a candidate for re-election, can hardly afford to go before the people so soon after having indorsed so bad a measure, while being at the same time required to justify his position with that of the two senators from his state whose opposition to the subsidy bill appears to meet with general approval among the people of Iowa. No one doubts that the republican house will yet pass the subsidy bill, but it is not believed that the house will pass the measure at this session. Does it not seem strange to those republicans who yet have faith in the patriotism and integrity of their party that the republican leaders in the house cannot find patriotic reasons for destroying this measure, rather than merely delaying its passage until they may have the opportunity of once more deceiving the people and securing a new vote of "confidence."

Subsidy Bill in the House.