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Mr. Knox is prosecuting, but the beef trust keeps the price up.

The patriotism of some men is never aroused until they can see money in it.

Of course it is not necessary, neither is it always justice, for the flag to "stay put."

Water cure, starvation, torture and extermination are the natural fruits of imperialism.

The g. o. p. managers made the mistake of crowding the stomach to a too high rate of thinking.

Purchase a "Lot of Five" subscription cards and assist in extending the influence of *The Commoner*.

After carefully noting the date of the next congressional election Mr. Babcock has thought better of it.

The why and the how of volcanoes is information that interests but is not essential. What we want to know is the when.

J. Pierpont Morgan seems determined to achieve the distinction of being the San Juan Hill leader of the Captains of Industry.

Mr. Reid defends his job with all warmth of a man who does not intend losing the money invested in upholstering his pedal extremities.

Mr. Secretary of the Navy Moody should hesitate before interfering with the pink tea duties of the naval officers stationed in Washington.

The only outcome that seems likely in the beef trust investigation is a higher price for beef. The beef trust has been put to considerable expense.

"Is republicanism a crime?" queries the Chicago Inter-Ocean. Before we undertake to make answer we must know if the subject is a paretic.

The "Lots of Five" subscription proposition printed elsewhere in this issue deserves the careful consideration of every reader of *The Commoner*.

Senator Dolliver defines the democratic party as "a syndicate of vituperation." From this it appears that the senator's epidermis has at least been punctured.

The name of the next democratic candidate for the presidency is not yet definitely known. But it is definitely known that whoever he is he will be a democrat who has been faithful to democratic principles as enunciated in democratic platforms.

"Is the ship subsidy bill dead, or only sleeping?" queries the Chattanooga Times. Neither. It is merely locked in its dressing room completing its disguise.

Since the disaster at Martinique perhaps it would be well to let the people of the United States vote on the question of annexing the volcanos in the West Indies.

The Spanish counselors have selected a wife for King Alfonso. Now who wouldn't be an American boy with a right to marry the girl of his own choice, if she'll have him?

Naturally a number of g. o. p. editors defend the special envoys to the coronation. Mr. Reid is an editor. And are they not editors? And will there not be other coronations?

The Cubans whom we helped are free. The Filipinos who helped us are being given the water cure, benevolent assimilation of the Smith brand and arbitrary military rule.

Of course Mr. Hanna is just as ready to defend the telephone trust as he is to defend Rathbone. Mr. Rathbone used the telephone quite frequently during a certain senatorial campaign.

Alfonso XIII. was the center of interest in a very imposing pageant, but he did not get as much fun out of it as the average American boy of the same age gets out of a day's bobbing for bullheads.

Just as long as the coal trust can keep adding \$1 to the price of a ton of coal whenever it sees fit, the coal trust will have the best of the situation. The place to hit the coal trust is at the ballot box.

"There is no energy in beefsteak," remarks a scientific gentleman. Perhaps not, but in these days of beef trust manipulation it requires an awful lot of energy to get the money wherewith to purchase the steak.

It will be a long time before Senator Carmack's reference to Joe Ballanfant's horse will be forgotten. Referring to this remarkable animal, Senator Carmack said that "running away was his natural gait."

Senator Spooner declares that reconcentration does not mean in the Philippines what it meant in Cuba. But if the results are the same, and it is reported on good authority that they are, what matters the definition?

The best tribute paid to the memory of Amos J. Cummings was the statement that "little children in the streets cried when they heard he was dead." No grander monument than the tears of little children can be builded to any man.

The federal court has issued an order restraining the meat trust from committing an unlawful act. What's the matter with criminally prosecuting the members of the meat trust for having already committed unlawful acts?

The persistent British reports that the Boers seek peace should prepare us for the news that the Boers have shattered another British column, seized another rich British supply train and paroled another British officer of high rank.

Mr. Rathbone declared that under certain contingencies he would pull down the pillars of the republican temple. The strenuous efforts being made in his behalf indicate that Mr. Rathbone is in a position to live up to his advance notices.

You will search in vain through a republican organ for any denunciation of General Leonard Wood. Yet General Wood hauled down the flag where it had been "put," and by so doing contradicted Mr. Roosevelt, who said the flag would "stay put."

The painting of Roosevelt at San Juan Hill, exhibited in a Paris salon, fails to show the presence of that negro regiment. The fact that a negro regiment was there, however, accounts for the presence of so many "Rough Rider" heroes in the United States.

Whenever a republican policy is attacked the republican leaders begin to whine and declare that attacks are being made on "the army," "the navy," "the honor of the country," or make some other foolish and untrue charge. Republicans have ceased defending their policies.

Mr. Hanna says he is standing by Rathbone because he does not believe Rathbone had a fair and impartial trial. There are a great many people who believe that Mr. Hanna is standing by Rathbone for the simple reason that Rathbone did have a fair and impartial trial.

Congressman Thomas of Iowa intimates that the Sioux City Journal's Washington dispatches are manufactured in the Iowa office. A careful reading of the Journal would give Mr. Thomas better ground for believing that the Journal's editorials were manufactured in Washington.

The little bankers are fighting the proposition of the big bankers, who propose a gigantic banking trust. Are the little bankers beginning to realize that the big bankers harbored a few ulterior motives when they pretended to be so much exercised about the "assaults on national honor?"

The naval appropriation bill carries a proviso that no part of the money appropriated shall be expended in the purchase of Edgar Stanton Maclay's alleged history of the Navy Department. There seems to be a cruel snub for certain strenuous individuals concealed in that little paragraph.

It is pointed out that under our laws and the constitution Mr. Reid will be nothing more than "the personal representative of the president." If Mr. Roosevelt is willing to let it go at that we no longer wonder. A man willing to be personally represented by Whitelaw Reid deserves extreme consideration.

With his own hands General Wood hauled down the flag in Cuba. But you will watch republican newspapers in vain for denunciations of Wood as a "traitor," "little American," "cop-head," and "Tagalog." Once more the cow-catcher of republican logic has ripped the bolts out of the rear platform thereof.

After strenuously denying the existence of cruelty and torture on the part of the army in the Philippines the republican organs are now admitting it and seeking to excuse it on the ground that "the Filipinos began it." The republican admission usually manages to catch the republican denial about half way 'round the race track.

"Can the republican party afford to stand by the food trust?" asks the Johnstown Democrat. That's the question that is agitating the republican party. If it does not it gets no campaign fund, and that means defeat. If it does the people will rebel, and that means defeat. But the leaders will stand by it, for the leaders get the money. See?

The Commoner does not expect that its suggestions of presidential candidates on the democratic ticket will meet with favor at the hands of republican editors. The Commoner is not suggesting men who call themselves democrats and support republican policies. Only democrats of that class find favor at the hands of republican editors.

Only the press made heroes of war are howling about "attacks on the army." The soldiers who won their spurs and straps in open, honorable and lawful warfare are not complaining because instances of brutality have been pointed out. The real soldier is glad of it, because it means that his profession will not be made dishonorable without a protest from the people.

Several thousand people are destitute in Martinique. But let us remember also that there are destitute and suffering at Goliad, Texas, Cold Creek, Tennessee, and other points in our own country. It is right and proper to extend aid to the suffering everywhere, but in so doing we should not be coldly indifferent to the sufferings of our own people.