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NEWS OF THE WEEK

A Weekly Resume of the Really Vital News by the Editor

(Held over from last week.)
The Russian government is pushing the prosecution against the persons engaged in the murder of Jews and the destruction of their property at Kishineff. Reliable information has been furnished the state department at Washington to the effect that so far over 800 arrests have been made, 352 have been held to answer and remanded to jail, among whom 53 are charged with murder. Meantime many people are murdered here in the United States by mobs and no one is arrested or prosecuted. A petition was in circulation in London protesting against mob law in the United States which received many signatures. The Russian ambassador in London was requested to forward it to the czar and ask him to present it to the United States government, but the Russian minister would have nothing to do with it.

Mark Hanna may "stand pat," but the stock market don't. United States steel stock continues to make new low records as the weeks pass by, while the smaller trusts, one by one, pass over the great divide in constantly increasing numbers.

Exports to the Philippines are falling off at a rapid rate. It appears that the theory that "trade follows the flag," was entirely fallacious. History tells us that markets captured by force have always proved unprofitable. That is what The Independent told the crazy loons who were shouting for the subjugation of the Pacific islands at the time the perfidy was committed.

The increase in the vote of the social democrats of Germany has made that party the second largest party in the empire. That gives to them the vice president of the reichstag. Some of the more radical among them are opposed to accepting the office because the vice president is "received" by the emperor. The emperor is "per-

sona ingrata" with the social democrats.

While Carnegie is the actual owner of the United States steel trust having a first mortgage on its real property, he may not be so perfectly safe as he thought he was when he made the deal. The bonds of the steel trust which are secured by this first mortgage went down to 79 the other day and they have been on the decline for a good while. When the collapse comes, Carnegie may be able to die a poor man without building any more libraries.

Cablegrams from Europe all say that the investing public over there have lost all confidence in the Morgan trust stocks and the consequent liquidation has been immense. That is one thing that has kept the decline going on in Wall street.

When the teachers met in Boston, several of the millionaires opened their palaces to them, among them Mrs. Jack Gardner, the Williams, the Bowditches, and others. The first invitation was generally accepted. The teachers had not been moving around among the adornments very long until they became conscious that they were being watched by detectives in plain clothes, and they did not stay long. After that but few invitations were accepted and for the most part they took themselves to the beaches where many a western school ma'am took her first salt water bath.

There can be no doubt that the recent lynchings in the United States and the tortures inflicted has horrified all Europe. With that state of affairs in view, it seems to The Independent and a great many other papers in the United States that the president and department of state have made a very grave mistake in promising to send a protest to the czar concerning the Kishineff massacre. Mr. Blaine, when secretary of

state, laid down the doctrine that it was not the policy of this government to make suggestions as to the internal affairs of foreign governments. John Hay could learn several things of great value from Mr. Blaine.

Indiana's reputation rests for the present on Senator Beveridge, blocks of five and Evansville riots. All these things are republican productions and Indiana proposes to "stand pat."

The want of statesmanship, not to call it a harsher name, shown by Mark Hanna and Frye in their attempt to pass a ship subsidy bill is shown by the fact that 3,192 ships have been built in the United States during the last two years. The claim they made and which was defended by every corporation daily in the country was that ships could not be built and operated by this country without a subsidy. Men who will plan and urge in congress such schemes simply for the loogie that there is in them, are certainly unfit to be trusted with the management of the great affairs of this nation.

General Miles is to be retired in a few weeks for old age, but last week he rode horseback 90 miles in nine hours and then after a wash and a meal, which occupied just 40 minutes, he proceeded to review the troops at Fort Reno. During the ride he changed horses every ten miles. The next morning, after inspecting the fort, General Miles rode to El Reno and took a train for Fort Riley.

The imperialism of Dr. Lyman Abbott and The Outlook grows more infamous as time passes by. Last week the following statement in regard to government by force and the beneficence of armies was made: "It (an army) enters South Africa and when its work was ended the Boer republic, with its oligarchic government, its cast social order, its denial of religious liberty, is left a chaos of confused debris." "The house-wrecker had to precede the house-builder." Imperialism undermines and destroys every noble sentiment, and being wicked within itself, it leads to falsehood and lying of which the above is an example. The wreck of the Kruger government, which has cost the Brit-

ish nation more than \$1,000,000,000, and brought sorrow and distress to hundreds of thousands of homes, has left South Africa almost a howling wilderness. Commerce and trade has been ruined and the only hope of its resurrection, the same imperialists now say, is in forced labor or the importation of Chinese coolies. Not half of the mines are being worked and gloom and despair covers that whole land with a cloud of blackest hue.

Another New Jersey corporation was organized the other day which will issue \$1,600,000 of stock for the purpose of cultivating sugar beets in Nebraska, Colorado and the rest of the United States. No doubt that much of that stock will be sold to poor, ignorant creatures who have saved a little money by weary toil.

In providing a government for the Moros, the Taft commission gave it authority to abolish slavery. This is the official announcement that slavery still exists "under the jurisdiction of the United States," by the authority of the republican party, which claims to be of the party of Lincoln and of John Brown. If one tells one of the ignorant masses who make up the vast majority of the republican party that it protects the slave market and that men, women and children are bought and sold under the starry flag by the machinations of the republican party leaders, he grows furious. But the poor creature does not know any better. How could he, so long as he reads nothing but republican papers?

Rev. Dwight Hillis, who occupies Henry Ward Beecher's old pulpit and whose utterances heretofore have all been in the interest of plutocracy, seems to have made a discovery and begins to fear that the worship of Mammon is not all good. He now says that a man will go to the devil on \$50,000 a year, and adds: "A great many men I know are going to the devil on that sum." If Rev. Hillis had been a reader of The Independent he would have found all that out a long time ago.

From private correspondence as well as from the tone of the dispatches The Independent learns that Secretary Hay and the president spent a