

# NEWS OF THE WEEK

A Weekly Resume of the Really Vital News by the Editor

A cablegram dated at Manila, September 26, says that General Olga has surrendered his whole force, officers, men and guns, and that now the war is over. Most people will remember having read something like that before.

Attorney General Knox has given the Declaration of Independence and the constitution another kick and those documents will soon be so little thought of that it will not be deemed necessary to even kick them. The military governor confiscated a house in Guam, built by a lieutenant with his own money. The governor took it because he wanted it for a residence for himself. The lieutenant appealed to Washington and Knox decided that the constitution does not apply to Guam and the military governor can do what he pleases there. There is nothing in Guam but the imperial will of the commander. That is the sort of disgrace that the republican party has visited upon this nation. It will not take long to apply it to these states. They have already begun it out in Colorado.

The anthracite coal trust has not yet answered the questions put to it by the census officers. As the president thus acknowledges that Baer and Morgan are bigger than this government, it would of course be useless to suggest that the census officers make the legal inquiries of the Standard Oil trust. Teddy is a brave man, but he would not dare to undertake that.

The coal dealers are sending out their price lists for the winter supply. There was much protest last year against the high prices, even when times were good and everything was booming, but this year the prices are from 25 cents to a dollar a ton higher than twelve months ago. If there is any protest, the plutocratic papers do not let it get into their columns.

The Declaration of Independence went first, and out in Colorado the writ of habeas corpus has followed it. The constitution does not seem to follow the flag even as far as Colorado. For that instrument most positively declares that "the writ of habeas corpus shall not be suspended, unless when in cases of rebellion or invasion the public safety may require it."

The Consolidated Lake Superior company was capitalized for \$117,000,000 and is now on the auction block for \$5,050,000. A man by the name of Clerque was the Napoleon of finance who engineered that thing. He was one of the divinities that worshippers of Mammon were bowing down to not long ago. From middle class people \$30,000,000 were contributed to this concern of which they will lose every dollar. The wage-workers hold \$200,000 of worthless time certificates, and many of them are in absolute want and already have had to be provided for by charity to keep them from starving to death.

Forty-five trusts have gone into bankruptcy during the last few months. They were all of the New Jersey breed. Among the latest is the American tin can trust, which put stock on the market to the amount of \$80,000,000, of which \$62,000,000 was water, and the American Tobacco company, which had issued ten million of stock. The receiver could find only \$135,000 worth of property. If the people down east had been readers of the Nebraska Independent it would have saved them hundreds of millions of dollars. A few thousand of them did read it and they still have their money in their pockets.

Secretary Root's staff bill for the reorganization of the army which was passed against the protest of General Miles has established a Kilkenny cat room at the war department where a fight goes throughout all the offices hours of every day in the week. It has created such a disturbance that the authorities are at last acknowledging that the law will have to be "slightly amended."

General Chase, commanding Colorado's military forces at Cripple Creek, announced in Denver last week that "it is the intention of the mine owners to completely stamp out unionism. And the troops will remain there until this is done."

What competition will do when contrasted with trust methods is shown by the firm of Branch & Miller Co. of Lincoln. This firm puts up a combination grocery order including almost

everything that is needed in a household and pays the freight to all consumers in Nebraska with a slight additional charge to those in other states. It includes 21 articles running from sugar (21 pounds for \$1.00) to stove polish. Everything is first class of its kind and the firm being absolutely reliable that amount of goods for the price will astonish every household that receives them, both on account of the quantity and quality. The editor of The Independent is under no obligations to this firm, but he is to the farmers and workers in Nebraska, and he considers it a duty to tell them about this opportunity.

Some of the papers in Colorado declare that the situation in Cripple Creek was brought about by the socialists who have captured the labor organizations there. The political socialist holds that all measures except the full one are but palliative and undesirable, and that the greater the misery and privation to which the population is subjected the sooner will come the earthly paradise they paint in such heavenly colors. That being the sentiment, no effort has been made to relieve the condition existing, but every effort was made to increase the evils from which the miners suffered.

It is not at all astonishing that in the state of Quay and Baer, the penitentiary should be turned into a den of counterfeiters and only to be expected that other crimes should be discovered there. Several of the employees have been stealing lead pipe, plumbing fixtures and a whole lot of other things, sending them out in the wagons that brought them in and afterwards selling the same articles over again to the state. Several of them have accumulated considerable fortunes in that way. And Quay and Baer still rule.

The proposition of Secretary Shaw to call in and pay off the 5s of 1894 is somewhat of an "astonisher." It is simply a gift to the holders of the bonds of \$300,000. Those bonds become due April 1, 1904, and can then be redeemed at their face value. Shaw proposes to offer a premium and pay them now with interest in full up to date. Such deals as that with bondholders have been so common during the last thirty years we suppose no protest will be made. In any other nation on earth such a proposition would produce a condition that no set of politicians would dare face.

Henry Gannett of the geographical survey, who took the recent census in the Philippines, does not substantiate the stories concerning that people printed in the imperialist papers. It does not show that the Filipinos were the "Apaches of Asia." On the contrary, Mr. Gannett says: "The work of enumeration was all done by the natives, and they rendered highly satisfactory service. As a class I never saw more intelligent, faithful or capable enumerators than those we got in the Philippines. We employed more than 6,000 of them, paying at the rate of \$2 a day. Some finished up their assignments in a week, while others were engaged for a month or more."

The effort being made to force the people to pay extortionate prices for coal during the coming winter is one of the most damnable conspiracies against the public welfare ever perpetrated since the dark ages, and the government does nothing to stop it. The Lehigh Valley has closed down twenty of its collieries, the Susquehanna sixteen, while the Wilksbarre collieries will run but four hours a day, and the Delaware & Western will run on three-quarters time. All this is done to prevent a fall in prices after they have been raised \$1.50 per ton.

There is great distress among the Filipinos of Batangas, Negros, Tayabas and Cebu, the result of failure of the crops, owing to the ravages of locusts. The government is now distributing \$350,000 worth of rice among the afflicted districts, which is to be paid for in work. How much foreign trade do the imperialists think that they can develop among a people of that kind by holding them in subjection?

Things keep happening in this country that never happened before. A civil court in which half a company of soldiers with bayonets fixed, standing around a judge who was to render a decision in a habeas corpus case, has not been seen even in Europe for a

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century, but that thing happened out in Colorado the other day.

According to the revised figures of Ellis H. Roberts, United States treasurer, there has been added to the volume of money during the last year \$80,000,000 of gold, \$29,415,000 of silver, making an addition to the currency of \$109,415,000, besides the enormous increase of national bank notes. Still Wall street howls for "more money."

All Europe is poking fun at the trusts. Leroy-Beaulieu, the French economist, in a recent article in a review, speaks of them as follows: "It can hardly be doubted that the result will be a resounding crash in a good part of the trusts. They are mere excrescences on a body in an excess of health, and Europe troubles its mind entirely too much with what they may hereafter do. The truth is, they do not play, never have played, and in our opinion never in the near future will play, any such role in the development of American industry as is popularly ascribed to them. With a few exceptions—those comprising companies, like the Standard Oil, which deal with quasi-natural monopolies—they are ephemeral organizations, founded on shocking abuse of paper credit, with feeble power for resistance in adversity, and with creative force much more apparent than real."

It seems that some of the dailies are getting tired of the talk of republican leaders who continue to chatter about our "duties," "obligations" and "responsibilities" to the residents of the Philippine islands, and have the impudence to ask what those duties, obligations and responsibilities are. So far, however, it has been impossible to get any of the imperialist statesmen to even attempt to describe them.

The Panama canal treaty is dead and the Colombian government shows no signs of making an attempt to negotiate another. The readers of The Independent will remember what it has said in regard to an isthmian canal ever since the matter came before congress. The way to get an isthmian canal is for the government to take over the railroads. As long as the railroads dominate congress there will be no isthmian canal.

Macedonia continues to be the most miserable place in all the world. There is more sorrow, suffering and death there than anywhere else. Think of imperial Macedonia when its king wept because there were no more worlds to conquer. Imperialism has its punishments, though centuries may elapse before they are administered. When the phalanxes of Alexander forced their way over all Asia, he little thought that the day would come when the hordes of Asia would devastate, burn and murder over the whole face of his own land.

Henry D. Lloyd, an able writer and for a long time an active worker in the people's party, is dead. He was the author of many works, all advocating the principles of populism. His visit to New Zealand resulted in the volume, "A Country Without Strikes." He was a man of most lovable character, and the editor of The Independent, although he has met Mr. Lloyd but a few times, with thousands of others,

will mourn his death as that of a personal friend. Mr. Lloyd was a man of considerable wealth, but he devoted it and his time to the cause of the common people.

The other night the lights burned in the office of J. Pierpont Morgan, at Broad and Wall streets, until after 7 o'clock. Behind the drawn curtains could be seen the silhouettes of several persons. A policeman guarded the front entrance and a carriage stood solitary and alone near by. There was evidently a long conference being held. Nevertheless the next day steel stock showed a new low record.

The military satrap out in Colorado who filled the court room with soldiers and then marched away with his prisoners after the court had ordered their release, thought better of it before the next morning and released them. But he has been making arbitrary arrests ever since and at the present time has several of the citizens of Colorado locked up in his "bull pen."

## SPECIAL MARKET LETTER

FROM NYE & BUCHANAN CO., LIVE STOCK COMMISSION MERCHANTS, SO. OMAHA, NEB.

Cattle receipts are again liberal here contrary to the expectations encouraged by a heavy run and a bad market last week. Fat cattle prices are a little lower and feeders from 20 to 30c lower than a week ago, except on the heavy ones. Prospects are good for the corn crop and the feeder market cannot go much lower. Now is the time to buy feeders.

We quote choice corn-fed steers \$5.25 to \$5.40, fair to good \$4.75 to \$5.20, heavy western beef steers \$3.75 to \$4.00. Choice high grade three year olds \$3.50 to \$3.75, younger, high grade \$2.15 to \$2.45, common down to \$2.15. Cow stuff still low. Best \$2.50 to \$2.60, stock heifers \$2.25 to \$2.50. Steer calves \$3.00 to \$4.00, veal \$3.00 to \$5.00. Grass bulls \$2.00 to \$2.75.

Sheep receipts liberal and the market slow and 20 to 25c lower than a week ago on fat kinds, but about steady on feeders. We quote as follows:

	Killers.	Feeders.
Lambs .....	\$4.65—\$4.90	\$4.25—\$4.40
Common .....	3.50	4.25
Yearlings ....	3.75	4.00
Wethers .....	3.20	3.40
Ewes .....	2.40	2.70

Hog receipts continue light. Range, \$5.70 to \$5.90.

Phrase-making has a great deal to do with controlling votes. If a phrase sounds well thousands accept it and act upon it, whether it be true or false. Governor Odell of New York in a recent speech said: "A man with a grievance is always to be avoided," and immediately every mullet head in the land answered back: "Yep, that's so." Franklin, Washington and a few other men like them had a grievance some 127 years ago. Were they to be avoided? Abe Lincoln, Seward, Chase and some others had a grievance some 49 years ago. Should they have been avoided? Some hundreds of thousands at the present time have a grievance because the trusts watered stocks and stole their money. Are all of these to be avoided?

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