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## NEWS OF THE WEEK

A Weekly Resume of the Really Vital News by the Editor

When the Indians were brought to trial who were charged in the newspapers as being on the warpath in Wyoming every one of them was discharged. The statements The Independent made upon the first announcements of the trouble have all been verified. The readers of this paper get the "facts" every time.

The sugar beet men are still howling around Washington that "the industry will be ruined." But the treaty with Cuba will be confirmed and Oxnard will go on with his beet sugar factories as usual.

While Spain was in the business of imperialism there was always a deficit in her revenues and her debt grew from year to year. Now that she has gone out of imperialism the finance minister reports a surplus of \$60,000,000.

One of the dailies which is in the habit of publishing a column called "New Scientific Discoveries," announces the following: "If the baby does not thrive on fresh milk, it should be boiled."

Foreign wage-workers are fleeing from this country by the thousands back to the old countries. A writer describing the exodus as seen in New York city says: "Thousands of foreign born persons are for various reasons returning to their native land just now. Football rushes and old-time cavalry charges could not be compared with the crush yesterday afternoon when the Italian legions swarmed around the pier at the foot of Amity street."

Our commerce with the city of Nome, Alaska, is greater than it is with the whole of the Philippine islands and does not consist of cargoes of beer and supplies for an army and a host of carpet baggers either. During the year the business between the one city of Seattle and Nome has amounted to \$19,000,000. American manufacturers have found a market for over \$11,000,000 of goods in Nome this year. But then there was free trade, that terrible thing which makes a republican turn pale every time it is mentioned, between Nome and Seattle. If the same condition had existed in regard to the Philippines, perhaps the story would be different.

The embryo republic at the Isthmus should be named Teddyhay. Teddy and his secretary of state are the only ones who have had anything to do with it. Congress has never been consulted.

The demoralization of which The Independent has said so much during the last four or five years is as terrible in London as it is in New York. Rita continues her attacks upon the immorality in the upper class in London. In a recent article she says: "The craze for gambling (they call it bridge whist) to which the women are devoted. She says: "The worship of bridge has produced as fierce a gambling fever as the Saes de Jeux in Monte Carlo." Then she adds: "All men are not models of honor, and a woman, be she of the type yclept smart, has generally a string of admirers following her comet-like flights. From one or the other of these followers she has to borrow. She dare not confess to her husband, so she puts herself under obligation to one of her friends and as a rule the day of reckoning is more largely concerned with herself than her purse. Debts of honor between a man of the world, an habitue of clubs and a smart woman equally celebrated can and generally does have but one result—the divorce court."

One of the dailies remarks that the reputation of Joseph W. Folk of St. Louis rests wholly upon his success in sending hoodlums to the penitentiary. That paper is sadly mistaken. Mr. Folk has been successful in getting hoodlums convicted in the district courts, but he has never yet got one of them into the penitentiary. The supreme court of Missouri, the same one that fined the editor for contempt

because he criticised one of its corrupt decisions, stands in the way. Folk has convicted nearly half of the city council of St. Louis, but they still walk the streets and continue to legislate for the city just as if they were never charged with crime. They are out on bail. St. Louis occupies the unique position of being the only city in the world that is governed by convicted criminals, but if the worship of Mammon continues, they will all be in that condition before long.

It was practically acknowledged before the interstate commerce commission last week that the "railroad associations," as they are called, are all operating in direct violation of the anti-trust act, that they pool, fix rates by agreement and openly do everything that is specifically prohibited by law. All the talk of the president about enforcing the laws without fear or favor seems to be of the same sort to which we have been accustomed for many years. They will be enforced against the poor and the rich will violate them without fear of punishment.

Nebraska goes Missouri one better. Missouri can only boast of having indicted criminals in the St. Louis city council, while Nebraska has one in the United States senate.

George B. McClellan having been elected mayor of Greater New York, there will be a vacancy in the house for the next term of congress. It is announced that Charles A. Towne has been selected to fill the vacancy and that he will again appear in that body to make trouble for the plutocrats.

The action of the Strenuous One in regard to the new republic of Teddyhay on the isthmus is creating a feeling of distrust, not only among the South American republics, but also in Canada. They look upon it as another step in imperialism and each one fears that its turn may come next. None of these people are dazzled by the fine phrases that have been used by the president and his secretary of state. They know that the object of the whole movement is to annex that territory and that the little republics lying between the isthmus of Panama and Mexico will soon do something that it will make it the "duty" of the United States in the course of its "destiny" to absorb them, after which Canadians think that their turn will come.

Scientists are still wondering over the recent discoveries and forming all sorts of theories. One of them wonders why the defenders of miracles as recorded in the New and Old Testaments have not made use of the X-rays as illustration in defense of their theories. These rays pass through the hardest steel, the walls of buildings, though they be of granite, and even through mountains. Why might not Christ have appeared in a closed room and vanished after his reported resurrection as well as these rays? Then the question has arisen whether electricity in any of its forms is matter or not. May not mind be of the same substance as electricity? One scientist speaks of Paul's "spiritual body" as follows: "Were not these phenomena purely electrical? Was not this new body an electrical body adapted to the realm of infinitude? The idea is not preposterous. Modern science has discovered that electricity is not matter."

If Dietrich had had a little education he would have been much more successful as the writer of the funny column in some of the dailies than he has been at the great game of graft. Last week he gave out an interview at Washington in which he said: "It will be found that the charges against me have been instigated because of my persistent fight for several years against dishonesty in public office."

The British are going to flood South Africa with Chinese coolies, under a form of contract labor that is nothing less than actual slavery. Under the government of the Boers, white men got the labor in the mines, assisted by the Kaffirs. As soon as the Kruger government was overthrown, wages were reduced to such a low point that the Kaffirs went back to their Kraals and the white men quit. All this had been planned before the Boer war had begun in the "interest of civilization." The reason for it was made public in a letter which fell into the hands of the Rand labor commission and is as follows: "With reference to your trial of white labor for sur-

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His idea is to buy a farm. During a period of meditation as to whether or not he shall purchase a certain quarter section of land which is for sale at \$5,000, he is interviewed by a representative of the Old Line Bankers Life Insurance company of Lincoln, Nebraska, who endeavors to interest him in Life Insurance.

Hardly does the agent get well started, when he is interrupted by Mr. Clark who tells him of his intention to buy a farm. He states that he is about to make a small payment on the purchase price and will, if the agent can offer anything better be an interested listener.

"Well," said the agent, "suppose you buy a farm worth \$5,000 by paying the small sum of \$175.25 annually without interest, for twenty years, the contract for same containing a clause specifying that, should you die at any time, the party from whom you buy the land will cancel all deferred payments, and give your estate a clear title; or if you live to the maturity of the contract, give you not only the deed to the land, but pay you as large a percentage of profit as you could reasonably expect to make from the property. Would you buy a farm on those terms?"

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face work on the mine, I have consulted the Consolidated goldfields people, and one of the members of the board of the Village Main Reef company has consulted Messrs. Wernher, Beit & Co., and the feeling seems to be one of fear that, having a large number of white men employed on the Rand in the position of laborers, the same troubles will arise as are now prevalent in the Australian colonies, namely, that the combination of the labor classes will become so strong as to be able to more or less dictate, not only on the question of wages, but

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