

# MILLER & PAINE.

fied with that, the trust got the treasury department to put a red stamp on all imported cigars and under that stamp it sells all sorts of rottenness. The import stamp does the business for them. The American manufacturer of much better cigars has no show alongside of that foreign stamp.

Congress has appropriated \$96,000,000 for the navy, almost as much as Great Britain will expend during the next year. Already the United States ranks third in warships and the world power lunacy is still rampant at Washington. Even the democratic minority has been cowed. The only earnest voice that has been raised against this madness was that of Burton of Ohio, and he is a republican. The following table shows the naval rank of the leading sea powers, with all ships built or building included.

	Tons.
Great Britain	1,867,250
France	755,757
United States	618,275
Russia	558,432
Germany	505,619
Italy	329,237
Japan	253,651
Austria	149,833

What is the need of this great navy? What nation is there on the face of the earth that dare attack us?

We have had Daughters of the Revolution, Colonial Dames, Sons of Veterans and the Lord only knows how many other societies of people, who, having done nothing themselves, wanted to get some sort of prominence because some of their ancestors had. Now they are organizing a society in Boston of Grandchildren of Veterans.

Later news concerning the burning of the state capitol building of Wisconsin say that the stuffed form of Old Abe, the war eagle which led the Eighth Wisconsin regiment in thirty-six battles from Fredericks-town to Hurricane creek, was lost along with all the tattered battle-flags of the state, together with a large number of Indian and war relics that can never be replaced.

Dewey said: "The Filipinos are more capable of self-government than the Cubans and I know them both." The Cubans held their first congressional election February 28 and the Associated press reports that "the election was quiet and orderly and well conducted, not a single instance of disorder being reported."

The officers of the infantry branch of the army are out for the immediate fulfillment of scripture. They want their swords turned into plowshares, pruning hooks or whatever it is the scriptures say. The officers declare that swords are nothing but a nuisance and a constant burden, especially when they are in active service. They want them done away with as an article of equipment. The fact is that swords are still more useless and burdensome to the cavalry. A cavalry sabre charge is one of the things of the past. Long range, breech-loading rifles has made it impossible.

Now that Mark Hanna is dead it is said that there will be no further opposition in the senate to the nomination of Wood as major general of the regular army. When his nomination was up before some astonishing stories came from the Philippines concerning the fighting there, and now that it is to come up again more fighting is reported. Remember, however, that those things are only coincidences.

Another island has been added to "our insular possessions" by the neglect of the senate to confirm the treaty with Cuba concerning the Isle of Pines. The way Cuba has been swindled out of that island is on a par with the promotion schemes of Wall street. It has been considered a part of Cuba for 300 years. It gives a chance to pay off a few more ward-heerers with offices.

Mexico having waited in vain for some reciprocal trade arrangements with the United States and noticing the tremendous activity of the American tariff league has taken matters into her own hands and imposed a tariff on steel of \$10 per metric ton and 50 cents per kilogram on leather belting and high duties on several things of like nature. Now we shall hear the tariff grafters in this country howl, but Mexico is only following the example of the "stand patters" in this country.

Three of the postoffice thieves have been convicted and sentenced to short terms in the penitentiary. The convicted ones are August Machen, Dr. G. E. Lorenz and Diller B. Groff. The

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Washington jury insisted on convicting the brother of Groff, after the prosecuting attorney had announced that he did not believe that he was guilty, so he is to have a new trial. There are thirteen other indictments against Machen on which he is still to be tried.

Democrats are holding conventions to elect delegates to the national convention. In several cases there has been a big row, and two conventions have been held. The racket is beginning early.

Great Britain's finances are getting into an alarming condition. Chancellor of the Exchequer Austen Chamberlain has to face a heavy deficit—at least \$25,000,000—in preparing his first budget. Great Britain is now paying for her debauch of jingo imperialism.

The newspapers of the east are very careful not to say anything that will draw attention to the hundreds of thousands out of work, but an occasion arose the other day when they could not avoid it. After the Baltimore fire so many thousands of men flocked to that city in hope of getting work that a warning had to be given through the Associated press to prevent starvation. The dispatch says: "An increasing army of mechanics and other workmen is steadily pouring in, only to find that there is nothing for them to do. Many of them are without money and are applying for transportation back to their homes." Making the people believe that prosperity reigns everywhere under this republican rule is becoming more difficult every day.

The democrats in congress are just beginning to realize that the republican press in foisting upon them Gorman as a leader played about the shrewdest political trick that has been executed for years. They are just beginning to find out that the democratic party cannot win success with a republican leader. Gorman is a protectionist, a gold standard man and as much a confidential agent of the money power as any republican in congress.

Many times more people were killed in Chicago during the month of February by the railroad corporations than were killed in all the war of east between the Japs and the Rus-

sians and no great head-lines are run in the papers or editorials written about it. The steam railroads killed 41, the electric roads four and the cable lines two. Scores of others were injured and some crippled for life. The corporations own the government and the press, so they continue to murder. Laws have been passed ordering the roads to abolish grade crossings, but corporations don't have to obey the laws in this country.

The money power having succeeded in bonding Cuba for as large amounts as it can bear, are now proceeding to play the same game with the Philippines. Bills are before congress to issue Philippine bonds far up into the millions. The people of this country have an interest in that, for the bonds are all to be issued on the credit of the United States. By the time the canal and Philippine bonds are all issued, the bankers will have enough to start a national bank in every village in the whole United States.

The house has adroitly side-tracked all the anti-injunction bills by delaying their consideration before the committee to which they have been referred until late in March. A favorable report will then be made, but it will be too late to get them through. The full dinner pail labor unions will no doubt continue to vote 'er straight.

Every effort has been made by the New York daily papers to hide the enormous amount of suffering in that city during this winter. One managing editor told this writer that while he had allowed the report of five people freezing to death in one night, he had been ordered to suppress such news and that the following night fourteen were frozen to death on the streets and in vacant halls. In giving an account of the weather during the winter which has been colder than any since the weather bureau was established, the Associated press allowed this sentence to slip in: "There have been nearly 2,000 fires since December 1, and with the high cost of meat and provisions and the raising of rents, the sufferings and privations of the poor have kept pace with the record-breaking winter."

The courts are getting the injunction down to every need of the corporations. Judge Kohlsatt issued an

injunction last Monday against seventy-five Chicago boys. The next thing the judges will be issuing injunctions against the babies. The boys enjoined were telegraph messengers, all under sixteen years old, who were on a strike.

The Hague peace court has established the principle of collecting debts contracted by promoters and schemers at the mouth of the canon and rapid fire guns by making England, Germany and Italy preferred creditors of Venezuela. These powers sent their warships and bombarded towns, captured little gunboats and did all the damage that they wanted to, while the other creditors preferred peaceful methods. Now The Hague tribunal declares that they, for that kind of work, must be paid in full before the other creditors get anything. Plutocracy marches onward with steady step all over the world.

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A. T. D. Austin, Alden Minn.: "Hope something may come from the Springfield convention. The tomb of Lincoln is an appropriate place for the friends of freedom."