

der President Roosevelt are three times greater than under President Cleveland's second administration, while the army now costs just twice as much as it did then.

Until 1898 the greatest expenditure for the army during any administration since Grant had never exceeded \$206,153,887, yet during President Roosevelt's term it has jumped to the enormous total of \$447,953,500, and the navy, which usually ran along with an appropriation of \$122,208,362 for four years, now costs for the same period \$430,639,773.

Republican leaders are fearful that bonds will have to be issued before the close of Roosevelt's administration in order to meet the necessary expenditure of the government. The deficit is growing daily and by the end of the fiscal year will be between \$80,000,000 and \$100,000,000.

Nebraska Populists

Editor Independent: I had a conversation yesterday with several populists of Adams county at Hastings regarding the people's party and the editor of The Independent keeping so quiet in trying to start up some movement to organize the people's party in Nebraska. Some of them asked me if there was not a scheme afoot to fuse again this fall. My reply was that I did not know, but I thought it was high time for the editor to inform the readers of The Independent, and have them come out and tell whether they were for the people's party organization or for co-operation with the democrats. I said that it was good policy to fight shy of any party leaders or editor who is afraid to let the people know where he could be found. I said beware of the leaders who have so nearly destroyed our organization.

I said that there would never by any more fusion in Adams county because every democrat in the county had voted for Parker.

J. E. MOWERS.

Hastings, Neb.

(The Independent took a referendum immediately after the election and the editor filled the paper with a discussion of the subject for many weeks. The editor has published every article that has come to the office concerning organization of the party in Nebraska. He has advised a conference and has published several contributed articles on that subject.—Ed. Ind.)

PERSIFLAGE

"What have you in cigars?" asked the smart young man of then ew clerk in the tobacco store.

"La Flor de Bume, Perfecto de Cabbagio, and all the other leading brands," answered the clerk.

"And what have you in the pipe line?"

"Crude oil," answered the young man, who was from Beaumont, Texa.—Baltimore American.

EASIER THAN BEAR

As Mr. Roosevelt is not going south until April, maybe by that time the Texans will have the Standard Oil and the beef packers broken in so that they can have a tame trust hunt for the president's special benefit.—New York World.

A Quick Conversion

Some ten or fifteen years ago out in "poor old bleeding Kansas" W. E. Hoch, a good Methodist deacon, was throwing fits because Judge Doster of that state had declared himself in favor of state ownership of railways. Hoch has just been elected governor of Kansas and apparently where Judge Doster failed to convert him to public ownership, J. D. Rockefeller has won in a canter.—Wilshire's Magazine.

Tunnelling

Mr. Bryan seems to be about the only democrat that is trying to tunnel out from under the recent landslide.—People's Party Paper (N. C.)

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NEWS OF THE WEEK

A Weekly Resume of the Really Vital News by the Editor

The universal denunciation of the legislature in the republican press, with the exception of the Lincoln Star which stands by it, is strong evidence that the republican bosses expect to elect the next legislature by a bigger majority than they did this one. The program of the republican party all over the United States is to denounce trusts and railroad robbery and then "vote 'er straight," for them every time. That is what all these republican editors of Nebraska expect to do. Not one of them will fail to support the ticket next time, even if the same men are nominated again.

The talk in the press about peace between Japan and Russia still goes on, although the authorities in both countries declare that they are going to fight on and have no idea of peace. The Japanese are great imitators and they assert that if peace is declared, they must have an indemnity. All the great Christian nations do that way and that is what the Japanese are going to do. The Christian nations demanded a heavy indemnity of China and Japan was right on the spot and saw it done. The expedition to Peking by the forces of the Christian powers was nothing more than a summer outing when compared with real war, but the Christian nations demanded and secured an indemnity of \$333,000,000. If Japan imitates that Christian act, she will demand an indemnity from Russia of about \$1,000,000,000. She has a Christian precedent for it.

An indemnity is one of the devices of all Christendom to enable the victor to reap the fruits of victory. Germany made France pay an indemnity of a billion of dollars besides taking part of the French territory. It was professors from Christian Germany that taught Japan the art of war and no doubt in that teaching was included the art of great indemnities. Even if she is a heathen country, why should she be denounced for trying to follow precedents set by Christian countries, when they are so numerous and frequent as the record shows indemnities to be?

The New York Press is gaining courage enough to say some things about Rockefeller which is very surprising. The Press is discussing recent exposures was moved to remark that: "Mr. Rockefeller is the mildest and politest man that ever stubbed a competitor in the back or cut the throat of a rival in business."

An examination into Rockefeller's consolidated gas franchise shows that the enormous sum of \$24,000,000 is unaccounted for. How much of that has gone to Murphy and other Tammany chiefs no one knows. Every one has been surprised at the sudden accumulation of wealth of the Tammany leader.

The Japanese emperor conferred on Rev. Dr. James C. Hepburn, a missionary, the order of the Rising Sun. It was the missionary's ninetieth birthday. The emperor thanks the missionary for his services to the Japanese people.

There is an epidemic of cerebro spinal meningitis in New York, Berlin, some parts of Austria and other places. This is one of the most terrible diseases known to mankind, and among the people is commonly called spotted fever. The physicians acknowledge that they know of no cure for it. They even dispute whether it is contagious or infectious, some denying and some affirming. Dr. Von Leyden, an authority on the disease, says its bacillus enters the brain through the lymphatic glands. Dr. Merzbach, another authority, declares that excessive mental and bodily exertion predisposes to the disease equally with a lack of food and proper sanitary methods. It would seem that here was a chance for the Christian Scientists. They might come forward and take these cases off the doctors' hands as the doctors all acknowledge that the can't cure them.

Nearly all the pastors in Chicago preached on the election last Sunday, but it was not the kind of election that Methodists and Presbyterians used to quarrel about. Their enthusiasm was somewhat subdued, resulting from the fact that they had to wait until Wednesday morning to find out who the elect were.

The German emperor has been making a spectacular show of himself again. He went to Morocco and made

a speech declaring that any changes in the government and any reforms must be along the traditions of Islamic laws and that it was the wrong time to undertake to introduce reforms along European lines. Then he undertook to set up a sort of Monroe doctrine for all west Africa with himself as Monroe. The incident has caused a good deal of excitement among European powers. The effect of the move is looked upon as very unwise on the part of Germany as it will have a tendency to bring Great Britain and France closer together and leave Germany isolated, with only Russia to befriend her, and Russia has got more trouble at home and with the Japanese than she can attend to.

Of course it is a hard thing for any American to learn anything about the ability of the German emperor. He is described by the imperial press of all Europe as a man of great ability, but that is a sort of evidence that no one will give full credence to. The little things that are published about him, tend to make a reasonable man estimate him as anything but great. The enforcement of the lese majeste laws in the drastic manner which has been done for the last few years, leads one to think that while there are great men in Germany that the kaiser is not to be numbered among them. He is spectacular, he is autocratic, he desires to weigh down his people with awful taxes to support a great standing army in time of peace and that is about all there is to him.

During the past week Japan has won another great victory over Russia. This time, however, it was not on a battlefield in Manchuria, but in the world's financial capitals. At the very time when Russia has been laboriously endeavoring to induce French bankers to make her a new loan, and when she is striving to keep her spirits up by talking cheerfully about that most deceptive thing, a Russian internal loan, Japan at the mere asking has floated a \$150,000,000 loan in London and New York on much better terms than her previous war loans, and at that she has seen her offering of bonds almost ten times over-subscribed.

The governor has spent his time since the legislature adjourned in vetoing bills passed by the wild-eyed republican legislature. Among those knocked out was the bill to erect a binder twine factory. That was the only bill passed that the farmers were interested in and it has fallen by the wayside.

At an investigation under way in New York city it was proved that 5,000,000,000 feet of gas that Rockefeller supplied his customers in the city with was bought by him from the New Amsterdam companw for from 28 to 40 cents per 1,000 cubic feet, and then delivered to Rockefeller's customers in New York for \$1 and \$1.25 per 1,000 feet. That not only shows Rockefeller's rapacity, but throws a great deal of light on what the price of gas ought to be.

Paul Morton gave a card party at his residence in Washington last Sunday at which the gayest of the gay things, that are at all allowable, were conspicuous. Paul Morton is determined to introduce the continental Sunday into Washington.

The Cripple Creek mine owners don't like the fix they find themselves in at all. They will have to pay the cost of the military occupation of the district under Peabody as the legislature got into a fight and the bill to reimburse them never came to a vote. They are howling awfully. They want the man they made governor, to call a special session of the legislature to pass a bill to issue \$800,000 of bonds to raise the money.

The lying about the president's hunt in the Rocky mountains began before his train left Washington. It was announced that Teddy's guide, John Golf, had a pack of dogs that could climb trees and kill mountain lions. There will be columns of that kind of stuff for the next month.

Nothing has been heard either of Togo or the Russian fleet, except that the latter has left the vicinity of Madagascar. It will not take many days more for Togo's fast cruisers, that are scouting the sea in every direction, to pick up the Russian warships. What will happen then is almost universally conceded. Rojesvinsky will have his

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fleet transformed into submarines. But if the unexpected should happen, and Togo's fleet be partially disabled and driven back to Japan, an entirely new phase would be put upon the war. The immense Japanese army in Manchuria would be cut off from its base of supplies, and the forwarding of commissary stores and ammunition would be made very difficult if not impossible. It is said that the Russian war party is placing its hopes of salvation upon the success of the Russian fleet.

The Omaha Bee calls the now disbanded crowd of pass-grabbers, who held daily sessions at the state house all winter: "The late assembly of anarchistic law-makers." That they were anarchists is the prevailing opinion of the whole state press, with only one notable exception.

Investigations made by the Wisconsin legislature proved that over \$6,000,000 were paid to favored shippers in that state last year in rebates. No wonder that quite a number of "business men" have been at the capital this winter fighting railroad regulation.

All the news from Russia goes to show that the discontent and disorder is everywhere increasing. From every part of the empire comes word of uprisings, revolts and the destruction of property. Several attempts at bomb throwing have been made during the last few days, and the papers of St. Petersburg are calling more persistently for an elected assembly than ever before.

A FOREGONE CONCLUSION

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