Porto Rico.

English dictionaries are in greater desmand than any other commodity. More than half of the Porto Ricans live

on less than five cents a day. Skilled laborers, such as bricklayers, carpenters and plumbers, earn 60 cents

Rents have gone up in San Juan and prices of real estate have mounted sky-

Polygamy exists to a great extent. It is not uncommon for one man to have two

or three families. Until a few weeks ago prisoners wore shackles that had been welded on their dimbs. But Gen. Henry gave the order that the shackles should be filed off and

no more cruelty practiced. A resident of Porto Rico, desiring to go to Europe, asked the State Department at Washington for a passport and was it formed that the request could not be granted because, until Congress takes ac tion in reference to the annexation of Porto Rico, the inhabitants of that island

cannot be regarded as American citizens. The Porto Rican way of burying the dead is curious. A coffin is rented for the corpse to be carried to the cemetery. Two or four natives carry it on their heads or fastened to two bamboo poles. The corpse is taken out of the coffin and buried about two feet. If the rent for the burial lot is anot paid within a certain time the body ds dug up and thrown away.

Cuba.

Baseball games are played daily. Traces of gold have been found in the province of Porto Principe.

Five Havana newspapers advocate annexation to the United States.

A Cuban radish grown this year near Manacas weighed eight pounds.

Half a dozen American women are earning a living as stenographers in Havana. There are fifty-four ports in the island, but only fifteen are open to the world's

No one can be admitted to the bar who has not a diploma from the University of Havana.

For the first time in the memory of the oldest inhabitant there is no yellow fever in Havana. Since the American occupation the num-

ber of pawnshops in Santiago has increased from two to six. Cuba. The immunes at Santiago will be

the last to leave. Women are now able to dine alone in restaurants-a thing that was never pos-

sible under the old regime. Fitting work for women is scarce. Cooking and washing is monopolized by men. American employment of women in the Havana postoffice has been received with disapproval by the men.

Philippines.

At least forty American lawyers are endeavoring to earn a living in Manila. Since the American occupation over 400

saloons have been opened in Manila. Montana soldiers have found indications of gold while at work in the trenches,

Dewey's flag was the first of a full admiral to be flung to the breeze in Asiatic Spanish officers are returning home and

all have large quantities of native gold, which they say is plentiful in the moun-Malolos is less than thirty miles from

Manila, yet day after day the American columns advanced through towns and cities of from 1,000 to 10,000 population.

The eighty-three officers' wives who argived on the Morgan City were not allowed to land, as Gen. Otis thought he had women and children enough to pro-

The rainy season in the Philippines is not the deadly thing that it is down in the Antilles. There is some fever, of course, but nothing like there is in Cuba under similar conditions.

A. Furman Heiden has established a monthly magazine known as the Philippine Monthly. Woodcuts of scenes of interest in the Island of Luzon are produced, and stories by naval officers and others are published.

Alaska.

Some of the Alaska Indians cat mosquitoes. Wood is \$15 a cord. Last year it was

Consul McCook says winter at Dawson is preferable to summer.

The coldest weather of the winter at Dawson was 50 degrees below zero.

Among the Indians the woman who outlives her husband and doesn't marry be-

Lieut. Castner reports that the number of Indians has been greatly reduced by

McClarty's body was carried for barial by his four partners over the frozen trad eto Dawson, twenty-five miles away.

There are no dentists in the Alaskan -capital, no jewelers, except the crudest artisans among the Indians, no photographers, dressmakers, nor milliners, not even an undertaker, and only a semi-occa--aional shoemaker.

Guam.

Daily conterts are to be given by the

Governor's band. American immigration has been infinistesimal since the island was captured. Regular steamship communication with

the United States has not yet been estabdished. Nine-tenths of the islanders can read

and write and it is reported that they are rapidly inacting English.

Hawaii.

Nearly one-tenth of the population are Atormous.

Eighty-four per cent of the native Hawaiians are able to read and write.

There has been a decrease in the immigration of Americans. Scores of those who came immediately after annexation are in poverty and unable to return to watches, 120 diamonds and minety-nine

the mainland. The postal savings banks have nearly 111,000 depositors, with nearly \$1,000,000 | Cincinnati has been incorporated by sweat to their credit. There is some demand for shop proprietors. Their purpose is to place the continuance of the system under sweat shors on a higher plane, and eventu-Apprican rule.

OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY

Graves of American Soldiers Every-

where Are Decorated. The Memorial Day services at the Arlington national cemetery at Washington were made especially notable by the presence of the President of the United States and most of the members of his cabinet. The crowd was larger than at any other observance in recent years, owing, doubtless, to the interest taken in Memorial Day exercises on account of the newly made graves of soldiers of the Spanish-American war.

Memorial Day was observed at the national cemetery at Chattanooga, where nearly 15,000 Union soldiers lie buried, by joint exercises, under the auspices of the G. A. R. and soldiers of the Spanish-American war. A large number of the latter who died at Chickamauga are buried in the national cemetery. At Knoxville, Tenn., impressive exer-

cises were held in honor of the nation's dead. The national cemetery, containing 2,198 known and 1,048 unknown dead, was filled by patriotic people from over the central South. Each grave received a floral tribute, several ex-Confederates assisting in the distribution. Defenders of the Union from thirty States lie within the ten-acre inclosure, which also includes a score of victims of the Spanish

Memorial Day was very generally observed throughout Nebraska, and especially at Omaha. The exercises there were more elaborate than anything of the kind for years. The effect of events transpirtng since last Memorial Day was plainly apparent in the unusual interest manifested in the exercises.

All business was suspended in Manila tn honor of the day set aside to decorate the graves of American soldiers. Services for the dead were held in Paco cemetery in the morning, and in the afternoon at Battery Knoll cemetery. Great crowds from Manila attended both services. The green and white, marched to the cemeslow music. Following the soldiers came warships. Gen. Otis and staff, Captain Barker in temporary command of the squadron, and the members of the United States Philippines commission, occupied positions near the speakers at both services. Nearly all the English and Spanish residents of Manila participated in the ceremonies.

Soldiers of our two last wars joined in making the New York Memorial Day parade the largest and most impressive that

the city has seen for many years. The day was observed at Havana a notable manner. In the morning a committee of women were taken to the wreck Nearly all the volunteers are now out of of the battleship Maine, where they tive Macabebes as scouts. The Macabebe strung the skeleton of the unfortunate craft with ropes of laurel and wreaths of loyal to Spain, is now loyal to the Ameriflowers. Exercises took place at the Quemados and Colon cemeteries. The day was also observed at Santiago. The remaining graves of American soldiers at Las Guimas and sailors at Guantanamo were appropriately decorated. Prominent | while MacArthur commands all north of Cubans displayed interest, and many are the headquarters to San Fernando. desirous of having the day officially recthe graves of the Cuban dead.

A large throng gathered in the cemetery of Picpus, at Paris, to assist in the annual decoration by Americans of the tomb of Lafayette. Interest in the occasion was enhanced by a speech from for-

ner President Benjamin Harrison. Ten thousand men, including 2,000 soldiers and sailors of the Spanish-American | er Pastime passed down the sailors on war, marched in Chicago's Memorial Day | board the State of New York heard cries parade. The column was headed by members of the G. A. R., followed by men who steamer's searchlight was brought into fought in the recent war, the Illinois Na- play, and it showed six persons-three tional Guard, and semi-military and civic | men and three women-struggling in the organizations.

MINISTER TO BELGIUM.

Lawrence Townsend Transferred from Lisbon to Brussels. Lawrence Townsend of Pennsylvania

will succeed Bellamy Storer as United States minister to Belgium when that gentleman leaves Brussels for Madrid. Mr. Townsend is a polished diplomat and a



LAWRENCE TOWNSEND.

lawyer of much culture. He is now at the head of the American mission at Lisbon, Portugal. He showed that he was made of diplomatic stuff when, as minister to Portugal, he had to navigate through the touchy times of the war with Spain. He can speak nearly all the languages of Europe.

Told in a Few Lines. Sixteen cases of smallpox in Nicetown,

negro seburb of Philadelphia. Natives in Alaska now kill otters. The

skins are worth \$600 apiece. Counterfeiting outfit was found in the Greentree Hotel, Shreveport, La.

Bank of England has subscribed \$1,000 for the sufferers in the Dawson fire. A Huntington, W. Va., plant is manu-

facturing clay shingles. Eighty men are employed. Thomas Eves, 45, Versailles, Ky., was

drowned in the Kentucky river, at Lilliand's ferry. Claims by Germans in Samoa for indemnification for the destruction of prop-

erty in the recent bombardment have been left to the findings of the Samoan commis-"Little Dick," said to be the shrewdest burglar in America, arrested in Detroit. In his possession were fifteen gold

large opais. Coatmakers' Beneficial Association of ally abolish them.

SILVER TO BE THE ISSUE

Louisville Speakers Declare 16 to 1

Is the 1900 Battle Cry. That free silver at 16 to 1 will be the foremost issue in the Democratic national platform next year was declared positively by every speaker at the opening sessions of the Ohio Valley League of Bimetallic Clubs in Louisville. John P. Attgeld of Illinois, Congressman J. M. Robinson of Indiana, Flavius J. Van Vorhis of Indianapolis and James P. Tarvin of Kentucky, president of the league, addressed the delegates. Each insisted that silver must be kept to the front until victory crowns the efforts of the bimetallists. Bryan sentiment was evident, many declaring him the only man to lead the silver forces to

Two meetings of the convention were held-one in the afternoon and the other in the evening. James P. Tarvin was the orator in the afternoon and John P. Altgeld in the evening. Both were plain in their speech. They were for the 16 to 1 plank without change as the great issue for the Democratic party in 1900, and for Bryan as the candidate.

The convention developed a movement to capture for Louisville the national Democratic convention next year. The prominent silver men of the vicinity in order to further the project asked the leaders of the party present to support the Kentucky city and use their influence with the national committee in the choice of the meeting place.

A banquet to Judge Tarvin by the Young Men's Democratic Club was given at night, at which Mr. Bryan, John P Altgeld and other distinguished men were present, and at which 300 plates were laid. Mr. Bryan responded to the toast, "The Democratic Party." Following Mr. Bryan Charles K. Wheeler of Kentucky responded to "The American Army and Navy." David R. Murray of Kentucky responded to the toast, "Shall we retain the Philippines as a part of our permanent American soldiers, bearing wreaths of possessions?" Ex-Gov. John P. Altgeld of Illinois responded to the teast, "Govteries with the regimental bands playing ernment and Municipal Ownership of Public Franchises." Following Mr. Altmarines and sailors from the American | geld, George Fred Williams of Massachusetts responded to "The Money of the Constitution."

IOWA REGIMENT ATTACKED.

wo Men Wounded Near San Fernan-

do-Macabebes Enlisted. The Filipino insurgents reoccupied the ines around San Fernando, attacked the Iowa regiment's outposts and wounded two men. Captain French took the remainder of the Twenty-second infantry to Canadaba, the insurgents having apeared in considerable force thereabouts. Capt. Wren of the Seventeenth infantry has completed the enlistment of 100 nacity of Pampanga, which was always cans. They are always fighting Tagals, and now offer a regiment. By the reorganization of troops, Gen. Lawton, with the First division, now commands the Manila defenses from Caloocan to Pasay,

ognized as a holiday for the decoration of SIX PEOPLE DROWN AT TOLEDO

Three Men and Three Women Perish

Before Aid Reaches Them. Late Wednesday night six persons were drowned in the Maumee river abreast of the most frequented dock in Toledo, while hundreds of people listened to their cries . | for help. Shortly after the pleasure steamfor help coming from the river. The water, but there was no trace of a boat. In a few minutes one of the steamer's lifeboats started to the rescue, but when it had covered half the distance the searchlight showed that all the struggling people had disappeared.



Lieut. Col. Picquart's salary is \$3.60 Carl Browne is preaching from Kansas

Gov. Stanley of Kansas smokes cubeb George Gould's chief delight is polo. He

rides horseback every day. Amateur photography is the chief diver sion of the Princess of Wales.

Neosho, Mo., has named its new public school in honor of Eugene Field. Joseph Hatton, the author and journal ist, takes a ten-mile walk every day.

King Charles of Roumania has published his reminiscences in three volumes.

In her youth Virginia Fair Vanderbilt was passionately fond of playing marbles. Earl Rosslyn has followed the Earl of Warwick's example and incorporated him-

Rudyard Kipling is said to be the first set who could afford to travel in a private

Czarina Alix has become a golfer, and will introduce the game at the Russian The Duchess of Sutherland is writing a

She will give the proceeds to

Admiral Sampson weighs thirty pound less than he did at the opening of the war with Spain.

Collis P. Huntington says that the best way to become rich is not to talk during business hours. M. Delcasse, French minister of foreign

affairs, can speak all of the modern European languages. Siam's crown prince is a student at Harrow, England. He is popular with his

school fellows. Henri Becque, the French playwright, who died the other day, smoked on an average 200 cigarets a day.

Baroness Burdett-Coutts, who has just celebrated her eighty-fourth birthday, has a fortune of \$10,000,000. For a while President McKinley smoked a briar pipe, but found it as injurious

in its effects as cigars were. Ian Maclaren has traveled 11,000 miles in America, visited twenty-six States and

lectured in fifty-eight cities. Franz Ebert, the Liliputian, was naturalized in New York last week, when he foreswore allegiance to the Kaiser.

PATHOSAND TRAGEDY

THE SORROWFUL LIFE OF A CHICAGO GIRL.

She Shot Her Deceptive Friend and Took Her Own Life-The Unsatisfied Yearning of a Poetic Soul that Was Ever in Sorrow.

The news reports recently told how a Chicago girl named Burke had shot her deceptive friend, while he sat at the piano singing a love song, and then killed herself. She loved him, and when the terrible truth came to her that he was already married, she made the effort to end his existence and her own. She sleeps to-day in a little Michigan graveyard.

The story of Mabel Burke's life is unlike most of those which end so tragically. Few even of the heroines of fiction had endured more of sorrow and of trouble than this girl. Thrown from babyhood upon the mercies of the world, she experienced only sorrow and aardships and illness, until, driven desperate by the last wrong, she ended all. Hers was a life of pathos linked with



romance and tragedy. Her friends say that her life was as pure as that of the children and the flowers she loved so

Mabel Burke came into this world with the misfortune of having a sister but eleven months older than herself and a mother who had no love for chil-Iren. The mother's love was never aroused by the prattling Mabel, and while yet too young to understand its import the baby was given away. The child's grandmother took her finally, and it was at her home that Mabel spent her girlhood. The elderly woman was poor, and when it became time for her charge to start to school the little girl was compelled to work and earn the money with which to buy her books and pay other expenses. Thus she passed through the various grades of the country school, and having finally finished its course she went to a college town and found employment. There her musical talents were developed and, gaining the sympathy of one of her professors, she was assisted to complete a course. She had also by personal application learned stenography and bookkeeping.

About seven years ago the family with whom she had boarded during her struggles in the college went to Chicago and she accompanied it. The young woman was now talented and ambitious. Her applications for employment were of a higher order than those of most stenographers and she was successful. The World's Fair was then in existence and she went there for a position, and a few weeks later she was accepted as a secretary to the Board of Lady Managers and was provided with apartments at the Windemere Hotel. When the fair ended she still found lucrative work. Then the Presidential campaign came on and Miss Burke became stenographer for Mark Hanna, work in which she was regarded an expert.

Her acquaintance began to broaden, her wages were high and it looked at last as if sunshine were to come into her life. Her beauty made her a favorite in the small social circle in which | total cost of statue and pedestal was she moved. Then came illness. The bloom left her cheeks, her frame wasted. The doctors told her that a tumorous growth made an operation necessary. For nine months Miss Burke lay in the hospital, and when she finally did return to her home, with sunken cheeks and pale face, she was not entirely recovered. This fact saddened her whole life, though she gradually regained her former good looks and went about quietly in the society in which she had been accustomed to move before her illness. She was bright | men believe in luck attending an oddand clever, a good musician and a strikingly pretty girl, and therefore was much sought after, and had half a dozen admirers. But to intimate friends she confided upon her return from the

hospital that she would never marry. Finally she met David J. Wile, the attorney whose life she attempted to end. Their manner of meeting was clearly in the relationship of attorney and client. The young woman had become imbued with the idea that she had cause for a suit against a physician for | little to secure the gas. malpractice. It bore upon the operation she had undergone. Wile allowed her to believe that there were some hopes for her to recover. They were frquently in each other's company regarding the matter. Their acquaintanceship ripened into friendship, and when finally Wile had persuaded her that she had no case he continued to call upon her.

He had found a bond of sympathy between them. They were both lovers of their troubles and recite a chapter of music, and thus in this platonic sort | every time they see a friend.

of way they enjoyed each other's companionship. Months passed by and it was no secret that Miss Burke's friendship for Wile had ripened into love.

Then came the story to the ears of Miss Burke that Wile was already married. She sought out his wife and learned from her lips that the rumor was true. Her last hope vanished. The deception, the wrong practiced upon her was more than she could endure. Discouraged and disheartened beyond all reparation, she plotted her own destruction and to take from the world

with her the man whom she loved. Meeting Wile by appointment, the went together to the Hotel St. As thony and engaged the parlor witi: 48 piano for a few minutes. Miss Burks asked the man to play a love song they had often admired and sung together, and as his fingers glided over the keys and with the strains of the music ringing in her ears she shot him twice. He fell from the stool, and, with the evident impression that he was killed, she turned the smoking revolver to herself and sent a bullet through her heart.

GRANT MONUMENT.

New Bronze Equestrian Statue of the Great Commander in Philade! phia. The heroic statue of Gen. Grant, cast in bronze and erected in Fairmount Park, Philadelphia, was recently unveiled under the auspices of the Fairmount Park Art Association. The statue is the work of Daniel Chester French and Edward C. Potter, the former being the sculptor of the figure and the latter of the horse.

The artists chose for their motif a moment when Grant was surveying a battlefield from an eminence, intent upon the operations of the forces before him. The horse is merely obedient to the will of the rider. They endeavored in the figure of Grant to give something of the latent force of the man, manifesting itself through perfeet passivity; to portray the sphinxlike character which has mystified all who have studied him. Grant's costume and its arrangement were chosen from the few collections available with a view to carrying out the impression as forcibly as possible. The long cape to the overcoat was adopted on the authority of Gen. Fred Grant, who says that his father wore one several inches longer than was usual. The hat was also made on his authority. The height of the statue from bottom of plinth to top of rider's hat is 15 feet 1 inch: the size of the plinth is 5 feet 6 inches by 12 feet 6 inches. The total weight of the statue is five tons.

The pedestal is built of pale pink Jonesboro granite. Its total height to the bronze plinth supporting the statue is 15 feet 3\% inches. The pedestal is supported on a step, which supports a seat entirely surrounding the molded base of the monument. On this rests



PHILADELPHIA GRANT STATUE.

the die, a plain mass of granite, diminishing toward the top with considerable entasis and crowned with a molded cornice and neck moldings. The \$32,675.35.

Superstitious Fisherman.

English herring fishermen are, many of them, remarkably superstitious. For instance, on some fishing boats whistling is forbidden and neither milk nor burnt bread is allowed on board. Furthermore, not even the name of that unlucky animal, the hare, may be mentioned, and a common method of pun ishing an enemy is to throw a dead hare into his boat. Some of the fishernumbered crew, but the good fortune inay be neutralized should one of the number have red hair.

Use for Waste.

The gases from blast furnaces, which have hitherto been wasted, are now being used for driving gas engines. In Germany, where the experiment has been tried, it is claimed that this neglected product is exceedingly economical and satisfactory, as it costs but

Strange Blood Poisoning. A schoolgirl of Elizabeth, N. J., died from blood poisoting, resulting from blows on her arm playfully inflicted

by a schoolmate on her birthday. You don't respect a person very much if you are willing to play a "joke" on him

Some women make a continued story



"Would you say 'honest politics is," or 'are?' " "Is,' of course. Honest politics is always singular."-Indianapolis Journal.

"So old Yabsley is dead, eh? Well, well! Did he leave anything?" "Yes. It broke his heart to do it, but he left everything."-Tit-Bits. Vera Goodheart-Mrs. Von Tauk is a

great social light, isn't she? Ida Nownce-Well, rather! Regular Four-Hundred scandal-power.—Life. Mrs. Captain Braggington-My husband won renown on the tented field.

Sally Gay-Why, I didn't know he had ever traveled with a circus!-Puck. In 1900: Teacher-Willie, tell the class about the battle of San Juan. Willie Up-to-Date-Whose story do you want-Shafter's or Davis'?-Brooklyn

Life. Biggs-I once wrote for Sribbler's Magazine. Boggs-Did you? Biggs-Yes; but they refused to send it to me unless I paid my subscription in ad-

vance.-Ex. McFingle-Poor Broome! He's gone over to the silent majority. McFangle -Why-I-when did he-is he dead? McFingle-Well, no; but he's married.

-Tit-Bits. "Some day," said the high-browed young man, "I expect to have the world at my feet." "What have you been doing all this time," snarled the eynte; "walking on your hands?"-Washington Star.

Mallaby-Bragleigh boasts that no living man could forge his name successfully to a check and get it cashed. Has he such a very peculiar signature? Homans-No; but he hasn't any money in the bank.—Tit-Bits. Dobbs-There's a man who shaves

don't mean it? Should think there'd be nothing left of his face. Dobbs-It doesn't hurt his face at all. He is a barber.—Harlem Life. "I should like to know when you are going to pay that bill. I can't come here every day in the week." "What

several times a day. Wiggin-You

day would suit you best?" "Saturday." "Very well, then, you can call every Saturday."-Tit-Bits. Schoolmaster-So, then, the reptile is a creature which does not stand on feet, and moves along by crawling on the ground. Can any one of you boys

name me such a creature? Johnny-Please, sir, my baby brother.—Tit-Bits, "Colonel, you swear positively that your regiment never received a pound of embalmed beef in Cuba. How is it possible for you to be so absolutelycertain?" "Because my regiment never

got farther than Tampa, sir."-Detroit Free Press. "They's to be some kind of musical doin's at our church next Wednesday night. I've forgot what they call it." "Mebby it's a recital." "No; recitals is for pianos. Our church has got an organ. I guess it's an orgy they're goin'

Papa-See the spider, my boy, spin-

to have."-Exchange.

ning his web. Is it not wonderful? Do you reflect, try as he may, no man could spin that web? Johnny-What of it? See me spin this top! Do you reflect that, try as he may, no spider could spin this top?-Household Words. Would-be Swells at the Opera: First Swell (pretending to mistake for a waiter a rival whom he sees standing in dress-clothes at the cloak-room of the theater)-Ah! have you a program? Second Swell (up to snuff)-Thanks,

low.-Exchange. "Johnny," said a teacher to a South Side groceryman's 6-year-old, "a lie can be acted as well as told. Now, if your father would put sand in his sugar and sell it he would be acting a lie and doing very wrong." "That's what mother told him," said Johnny, impetuously; "and he said he didn't care."-Columbus Journal.

my man, I got one from the other fel-

"It's hard to be happy, once you've got a reputation for saying sareastic things," remarked the sad-eyed man. "What's the trouble?" "I've lost another friend. I complimented him of being the most cool-headed person ever saw. He took it as an allusion to the fact that he is totally bald."-Washington Star.

Inventor-I've hit a money-making thing at last. The preachers will go wild over it, and it will sell like hotcakes. It's a church contribution box. Friend-What good is that? Inventor-It's a triumph. The coins fall through slots of different sizes, and half-crowns, shillings and sixpences land on velvet; but the pennies and half-pennies drop on to a Chinese gong.—Tit-Bits.

The Lady-I'll give you a good meal if you will cut up some of that wood. The Tramp-Sorry, but I can't accommodate you, madam. The Lady-Too lazy to work, I suppose? The Tramp -Not that, madam, not that. I would be false to my trust. You see, I'm a member of the Society for the Preservation of the American Forests, and we never cut any wood.-Yonkers Statesman.

An Irishman, in order to celebrate the advent of a new era, went out on a little lark. He did not get home until 3 o'clock in the morning, and was barely in the house before a nurse rushed up and, uncovering a bunch of soft goods, showed him triplets. The Irishman looked up at the clock, which said three, then at the three of a kind in the nurse's arms, and said: "Of'm not superstitious, but thank hivins that Of didn't come home at twilve!"-Exhauge.