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PARTIES LEAVING FOR SUMMER.

Parties leaving the city for the summer may have The Bec sent to them regularly by notifying The Bee Business office, in person or by mail. The address will be changed as often as desired.

Pandemonium reigns at Kansas City. but the government at Washington still lives.

"For ways that are dark and tricks that are vain the heathen Chinee is peculiar."

thing stronger.

convention.

Teddy Roosevelt declined to indulge in Fourth of July oratory to the Rough tion in himself.

The spectacle of R. L. Metcalfe giving Boss Croker a lecture on practical pollties is enough to make the gods weep sud practical politicians smile.

Theodore Roosevelt has already demonstrated that as a running mate for Mc-Kinley he is amply able to keep his singletree off the wheel.

Everybody in Kansas City was at libjoining the silver republican sideshow as a self-appointed delegate.

After the assembled democrats at Kansas City have watched the rockets shoot upward they will only have to wait a few minutes to see the sticks come down.

Ex-Governor Altgeld did not get his hand into the Bryanite platform, but he hovered on the outskirts of the convention to make sure that no "ism" should be forgotten or omitted.

their professions of friendship for four nations joined in favor of maintain-Towne, are laying the foundation for ing the integrity of the middle kingdom, a demand for a larger measure of recognition on the fusion state ticket.

Croker of the New York Tammany is a should be agreed upon by the United white chalk on black chimneys.

As the corn grows taller calamity is the present rate calamity will be hope-

Parties who have viewed both the Transmississippi and the Paris expositions assert that the illuminations at the former excelled in every respect those at the French capital. This is something proud.

cent years.

to the popocratic press, it is the result | year was the largest since 1800. of the machine. When a democrat dietates what a convention shall and shall great mind over lesser ones.

have greatness thrust upon them." This wise observation is again forcibly illusthe supreme court of Nebraska in sup what are designated as war expendi- notwithstanding the fact that the peoport of the royal prerogative

POLITICAL FOURTH OF JULY.

eternal fitness of things on that day, will be ended within the year and the

on Independence hall on July 4, 1776. fore the expiration of another year.

or death of a patriotic American. and who would prefer to die at some future day if they had any chance of survival. As a matter of history neither

propagate a presidential ficket.

27.250 its candidate. General Jackson, was because of the overwhelming preponelected president, although he had been derance of his adherents, the effect he says, but when he attempts to transnominated in the mouth of May and will undoubtedly be seen next Novemnot on the Fourth of July. Andrew ber. Jackson succeeded himself and was succeeded by such democrats as Van Buren. Polk, Pierce and Buchanan, not one of Fourth.

The first national convention held on the democratic national ticket, barring, its one-man domination, its disregard by too busy seling goods. since the days of George Washington striking illustration of the decline of was held at Omaha by the populists the democratic party. eight years ago. The convention was really called for July 2, the day upon Liquefied air is not in demand at Kan- which the declaration had been signed. sas City; the Bowery boys want some- and the nomination was made amidst the most tremendous uproar at the Coli-Bryan must feel proud of having the triots, but when the electoral votes were New York Tammany boss for his chief counted General Weaver, the nominee of the Boer forces. Adding to these the champion at the national democratic that convention, fell by the wayside the number that have died of wounds and same as if he had been nominated in

the middle of December. These reminiscences may not afford much comfort to Nebraska's presiden- depleted to the extent of about 56,000. Riders. Teddy is a Fourth of July ora- tial candidate, but the lessons of history Indeed if we consider that the war office are without value unless we profit by statement was made on returns several

OPPOSED TO PARTITIONING CHINA. The statement that our government no Chinese territory. All that it desires erty to make a spectacle of himself by is that its rights and interests in that had the same sort of operations been the dominating motive or green is benind all war and the same sort of operations been the dominating motive or green is benind all war and the same sort of operations been the dominating motive or green is benind all war and the same sort of operations been the dominating motive or green is benind all war and the same sort of operations been the dominating motive or green is benind all war and the same sort of operations been the same sort lives and property of its people living powers should partition the empire

among themselves. If the United States has, even by implication, notified the powers interested Nebraska delegates to Kansas City, in Germany and Japan, and with those the other powers having interests there opposition. It would manifestly be usewhat has been passing between the of China.

A LARGE TREASURY SURPLUS. The fiscal year of the government ended June 30, with a surplus revenue of which Omaha people may justly feel about double what was estimated by Many thousands more British soldiers advantage of their enterprise is hardly the the secretary of the treasury in his last annual report. That placed the prob-Boss Croker has demonstrated that he able surplus at \$40,000,000, whereas the is not only the power which guides the actual figures make it a little less than was sat on about as effectually as any The secretary underestimated the re-000,000 and the latter by \$12,000,000. In

The liberal receipts of the governnot do it is simply the influence of a ports increased during the year, so that a course would be folly. His advice was "Some men are born great and others ternal revenue was also larger than was Admiral Kempff's was the one cool head to hold only the ringleaders responsible for trated by the projection of William Old- to expenditures, while it is true that the officer is always equal to the emergency. ham before the great national demo- nation is still largely on a war basis. cratic convention as the orator chosen there was a marked reduction in the to deliver the speech nominating Wil- military and naval outlay in the last have dropped nearly half a million dol- cabinet as a whole has overruled Mr. Chamliam Jennings Bryan. Sir Oldham's last fiscal year as compared with the pre- lars for the fiscal year ending June 30 berlain and the colonial office. The latter is great forensic effort was made before ceding year. For the fiscal year of 1809 as compared with the year preceding

while for the last fiscal year they were bacco, cigars, cigarettes and oleomarga The celebration of Independence day \$192,000,000. The probability is that for rine and buy a greater number of playby the firing of salutes, public process the fiscal year just begun there will be ing cards than they did in A. D. 1808. sions, martial music and night displays a still further large reduction in these The explanation of this drop is said to of pyrotechnics, as a stimulus to patriot expenditures, since it is to be expected be found in the closing of a Peoria disism, has become one of the features of that before the end of the year the de-tillery by the Whisky trust. Moral: Put the annual observance of the birth of mand for such expenditure will have a few more breweries on tap at Chicago the republic. Skyrockets and skyrocket ceased. There is good reason to be to make up for the deficit of whisky in oratory are in perfect accord with the lieve that hostilities in the Philippines the distilling tanks at Peorla. The American people, however, have military force there can be cut down not yet reached that stage of emotional to perhaps one-third what it is at pres- distinguished in that he could not tell a insanity which would inspire them with ent, while probably all the American lie. This very ancient chestnut was resthe belief that the ringing of the bell troops in Cuba will be withdrawn be- urrected by Charles A. Towne at the so-

to the nomination of presidential candi- sirable, but it was deemed by the ma- clous revelation. Modern history will, yield of 60,000,000 bushels, the southwest dates. It would be just as absurd to jority of congress to be inexpedient to however, only make mention of Charles will have pienty of grain to sell at good claim that a nomination on the Fourth reduce taxes at this time. The repub- A. Towne as a man conspicuously disof July carries with it an omen of good lican national platform, however, says: tinguished for not telling the truth when There are other crops than wheat, and here luck as it would to assume that that "The country is now justified in expect- the truth would answer the purpose. day is an opportune time for the birth ing, and it will be the policy of the republican party to bring about, a reduc-Thomas Jefferson and John Adams tion of the war taxes." This promise helped promulgate the Declaration of will doubtless be fulfilled at the next Independence on the Fourth of July and session, since this can be done without difions and emergencies. Kansas City two. both died on July 4 of the same year, necessarily involving tariff revision, but there are many patriotic Americans which it may safely be assured will not gentlemen who wear white chokers and ways a disturbing one," says the report, out there yesterday afternoon to see his

THE KANSAS CITY CONVENTION. The first day of the so-called demo-Washington nor Adams nor Jefferson cratic national convention was marked was nominated by any convention, but by anything but harmony. There was a but no one suggested the Fourth of There was a very pronounced manidictation of Mr. Bryan and while there of success. The first democratic national conven- is no doubt that this will be of no avail tion was held at Baltimore in 1832 and so far as the convention is concerned.

There was the prearranged theatrical Declaration of Independence was read, ever pay dividends. whom was nominated on the glorious national airs were sung and speeches were made claiming that the only patriots are in the ranks of the Bryanized July 4 was that of 1868 when Horatio democracy and its allies. It was a anism the democrats are whistling to keep Seymour was launched in the city of quite extraordinary spectacle to be pre- their courage up and some of them trying New York against Ulysses S. Grant. Al- sented by a political body largely comthough surrounded by the halo of Jef- posed of men who favor the disfranferson's immortal declaration and sup-chisement of millions of American ported by the scream of the eagle and citizens because of their race. shouting of the patriots Seymour was Our political history presents no the worst beaten man that ever ran on exact parallel to this convention, with have not yet taken action. They are probapossibly. Horace Greeley. The next of existing conditions and its determinaand only Fourth of July nomination tion to adhere to old issues. It is a

ENGLAND'S HEAVY LOSSES.

The latest authoritative statement of British losses in South Africa places them at nearly 30,000, exclusive of sick seum in the presence of a host of pa- and wounded. Nearly 22,000 were killed in action, a number nearly or quite half disease and those who have been invalided home and it appears that the British army in South Africa has been greater than that, very likely amounting to at least 65,000.

The conspicuous fact in the statement has notified the European powers of its is the number killed in action, attesting opposition to the dismemberment of as it does the marksmanship of the China will, if true, have an important Boers and the recklessness of the Britinfluence upon the situation. It is a ish, for a large part of this loss was most proper position for the United incurred during the almost fruitless States to take, from the point of view of operations of Buller against the nearly its own interests. This country wants impregnable positions of the Boers. The campaign of Buller was a costly one and empire shall be protected and that the continued probably by this time more of the white race which are engaged in the there shall be secure. So far as trade South Africa would have been killed and the citizens of the several interested govis concerned the United States wants wounded and the flag of Great Britain the principle of the open door in China would not be waving over Pretoria observed and there is great danger that Lord Roberts as promptly as possible this would not be done if the European changed the plan of campaign and the results have vindicated his judgment. It is true he has had much greater rehad, but the latter manifested no genin China that it does not favor dismem- eralship that would warrant the belief berment, we may be sure of the ap- that under any conditions he could have proval and support of Great Britain, accomplished what Roberts has, at least within the time that Roberts has occupied in its accomplishment.

What losses Great Britain is yet to sustain before hostilities end no one can would not be likely to offer any serious foresee. The fact that Lord Roberts refused to permit any of his troops to be The meeting of Richard Metcalfe of less for Russia and France to antagonize withdrawn plainly shows that he rethe Omaha Tammany and Richard any policy in regard to China which gards his task as still difficult. It is thought that he is preparing to strike a momentous event worthy of record in States, Germany, Great Britain blow that may be decisive and therefore Japan. There is no information as to needs all his forces, but his wily and active enemy will not be caught sleep-State department at Washington and the ing, nor are the Boers showing any disgetting weaker as a campaign issue. At foreign offices of Europe, but it is position to quit. Kruger, it is said, dehighly probable-the reported utterances' sires peace, but only upon the condition lessly distanced by October 1 and noth- of the German emperor give warrant for of complete independence. Without that ing remain for November but the fu- the view-that the influence of the the Boers are still determined to fight United States is being exerted in behalf on to the bitter end and nothing is more into a "competitive" state. But a railroad of maintaining the territorial integrity certain than that Great Britain will not passenger association has decreed that any the British government as to this has will find graves in South Africa.

Results are demonstrating that the government made no mistake when it democratic party in the city of New \$79,000,000, subject to revision that may assigned Admiral Kempff to command York, but also in the state. Senator Hill bring them up to \$80,000,000 or over, the naval squadron in China. He was severely criticised by many in this coun similar job has been performed in re-ceipts and overestimated the expendictry and condemned in unmeasured terms tures for the year, the former by \$26. by the foreign press for his failure to join in the bombardment of the Taku Whenever a republican becomes influ- no preceding year since 1893 was there forts. His objection was that the allies ential in the party councils, according a surplus of revenue and that of the last were not in a condition from lack of numbers to cope with difficulties more serious than those which already exment attest the general prosperity. Im- isted and to stir up the Chinese by such the revenue from customs was consided disregarded and the result is now aperably in excess of estimates. The in parent to the men who condemned him anticipated, while the war taxes yielded on the scene of trouble and demon- their actions. Two deductions may be drawn somewhat more than the estimates. As strated anew that the American naval

> Chicago's internal revenue receipts tures amounted to nearly \$204,000,000, ple of Chicago consume more beer, to the South African problem

called national convention of silver re-

afforded such an opportunity to several who did not die on that particular day be undertaken by the present congress. they acquitted themselves to the satisfaction of the long-haired man, the sported no hair at all.

Bryan appears to have the democratic convention hypnotized to doing just as leading rallways with American locomofer the "influence" to the voting public it will be different. They do not desire

Whistling in the Graveyard. Ban Francisco Call. Marching along to the graveyard of Bry

to start a tune that will carry Indiana. Too Busy for Polities. Kansas City Journal. Those commercial travelers who were going to line up against McKinley and the trusts for depriving them of employment

Cleveland Plain Dealer. Such a disaster as that at the Hoboken foresight and precautions. Who could have there presented-and later details but add to the extent of this most singular horror.

Portland Oregonian. The strength of the republican party lies, first, in the fact that better times have come since McKinley was elected and, second, that the re-election of its candidate will be a guarantee that the battle of the another four years.

Extent of Nation's Prosperity. Indianapolis Journal. During the month of June our exports of manufactures amounted to nearly \$30,000,000 and during the fiscal year that ended on Saturday they aggregated \$430,000,000. The human mind cannot grasp the sum, but everybody can understand that it represents a degree of national prosperity unparalleled

in the history of the world. England Shouting "Stop, Thief!" Kansas City Times.

High above the notes of disorder and massacre that come from China rises the apprehensive screech of Great Britain "that the Russians may be already in Pekin and in control of the situation. This shows that the dominating motive of greed is behind all than half the British forces sent to effort to protect the lives and property of ernments.

Has the Goods to Sell. Chicago Chronicle.

Mr. Hiram Maxim declares we are upon the verge of the greatest war the world has ever seen, but it is possible that Mr. Maxim's connection with the rapid-fire industry sources at his command than Buller has colored his views to coincide with his business interests. And at any rate wars are really desirable. For are we not assured that all the campaigns that are now being waged are purely in the interest of civilization and enlightenment? Can we have too much of a good thing?

An Example for St. Louis.

Omaha looks back on its Transmississippi exposition as a gain in every respect. paid back to subscribers 92 per cent of their contributions. No reaction followed in real estate or any regular branch of business. Hundreds of thousands of strangers became acquainted with the city and it was permanently benefited in many ways. It is an encouraging fact that the recent big expositions have paid their way and been even more successful than was anticipated.

Where is Competition! Chicago News.

The famous Transmissouri Freight as sociation decision of the supreme court was said to have thrown the railroads back accord independence. The decision of road running a train between New Yo.k and Chicago in less than twenty-eight hours must charge \$4 above the regular fare. been declared, it is approved by a ma- That does not look like competition. An jority of the English people and there association sufficiently powerful to compel is no doubt it will be firmly adhered to. the rich and enterprising roads to forego the shorn, crippled and decrepit creature that its members have represented it as being.

J. Bull's Troubles in Africa.

Philadelphia Record. Of greater importance by far than the petty skirmishes along the British lines of communication in South Africa is the development of the political situation in Cape colony. The Schreiner ministry having been obliged to resign because of the refusal of Governor General Milner to concur in a policy of conciliation, the cabinet organized by Sir Gordon Sprigg was naturally supposed to have committed itself to the adoption of the extreme measures favored by Chambers and Milner and the Rhodes-Beit crowd. To the surprise of everybody Sir Gordon has now announced his adhesion to Schreiner's program, which, in brief, proposed to absolve the rank and file of the colonial rebels under certain conditions and from this: either the new ministry, with a correct idea of the consequences of harsh treatment of the volonists who took the part of the Afrikander republic, has acted thus

on its own responsibility or the British the more probable reason. Sir Gordon Spriggs' decision will most likely become a controlling factor in the ultimate solution of

COMMON SEASE VIEW.

Wheat Crop Prospects and the Wall Street Scare.

Minneapolis Times A New York firm's monthly financial statement for June very pertinently calls at- as a protest against Great Britain's action tention to the fact that while there will be a short crop in the spring wheat country, it is an error to anticipate depression in the country at large. The atmosphere of Wall street causes men's minds to go from one George Washington was conspicuously extreme to another and there is often a 'jumping at conclusions" that one would hardly expect in trained financiers and expert speculators. With Kansas harvesting 100,000,000 bushels

of wheat, Nebraska 65,000,000 bushels and dedicated that day for all future time A growing treasury surplus is unde- publicans as a strictly original and vera- Oklahoma doing its best to take care of of money for the purchase of merchandise. in the northwest, where diversified agricul ture has become the fashion, the farmers You can always find a preacher ready will be found in good condition at the close "It is true that a presidential year is al-

financial integrity as there was in 1896, and leged to have been played in the handling it has been known for months who the can- of them during the war by that English short-haired man and the man who didates would inevitably be, so there is no bogey he foreign officer." more reason for alarm than there was Willie Wally Astor is again demon- ceased to be a bear factor in the market build. He is 52 years old, but does not look they were elected to the office of presi- great deal of noise and commotion that strating to the people of the world and they were elected to the office of president. The first nominating national passes for enthusiasm, but below the convention was held in 1830 by the surface were undercurrents of disaffection make of himself when present a buyer of our securities to any impression of meeting a huge impersonation 27,050 anti-Masonic party at Philadelphia tion and dissatisfaction that will be felt he tries. Up to the present he has great extent, but neither is Europe a great of Longfellow's village blacksmith. He has within gunshot of Independence hall, in the campaign and in the election; achieved a measure of success which is seller. Our foreign trade continues on a been the chief officer of the Transvall artition. likely to deter anyone from entering prodigious scale and we are rapidly increas-July as the proper date for patriots to festation of opposition to the despotic into competition with him with hopes shipery. Business to be proper date for patriots to festation of opposition to the despotic into competition with him with hopes shipery. Business to be proper date for patriots to festation of opposition to the despotic into competition with him with hopes shipery. American yards, and purchasing enormous and Great Britain is working some of her

The British Trade Journal says of the iron and steel markets abroad: "One consideration is not kept in mind as it ought to be. to take any stock in a 16 to 1 corpora. The Americans have not abandoned their display of alleged patriotism. The tion-there is too much water in it to idea of capturing the European market. within measurable distance of the reaction which will make American rivalry keener than ever." And the Statist says on the same subject: "The shadow of America is towering over the market."

Taking the country as a whole, condi tions are encouraging and we may reasonably expect a continuance of the general prosperity that has prevailed for some time.

PATH OF PLAIN DUTY. "Times When Theories and Common

Sense Won't Mix.

Philadelphia North American. It is unfortunate that congress is not in session in order to give to the president United States for the protection of Ameriforeseen such a shocking holocaust as was of the press, who are in a fine frenzy be-

cause troops have been ordered to prevent. and two Maxims) at Sannahpost a fortnight if possible, the murder of Minister Conger and other Americans by Chinese mobs. The president has no authority to declare war, but it is clearly his duty to protect the lives of American diplomatic officers and citizens. who are in peril because of the inability or indisposition of the Chinese government to protect them, and if he were to wait for Boer forces told me a few days ago that the

Chinese minister does not take that view of general incapacity of the British when using parsports, and he protests that there is no hesitation in declaring that had the Boers war. Secretary Hay does not admit that a only succeeded in getting in the twenty batstate of war exists, because if he should teries of Creusot guns which they had in China.

We can see no course open to the president other than the one he is taking. He must force without the authority of a declaration of war and maintaining friendly diplomatic troops if they resist the attempt to rescue Minister Conger, or he must supinely abandon American citizens to a Chinese mob. would not be tolerated quietly by the Ameri- The captain is only 31 years old.

an people.

foreigner. There are times when fine-spun theories and common sense practice won't mix, and this is one of the times.

PERSONAL POINTERS. The Tennessee supreme court has decided

that women cannot practice law before any of the courts of that state. Philip D. Armour, the Chicago millionaire, is devoted to his three grandchildren, with whom he plays as if he himself were of their age.

In a free lecture in Boston on "English as She is Spoke" the speaker stated that on entering the hall his pocket was picked, but that his "efforts at identity were unavailable." Samuel Alachuler of Aurora, Iil., who has

been nominated for governor of Illino's on the democratic ticket, was born in Chicago in 1859. He has served two terms in the Illinois legislature. Colonel N. P. Pond, the new commander-

in-chief of the New York Grand Army of Democrat and Chronicle.

the work of Gaetano Trentanove, who won distinction through his statue of Pere Marquette. It is bronze and colo sal in siz?. Senator Chandler of New Hampshire while at his home, in Concord, is an enthusiastic mountain-climber, and may be met almost any fine afternoon on one or other of the many peaks within ten or fifteen miles of

Criminal prosecution of the officers of the New York ice trust collapsed when it cached the grand jury. The seal of the judges who held stock in the concern to render the jury immune to "yellow" fever was beautiful to behold.

The late Prince de Jouville was the last of his family because he was not in the Rev. Shepard Knapp, a Congregational Americans, 100; Irish, 100; Italians, 100; preacher of New Haven; off of the wooden Germans, 150; French, 200; Dutch, 200. borse of a merry-go-round from which he

was endeavoring to secure the brass ring,

BOER ARMY STRENGTH.

Careful Calculation on the Subject by

Mr. Michael Davitt. Michael Davitt, former member of the British Parliament, who resigned his seat in forcing the Dutch republics into war, was one of the few correspondents with the Boer army. Mr. Davitt visited the various commandos, witnessed several battles and carefully observed the conduct of officers and soldiers in camp and on battlefield. The result of his observations is given in a series of letters to the Freeman's Journal of Dublin. In a letter from Bradfort, Orange Free State, dated April 15, Mr. Davitt speaks of the vast amount of spoil captured from the two republics, more than half the forces the British at Sannahspost. There were wagons, harness, field telegraph appliances, am, I feet certain, informed with every huge quantities of biscuits and preserved meat. Among the latter Mr. Davitt noticed several cases marked "Omaha, Nebraska, Cudahy Preserved Beef Company."

Mr. Davitt relates with considerable detail the conditions and strength of the Boer army and records his belief that it never exceeded 35,000 men. He says:

Lieutenant Colonel Trichardt, commandant of the Boer artillery, has his camp some three miles from Bradfort and I went "but there is not so much menace to our guns and learn the truth about the part al-

The commandant is a giant, some six months ago. The war in South Africa has feet four in height and of corresponding

Previous to the Jameson raid the Transvaal artillery had just a force of 100 men. quantities of steel rails of American makers. Today its strength of men is over 1,000. All these are carefully trained men. Eighttenths of them are young Transvaalers and the remainder (with a few exceptions) Free Staters. There are three officers and one private Hollanders, two subordinate officers who are Germans, a first and second lieutenant, and this accounts for the whole of the "foreign officers" employed in the federal armies against "the finest artiflery in the world," as some sarcastic critic described that branch of the English army early in October.

So coolly and carefully served have the Boer guns been from the first day of the conflict until now and so wild and reckless has been the English firing that only four men of the Transvaal artillery force have been killed and twenty-five wounded throughout the whole war. This may appear to the readers of English reports from the British army as incredible, but it is, on the

contrary, absolutely correct. The Boers have lost in the same time one Krupp quick-firing gun, two quick-firing Nordenfeldts, one Maxim Nordenfeldt, with authority to use the military forces of the two howitzers rendered useless (but not lost). On the other hand, the British have docks seems to set at naught all man's puny can citizens in China, and thereby stop the lost four mountain battery guns, taken by all condolence! To the navy all sympathy! clamor of those able constitutional lawyers the Boers at Nicholson's Nek, ten (15-pounders) at Colenso and seven (five 15-pounders ago-in all twenty-one guns, twenty of which, I am told, are now doing service on the side of the Boers against their former owners.

One of the military attaches representing one of the great continental armies with the congress to get together and talk over the English artillery, its officers and men were standards shall not be reopened for at least situation the Americans in China probably in efficiency, as compared with the Boer would be massacred before congress could act.

The president's critics hold that the landing of troops upon Chinese soil is equivalent to a declaration of war, but evidently the Chinese minister does not take that view of space of the state of the space of the state of the space of the spac make such an admission he would be unable ordered, but could not get delivered in time to justify upon constitutional grounds the the English forces, despite their enormous measures that have been taken under the numerical superiority, would be defending stress of urgent need to protect our people Durban and Cape Town at the present moment against their federal assailants. Thes he asserted, were the views of every experi officer who had watched this war from the either evade the technical point by using beginning, and the reports which these attaches will send home to their respective governments or military chiefs will doubt less embody these conclusions

On returning from Trichardt's camp Captain Hassell of the American scouts came t The latter course might be applauded by the my room in the Bradfort hotel and gave me constitutional lawyers of journalism, but it a long talk on the war and his experiences. however, an old hand in many of the ways According to the theory of those who are and qualities which go to the making of a vorking themselves into a fever over the successful scout. He is of medium height president's alleged violation of the con- and slight build, alert looking, but no way titution, a foreign man-of-war might open striking in appearance. He is what the girl fire wantonly and in time of peace upon an would term good looking; wears a sort of American battleship, and the commander dark gray uniform and rides a jet black of the American vessel could not reply until horse with the ease of a Texas cowboy. He he had sailed home and obtained is a native of New Jersey and came to the the permission of congress to fight the Rand to make money some ten years ago Remained six years, went home to America to join in the fight with Spain, but arrived about the time "the show was all over" in Cuba, so came back to South Africa and landed at Durban just as the ultimatum was launched. He bought a horse, rode through o the Transvaal and was in time to take part in the first fight at Dundee.

Captain Russell has 100 men in his brigade of scouts. They are nearly all German Americans-Outlanders who were employed in or near Johannesburg when the war broke out and who joined the Boer forces. The brigade has not been long organized as a body of scouts, but almost every man has been in the fighting from the commencement and the captain has therefore a force of very experienced men at his disposal.

There is a rival body of 100 Russian scouts attached to General Philip Botha's command at Osspruit camp, whither I am going tomorrow and they have made an enviable reputation for their daring adventures be ond the British lines. They are permitted to act as they please and are an independent body, subject, of course, to the service of the Republic, is a newspaper man and has the general, to whom they report daily for years been connected with the Rochest r Their colonel and three of his men actually penetrated into the English encampment jus The statue of General Albert Pike, which outside of Bloemfontein, and brought back the Masons are to erect in Washington, is a most accurate sketch of the whole place. including the exact position in which the English guns are placed. They are mostly Cossacks from the regions of the don, and rival the young Boers of Phil Botha's commando in their splendid horsemanship. Having during the last fortnight seen all

the European volunteers and Americans, too in the Boer forces, excepting the Russian scouts just alluded to, the two Irish brigades now serving with the commandant general in Natal (whose colonels-Blake and Arthur Lynch-I have already met on several occasions in Pretoria) and the other foreigners included in the Boer commando at Fourteen Streams, at Wepener, and in Natal I venture to assert, with absolute confidence in the statement, that (leaving out the Outsurviving sen of Louis Philippe. He was landers who volunteered from the district never exiled by the republic with the ret of the Rand at the outbreak of the war there is not a man more than a thousand direct line of pretons on and because he had men serving as "foreign volunteers" in the made himself so popular with all classes. federal armies. I put down the numbers When a bolt of lightning knocked the in nationalities as follows: Russians, 120

I cannot speak with the same confidence the capture of which would entitle him to as to the nationalities among the Outlanders another ride free, he remarked as he picked They are scattered over all the commandos himself up, unburt and somewhat startled, and are not easily segregated for the purthat he regarded the phenomenon as a di- pose of numeration. They are variously vine warning against playing games of estimated in total at from 5,000 to 10,000 men. I incline most strongly to favor the

lowest of these estimates, and for this reason. Take the case of the Irish brigades including Rand Outlanders and volunteers. They are declared in America and in Ireland to be about 3,000 strong. I believed this te be about the number before I left home I now know that the two brigades combined never numbered 300 men! There probably are 500 more Irish and Irish-Americans to be found among the Free State and Transvaal Boer commandes, men who volunteered from Johannesburg and other places in which they worked or resided; but they have not grouped themselves under any

name or organization. I have seen during the last month, in my journeying from commando to commando it at present in the field on the Boer side. honest intention to give me truthful figures by generals and officials with reference to the strength of the forces now fighting at Fourteen Streams, Wepener and elsewhere, n places which I have not visited; and affirm that there has not been, at any time from the 12th of October last until this day a man more than 35,000 men, all told-Boers, Afrikanders from the Cape and Natal Outlanders and foreigners combined-in the field against the British army.

MIGHTY MAN OF WAR.

Merited Tribute to the Life of Rear Admiral Philip. Brooklyn Eagle.

The nation and the navy will mourn the death of Rear Admiral John W. Philip. The suddenness of it quickens the sense of sorrow because of it. He was a capable officer, a careful sailor, a brave man, a true citizen, a loving husband and parent, a formidable foe in battle, a clement conqueror in victory and an humble, faithful Christian.

The end of the life of this mighty man of war was peace. He died the death, as he had lived the life, of the righteous. never fought for other or less than the liberation of man and the overthrow of wrong, His blade was as spotless as his simple, artless and heroic soul. And that soul was as devoid of guile as it was of fear.

"Don't cheer, boys, the poor fellows are dying." he said in the culmination of the great victory in which he took so grand a part. And then he changed battle to res-

Nor did he omit to return thanks to God for the success of the fight for a cause on which he had invoked the blessing of God. His life was full of such touches as these but it happened that these two occurred when the flame of battle lighted to the world those who took part in it. They were not exceptional. They were fust characteristic. But they will thrill history and humanity forever.

The command he held here will be signalized by the success of his labors to secure for the sailors a Christian home and center of uplifting helps and comforts and fellowships.

His early death at 59 was due to the effects on his system of his tremendous and unremitting service to his country and to his kind. He died on duty, at duty and because of devotion to duty. To his memory all honor! To his kindred

To the government congratulation on the life and regret for the loss of such a rare man! To God his soul and to his countrymen the precious inspiration of his career! While round the sun old Mother Earth Pursues the ever-fleeing years, The nation shall recount thy worth With mingled pride and joy—and tears!

SOOTHING REMARKS.

Chicago Tribune: "I notice that in all these pictures of himself the photographer never is trying to smile."
"No, he takes himself seriously."

Philadelphia Press: "That fellow is ost remarkable man."
"Really? In what way?" "He's always runing into debt and yet he's continually running away from the people to whom he is in debt."

Chicago Record: The Palmist-This line in your hand indicates that you have in your hand indicates that you-very brilliant future ahead of you-Simpkins—Is that so? Simpkins—Is that so? The Palmist—Yes, but this other line in-licates that you are too slow to ever catch

Washington Star: "Are you still resolute n your idea of being a singer. "I am," answered the young man. "Are you attracting any notice?"
"Some While I was practicing yesterday two of the neighbors stopped at the
door to ask what was the matter with me
and to inquire if they could be of any as-

PIPE, BOOK AND SHADY NOOK.

Denver Post. This is the dreamy season when We feel like throwing down the pen An' swearin' off from work until We've loafed around and got our fill est a lazyln' around in ol' nature's campi nature's campin' ground With pipe an' book In shaded nook

Feel like a gittin' out among e little feathered goms o' song at flit among the o' pine trees tech up every passin' breeze th sweet piped music, there to rest Upon of nature's mother-breast
With pipe an' book
In shaded nook
Beside a merry mountain brook

Beside a merry mountain brook.

'Tis then existence sort o' seems A runnin' string o' lazy dreams; The brain shets down its wheels fur rest An' quiet peace camps in the brea Life seems jest as a Sabbath day, So quiet, when yer hid away With pipe an' book In shaded nook Beside a merry mountain brook.

Sometimes upon the dancin' streams. We whip the troutsfly, but it seems. Too much like work, an' give it up. An' lie down like a lazy pup. Inside the shadow of a tree. In sort of dreamy ecstary. With pipe an' book. In shaded nook. Beside a merry mountain brook. That's when we git a hint of heaven if ever one to man is given, When, hid away up yonder, where No sounds of labor fret the air.

sounds of labor fret the an' jest seem to quit the earth an' jest row off the mortal flesh an' rest with pipe an' book Beside a merry mountain brook



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