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BY P. GRAY MEEK.

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-Just two weeks until Christmas.

-Tuesday sent Indian summer to the happy hunting grounds.

-The twelve degrees above zero weather of yesterday started more than one couple to hugging-the stove.

-The difference between a good fellow and a good man can very often be detected by watching where his evenings are spent.

-It is not surprising since Dr. PLETCH-ER is so daft on perfect mastication, that he should be "chewing the rag" so much

-With our transport stuck in the mud help pull it off.

-President TAFT wants the magazines not while those South African tales are courts ought to intervene in its behalf. rapping in Scribner's.

-With Christmas only two weeks off you had better begin that shopping before the other people have taken the things you are thinking of buying.

-The Duke of the ABRUZZI has decided to some back and try it again. Faint heart ne'er won fair lady nor one pull separate Pa ELKINS from his wad.

CANNON'S roar and now it is announced Speaker before next session. How nice.

-This is the time for those baseball magnates to have their war. Next summer they will be too busy playing ball to able company involved in the recent purbother about who is president of the National association.

-If MORGAN buys up all the life insurance companies let's pass a law requiring them to pay us while we're living and we'll pay them while we're dead. We could fix them that way.

-That Brooklyn insurance man who got away with all of the million dollar surplus of his company is sick unto death. Probably as much because there is nothing left for him to get as because it has been found out that he got it.

suit against the local serie of Eagles for five | MORGAN has obtained an advantage. thousand dollars damages for a broken leg man's anatomy than the place where the of conjecture. It is one of absolute cerbutt ought to be.

\$1,169 00 to be elected judge of Luzerne was his rival, but there is little difference pursued and the thousands of officials who county and the Hon. R. E. UMBEL \$19.- at best, for the fleece will be taken in any 000.00 to be re-elected judge of Fayette. event and scant attention paid to the scars | would lose their jobs. The disparity is partially due to the fact of the flesh which may ensue. Financial that Mr. GARMAN had no opposition, but pirates are like other pirates, in the last the great cost of Judge UMBEL's election | analysis, and the wise thing is to avoid all indicates that he must have had very alike. serious opposition or been up against a splendid leg pulling game.

-The borough of Tyrone has made application to the Attorney General to have the charter taken away from the Tyrone Gas and Water Co., because the company doesn't furnish all the water the borough peeds. Inasmuch as the members of this company are to be held to accountability for the drouth we would advise them to get busy with whatever means they may have at command to make more water.

-The man who started out on Monday evening to paint the town red and upset his paint pot on the Water street pavement had no thought of the consternation he caused when staid all Presbyteriaus and Methodists mistook the red paint for blood and created considerable excitement over the supposition that a horrible crime had been commisted. We might suggest that

the lid on his pot. -From the manner in which certain being framed up to be pushed over on the old leaders some of these fine days. It will be a new line-up revealed when the fight comes off for congressional honors between Mr. BARCLAY and Mr. PATTON and the latter day MosEs will be seen leading the PATTON forces.

-The wages of the employees of the city of Pittsburg are to be cut in order to partially meet a four bundred thousand dollar deficit that is staring that city in the face. It is at least decent that wages of all employees, from the Mayor down, are effected, But the "white wings" will have a far harder time making their forty dollar wage pay a month's bills than the Mayor will have in making his seven hundred and fifty dollar allowance pay his. After all, it does seem that Dr. RAUSCHENBUSCH is right when he declares that "is is unchristian to pay the man with the hungriest family the has proved that the people were wise in not smallest wage."



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Mr. Morgan's Recent Purchase.

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Mr. J. PIERPONT MORGAN has purchastake care of itself, there is something so signs are misleading.

something over \$2,500,000 for a property the shipbuilders of Europe. This is an election against Mr. Munson while his of the actual value of \$100,000 with legal absurd subterfuge. It is easily susceptible own party spent only \$3000. According to earning capacity of a trifle more than \$3000 of proof that the greater skill and superior a year. There was another and more po- efficiency of American mechanics make the 000 voters were "assisted" in that city. -CANNON'S fees have quaited before at the rate of five per cent. would amount entirely to the tariff. European shipto more than \$20,000,000 a year. The pol- builders can buy materials in Pittsburg, had not been induced by corrupt means to that they do not expect to unseat the joy holders in the Equitable would be safe Pa., for example, for \$10 a ton less than vote for the Republican candidate. Other -Anyway if President TAFT didn't GAN controlled the corporation. But it obliged to pay and that is the reason that can ticket were the votes of repeaters, so make any promises in his first message he makes a good deal of difference to MORGAN our builders are at a disadvantage. will be that much better off than his pred- which of the three controls the assets and cossor who made so many and fulfilled so reaps the harvest of manipulation. Rock-ERFELLER also understands this.

than the control of the assets of the Equit-

If the plan to create a Central bank is tainty. Possibly he will be gentler in the

The Nicaraguan Affair.

It can hardly be claimed that we have gained much glory out of the Nicaraguan affair thus far. We have ordered the representative out of Washington in a most discourteous way and practically declared war against the little Republic. But as much in any direction while the spectacle we have presented to the world will go a long distance toward making us the laughing stock of the civilized world. We are assuming the character of the national bulourselves ludiorous. This is not a very attractive situation to be found in.

For example, after an action which was equivalent to a declaration of war, we dispatched a warship to the point of danger and before it had gone forty miles toward its destination it stuck in the mud in the future when a man starts out with If we had been in pursuit of an enemy or a paint pot to paint the town red he keep attempting to escape from an imminent danger, of course the result would have been the same. There would probably juvenile Republicans in this neck o' the have been no effort to release her from her woods are getting busy it is beginning to absurd dilemma in case a powerful enemy look very much as though something is had been in pursuit, for looking after the personal safety of those on board would have taxed the minds of the stupids in may be a bad guess, but we venture there charge. But that would have made no difference in the results.

The trath of the matter is that the Nica raguan affair has been an unfortunate and ridiculous blunder from the beginning. Probably ZELAYA is as bad as the worst descriptions have made him appear, but even at that there was no necessity for the absurd display of infirm temper and wretched diplomacy which has followed. There is a dignified way of proceeding against international nuisances such as he appears to be, and some such course might have been adopted with the result that he

blandering. -Anyway Secretary of State KNOX TAFT. electing him President.

Ship Subsidies on the Programme.

It is reasonably certain that some sort of ed a controlling interest in the Equitable ship-subsidy legislation will be enacted the Democratic nomines for Justice of the Insurance company, according to his own statement and that of the Insurance Com
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The sixty-seven counties of the State. The state department in handling the present session of the sixty-seven counties of the State. Insurance company, according to his own during the present session of Congress. Supreme court, carried forty-three out of missioner of New York, for the philanthrough the property for those to whom it belongs. Three or four years ago Mr. Thomas F. Ryan bought it fear that the people would resent so pal--Anyway WILLIAM WATSON, the Eng- those to whom it belongs. Three or four Heretofore they have been restrained by the popular gentleman advised him against lish poet, had the good taste to express his years ago Mr. THOMAS F. RYAN bought it fear that the people would resent so pal- making any effort for election. It was sugcontempt for the Asquires in right pleas- from another owner for the same reason. pable a misuse of public funds. But en- gested that the Republican party is invinc It might occur to a thoughtful mind that a courgement from the White House has re- ible in Pennsylvania. With practically property which requires this sort of cod- moved the fear and the bargain which the inexhaustible pecuniary resources, a well en route it would be a great joke if those dling is hardly worth the trouble it en- late MARK HANNA made with the ship- disciplined organization and impregnable Nicaraguans were to send a boat up to tails. If a corporation capitalized at \$100,- building trust will be consummated before fortresses of defence, it looked like an im-000 which has assets of \$460,000,000, can't the close of the present session, unless the

> on the treasury is that the greater cost of But Mr. Morgan has not been influence labor in this country makes it impossible ed by philanthropic impulses in paying to build ships here in competition with tent reason for Mr. MORGAN's action. The labor cost of shipbuilding less in this coun- In ninety-nine cases out of every hundred operation gives him control of the vast as- try than in Europe. What makes Ameri- "assisted" voters are bribed voters, so that sets of the corporation and enables him to can built ships cost more is the greater ex it is a fair presumption that 40,000 of the manipulate \$460,000,000 of money which pense of materials and this is ascribable opposition were bought and would have whether ROCKERFELLER, RYAN or MOB- shipbuilders located in this country are

shipbuilders for this difference by paying elected. them subsidies out of the public treasury. There is something more important even This is the same philosophy which has been adopted in the matter of restoring the

materials used in shipbuilding just as he er than they have been in years. he received while being initiated into that consummated, therefore, the control of the would preserve our forests by giving access order. It is rather an unusual case, but Equitable by Mr. MORGAN makes him the to other forests for the use of our builders. should prove interesting because the courts certain shepberd with legal authority to But the Republican policy of paternalism will be called upon to decide whether the fleece the industrial and commercial lambs would not be conserved in that way. goat has a right to butt any other part of a of the United States. This is not a matter There would be no claim on the timber barons of the Northwest for big campaign contributions if the logical and natural -It cost the Hon. JOHN M. GARMAN operation than Mr. ROCKERFELLER, who methods of conserving the forests were enjoy fat sinecures in the forest service

Wages and Prosperity.

by the purchasing power of the money received by the wage earners. For example twenty per cent. higher, the earner is the appointed. loser. In other words to make wages now as high as they were in 1895 there should the street gamins say that won't get us of unskilled labor in 1895 averaged \$1.25 a en to register the will of the President day. To equalize that rate now it would when the forms of law require an agent to labor should be \$1.87 to \$1.90 a day.

ly, and as usual with bullies we have made \$1.50 a day, while most of the necessaries State as well as all other heads of departof life are not only fifty per cent. but in ments slavishly bowed to the imperial will. some instances 100 per cent. higher now than then. Meats, for example, have nearly doubled in price and eggs and other esin price. Clothing, shoes and blankets but in reality the difference is quite as great for an inferior article is supplied now

article then. about as hard work to make both ends meet as at any time in the recent history

of the country. -Whether the New York World or has justly fallen upon her through official but this country would be in a sad predicament if the choice for President in 1912 were necessarily between ROOSEVELT and

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Some Election Figures.

In the recent campaign Mr. MUNSON, possible thing to dislodge or seriously disturb the enemy. But Mr. MUNSON went to pay a higher rate of postage. Surely fundamentally wrong with it that the The excuse given for this proposed raid to Philadelphia with a majority and carried a large portion of the territory.

In Philadelphia the Republican machine spent \$143,000 and upward to carry the well authenticated statements nearly 45,voted the other way or not at all, if they thousands of the vote cast for the Republithat it may justly be claimed that upon a It is now proposed to recompense home fair vote Mr. MUNSON would have been

In view of these facts we can see nothing in the result of the recent election to discourage Democrats from effort in the fuable company involved in the recent purchase by Mr. Morgan. Moreover, in lumber is so high that our own forests are view of the settled purpose of the Rupubli | necessarily denuded. As population in- purchasing votes and employing repeaters said in Secretary Knox's amazing letter to can machine to fasten upon the country a creases building operations must multiply in Philadelphia that was used this year for Central bank, the control of the assets of and other uses of timber increase in pro- the reason that there will be scores of Conthe Equitable borrows significance. It be- portion. But instead of opening up the gressional, Senatorial and Legislative discomes a potent factor in settling the ques- vast area of timber lands in Canada, by tricts throughout the State that will have tion of which of the two factions of fren- abolishing the tariff, to the builders and to be cared for, and that will make a great zied financiers shall secure the franchise to furniture makers of the United States, we difference in the results. Moreover the exploit the finances of the country in the undertake to restore the forests by expen- superstition that the Republicas machine future. It makes little difference, as a sive planting operations. By this process can't be defeated is not as widespread as rule, to the plundered victim which of two we raise trees in about the proportion of formerly and if the Democrats will mainrobbers gets him, for robbers are much one to every thousand out down and expect tain the advantages they have acquired and Europe would take the tariff tax off any event Democratic prospects are bright-

The Greater Evil Chosen.

The administration at Washington is averse to a Congressional investigation of the angar scandal in the New York custom house. The Attorney General, who previous to his appointment was counsel for the Sugar Trust, professes to be afraid that such an investigation would prevent the conviction of the low-salaried weighing clerks who have been indicted or are to be. Besides that it might develop evidence against those "higher up" who paid the The wages of labor are justly measured little fellows for violating the law that would literally compel the prosecution and conviction of those "malefactors of great if the cost of the necessaries of life is fifty wealth." Of course such a thing is not to per cent. greater now than it was, say in be thought of. It was to prevent such a 1895, and the wages of labor are only contingency that Mr. WICKERSHAM was

The ROOSEVELT administration was atro ciously bad. The members of the cabinet be an advance of fifty per cent. The wages during that period were mere clerks chosbe necessary that wages for that kind of act. And that was the only thing in which respect for law was shown. In all As a matter of fact present wages for un- things else ROOSEVELT'S caprices served skilled labor in the industrial centres are the purpose of statutes and the Secretary of But ROOSEVELT's cabinet ministers served ROOSEVELT. They were chosen by Roose VELT because of their servility to Roose sentials in families have almost quadrupled VELT rather than for the reason that they were the hired emissaries of trusts or mobave not apparently advanced so rapidly nopolies. All things considered that is the lesser of two evils.

The present cabinet, on the other hand, and there is an advance in the cost even of appears to have been chosen by "the interthat as compared with that of the superior ests." One trust wanted to exploit the public domain and its occusel, Mr. BAL-It cannot be said, either, that work is LINGER, is appointed Secretary of the Inplentier now than then for as a matter of terior. The Sugar Trust wanted to rob fact there are about as many willing hands the government by falsely weighing the out of employment at the present time as products it imported, and its counsel, Mr. ever before. All these facts taken into WICKERSHAM, is appointed Attorney Genconsideration it must be clear to any eral. And so on from top to bottom. "The reasoning mind that times, so far as they interests" get what they want in return affect the ordinary workingman, are no for campaign contributions, and the peobetter now than they were during the ple who have no influence suffer in conse panic period of 1895. It may be that the quence. In the case in point justice is detrusts are making money at this time but | feated because it is the men who procured we submit that if they are the prosperity is the false weights who deserve punishmen limited to them and the rest of us have rather than their helpless victims who have been indicted.

-If the Supreme court had been within rifle range of South Africa when the news of its decision granting an appeal to would have been properly punished and the Louisville Courier Journal pays that SAMUEL GOMPERS reached a certain hunt-this country saved the humiliation which bet is of little consequence to the public ing camp there would probably have been something doing.

> -Of course we can lick all the South and Central American Republics com bined, with one hand tied behind our back, but what's the use.

Taft Declares War.

From the Johnstown Democrat. President Taft through Secretary Know

to Zelaya and to his reckless course as a breeder of trouble may be true. On this point the country is not well informed. There are charges and counter charges. The evidence is conflicting. The facts upon which a fair indement might be bested. on which a fair judgment might be based are so confused with partisan exaggeration and interested testimony that a just decision of the merits of the case is almost impossible. Yet the Taft administration has jumped to a conclusion and has done so in

has undertaken to forestall the action of congress. He has recognized the Estrada revolution; he has declared the government of the republic unworthy to be dealt sired for a long time. with by civilized nations; and he has and so congress when it convened on Monday faced a fait accomple; it will either have to accept the situation created

This course congress cannot be expected to take, no matter what the private judgment of its members may be. In an emergency of this kind the legislative branch feels bound to stand behind the executive; and Mr. Taft understands this; he has taken advantage of the opportunity to create a the springs on his two farms near Scalp situation from which there can be no re- Level. On one of the farms he conducts a treat without an apparent lowering of the

national dignity.
Yet should congress thus in effect abdithe Nicaraguan charge. The country should know all the facts embodied in this extraordinary case. What American inter-ests have been threatened? Who are the Americans who have been clamoring for the overthrow of Zelaya and what are their having had both legs cut off. By means of actual grievances? What secret under- the box, horses can be fed without unhitchstandings exist between the American au- ing, the box measuring eighteen inches thorities and the revolutionists who have so commended themselves to Secretary Knox? Who has been furnishing the money to finance a revolution which the reason for believing there are other facts than those which have thus far reached the public, important in making up a final What these facts are we do not pretend to say or do we even venture to guess. But we cannot avoid the suspicion that the shooting of Groce and Cannon are but convenient pretexts for an action which otherwise could find little if any instification.

Grand Army of Federal Employees.

From the New York Sun. It appears from "advance notices" that sterling publication, the government 'Blue Book' for 1909 that triumphant bu reaucracy is marching on at the double-quick. In 1907 there were some 306,000 ederal bired men and women. In 1909 bere are aome 370,000 -- an average annua increase of 32,000. The gain is somewhat more than 10 per cent. a year. At this rate -and there is small reason to suppose that it will not be increased, since the passion for government regulation and interferen shows an increasing momentum—the grand army of placemen will soon amount to a million; and still it will go marching on. This, we take it, is one the grand ends for which the government was established; to make offices and feed the faithful.

Will Break the Monotony.

From the Pittsburg Sun.

A brush with Zelaya just now is going to prove very much of a relief to Mr. Taft and his reactionary Republican friends. With even a little war on hand the public is likely to forget the ruthless pledge-breaking and general shortcomings of the majority element of the majority party. Mr. Taft's message we have long been given to understand, will be little more than a summing up of the principal points made in his speeches on his recent long swing around the circle. And there has been little in most of them to encourage advocates of any patriotic, broadly constructive polioies. The Zelaya diversion has come up most timely, therefore, for that wing of the Republican party which finds being on the defensive all the time a good deal of a

Why Not Knock Out the Graft?

From the Philadelphia Record. Under the present tariff schedule, impos-ing a tax of \$1 90 per hundred pounds on refined sugar, it is in the power of the Sugar Trust, whatever fines may be imposed by the courts upon its managers, to re-imburse itself by assessing the amount upon buyers of sugar. The only way to teach the rascals is to put them in jail. That is ounishment to fit the orime. It cannot be shifted so as to fall upon underlings or junction and then finished their night's work indeservers.

Expressed in a Sentence. From the Kansas City Times

out ever having turned my back on a friend or my face from an enemy.' present in a sentence the theory on which the congressional organization fram-ed the tariff bill, and on which the speaker sought to reward his friend, ex-Representagloves.

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Spawls from the Keystone.

-Three hundred girls were given employment when the first shirtwaist factory in Shenandoah opened Monday.

-Fleetwood, Berks county, now owns its own water plant, having bought it for \$55,-000 from the Fleetwood Water company.

-Tramps returning for the winter season have increased the enrollment of the inmates of the Berks county almshouse from 260 to

-Over \$175,000 has been spent the past year to increase the capacity and to better the manufacturing plants of Mount

-John Papalish, aged 39, was pulled into furnace at the Shenandoah Valley steel plant at New Castle and roasted to death. He tried to balance a wheelbarrow on the top of the cupola.

-South Fork will not need to ask aid of the State in fighting the scarlet fever epi. demic, it is thought. There are now forty cases in nineteen residences and guards are stationed day and night to see that she quarantine is kept.

-One hundred and twenty-five acres of timber land near West Middletown, Washington county, were bought from the Escee Coal company of State College, by L. F. Sutte and Dr. L. F. Rinn, of Indiana. The consideration was \$12,500. The new owners will develop the tract at once.

-A franchise has been granted by the Delaware Gap borough council to the Stroudsa manner without precedent perhaps in the history of civilized government.

There can be little doubt that Mr. Tatt connect with Portland. This will make a connect with Portland. This will make a through line by trolley to the Gap from Philadelphia, something that has been de-

-It is alleged that there is a shortage of brought about a status as nearly that of \$1,100 in the accounts of Mrs. Truman actual war as need be to effect his purpose; Campbell, postmistress of Cammal, Lycom-\$1,100 in the accounts of Mrs. Truman ing county. The office is now in charge of F. F. Bonnell, one of her bondsmen. The by executive action or take a course which woman has disappeared and it is thought would rebuke the head of the nation bewoman has disappeared and it is thought arrest. Her husband has advanced \$400, all the money he had, to cover part of the short.

-Professor R. L. Watts, of State College, has withdrawn his suit against the Berwind-White Coal company for the destruction of green house, piped for water, and on the other is a dwelling. The mining operations completely ruined the water supply of these places. The coal company settled with the

· Chas. Flauagan of 2607 5th Ave., Altoona, has been offered \$65,000 by Pittsburg capitalists for a horse feeding box that he has invented. He planned the box while lying in square, holding enough feed for three meals for two horses with also a water chamber.

-The preliminary work in connection American government has made almost in- with the filling in of the several trestles on or him to get as because it has been found alike in their methods. But it makes a great difference to the robbers, and in second that he got it.

Any sensible man who wanted to equal-their to have no certainty of success next year. In the control of the Equitable Mr. ize shipbuilding conditions in this country have no certainty of success next year. ddle. There is every will be "making the dirt fly" in reality. The Decatur treatle will be the first to be filled in, and the dirt for each one will be taken from the hill this side of Decatur. This work is a big proposition and will be a great im-

> -Mifflintown is to have a new industry in the Union Furniture Manufacturing company which will give employment to fifty men and hove or more. The concern bought the old shoe factory buildings at the lower end of Patterson borough, near Mifflintown from the Mifflintown and Patterson Improvement company, and will remodel them. The furniture concern is of McClure, and is capitalized at \$1,000,000, which amount will be raised in a short time to \$1,500,000.

-Four burglaries in a week has stirred the citizens of Jersey Shore to action, especially since no arrests have been made in any case On Thursday night Sallada's department store was robbed; on Friday night the home of William Hoover, an engineer, was visited and a sum of money stolen. On the same night Joseph Mick's store and Cameron & Lambert's planing mill were also robbed. The local police are not able to catch the thieves and an additional force of special officers have been sworn in for night duty.

-John Warren and Thomas Filbren, who recently pleaded guilty to the charge of breaking into the New York Central station, entering the railroad tool house and breaking into the Jersey Shore postoffice, were sentenced each to a meximum of twenty years, and a minimum of five years' imprisonment in the eastern penitentiary, as well as a fine of \$200. Joseph Manton was given a maximum of ten years and a minimum of two years and six months and a fine of \$100 for the same crime. He would not admit his

-A suit for \$50,000 damages against the American Car and Foundry company will be tried in the United States circuit court in Williamsport, in January. The plaintiff is Oscar Thornton, of Berwick, formerly of Danville, who lost one of his eyes as the result of an injury sustained in the steel plant of the car company at Berwick. Clarence E. Sproul, of Williamsport, represents the plaintiff, and it was upon his application that the case was transferred from the Columbia county court to the United States circuit court. Paul J. Sherwood, of Wilkesbarre, represents the defendant.

-The trio of burglars who robbed the New York Central railroad depot at Jersey Shore by blowing open the safe in the Jersey Shore postoffice some time ago, have just had their trial in the Lycoming county court. It will be remembered that the men were later captured on the McKinney farm, near Avis, after "I will die," Speaker Cannon said in his speech to the Kuife and Fork club, "with- a battle with officers, and were removed to the jail at Williamsport after a hearing at Jersey Shore. The desperadoes gave their names as John Warren, Thomas Filbrin and Joseph Manton, and the first two were given intermediate sentences ranging from five to twenty years, and Manton was given from five to ten years in the penitentiary. Fines amounting to \$500 were also imposed on the