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POPULAR AND WISE.

Congressman Hitt as a Statesman and Friend of Statesmen.

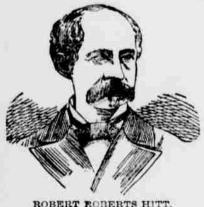
Began Life as a Chicago Newspaper Reporter-How He Came to Congress-Authority on All Diplomntie Matters.

If Representative Roberts Roberts Hitt, of Illinois, were to compile his reminiscences, the result would be a volume of extraordinary interest. Not only has he figured prominently id pational and international affairs for nearly a generation, but he has enjoyed personal relations of a peculiarly close character with more men of eminence perhaps than any other man of the day.

Away back before the war, says the Washington Star, when a mere boy he was attached to Abraham Lincolu in a way that gave him enviable facilities for studying the processes of Lincoln's mind. He was a stenographer and a newspaper reporter for the Chicago Tribune, and throughout the memorable debate between Lincoin and Douglas, preceding the latter's election to the United States senate, young Hitt followed Lincoln, taking down in shorthand every word that publicly fell from his lips. These famous addresses which made Lincoln's national reputation, and which, more than anything else, contributed to his election as president, owe their permanent and enduring form to the wonthful reporter's notes, the original of which the congressman still hoards among his literary treasures. Lincoln called him "Bob," and was fond of the boy.

After the war Mr. Hitt came to Washington as a clerk of a congressional committee and had an opportunity to become acquainted with the great statesmen of the reconstruction era.

His good luck sent him to Paris in 1874, just after the Franco-Prussian war, as secretary of legation and charge d'affaires ad interim. History



(Chairman of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.)

was being made rapidly in the French capital in those days, and Mr. Hitt spent seven years in Paris, a period which was closely packed with important events. He returned to Washington in 1881 to become assistant secretary of state, and the next year was elected a member of the house of representatives. All through his career in congress he has been conspicuous in the d'scussion of interna-

CURRENT COMMENT.

Notes and Comments, Political and Otherwise, on Matters of Public Interest.

By Andrew J. Palm.

Among the largest of the protected infant indutries is the Carnegie steel plant, which Mr. Frick, one of the partners, says will make more than \$40,000,000 this year, though the original capital was only \$25,000,000. Protection is a glorious thing for the fellows who profit by the special privileges it affords, but how about the great number who are obliged to put up the money to pay these enormous profits?

Mr. McKinley, in his New York speech, declared that there is no im-perialism and that there can be none, secause those who have faith in the republic are against it. The latter part of his sentence is correct, but the first clause is an indication that McKinley doesn't know imperialism when he sees it. No public man ever attempted to perpetrate a great wrong under its proper name. It is always garbed in something to conceal its repulsive features. McKinley may have some other name of imperialism, but, like a rose, under any other name it smells just the same.

The Washington Post, though a gold bug and high tariff paper, is not so blinded by partisan prejudice as to abolishing the constitution advocate whenever it seems to interfere with government by the trusts and for the trusts. It gags at the proposition to put a tariff on Puerto Rican imports, and happily dubs the policy that proposes it as "benevolent suffocation." This term is far more fitting than Mr. McKinley's "benevolent assimilation." Before the president was made drunk with the wine of imperialism he characterized the policy he is now attempting to carry out as "criminal aggres-sion." The Post's term, "benevolent suffocation," describes fairly and forcibly the policy of the Hanna administration.

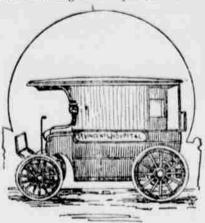
The late General Lawton, several months before his death, declared that all the Filipinos want is a little justice That is what McKinley & Co. are determined they shall not have. The war is conducted for spoliation and commercialism, and no considerations of justice, consistency or decency are sufficient to induce the administration to call off its dogs of war. The people, however, will have a chance to express themselves later on, unless Mc-Kinley, backed by the trusts and Mark Hanna, concludes that it is not safe to trust such questions to the voice of the people, and declare the country under military rule. Such a proceeding would be scarcely less surprising or more revolutionary than some of the acts of the present administration.

That the next presidential battle will be a battle under the same captains who led the opposing forces in '96 there is scarcely room to doubt. On the side of the common people, under the leadership of one of the grandest men of the age, will be ranged those who oppose imperialism, the encroachment of the money power, trusts and all special privileges that enable some men to secure more than their just share of the comforts of life by virtue of the law. On the other side will be aristocratic wealth under the banner of a man who has proved uncertain, vacillating and truculent. Fighting under this banner will be found those who advocate the use of sword and cannon to secure commercial advantages, those who believe in special privileges which enable the few to prosper at the expense of the many, and those who believe in trusts, monopolies and the pri-vate control of the currency. Were the people left to decide the case on their sober judgment there could be no doubt as to the result; but corporate wealth, ready to corrupt the corruptible, with corporations coercing their employes into voting for the interests of the wealthy classes, the contest promises to be a most bitter one. Let every man who loves his country do all he can from now until the battle is over to win a victory for the people.

ELECTRIC AMBULANCE.

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A motor ambulance is set down as the latest thing in horseless vehicles and one that has just been put in oper ation by St. Vincent's hospital, New York, is said by its maker to be the first automobile ambulance to be built and put in service in this or any other country. "An ambulance of this kind." country. "An ambulance of this kind," the delicate womanly organs, as fits them he says, "possesses many advantages for their important functions. Many a nervover its horse drawn prototype. greater speed is attainable; there is more case and safety for the patient: It may be stopped within its own length when running at full speed, and on ac



MOTOR AMBULANCE. (Built for a New York Hospital and Now in Daily Use.)

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The ambulance, as described by the New York Tribune, is trimmed inside with leather, and has room for two patients besides the surgeons. Twenty candle power lamps are fixed at either side of the driver's seat, and another lamp of the same power is placed in the roof and lights the interior. The windows and the back door are plate glass. A new feature about the ambulance is the bed. This is arranged so that it may be pulled out and still remain attached to the body of the ambulance. When the vehicle backs up to the sidewalk the bed is drawn out and rests like a shelf over the sidewalk; when the patient has been lifted to it the shelf is moved back into its place.

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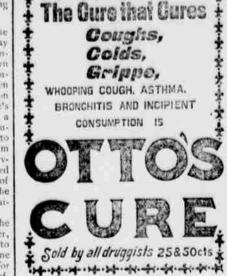
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tional questions, and now, as chairman of the house committee on foreign affairs, he is regarded as a diplomatic authority without a peer. Mr. Hitt has had the good fortune

to cement friendship more firmly than almost any other man now in public life. He was Blaine's closest friend in Washington. In the concluding years of Blaine's life Hitt was the man in whom he confided most and was often to be found in the historic old mansion on Lafayette square. At the same time that he enjoyed these affectionate relations with the great secretary of state he was the best friend of Speaker Reed, Blaine's bitterest enemy in public life. And no finer tribute could be paid to the delicate tact of the Illinois representative than that he should have continued for years such a relationship with two such men without losing the confidence of either.

In Mr. Hitt's house in K street is a room which is devoted to the memory of Blaine. The walls are covered with pictures of the Maine leader, with autograph letters and all sorts of relies which tring Blaine to mind. Elsewhere in the house are Lincoln relics, and stored away somewhere in places where they will be found some time and brought to light are scores and hundreds of confidential letters from men whose names will figure in history.

Mr. Hitt is of medium height, of modest bearing and one of those in public life, not too numerous, who is a gentleman always. His voice is soft and modulated; his manner is frank and friendly, although he never forgets the diplomatic proprieties; his conversation is stored with information and anecdote, and yet he has never been known to reveal a thing which was to be kept in confidence. He makes no pretensions to oratory and is not much of a politician.

Where Lafayette Is Buried.

"We visited the convent du Sacre-Coeur, in the Rue de Picpus, where La Fayette is buried," writes "Edith" from Paris to the Ladies' Home Journal. "Here birds of passage, like ourselves, seldom come. At the end of a rosegrown garden is a little cemetery, where bearers of some of the oldest names in France lie buried. Now only descendants of those who died on the guillotine are eligible to a grave there. and in one corner, in the shadow of the great wall, are the graves of La Fayette and his wife. Beyond the first cemetery is a second, where the bodies of 1,300 aristocratic victims of the revolution were buried."

He is an odd man who doesn't wish to get ven with his enemics.

The woman who los s her temper never advertises for its return.



Mrs. Axel Kjer, of Gordonville, Cape Girardeau Co., Mo., writes: "When I look at my little boy I feel it my duty to write you. Perhaps some one will see my testimony and be led to use your 'Favorite Prescrip-tion' and be blessed in the same way. I took nine bottles and to my sur-prise it carried me through and gave us as fine a little boy as ever was. Weighed ten and one-half pounds. He is now five months old, has never been sick a day, and is so strong that every body who sees him wonders at him. He is so playful and holds him-self up so well."



This Medallion.

An Amsterdam correspondent writes: This city is preparing to celebrate its six hundredth birthday, which occurs this year. The wealthy burghers, who are proud of their town, mean to make the festival a magnificent affair. The queen will come down from The Hague



rope. The young queen, who takes a justifiable pride in her own personal ap-pearance, is at last satisfied with a medallion of herself. The lucky artist is Hans Jansen. So pleased is the young ruler with the work that she has ordered the likeness put on all the coirs and postage stamps. This necessitates the destruction of all the dies at the mint and all the plates at the postage stamp factory.

This is the third time that the queen has done this. She has never been satisfled heretofore with the likenesses of herself that adorn the currency.

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