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CURRENT TOPICS.

BRITAIN makes \$20,000,000 a year profit out of its post office.

SMALLPOX is the most infectious disease. Then comes measles.

GEN. MILLS' wife is John Sherman's niece. The general has powerful friends.

OVER 100 persons disappear in London every year without leaving the slightest trace behind.

SPAIN is in a position to take the head of the line in the czar's universal disarmament condition.

A FIRST-CLASS locomotive carries from three to five tons of coal and from 2.00 to 3.000 gallons of water.

MARK TWAIN is now living in a castle near Vienna, which he has taken for the summer for himself and family.

COMMODORE ALBERT KATZ has been selected to command the Pacific Squadron upon the retirement of Rr. Adm. Miller.

The present population of the United States exceeds that of Germany by about 22,000,000, and that of Great Britain by 34,000,000.

EMILE ZOLA is to come here next month. He will deliver lectures on art, on literature and on "The Prisoner at Devil's Island."

In India elephants over 12 and up to 45 years of age are deemed best in purchase, and will generally work well until they are 80 years old.

ON his arrival in Boston the other day Richmond Hovey, the poet, was first hissed as a Spaniard and then cheered as a returned rough rider.

The cost of keeping up the drinking fountains and cattle troughs in London is \$8,500 per annum. A single trough in a busy thoroughfare costs \$250.

It costs 22 cents a day to feed a soldier, according to war department figures, counting transportation of provisions. This would be \$60,940 a day.

GEN. SHAFER comes home minus 75 pounds, and he admits that he could afford to spare it. He is still a good-sized man, of considerable "heft," as they say.

A RAFFLE for Bibles takes place every year in the parish church of St. Ives, in Huntingdonshire, Eng. This quaint custom has been observed for 500 years.

The French minister of justice has appointed six men to examine the secret papers in the Dreyfus case, and the reopening of the case depends on their decision.

In Mexico everything and everybody pays a direct tax, from the street porter to the largest mercantile establishment, and the stamp tax for documents is equally lucrative.

SWEDEN is the latest country to lay claim to the ancestry of Adm. George Dewey. Canada insists that the parents of Adm. Sampson were reared by the "Lady of the Snows."

DR. JOHN S. GRIFFIN, who died in Los Angeles, Cal., the other day, was a veteran of the Mexican war, a pioneer physician of California and the founder of east Los Angeles.

THERE are supposed to be nearly 50,000 dentists practicing upon people's teeth in the world. A dentist's case of instruments nowadays contains between 300 and 400 instruments.

PRINC. SVIATOPOLK MIRSKY, who recently died at St. Petersburg, became a major-general at the age of 29 and served in all the wars in which Russia has been engaged since the Crimean war.

MME. ALBANI, who has been making a tour through South Africa, is delighted with that country. When she visited the De Beers compound at Kimberley recently 3,000 Zulus danced and sang for her.

CONSIDERABLE trouble was recently caused in a Chicago court, when Mr. P. R. Barnes, a prominent lawyer of that city, brought suit against a butcher because his meat caused "schlerostempingue-colicostitis."

WHEN the snake sheds his skin, which occurs frequently—as often as every four or five weeks—the skin of the eye comes off with the rest. Translucent in most parts, the skin over the snake's eye is perfectly transparent.

MARK TWAIN writes that it "feels so good to be out of debt that I have canceled a number of lecture engagements in Australia. I have no respect for a man who goes about robbing the public on the platform unless he is in debt."

A PRIZE hog, weighing 1,524 pounds, has been raised by T. W. Williams, of Meigs county, Tenn. Here are its dimensions: Height, 4 feet 6 inches; diameter, 7 feet; length, 10 feet 2 inches. It is considered the largest hog in the world.

The late Adm. Kirkland's opinion of newspaper men was summed up while he was in San Francisco in this way: "If you are caught taking pictures anywhere in the navy yard you'll be arrested, but I suppose you'll take them anyhow."

WILL MEET THE ISSUE.

Republicans Are Willing to Stand on Their Record Made in the War.

The democrats, who have already begun in several states to make an issue of the war, will be promptly met by the republican congressional committee with the democratic record in congress when that body was trying to prepare for such emergencies as have arisen.

The Washington Times, the only democratic newspaper at the capital, on June 22 published a leading editorial, in which it said: "Since the outbreak of the Spanish war they (the democrats) have committed about every error possible, giving a grudging support to the various imperative measures which followed the original appropriation of \$50,000,000 for the national defense; they lined themselves up almost solidly against the war-revenue bill, and capped the climax last Wednesday by casting the bulk of their votes in opposition to the annexation of Hawaii, a consummation devotedly desired by a two-thirds majority in both houses of congress and four-fifths of the American people, without regard to party."

"The result was plain. What was intended to be, and what was originally, a purely American war has degenerated in the eyes of the country into a republican war with all that that implies."

"The republican president stands before the world to-day as one pursuing a patriotic policy in the teeth of unswerving democratic opposition. When victory comes to him and Spain is humbled in the dust; when America's possessions are enriched by the addition of Hawaii, the Philippines, Puerto Rico, and perhaps the Canaries, Mr. McKinley can rise and truthfully say: 'This is my work—mine and the republican party's. As we saved the Union in 1861, so now do we glorify it with victory. Ours the triumph, ours the spoils, including a majority in the new house of representatives.' And the people on the 8th of November will say 'Amica.'"

"This was true, and it was left for a democratic organ to declare it true. The record will bear it out, and since democrats are in their state platforms trying to make the war a political issue, the republican committee will accept the gage of battle and go to the Congressional Record for facts."

It will be shown that the democrats voted against the war revenue bill and against the annexation of Hawaii, and that democrats, in the closing hours of congress, prevented consideration of a number of bills which would have enabled the army to be better cared for. They prevented by the objection of McMillin, of Tennessee, and Underwood, of Alabama, consideration of a bill to organize a hospital corps for the navy. They also prevented, by the same means, consideration of a number of bills reported unanimously from the committee on military affairs relating to the conduct of the war and the improvement of army facilities.

More than this, Congressman Hull, chairman of the committee on military affairs, in the last hours of the session offered a resolution that the committee on military affairs be allowed to sit during the adjournment of congress and make such investigations of all army organization as might be considered necessary, and be ready to report to the house when it reassembled in December. In reply to questions, Mr. Hull said that the committee would be expected to incur no expense for the government, and that, though they might have to visit the army and the camps, the members would be expected to pay their own expenses.

The democrats objected to the consideration of this resolution at a time when no bill or resolution could receive consideration except by unanimous consent. It was, of course, never adopted. Had it been adopted that committee might now be at work in obedience to democratic and mugwump clamor for an investigation by congress. The republican leaders here and the administration have had no desire to make the war a partisan affair and claim the whole credit for the republican administration and the republican party. But since the democrats in several states have followed the clamor of the yellow press, renegade republican and democratic, and have made the war a political issue, as did the copperheads in 1862, the republican committee will accept it as an issue, not by defending the administration in the conduct of the war, for that speaks for itself in the victories and new possessions of the United States, but in showing that the democrats in congress gave "grudging support to various imperative measures" and opposed others while it defeated a number by refusing unanimous consent for consideration when that was the only method of getting them before the house.

The republicans are ready to accept the issue that this was a republican war and that republicans compelled the freedom of Cuba, the cession of Puerto Rico, and the annexation of Hawaii and the Philippines. They are also ready to accept all responsibility for the conduct of the war and the smallest percentage of losses ever known in a war which has humbled a nation and won such great results.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

The Treasury is Strong. Gold is getting to be almost a drug in the government market. Though it is paid out freely at the subtreasuries, it continues to pile up in Washington in a way that suggests to some persons the possibility of a monetary stringency. There does not yet appear, however, to be any real danger of that, the amount of money in circulation seeming to be ample for all purposes.

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BUSY SLANDERERS.

Democrats and Mugwumps Exaggerating the Horrors of War—Narrow Partisanship.

"The man who purchased the presidency for Mr. McKinley and bought his own way into the United States senate."

The idiot who wrote the lines which are given above is only one of many who are now attacking the president, Senator Hanna and republicans in general.

Because Mr. Hanna is chairman of the republican national committee and is the political general who whipped the Bryanites in 1896 he is represented to be a brutal money grubber, a bribe giver, and a bad man in every respect.

Because the president has won a surprisingly glorious victory over Spain he is being slandered east and west by democrats and mugwumps and blamed for conditions which are the natural results of war.

The leader does not believe in covering up the shortcomings of any public official. To say that there has been mismanagement in the war department is to say that which the people think to be so and is not an attack upon the administration of President McKinley.

But the democrats are exaggerating the "horrors" of every camp and troopship and are grossly slandering the president and his administration. They have, at last, an issue which calls all of their factions together, including the mugwumps.

Mr. McKinley fought the war on broad, patriotic lines. He kept politics away from the army and his council chamber. Lee, Wheeler, Graham, and other southern democrats were given high commands. The president was an American throughout and not at any time a politician.

Instead of vilifying him now as they are shamelessly doing the democrats ought to be grateful to the president and full of admiration for him. But democrats are rarely anything but narrow partisans and bigots. They will abuse their country, smirch their own names, trample upon what honor they may have if they can thereby promote the interests of their party.

If Mr. McKinley were a democrat the democrats would put him above Thomas Jefferson, and if Senator Hanna were a democrat he would be the democratic candidate for president in 1900.—Cleveland Leader.

GAGE AND THE BONDS.

Successful Handling of the Popular Loan by the Treasury Department.

No doubt some thanks are due to the treasury department for the success of the "popular loan" idea in connection with the new bond issue, as disclosed by the process of the allotting of the securities.

To be sure, the intent of the law is plain enough. It reads: "That the bonds authorized by this section shall be offered at par in a popular loan under such regulations, prescribed by the secretary of the treasury, as will give opportunity to the citizens of the United States to participate in the subscriptions to such loan, and in allotting the said bonds the several subscriptions of individuals shall be first accepted and the subscriptions for the lowest amounts shall be first allotted."

This is quite clear, but, of course, there are two ways of obeying the law, and that the secretary stuck firmly to the spirit of the act instead of contenting himself with keeping fairly within its letter merely did much to make the popular feature a success.

A great many big fiscal institutions that should have been in better business procured dummy subscriptions in small amounts to the aggregate of millions. The conscientious scrutiny of the department prevented the success of such subterfuges in many instances.

Some \$72,000,000 of the bonds have already been delivered to over 150,000 individual subscribers. Many of these bonds, it is true, have since been sold to banks, but the individuals got the premium. And after making due allowance for such sales it still appears that many millions of the new bonds will go permanently into the hands of small investors. The treasury department has faithfully discharged its duty to the people in their behalf.—Chicago Record (Ind.).

DRIFT OF OPINION.

It is as much the duty now as ever of every patriotic American to protect his government against the assaults of mugwumps, copperheads and traitors.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

The Bryanites wanted a pretext for an assault upon the administration and the alleged neglect of the soldiers was eagerly seized. It has taken the place of free silver in the Bryan platform.—Cleveland Leader.

The democratic theory is that everybody in this country tries to do something for the soldiers except the government. That same old copper twang is back in democratic columns.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

The national gold reserve is now the largest in the history of the United States, farm loans are down to five per cent, annual interest, and the general prosperity is daily increasing. What a "ruin" that Dingley tariff is proving to be!—Iowa State Register.

Very naturally Secretary Alger has not answered his critics to the satisfaction of the mugwump press. How could he? Did anybody of good common sense ever answer anything to the satisfaction of these chronic complainers? Secretary Alger needs no defense to begin with, and if he did he could not hope to make a defense that would be satisfactory to the scatter-brained creatures who guide the mugwump thought of the nation.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

HUNDREDS DEAD.

A Hurricane Sweeps Over West Indian Islands.

Barbadoes and St. Vincent are Devastated by One of the Fiercest Storms on Record—Enormous Loss of Life and Property—Thousands of People Made Homeless.

London, Sept. 15.—Advices were received here late last night saying that a terrible hurricane has swept over Barbadoes, in the Windward group of the Lesser Antilles. Two hundred persons have been killed and 40,000 rendered homeless.

St. Thomas, Danish West Indies, Sept. 15.—According to the latest reports from St. Lucia the storm which broke upon the island Sunday night developed almost unprecedented violence, being accompanied by a tidal wave and tremendous rains. Numerous landslides were caused, and many houses, bridges and churches were destroyed. At least 12 lives were lost.

Guadaloupe, the French island in the Leeward group, experienced very heavy weather. Nineteen deaths are reported and there have been destructive landslides.

A boat from the island of St. Vincent, a hundred miles west of Barbadoes, arrived Wednesday at the island of Grenada and reports that St. Vincent has experienced the most violent and destructive cyclone ever known there. Kingstown, the capital of St. Vincent, is totally destroyed. It is estimated that 300 lives have been lost in that island, and that 20,000 people are homeless. The bodies of the dead are being buried in trenches. Thousands are starving or being fed at the public expense.

The amount of property destroyed in St. Vincent cannot yet be estimated. Every small house is down and many large ones have been destroyed. The demolished buildings include churches, stores and almost all the estate buildings. Three large ships are ashore on the Windward coast and many smaller vessels are stranded.

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AVOIDING COLDS.

Getting Heated in Changeable Weather Is Something to be Carefully Avoided.

Avoiding colds is an art which should be acquired by every individual, as it usually requires only proper precautions. Colds are often the result of some condition of the constitution, or manner of living, or a lack of mental hygiene. In the latter case, people frequently encourage colds by expecting and looking for them every time there is a change of atmospheric influence, such as often occurs daily.

Good mental resolutions and absence of undue fear of colds will do something towards avoiding them; but mostly the art is secured through increasing the resistance of the body. Colds are frequently caused by draughts of air striking sensitive portions of the body, usually the back of the neck, abdomen, feet and legs, as these portions are perhaps the most susceptible. To avoid this tendency the skin should be toughened, so that it will bear cold air better; this is done by daily cold sponge bathing better than any other way. If this habit is taken up during the warm weather, and kept up during the entire year, it will do much towards exempting individuals from colds.

People who have not acquired this resistance will have to exercise more pains to adapt their clothing and exercise to the condition of the climate. Getting heated in changeable weather renders the individual very much more susceptible to taking cold. Practical adjustment of clothing, exercise, rest and protection, during the seasons when colds are prevalent, will often be a temporary measure against taking cold, while, on the other hand, constant worry about one's inability to adjust these conditions may be a cause for its development.—N. Y. Ledger.

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