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Prussia has 200 meteorological stations fully equipped, 2,200 rain gage stations and 1,400 stations that record storms and unusual phenomena.

The longest bridge in the world is the Lion bridge, near Sangang, in China. It extends five and one-quarter miles over an arm of the Yellow sea.

The Kansas agricultural college is sending out \$1,300 worth of prairie dog poison a month, and is unable to supply the demand.

The only Hindoo writer of English fiction is said to be Saran Kumar Ghosh. He is a Fellow of the Royal Astronomical society, and he showed such aptitude for legal work that the late Lord Chief Justice earnestly advised him to practice at the English bar.

South Germany's oldest monastery, the Benedictine abbey of Wessobrunn, founded in 745 and confiscated in 1803, has been restored to the Benedictine order by Baron von Cramer-Klett, a protestant, and will soon be occupied by monks.

In order to interest the public school children in the campaign against the brown moth the board of trade of Lynn, Mass., has offered a prize to the grammar school in that city collecting the largest number of nests, and another prize to the room in the school with the highest average per pupil.

Far away Japan has been penetrated by the women's club movement. The dainty little brown women who have always been likened to butterflies have become conscious that a useful life is more to be desired than an ornamental one, and they are going in for progress heart and soul.

In the vast tropical forests that clothe the banks of the Amazon river and its tributaries there are gathered every year 24,000 tons of rubber, and 120,000 laborers are engaged in getting it out.

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PEACE PARTY TO BLAME.

Gen. Funston's Opinion of the American Supporters of the Philippine Rebels.

While guest of the Marquette club, Chicago, a few days ago, Gen. Frederick Funston, of Kansas, captor of Aguinaldo, spoke at some length on existing conditions in the Philippines.

"Had it not been for the so-called peace party in the states the insurrection would have been suppressed finally in January, 1900. Since that time 600 lives have been sacrificed and millions of dollars have been spent.

"The one case two ignorant beings were executed, while in the other people more guilty than they and in possession of their senses were allowed to go free.

"No matter what the cost in men and money, the insurrection must and will be suppressed. Every trace of resistance must be stamped out for all time.

"Through all this wretched business I have never known a wounded Filipino or a defenseless native to be maltreated or killed. So much for our critics.

"I believe my experience in both countries has given me an insight into the character of both peoples. There are 40 Cuban leaders who are the superiors of any leader the Filipinos ever had.

At the recent democratic love feast in New York an attempt was made to harmonize the Cleveland and Bryan factions by invoking memories of Tilden.

William C. Whitney, however, who was closely associated with Tilden, and who advocated a vigorous naval policy when Tilden was pleading for coast defenses, does not see any efficacy in platitudes about Tilden ideals.

He is looking to the future and hoping that the democratic party may find a McKinley or a Roosevelt to lead it in a fight for modern ideas.

Another equally prominent New York democrat is reported to maintain that if the democracy were to go to the country under strong leadership upon the issues presented in the last address of William McKinley at Buffalo they would solve the problem of democratic unity.

The astonishing thing about all this is that the democrats who are looking to the leadership and the traditions of the past, and those who are looking to new leadership in the future, both contemplate the adoption of republican policies.

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FOR PHILIPPINE RELIEF.

The Democratic Position on the Tariff Bill for That Purpose is for Obstruction.

The Philippine tariff bill, as amended, passed the senate by a strict party vote. The republicans solidly supported it, the democrats with equal unanimity voting against it.

The democratic position is neither logical nor patriotic. The Philippines belong to the United States under the terms of a treaty ratified by democratic as well as republican votes in the senate.

But the bill will become a law. The house is yet to act on the amendments made by the senate, though there is little likelihood of serious disagreement, and the measure is pretty certain to go to the president and to receive his approval before many days have passed.

All the duties and taxes collected under the law are to be paid into the treasury of the Philippine islands. In short, in order to help the islands the American government surrenders a considerable portion of the income it might otherwise receive.

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PERILOUS MARCH.

Maj. Waller Tells About His Journey Across Samar.

Starting with 50 Men, Eleven of Them Died from Exhaustion -- The Party Suffered Countless Hardships--Expeditious a Failure.

Washington, March 26.—The navy department has made public another report from Maj. Waller, recounting in detail the stirring events of his tragic effort to cross the island of Samar. Maj. Waller begins with a statement that Lieut. Williams, Seventh infantry, who had returned from a 12 days' trip in a fruitless search for a trail, and Capt. Pickering urged him not to make the attempt to cross Samar on account of the difficulties.

A raft was built, but sank with one man on it. Starting down the river, word came to Waller that many men could not keep up, so he decided to forge ahead for relief with 13 of the strongest men, leaving Capt. Porter in command of the main body.

Word from the rear was that the men could make only three miles a day. There was only enough bacon to fry the potatoes. The natives were reported to be threatening Porter and altogether the expedition was in a bad way.

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A FIGHT IN COURT.

Merger of New York's Street Railways Is Involved--History of the Case.

New York, March 22.—Argument was heard by Justice Gildersleeve in the supreme court Friday in the proceedings begun by H. Contente and by I. and S. Wormser to restrain the proposed lease of the Metropolitan street railway to the Interurban street railway Co. Both actions are based on the claim that the action contemplated, which was ratified at a meeting of the stockholders on Thursday, is illegal and fraudulent in that it involves the transfer of the earnings of the Metropolitan system to persons other than the stockholders of the company.

It is also contended that the privilege given to the Metropolitan stockholders to subscribe for stock of the Metropolitan Securities Co., which it is proposed shall operate the system, was in effect a bribe to secure the approval of two-thirds of the stockholders, and is a violation of the rights of those who do not approve the scheme.

Mr. Cleveland recited the principal points of the agreement between the Metropolitan Street Railway Co. and the Interurban Railway Co. He said: "This little Interurban Co. with a \$500,000 capital assures a 7 per cent. dividend on \$2,000,000 worth of Metropolitan stock. The gist of the plan is this: To this little railroad is to be leased all the great property of the Metropolitan and what is it to pay? Twenty-three millions. What is it they receive? I assert that the Metropolitan has in its treasury today \$13,000,000 of unpledged securities. It also has \$11,000,000 of bonds."

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A GRAVE CHARGE.

Publishing Firm Accused of Defrauding Through Mail.

Post Office Detectives Take Action in the Case and the Arrest of Officers of the Philadelphia Concern Soon Follow--Victims Badly Fooled.

Philadelphia, March 21.—Charles R. Graham, president of the People's Publishing Co.; William L. Holloway, former manager of the company, and George Y. Clements, former assistant manager, were yesterday held \$2,000 bail each for trial on the charge of using the mails to cheat and defraud.

The charge was preferred by Post Office Inspector Holden, who testified at the hearing that the People's Co. had for a long time past been making a practice of securing agents for the sale of alleged worthless books. He said they employed canvassers and general agents to dispose of their publications. It is alleged that the sum of \$900 is asked from the agents, with the understanding that it is to be used as a deposit as an expression of good faith for one year's time.

According to letters received by the post office authorities from Prof. L. R. Thomas, of Wilkingsburg, Pa.; F. D. Owings, of Knoxville, Tenn.; George Spiney, of Pittsburg, and many others, this agreement has not been adhered to.

The alleged victims assert that when they receive the books they find them valueless for canvassing.

William L. Holloway and George Y. Clements recently went out of the People's Publishing Co. and started a concern of their own called the "Dominion Company."

The books of the People's Publishing Co. are allowed to be valueless and the business of the general agents of the defendants in securing other sub-agents, is said to have netted them \$25,000, as far as is at present known by the post office authorities.

Cincinnati, March 21.—Lewis R. Holloway was arrested Thursday, charged with using the mails to defraud. The complaint was made by J. W. Fulton, of Columbus, O., who says Holloway obtained from him \$800 in payment for an outfit as salesman for the People's Publishing Co. Fulton was to sell books at a salary of \$1,500 a year. He alleges that he has been defrauded by representations sent him through the mail by Holloway. The post office inspectors who had charge of the case, say that complaints have come from other persons, of experience similar to that of Fulton. Holloway gave bail.

WILL BE WOUND UP. A "Tontine Association" Is Organized to Cease Business--Was a Gold Mine for Its Managers.

Minneapolis, Minn., March 21.—Judge McGhee in an order filed Thursday dissolved the Tontine Savings association. The charter and articles of incorporation are declared forfeited. George P. Flannery, attorney, has been appointed receiver and directed to take charge of the company's effects and convert them into cash.

According to the memorandum, when the present company was re-organized, May 4, 1898, there was practically a deficit of \$23,520 from its predecessor. It has done a tremendous business since then, but upwards of 90 per cent has been outside of the state. Owing to the "endless chain" features of the company's plan, the liability grew each year. Up to December 7, 1901, the memorandum says, the deficit had increased in three years, seven months and three days from \$23,520, to \$1,292,290.

From Judge McGhee's memorandum it appears that the five directors of the association, on a paid up capital of only \$2,750, received in 1901 the sum of \$89,000 in dividends and \$25,000 in the same way in the first 32 days of 1902.

ON A HERESY CHARGE. A Prominent Methodist Preacher Is Cited to Appear for Trial.

McPherson, Kan., March 21.—Rev. Granville Louthar, pastor of a local church, was served with papers at a Methodist Episcopal conference here yesterday charging him with heresy and setting forth that he would be tried at Arkansas City, Kan., March 26. Rev. Louthar is charged with being guilty of disseminating doctrines contrary to and subversive of the doctrines of the Methodist Episcopal church, and it is alleged that he is "Atheistic and evolutionistic."

Mr. Louthar has been identified for years with the Kansas State Holiness association as its president. He believes that in religion, as well as in world building, good is proceeding from lower to higher forms and that this process must continue in the future as it has in the past. He contends that creeds are valuable only as landmarks.

Chicago, March 21.—Knighthood flourished in Chicago yesterday. It was the day that had been set apart as one of jubilee for all Knights of Pythias in the supreme domain and 50,000 members of the order were in attendance. They poured into the city till dusk, thronged the corridors of every appointed rendezvous, marched through the streets behind a score of bands and finally assembled at the Coliseum in such numbers that thousands were turned away. Those that were barred from the hall, of conclave gathered elsewhere.