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No wonder the "insufficients" are rejoicing. After fifteen months of hard work they have at last captured Wayne

Miles and the Beef Issue.

The argument has been made, but it is a weak one, that inasunuch as the was swiftly successful there should have been no inquiry into its methods its mistakes. We are told that success in war is a complete justification; that, like charity in peace, it should cover a multitude of sins. Those who make these declarations aim them chiefly at Major General Miles. They condemn

the army administration as there is, cesser to General Brooke.

fact is undisguisable that Miles perbeen the very first to invite inquiry and | in the matter of seniority of rank. should have lest every aid to the detection of blunders. The inquiry which has been made has established conclusively in the minds of every fairminded man that the soldiers in the Santiago and Poeto Rico campaigns were made to suffer by incompetence in the commissary department. The canned roast beef and the refrigerated beef were experiments and they were experiments that failed They were experiments ordered over the heads of the professional soldiers, who pleaded for the dispatch of cattle on the hoof. and the blame for the failure of these experiments does not rest upon any other shoulders than upon those in high authority in the war department at Washington.

The American people are generous to forgive the mistakes of their officials when these are frankly avowed. They would bear no ill will against Secretary Alger or any of his immediate advisers if these should frankly necept. the results of the beet inquiry and plead that, rightly or wrongly, they did what they thought was for the best. But any attempt to shift the responsibillty or seek retaliation will cause a storm and it is necessary now to hoist a weather signal.

The good American blood shed in the Philippines perfects an indestructible American title. Sovereignty won at such a cost will never be relinquished.

The Only Remedy.

Booker T. Washington's comment upon the Georgia lynchings is in admirable taste. "For two years," he says. "I have been trying in an humble way to impress upon the country the scriousness of the problem that exists in the south. As much as all good · people north and south, black and white, regret the causes that led up to the recent outrages in the south. and as much as such regret the outrages of the mob, perhaps, after all, The country needed some such tangible and visible argument to make feel that the duty of the wealthy peoble of the north is toward both races in the south. Few people realize how title educational opportunities exist a either race in the country districts of the south. The only permanent are for these evils is education-men-'al. religious and industrial. I base this aggertion on the fact that of the housands of negroes educated in the igher institutions of learning in the could, not one has been guilty of an a rault upon a woman of either race and not one educated has taken part in a mob. Andrew Carnegie's example in establishing a public library in

and millionaires in the north in assisting in this and other forms of eduation. This will bring the only permanent remedy. The cure for the evils that now make us blush and sailden our hearts will not come in a day or by any short cut measure, but by a supreme and generous effort on the part of the blacks and whites to remove the cause of our troubles, which is ignorance." All other proposed cures simply skim the surface.

In an editorial article nearly two columns long the New York Sun learnodly discusses "Mr. Quay's chances of gerring back to the senate by appointment," reaching the conclusion finally that inasmuch as the precedents vary the senate itself must decide the matter in accordance with the will of a majority of its members. This is undoubtedly correct. The senate and not the newspaper press is the court war of the United States against Spain of high authority on this subject and no man who has been a member of the senate has more staunch friends and no attempt to solve the secret of smong the present members than that same much-abused Matthew Stanley Quay. Not Quay, but his enemies seam now to be doing the worrying.

Leonard Wood.

In Scribner's Magazine for May Miles for having raised the enchalmed | General Leonard Wood gives an acbeef issue, arguing that it has injured count of his work in reconstructing our heef exports and lowered the dis- Santiago province in Cuba. It is a cipline of the army. Some of them model narrative, stating facts without even alloge that Miles ought to be the least self-consciousness of percourt-martialed or cashiered, because sonal merit and giving on every hand it is a soldier's duty to suffer and say the most liberal recognition to subordinates. The pronoun "I" does not That kind of thing will do in an ab- appear in Wood's article a half dozen solute monarchy, but it will never sit times and then it use is entirely unwell in a democratic republic, where assuming. The article gives a new the soldiers come from the people by I insight into the character of this canvoluntary entistment and go back able American and supplies additional among the people when their term of reasons why if there is to be a change plistment has expired. Among the in the governor-generalship of Cuba people there is as keen an interest in he is the logical and the proper suc-

for example, in the post office adminis- General Wood, although fully equiptration or in the administration of the ped from the military standpoint, has internal revenue departments. When an made it his aim from the beginning American citizen chooses to become a to keep the American army of occuseldier, whether in the regulars or pation as much in the background as among the volunteers, he contracts to possible. It has always been held in do certain things for the government readiness for use in an emergency; it and be has a right to expect and his has been, in a sense, the reserve power p flow-citizens have a right to demand; hebind the throne, but General Wood that the government in turn shall do has continually endeavored to get the certain things for him. He is to obey natives to do the real work of reconorders, and keep himself in fighting struction. He has employed them as trim. The government is not only to street cleaners, he has made policepay him a beggarly wage, but also to men and rural constables out of them, farnish him with good clothing, food he has used them to man the execusand equipment. The government, it is tive offices as far as possible and from true, ought not to be expected to work start to finish his has been a governmiracles in its commissary department. ment of Cubans by Cubans on Ameribut the people have a right to insist can lines and with only enough actual that if cannot meat, for instance, is | American interference to give the necto be a part of the army ration it shall essary guidance and to prevent the be good meat, well prepared and well commission of costly mistakes. He inspected, and not stuff which when bears cheerful testimony to the willcarried to the soldier on the firing line, ingness of the Cuban people to work is so repulsive in appearance, smell and and to learn, when they are approachtaste that he cannot cat it without hee ed in a spirit of kindness and made coming ill. This is not a necessity of to understand the dignity of honest any campaign, whether fought on home labor. His example has shown to grounds or on foreign; and no commiss every skeptic in Cuba that American sion or court or high authority can intervention has been in good faith for make the patriotic American people be- humanitarian and not for aggressive knees. Samuel should be eligible to a purposes; and his appointment to the Whatever may be the shortcomings chief command in Cuba would reduce at Lancaster. of Nelson A. Miles-and these form no by years the length of time necessary proper part of the beef discussion-the before American military control may

be withdrawn. formed a public service when he col- If we are to develop in our colonial lected the complaints of the fighting relations a genuine civil service; that men in the army and gave them such is to say, if we are to give the most prominence as to force from a hostile responsible positions to the men showwar department a reluctant lavestiga- ing the highest fitness for them, then tion. Right there was where the war | the argument for Wood's promotion is department made the biggest miscake unanswerable, no matter how it may of the whole campaign. It showed disarrange army precedents. Our duty pique and anger at Miles for doing an is to Cuba, not to the American major unavoidable outy when it should have generals who are in advance of Wood

> The Pasters' union of Toledo, O., has resolved in favor of the municipal ownership of salcons. Doubtless this is meant to reverse the saloon ownership of the municipality.

Speaker Reed's Successor.

The Washington correspondents. is said with the greater frankness in view of the fact that the newspaper ability as a power for order in a body so prone as is the house of representatives to become more or less disorderly on the slighest provocation. The uniform prediction when it says;

"The Reed rules, it is thought likely, Speakers are human and ought

trot over business. "But this modification needs to be to the transaction of business and they Hughes, who was in command, learned of his own choice, to take the floor, aldo's cabinet and one of the most rabid and, buttoning his frock coat snugly anti-Americans, about him, apostrophize the American eagle by the hour. To the full extent, therefore, that the Reed rules carry the proposition that the house

interpretation he put upon his authority at times. As a pioneer, bluxing the insurgent forces on the outside, the ter way and encountering opposition which ritorial militia got together on February at the outset was little less than sav-age and threatened even personal vic-of the territorial army in Manila, Issued

the pioneer days are over. There is no longer resistance of, but support for, intelligent parliamentary procedure, and hence there is no longer any reason why the rules devised and executed for the breaking up of an old privileged system should not be revised to eliminate the defects which experience has disclosed in them."

Writing along the same line the Washington correspondent of the Philadelphia Record says: "Whatever the rules of the next house may be, it is not probable that the new speaker will dominate the representatives of the entire country as did Mr. Reed There is no other man of just his character in congress. It is a circumstance worthy of remark that all the men seriously mentioned for the speakership to succeed Mr. Reed are conspicuous for their general amiability and good fellowship. Mr. Reed never had these traits. Before he was elected speaker he had admirers, as he has always had since, but his general manner was not such as to invite friendship or sociability. His wit always had poison in it, and the men who laughed afterwards went off and rubbed their wounds in private,"

The next house will want to govern itself a little. It may fail in its exercise of this much-wished-for freedom, but it is evidently bound to try, and this fact will probably have a good deal to do with the location of the new speakership.

According to Croker, Bryan is a good man, but there are better ones. We doubt if Bryan could say as much for

A Misfortune. At this period when so many persons are dissatisfied with the conduct of affairs generally in the territory of Uncle Sam it is to be regretted that the announcement has been made that the Daughters of the Revolution and the Daughters of the American Revolution have refused to consider amalgamation. It has been hoped all along that these descendants of the heroes of '76 would settle their differences and by marching under one banner relieve the anxiety of the people as to the genuine in the line of Daughters. It is understood that both societies claim features of superiority as puzzling as the dividend-sharing schemes of rivat insurance companies. If the two organizations had been merged into one grand body the public could heart-the torn the fair ones in adoration of and covering American arms with fresh ily join the fair ones in adoration of their proud lineage no matter how marked the shrinkage might have been glory because of their valiant deeds. Here is Colonel Frederick Funston, of the Twentieth Kansas volunteers, the since their ancestors fought and bled. fearless commander of as brave a regi-But with two organizations of femin-ment as ever marched. He writes home ine revolutionary descendants in the field the people will ever be in a quandary as to the proper time to salaam,

When the chalk-plate and lack-knife newspaper artists get through with Miss Rosemary Sartoris she will no tain a guerilla warfare. I am afraid doubt regret that she ever consented to doubt regret that she ever consented to unveil the statue of her grandfather.

Samuel Hamaker, of Lancaster county, has whiskers that reach below his position in the internal revenue office

Real Situation in the Philippines.

ican operations in the Philippines, and in circulating stories of ex-cesses committed by our troops there very carefully refrain from any al-lusions to the other side of the picture. As a matter of fact, there is no evidence to warrant the charge made by these journals that our soldiers are guilty of nhumanity in showing no quarter to the Filipinos in butchering helpless women and children and in ruthless looting of Filipino property. That there may be individual cases of bloodthirstiness and pillaging no one will deny. There never Manila, but who for some years has seen eas an army which did not possess some soldiers who went beyond the bounds of and a resident of New York city. M propriety. But the American fighting Lala has from time to time given som The Washington correspondents, man has as a rule shown himself as hu-without exception, predict that if mane and merciful as he is brave. Re-Speaker Reed carries out his reported ports which are now coming in throw a intention to retire from congress his which the American public did not possuccessor in the speaker's chair will sees before, owing to the distance of the he a man of different temper. This scene of strife, the rigidness of the military censorship and the difficulty of get ting exact information. One of the most valuable contributions to American encorrespondents at Washington are hightenment comes from John F. Bass, tourly all warm admicers of Mr. Reed the very able correspondent of Harper's weekly, who has been at Manila for Weekly, who has been at Manila for Weekly. many months. Harper's Weekly is one of the most vehement opponents of Amer ican retention of the Philippines, and Mr. Bass himself has been among the severest critics of the government's course although a fair and intelligent on Washington Star gives reasons for this cent developments have completely changed his opinion.

will be modified by the majority of Bass deals with events that occurred just the next house. They will easily prior to and immediately after the colstand it. They confer too much power lision between the Americans and the on the speaker. Mr. Reed used this Fllipinos in February. The idea that this power at times without stint and somewhat oppressively, and any man in the speaker's chair would be tempted by it. Speakers are human and ought One of the chief of these was Sandico not be led into temptation. The majority should not part with its con- had been formed, and the Filipinos in Manila, armed and organized, awaited the word to arise and massacre the Amer-ican troops, while the insurgents inwell executed. The Reed rules, in the trenched around the city were then to main, are good rules. They contribute bour in, take possession—and unlimited to the transaction of business and they loot and rapine would follow. General an individual of importance. A man sandice to his presence, told him he must stop forming the clubs, which were in an individual and absent as a represent army, and when Sandice, at first loudly proabout the conspiracy. sentative. He must answer to the fessing innocence and ignorance and the possible for any member, at any time, saw that he was found out, he de-

The blockhouse buttle of February 4 came on unexpectedly merely because the insurgents were not quite ready, alcarry the proposition that the house is a business body, and not a parade ground for stump speakers and obstructionists, they should be preserved and administered in their author's spirit.

"One may criticise without severely censuring Mr. Reed for the extreme interpretation he put upon his authorspite of the overwhelming defeat of the

lence, he naturally was tempted to use every weapon in his armory. And once he had done that, he easily excused himself for keeping it up. But Atlanta should be imitated by a thous- cused himself for keeping it up. But Armenian massacres issued an order that

the Armenians were to be 'disciplined.' I cannot give the order of Sandico verbatim, because I might by some peculiar wording betray the source of the provost marshal's information. Our government has this document, and I have been allowed to study it carefully. effect it says that: On February is the soldiers of the territorial army shall assemble in the streets of a certain dis-trict of Manila, armed with knives, revolvers and rifles, ready for work. Only Filipino families are to be spared and not molested. All other individuals, of whatsoever race, are to be killed without mercy, after the extermination of the American army of occupation. Further

instructions are given that the signal for the uprising in town is to be given by a general attack from the outside. The territorial mbitia are to rise in difforent districts in succession. shooters to begin the work. Details of execution follow. The document end with high sounding phrases: "The eyes of Europe are upon us. Success must fol-low if every man does his duty. Liberty or death. Let us make war without quarter on the Americans, who have be-

"It will be seen that this historic does ment orders the murder of all the for eign population of Manlia. Neither wo men nor children were to be spared First, the United States army was to be exterminated, and then all white non combatants-men, women and children-were to be put to the sword. The wa has developed into a race war. After this let no one raise his voice to favor Aguin-aldo's government or army. For be it understood that Sandico is not an ignor-ant savage, but a native educated in Europe—the type of what we can hope for in educating the native. There is no choice of methods. A strong military government, untempered by mercy, is the only method of dealing with this people Up to the time I set my eyes on this document I had a great deal of sympathy with the native, however mistaken he might be in his vague ideas of liberty. erty means the opportunity to give unbridled license to their mad racial in-stincts. Let no mistaker philanthropic movement at home interfere with ou government here, or many of our brave men will die in consequence. I have leaned to be an ardent anti-expansionist now, however, that we have undertaker the herculean task of establishing a stable government here, self-preserva-tion requires, for the time being, at least, an autocratic government.'

Mr. Bass tells a great deal more that is highly interesting; but the extract here given is a good offset to the tearful appeals made by certain sentimental Americans, and through their journalisthe mouthpieces, representing Aguinaldo and his fellow insurgent officials as carrying on a high-minded contest for liberty and independence, much as patriot army in the Revolution. These critics also assume to know much more about the situation than the gallant mer in a way calculated to send a chill down the back of every Filipino sympathizer in Boston and elsewhere. He says: "It would take a great prophet to even gue how long this thing will last. It may b that the leaders, discouraged by their re cent severe defeats, will give up, or may be that they will for years mainnights worrying about the ethics of this war, thinking that our enemy is fighting for the right of self-government, etc. The word 'independence,' which these people roll over their tengue so glibly, in to them a word and not much more. I means simply with them license to rais ell, and if they got control they would raise a fine crop of it. It is true that they have a certain number of educated leaders, educated, however, about the same way a parrot is. They are as a ule, in a literal sense, savage people wh are waging war not against tyrauny, but against Anglo-Saxon order and decency, their whole conduct during the several months preceding the outbreak being one of insufferable arrogance and egotism From the Troy Times.

They were swollen up by the fact that chief delight in criticising American form our people made too much of them at first, I for one hope that Uncle Sam will apply the chastening rod good, hard and plenty, lay it on until they come into the reservation and promise to be 'good injuns.' That may be rather harsh, but it must be admitted that it comes from a man who fights just as he talks

But there are some Filindines who firmer hand than their own if order is to a naturalized citizen of the United States very instructive information about the Filipines, their character, and the possi, bilities as regards self-government. following is an extract from a recent in-terview: "I have always said that my countrymen were not fit for self-govern-ment, because of the hitred between the different ribes and because of the bitter rivalry among their leaders. There are now three different leaders among the rebels. Aguinaldo, Pío Del Pilar and An tenie Luna. All of these in te each other as much as they have the American. Each claims to be the only and original patriot, and each will fail to be even impressive. Luna, as well as Aguinaldo, has been spreading false impressions con-cerning the Yankees, and on the strength of this he has considerable following This I am convinced will melt away when the recent proclamation shall explained and interpreted in the interior have seen this splendid document crit icised by some newspapers, but really cannot see what better could be done to inspire the natives with confidence in and respect for the Americans. Great care should be taken that this proclamation be explained in every hamlet in the islands, so that every native shall hear the good news, and all haste should be employed to make good at least part of these splendid promises, for it must not be forgotten that the Filipines have for centuries been fed on Spatish prom-Ises-promises that never saw foldill

The problem in the Philippines is not an easy one to Solve. But the men and newspapers assailing and misrepresenting Americans and misstating the facts as regard the Aguinaldo rebellion merit the scorn and contempt of ever true American.

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General Wood's hand has been firm. epresentative and the influential men of the city and province. He has cleaned up the city, and reduced the death rate to a figure never before known. He has reformed and harmonized the prison rules, and put legal practices on an horest and intelligent basis. The schools are open and religious services are uninterrupted. And in all that he has done may be traced the lines of the best American models. In that one province, indeed, under the direction of this no complished and capable man, has been demonstrated everything necessary to give assurances of American success in every part of Cuba. He knows what he is about, and the Cubans have been quick to see that his purposes are both straightforward and in their interests. And the sooner he is copied elsewhere the better it will be for everybody concerned.

A Wild Guess.

The teacher was questioning her class before the superintendent, who had called on a visit, and they knew great things were expected of them. All things went well until the following question was Teacher-Where was Queen Lilluoka-

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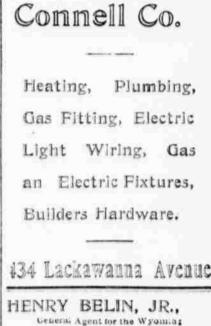
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