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In the effort to prove the innocence of Dreyfus and at the same time keep in the background the vicious element that has been responsible for his persecution, the French court at Rennes has a most difficult task on hand.

A National Disgrace.

The further inquiry proceeds into the matter of the lynching of Italians in New Orleans the clearer does it appear that the federal government should have direct jurisdiction over the punishment of all infractions of the law which involve the federal government through the existence of violated treaty obligations.

In the present case the United States will probably have to pay to the families of the lynched men, or at least to the families of such of them as were citizens of Italy at the time of their assassination by the New Orleans mob, a round sum of money which under the constitution cannot be surcharged to the state of Louisiana, but which will have to be paid out of the general fund. In other words, Americans from to the gulf must be taxed to pay the damages created by a lawless gang in Island. one inferior southern state, yet after paying this money these citizens of the Union will have no assurance that the outlaws whose contempt of law forced this levy upon their pocketbooks will be punished or that a serious effort will be made to bring them to justice.

Under the present arrangement, what is to prevent the lynching of foreigners by the mob from becoming a regular pastime in Louisiana, since the expenses fall not upon the people of Louisiana, but upon the people of the United States? The imagination could easily go so far as to picture a profitable commission business arrangement between the leaders of the New Orleans vigilantes and Italian exporters of worthless relatives who hoped to profit from the American state department's generosity after Judge Lynch had decreased the Italian cen-

It is time for Uncle Sam to take personal control of this black nuisance and clean it out.

Aguinaldo's appeal to the Powers is not for the independence of the Filipinos, but for the opportunity to set up a despotic rule over them as Dictator.

Aguinaldo's Latest Appeal.

The appeal of Aguinaldo for foreign recognition of his alleged government enables us to realize the wisdom of President McKinley and his advisers in thnolding, two years ago, a recognition of Cuban belligerency. Most of us were led astray at that time into the belief that because we sympathized with the declared purposes of the insurrection in Cuba a proper way to show our sympathy would be by the recognition of the insurgent guerrilla forces as belligerents. Had this error been committed by our government at that time, it would today offer to unfriendly foreign powers a most convenient excuse for the extension of diplomatic recognition to the rebellious Filipinos. In other words, we should be "hoist with our own petard,"

A stronger claim to such recognition is presented in Luzon than was ever apparent in Cuba, Aguinaldo matenitedly has or has had an army tolerably well organized on modern lines, with some commanders of good intelligence and with a considerable quantity of modern supplies. The insurgent government instituted by him has resembled the Cuban insurgent government in the case with which it has shifted its capital from place to place; but in other respects it has shown a better organization and a more tangible hold upon the native population. Until recently it had control of several ports and sustained the nucleus of a merchant marine. Whether it is now in unchallenged central of a port of entry may be doubted. Unless report belies, its trmy has lately decreased perceptioly, in both numbers and organization, but on this point, owing to the round robin of the Manila war correspond-

ents, the American public is in doubt. It seems clear, from the best information obtainable, that a recognition of Filipino belligerency could be made and plausibly defended by any foreign power desiring indirectly to embarrass the United States in its prosecution of a campaign to pacify the island. That power could not only cite the reasons given above but could also point to the arguments of a portion of our own citizenship opposed to the continuance of the Philippine campaign. It could summon to its sup port not only William J. Bryan and a considerable number of the Democratic leaders in this country but also Senators Hoar, Hale, Wellington, Mason, Burrows, Thurston and the other more or less distinguished antiexpansionists, including the Edward Sousa, like other persons of prominence Atkinson-President Eliot Mugwump contingent; and it could turn the fortunate in making contracts that apspeeches and writings of these men into proof that it was doing civilization a favor in giving encouragement

to the Tagal rebels. It is fortunately not probable that any power will take advantage of this opportunity; but the opening for one to do so should be closed as soon as possible by a vigorous prosecution of our military operations until every armed rebel shall have yielded uncon-

ditionally. Another acciviene gas plant has just been scattered over the town in which it was situated in the Wabash Valley, Indiana. The people of Scranton are to be congratulated that capitalists

perturity offered some time ago to engage in the acetylene gas enterprise. The gas, it is said, is effective as an Uluminant, but the suddenness with which one engaged in its manufacture is liable to go out of business makes it undesirable as an enterprise for the conservative investor.

It is evident that upon arrival in this country Dewey's fate will depend entirely upon his ability to be-

Iron in the Northwest.

From the present outlook the iron and coal industries promise to be among the most important of the great northwest. Although the fact is not generally known the consumption of crude pig iron on the Pacific coast now exceeds a hundred thousand tons a year, and it is said that the greater part of this supply is brought from the south by rail and water. The freight amounts to about \$11.50 a ton, which is a great deal more than the cost of the iron at the furnace, and more than the selling price until very recently. When one reflects that iron ores of good quality as well as coal and lime are found in abundance in some parts of the northwest near the Pacific coast, it seems surprising that no serious efforts have yet been made o develop the resources of that line in the western mineral belts.

Both bituminous and anthracite coal have been discovered in the state of Washington-notably at Cokedale and Fairhaven, where coke for smelting purposes is now being produced. In British Columbia, at a point about fifty miles from the coal deposits in the state of Washington, rich iron mines have been found. Iron deposits have also been located on several small Maine to California and from the lakes | Islands in Barclay Sound, which washes the southwest coast of Vancouver

Now that there is such an increase in the demand for iron and steel, and that additional shippards are to be established on the Pacific coast, it would seem that there is a fine unexplored field for the iron manufacturer in the northwest. Capitalists are not usually slow to perceive the advantages of invading a new territory to supply an evident want, especially where there is a good margin of profit in sight. The annual statistical report of the American Iron and Steel association states that "no pig iron was produced either in Oregon or Washington in 1897:" and the statistics of The Engineering and Mining Journal show that in the same year those states produced over one and a half million tons of coal, most of which came from Washington. In 1898 Wasnington alone produced over 2,000,-000 tons of coal, the average value per ton having been \$1.72 as compared with \$2.23 in 1897.

There seems no question that the hitherto neglected resources of the Pacific coast in Iron ore, fuel and fluxes must in the near future be developed in a way that will make the iron industry one of the leading enterprises of the great northwest.

Altgeld proposes to look to Manila for an issue for the next campaign. He has decided that the 16 to 1 business has been worked to the limit, but expects to gather renewed inspiration In dilating upon the wrongs of the pertinacious patriot of the Philippines."

World's Gold Production.

From calculations by the director of the mint at Washington, who is at work compiling figures of the gold preduction of the world for the calendar year of 1898, it is evident that the United States have fallen behind other countries in the enormous increase in the output. The production of the United States given some time ago showed an increase over former years, but later reports indicate that it has not been equal to that of some of the other nations.

The figures now being compiled are ubject to revision, but they show that the approximate worth of the gold output of the world in the year 1898 was \$294,000,000, as compared with \$237,505,-000 in 1897 and \$202,682,000 in 1896. All the leading gold countries of the world contribute to the heavy increase, but other countries have forged ahead of the United States and hold the record as the richest producers of the yellow

For fifty years prior to 1897 the United States was the richest gold country in the world, Australia coming next. In 1897 Africa pushed this country out of first place, and in 1898 Australia pushes us out of second place and makes us third. In 1897 the production of the leading countries of the world

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The recent court decisions in the case of the Blakely estate against John Philip Sousa must leave the bandmaster in doubt as to whether he is entitled to travel under his own game. in the theatrical world, has been unparently have enabled others to reap benefits from his genius without giving

much in return. The Democratic papers of New York are beginning to emerge from cover and make attacks on Governor Roosevelt. He has already been characterized by some of the holdest as a demagogue and a man who does not keep his promises. The work of throwing mud at the hero of San Juan is liable to be hazardous for several years to

Heuri Rochefort has expressed his opinion of the Dreyfus case in a cyclone of censure cabled to one of the of this city did not embrace the op- New York yellow journals. If, as he | get on the grass anywhere.

asserts, France stands or falls on the result of the Dreyfus trial, "Honree" is in danger of unintentionally kicking out the props.

Hon. Roger Q. Mills, of Mills bill his Texas farm for over three hundred thousand dollars. Roger very naturally takes a more optimistic view of life than in his days of tariff-tinkering with the oil interests undevel-

Bryan has announced his intention to electioneer for Goebel, and the Bakers and Howards have shaken hands and resolved to fight no more. Verily, the affairs of Kentucky are beginning to present a millennial aspect.

Daniel Frohman, the great theatrical manager, got his first start in life in superintending a walking match. As a rule, however, walking is not an indication that one is on the road to success in theatrical ventures.

The death of America's first harp maker is universally mourned in musical circles. We doubt if such will be the case when the builder of the merry-go-round barrel organ is called

Vice is said to flourish as usual in Philadelphia, but the police of that city appear to have succeeded in causing the Salvation army some trouble.

Lease. She has never been known to spell her name "Mayme."

There is one thing that can at least

It begins to look as though Governor l'ingree had talked Mr. Alger out

VOICE OF THE PRESS.

The Value of Hayti.

From Harper's Magazine. The mention of Cuba reminds me that very business man I talked with, wheth er a native or a foreigner, expressed the greatest regret that this island was not included with Cuba and Porto Rico. As one of the leading politicians of the is land put the case a sort time ago: "La cle Sam is enlarging his kitchen; he is getting a place ready for another pot; he has Cuba for one leg. Porto Rico for auther, and the third must go on this is-It is well for us all to look the situation fairly in the face." The reader will remember that rice and beans cooked in a three-legged pot compose the na-

Hayti would undoubtedly be an acquisin. It is a marvelously fertile island, abited by a docile but unambitious who, with steady government and assured, would develop into good as. It is a country free from the pests that generally infest the tropics. During my residence I only saw three snakes. They were, between five and six feet long and about one inch thick-per-feetly harmless; there is not a poisonous snake on the Island. I saw one scorpion. which a Havtian crushed to death his naked foot; there were no flies to speak of, and I never required a mosquito net day or night. The climate is healthy, with the exception of one or two small places, which could be easily made perfectly livable with ordinary sanitary You can have your choice In some places you are never warm, and in others you can never get cool. The cloudless blue sky is an unknown quantity, as far as my experi-ence was concerned. The beauty filled with floating clouds, beautiful in form, and in color like opals—an ever-

Danger of Delay.

From the Detroit Tribune. Each day demonstrates the evil conquences of delayed civil government in Cuba. The military power is doing all that could be expected of it, but such machinery is not adapted to the needs of the population. There is no more war in Cuba, the people have had quite enough fighting for the present. What they need at this time is a recovery from the ravages of war. Hundreds of children were left orphans when the fighting and the starving days were over, and now they have no guardians. As the people have no government of their own, they have no charitable institutions except the milltary hospitals. There is a demand for orphan asylums which must be supported out of the public funds. Those children who have been left dependent upon their own resources must be provided for They have fallen into a state of lawless-ness from being compelled to forage for a living, and the police courts are dally filled with juvenile offenders. So far as is known, not the slightest attempt has been made to reinstate civil government. but the longer this action is delayed the greater will be the difficulties confronting the local government when it is estab-

Malice and Foolishness.

From Rochester Democrat and Chronicle. The following beautiful combination of pperheadism and ignorance appears in the Troy Press: "Weyler and Otts are the only two generals who have made reent records as censors, and neither one any reason to feel proud of the rein intimating that Weyler and Otis are two of a kind, it is unnecessary to speak. Concerning the assertion that censorship of news dispatches by a military com-mander is something novel and atrocious, correspondent wanted serious trouble he could get it by disobeying their orders. When the reporters cabled their "round robin" from Hong Kong they contributed a great boom to the silly season in Aguinaldo circles.

No Conscripts Here.

From the Albany Times-Union. There is no finer manhood in the world than that offering itself freely for service in the Philippines. The word conscription has not been heard in the United States, nor will it be. Nowhere in the world is there the counterpart of the American volunteer, always ready for the summons of the government and invariably sucmust be remembered that our regular army is without a conscript

One Lesson Learned. From the Ottawa Journal. The opinion has been pretty generally earn a lesson, but the rapidity with which parliament doubled the allowance for firing practice in the navy showed that the lesson of the comparative showing of the United States navy in the war with Spain with recent tests by British ships has been accepted by the authori-

Gave Himself Away.

From the Chicago Journal. It appears that the head of the Philip pine junta is a man named Bray. We sus-pected as much from the sounds.

No Grass for Pingree.

From the Harrisburg Patriot. It begins to look as if Pingree will have

WHAT THE POETS OFFER.

A Cavalry Charge. Hark! The rattling roll of the musketeers

And the ruffled drums, and the rallying cheers, And the rifles burn with a keen desire

fame, has just sold the oil wells on Like the crackling whips of a hemiock fire, And the singng shot and the shricking

> And the splintered fire on the shattered And the great white breaths of the can-As the growing guns by batteries spoke; And the ragged gaps in the walls of blue Where the iron surge rolled heavily

> through, That the Colonel builds with a breath again As he cleaves the din with his "Close up, men!"
> And the groan torn out from the black-

And the prayer doled slow with the crimson drips.

And the beaming look in the dying eye, As under the clouds the stars go by

"But his soul marched on!" the captain For the boy in blue can never be dead! And the troopers sit in their saddles all like statues carved in an ancient hall.

And they watch the whirl from their breathless ranks.

And their spurs are close to the horses flanks And the fingers work of the saber hand-Oh, bld them live, and to make them grand! And the bugle sounds to the charge at

And away they plunge, and the front is And the jackets blue grow red as they And the scabbards, too, that clank by

their side, And the dead soldiers deaden the strokes ironshod be said in favor of Mrs. Mary Ellen As they gallop right on o'er the plashy Right into the cloud all spectral and dim Right up to the guns black-throated and

> Right down on the hedges bordered with Right through the dense columns-then, "Right about wheel;"
> Hurrah! A new swath through the harvest again! Hurrah for the flag. To the battle, amen!

The Maker's Image.

Benjamin F. Taylor, in Indianapolis

In answer to Markham's "The Man with the Hoe.") Crowned with the culture of the centuries.

With honest mien and noble, manly He gazes fearless back across the Past, Triumphant o'er the forces of the world Fired by wisdom's sacred heritage, Imbued with ardent trust and sanguine hope. Strong driver of Progression's potent

plow, He presses onward, certain of success-Upon his brow serene intelligence Reigns sovereign consert of integrity,

This is the thing the Lord God made and gave To have dominion over land and sea; This is the Maker's image, this the

Evolved in sombre acons dead and gone That phoenix-risen from the forge of Time, In granduer marches on to victory. You clod is but the relic of the Past

And burdened by the centuries that lie Long-buried in a now forgotten tomb, Whence empty ages revermore may rise. So has God-given labor raised the Man

That, chaos-conquering, his mighty arm New reaches proudly round the globe, In agnal triumph over Time and Space. gulf between him and the scrapkin Is straitly narrowed to a single step; Toll-lifted from the gloom of ignorance He holds the key to selemn mystery, And with unclouded eyes perceives God's dream

Say, where exists more splendid proph-

"Masters and rulers in all lands"-for-Who are the masters, and whose is the Of sceptered power o'er the universe?

Whose hand is on the throttle of Advance, Save his upon whose sturdy open brow There gleams the sweat of strong pro-ductive toll?

He is the lord and ruler in all lands. Whose lightest word commands the elements. Who summons Nature to his beck and And whose most faithful servitor is

Who labors, labors to a noble end! And so the Future shall be satisfied; The world's last reckoning shall place this Man

pon the pinnacle he shall deserve; And he who shaped himself shall reap the rest His being promises, led on by faith Undaunted in the goodness of the Plan, The want insatiate of higher things—

The plain impulse of immortality

Journal. Things That Other People Do. The man who does his best to make the

Albert C. Andrews, in Indianapolts

world a better place, Whose heart is pure, who dares to look his neighbor in the face, Is not the one who takes delight in holding up to view And scoffing at the foolish things that other people do.

The man who gains the noble height where fame and honor wait Wins no delight from petty spite, he gives no heed to hate. For he has little chance to reach the distant summit who Gives up his time to smudging things that other people do

I like the honest man who tries to keep away from sin. I like the man who seeks to rise, but does no wrong to win-The world is brighter for the day spent in his presence who Can keep from finding fault with things that other people do.

Very Rapid.

-S. E. Kiser, in Times-Herald.

He jumped aboard the fast express And jumped into a seat. And when he heard the whistle blow He jumped up on his feet: He jumped from off the Pullman step Right on the station floor, And when he reached the farmhot white

He jumped within the door. And after he had spent a week Another jump was scored, For when the shade of night was deep He quickly jumped his board.

—Chicago News.

The Golf Girl.

In a jaunty scarlet jacket. And a mannish little shoe hat with a quill and tartan, And a skirt to clear the dew, On the grassy links I see her Every glorious summer day. And forget to mind my putting While I watch her graceful play

We have met in dreamy waltzes When a rose was on her breast. But her partner at the bunkers Is the one who knows her best. Though the ball is lost forever And her hair is out of curl, Nothing spoils the sunny temper Of the pretty golfing girl.

If all women once were flowers.

She has bloomed a sprig of heather On the breezy Scottish fells. For the wind that roams the bracken And the blue of morning skies

Still is rippling in her laughter Still is beaming from her eyes. But in gray or golden weather.

Stepping lightly to the tees, Making drives with daring swiftness, "Holding out" with merry case, To the painted balls not only Does she bring the golfer's arts, For with Cupid as her caddle She is playing with our hearts.

-Minna Irving, in Leslie's Weekly, IN NEBRASKA.

A few years ago hard thmes made the western farmer deny himself everything save the barest necessities of life. Then came the great crep year of 1897 and with

It a story.

A Nebraska farmer carried a mortgage of \$4,290 on his property, and it was a bur-den hard to contend with. The wheat crop in '37 was enormous and prices were high. He appeared at the bank shortly after the harvest, pulled out \$4,000 and asked for a loan of \$300 to enable him to cancel the mortgage rote. The banker, who held the note, urged him not to bother about it, but go and buy cattle with his \$4,000, feed his corn crop and in that way get the maximum for his product. "No, sir;" replied the farmer, "I want to pay that note now. Then when I harvest the corn crop I'm goin' to pay you back that \$200 I just berrowed, and then do you know what I'm going to do?" and his honest face beamed all over with pleasure. "I'm going to buy a buggy."
This litle incident tells the story of thou-sands of others out in Nebraska, and the fact that during the past six months one eern of Chicago has shipped to one firm in Omaha alone one hundred and thirty carloads of buggles and carriages, averaging about 22 to the ear, makes it very evident that prosperity is with Nebraska. It is a wonderful state with great resources, and the crops of the past few years have put Nebraska farmers in

PERSONALITIES.

Commander Sturdee, of the English cruiser Purpoise, who had direct charge of all the recent fighting in Samoa, has been made a captain. Dr. J. S. Adams, who died last week at

Oakland, Cal., was the first physician to receive a certificate from the board of ex-aminers of the California State Medical Dr. Laborde, a French physician, in a brochure on the subject, declares that, unless measures are taken at once to prevent it, the French working class in a few years will become habitual drunk-

ards. Helen Keller, the deaf, dumb and blind girl, is spending the summer at Wrentham, Mass., where she is keeping up her study of Greek and Arabic, writing her exercises on a typewriting machine especially designed for those languages. Max Seeliger, one of the instructors in school, has been selected as the artist to execute the new copy of Raphael's "School of Athens," which the University

of Virginia owes to the generosity of an unnamed friend. The former inauguration of President Hadley, of Yale, will take place Wednesday, Oct. 18. Among those who have ac-cepted invitations to be present are President Eliot, of Harvard; President Gilman, of Johns Hopkins; President Harper, of the University of Chicago, and Senator Depew.

There is to be a great gathering of the royal family of Denmark during this month and next, when King Christian will entertain his relations at the castle of Fredensborg, which is famous for its charming gardens and its vast beech forests, where the late emperor of Russia used to shoot by moonlight. The marquis of Salisbury has for many years been an cornest student of chemis

plete an important chemical process in his private laboratory at Hatfield, the results of which will be made known to the world behalf at a forthcoming meeting of one of the learned societies. Prince Roland Bonsparte's new house in Paris has been completed after seven years of work. Nearly every room con tains a collection of Napoleon souvenirs. The library occupies three great rooms,

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each 140 feet in length, with a light iron gallery giving access to the upper shelves. A corps of five persons is employed to attend exclusively to the books. James Lane Allen, whose "Choir Invisible" has passed the 200,000 mark, lives most of the time in New York. His house is one of the old-fashioned, brownstonefront ones above Forty-second street which a decade ago was the center of Gotham's "400." Mr. Allen is a tall,

spectacled man, very retiring, who car-ries his avoidance of personal publicity to the point of eccentricity. Dr. Edward Everett Hale says that when he brought home his first report from the famous Latin school it showed that he stood only nine in a class of 15 "Probably the other boys are brighter than you," said his mother, "God made them so, and you cannot help that. But the report says you are among the boys who behave well. That you can see, too,

When, in 1861, Governor Kirkwood, of Iowa, appointed Senator Allison colonel in the volunteer service and set him to raising four regiments, the latter received most assistance from a big Scotch-American college lad who offered his services in any capacity. This man brought a company of his college friends and did other good work in enlisting recruits. He was David B. Henderson, next speaker of the house.

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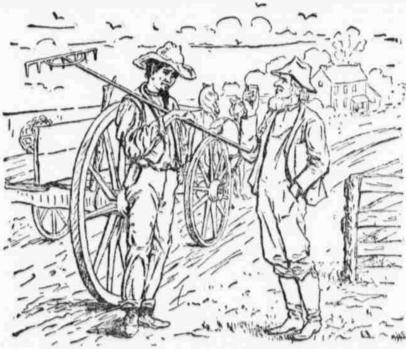
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