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History repeats itself in the South African war in the conduct of the Outlanders, upon whose behalf thousands of British soldiers have been hurried to battle and to death.

The Message.

THE PRESENT executive does not aspire to brilliancy in the composition of state papers, but he does aim to be accurate, thorough and practical.

A large part of the message relates to subjects more or less routine in character; its essential portions are in reference to currency reform, trusts, our new dependencies and the international responsibilities and opportunities affected by them.

The president's view of the problem of the trusts is essentially judicial. First ascertain the facts. Is the particular combination or trust beneficial or injurious? Does it or does it not suppress ordinary and natural competition?

The large chapter in the message is devoted to foreign and insular relations and is worth reading in full. The United States is now fully launched upon its career as a world power.

Prussians Afraid. THE Chicago Record, a thoroughly reliable paper, through a staff correspondent stationed in Europe, whose name and exact location are for prudential reasons withheld, has come into possession of a remarkable confidential circular issued on July 11 last by Freiherr von Rheinbaben, then Prussian district president of Düsseldorf and now Prussian minister of the interior.

We are hearing something and soon will hear more from the intelligent leaders left in the Democratic party about the unprecedented power at present lodged in the chief executive of the United States. It is unprecedented.

even Lincoln at the zenith of his career, had a dominion so complex, so wide-reaching or so absolute. The will of the man in the white house rules 10,000,000 dependents without check; it largely dominates the internal administration of affairs in this great republic; and as bearing upon the foreign relations of our own and other lands it is influential if not at times supreme.

Governing Liquor Licenses.

IN THE COUNTY of Schuylkill, with a population similar to our own, an agitation having for its purpose the lessening of crime, has reached the newspaper stage.

The principal cause of crime, says he, "is the indiscriminate granting of licenses. The licensees take to the business for pecuniary profit, and the thousand and more licenses granted make competition so sharp that they cater to the criminal, the drunkard, the debauchee, and those of immature age in their struggle to make the business pay.

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Representative Sibley, it is said, has been entirely cured of the free silver mania and not only acknowledges his error, but claims to favor expansion, as well as Mr. Sibley's temporary aberration has always been a puzzle to those who are aware that he should have known better and his return to reason will give pleasure to friends in both parties.

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request that this matter be kept strictly confidential, and subordinate officials should also be strictly instructed respecting the extremely confidential nature of the same.

The right of the Prussian government to withhold information from any foreign consul or diplomatic representative in matters pertaining wholly to internal administration is unquestionable; but this discrimination against American consuls in particular contrasts adversely with the expressions of good will for America and Americans credited recently to the German emperor and to some of his chief lieutenants.

Ex-Governor Hogg modestly declines to pose as the probable running mate with W. J. Bryan at the coming campaign. There seems to be a limit even to the ambitions of one with the suggestive name of the ex-governor of Texas.

Plug This Leak.

IN HIS annual report, just published, Postmaster-General Smith makes timely suggestions regarding the abuse of the second-class mail privileges by concerns not entitled to use them, and asks congress to provide some way of circumventing the efforts of the class of alleged publishers who have proved such an expense to the postal system of the United States.

The class of Cuban patriots who are really dissatisfied with present conditions on the island would in this country probably be wearing stripes in nine cases out of ten.

Emperor Menelik, of Abyssinia, shows an inclination to make trouble which may result in an Anglo-Italian alliance in the form of thick hemp.

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from the boiler deck. "For heaven's sake stow that! Why, man, Bishop is aboard! Stow it, man, stow it, till we pass gray Duck, where he gets off."

A big pile of sacks was to get off, and as the mate stood there with his every faculty literally numbed by the restraint put upon him, the larkies at first worked in silent astonishment, and then began distinctly to shirk.

The Commodore. The school teacher in a country district near San Francisco, a husband and widow with an interesting boy. Many times she explained to her history class that she had named her son Perry because of her great admiration for Commodore Perry, whom she considered one of the most heroic characters in American history.

The Mysterious Part of It. Johannes Gelet, the sculptor, was in his studio one day when a man and woman called. They were apparently a well-to-do farmer and his wife, who were making their first tour in the world of art.

Slightly Confused. At a recent church dedication the inveterate preacher followed his sermon by taking subscriptions for the balance needed to pay for the building.

A Republican Hat. Michael Joseph Barry, the poet, was appointed a police magistrate in Dublin.

Just in Jest. Mr. Squire (reading)—I see that Professor Winton, the physicist, has discovered that the world will come to an end next Christmas.

More of It. Housewife—Are you looking for a square meal?

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Matrimonial Bashfulness.

"Claribel, do you feel timid about asking your husband for money?" "No, but sometimes he seems to feel kind o' timid about giving it to me."—Detroit Free Press.

Needless Adjectives.

Pa—Using more words than are necessary to express one's meaning, such as "wealthy gentleman," "wealthy plumber," etc.—Chicago News.

CONGRESS.

From busy East and boundless West they've gathered once again, From Texas and from Oregon and Florida and Maine;

One purpose animates them and one thought is in their breasts, And every statesman thinks on him the nation's future rests;

Each has a cherished plan to save the country from the dogs, And each is sure that he alone knows how to oil the cogs.

They've left their private cares behind to do the people's will, Which each has formulated in his own peculiar bill;

They stand where Clay and Webster stood to give the nation's counsel, And while three hundred talk away the rest will pass the laws.

—S. E. Kiser, in Times-Herald.

NUBS OF KNOWLEDGE.

Doctors say that cold ankles kill more women than nerves and diseases put together.

Nobody ever sees a Hebrew or a Quaker beggar. Those people are noted for taking care of their poor.

Of the 28,000,000 tons of shipping engaged in transoceanic trade only 300,000 tons are now of American register.

The longest ear of corn ever seen in South Jersey was raised this fall. It is seventeen and one-half inches in length.

Pretoria, the capital of the South African Republic, is thirty miles north of the "City of Gold," and lies 4,500 feet above sea level.

During the first six months of the year a million English workers secured an increase of wages, while only 2,500 had suffered decrease.

The automobile industry in France is making astonishing progress. There are now 1,500 concerns making automobiles who have turned out 3,250.

A scientist has computed that the eyelids of the average man open and shut no fewer than 4,000,000 times in the course of a single year of his existence.

While the infant mortality in Sweden and Norway is not over 11 per cent, it rises in the German empire to 22 and in the Bavarian highlands to 45 per cent.

According to an apparently authentic article in a French periodical, not less than 20,000 aristocrats are at present confined in the prisons of Europe.

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A young saleswoman in one of Brooklyn's large stores recently apologized to a lady for having kept her waiting so long, adding: "I am not fit for work to-day, can scarcely see because I have such a sick headache." In answer to the remark that headaches were an unfortunate ailment, she replied: "Yes, indeed, and I am so subject to them that just as sure as there is a special sale on or any unusual commotion I am laid up, and they are a great misfortune, for I am dependent on my own exertions, and previous to coming here I lost a good position on account of them. They said it was too much of an exertion." In connection with the headaches this girl suffered much from when the doctor said her was acidity of the stomach. Some of her spells were more severe than others, but nothing helped her for more than a short time. The conversation above related led to this young woman's hearing of the wonderful efficacy of Ripans Tablets for such troubles as she suffered from. She sent out and bought some within the hour, and the good effect was found to be immediate. The rebellious condition of her stomach was corrected, and before she realized it her headache was gone. This young woman now keeps Ripans Tablets with her at the store, and takes two every night. She says they dispel her old troubles, and cause them to vanish like the dew before the rising sun. Through her influence, other girls in the store who had suffered from headaches learned what the Tablets could do for them, and now there are four who resort to them just as soon as they feel the miserable and discouraging symptoms approaching.