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President Roosevelt has no patent cure-all for trusts; but he says he will do as much in correction of their evils as conditions will permit, and the people have full confidence in his good faith.

Concerning Peace Makers.

ISHOP POTTER and other well-meaning promoters of peace and good will, whose prominence and high personal character cause their words to be widely quoted, must by this time appreciate the importance of not inspiring unfounded hopes of an amicable settlement of the 15 weeks old mine strike. Casual expressions by them indicating a theoretical hope of arbitration but based upon no practical signs in that direction have twice or thrice raised high the expectations of the thousands of men and women in this region who long for the restoration of normal condidtions of industry, and the subsequent dashing of these hopes has not tended to inspire confidence or further good

Everybody would rejoice to see amity and industry restored in the coal fields and great praise would go to those instrumental in effecting an early peace; but it should at last be evident to men of intelligence living at a distance, as it is to nearly all discerning persons living within the theater of conflict, that the test of strength between the operators and the union, once before begun and then deferred, is now on in grim earnest and to a decision. President Mitchell recognizes this and as no part in circulating fictitious peace rumors. He correctly describes it as a fight to the finish, and in so doing is in complete concord with the presidents of the big coal-carrying rail-

In such an emergency it behooves peace makers to be doubly discreet lest, with the best of intentions, they do more harm than good.

Major Davis, a wealthy inhabitant of Syracuse, has renounced his American citizenship and applied for British naturalization because "there is a larger measure of individual freedom in England than in America." From the way some Americans act, you wouldn't think

Worth Repeating.

(The President at Hartford.) T IS RARE, indeed, that a great work can be done save at the cost not only of labor and toil, but of much puzzling worry during the time of the performance. Normally the nation that achieves greatness, like the individual who achieves greatness, can do so only at the cost of anxiety and bewilderment and heart wearing effort. Timid people, people scant of faith and hope, and good people who are not accustomed to the roughness of the life of effort are almost sure to be disheartened and dismayed by the work and the worry, and overmuch cast down by the shortcomings, actual or seeming, which in real life always accompany the first stages, even of what eventually turn out to be the most brilliant victories.

All this is true of what has happened during the last four years in the Philippine islands. The Spanish war itself was an easy task; but it left us certain other tasks which were much more difficult. One of these tasks was that of dealing with the Philippines. The easy thing to do-the thing which appealed not only to lazy and selfish men but to very many good men whose thoughts did not drive down to the root of things-was to leave the islands. Had we done this a period of wild chaos and seized the islands and have taken bilities. up the task which we in such a case would have flinched from performing.

A less casy, but infinitely more abthe islands ourselves and at the same against outside interference by our- invading ships of war dare act against selves or others, would have put a such potential impregnableness. This

premium upon every species of tyranny and anarchy within the islands.

Finally, there was the course which we adopted-not an easy course, and one fraught with danger and difficulty, as is generally the case in this world when some great feat is to be accomplished as an incident to work out our national destiny. We made up our minds to stay in the islands, to put down violence, to establish peace and order, and then to introduce a just and wise civil rule, accompanied by a measure of self-government which should increase as rapidly as the istanders showed themselves fit for it. Well, it was certainly a formidable task; but think of the marvelllously

accomplished. The success of the effort has been wonderful. Never has this country had a more upright or an abler body of public representatives than Governor Taft, Vice Governor Wright and their associates and subordinates in the Philippine islands. It is very difficult a matter practically to apply the principles of an orderly free government to

an Oriental people struggling upward out of barbarism and subjection. It is task requiring infinite firmness, palence, tact, broad-mindedness. All these qualities and the countless others necessary have been found in the civil and military officials who have been sent over to administer the Islands.

It was, of course, inevitable that their should be occasional failures; but it is astonishing how few these have been. Each inhibitant of the Philippines is now guaranteed his civil and religious rights, his right to life, personal liberty and the pursuit of happiness, subject only to not infringing the rights of others. It is worth noting that already the Philippine people have received a greater share of self-government, that they have more to say as to how they shall be governed, than is the case with any people in the Orient

which is under European rule. Nor is this all; congress has, with far-seeing wisdom, heartily supported all that has been done by the executive. Wise laws for the government of the Philippine islands have been placed upon the statute books, and under these laws provision is made for the introduction into the Philippines of representative government, with only the delay absolutely necessary to allow for the establishment of definite peace, for the taking of a census and the settling down of the country. In short, we are governing the Filipinos primarily in their interest and for their very great benefit, and we have acted in practical fashion-not trying to lay down rules as to what should be done in the remote and uncertain future, but turning our attention to the instant need of things and meeting that need in the fullest and amplest way.

A statistical compilation estimates the strike loss to date at \$87,000,000 but this is meaningless to most persons. The only sure thing about it is that it has been a losing investment for all con-

cerned.

Our Naval Manoeuvers. HE PRACTICAL value of the

naval manoeuvres of the Blue and White squadrons in the mimic warfare off the coast of Massachusetts is not readily apprehended by the public. This is not the component parts of one fleet are trying to bluff each other. It will not detract from Commander Pillsbury's naval ability if he falls, within the specified time, to make a successful descent on some point between Portland and Cape Cod. Nor would it detract from the prescience of Admiral Higginson's strategical disposition of his ships if the defensive blockade is broken. This is the most exciting and popular part of the "war," but it is the least important. The aim of the navy department was to inaugurate on our own coasts the annual naval manoeuvres which Great Britain, France, Germany, Russia and Italy have more or less permanently established around their shores for years. In actual warfare, probably not one combination of the ships in a hundred that actually takes place in these suppositious attacks and preparations for defense would actually occur. Some naval experts go so far as to say that naval manoeuvres are a waste of time. energy, money and powder. Others contend that while they are not exactly valuable as a scientific anticipation of what may actually take place when a nation is at war, they are nevertheless the best conceivable training for such a purpose; that they educate the intelligence of officers and crews and bring out defects of construction and engineering in the ships themselves. There is, in short, much to be said on both

The evolution of our national politics may or may not, in the course of time, lead us to war. It would be the height of political delirium for the people of any nation to rest upon its unaggressive and peaceful disposition to secure immunity from war. Political philosophers tell us that it would be sheer nadness for any country to try to ir. ade the United States. It probably would in the end. But success in war depends upon immediate results. Fortune befriends the man or the nation mostly, who leaves nothing to chance. A wise policy does not consist in relywould have supervened, and then some ing upon assumptions, but in regulatstronger Power would have stepped in ing and balancing contingent possi-

In this respect the manoeuvers are very valuable indeed. The people of the country can now see that our fleet surd, course would have been to leave is miserably inadequate to guard our enormous littoral on the Atlantic, much time assert that we would not permit less on the Pacific and Gulf coasts. one else to interfere with them. For their numbers, efficiency and mor-This particular course would have com- ale our ships and men cannot be exbined all the possible disadvantages of celled. But we are outnumbered by every other course which was advo- the fleets of every possible serious cated. It would have placed us in a enemy. The naval armaments of Europe humiliating position, because when the and Japan are growing apace. We actual test came it would have been are building ships, too, but at such a quite out of the question for us after slow rate that when the Isthmian canal some striking deed of savagery had is built either that inter-oceanic highoccurred in the islands to stand by and way or our sea coasts will be at the prevent the re-entry of civilization into mercy of our enemies. We are asthem; while the mere fact of our sured that our harbors are so admirhaving threatened thus to guarantee ably protected by batteries and fortithe local tyrants and wrongdoers fications and submarine mines that no

assurance is worse than nonsense; it is folly. Such defences are not second rate security. Neither mines nor sea const artillery are transferrable to the point of attack. What did it serve the Spaniards that the open harbors of Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines

were paved with torpedoes? If the manoeuvers shall draw the attention of congress and the people to the necessity of strengthening our fleet to the measure of its responsibilites, their value will be abundantly established.

A Thirteenth regiment sharpshooter on Saturday fired at a clothes pole in his back yard and shot a neighbor next successful way in which it has been door. It should be added that he was a member of the Thirteenth New York

> The Shah of Persia demonstrates by fifteen thousand dollar lunch that the American magnates are not the only ones possessing the wherewith to 'blow themselves" in London.

> The theatrical bill boards' pictorial proclamation of another Thespian season again reminds us that summer, assuming we have had one, is on the vane.

Bryan and the Rev. Mr. Jones have both taken to prophesying more or less n the same line-both calamitous in their unfulfilled prophecies.

Hon, David Hill showed a disposition o steal Mr. Bryan's thunder in his adiress to the farmers at Oak Orchard.

Outline Studies of Human Nature

Thought It American Humor. Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis, paster of Plymouth church, Brooklyn, relates an experience that shows what strange experience that shows what strange reaks of chance sometimes happen. Dr. Hillis, together with a number of other American preachers and many profes-American preactions and many processors, was attending an educational conference in Edinbugh, Scotland. There were visitors from all over the world. At a banquet given by the Scotchmen to their guests Dr. Hillis found himself seated next a heavy-browed professor of metaphysics of one of the Scotch uni-

Finding that his neighbor was from New York, the professor began to ask

"I know America is quite a large coun-try," he remarked, "and I know Chi-cago is a long distance from your home, but I have had some correspondence with Professor B., of that city, and thought you may have chanced to know him. Did you ever meet him?"
"I know him very well," replied the
Brooklyn preacher. "There he sits at the

next table, the third man from the end of the other side." "Well, well! How remarkable!" laimed the Scotchman, with a rather in-

redulous glance at his companion. "I have also had some correspondence with Professor C., of a university in Michigan," continued the metaphysician. 'I guess you know nothing of him."
On the contrary, I know him quite well. There he is over near the corner of the room, the man with whiskers and gold spectacles."

This was too much of a coincidence for the Scotchman's credulity. He was plainly suspicious and inclined to be net-"I suppose," said he rather stiffly, "that

this is American humor, and you are making game of me?" "Not at all," said Dr. Hillis; "I am giving you only facts." remarkable! very remarkable!" have had relations with one other American, I presume you know him also?"

query.
"Who was he?" "He was a minister somewhere near New York, a certain Dr. Hillis."
"Yes," said the other, tapping himself on the breast. "I am Dr. Hillis." With a snort of indignation the Scotch-man pushed back his chair and fled the

room. American humor had been carried

Played His Client False.

"I shall have to make a lawyer out of that boy of mine. I don't see any other way out of it," declared the well known attorney with a laugh. "He came into "He came into my office the other day on his way home from school and laid a nickel down on he desk before me.

"'What is this for, son?' I asked. "'Very well, said I, entering into the oke. "What have I been retained upon"

"My boy dug down into his pocket and produced a note from his teacher and placed it before me without comment. It was to the effect that he had been 'cutting up' and advised a whipping.
"'Now, what would you advise? asked

he in a business-like voice after I had read the note and saw the trap that young rascal led me into.
"'I think that our first move should be o apply for a change of venue,' said I.

"'Very well,' he answered. "You're handling the case." "Then we will turn the note over to your mother, said I. "I saw the young imp's face fall at

this, but he braced up and said:
"'See here, pop, you're bound to see me through on this, 'cause you've accepted my retainer, you know!" "'I'll argue your case before the court,'

l answered, 'but you'll have to accept the decision. I would not dure to attempt to offuence the court. "Well. I pleaded the boy's case, prompt-y had it thrown out of court, and the

by got what he deserved, a good whip-"It was the first time I ever played

alse to a client."-Detroit Free Press IT WAS NO HAMPTON.

It had taken considerable persuasion to induce the old lady to take a scat in an automobile, but finally she had consented to do so because she was anxious to reach the bedside of her sick grandchild n a village some twenty miles away, the ast train for which had left some minutes before she arrived at the station.

When the owner of the big automobile. who was touring through Long Island, had overheard the old lady's regrets at being left he had insisted on her ac-companying him, as he was to pass through the particular one of the half a lozen or more Long Island villages named Hampton where the sick grandchild lived. Everything went lovely until the almos flying vehicle in attempting to pass a wagon loaded with hay which occupied the entire center of the road went unexently deposited its occupants in an ad-

Recovering from the shock, though somewhat confused from the rather unusual method of alighting from a vehicle the old lady asked of the chagrine

"Is this a Hampton?"
"No ma'am." he managed to gasp, "this s an acident."
"Oh, dear!" said the ex-occupant of the vehicle, "then I hadn't oughter have go But such naively was too much for the owner of the damaged vehicle, and he said the only thing for one in his po-

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