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Our Imperial Progress.

From the Philadelphia North American

If a year ago our government had entered into a treaty with the sultan of Sulu, under which polygamy and slavery were to be guaranteed protection, an annual subsidy paid him and a limit put to our jurisdiction, there would have been an uproar from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Now such a treaty is acquiesced in quietly by popular opinion.

Americans approve of polygamy and slavery in 1899 no more than they did in 1898, but they have learned a lot about the Philippine Islands and the dif-ficulties in the way of our doing as we please in that region. As the sultan and his subjects would undoubtedly fight us were we to attempt to interfere with their domestic institutions, and as we have all the fighting on our hands over there that we want, it is obviously sane policy to buy peace with this potentate, however objectionable his views and practices may be as to some highly important moral questions. He

nation, break faith with him and descend upon his harems and slave kraals as soon as we can afford to enter upon the good work—provided we shall per sist in the policy of forcibly annexing the Philippines. But if a treaty with the sultan of the Sulus for the sake of peace, why not also a treaty with Aguinaldo, president of the Philippine republic, for the sake of meace.

peace? Auginaldo demands neither a subsidy for himself nor polygamy and slaveholding for his people What he asks is that the Filipinos shall be let alone, left free to govern them-selves and work out their own destiny.

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we have accomplished anything im-portant either in Cuba or the Philip-pines. In the latter we have under-taken to set up the regime of law and

order and civilization, and we have

failed utterly. In the case of Cuba w

nal revenue bureau are known to have

Of course Aguinaldo is in arms against us; while the sultan of Sulu is not; and granting the former's demand for inependence might be constructed as yielding to force. But we have yielded to potential force in the case of the sultan. For it is obvious that the American government, if it were entirely free to do as it liked, would not give its countenance to polygamy and slavery. We have bought the sultan and accorded him and his immunities denied to our own citizens. Polygamy on the soil of this republic is a peniten tiary offense, and the constitution for bids slavery wherever the United States has jurisdiction. Clearly we have

yielded under duress. The sultan of Sulu has Aguinaldo to thank for his good luck. If the Filipinos have not conquered their own liberty they have compelled us to give to the Mohammedans of the Sulus treatment which we refuse to extend to the Christian inhabitants of Luzon, who are far higher in the scale of civilization and who were our victorious allies in the war with Spain.

One of the theories that has been advanced-more as a joke, perhaps-is the common saying that ministers' sons are generally ne'er-do-wells. In this connection the state press is buffeting about the singular coincidence that all three of the Republican candidates on the state ticket-James E. Barnett, J Hay Brown and Josiah R. Adams-are sons of clergyman. The retiring state treasurer, James S. Beacom, is also a minister's son. The fact that all these are Quayites will cause many people to suspect that there is more than a joke in that theory.

What the president should do is to what the president should do is to the matter, and whose opinions are not influenced by political exigences, still of the army in the Philippines. The reason why he does not do this is be-cause Miles is a Democrat, and Mc-Kinley is afraid that Miles would carry on such a successful campaign against the Filipinos as to make him a formid-able candidate for the presidency. able candidate for the presidency.

Dewey will receive a royal welcome at Washington. By order of President McKinley, "plenty of red fire" will of burned. Perhaps if Dewey were a professed candidate for the presidency, Mr. McKinley's reception would not be can is guaranteed as to its purity. Give it a trial.

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RESULTS OF EXPANSION POLICY SEVERELY CRITICIZED.

Glamour of Conquests Is Wearing Off and Thoughtfal Men Desire a Return to the Government of the Founders. The Washington "Post's" Views.

atter at once made an engagement to meet the committee. Washington, August 29, 1899. After continuous work night and day or over a year, during which time 1,100 Washington, Augus e., Have we, as a people, anything to gain by joining hands with Great Britain in a Napoleonic policy of world-conquest? Although the administration for over a year, during which time 1,000 feet of old gangway had been opened, the operators of Greenwood colliery, near Tamaqua, have struck the Mam-moth vein at a thickness of forty feet, which gives the colliery a new lease of life for many years to come. onquest? Although the administration is at present carefully concealing any disposition it may have to enter upon uch a policy, the disposition is said to xist, and that qestion may become a cading one in the next year's presiden-ic ampenies. In dispositio reades it The conductors and motormen of the Wilkesbarre and Wyoming Valley Tractial campaign. In diplomatic circles it is believed that the first steps towards Winessaffe and Wyoming Valley Trac-tion Company were notified Tuesday night that they would get a raise in salary from \$1.70 to \$1.80 for twelve hours' work, and for extra time over thirty-five minutes they will get an hours' time. is believed that the first steps towards such a policy have already been taken, and that the suspension of Dr. Bedlee, as United States consul at Canton, China, at the request of the government of China, is one of them, although it is stated at the state department the sus-pension of Dr. Bedlee was brought about by some irregularity in connec-tion with his issuing papers to an American vessel engaged in supplying arms and ammunition to the Filipinos and issuing certificates to Chinese mer-The Keystone Graphite Company

The Reystone Graphite Company, composed principally of Wilkesharre capitalists, was organized a few days ago. They have secured possession of several rich graphite beds in Canada and the intention is to begin operations at once. Hon. M. B. Williams is presi-dent. and issuing certificates to Chinese mer-chants trading with the Philippines. t i t The present attitude of greatness occupied by the United States was at-tained by following from the days of Washington a policy of strictly attend-ing to our own affairs and leaving the Markle & Co.'s collieries have return working time. None of the companie will work full time this week. Bonner Whips Kenney. people of other nations to do the same. The glamour of foreign Big Yank Kenney, of Michigan, and Jack Bonner, of Summit Hill, both neavy hitters and stayers, faced each other on Monday night at Coney Island people of other nations to do the same. The glamour of foreign conquest has turned the head of the people of other nations many times in the past, and a few months ago there appeared to be danger that Americans would be blind-ed by the same glamour, but the com-mon sense for which Americans are removined has come to the rescue, and for a twenty-five round bout and each accumulated punishment enough to satisfy a half-dozen fighters. Kenney had the best of it for the first three renowned, has come to the rescue, and

rounds except in one instance when they exchanged drives that would have renowned, has come to the rescue, and our people are realizing not only the meaning, but the danger of the adop-tion of an imperialistic policy by the United States, and present indications are that that realization will result in a restoration of the Democratic party to power, and a resumption of the only safe foreign policy for this government to follow. they exchanged drives that would have knocked out ordinary men. In the eighth and ninth rounds they were both tired. In the fourteenth Bonner began to make a chopping block of Kenney, who stood up to it manfully. The gong saved the Michigander in the excanteenth round. Bonner hed every

seventeenth round. Bonner had every-thing his own way from this on and took his time. They went the limit and Bonner was given the decision.

Brewery Men Won the Fight. The brewery people have won the fight in Strondsburg and a charter has been granted to the Strondsburg Brewng Company by Governor Stone The ing Company by Governor Stone. The fight against the new brewery has been very warm. The preachers led the fight, and from the pulpit made personal attacks upon the incorporators of the new company. The Women's Christian Temperance Union for weeks made daily prayers that Governor. Stone would not prayers that Governor Stone would not grant the charter. A mass meeting was held and a petition to the govern against the charter was signed by many property owners. All this was in vain, Stone standing solid for the brewers. Jewish New Year. wish New Year will fall this

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failed utterly. In the case of Cuba we have undertaken to give the people self-government, or at least to test their capacity in that line, and we have done neither. In the Philippines we have for six months or more been engaged in a petty and perfectly fruitless war with the natives. In Cuba the government consists of a military autoe-reev. little if any heneficent than that year on Tuesday next which is a some what earlier in the fall than the date what earlier in the fail than the date on which this day usually occurs. It will be followed a week later by Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, which is the great Jewish fast day, and this again is followed in a few days by the Feast of Tabernacles. The approach of this holyday season is marked by special prenaration in the Jewish household racy, little if any beneficent than that preparation in the Jewish household.

The prediction that all of the 25,000 men to have solutions and the devisible threshold. In Cuba, it is smouldering discontent, turbulence in various parts of the is-land, and a fatuous and feeble tyranny at Havana." 1 ± 4 ± 4 Two designs for the new 55 silver certificate, one having upon its face a system of fortification is discontent to a dopt the other of the purposes for which they are intended by any similar forti-orderidicate, one having upon its face a system of fortification is the world. A well-m-to entificate one secretary Gage is not likely to be adopted. $\pm \pm \pm \pm$ The prediction that all of the 25,000 volunteers authorized by congress that the Jefferson design is not likely to be adopted. $\pm \pm \pm \pm$ The prediction that all of the 25,000 volunteers authorized by congress the would be enlisted, has been almost veri-fied. An order for the enlistenet of one more additional regiment which would enable the free free have beels the army up to the limit, has been issued by Secretary Root, and the new regi-ment will be composed of negrees. The other system is the short of the erigging army that was defead-to the large army we are pre-nearly up to the limit, has been issued is to secretary Gage. If $\pm \pm \pm$ Notwithstanding the statement of Secretary Root, and the new regi-ment will be composed of negrees. The addition to other governental expenses in-cidental to the large army we are pre-paring to send to the Philippines, in addition to other governental expenses in-cidental to the large army we are pre-ment will be composed of negrees. The addition to the regeneral action the atmore than one bundred milling supplies and thus the ore addition to the regeneral expenses in-certary Gage that the treasury would be altered the stress with even at a shadow of hope an attack of the en-mer was the sec on sisuing more bonds, exper-was the atter, and whose ophilons are not induced by political exigences, still predict that more bonds or more taxes or issuing more bonds, exper-sem The French have spent upon these new fortifications an amount various-ly estimated at from \$30,000,000 to \$50,000,000, and hence can well afford to sell the land occupied by some of the now obsolete fortifications of a generation ago.

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An Advertisement

been engaged for moths in investigat-ing the working of the various stamp taxes, presumably with an eye to more congressional legislation in that direc-tion

MILLIONS OF WORDS. · Failing to reach an agreement wit General Superintendent Russell on the length of the working day that is to be the basis of the wage schedule, the Lackawanna engineers' grievance com AUTHORS WHOSE PENS HAVE TRAV

ELLED HUNDREDS OF MILES. cord Made By an English Noro Books Than the Years He Has Lived Some Other Instances of Prolific Writing

Some Other, Instances of Prelific Writing. Among the hundreds of busy writers whose pens minister to our delight, it is difficult to say who is the most pro-lific, and still more difficult to give an accurate estimate of the quantity of work he has produced. Among English writers of to-day the palm of fecundity would probably go to Mr. G. A. Henty, the veteran jour-nalist and novelist. Mr. Henty has been an industrious writer since the early fifties, when he acted as special correspondent to the Standard. Apart from his press work, which must be a dozen novels and books of travel, and more than half a hundred delightful books for boys.

dozen novels and books of travel, and more than half a hundred delightful books for boys. A careful estimate of his output of books alone places his record at about 12,000,000 words, and his total pen work probably exceeds 20,000,000 words. It helps us to form an esti-mate of this colossal record when we consider that to read all that Mr. Hen-ty has published, reading diligently for six hours a day and for six days a week, it would take forty weeks to exhaust his last column or page. If we were to undertake the task of simply copying this mountain of mat-ter, we would have to devote six years to our task—working, as before, thirty-six hours a week, and allowing our-selves no time for holidays. And yet, stupendous as the task may seem, the total area of the sheets of paper which. Mr. Henty has covered in nearly fifty years of hard writing would be only ilve-sixths of an acre, or less than the area of thousands of suburban gar-dens. If written in a single line-linked fueton long drawn out-and beginning

three slxths of an acre, or less than the area of thousands of suburban gar-dens. If written in a single line-linked fiction long drawn out--and beginning at Charing Cross, the last word of the line would be found in Middleshor-ough, nearly 240 miles from the first. At an average of payment of one guinea a thousand words, which is, of course, very much under the rate re-ceived, Mr. Henty must have made 22,0000 with his pen. Probably f50,-000 is an under-estimate of his actual receipts. The modern writer who meas nearly approaches Mr. Henty's record is M. Jules Verne, another name as dear to boys as well as adults. Jules Verne claims to have written more books than the years he has lived, which are seventy, and R will be safe to flace his literary output at quite 12,000,000 words, making due allowance for the fact that his books are shorter than Mr. Henty's. His journalistic work is an unknown quantity; but, no doubt, it woyld adi materially to his record. still, fn spite of such lifelong and long ife industry, a line of less than two hundred miles seems to be a disap-pointing result. The financial return is doubtless more satisfactory, for M. Verne is credited with having made 100,000 with his pen. Miss Braddon probably ranks third Among "long-distance writers" of our day. Since she made her first timid venture in 1850 with the "Trail of the Sepent," she has produced novels at the rate of one in every nine monts approximately; and her output in fe-tion alone may be placed at 10,500,000 words, or nearly balf an acre of man-uscript.

Marion Crawford, among our young Marion Crawrord, among our young er writers, has been markedly prolific Since "Mr. Isaacs" captured the read-ing world, some years ago, he has written on an average two long novels every year, with a total of about 6, 000,000 words, or a quarter of an acre of meanscript

000.000 words, or a quarter of an acre of manuscript. Sir Walter Besant's record is diffi-cult to estimate, besides, in addition to his many novels, he has done a large and unascertalnable amount of work in Journalism. It will be well within the mark, however, to estimate his out-put at from ten to twelve millions of words, a record which was probably exceeded by the late James Fayn, one of the most industrious of all our scribes.

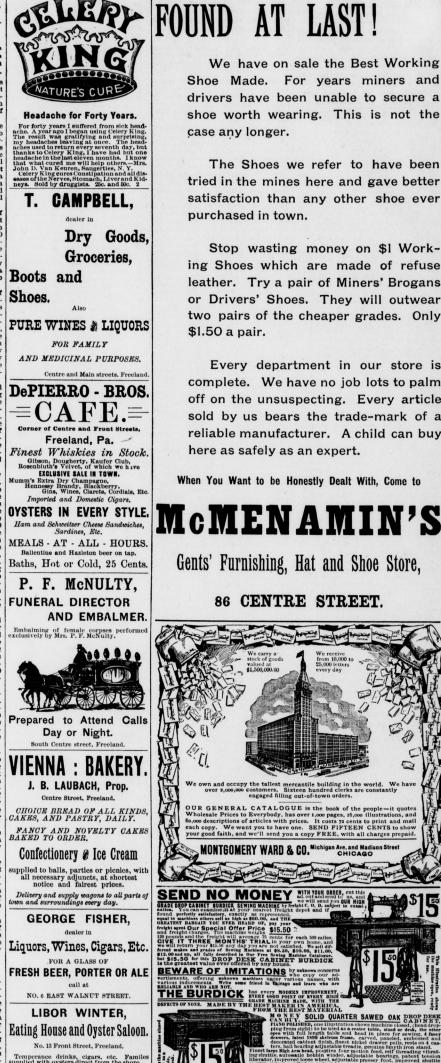
In books alone Mr. George Meredith has written about 6,000,000 words, a record which Mr. Black has probably exceeded.

exceeded. Mr. Rider Haggard's output may be placed at about 4,500,000; Mr. Grant Alleu's at a trific more, taking into ac-count his large contributions to jour-nals; while Mr. Anthony Hope has probably not exceeded two and a half million words, or a line thirty miles long.

Minist words, of a fife fifty findes Mr. Baring Gould, who, although placed last, is in the very first rank of prolific writers, has written with his busy pen quite12,000,000 words, and is entitled to be classed with Mr. Henty and M. Jules Verne.

Selecting Timber.

Referring Timeer. A German paper devoted to wood-working interests states that in select-ing timber it is of the greatest import-ance to ascertain whether the tree from which it is taken was cut in the winter or in the summer; that which In the sumer. The start serves to close the pores, making the wood close and may during which time the cells contain starch that is not found in the serves to close the pores, making the wood close and impled with oysters direct from the shore. The starch serves to close the pores, making the wood close and impled with oysters direct from the shore. The starch serves to close the pores, making the wood close and impled with oysters direct from the shore. The starch serves to close the pores, making the wood close and impled with oysters direct from the shore. The starch serves to close the pores, making the wood close and impled with oysters direct from the shore. The starch serves to close the pores, making the wood close and impled with oysters direct from the shore. The starch serves to close the time beer is used exclusively in making bar, rel staves. To test the timber it is contact with lodide produces a violet color, will give the time beer a yellow color, if it were cut in bohemia, that the people who burled the well-known fact that starch of dark ink-colored stripes on a yellow color, if it were cut in the summer. On the other hand, at the contact stripes on a yellow color, if it were cut in a starch all news make a profit of or this was on a inversement of stars, including land at \$30 an an cre, all necessary machinery, build in gas and stock. This was a record break what can be done break and stock. This was a net, and shows what can be done break and stock. This was a record break and stock and stock. This was a record break and stock and break and stock. This was a record break and stock. This was a record break and stoc



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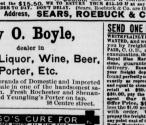
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racy, little if any beneficent than that conducted by the Spanish governor generals in time of peace. In Luzon it is actual war we have on our hands. In Cuba, it is smouldering discontent, turbulence in various parts of the is-land, and a fatuous and feeble tyranny at Havana." <u>t</u> <u>t</u> <u>t</u>