

Some European countries headed by Austria, are asking an international agreement against the Dingley tariff. They are threatening to retaliate against us on account of the tariff. Dingleyism is making many enemies against our country both at home and abroad. A prohibitive tariff policy is a crime against any people, and an old barbaric, selfish system to rob the many by the few. What sense is there in levying a tariff on commodities so high that exchange of commerce cannot be carried on with other countries? How selfish and sordid it appears. The very idea of protecting our manufactures when they have already grown rich off the people. Of all classes we have, they need less protection than any other. Under the present high tariff known as the Wilson tariff, our manufacturers can ship goods to foreign countries and make money.

Greece has succumbed to the powers and will withdraw her troops from Crete as demanded. The powers will regulate Turkey and make her have. The war is virtually ended, at least for the present but it is uncertain what the future may bring forth as everything seems squally all over Europe. Greece undertook a big job in making war on Turkey, the times were not ripe for such a movement. The powers of Europe would not allow the war to proceed as it was endangering the peace of Europe and came near plunging the whole country into a terrible war, hence, the opposition of the powers against Greece, in waging a war at this time against Turkey. While, no doubt, Greece thought she would have the aid of great Britain, France and other countries, they were not ready. So it turns out that there was not enough Greece to cook the Turkey.

The Cuban news is more exciting than usual. The administration has become awakened on the importance of speedy action. The great suffering of the people by the cruel acts of General Weyler, by whose orders the people were driven from their farms into the towns and thereby starving to death. Both Cubans and Americans are subject to such cruelty. A war of extermination is the order of Weyler. Starve, murder, kill and slay are this beast's order. Women and children are in no wise protected, but subjected to the most barbarous treatment, more cruel if possible than the condition of the Armenians during their massacre by the Turks. It is sickening to read of this savagery. Our Government will no doubt act in some way to stop this war. Why did they not do it sooner?

The Democrats in the Senate are divided on the question of the policy to be pursued in regard to the tariff bill. Some are in favor of preparing a substitute bill and introducing it. Others are in favor of standing up for the present Wilson bill.

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Another scandal is on hand among some of the Senators. Three of them are charged with speculating in sugar and assisting these big rascals to help rob the country in the big sugar swindle.

The Philadelphia Record speaks of the prospect of an international agreement on the money question, as being more favorable than heretofore. We often hear of this but we will, in all probability never live to see it. All seems to depend upon the action of England, and it is generally understood that there are as many bimetalists in England as in this country, but, just like our own country, the friends of bimetalism are not in power in England. If we wait for England to get ready to agree to silver coinage we will all go to the dogs unless we have a big amount of the "yellow stuff" to keep us up against the money lords of the North.

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In our humble opinion, the Dingley bill, if it passes the Senate in its present shape, will destroy the Republican party by 1900 so completely that it can never make another campaign with any hope of success. The very idea of raising the prices of living on every man, woman and child in the land in order to enrich the already opulent and wealthy manufacturers, will be such an outrage on the prosperity of the country that all fair minded people will condemn the party that favors such a burden. Let the Republicans parse the Dingley bill and see then what effect it will have on the country.

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North Carolina, Watauga county., In the Superior Court. W. R. Spainhour vs. Noah J. Wagner.
The defendant above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Watauga Co. and the plaintiff called a summons for relief to issue and placed the same in the hands of G. B. Calloway, D. S., of said county, that the said officer has returned the same not executed endorsed thus: Diligent search made, the def't. not to be found in my county, advised that he is a non resident of the State. The plaintiff also States that he is advised and believes that the def't. is a non resident of this State and a citizen of Mountain City, Tenn., and that personal service of summons cannot be had. Therefore the def't. will further take notice that he is required to appear at the next term of the Superior Court of said county to be held on the 6th. Monday, after the fourth Monday in June, 1897, at the court house in Boone, N. C., and answer or demur to the complaint in said action or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint. This May 18th, 1897.
M. B. Blackburn, C. S. C.

The United States just now is in great need of at least one great statesman to guide the ship and keep it off the breakers, but where is the statesman? Bryan is powerless just now, but will not be in about four years. Can we hold out so long?

Singing noises in the ears, snapping, buzzing, roaring, caused by catarrh all disappear with the use of Hood's Sarsaparilla.

The religious denominations have had their annual meetings. The Episcopalians have lately been in session. The question of female voting was set down on by the Bishop.

Governor Taylor, of Tenn., talks of resigning and going back to the lecturing field.

Gold is going out of the Treasury by the millions to Europe, again. More bonds will be the result.

NOTICE.
I will sell on the 1st Monday in June (the 7th) at the court house door in Boone, N. C. the following tracts of land for taxes to which costs of said sale are added.
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