

CHAMP CLARK'S LETTER

Our Idiotic Bargain With Spain.

MILLIONS FOR GOLD BRICK.

How We Might Profitably Get Rid of Philipines.

SWAP FOR WEST INDIA ISLANDS.

McKinley's Opportunity to Make Himself Popular—More Santiago Investigation Talked Of—Trusts Have Need For Press Censorship—Independent Papers Tell Some Truths. Coming Session of Congress Likely to Be Very Lively—Matters Mixed in Hawaii—England's Barbarity in South Africa—Roosevelt Working For the Presidency—Spooner a Presidential Possibility.

[Special Washington Letter.] Spain tried for 300 years to subjugate the Philipinos and utterly failed to do so. With astounding idocy we paid Spain \$15,000,000 for a quitclaim to her unending war. Sydney Smith once said, "Doubtless God could make a better berry than the strawberry, but doubtless God never made a better one." It may possibly be that some time in the 6,000 years that humanity has been perambulating the earth some people somewhere did a more foolish thing than we did when we took the job off the hands of Spain, but history gives no record of it. The St. Louis Globe-Democrat is one of the most rantankerous of all jingoes and always makes as good a showing as possible as to our operations in the Philipines. That being the case, a sensible man can guess reasonably well at the new condition of affairs in the Philipines when The Globe-Democrat is willing to publish such a lugubrious dispatch as the following:

MANILA, AUG. 25.—In the city of Manila there are now less than one thousand effective soldiers, and it has been decided to increase this number by four companies of infantry. The official reason for the increase is that the guard duty is too heavy for the present force.

As a matter of fact, however, there is a feeling that although there is no apparent prospect of trouble, nevertheless in the event of an uprising in the future, such as is always possible among the Malays, it would be better to have a sufficient body of troops available.

The Danish West Indies.

The indications are that sooner or later the United States will buy the Danish Islands, St. Croix, St. Thomas and St. John. These islands are not worth very much and ought to have belonged to us from the beginning. As a matter of fact, we ought to have all of the West India islands and all the Bahama islands—in fact, all the islands in the Caribbean sea. They are close to our shores and command the gulf of Mexico. I have no doubt that sooner or later we will own them all. Cuba will gravitate to us of her own motion. Whenever she gets ready to come in we will welcome her into our sisterhood of states. We ought to have the British West India islands and the Bahamas, and we will have them. We will either trade England out of them or take them away from her by main strength. Indeed if President McKinley wants to make himself the most popular man since the days of Andrew Jackson he can do it by swapping off the Philipines for the British North American possessions and the British West India islands and Bahamas.

There is some loose talk to the effect that General Shafter will demand a court of investigation, which God forbid. There has surely been enough scandal growing out of the battle of Santiago. The lid ought to be shut down close on that cesspool hereafter, or every American citizen ought to be furnished with some sort of patent clamp to put on his nose.

Alger's Book.

By the time this letter is printed most probably General Russell A. Alger of Michigan, late secretary of war, will have placed his book on the market. If he wrote in the same frame of mind in which he left the war office, the chances are that he will make the fur fly and that there will be a regular jawing match precipitated among army officers from Lieutenant General Nelson A. Miles down to the youngest subaltern who wore a shoulder strap. The corned beef scandal will be reopened, and heaven only knows what other nauseous doses the public will be called on to swallow. Alger has absolutely nothing to lose, and while he is as mild mannered a man as ever took pen in hand he has the reputation of being such a good hater that he would have delighted the heart of old Dr. Samuel Johnson could the Ursa Major have formed his acquaintance. There will be a decidedly hot time in the old town of Washington over Alger's reminiscences.

Press Censorship.

It must be clear to the unclouded intellect of the average citizen, even though a Republican, that the only way to maintain the trusts and the high tariff as it now exists is to establish a rigorous press censorship. Perhaps those New England functionaries who suppressed an entire edition of the Irish World because it made a more or less sarcastic allusion to imperialism might be entrusted with the censorship. It may not be inappropos to suggest to Hon. Seno E. Payne, Hon. Julius Caesar Burrows, the American Economist, and other squelchers of Babcockery that it is not only the Democratic press which needs censoring, but the independent press

also. In fact, the latter is kicking against the extortions of the trusts more vigorously than the former. For instance, the Washington Post, independent, quotes approvingly the following editorial from the Boston Herald, also independent:

American steel manufacturers are offering wire rods delivered in Manchester for \$22.50 a ton. For the same thing the price to customers in this country is \$30 a ton. That is to say, the American protective tariff, preventing free competition, enables the American manufacturer to charge \$30 to Americans for what he sells to Englishmen for \$22.50, after freighting the goods across the Atlantic. Either the American producer makes a profit by selling his wire rods to the Englishmen at \$22.50 a ton or he does not. If he does not make a profit on the foreign business, the unfortunate American customer is forced to pay a price so excessive that the missionary manufacturer can let Englishmen have them at less than cost, which is also for the foreigner.

Coming Session of Congress.

The signs of the times all indicate that our friends the enemy are in for a regular monkey and parrot time during the coming session of congress. It will be in the nature of a miracle if the G. O. P. does not practically go to pieces. The tariff war inside the party, like Banquo's ghost, will not down at the bidding of anybody, not even of so great a personage as Mr. Seno E. Payne, whose ukase is that there must be and shall be no tariff tinkering. The following dispatch is rather long to quote here, but its importance justifies the space, for it shows that certain New England interests are demanding a little tinkering on hides. When the western brethren hear of that, they will be in a decidedly bad humor, and the row will be on. Here is the dispatch:

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25.—Officers of the customs service look with favor on the movement organized as the Free Hides league to secure from congress next winter the repeal of the present duty of 15 per cent on all hides of cattle coming into the United States. The answer that has been given by friends of the tax when its effects on the export trade in shoes are urged is that the law grants a drawback of 99 per cent in all such cases. While this is theoretically true, it is said that the difficulty for the manufacturer in proving his claim to the drawback is very great. Some idea of the detail involved may be gleaned from a letter addressed by Assistant Secretary Taylor to the collector of customs at Boston. A manufacturing company in Massachusetts desired to secure the drawback on an exportation of men's shoes, in which the outer soles, the counters, the heels and the top lifts were made from sole leather produced from imported hides. Mr. Taylor's instructions were that the entry under which the merchandise is to be inspected and laden must show, separately, the marks and numbers of the shipping cases and the contents of each case as described in the export invoice. Attached to the entry and forming a part thereof there must be a tabulated statement showing the number and style of each kind of shoe contained in the shipping cases and the number and description of the parts on which drawback is claimed.

The entry must further show that the exported merchandise was manufactured of the material and in the manner set forth in the manufacturer's sworn statement, a copy of which will be already in the collector's hands. As a part of the drawback entry and a prerequisite to liquidation the manufacturers must file a certified copy of the tannery record covering the sole leather used in the shoes included in the drawback entry and the certificate of the manufacturer of such leather for purposes of identification.

The New England congressmen will press the measure for repeal of the tax on hides, and with the help of the treasury officials it is believed they may succeed.

Matters in Hawaii.

Hawaii being now part and parcel of this great republic, it goes without saying that all good Americans, without regard to politics or religion, wish that our new fellow citizens out there would deport themselves in such proper manner as to demonstrate their worthiness for the high vocation to which they are called. On the contrary, however, they appear to be determined to prove their utter unworthiness and to show that we made a wonderfully bad bargain when we with unseemly haste took them to our palpitating bosom. With a chronic row on between Governor Dole and his mongrel legislature, with an avowed monarchist as delegate in congress, with the bar association of Honolulu filing and urging all sorts of charges in the department of justice against Judge Humphreys, with the sugar barons clamoring for free Chinese coolie immigration, it cannot be truthfully stated that the Hawaiians are illustrating the virtues most desirable in citizens of the most pilsant republic on the face of the earth.

History Repeats Itself.

The great truth conveyed in the question, "Can the leopard change his spots or the Ethiopian his skin?" finds another illustration in the odious fact that England has turned the black savages of South Africa loose upon the Boers, who are making the most heroic fight for freedom in the entire annals of the human race. In this matter history is only repeating itself, for during our Revolutionary war and again during the war of 1812 England hired the red savages of North America to scalp and tomabawk helpless white women and children. Yet Christian America, not yet too old for her memory to go back to those evil days, stands stolidly by and sees England repeat this cruel barbarity. President William McKinley sends a message of condolence every time a royal personage dies, but his sympathy ceases when such a noble Christian woman as Paul Kruger's wife dies. Shame! Shame! Shame!

Scientific Discovery.

Every time the Republican leaders, especially in states where elections are held this year, think of the strike against the steel trust it causes the cold chills to chase each other up and down their spinal columns, for they have a melancholy recollection of the Homestead riots of 1892, which General Charles Henry Grosvenor of Ohio once declared on the floor of the house brought about the overwhelming defeat of General Benjamin Harrison.

Speaking of General Grosvenor recalls the fact that he has been making his annual trip to England. This time he has made a personal inspection of the grocery stores and, to his surprise, has discovered, according to his own evidence, that the bloody Britishers eat the same things that we eat, which is certainly a scientific discovery worthy of note. If the good gray general had in his youth turned his luminous mind to the inductive philosophy instead of

squandering his energies in politics and law he might have taken rank with Sir Isaac Newton and Lord Bacon.

Senator Joseph Benson Foraker gives it as his private opinion, publicly expressed, that Historian Macloy ought to be unceremoniously kicked out of the public service. Senator Joseph Benson is a candidate for re-election to the house of the conscript fathers; "hence these tears."

It may not be improper to call the attention of those wise persons who are constantly asserting that William Jennings Bryan is dead to the fact that 10,000 stewart Missourians paid the other day to hear him speak at the Platte City fair. As he usually gets half the gate receipts for his lectures, it may be confidently asserted that his is a pleasant way of dying. It may not be inappropos to say to his detractors, "Go thou and do likewise." Sam Jones—he of Georgia—is author of the mot that "a free show draws better than a pay show." When any of those who are joyously preaching Bryan's funeral can draw an audience of 10,000 at a pay show, it will be conceded that he is licensed to hold a postmortem on the great Nebraskan. The chances are that not one of them could draw an audience of half of 10,000 even at a free show.

Smith and Quay.

If the genial and brilliant postmaster general of the United States, Hon. Charles Emory Smith of Pennsylvania, does not look a little out, he is liable to be yanked up and put on trial for leze majesty. He recently declared in his Philadelphia paper that if the Quay gang controlled the state convention the party was irrevocably gone to the dogs. Quay did control it nevertheless. In fact, it was one of the most harmonious conventions Matthew Stanley ever pulled off—so harmonious, in fact, that he did not even consider it necessary for him to attend it, but delegated it to his faithful lieutenants and understrappers. Quay is one of the mildest mannered men in Christendom or out of it, but he is vengeful as a Modoc Indian, and so far in life he has generally managed to even up things with his enemies. Consequently the Hon. Charles Emory had better keep his optic peeled or something dreadful is likely to happen to him.

Both the sultan of Turkey and the president of the French republic are losing a great chance of success by not employing General Charles Henry Grosvenor, who is now recreating in Europe, to settle their differences. He has a way of decapitating great men that is refreshing. The way he disposed of ex-President Benjamin Harrison when that illustrious Republican kicked out of the traces on imperialism terrorized all the rest of the kickers into a silence which was audible as well as painful.

Consistency a Jewel.

The vice presidency has usually been taken and accepted as the direct road to oblivion. Colonel Theodore Roosevelt is fighting valiantly to prevent the Lethal waters from rolling above his laureled head. He is active as a candidate for constable in a close township, is speaking on all sorts of subjects on all sorts of occasions and saying nice things about all sorts of people. He comes as near being perpetual motion these days as it is given to mortals to be. Republicans were wont to poke a good deal of fun at Colonel Bryan for seeking to drum up votes for the presidency. His capers were declared to be in wretched taste, violating all the proprieties, reversing all the precedents. Now that their colonel is imitating our colonel, what will our Republican carpers say? It was indeed a wise man who wrote the famous parable about a great deal depending on whose ox was gored. What was a sin in Bryan is a virtue in Roosevelt. Consistency is a jewel and no mistake.

A Presidential Factor.

One of the strange features of the Republican presidential situation is that so little is said about Senator John C. Spooner of Wisconsin, who is one of the strongest speakers and ablest lawyers in the Republican party. It is exceedingly doubtful if Spooner has an equal in brain power on the Republican side of the senate. In addition to all that he is a gentleman of most engaging manners. If any credit is due to anybody for the newfangled colonial policy, it belongs to the Wisconsin senator more than to any other man. It was his clear head which gave birth to the scheme which pulled the Republicans out of chaos and saved them from the hazards of an extra session. Nevertheless while the astutiduous Fairbanks is perambulating the country, while Colonel Roosevelt is wearing out his throat, while the soulful Beveridge is instructing Tolstoi, while Mark Hanna is laying presidential pipe, while Governor Shaw is incubating a boom, while all their names are constantly in the newspapers and their smallest movements duly chronicled, John C. Spooner's name is conspicuous only by its absence. Yet, in my judgment, he stands a rattling good show for the presidential nomination, for it must never be forgotten that the feud now on in the Republican party of Wisconsin renders it a doubtful state. When the others have worn themselves out in prancing about and cavorting around, the great Wisconsin senator is liable to enter the race and beat them all on the homestretch.

The sultan of Turkey is a mere cumberer of the ground. All Americans are on the side of France in the pending quarrel, although they may not know what it is all about. Spooner or later Europeans will administer upon "the Sick Man's" estate—the sooner the better, as Turkey in Europe is both an anachronism and a nuisance.

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